

## SOMERSET CHURCHES TRUST PLAYFAIR PRIZE.

List and brief description of entrants - as at close of entries, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015

### BATH AND N.E. SOMERSET

- **St James the Great, South Stoke** dating from 12<sup>th</sup> century, major works between 2011 and December 2014, included changes to the south aisle, a hospitality facility, installing an oak floor, new seating, toilets and improved accessibility.
- **Oldfield Park Baptist Church** installed a coffee server and desk/storage units in 2012.
- The **Bath Friends Meeting House**, originally built for the freemasons in early 19<sup>th</sup> century, installed a lift for disabled access, a new kitchen area and improved the acoustic system in 2014.
- **St Luke's Parish Church, Bath**, where a scheme has improved and widened accessibility over a long period between September 2009 and April 2013.
- **Holy Trinity, Norton Malreward** is a 12<sup>th</sup> century, Grade II listed building. In 2012, between February and April it reordered the south aisle, moved the font, provided a disabled toilet, screened kitchen and audio visual system.

### BRIDGWATER AREA

- **Bridgwater Baptist Church**, a building completed in the 1830s and Grade II\* listed. Its on-going project is regenerating the building for wider use. Between 2009 a 2015 pews removed, a new floor and toilets installed and area pastor's office, community hall and lounge refurbished.
- **Westfield United Reformed Church**, a 1960s building on the western side of Bridgwater is on a busy road. Between May 2011 and March this year the church has installed a street cafe.
- **Holy Cross**, Middlezoy dates back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century and is a Grade I listed building. In 2013 the church upgraded its power supply, put in a new toilet, kitchen, bell-ringing gallery, performance space, pew ends and altar.

### FROME AREA

- **St Michael and All Angels, Buckland Dinham** is a Grade I listed building dating from the 12<sup>th</sup> century but largely 14<sup>th</sup> century. The scheme, completed earlier this year, included a disabled toilet, disabled access, a kitchen in a cupboard and re-siting the font

### MID-SOMERSET

- **Holy Trinity, Blackford** was designed by Richard Carver and built in 1823. Major works include installing a servery, toilets, improving the heating, wiring and lighting. The scheme completed 2014.
- **All Saints in Oakhill** was built between 1862-93 and designed by architect, John Loughborough Pearson. The recent project included creating a new church room with toilet and servery on the north side with access to the nave. The scheme was completed in 2010.
- **St Michael and All Angels in Somerton** is a Grade I listed building. Plain outside but inside is a fine carved roof with wyverns - the symbol of Somerset. The scheme, completed in 2013, included refurbishing plaster work, new lighting, heating, a floor, sound and visual system and flexible kitchen space.

- **St Leonards in Butleigh** 14th century origins, restored and extended in the 19th century by J. C. Buckler. A Grade II\* listed building. The project, completed in 2006, modernised the church interior and improved access.
- **St Peter in Evercreech**, 14th century and a Grade I listed building. The project completed in 2007 included a small kitchen/servery, toilet, baby changing area and improved access.
- **St Cuthberts in Wells** an imposing church, grade I listed building dates back to the 13th century with a fine Somerset tower and carved roof. Works in 2006 and between 2008 and 2014, have created community space, parish office, disabled access, kitchen/server, toilets, storage.
- **Christ Church, Coxley** built in 1838 in Gothic revival style. Work 2010 - 2014 work provided heating, disabled access, a servery and toilets. Some pews removed and some restoration work.

#### **NORTH SOMERSET**

- **Holy Trinity, Nailsea**, with a wonderful four-stage tower, put in a new entrance, gave a facelift to meeting rooms, improved the access and provided new toilets and a kitchen/coffee lounge in a scheme completed in November 2014.
- **Christchurch in Clevedon** completed an ecumenical project with the Methodists in 2012. Together they provided full access to the church with the latest technology plus new and updated church rooms. It's a project that both the Anglicans and Methodists describe as helping to create "one congregation, one roof and one purpose"
- **St Andrew's, Blagdon**, a 1909 building with one of Somerset's tallest 15<sup>th</sup> century towers, work started April 2013 and completed August 2014 creating community space, included removing some pews, a servery, fully accessible toilets, choir vestry and meeting room. It also installed a glass door at the entrance.
- **St Bridget's Church in Chelvey, Brockley**, origins in 12th century, a Grade 1 listed building. It is the only entrant church dedicated to a female saint. 2008 - 2014 work included restoring the tower, improving the kitchen and toilet facilities, heating, lighting and sound, disabled access and new paths,
- **St Michael and All Angels, Flax Bourton**, 12<sup>th</sup> century origins and Grade II listed. 2007 - 2009 facilities were upgraded, including a disabled toilet, tea point, boiler room and meeting room. There was also some restoration work.

#### **TAUNTON/WELLINGTON AREA**

- **Holy Cross, Hillfarrance**: the village is listed in the original Domesday Survey as Hilla and the church, a small, simple building is at least 700 years old. 2006-2007 it installed a kitchen and disabled toilet with better access and more flexible space.

#### **YEOVIL AREA**

- **St John the Baptist in Yeovil** built around 1480 and a Grade I listed building. 2007 - 2012 and 2015 projects included removing the pews, a servery, mezzanine floor, storage, office, toilet and baby changing facilities. The path raised to provide level access; lighting and sound system installed.
- **All Saints in West Camel**: a church on this site since 995, initially of wood but replaced by a small stone Norman church around 1100. The current building is mostly 14<sup>th</sup> century and Grade I listed. February 2006 - 2007 works to both water and electricity supplies, disabled toilet, kitchen and balcony were installed. The Saxon stone was moved and a glass wall put in, bells refurbished, a new floor installed and the pews moved.