



St Peter's Petersfield

# St. Peter's Church Petersfield



## The Annual Review 2018 - 2019



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## **AGENDA for VESTRY MEETING AND ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

St Peter's Church at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 7th April 2019

Chairman: Revd. Canon Will Hughes (Vicar)

### **A VESTRY MEETING**

1. Prayers
2. Election of Churchwardens

### **B ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

3. Apologies
4. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th April 2018 (*Annex A, p33*)
5. Elections to the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

***Under the Synodical Government Measure 1969, only members on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote at any election for lay members of the Parochial Church Council***

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*Melanie Moore - PCC Secretary*



### THE VICAR'S REPORT

The ministry team at St Peter's is settling into shape but there have been some key changes- Sam's priesting service was a wonderful occasion, and her ministry continues to flourish. This year she's focussed on the leadership of the pastoral team, which has developed and grown. Helen R went from a placement Ordinand to a curate with us, and we'll be very sorry to lose her when she returns to Guildford diocese as a priest later this year. Peter had to step down as caretaker having achieved a great deal for St Peter's, but we were pleased to appoint Steve Sargent in his place, and we're delighted to have him with us. In 2019 we'll lose Hugo Deadman as he is ordained Deacon, but we hope to have a placement Ordinand joining us in July for a few months as they prepare for parish ministry.

2018 started with major repairs to a window in the north aisle- one of a number of fabric projects through the year, which included the installation of the beautiful new glass doors and the donation of a new wooden processional cross. A vast effort by a great team of skilled flower arrangers led to a highly successful flower festival which brought a great number of visitors into the church, and focussed on the theme of creation. Later in the year we helped mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. The bell ringers played a key role in this, there was a programme of special services which were well attended, and the Act of Remembrance in the Square was the biggest ever.

Refresh continues to be central to the ministry and welcome of the church, and is now a fixed point in the life of Petersfield. Linked with the discussion groups, Beta and Gamma, this provides a rhythm of hospitality, friendship, discipleship and growth which, along with our regular worshipping life, make St Peter's a living place of faith and service.

Every six years we have to create a new electoral roll from scratch, which invariably means the roll gets smaller. Our roll doesn't seem to have changed that much, mostly because of the efforts of our electoral role officer, who keeps it so up to date every year. It's worth comparing it with the last time we renewed the role in 2013. Then we had 216 people on the role, compared with this year's figure (see below). It's sometimes easy to think that the church never changes, as the roll stays about the same, and there are a similar number of people in church every Sunday. But St Peter's is a living organic thing, with people leaving, moving away, and dying, and new people arriving or becoming adults. Since 2013 about 60 people have come off the roll, and 91 people on the new roll weren't on the roll in 2013. I'm enjoying the miracle of how a church can stay the same while constantly renewing itself, serving a new community in different ways, and with every new person bringing new gifts of prayer, ministry and skills. No wonder different activities come to an end and new ones start in the life of St Peter's, but always within the heartbeat of prayer and worship which marks the constant presence of God among and between us.

This year we're continuing to develop and enhance what we do already, including exploring how we support people better at the changing-points of life, and how we serve our young people. We'll also continue the renovation of the church hall, which is such a great resource for the church and for the community.



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Figures only ever tell a small part of the life of St Peter's, but here are the headline figures of last year.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Baptisms	25	35	33	32	25	23	27	22
Weddings	7	8	11	19	9	14	14	16
Funerals in church	18	21	20	31	25	31	32	24
Funerals at crematoria	21	35	27	18	27	19	28	14
Interments of ashes	6	8	1	10	1	16	9	10
Average adult attendance on a Sunday	162	154	161	159	161	172	181	177
Average child attendance on a Sunday	20	19	21	20	19	23	26	22
Attendance at Christmas	889	1059	1037	1138	1089	1190	1221	1232
Attendance at Easter	480	363	373	344	409	412	383	366
Attendance in Advent			6472	6263	7010	6653	6773	4140*

\*We had the same number of special services in Advent as in previous years, so the Advent figure seems strange- there was a variety of people leading these services, and it may be that there was inconsistent counting of attendance at huge carol services- it certainly didn't feel smaller!

*Canon Will Hughes*



## CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

Seeing all the activities listed in the committee and other reports, we are again astonished at how busy this year at St Peter's has been. A major PCC decision has been to set a target for growth of 10% in weekly attendance over 2 years. To achieve this, a programme of work has been put in place under themes of faith exploration, community, invitation, and mission. Much of that work is reported elsewhere in this Annual Review, so we will touch on just a few additional points here in our report. Over the last year we have more actively supported Petersfield community events as well as running some of our own, including:

- A stall at the "Feel the Love" environmental awareness event (February)
- Preparation of an Easter Garden in the church yard (March)
- St Peter's church fete (September)
- A barn dance in church (October)



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- A stall at the Petersfield Christmas lights switch on (November)
- A stall at the Petersfield Christmas Festival (December)

Some of these have been relatively low key, others have been enormous undertakings of organisation and effort from many many people. We give our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped whether with special events or our “everyday” activity. We encourage anyone who would like to contribute to the vibrant life at St Peter's to contact the Vicar or one of the Church Wardens. Finally we would like to thank the clergy and all the PCC who have guided our worship and mission.

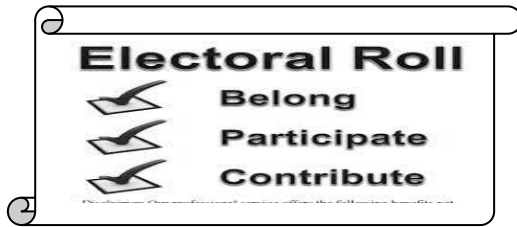
*Graham Heath and Vanda Leary*



### **SIDES PEOPLE'S REPORT**

It has been another busy year for the Sides People; St Peter's certainly has many services, of every liturgy, shape and size! The role of Sides Person is one that, by necessity, has to be carried out with great diligence but often with little recognition. I would like to record my grateful thanks to all those who week by week fulfil the role graciously and who agree to do additional duties, often at the busiest times of the year. I am delighted to note that Linda Hutton, Paula Tribe and Colin Worsford agreed, during the year, to join the team - thank you. I would like to thank the following people who, for various reasons - age and/or ill health and/or other life changes - have decided to take a less active role at various points in the year or as the new year begins – Gillian Druce and James Hammond - my thanks for all of their help and support over the years. I should like to propose that the following group of individuals be elected as Sides People for 2018/19: Wendy Beardall, Bob Buckingham, Hazel Buckingham, Gill Clarke, Carol Coffin, Mim Ellis, Alison Fitzgerald, Sheila Gadd, Wendy Gillam, Derrie Greef, Gill Hancock, Sam Hammond, Maureen Hilliar, Linda Hutton, Pauline James, Geraldine Maynard-Hoare, Sue Mazzey, Jan Moore, Barry Murfitt, Dick Parsons, Chris Perris, Lynn Perris, Kate Perry, Richard Perry, Sonia Ratsey, Debbie Reed, Rosemary Roberts, Paula Tribe, Christine Tully, Jill Walker, Jill Watts and Colin Worsford. Finally, it is always a pleasure to welcome new members onto the team, if you feel that you would like to get involved do, please, get in touch.

*Derrie Greef*



**ELECTORAL ROLL**

At the time of writing we have just completed our new 2019 Electoral Roll by discarding the old one and starting from scratch. This has to be done every 6 years. Thank you to everyone who filled in new applications and submitted them on time. Special thanks must go to Kate and Jessica in the Parish Office for holding the fort for me while I was on the other side of the world. There are 232 names on the Roll, with 44 of these being new. Sadly since the last APCM we have had to say goodbye to 7 members of our church Family. If you live in the Parish or attend St. Peter's on a regular basis you are entitled to be on the Parish Electoral Roll, which gives you the right to vote at Annual Church Meetings. Application forms can be found at the back of the Church or are available from the Parish Office.

*Pauline James, Electoral Roll Officer*



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

The PCC co-operates with the Vicar to promote the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical - within the parish. The appointment of PCC members is governed by the Church Representation Rules. Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, co-opted, or elected by the Annual Church Meeting. The 2018-19 members of the PCC were as follows:-

**Incumbent:** Revd. Canon Will Hughes

**Assistant Curate:** Revd. Sam Cullen

**Curate:** Revd. Helen R. Mitchell

**Associate Priest:** Revd. Helen M. Mitchell

**Reader:** Melanie Evans

**Retired Clergy Representative:** Revd. Sylvia Roberts

**Churchwarden & Deanery Synod Representative:** Vanda Leary

**Churchwarden:** Graham Heath

**Deanery Synod Representatives:** Martin How and Christine Rushton

**Elected/Co-opted Members:** Penny Bell, Lynn Carter, Gill Clarke, Sheila Fisher (resigned Summer 2018), David Francombe, Tanya Heath, Hattie Hughes, Lionel Matthews, Richard Perry, Rosemary Roberts and Christine Tully.



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The PCC met six times during the period, always with a very full agenda, and reached decisions about many important matters. The PCC sub committees also held regular meetings and their reports appear elsewhere in this Review. Some subjects come before the PCC at every meeting: in particular, progress reports from the busy Fabric & Buildings Committee, detailed updates from the Finance Committee and a slot about Safeguarding policy and procedures. Other matters have ranged from organising the busy parish events calendar, considering how best to manage pastoral care needs and deciding how the Armistice/WW1 Commemoration should proceed.....to authorising a new St. Peter's twitter account, agreeing that hedgehogs (not real ones) should be installed in the Hall gutters and covers on the top of the down pipes - to prevent leaves and other detritus from entering the drains, in case you're wondering - and agreeing that a new bathroom be installed in the curate's house. In addition to the regular business meetings, a PCC Awayday was held in July, and a social evening in January. We continue to publish "Read All About It!", the information sheet issued after PCC Meetings to let the congregation know what has been discussed and decided. I trust that this is helpful. The church could benefit if there were several more elected PCC members as it would be more representative of the congregation as a whole. (There are over 200 people on St. Peter's Electoral Roll but this year there were only 10 elected PCC members). If you feel you might be interested in joining the PCC why not arrange to come (under no obligation) as a visitor to one of the meetings and find out more.

*Melanie Moore, PCC Secretary*



### **SAFEGUARDING**

Safeguarding has had a quiet year – not too many new volunteers to DBS check and finally the fruition of the update service has happened. Those volunteers who signed up for the update service 5 years ago now have just one simple piece of paper to sign to say the Diocese can re-check them rather than filling in the lengthy DBS application form. Safeguarding training has altered as the Diocese have a new online training package, although all our volunteers are up to date with training...for now... The Diocese have finally published the revised Safeguarding Handbook. Copies are available to look at in a blue folder at the back of church and in St Peter's Hall. There is also a copy in the parish office as well as being available online at <https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/safeguarding/toolkit/>

*Emma Dean, Safeguarding Officer*





**PCC COMMITTEE REPORTS**



**DISCIPLESHIP & SPIRITUALITY**

The committee has had a useful year. Although deciding against another Alpha course, the Beta and Gamma discussion sessions have continued throughout the year and have been well attended and appreciated. The Gamma talks have been led by the clergy team and Penny Bell has ably led the Beta evenings. A flyer issued in September with the subjects listed for the next few months has been a help in keeping attendance up and will be repeated. The committee co-ordinated St Peter's response to the "Thy Kingdom Come" initiative between Ascension and Pentecost in 2018. Prayer resources were made available to encourage the congregation to commit to pray during this period and a map and prayer tree were also placed in the church to enable prayer. Prayers were then offered up at a Deanery service on the Saturday and at the Sunday Night Service at St Peter's. The PACT prayer day took place during the flower festival helping to increase the spiritual value of that event. The Committee also considered how to ensure that during Remembrance there would be an opportunity available in the church for people to make their own personal prayers for loved ones lost in conflict, and in the event a prayer desk and book were provided by the memorial. The Committee spent some time considering the provision of a Lent course for 2019 and proposed that a course on the scriptures, both the "Big Story" and different approaches to and ways of praying with the scriptures would be useful and build on last year's course. The Committee also spent time thinking through the proposed Parish Away Day, looking at the purpose of the day, to enable the Holy Spirit to deepen relationships, increase community and inspire the congregation afresh, and how that might best be achieved, ensuring that there would be something to attract and engage everyone, no matter what their age or interests.

*Revd. Helen M. Mitchell, Associate Priest*



**PASTORAL**

The shape of pastoral care in the parish is organic in nature. With people from the congregation naturally loving and caring for each other. Requiring a flexible and not too structured approach from our pastors. So that in the past when a structure has been imposed on pastoral care of the parish it has been resisted. But we need to ensure that people are not forgotten or do not go unnoticed. Therefore a WhatsApp group 'St Peter's Pastors' was set up in October 2018. It consists of clergy (Will Hughes, Sam Cullen, Felicity Heal, Helen R Mitchell, Helen M Mitchell, Sylvia Roberts) and trained lay pastoral visitors (Kate Perry). This initiative aims to give pastoral care some structure, facilitate regular communication between clergy and other pastors, share pastoral concerns and



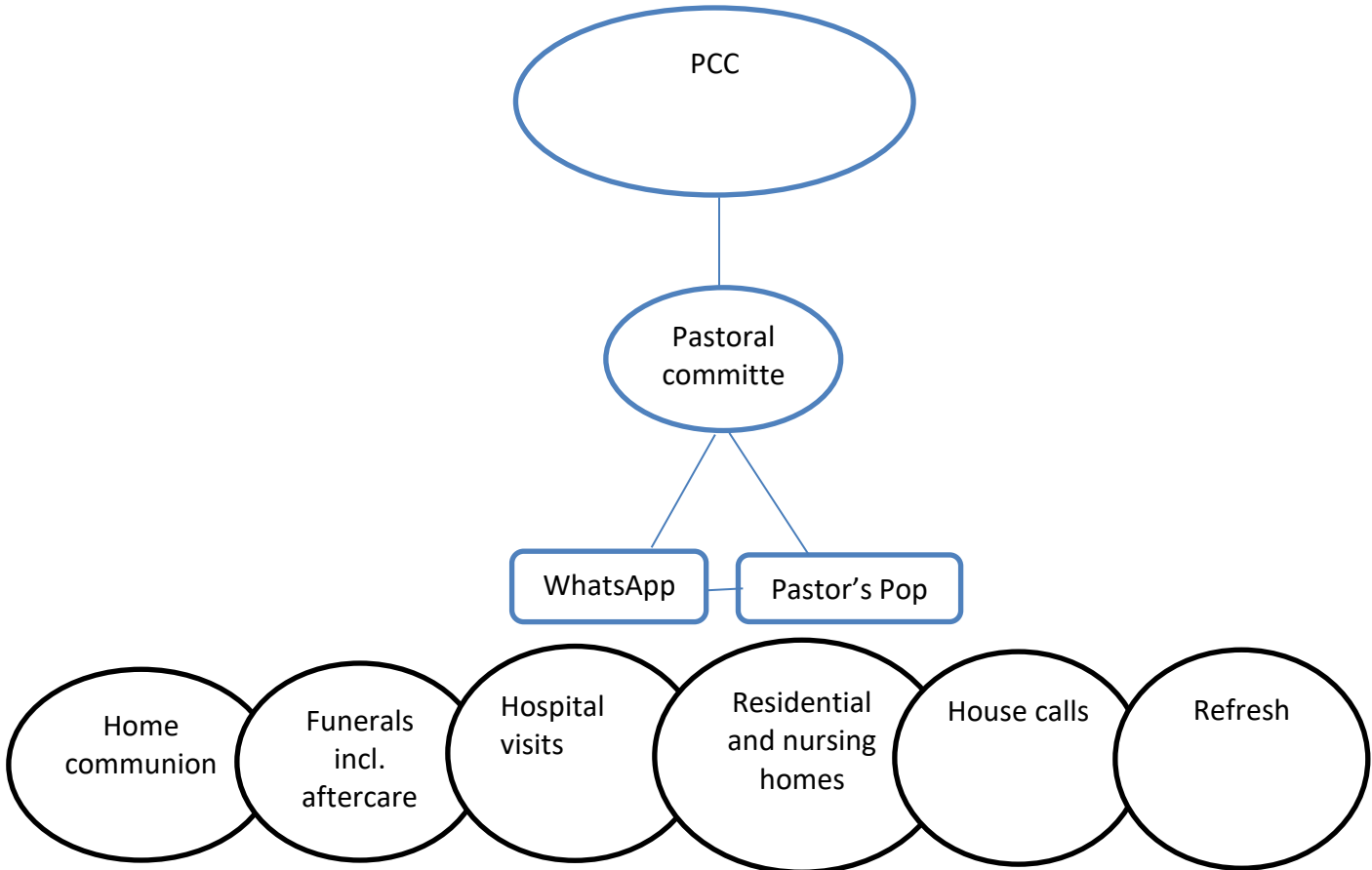
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divide the pastoral workload. It has started off well and will hopefully expand to include more participants as we grow more pastors at St Peter's. This does not go against what is already happening in the parish but joins in with and adds to what is already there. Setting up the WhatsApp group has, crucially, freed the Pastoral Committee from operational role and individual people concerns, to focus on governance and oversight going forward. This has been an important and necessary gear shift. The specific pastoral ministries of the parish include Home Communion, card-writing and a presence at our weekly café, Refresh. Home communion is a huge part of our pastoral ministry. Wendy Gillam has continued to organise the home communion rota. We are very grateful to Wendy for her continued ministry here. And to all who bring the Sacrament to the housebound. Especially, as the home communion rota has expanded and the need for home communion is increasing. It can be an unwieldy rota that is regularly revised to fit the needs of our parish. Some of our distributors have needed to step down and we are looking for others to take their place. Talks/presentations took place during the notices slot on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January. To encourage new volunteers and vocations. It is too early to tell if this has had any positive effect. We are very grateful to Elizabeth New for her continued work in sending out cards to the sick and the hospitalised. A pastoral presence at Refresh has given us the chance to reach people who do not come to church but use the café to combat loneliness. And it helps us to keep up to date with the latest news about people from our congregations. The size of our congregations and our parish mean that we cannot know if we are meeting everyone's needs. However, the weekly notice on the front of our pew leaflet CrossKeys encourages people to let us know if they need a visit. And as we are hoping to grow more pastors we are also working towards a culture of encouragement and shared responsibility at St Peter's. Again, enhancing what is already there. An article featuring pastoral care appeared in the February edition of Rock/our parish magazine. To encourage a culture of noticing at St Peter's and to nudge people who feel called to be more involved in this ministry. At the time of writing it is too early to evaluate its impact. To help grow new pastors a "pastor's pop-in" will be trialled from April 2019. This will be a group consisting of representatives from the home communion ministry, pastoral visiting, and the WhatsApp group. It aims to support existing pastors, welcome news ones, and give the assurance of further structure and support to the delivery of pastoral care at St Peter's. We've recently become concerned about people's pastoral needs being unmet at Petersfield Hospital. We always respond to the request for a chaplain but a recent visit to a very elderly gentleman revealed that he's asked for a chaplain and holy communion in early December but St Peter's was not contacted by the hospital until January. We will look at ways to build in good communication at ward level and increased pastoral presence. A lot of pastoral work will not be visible or reportable to anyone but the minister involved. Such as funeral ministry, funeral aftercare, mental health first aid, the emergency phone calls to the vicarage, homeless ministry or liaising with agencies to help the most vulnerable. However, there is evidence that our funeral families have felt well served and pastored to. And we continue to do what we can, within our own context, by joining in and being alongside the whole gamut of life around us. Finally, gratitude is owed to Hugo Deadman, Felicity Heal, Elizabeth New, Kate Perry and Sylvia Roberts, Jennifer Robinson and Jill Watts, as faithful and valued members of the Pastoral Committee. It would be good to have some elected members of PCC on this committee too.

*Revd. Sam Cullen*



*Summary Structure of pastoral care at St Peters' and the circles of activity it supports*





**MISSION SUPPORT**

The Mission Support Group is responsible for raising funds and publicising the work of missions and charities. It maintains the relationship with our link mission partners.

**Fund raising.** Fewer fund-raising events were held because of decreasing support. Fundraising activities have now been suspended. The Mission Support Group is also responsible for organizing the Historic Churches "Ride and Stride". Many thanks to Dickie Parsons who cycled to many churches. We also thank the sponsors, most of whom were St Peter's members. The total raised was £530 of which St Peter's receives half. Mint postage stamps, old designs still valid for postage, were bought from the Sudan Church Association, at a value of £541.84. SCA gets 10% of this. Most of these were sold at Christmas, but Christine Tully has them for sale throughout the year. Thank you to all those who donate their used stamps and post cards which are now sent to Air Ambulance.

**Publicising the Work of Missions and Charities.** This is done through Mission speakers and the article in each issue of The Rock. It was good to welcome Tim and Kathy Hyde, our Church Army link, in February 2019.

**Relationship with our Link Partners.** Several of us are in direct email contact with our link partners Chris and Suzy Wilson of CMS and Tim Hyde of Church Army. Chris and Suzy send us regular updates from Ethiopia. Special prayer requests are passed on to the intercessors and reported in The Rock. The PCC giving to both Church Army and CMS is used to support our link partners. The PCC also supports the Kings Arms.

**Fundraising 2018**

Three Coffee Mornings	£367.25
Three Lent Lunches	£254.13
Donations	£95.70
<b>Total Raised</b>	<b>£717.08</b>
Opening balance	£17.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>£734.51</b>

**MSG Giving 2018**

Barnabas Fund	£244.50
Leprosy Mission	£244.50
MAF	£244.50
Transfer to PCC	1.01
Closing balance	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£734.51</u></b>

**PCC Giving 2018**

Home missions	£5,444.00
Overseas	£2,722.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£8166.00</u></b>

*Christine T*



## COMMUNITY USE OF THE CHURCH

Another good year for the concerts and other events in St Peter's. There were thirty-six concerts, a photographic exhibition, Flower Festival and a Barn Dance. The last three were organised by others but still can be counted as secular events in the Church! Notable among the concerts were the candlelit performances by Southern Pro Musica and the Renaissance Choir and two unusual events being the Staged Messiah by the Merry Opera Company and the quirky jazz group, the FB Pocket Orchestra – both attracting large audiences. We had a large-scale performance of Tippett's "A Child of Our Time" by the Petersfield Choir, two excellent lecture recitals by Angela Zanders, Mark's nineteenth (no less) year of organ recitals and the indefatigable Ann Pinhey's gemini ensemble's three delightful concerts. New and welcome visitors were Hilmar Hauer's Petersfield Brass, the Solent Symphony Orchestra and Judith Wolpe (violin). We also enjoyed return performances by Victoria Puttock with a virtuoso saxophone display and an old friend, 'celist Mikhail Lezdkan. Churcher's College and Ditcham Park School both provided their usual high standard of concerts. We are pleased to be able to hand over £4500 to the PCC. Thirty-six events are planned for 2019 and we will welcome back the virtuoso talents of Emilie Capulet (piano) and Lucy Humphris (trumpet), Lion and Unicorn will be performing the play "Lilies on the Land", a funny and moving portrait of the Women's Land Army in WW2 and a new event will be a gig by the Petersfield Rock Choir which will broaden the range of music heard in the church! As usual, the colour brochure giving details of all events is available at the back of the church. I would like to thank all those who have manned our Coffee Shop and Bars together with Mark Dancer and Ann Pinhey who provide valuable musical advice. We also were much saddened by the death of Margaret Auer who gave many years of faithful, reliable and valiant service to the concerts cause at St Peter's. May she Rest in Peace.

*David Francombe*



### **FABRIC AND BUILDINGS**

#### **Church**

The major project in the church for 2017 was the replacement of the interior doors on the North aisle. The was funded through generous donations to the church. The new doors appear to be well received as there have been a number of very positive comments about the way they connect the interior and exterior of the church to create a more welcoming entrance. Most recently there has been draft excluder fitted to help ensure it is only light and not wind that enters the church. During the year a survey of the emergency lighting was completed, which confirmed that remedial work was needed to meet the requirements for emergency lighting in public spaces. That work was completed in Q3 together with an electrical safety inspection and remedial works mandated by Trinitas who insure the church building. The installation of low energy LED lighting was completed in 2018, with the remaining 30% of lights converted to LED. Although this work was completed during the year, it has resulted in further savings on the church electricity bill, which was £1505 in 2018, compared with ~£3250 in 2014 and 2015. Combining this with the income from solar energy generation results in a net cost of £550 for the year.

#### **Church Hall**

In 2018 there were only minor works completed on the hall. It is hoped that in 2019 funds can be raised to complete a more significant refurbishment of the hall.

#### **Parish Office & Curate's house**

Thanks to a very generous donor the bathroom in the curate's house was replaced in Q4 2018. The new bathroom is lovely and greatly enhances the property.

*Graham Heath*



## FINANCE

A small deficit this year of £4,325 compared to last year's surplus of £64,710. Last year's surplus included unrealised gains on investments of £39,089 whereas this year we have suffered unrealised losses of £9,348. Leaving aside the fluctuations in our investment portfolio, the underlying results are satisfactory, all the more so considering major expenditure in excess of £36,000. This significant expenditure includes our new glass entrance doors, costly repairs to the north aisle windows, major repairs to the church electrics and the refurbishment of the Larcombe Road property bathroom. None of this expenditure would have been possible without the generosity of individuals who donated monies in the form of gifts and legacies. As far as our routine day-to-day income and expenditure is concerned, it remains a challenge to keep them in balance. Our planned giving broadly covers our parish share and there has been a slight increase this year. The national Planned Giving Scheme has helped marginally in this respect, giving donors the option to provide inflationary increases if they so wish. The church running costs have to be covered by collections, fees, donations, legacies and fund raising. In that respect, the latter's total of £20362 has been vitally important this year with the success of the flower festival, the fete, the barn dance and the quiz night, all of which were so well supported by the congregation. The accounts include an example of an unexpected cost, with an accrual for the last 3 years of unpaid gas bills for the parish hall. Apparently the invoices were being sent to another church; we are still investigating this unhelpful development but, to be prudent, we have reserved £3,111. Our bank balances and investments remain healthy and sufficient to cope with any major unexpected expenditure. I would like to thank all those concerned with the recording, monitoring and preparation of the accounts. Wendy Killick who keeps the records, the Office, of course, who are so helpful, and particularly the cash counters whose cash sheets form primary records. If the cash sheets are inaccurate then so are our records. Lastly, considerable thanks go to our Independent Examiner who is so professional and helpful. We are expecting a similar deficit for 2019 which will again present a challenge which no doubt will be overcome.

*Richard Perry, Chair of Finance Committee*

**Financial Statements follow**



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2018	2018	2018	2018	2017
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>						
Voluntary income	2a	153,508	15,856	0	169,364	154,104
Activities for generating funds	2b	30,240	0	0	30,240	26,026
Church activities	2d	35,119	0	0	35,119	44,642
Investments	2c	11,644	0	4,957	16,601	15,719
-Losses/Gains on investments		-5,404	0	-3,944	-9,348	39,089
Grants	2e	0	0	0	0	0
Rentals	2f	402	0	0	402	450
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>225,509</b>	<b>15,856</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>242,378</b>	<b>280,030</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>						
Costs of generating funds	3b	8,187	0	0	8,187	10,524
Church activities	3a	214,385	20,853	0	235,238	202,102
Other resources expended	3c	3,278	0	0	3,278	2,694
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>225,850</b>	<b>20,853</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>246,703</b>	<b>215,320</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>-341</b>	<b>-4,997</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>-4,325</b>	<b>64,710</b>
<b>TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS</b>		<b>4,421</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>-4,957</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>4,080</b>	<b>-4,461</b>	<b>-3,944</b>	<b>-4,325</b>	<b>64,710</b>
<b>OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES):</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>4,080</b>	<b>-4,461</b>	<b>-3,944</b>	<b>-4,325</b>	<b>64,710</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>						
Total funds brought forward		740,052	8,215	146,706	894,973	830,263
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>£744,132</b>	<b>£3,754</b>	<b>£142,762</b>	<b>£890,648</b>	<b>£894,973</b>





# St Peter's Petersfield

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S PETERSFIELD

### BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £	Restricted Funds 2018 £	Endowment Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2018 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2017 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>						
Tangible Assets	5a	301,413	0	0	301,413	301,754
Investments	5b	328,922	0	142,762	471,684	470,151
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>630,335</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>142,762</b>	<b>773,097</b>	<b>771,905</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Stock		508	0	0	508	508
Debtors	7	7,730	0	0	7,730	2,793
Investments		19,743	0	0	19,743	19,743
Cash at bank and in hand		91,315	8,935	0	100,250	103,257
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>119,296</b>	<b>8,935</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>128,231</b>	<b>126,301</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>						
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	10,680	0	0	10,680	3,233
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>108,616</b>	<b>8,935</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>117,551</b>	<b>123,068</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>£738,951</b>	<b>£8,935</b>	<b>£142,762</b>	<b>£890,648</b>	<b>£894,973</b>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:</b>						
Endowment Funds	6	0	0	142,762	142,762	146,706
Restricted Income Funds	6	0	3,754	0	3,754	8,215
Unrestricted Funds	6	744,132	0	0	744,132	740,052
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>		<b>£744,132</b>	<b>£3,754</b>	<b>£142,762</b>	<b>£890,648</b>	<b>£894,973</b>



# St Peter's Petersfield

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S PETERSFIELD  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £	Restricted Funds 2018 £	Endowment Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2018 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2017 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>						
Voluntary income						
Activities for generating funds	2a		153,508	15,856	0	169,364
Church activities	2b	30,240	0	0	30,240	26,026
Investments	2d	35,119	0	0	35,119	44,642
-Losses/Gains on investments	2c	11,644	0	4,957	16,601	15,719
Grants		-5,404	0	-3,944	-9,348	39,089
Rentals	2e	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	2f	402	0	0	402	450
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>		225,509	15,856	1,013	242,378	280,030
Costs of generating funds						
Church activities	3b	8,187	0	0	8,187	10,524
Other resources expended	3a	214,385	20,853	0	235,238	202,102
<b>TOTAL</b>	3c	3,278	0	0	3,278	2,694
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		225,850	20,853	0	246,703	215,320
<b>TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS</b>						
		-341	-4,997	1,013	-4,325	64,710
		4,421	536	-4,957	0	0
<b>OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES):</b>						
		4,080	-4,461	-3,944	-4,325	64,710
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>						
		0	0	0	0	0
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>						
Total funds brought forward		4,080	-4,461	-3,944	-4,325	64,710
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		740,052	8,215	146,706	894,973	830,263
		£744,132	£3,754	£142,762	£890,648	£894,973



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S PETERSFIELD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

2. Income and endowments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2018	Prior Year Total Funds 2017
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>(a) Voluntary income</b>					
Planned giving:					
Gift aid donations	84,521	0	0	84,521	76,434
Tax recoverable	21,967	0	0	21,967	21,707
Collections	29,555	0	0	29,555	37,244
Donations, appeals etc.	7,465	15,856	0	23,321	7,719
Legacies	10,000	0	0	10,000	11,000
	153,508	15,856	0	169,364	154,104
<b>(b) Activities for generating funds</b>					
Fund raising	20,362	0	0	20,362	15,125
200 Club income	2,580	0	0	2,580	2,500
Refresh income	2,798	0	0	2,798	2,401
CUOC income	4,500	0	0	4,500	6,000
	30,240	0	0	30,240	26,026
<b>(c) Income from investments</b>					
Dividends and interest including tax recoverable	11,644	0	4,957	16,601	15,719
	11,644	0	4,957	16,601	15,719
<b>(d) Income from church activities</b>					
Church hall lettings	10,246	0	0	10,246	14,838
Fees	24,012	0	0	24,012	28,230
Feed in Tariff	861	0	0	861	906
Alpha course	0	0	0	0	668
	35,119	0	0	35,119	44,642
<b>(e) -Losses/Gains on Investments</b>	-5,404	0	-3,944	-9,348	39,089
<b>(f) Grants</b>	0	0	0	0	£0
<b>(f) Rentals</b>					
Larcombe Road	0	0	0	0	50
Garden	402	0	0	402	400
	402	0	0	402	450
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	£225,509	£15,856	£1,013	£242,378	£280,030



## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S PETERSFIELD

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

#### 3. Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total
	£	£	£	2018	2017
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>(a) Church activities</b>					
Missionary & charitable giving					
Home	2,722	0	0	5,444	5,509
Overseas	5,444	0	0	2,722	2,780
	8,166	0	0	8,166	8,289
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	101,352	0	0	101,352	100,712
: Other Costs	58,321	2,426	0	60,747	56,231
: PDBF Fees	7,841	0	0	7,841	8,438
Church running and maintenance	21,241	764	0	22,005	16,051
Church hall running costs	4,347	0	0	4,347	2,646
Boiler replacement	0	0	0	0	-4,542
Stonework repairs	8,805	0	0	8,805	9,943
Glass doors	0	9,750		9,750	0
Printing and stationery	3,047	0	0	3,047	2,348
Depreciation	341	0	0	341	1,460
Plaque costs	0	215	0	215	0
Larcombe Road repairs & refurbishment	804	7,698	0	8,502	0
Larcombe Road rental costs	0	0	0	0	401
Bank charges	120	0	0	120	125
	214,385	20,853	0	235,238	202,102
<b>(b) Costs of generating funds</b>					
Community use projects	7,088	0	0	7,088	9,280
200 Club expenses and prizes	671	0	0	671	734
Other costs	428	0	0	428	510
	8,187	0	0	8,187	10,524
<b>(c) Other resources expended</b>					
Accounting & Examiners Fees	3,170	0	0	3,170	2,650
Legal fees	108			108	44
	3,278	0	0	3,278	2,694
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>£225,850</b>	<b>£20,853</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£246,703</b>	<b>£215,320</b>



## **OTHER CHURCH GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS**

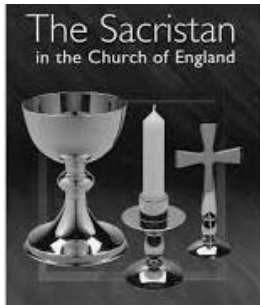


### **READER**

Throughout 2018/2019 Melanie Evans was the only active Reader in St. Peter's Parish Church. Readers are members of a voluntary part-time lay ministry who are licensed in Portsmouth Cathedral by our Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Revd. Christopher Foster. Readers are licensed to serve in the "Diocese and jurisdiction in any parishes where they are invited to serve, subject always to such Regulations as (the Diocese) may from time to time have made." Readers take on the role of deacon in the absence of an ordained deacon or curate. Readers can do most things but are not licensed, or allowed: to bless the host during the Eucharist, marry couples, offer the full priestly absolution or full blessing. In the latter case they add the word 'may'. Readers work under the authority of their incumbent and are recognised during services by the blue scarf they wear. The duties of a Reader are many and varied and draw on the strengths and gifts of each individual person. The following list will give you some idea of Reader ministry.

- Assist the President at the Eucharist.
- Preach at the 9.30 a.m. Eucharist. Officiate and/or preach at Choral Evensong.
- Officiate at Sunday evening and weekday Morning and Evening Prayer.
- Lead intercessions during the 9.30 a.m. Eucharist.
- Readers are ex-officio members of the PCC
- Distribute the Eucharist in residential homes and private homes.
- Readers are encouraged to attend In-Service training sessions organised by the Diocesan Office throughout the year. Melanie recently attended a Saturday training session led by the Revd. John Bell of Iona/Wild Goose Publications.
- Attend the Annual Readers Conference on the Isle of Wight. The Conference is a time of learning, fellowship, networking, support and worship. Readers are encouraged and affirmed in their ministry by the attendance of our Diocesan Bishop, Warden of Readers and other Diocesan staff. The 2019 Conference was led by The Rt. Revd. Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester and Chair of the Central Readers' Council for the Church of England. The theme of the Conference this year was Co-Workers in the Kingdom; Partnership in Mission.
- Attend the annual Readers Licensing Service in Portsmouth Cathedral where those who have finished their training are licensed whilst the rest re-commit themselves to the vocation of Reader ministry.
- Lead discussion groups and Bible studies.
- Officiate and preach (at the invitation of bereaved families) at funerals and interment of ashes.
- Assist in other parishes that are currently in interregnum.
- Be a "church presence" in their place of secular work.
- Attend team meetings as may be convened from time to time.
- Are members of various groups within the church. Melanie is a member of the Discipleship & Spirituality Group.
- Attend informal Reader meetings held at the home of our Sub Warden Eleanor Childs for a time of support and fellowship.

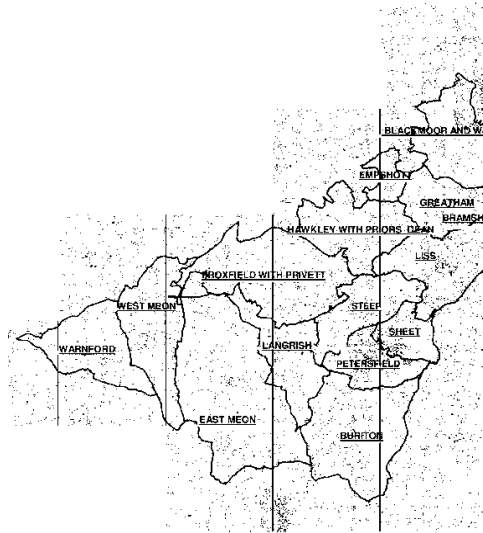
*Melanie Evans*



## SACRISTY

The new wooden processional cross was dedicated at Candlemas 2019 in memory of Joyce Deavin and is now in regular use. New Sunday Lectionary books have been purchased and are now in use replacing the old ones which had become tatty. Laundering of the large altar linen items continues to be well taken care of by a team of volunteers, namely Gina Stretton, Alison Gauld, Joan Allgood and Gill Clarke. We should acknowledge the work of Gina Stretton and Alison Smyth for continuing the laundering of the small altar linen on a regular basis. If there are any other volunteers for this ministry, please contact me. I am grateful to Revd. Sylvia Roberts for taking over the needle repair work previously undertaken by Elaine Marshall. Sylvia has provided some new lavabo towels from donated linen. We continue to source our people's and Priests' breads from Vanpoules. Gluten free breads will continue to be available for those communicants who require them. FairTrade Poteirion ( **ποτηριον** \*) wine from the Stellar Organic Winery in South Africa and supplied by Whitebridge Wines, continues to be used on a regular basis. We use Charles Farris, our main Church Supplies provider, to supply us with large Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday. The sacristy and associated brass-work continues to be cleaned most efficiently by the Church cleaning team; this is greatly appreciated. The skill of the flower arrangers in the preparation of the Advent wreath and in the floral decoration of the Paschal candle holder continues to be appreciated each year. Those people on Church watch and at other occasions who help to keep the pricket stand in good order are also appreciated. It would be good to have a volunteer to attempt to remove the candlewax stains on the stonework around the pricket stand. The current oil-filled candles on the chapel altar are planned to be replaced by larger diameter candles so that they will not require so frequent filling. In order to avoid wax drips on altar linen, non-drip tapers are in use for general candle lighting. Thanks are due to donors of candle stubs from other churches. I do now have sufficient wax to last about 10 years, thanks. I would again like to thank Phil Griffiths for standing in for me at various times during the year as Assistant Sacristan especially during my period of illness, and also Lionel Matthews for his back up during that same period. \*Trademark

*John Deavin, Sacristan*



**Revd. Jane Ball, Area Dean    The parishes of Petersfield Deanery**

**THE PETERSFIELD DEANERY SYNOD**

The Synod meets four times a year in parishes around the Deanery. Its role is to promote the work of the church in our area, to deal with issues raised by the PCCs and to respond to consultations from Diocesan Synod. The Area Dean is Revd. Jane Ball of All Saints, East Meon and the Lay Chair is Vanda Leary of St Peter's Petersfield. Elections to Deanery Synod are for three-year terms, and the next elections are due to take place at APCMs in 2020. The Deanery Synod forms the electorate for Deanery representatives to the Diocesan Synod and the following were elected at the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September: Revd. Jane Ball, Revd. Canon Will Hughes (Petersfield), Revd. Katy Garner (East Meon & Langrish, West Meon & Warnford), Revd Helen M Mitchell (Petersfield), Neil Chrimes (Froxfield & Privett), Mary Crittenden (Hawkley & Empshott with Prior's Dean), Keith Doyle (Sheet), Jenny Hogg (Liss) and Vanda Leary. Over the last year, the Deanery has sought to respond in three ways to the Diocesan "Live Pray Serve" strategy. The first was the production and circulation of a quarterly Deanery Prayer Diary, which encourages parishes to hold in prayer one church in the Deanery each week, and which is now on its second edition. The second was to arrange a Deanery Prayer Day to give parishioners the opportunity to explore the many different ways of praying. This event will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Hawkley Village Hall, and further information will be sent to parishes in April and May. The third was to seek to appoint a Senior Schools chaplain to build relationships between senior schools and parishes, in the areas of worship, RE and pastoral care, and work on this initiative is ongoing. Also during the year, Ian Johnston (Froxfield & Privett) stood down as Deanery Finance Chair after many years of faithful service in the post for which he has the heartfelt thanks of all in the Deanery. We are delighted to announce that Mark Turner, Treasurer at St Mary's Liss, has agreed to take on the role.

*Kate Lloyd Jones, Deanery Synod Secretary*



## MUSIC

I should like to begin by following up on last year's report and paying tribute to Dennis Geen. In July 2017 we sang a special choral evensong in his honour to mark his retirement from the choir. Just a year later, on July 25, 2018 it was our sad duty to sing at his funeral. Current and former colleagues combined to sing his favourite anthem, Robert Parsons' setting of *Ave Maria*. Use of the compendium which contained it always elicited the question from him, 'Is it page 32?' He is still greatly missed. On a brighter note, there are now another two probationer choristers singing 'lustily and with a good courage' in the form of Ruby Issitt and Elizabeth Fennell (sister of Michael), and at the current rate of progress, it ought not to be too long before they, along with Sofia James, are awarded their surplices. Another cheering development over the Christmas period was to be able to entrust three high profile treble solos to the three boys, each of whom carried theirs off with aplomb – it is a long time since that has been possible, so congratulations to Ben Hughes, Michael Fennell and William Hammond. Back to the subject of departures, but in a happier vein, in a couple of months' time we shall bid farewell to Hugo Deadman. Hugo joined us just before Christmas 2013 when he moved to Petersfield from Hackney. He has been an invaluable team member and moved sideways along the back row to sing tenor as Dennis became more frail and eventually had to stop. Hugo, as is well known now, will be ordained Deacon at Peter-tide to serve his title at St James, Milton. Our loss is their gain and it is substantial. I wonder if it is some sort of a record that there have been three choir members ordained in the last decade – Ben Rundell, Philippa Good and now Hugo? Last summer, Dorothy Leeming joined the alto section, and as a direct result of the Come & Sing Evensong, Marcia Fielden joined the soprano line, both making valuable contributions to their respective voice parts. The Come & Sing Evensong is to be repeated after Easter, so I hope we will have a good response and maybe one or two more recruits – perhaps a tenor! The Elastic Band, though slightly reduced in numbers at the moment, continues to play at twice a year – more members, adult or children, are very welcome to join in, do buttonhole me after a service to find out more. Top grades are not necessary – instrumental parts are tailored to the players. To conclude, as I always do, I would like to thank the members of choir for making it what it is, the parents of the junior choristers for transporting them and sitting in on practices and the clergy for their continued support and encouragement.

*Mark Dancer, Director of Music*





## **JUNIOR CHURCH**

We currently have 8 regular children attending Junior Church. Two of our youngsters will be leaving to move up to SPY am in September and they will be greatly missed. Our Christmas Eve Nativity was as usual great fun and amazingly well attended for both performances. We were so thrilled to have Anna Hughes and Elinor Jeynes direct the play. They did a brilliant job and we hope they will be able to take that responsibility again! It was also great to have many of the SPY am members take part. We thought that a way to get to know the parents and children better would be to have a breakfast each term and we have enjoyed bacon butties in September and pancakes with all the trimmings in March. The children really enjoy craft work, which helps cement the bible reading that we have studied. Please have a look at some examples of their work on the board in church. Oscar Dean, Anna Hughes, Elinor Jeynes and Zoe Leary have joined the team as regular helpers, and Chris Town has also joined our merry throng. Grateful thanks go to Emma, Sally and Alice and Hattie for all the support and help over the year.

### *Hazel Town*



## **SPY am**

SPY am, our group for 11-16 year-olds, has continued to meet during the main Sunday morning service, other than the All-Age worship on the first Sunday of each month. Numbers have varied between one and ten, but the group has always had engaging and engaged discussions about the Gospel of the day. How those discussions are run varies from week to week, depending on the wishes of the young people present and the adults supervising the sessions. Some members of SPY am have decided they would prefer to stay in the main body of the church to listen to the sermon or help with Junior Church, so the age profile of the group has lowered over the year. We are currently reflecting with SPY am members and other young people at St Peter's on how we can best serve them. We are nonetheless very grateful to the adults who supervise SPY am sessions and to our young people themselves for the alacrity and insight they bring to our discussions.

### *Hugo Deadman*



## PLAY TOGETHER

Play Together has continued to thrive under Anna Tebbut's leadership, and the numbers remain strong, so that it covers all its costs with approximately £400 surplus over the year. It is an invaluable resource for parents and children, and a great service to offer the community. Rev'd Helen M Mitchell has been attending most weeks, and church events are publicised there, but as yet there is limited crossover from the playgroup to the church.

*Rev'd Canon Will Hughes*



## ST PETER'S FLOWER GUILD

We would like to thank those who have given generous donations to the Flower Guild. This helps us to continue to be able to decorate our Church with flowers at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. If anyone would like to join the Flower Guild they would be most welcome. Even if you were happy to come and clean up or provide the workers with cups of tea we would be very grateful.

*Rue Hoddinot*



## HEALTH & SAFETY

Electrical inspection of the church was carried out in 2018. This noted a number of problems with failed emergency lighting units that have been replaced under the direction of the Fabric and Buildings Committee. There have been no other significant Health and Safety incidents during the year. Other relevant matters are covered in the Fabric and Buildings Committee report.

*Martin How, Health and Safety Officer*



### **PETERSFIELD AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER (PACT)**

The new PACT Chairman is Rev. Richard Saunders of St Mary Magdalen, Sheet, the Vice Chairperson is Carolyn Barton, the treasurer is Christine Tully and the secretary is Anna Olliffe. Anna is about to step down, is anyone interested in taking on this role? There are 6 meetings per year. The Petersfield Counselling Service remains active making the service affordable and extending the healing ministry of the Church. The Christian Aid group also continues its fund-raising efforts. The Kings Arms is doing well and looking for a permanent building to call home. They are also looking for Christians, lay or ordained, to help young people with faith issues. This could be done when dropping into sessions. Such a volunteer wouldn't need to stay for the whole time unless they wanted to. Some PACT groups, such as 'Cuppa & Company', are winding down. The PACT Prayer Days have stopped, as has the PACT holiday club. The individual Churches, however, will now take on part of the latter role. Messy Church has been looking at how to move forward and is now looking for more volunteers. Please contact Helen Mason at [admin@lifechurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@lifechurch.org.uk) if you are interested. Other groups have arisen to answer people's needs. 'The Christian Arts Group', run by Belinda Shaw, started 3 years ago and steadily grows. It has workshops including pottery and it encourages Christian discussion. The Petersfield Christian Men's Group has grown from the Life Church Men's Group and now meets on the second Monday of every month at the Salvation Army Hall with a guest speaker and a meal. The Women's Brunches run by St Mary's, Sheet, also continue to go well. The PACT Foodbank and Homestart Butser continue to support families in need. The PACT Christmas Day Lunch was much appreciated and in 2018 the team won the 'Event of the Year' at Petersfield Awards Ceremony. The Fairtrade Group held a Great Petersfield Fairtrade Bake-Off at the end of February. Petersfield Community Radio intends to put out a first podcast in June. The aim of the radio station is not for profit, but for social gain. They hope to have a regular spot for churches and other faith groups. Meanwhile the PACT web page aims to keep up to date with all the church events in the town. Another new initiative that PACT is planning for this year is a pop-up shop prayer room to run for the 9 days from Ascension Day to Pentecost, 31<sup>st</sup> May to 8<sup>th</sup> June. This will be part of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative to encourage non church-goers to feel comfortable to pray. The annual PACT Carol Service and Good Friday Walk of Witness both took place again last year. It was an amazing feeling to be part of the Walk of Witness, I'd thought there might be 20 or 30 people on the walk and there were well over 200, a wonderful turnout.

*Lynn Carter, St. Peter's PACT Representative*



# The Rock



March 2019

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The Parish Magazine for St Mary's, Buriton and St Peter's, Petersfield

## THE ROCK Parish Magazine

It has been said that a camel is a horse designed by a committee. The Rock parish magazine is certainly produced by a committee but we have not been able to detect any humps so far! Ten editions were produced in 2018 and we like to think we covered a wide range of topics with something for everyone. We love to get feedback, good or bad and if you have any thoughts or comments do let us know what you think. Probably the most depressing aspect of being on the team is to receive no comment at all – did anyone actually read it? The Rock is very much a collaborative effort, the clergy team have a big input and Sylvia Roberts and Hugo Deadman contribute their own witty and insightful articles, Hugo offering, among other things, the children's pages and Sylvia her "Saint (or other notable person) of the month". We will certainly miss Hugo when he leaves us for pastures new in July. Jill Hancock and I are the nominal editors, Jill doing the proof-reading and correcting the grammar of the rest of us while I look after the layout. Christine Rushton deftly handles the finances, Jill Watts organises the distribution and finally, Kate and Jessica in the parish office do the printing. To all of them - thanks; the whole operation runs very smoothly and, I am told, (the icing on the cake), the Rock makes an annual surplus!

*David Francombe*



### VERGER

This is my first report as Verger. I had a kindly introduction to the post from the late John Sparrow back in October/November 2017 and subsequently took over from him in December 2017. I prepare the church, look after the congregation and clear up after the service, for weddings and funerals, of which there were about 35 in total in 2018. My career as a nurse prepared me for dealing with people be they happy or sad and I am enjoying the new job.

*Madeline King, Verger*



### **ST. PETER'S BELL RINGERS**

At our AGM in January I stepped down as Captain after 10 years in office. Mary Broadbridge has taken over from me. She has been a ringer since her teens and has been teaching our learners for the last couple of years. We have a strong band of all ages from 16 to 80+ years old. Most Sundays we have had 8 ringers to ring all our bells. Monday practice nights we have been joined by District ringers so that we can ring more complicated methods. This is what we call our nationally accepted way of memorising a sequence of ringing bells. To keep the bell tower a safe place we have a few rules. The beginners learn these at the start of training. One of these is that we do not allow one person to be in the tower alone. Whether this is to do with general ringing, teaching, or visiting workmen. We have good communication with the church office, now that the staff know the importance of informing us of anything to do with the tower, e.g. visiting fire officers, plumbers etc. And the importance of precise times of the weddings, for the ringers who are in the tower waiting for the end of the service to ring the bells. In November we rang the bells for the 100 years anniversary of the ending of WW1, when we rang half-muffled for 10 days for 11 minutes, to remember the names on the Petersfield cenotaph. On the 11<sup>th</sup> November we rang half-muffled at 10.10am for 5 minutes before the Town Square service. And in the evening we took the muffles off and rang joyfully as part of the national ring at 7.05pm after the beacons were lit. This was newsworthy in Petersfield, Portsmouth Diocese and Winchester & Portsmouth Guild of ringers. I thank Malcolm Wigmore who organised these events and compiled a book to treasure. On New Year's Eve we again rang to see another year in. We rang for 5 minutes starting with the heaviest bell first (backwards rounds). John Leary rang the heaviest bell, 15 ½ cwt, for 12 strokes of midnight and then we all rang again. A short video was put on the St. Peter's Facebook page and was picked up by the Petersfield Pulse Facebook page. We had over 3,000 views and some very pleasing comments. The group runs well with a Captain, secretary, treasurer, teachers, wedding co-ordinator, tower keepers and an occasional Hoover round by one of the group. Socially we went to The Red Lion, Chalton for an evening meal, along with the Buriton ringers. We had a Christmas party at St. Peter's Hall when everyone brought some finger food.

*Madeline King, Tower Captain (until January 2019)*



## CASH COUNTERS

Well another busy year with two of the team meeting each and every week of the year to count and bank all monies received by St. Peter's from regular service collections, funerals, weddings, baptisms, carol concerts, etc. Together with funds from the wall safe and pricket stand and monies passed from the Parish Office related to Hall hire, church fees for marriages and funerals, donations, etc. This task can take anything from two hours on an ordinary week or up to four or five hours over busy periods, such as Christmas. At present, we are a team of nine with one vacancy. Should anybody be interested in joining the team, please do let me know. These nine people go about this very important task in a quiet, unseen, and efficient way ensuring that correct procedures are adhered to at all times. Ken Roberts has been a member of the team for many years but has now decided to stand down. I would like to thank him for his diligence and contribution to the cash handling at St. Peter's. With grateful thanks to all of the Team for their ongoing support.

*Wendy Gillam*



## CHURCH CLEANING

For the first time we are including a report on the cleaning of the church. This is carried out by a hardworking, largely unseen group of people who come in at various times to sweep, vacuum and polish their own allocated part of the church. We are most grateful to the following:- Sheila Gadd, Jane Gunning, Felicity Heal, Linda Hutton, Madeline King, Dorothy Leeming, Kay Linden, Geraldine Maynard-Hoare, Judith Newbigging, Dickie Parsons, Lynn Perris, Sonia Ratsey, Rosemary Roberts, Sarah Shadbolt, Alison Smyth, Gina Stretton, Jean Travers-Dade and Sue Walker. I should also like to thank Jill Walker and Jill Watts for the many years they helped in this way. Naturally, we are always pleased to welcome new volunteers! The time commitment is not onerous and it is a most satisfying way to make St Peter's as attractive and welcoming as we can.

*Kate Perry*

***I am sure we would all like to thank Kate too, who does a fair bit of cleaning herself!***



## REFRESH CAFÉ

Refresh café continues to be enjoyed by a variety of people each Thursday morning from 10.00 to 12.00. It's a very busy two hours with plenty of customers coming in for cakes and buns, coffee and tea, and, of course, the cheese scones that are always most welcome. Some days we have walking groups join us, other days it's a coach party, which really does prove to be a testing time. St Peter's regulars are always good at putting people at their ease, and making them feel very welcome. Sometimes we have people from local care homes with their carers, so extra space is needed for wheelchairs. We are prepared for most things to ensure people enjoy the home-made cakes which always look so appetising. We are used to seeing about 50-60 people each week who come to chat and often make new friends as well as enjoying the food and drink. We also have the Citizens' Advice Bureau every so often to offer advice about energy consumption! We do seem to get busier and busier, and we appreciate the cakes that are made by our Duke of Edinburgh volunteers to supplement the ones provided by our team of helpers. If anyone else would like to join the team, they would be more than welcome. A cheery smile is all that's needed. You don't have to be able to bake cakes, but it helps if you can!!!

*Gill Clarke*



## BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible Study Group continues to meet every other Tuesday afternoon. Over the past year we have been studying St Paul's letter to the Romans having completed our study of St Mark's Gospel. We use study guides in conjunction with the Bible to try to reach a better understanding of God's Word. This leads to interesting and hopefully enlightening discussions. We plan to look at Psalms 1-72 next. Please contact Lynn Carter for any further information, Tel. 01730 268230.

*Lynn Carter.*



## **SERVERS**

*Lionel Matthews, Head Server*



## **FOODBANK**

This is the third year of the Foodbank being operated by a team of 40 plus volunteers with a steering group of eight. Food storage is currently at the Methodist Church, but distribution takes place from the Salvation Army Hall. A new storage container is to be built in the grounds of the Salvation Army Hall, all the Petersfield Churches will make a financial contribution towards the building. The number of people helped in 2018 was 450, 319 adults and 131 children. This number is expected to rise in 2019. Fresh food vouchers were introduced in 2016 to be issued with each referral request and it was for this reason that an annual street collection was started in 2017. This year £386.72 was collected, but with the addition of a generous one-off donation the cost of vouchers was easily covered. A total of 420 fresh food vouchers were issued during the year plus additional gift vouchers at the special Christmas event. In order to raise awareness, information cards have been placed in venues where those who might need this service are likely to see them, including on the information screen that runs at the Swan Surgery. Donation points are well supported throughout the town and the two main supermarkets remain on board. The steering group is overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of Petersfield, those who donate the items and the volunteers who donate their time and effort.

*Lynn Carter, PACT Representative for St Peter's Church*



## **CARETAKER**

Peter Blois left during the year but – *Stop Press!* – good news: our new Caretaker Steve Sargent has recently started work in this rôle.





Annex A

**Minutes of the Annual Church Meeting of St Peter's Church Petersfield  
held on Sunday 29th April 2018**

**Chairman: Revd. Canon Will Hughes, Vicar**

**A Vestry Meeting**

1. The meeting opened with prayers.

**2. Election of churchwardens**

Hugo Deadman who is now training for the priesthood resigned. He was warmly thanked by Canon Hughes and presented with a gift from the congregation. Vanda Leary was re-elected to serve a further year; proposed Lionel Matthews, 2<sup>nd</sup> Derrie Greef and carried. Graham Heath was elected as the second churchwarden; proposed Richard Perry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tanya Heath and carried.

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3. Present: Revd. Canon Will Hughes (Vicar), Graham Heath and Vanda Leary (Churchwardens), Melanie Moore (PCC Secretary) and 51 other members (whose names are recorded elsewhere). Apologies were received from Uschi Braun, John Deavin, Janet Denham, Peter Denham, Bill Grace, Jill Hancock, Barry Murfitt, Stephen Murfitt, Sue Murfitt, Yvonne Murfitt, Tom Roberts, Alan Rushton, Christine Rushton, Revd. Anthony Smyth and Barbara Ward.

**4. Minutes of the Annual Church Meeting held on 23rd April 2017**

The Minutes (Annex A p.28 of the Annual Review) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman; it was agreed that any matters arising would be covered by the reports presented during the meeting.

**5. Election of Members to the PCC**

There were six vacancies, to which the following were elected:-

Christine Tully (re-election) – proposed Pauline James, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vanda Leary

Tanya Heath – proposed Christine Rushton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Graham Heath

Hattie Hughes – proposed Alice Fennell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hazel Town

Lionel Matthews – proposed Vanda Leary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Derrie Greef

Sheila Fisher was co-opted as a member, having been less than six months on the Electoral Roll.

This leaves the elected membership still under-strength and only just numbering the same as the *ex officio* members - the priests, the churchwardens, the Deanery Synod Representatives, the Retired Clergy Representative and the Reader.

Melanie Moore (non-member) remains in post as PCC Secretary.



### 6. Election of Sidespeople

Derrie Greef proposed that all those named on p.7 of the Annual Review be elected *en bloc* as sidespeople; seconded by Vanda Leary and carried.

### 7. Election of Electoral Roll Officer

Pauline James was re-elected as Electoral Roll Officer; proposed Christine Rushton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Rushton and carried. She reported that the total on the Electoral Roll was now 244, one less than last year.

### 9. The Vicar's Report (Annual Review p.4)

Canon Hughes said how lucky St. Peter's was to have many clergy and a variety of resources; it was incumbent on us with all these benefits to help our neighbouring churches, often with fewer priests serving many parishes. He stressed however that the ministry of the church involves all of us, not just the ordained team. He spoke about the importance of all ministries within the church. He mentioned the name of one person now missing from our number – John Sparrow who served as Verger for three years. This role has now been taken by Madeline King, to whom he was very grateful. Canon Hughes mentioned that the number of people coming to Easter services had been lower than usual and he wondered why. He said our mission was to bring light to the community of the town and try to make Petersfield a better place. He felt that the capacity and energy to do so was present but that we should try to make the mission more visible. This matter would be explored with the PCC in the year ahead. There were no questions arising from the content of his report.

### 10. The Churchwardens' Report (Annual Review p.6)

There was nothing to add to the comments made in the printed report, except repeated thanks.

### 11. The PCC Report (Annual Review p.8)

All members of the PCC were thanked for their advice, expertise and skills freely shared during the year. Six editions of the congregational newsletter "Read All About It!" had been issued.

### 13. PCC Committee Reports (Annual Review pp. 9-17)

The Chairman invited comments or questions on the various reports and commended the commitment shown by the leaders of all the PCC sub committees. The Discipleship & Spirituality Committee is to be led in future by Revd. Helen M. Mitchell. Dickie Parsons suggested that a St. Peter's Awayday should be held, for the whole congregation. Canon Hughes welcomed this idea and said that it would be explored by the PCC. Revd. Sam Cullen is to join Wendy Gillam in leading the



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Pastoral Committee, in which the Lay Pastoral Assistants should be integrated. The Community Use of the Church Committee's enormous contribution towards the vitality of St. Peter's and in fund-raising was recognized. David Francombe thanked those who had volunteered to serve in the bar. He said that more help was needed with clearing up after concerts. (Often the performers have to be asked). The Caretaker was not always available to help. Two of the most important and successful projects undertaken by the Fabric & Buildings Committee had been the installation of the glass doors at the North entrance and the new processional cross. An apology from the Diocese had been received for delays with the Faculty. It was acknowledged that more attention was needed to improve Health & Safety provision. The full Church Accounts were now available from the Finance Committee. Good management of investments had resulted in a healthy surplus, to which several legacies had also contributed. The work of the Cash Counters was acknowledged. The Parish Giving Scheme had been quite successful and saved the book keeper considerable time; it is hoped to pay the full amount of the Parish Share with this income in future. However, day-to-day giving was in decline and there was no room for complacency.

### 14. Reports from Church Groups & Organizations (Annual Review pp. 18-27)

Canon Hughes extended collective thanks to everybody who had contributed in any way to the church's vast range of activities and volunteer projects during the past year. Extra information and comment was given and made as detailed below.

**Readers.** Melanie Evans said that anyone wanting to explore Reader ministry was welcome to seek her advice.

**Servers.** There is now a full rota of servers of all ages; special thanks were paid to the newest volunteers.

**Sacristy.** This is one of the 'hidden' ministries. New Assistants including Gill Clarke were thanked.

**Deanery Synod.** Vanda Leary is now the Lay Chair of the synod. Canon Hughes had stepped in as temporary Area Dean during the three-month sabbatical of Revd. Jane Ball.

**Music.** Lorna Leathers asked whether it would be possible for the motet to be sung twice during the Eucharist; Canon Hughes agreed to approach the Choir Master about this suggestion. It was reported that the residue of Marian Earle's legacy is to be used to refurbish the church piano.

**Young People.** The contributions to Sunday services made by Junior Church and SPY am are greatly appreciated. More helpers are always welcome. SPY Club meets occasionally for outings. Plans to involve the young people themselves in what they want are progressing.

**PACT.** Lynn Carter is the new St. Peter's PACT Representative. We are to host a Prayer Day during the Flower Festival in June.



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**Cash Counters.** The first report about this group of volunteers appeared in this year's Annual Review. The volunteers work in pairs on a weekly basis, counting and recording all the cash received in church and banking it safely. More volunteers are welcome.

**Bell Ringers.** The progress, achievements and commitment of junior ringer John Leary were noted. Plans for special ringing on Remembrance Sunday and for this year's Armistice/WW1 Centenary Commemorations are well in hand.

**Food Bank.** It was reported that an average of seven families a week rely on this service. Particular requirements are advertised in Crosskeys and The ROCK.

**Refresh.** The café goes from strength to strength, with between 50 and 60 guests per week, split about 50/50 between members of the congregation, and locals and tourists. They cannot be called *customers* because the refreshments are free – but we make more income than if we charged! It seems more space is required and we might need to buy more tables. All the regular bakers, welcomers and servers were praised and thanked.

**Caretaker.** Our new Caretaker Peter Blois was formally welcomed onto the staff.

### 15. Any Other Business

Canon Hughes reminded those present that this meeting directs the PCC; he invited suggestions about what should be done, or done better.

- a. David Francombe gave a verbal report on The ROCK. He said the Editorial Committee would love to receive comments and feedback, but rarely got letters to print. He also asked for contributions and more sharing of news. Madeline King suggested that a reminder could be issued when subscription payments become due. It was noted that the Diocesan monthly newspaper "Pompey Chimes" had been discontinued, to be replaced by a quarterly magazine.
- b. Rue Hoddinott recorded thanks to the Parish Administrators for producing posters raising money for the Flower Festival.
- c. Revd. Sylvia Roberts mentioned that 60 members of the congregation have Children's Society collection boxes and that c. £1000 per year is sent to the charity.
- d. Debbie Reed had a query about the new GDPR regulations and database protection. Revd. Sam Cullen gave assurances that arrangements are in hand to ensure that information is held safely, with password protections, and that further guidance will be given. Our response is measured and there is nothing to fear.
- e. Lorna Leathers paid tribute to the work of Peter Fisher and Peter and Janet Denham in keeping the churchyard so clean and beautiful. She appealed for some younger volunteers to help in this labour of love. The meeting was reminded that the Town Council is responsible for the maintenance of the churchyard, but ways of recruiting more gardeners would be explored.



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- f. Canon Hughes said how much he valued the support and help of the ministry team including the invaluable assistance of the retired clergy. He also publicly thanked the Parish Office Administrators Kate Lloyd Jones and Jessica Flatt.
- g. Lynn Perris recorded her thanks to another dedicated team of volunteers, those who prepare and serve coffee after the 9.30am Sunday Eucharist.

It was decided that the APCM next year would take place at 11am on Low Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

*The meeting closed with prayers at 12.20pm.*

*Melanie Moore  
PCC Secretary*



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