**The Parish of Chandler’s Ford**

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**Wednesday 7 October 2020 at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom**

AGENDA

 Opening Prayers

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting for the election of Churchwardens and Deputy Churchwardens held on 10 April 2019

3. The Election of Churchwardens

4. The Election of Deputy Churchwardens and Assistant Wardens

5. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 10 April 2019

6. Matters arising

7. Report on the Electoral Roll

8. Election of four Deanery Synod members

9. Election of eight Parochial Church Council members

10. Election of Stewards (Churchwardens)

11. Appointment of Junior Church leaders, 4pm service children’s group leaders and the schools’ team (Churchwardens)

12. Reports on Ornaments and Fabric\* and tabling of Terriers and Inventories, and Log Books of both churches (Churchwardens)

13. Report on the Deanery Synod\* - and its acceptance

14. a. Presentation of Annual Report and Financial Statement – and its acceptance

 b. Appointment of Independent Examiner for the financial year 2020

15. Questions (submitted in advance to the PCC Secretary)

16. Vicar’s charge

17. Closing prayers

(\* circulated with this agenda)

*Note: All residents of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Chandlers Ford, together with non-residents on the Church Electoral Roll, are welcome to vote on items 3 and 4; voting on all other items is restricted to those whose names are on the Church Electoral Roll.*

Revd Dr Ian Bird (Vicar of the Parish of Chandler’s Ford)

**The Parish of Chandler’s Ford**

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**Wednesday 10 April 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in St Boniface Centre**

Present: Ian Bird, Una Barter, Pippa Giles, Garry Roberts, Hazel Bateman, Jean Nolan, Christine Clark, Penny Thatcher, Ian Thatcher, Gloria Brown, Anne Addiss, David Lewis, Pauline Lewis, Joy Barnard, Rosemary Ford, Marion Smith, Kenneth Smith, Jenny Greasley, Jeremy Hyde, Linda Read, Barbara Dobson, Ann Brew, Sue Frane, Anita Jarman, Roy Loader, Bridget Loader, Peter Doores, Margaret Doores, Liz Child, Liz Plummer, Anne Davies, Tricia Urquhart, Pam Beecroft, Stuart Divall, Brian Ridsdale, Polly Gleeson, Debbie Pearce, Chris Giles, Jo Streat.

Opening Prayers

Revd Ian Bird welcomed everyone to the meeting. Revd Garry Roberts led the meeting in prayer and reflection based on Acts 1.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jackie and Giles Richardson, Peter Alexander, Jo and Jim Rooke, Becky Cooke, Malcolm Banks, Andrew Williamson, Lynne Mursell, Tony Palmer, Judith Bird, Mary Knight, Jackie Hill, Tim and Sandy Groves, Ruth Divall, Carole Hodgson, Anne Ridsdale, Audrey Beal and Peter Child.

1. Minutes of the Annual Meeting for the election of Churchwardens and Deputy Churchwardens held on 25 April 2018

Ian proposed from the chair that the minutes were accepted. The minutes were agreed unanimously and signed as a correct record of that meeting.

1. The Election of Churchwardens

Chris Giles, seconded by Judith Bird, proposed that Pippa Giles be re-elected as churchwarden: unanimous.

Jean Nolan, seconded by Lynne Mursell, proposed that Una Barter be re-elected as churchwarden: unanimous.

1. The Election of Deputy Churchwardens and Assistant Wardens

Una Barter, seconded by Christine Clark, proposed that Rosemary Ford and Tim Groves be accepted as deputy wardens and that Jackie Hill, Linda Read, Marion Smith, Mary Shepherd, Stuart Divall and Paul Burgeon were accepted as assistant wardens: unanimous.

1. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 25 April 2018

Ian proposed from the chair that the minutes of the APCM held on 25th April 2018 be accepted: unanimous. The minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting.

1. Matters arising

None.

1. Report on the Electoral Roll

Anita Jarman reported on the figures for the electoral roll. Since the last APCM in 2018, when there were 367 on the electoral roll, two have joined, three have left and six have passed away. Of the 367, 311 lived in the parish and 56 lived out of the parish. Therefore, there were 360 on the electoral roll prior to its complete revision for 2019.

The 2019 Electoral roll totals 327, of whom 253 are living in the parish and 74 are living out of the parish. 68 people from 2018 did not fill in the new form to enable us to add them to this year’s Electoral roll. However, since the deadline, 5 more completed forms have been received. There were 37 new people added to this year’s electoral roll.

Ian formally thanked Anita and Suzie Pavitt for reformulating the electoral roll.

1. Election of two Deanery Synod members

Anne Davies was proposed by Pam Beecroft and seconded by Tricia Urquhart.

9. Election of seven Parochial Church Council members

Three people had been nominated and were duly elected. Their terms of service will be:

Jeremy Hyde (three years), Anne Addiss, (three years), Rebecca Cooke (three years), Penny Thatcher (three years). This left three vacancies unfilled as there were no other nominations.

10. Election of Stewards (Churchwardens)

Pippa proposed that the stewards listed in the mailing were accepted and Una seconded this: unanimous.

11. Appointment of Junior Church leaders, 4pm service children’s group leaders and the schools’ team (Churchwardens)

Una proposed that all junior church leaders, 4pm service children’s group leaders and the schools’ team listed in the mailing were accepted and Pippa seconded this: unanimous.

12. Reports on Ornaments and Fabric\* and tabling of Terriers and Inventories, and Log Books of both churches (Churchwardens)

There were no questions about this report. The Quinquennial inspection was completed earlier in the year. Ian proposed from the chair that the report was accepted: unanimous. Ian thanked Pippa and Una for all that they do for the parish and all the work that goes on in the background.

13. Report on the Deanery Synod - and its acceptance

Deanery Synod met twice around the production of dMAP which was accepted by the diocese in October. Ian proposed from the chair that this report was accepted: unanimous.

14. a. Presentation of Annual Report and Financial Statement – and its acceptance

In Malcolm’s absence Ian presented the finances for the Parish but thanked Malcolm for all his hard work in preparing the accounts.

At the end of 2018 there was a small surplus. The Common Mission Fund (previously called Parish Share) was £140,544 plus £2k. Ian received a letter from the Bishop thanking the parish for overpaying. We gave Mission and Aid grants of £31,000, which was 9.6% of our income and subsequently the PCC adjusted this to 10% of our overall income.

At Christmas and through the year we raised £6,567 in special collections. A new bank account with Charities Aid Fund was opened as the previous bank account was charging for every transaction. As a result, moving to CAF will save £1200-1500 a year in banking fees. There is also now a debit card with the CAF bank account, making online ordering much easier.

In 2018, income exceeded expense by £8,301. Overall income fell by £7,474 and expenses fell by £13,009. The total balances stand at £117,044 and there is a surplus over the reserve figure of £26,912.

The budget for mission and aid grants is based on 10% of the budgeted income. An adjustment of £1,445 to reflect actual income would put it right for 2018.

We have held money in the Diocesan Loan Fund, which includes the Fabric Fund, for many years. In 2017 the DLF moved to become a true loan fund rather than a deposit account as it had been, with interest being paid into our current account.

If £1,138.99 is added to the current fund and £26,000 designated to the Fabric Fund and £25,000 designated to the General Fund, it will make the numbers very neat.

Ian said that the finances are in good shape, which enables us to meet all obligations, but it was still necessary to be careful with the resources that we have.

Ian thanked all the finance team: Malcolm as treasurer, Sue as assistant treasurer, Ann Brew who manages the day to day bill paying, Jim Rooke who heads up stewardship and Linda Read and Paul Burgeon who are Centre treasurers.

Ian proposed from the chair that the annual report and accounts were accepted: unanimous.

 b. Appointment of Independent Examiner for the financial year 2019

Margaret Atkinson has been independent financial examiner for a few years. Ian proposed from the chair that she was accepted again: unanimous.

15. Questions (submitted in advance to the PCC Secretary)

None.

16. Vicar’s charge

Ian spoke of highlights from the past and some things for 2019 which will determine the direction of the parish in the next few years. He spoke about the Apostle Paul likening the church to the body of Christ and emphasised that we are all in this together. The only way for us to function well is for us to use our skills and experience together. Ian thanked the volunteers, particularly for all the work that goes unseen.

In 60% of Anglican churches there is no one under the age of 16 so the Parish of Chandler’s Ford is in the minority in having such a vibrant children’s and youth work. This is particularly thanks to Georgia, Tom and all the many volunteers.

In the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20, we are called in to the work of God. We are called to go and make disciples.

Our values are those found in Mark 12:30-31; to love the Lord your God and love your neighbour as yourself. We are called to love one another as a community. The marks of early church were how they loved each other. We are to love Chandler’s Ford and beyond.

2018 was a year of excitement, change and challenge. There was financial challenge but also much to give thanks to God for. Christine Whitehead went to be chaplain in Winchester and Basingstoke hospitals. Anne Davies retired as church warden after 7 years. Ali Hill moved to Southampton to become the curate at St Mary’s Church. We welcomed Garry and Nicky Roberts in January and Pippa Giles was welcomed at APCM last year as Church warden at St Martin’s. Tom and Amy Young joined us in June with Tom taking on the Youth Work here.

Under Bishop Tim, Winchester is becoming a Mission Shaped Diocese. Garry and Ian will be attending the 3rd Diocesan conference in October. In 2015 we were asked by the diocese to draw up a Parish Mission Action Plan (pMAP) which has been worked through over the last 3 years. This has focused on two points particularly: growing authentic disciples and to be agents of social transformation.

The assemblies team are now going into all primary state schools in Chandler’s Ford and we have a full time children’s worker. Beacon Café is running to provide companionship to those who may feel isolated. We have started Explode and the youth ministry is developing. We are running groups mentoring people, the Chandler’s Ford chaplaincy work is ongoing, we have run Marriage and Parenting courses and, as a parish, we continue to support the work of Churches Together in Chandler’s Ford.

Not everything missional that has been happening across the parish has come out of pMAP. Messy Church began as a response to what we felt God was calling us to do. Messy Church has been very successful in bringing in many people who wouldn’t normally come to church, as well as bringing people together across the different services in the parish.

There are many adult groups and activities that are running, including St Martin’s Guild, Let’s do lunch, Holiday at home, Beacon Café, Film Nights and Men’s and women’s breakfasts.

In the young people’s groups and activities, Wildfire was launched on Tuesdays which is becoming more popular, and Fuel began at St Martin’s on Thursdays, which is more reflective and focused on discipling our young people. It is amazing how many young people are still walking with God and come back to visit from University. We are missing the 20s demographic as it is too expensive to live in Chandler’s Ford, but we give thanks for those who have been here and gone on to universities and other places.

We are now moving into a new phase as a Diocese. By the end of June 2019, a draft mission action plan will have been drawn up for the diocese to see. We are in process of putting ours together, along with all the other parishes in diocese. We will be incorporated elements of dMAP in to this as well. We had a successful PCC away morning and there have been a couple of vision prayer meetings, with another couple to come in the next few months.

In the Church of England church report in 2014 by David Voas he stated that eight factors were linked to Church Growth. These are:

Clear Mission and Focus

Actively engaging in local context

Lead by leaders who innovate, envision and motivate

Engage children and young adults

Nurture disciples

Willing to change and adapt

A welcoming culture

We now need to develop a new parish vision statement, as the previous one has been achieved.

In looking forward to 2019, Ian asked for people to pray for the following points:

* please pray for Ian and Garry
* pray for change. This will be a time of transition with Tony going to Bitterne in July, so there will be a shrinking clergy team. As a result, Garry and Ian will need to refocus their time and ministry. Ian thanked Tony for his amazing ministry and he also thanked Ruth for all that she has contributed and he wished them every blessing as they moved on. The parish will not be getting another curate in the foreseeable future.
* Pray for our mission

Ian ended with Ephesians 3:20-21 ‘Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask and imagine, according to his power that is at work in us, to him be glory in the church and Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and forever! Amen.’

17. Closing prayers

Garry asked us to pray for the above prayer points in twos and then he closed the meeting formally in prayer.

The meeting ended at 8.58pm.

**Parish Stewards October 2020**

**Deputy Wardens**: Rosemary Ford and Tim Groves

**Assistant Wardens:** Jackie Hill, Linda Read, Marion Smith, Mary Shepherd, Stuart Divall, Paul Burgon

Susan Abraham

Paul Anfield

Kay Ayling

Judy Bailey & Gerry Bailey

Pam Beecroft

Jill Bennett

Alan Catchlove

Jennie & John Caldwell

Ros & Roy Clarke

Sue Caukwell

Anne Davies

Barbara Dobson

James Duguid

Brian Duxbury

Katherine & Robert Everett

Drew Fleming

Helen Ford

Maureen Gawthorne

Audrey Gebbie

Chris Giles

Jenny Greasley

Sandy Groves

Jeremy Hyde

Anita Jarman

Mike Lambert

Margaret McKenzie

Arpana and Samir Mukha

June Nicolas

Christina Oldham

Jonathan and Debbie Pearce

Elisabeth Pritchard

Giles Richardson

Brian Ridsdale

Jo and Jim Rooke

Mary Shepherd

Ken Smith

Tom Strickland

Wendy Trewick

Beryl Tuppen

**Children’s Leaders October 2020**

**4pm leaders**

**Little Stars**

Becca Wicks

Helen Piper

Jo How

Andrea Mugford

*Maddie Threlfall*

Claire Brendish

**Groundbreakers**

Peter Knight

Jo Price

Amy Young

Charlotte Giles

Mel Westmacott

*Maddie Threlfall* ​

Simon Mugford

Penny Thatcher

Ian Thatcher

Paul Smith

Jim Wicks

Debbie Pearce

**9:15am Service**

Jane Keen

Sandy Groves

Pippa Giles

Chris Giles

*Lucy Giles*

**Little Stars Tuesday**

Becca Wicks

Debbie Pearce

Polly Gleeson

Jen Hagyard

​Rachael Bond

**Xplode**

Tom Young

Margaret Doores

*Maddie Threlfall*​

Debbie Pearce

Pete Knight

Audrey Beal

**Focus**

Steph Forward

Claire Brendish

Tom Young

**Wildfire**

Jane Bennett

Becca Wicks

Tom Young

Julie Allen

**Fuel**

Linda Chant

Claire Brendish

Rob Hayter

Tom Young

**Schools Team**

Ian Bird

Tom Young

Debbie Pearce                                      ​

Becca Wicks

**Messy Church**

Ian Bird

Tom Young

Amy Young

Linda Read

Paul Anfield

Jenny Greasley

Malcolm Banks

Glenda Banks

Peggy Holloway

Jean Nolan

Mary Shepherd

Anne Addiss

Jane Bennett

Andrea Mugford

Debbie Pearce

Jackie Richardson

Judith James

Una Barter

Penny Thatcher

Arpana Mukha

Sandy Groves

Liz Plummer

Becca Wicks

**Parish of Chandler’s Ford,**

**Annual Report from the Churchwardens,**

**including the Report on Ornaments and Fabric for St Boniface and**

**St Martin in the Wood**

**April 2019 – March 2020**

As churchwardens of the Parish of Chandler’s Ford, we are pleased to submit this report on behalf of St. Boniface and St Martin in the Wood Churches. One parish, two churches working together.

**1. Ornaments and Fabric**

* We can confirm that the ornaments and fabric of St. Boniface and St Martin in the Wood are in good order
* St Martin's were delighted to receive the following gifts:
* a font from the Thick family in memory of John Thick
* a chalice, patten and votive stand from the Tuppen family in memory of Laurence Tuppen
* **Quinquennial Review: a) St Boniface**

The bell, which had become detached from the bell rope during 2016, was repaired. The firm which carried out repairs thirteen years earlier initially agreed to take some responsibility for the remedial work required. Unfortunately, within weeks of the repair being carried out the bell stopped functioning again.

It has taken some time for the bell repairers to agree to a meeting to discuss the current, unacceptable state of affairs and at the time of writing this report the situation remains unresolved and the bell out of action.

On 10th January 2019 the Quinquennial review was carried out by our Quinquennial architect Duncan McKellar, RIBA AABC MSc Building Conservation.

The inspection highlighted the following list of works that need to be carried out in the next five

years and their priority:

Priority **A** - urgent, **B** - within 1 year, **C** -within 2 years and **D** - within 5 years

Other items are general maintenance and decoration

**Item Works Urgency**

1. Gutters + rainwater downpipes maintain + decorate **A & B**

The low-level gutters and drainpipes have been cleaned; the cast iron ones have been decorated up to and including the hoppers. Clearing of high-level gutters outstanding

2. Investigate cause of flaking paint finish to church walls **B**

Investigations on going

3. External door to vestry needs decoration and repair floor **B**

Door repaired and redecorated; ongoing discussions re floor

4. Remove existing hall resin floor and replace with new **B**

Temporary repairs carried out to ensure safety for users

5. Replace blinds in cloister lounge with e.g. fire-resistant voiles **D**

6. Window mechanisms in hall need refurbishment/locks **D**

7. Dado rail in cloister lounge to protect walls from chairs **D**

8. Tidy up cables in office repairs to cloister windowsill **C**

Items 5, 6, 7 & 8 still outstanding

 **b) St Martin in the Wood**

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**Item Works Urgency**

1. Remove moss from roof and clean gutters + downpipes **B**

The gutters and drainpipes have been cleared, and this will happen on an annual basis.

Removal of moss outstandingand to be reviewed.

2. Check storm water drainage is working to capacity**B**

An investigation has taken place. A camera confirmed that the drain was silted up but not broken. It was rodded through and has much improved with no deep puddles when there is heavy rain.

3. Non-slip nosing and finish to vestry steps **B**

Completed

4. Ongoing breakage to sanctuary leaded glass window requires expert investigation **B**

A panel of polycarbonate sheeting has been installed to prevent further accidental damage by people sitting on the sill. A specialist has also visited St Martin’s and provided quotes for a number of options as to the best way forward to repair the window. See point 5 below.

5. Repair Sanctuary Leaded glass window **D**

Following the visit by a stained-glass specialist and his quote, a second quote has been secured for this repair work. A report will be submitted to the church and centre committee and then the PCC in March. The recommendation is to repair the glass on site and fit new toughened and laminated double-glazed panels externally.

6. Rusting radiator in female toilets to be replaced **C**

7. Move hand drier in female toilet away from radiator **C**

8. Loft insulation to be replaced where disturbed and increased **D**

9. The vestry needs insulation **C**

Following an investigation and survey of the ceiling void above St Martin’s vestry, discussion has taken place about the possibility of installing insulation both above the vestry and in the vertical wall to the sanctuary to cure a cold spot. As a block brick wall sitting on an RSJ prevents access to the roof space above the vestry, an access hatch will need to be cut to access this area before the insulation can be carried out. Two contractors have visited and will give quotes for this work. A proposal for this work has now been submitted and will be considered by the Church Centre Committee in March and PCC.

10. Replace non-working roof light in library and insulate walls **B**

New velux windows have been fitted in the library roof and the library cupboards insulated

Items 4, 5 and 9 ongoing, 6, 7, and 8 outstanding

**3. Church Documents**

* The current church services register, wedding, funeral and baptismal records are in order and kept up to date. From these records the annual Parish Mission Statistics have been completed and submitted to the Church of England Membership Return. The record of documents and registers appertaining to the church indicates which records are kept in various places in the churches and which registers and historical papers are in the Hampshire Records Office

**4. Faculties and The Chancellor's General Directions:**

At St Boniface during this period the following faculties have been submitted:

28th May 2019: Application for permission to install a defibrillator for community use on the choir vestry wall (north wall). This is to be of the type which would be integrated into the defibrillator network that South Central Ambulance service NHS Foundation Trust overseas. This was granted and is to be carried out within twelve months of 3. 10. 2019.

10th July 2019: Application for a List B permission to replace the existing speakers with 6 Bose Panaray 502A speakers and install two radio microphone aerials. These speakers have a greater dynamic range and sound spread. This was granted on 2.8.2019 and the work is now completed.

6th February 2020: Application for Archdeacon's permission for a Temporary Reordering. To remove up to four pews in order to move the children's area to a space in front of the sound desk. This would offer a safer, larger area and free up access to the outer door. We await a response.

* **Building Insurance:**

Following a review of Parish Insurance in 2017 we have been insured with Trinitas, who offer a single parish-wide insurance, covering both churches. This continues to offer value for money compared with the previous policy with Ecclesiastical.

**6. Other Projects**

* General maintenance of the outside and inside of our church buildings continues on a regular basis. Some of this at St Boniface is masterminded if not carried out by Jeremy Hyde for which we wish to offer grateful thanks.
* We are compiling a Register of Suppliers/ Contractors across the parish, with dates of when servicing or checks are requires.
* At St Boniface and St Martin's safety hinges have been fitted to most suitable doors. Thanks

to Brian Jarman for helping with this project.

* PAT testing has been carried out at both churches
* Annual servicing of boilers has been carried out in both churches
* During the year the Community payback team have visited St Boniface on a number of occasions and carried out work which has included:

painting most internal rooms and areas inside; outside doors painted or stained; work on gutters, gulleys, downpipes and hoppers; refurbishing the benches; main sign board and noticeboard varnished or stained and lettering carefully picked out.

* Replacement of speakers in church and centre at St Boniface. Thanks to Giles Richardson for sourcing these at reasonable cost and for fitting them with help from other willing church members.
* CCTV camera has been in operation at St Boniface; as a result, it has been possible to identify a potential intruder and share this information with the police.
* Major water leak in the old boiler room caused flooding and required the involvement of a specialist ground works team to rectify the problem.
* Repair to sliding door that separates Winchester room from the narthex.
* Carbon monoxide detector fitted in St Boniface kitchen.
* Plate warmer installed and servery surface replaced.
* A Diocesan Eco evening led by Ruth Valerio was attended by some members. A parish group will take forward exploring ways that we might address these issues as a church and individuals. We have been selling toilet rolls where the manufacturer makes a significant contribution to building toilets where they are needed in poorer countries.
* Emergency exit lights in St Martin's church, centre and entrance have been replaced with LED lights.
* The five smoke detectors at St Martin's have all been replaced.

* Two cameras fitted at either entrance at St Martin's.

**7. The Grounds**

We are grateful to the people who care for our grounds and car parks, keeping them in a good state.

The grounds and gardens at both churches are regularly maintained by a professional gardener and volunteers.

**8. Church Centre and Church Buildings**

The church and centre committee, with representatives from most congregations, oversees the running of the churches and centres, ensuring the buildings are kept clean and well decorated for the benefit of church groups and community hirers. Employed staff and volunteers are involved in the cleaning process.

**9. Social Events**

During this year the following events took place:

February - Beetle Drive

March - Shrove Tuesday lunch

 Fairtrade breakfast and coffee morning

April - Easter Holiday Club

May- Fairtrade Fashion show

 Parish plant sale

June - Quiz with supper

 Parish Pentecost Hog Roast at St Martin’s

July - Baptism and Little Stars’ families’ cream tea

August - Parish day out at Hamble Country Park

October - Harvest Lunch – last one prepared by the catering team who have now “retired”

November - Christmas Fair trade shopping evening;

 Many Mangers

 Volunteers’ Thank You evening

December - Christmas coffee morning

**Regular Events included**:

Film night

Holiday at Home

Beacon Café

Lunches – Lent, Harvest, monthly and special occasions

Traidcraft - selling cards for St Anne's Hospital, Liuli

Men @ 8 & Men's Breakfast

Afternoon Guild

Mother's Union

Beacon café

Novo

**10. Family and Young People's Activities**

* **4 o’clock Informal** service during which the children go into groups according to their ages: Little Stars for up to 4 years old; Ground breakers reception to year 6; Focus– year 7 up.
* **Messy church** held on the third Sunday of each month.
* **Wiggle Worship** meet each Wednesday morning and is aimed at young children under school age.
* **Xplode,** after school club for children from Reception through to year 6 meets weekly during term time at St Martin's.
* **Xplorers** continues at St Martin's; the children meet during the 9.15 am service returning to church for the communion or a blessing and the opportunity to share with the congregation their teaching and craft.
* **Altogether Service** held on the 1st Sunday of each month at St Martin’s at 9.15 is flourishing and is an opportunity for all ages to come together and worship. It is wonderful to see such a dedicated and enthusiastic team including the young people lead this service.
* **Little Stars** continues with two sessions on Tuesday mornings in term time.
* **Wild Fire** – an exciting outreach group for young people which meets weekly on a Tuesday evening for fun, challenges and games. It has been encouraging to see this group grow in number as many of the young people who attend are unchurched.
* **Fuel** – a discipleship group for young people years 9 – 13. This is a time of worship, bible study, topical discussion and building friendships.
* **Focus** – is a group for the young people during the 4pm service. This tends to follow the teaching that the adults have in the main service.

**11. Lay Work within the Parish:**

There are many people who work hard to make sure that we keep the church buildings and fabric in good condition. There are others whose outreach work takes them beyond the church as a building, offering support to those in Chandler’s Ford and beyond.

**12.** **Church life** is supported, and would not survive, without the tireless work of active, committed volunteers. Many work quietly behind the scenes and all offer time, talent and expertise and none of this is taken for granted. We would like to thank everyone who keeps the church a vibrant and active part of our community.

There are those who lock and unlock the building, clean the church and make sure the heating timer is correct; give lifts to others, make delicious food and lots of cups of tea and coffee, take bookings and manage our hirers. The magazine editor and distributors; lay pastors and others who visit and offer support and take communion to house bound people. Those who help with the smooth running of the services – our Deputy and Assistant Wardens, Stewards, Servers, Sacristans, Flower arrangers, Choir members, musicians and organists. The people dealing with the administration of the parish – PCC members, our Clerk to the PCC, members of Deanery Synod, members of various parish committees, the parish office staff, the Vicar’s PA etc. We celebrate the gifts they offer freely to the life and work of the church and thank them wholeheartedly.

We were delighted that over 100 volunteers attended a Thank You celebration in November. There were representatives of all aspects of parish life. We are extremely grateful for the help and advice we receive from our parish administrator and the vicar's PA, and for the invaluable support from the PCC.

**A Special Thank You from both of us** to those who have been so helpful and supportive to us during the year, without whose help our job would be impossible.

1. **And Finally...**

Congratulations go to Tom and Amy Young on the arrival of their son Ezekiel, and to Georgia and Craig Jenkin, on the birth of their daughter Naamah. In the autumn, we said goodbye to Georgia and Craig who moved to Cornwall. Since then Debbie Pearce and Becca Wicks have taken on the Children's Minister role as a job share and we wish them well in the vital work they are undertaking.

This report cannot be completed without thanking our Leadership Team for their commitment and dedication to the work of our Lord in this place. Special thanks to Ian, Garry and Tony, for their patience, care and wholehearted support. We saw Tony completing his curacy in the summer and taking up his new post in the parish of Bitterne in September; and very sadly Garry left in November as he moved to Sholing to be in charge of that parish. We were very sorry to see them go and wish them both well. We are thankful to our Licensed Lay Ministers and retired clergy and the gifts that they bring, for Penny as Ordinand here, and the registry priests who come to assist. We all continue to benefit from Ian’s ministry, keeping him and his family in our prayers. We are exploring the role of the Associate post following direction from Bishop Debbie and the good news is that we can make such an appointment. However, the process will take time and difficult decisions will have to be made.

To everyone we would like to say -

**A HUGE THANK YOU!**

**Thank you for your support, help and encouragement during the year**

**The Churchwardens**

Una Barter and Pippa Giles

Churchwardens

April 2020

**Deanery Synod Report 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019**

The synod met twice during 2019. Below are the minutes of both meetings.

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**Eastleigh Deanery Synod – 2018-2020**

**MINUTES of a** Meeting held at Eastleigh Parish

All Saints Church on

 Monday 11th February 2019 commencing at 7.30 pm

1. Opening Prayer and Worship by the host Parish.
2. Apologies - Attendance and apologies were recorded on the sheet at the entrance.

It was noted that our Area Dean is progressing well after an operation and is making a phased return to work. Synod gave thanks for her recovery.

1. Synod welcomed the Reverend Sarah McClelland as Priest in Charge at Valley Park
2. **Report from Financial Officer**

The Deanery Financial Officer was unable to attend, but reported via the Secretary that Eastleigh Deanery was one of only two Deaneries in the Diocese who made a 100% contribution to CMF in 2018. Progress to date on 2019 is looking good.

1. **Progress against pMAPs 2019-21 timeline**

DS reminded all Parishes should be using the template for their pMAP, as it will help the Diocesan Team to be able to match all pMAP proposals when the time comes for review. It is important that we all stick to the published timeline. All pMAPs must be available for a meeting with the Archdeacon in November.

Drop in sessions will be held at various venues to give advice to Parish teams and the details are attached with the minutes as promised by the LC at the meeting.

We were reminded of Archdeacon Peter’s comment at our last Synod that pMAPs should be owned by all not just the Parish Leadership Team.

*Refreshments*

1. **Progress against dMAP2018-20 delivery** – **Cluster Reports**

**Southern Parishes**

Ot was reported that the next Cluster meeting is to be held on Wednesday 13th February at St Paul’s, Pilands Wood. Various joint meetings / services have been held, which included an Advent Service at St Leonards, and a Christmas Day lunch for the lonely at Hamble, and they were looking ahead to an Ash Wednesday service at St Edward’s and a Sea Sunday service on Hamble Foreshore.

The three Parishes will be supporting the Youth Worker in Hamble School.

**Eastleigh and BIFOHH**

The relationships between the Parishes remain good. Street Pastor Courses have been held and a successful ecumenical service was held at the RC church of Holy Cross. Links are being formed with the Churches Together in Eastleigh (CTiE) group, for which our Lay Chair was Chair.

It was noted that it is possible that by the end of the Triennium consideration may need to be given to adjustment of cluster boundaries.

**Chandlers Ford and Valley Park**

Since Sarah has joined the cluster on Advent Sunday early talks have been held with a view to expanding collaborative working and the sharing of courses. 6 out of the 7 churches in Chandlers Ford had new leaders in the last 12 months, so the opportunity for a “new day” ecumenically presents itself.

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**Hedge End and West End**

No representatives were available to give a report.

**Deanery-Wide initiatives**

**Demographic challenges**

Following AD / AAD / LC meeting with the Archdeacon since last Synod it was confirmed that the new developments at Stoneham Park will remain in Southampton Deanery with Sheena Williams as Vicar of St Nicholas and with Jono Harvey as Associate Minister, looking towards a plant from Highfield Church in the next 3 years. We still envisage cross-boundary links in support of this new development as it is obviously in Eastleigh geographically, if not by Deanery.

Conversations have been held regarding the major new development areas at Fair Oak / Horton Heath / Bishopstoke, but the build time is only likely to be significant within in a 3- 9 year timescale.

**Ecumenical and international Twinning**

Davis Snuggs gave an insight into the Churches Twinning with Kornwestheim and Villeneuve Saint George, which predates the Civil Twinning. He noted that in October they celebrated their ‘golden’ anniversary with an ecumenical event in Kornwestheim. In November of this year a delegation will be going from Eastleigh to Villeneuve Saint George and in 2020 the parties will be coming to Eastleigh. He was saddened to hear that both countries see Brexit as an expression of a lack of love by the UK. This will make the Twinning even more important post 29 March 2019.

**Barton Peveril and Eastleigh College Student Ambassador post**

Ian Fletcher circulated two documents outlining the roles and expectations of this new role with the hope that Deanery would be prepared to support this activity to enable the work to be expanded to 3 days a week.

Synod was asked to vote on

1. Whether it was felt that this should be seen as a Deanery Project.
2. That all Parishes be invited to support this work with a voluntary contribution of say £320 per year for 3 years.

On being put to the vote there was a unanimous vote in favour of both proposals.

1. Notices were given as follows:-
2. Departure of Bishop Jonathan to become Dean of York Minster
3. Sabbatical of Bishop Tim
4. Diocesan Triennial Conference 15-18 October 2019
5. To note date for remaining 2019 Synod

**21October 2019 at 7.30pm at St Luke’s, Hedge End**

A thank you was given to our hosts and Closing Prayer.



**Eastleigh Deanery Synod – 2018-2020
MINUTES OF MEETING
at St Luke’s, Hedge End
on Monday 21 October 2019 commencing at 7.30 pm**

1. An Act of Opening Prayer and Worship was led by Revd Hayley Richens
2. Attendance:
	1. Clergy: (Acting Chair) Richard Wise; (Appointed to Acting Secretary at this

meeting) Ian F; Ali M; John P; Gill K; Hayley; Sarah M; Vicky M; Graham W;

* 1. Laity: (Chair) Danny Stupple; Janice Ogden; Michelle Pride; Kayleigh Graves;

Carol Kidd; David Forster; Lucy Moore; Alan Griffiths; Charles Aspinell; Liz William; Ralph Kells; Sue Fletcher; Robert Sanders; Ann Brown; Jeanette Neale; Peter Mason; Stephen Collyer; Jean Nolan; Anne Davies; Carole Hodgson; Rose Spink; Lyn Colman; Carol Watson; David Dimmick

1. Apologies:
	1. Clergy: Kat M; Ian B; Fiona G
	2. Laity: Lynne Mursell; Peter Rhodes; Geoff Holden; Liz Mabb, Carol Watson.
2. Appointment of New Secretary

a. Ian F offered to take minutes at Synod & notes at Standing Committee at this time, hoping that someone else would feel able to become formal secretary before too long.

1. To approve minutes of previous Synod of 11.02.19
	1. 2 amendments were suggested:
		1. That Hedge End/West End reps were unwell/unavailable
		2. An ‘s’ needs to be added to the Villeneuve St George at St George
	2. RW proposed that the minutes, with the 2 above amendments, be taken an accurate record of the meeting
	3. **Decision**: **The minutes were agreed by a show of hands, with 2 abstentions.**
2. Update on Area Dean Appointment

a. RW explained that, as is normal, clergy have been approached by +Debbie to

make comments regarding the appointment of a new Area Dean. As soon as we know more, news will be shared.

7. Financial Report

1. A brief verbal report was given by the Treasurer. Key notes included:
	1. CMF contributions are on-track at this time. We expect 100% of contributions to be paid.
	2. We were reminded of the fact that c. 70% of CMF returns to our parishes in order to pay for stipends & housing, etc.
2. Danny Stupple observed that there had been no requests by parishes in the deanery for special consideration re CMF this year.
3. John Pawson raised a question over deanery contributions by parishes; David (Treasurer) explained that there would be no need to call for subscriptions from deanery parishes this year. Danny suggested that it might be worth considering the idea of inviting voluntary contributions from parishes to the deanery in order to facilitate ‘central’ deanery projects. John Pawson shared his experiences from Lyndhurst Deanery, explaining that over time a fund was built up to resource the costs of maintaining links with an overseas Diocese. John went on to suggest that if we were to volunteer contributions here in Eastleigh, funds could be held centrally to be distributed as led by the Deanery Synod in the future. Danny suggested that Standing Committee would discuss this idea.
4. Student Ambassador Project
	1. Ian F gave an update on the Student Ambassador project. Having sketched a

brief history of the project, he explained that although Eastleigh Parish & the diocese of Winchester had signed a finance agreement in Jan 2019 (and that the job description / person specification had been agreed prior to that), the diocese had asked for these to be redrafted during the early part of summer 2019. Although the re-worked job description was quickly agreed by both parties, after serious consideration the PCC of Eastleigh Parish felt unable to sign the new funding agreement. Ian explained that the main reason for this was the PCC’s perception of the parish being asked to underwrite uncomfortable potential legal and financial risks.

* 1. A question was asked as to how the funds that had been set aside (for the Student Ambassador project) by the diocese would now be spent. Danny Stupple indicated that he & Richard would try to find out a response to this.
	2. Ali M asked if it would be possible to appoint a student ambassador in the future as a deanery-appointment. RW explained that the diocese had asked for there to be a lead parish in every instance. Danny suggested that he would bear Ali’s thought in mind as time progressed.
1. Refreshments were then served by the St Luke’s team

10. dMAP Update

a. Danny gave a brief introduction to the dMAP process thus far:

i. The purpose of the deanery is not to create another ‘layer of management’, but to help “empower the parishes”.
ii. Consideration will be given regarding our deanery/parish boundaries and their possible reorganisation in order to better fit with geography/topography realities of 2019 and beyond. iii. Due to the massive amount of housing proposed for parts of the deanery, it might be necessary to revisit current cluster groupings – especially in Bishopstoke/Fair Oak & Horton Heath.
iv. With reference to North Fair Oak, Richard & Danny have approached +Debbie to make the request that St Thomas’ be involved at the very earliest stage possible to consider what church provision might be established in the proposed Major Development Area.

v. Verbal reports will be invited by clusters at this and future synod meetings, rather than written reports.
vi. The diocese has appointed an advisor to work with the new communities springing up in the diocese. Danny has been in contact regarding West Horton Heath. Adjacent to this area, the development in Boorley Green, (although in a different diocese - Portsmouth), is already being discussed by all parties involved. Creative ideas are being expressed for cross-diocesan cooperation on this new housing area.

1. Richard observed that a group has been praying for Boorley Green

for a considerable time. He explained that the comments and

insights of this group (across all denominations) would be welcome.

1. It was observed that the deanery website is not being particularly well used. Parishes were invited to make more use of the site. Please forward any comments and/or content re the website to Richard W.
2. Although the new estate at North Stoneham Park is outside of the deanery boundary, many people feel that it would be helpful to include it/see it as ‘Eastleigh’ due to the nature of the boundary lines. We have been encouraged to discuss this topic with +Debbie in November – all key parties have been invited to this meeting.
3. The resources for Thy Kingdom Come will be made available via the deanery website.
4. In the Eastleigh, Bishopstoke & Fair Oak Cluster, a weekend of mission and activities has been planned for early July 2019.
5. Danny explained that plans are gathering pace for a potential “Churches Together-Together” worship and prayer event. This event is likely to be led by church leaders from numerous denominations across the geographical area of Eastleigh Deanery. **The date to save is 16th May 2020**. The music will be led by Sound Worship.
6. A new network of youth leaders across Eastleigh, Chandlers Ford, Bishopstoke, Fair Oak & Horton Heath has been established. They are looking at the idea of organising a Christian Youth Festival.
7. In 2020, Eastleigh will play host to the town-twinning churches of France & Germany.
8. It is likely that a trip will be made to Newcastle by Ian Bird & Danny Stupple to investigate the possibility of a companion Deanery link with Eastleigh Deanery.
9. The ‘Life Matters’ initiative is continuing. Thanks were expressed for Fi Gibbs’ contribution to this project.
10. It was explained that the offer of work with the Cinnamon Network will no longer be taken up.

b. Ali asked if it might be helpful to identify clearer lines between Churches Together in Eastleigh and Eastleigh Deanery. This led to a helpful conversation in which:

1. It was suggested that the relationships at the heart of these networks naturally overlap in many different contexts.
2. It was observed that parts of Valley Park & West End Parishes are beyond the Eastleigh Borough boundaries.
3. We were encouraged to be clear what we meant when we used the term “Eastleigh”. (I.e. is it borough, deanery, etc.?)

11. Cluster Reports
a. Brief verbal reports were given. Key points to note include:

1. Relationships and working patterns are developing in Valley Park and with their cluster partners.
2. It might be wise to reconsider the cluster networks before the next dMAP .
3. The role of Churches Together in different areas is proving to be a great resource, and may even provide a more helpful network than deanery cluster.
4. John P explained that the southern cluster has formed around enjoyable meals amongst the clergy. From this growing relationship, a quiet day, an Advent service, an Ash Wednesday service, a Sea Sunday service, and other activities have sprung up. Hamble & Netley have provided helpful team members to partner with Bursledon to run a lunchtime Christian club in a senior school.
5. Ian F explained that lots of good things were happening in the Eastleigh Cluster. These included; Christians Against Poverty; shared worship events; Street Pastors; youth events; and, The Recovery Course. Richard informed us that Bishopstoke & Fair Oak would be running marriage prep together next year.
6. The Hedge End & West End cluster are just beginning to re- establish cluster patterns since Vicky’s arrival at West End. St James & St Luke’s are planning a joint youth trip in the months ahead. They are also exploring the possibility of sharing pastoral care & training for that ministry.

b. Richard encouraged us to see clusters as an opportunity, not as an obligation.

1. Current pMAP Progress
	1. We were reminded that **4th Nov is the deadline for pMAPs** to be submitted to the diocese.
	2. Richard & Danny offered their help to any parishes that would like support with their pMAP preparations.
	3. We were encouraged to place all our aspirations within the pMAP.
2. Future Dates

a. There will be 3 deanery synods in 2020. These dates will be set by Standing

Committee on 11th November.

1. AOB
	1. Richard & Danny informed us that a good time was had at the Diocesan

Conference in Derbyshire, which was held last week. Richard gave a brief description of the process synod had gone through together. Ian F shared 2 very positive outcomes that he had observed at the conference, including the excellent work led by Revd Philip Krinks from St Cross in Winchester. Gill shared how interesting it was to hear from the 2 reps who attended the conference from Newcastle.

* 1. We noted that Revd Iain McFarlane is leaving his post as Vicar of Boyatt Wood on 25th December to become lead-spiritual-care at Countess Mountbatten.
1. The meeting was closed in prayer by Richard, after which The Grace was shared by all.

**Actions:**

1. Richard & Danny to ask diocese if/how the now-un-used funds previously allocated to the Student Ambassador Project might be spent.
2. Standing Committee to explore the possibility of inviting voluntary contributions from parishes to establish a new deanery-held fund for deanery projects.
3. All synod members are invited to send updates/suggestions for the deanery website to abstupp@aol.com