



THE PARISH OF  
CHANDLER'S FORD

## YOUTH MINISTER PARISH INFORMATION

### May 2022



St Martin in the Wood



St Boniface



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Dear Friend

Thank you for your interest in the Youth Minister post in our parish. We are praying for someone to join us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with young people and their families in our community and to be involved in the leadership of our 4pm Service. We already have a well established Youth Ministry and are looking for the right person to take this on to the next stage and to join an exciting and talented parish leadership team.

It's a great time to be joining our parish. As we emerge from the pandemic we plan to review our vision and values and mission priorities. We want to ensure that we go forward with God's priorities as we seek to share the love of Jesus and serve our community well

If you have any further questions about the role or would like an informal conversation, please contact The Rev'd Hayley Richens on 07483 267962, Debbie Pearce our Children and Schools' Minister on 07759 521451 or myself on 07733 213535.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Every blessing

Rev'd Dr Ian Bird  
Vicar

## Our Youth Groups

### 1. Wildfire

Wildfire meets on Tuesday evenings at St Martin's in term time from 7.30-9pm. This group is a youth group for Yrs. 7-11. There are about 20 teens at each session and 4 leaders.

### 2. Fuel

Fuel meets on Thursday evenings in term time at St Boniface from 7.30-9pm. This is a discipleship group for Yrs.9-13. It is about to start up again with around 6 teenagers. The group has three leaders at present.



### 3. Focus

Focus meets at St Boniface as part of the 4pm service. This teaching group for Yrs. 7-11 has around 9 attendees and three leaders.



Prior to the pandemic, we had just launched a homework Café at St Martin's. This has yet to be re-started. A grant was obtained to start the Café and we have leaders who will help.



## Other Information

The parish has a track record of our young people going to a summer Christian festival. Recently, this has not been possible in person with the pandemic, but we hope that it might be possible to attend Limitless Festival this year.

We have two secondary schools in the parish and before the pandemic had classes into St Boniface for RS teaching. We hope to re-establish relationships and develop further ties with these schools.



## 4pm Service

This service is a contemporary worship service, with Bible teaching and children and youth ministry. A 4pm co-ordinating team support the service, organising bands, intercessions, welcome, AV etc. and team members meet several times a year. The new Youth Minister will join this team and will also closely work with Ian in joint oversight, developing this service. We have a small number of people who lead and preach in the service, including Penny and Hayley. At present, there are around 35 adults and 25 young people/children attending the service each week. Also, we have a number of homegroups associated with this service. We seek to be 'light in our community' and as the pandemic recedes, we will be seeking to discern and develop a local mission focus.



## Main Social Media

4pm has its own Facebook page and there are a number of WhatsApp groups associated with 4pm.

Facebook: [Facebook.com/parishcf](https://www.facebook.com/parishcf)

Website: [parishcf.church](http://parishcf.church)

Also, each week parish information is sent out in our e-news. This goes to over 230 people.



# Meet the Team



## Rev Dr Ian Bird

I am married to Judith and we have three sons, Andrew and twins Tim and Matt. Before ordination, I worked in research in the pharmaceutical and biotech industry. As Vicar, I am keen that we continue to develop the mission of the parish and as Christians, motivated by love, serve our community. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, being with the family, Cornish holidays and walking our Golden Retriever, Henry, over the hills of Hampshire and Dorset.



## Rev Hayley Richens

I have been the self supporting Associate Priest in Chandler's Ford since July 2021 and have enjoyed a warm welcome into the church family and leadership team. I divide my time between parish, university studies and an intellectual support worker, so I have a full and varied life! In parish I focus on sacramental ministry and sharing in the privilege and responsibility of leading the church in mission and ministry.



## Rev Penny Thatcher

I'm married to Ian and we have three adult children and a new grandson. Having worshipped with my family in Chandler's Ford for the past 10 years, I recently completed my ordination training and was ordained deacon last summer. I am now licensed as a part-time, self-supporting curate in the parish. An element of my curacy is focussed on exploring older people's ministry in partnership with a local charity, Caraway. I also continue to work part-time in an HR role.



## Rob Hayter

I am a Licensed Lay Minister in the Parish and I am a retired A level Physics teacher. I still find Physics an inspiring subject. I am married with three (adult) children. I love the Bible and read it every day. Once in a Pentecostal Church, I love to introduce folks to more of the Holy Spirit. My hobbies are cycling, walking and learning languages





## Debbie Pearce

Hi, I'm Debbie. I live in Chandler's Ford and attend the 4pm service with my husband and two sons. I have worked within the children's teams for many years and officially became part time Children's minister January 2020. As well as being the children's minister I'm part of the worship team and am the Parish photographer. I love photography and capturing wildlife while I'm out walking, have even set myself the challenge of capturing a kingfisher this year. I'm also known to spend a LOT of time in Bay Leaves, our local coffee shop. Many meetings are held there!



## Lynne Mursell

I am married to Steve, we have two married sons and a great joy in our lives are four young grandchildren.

I have worshipped in the parish for over 20 years and, to my surprise, shortly after retirement I became a Churchwarden in October 2020, during lockdown. I am really enjoying working with the leadership team across the Parish and have specific responsibility for St Martin's.





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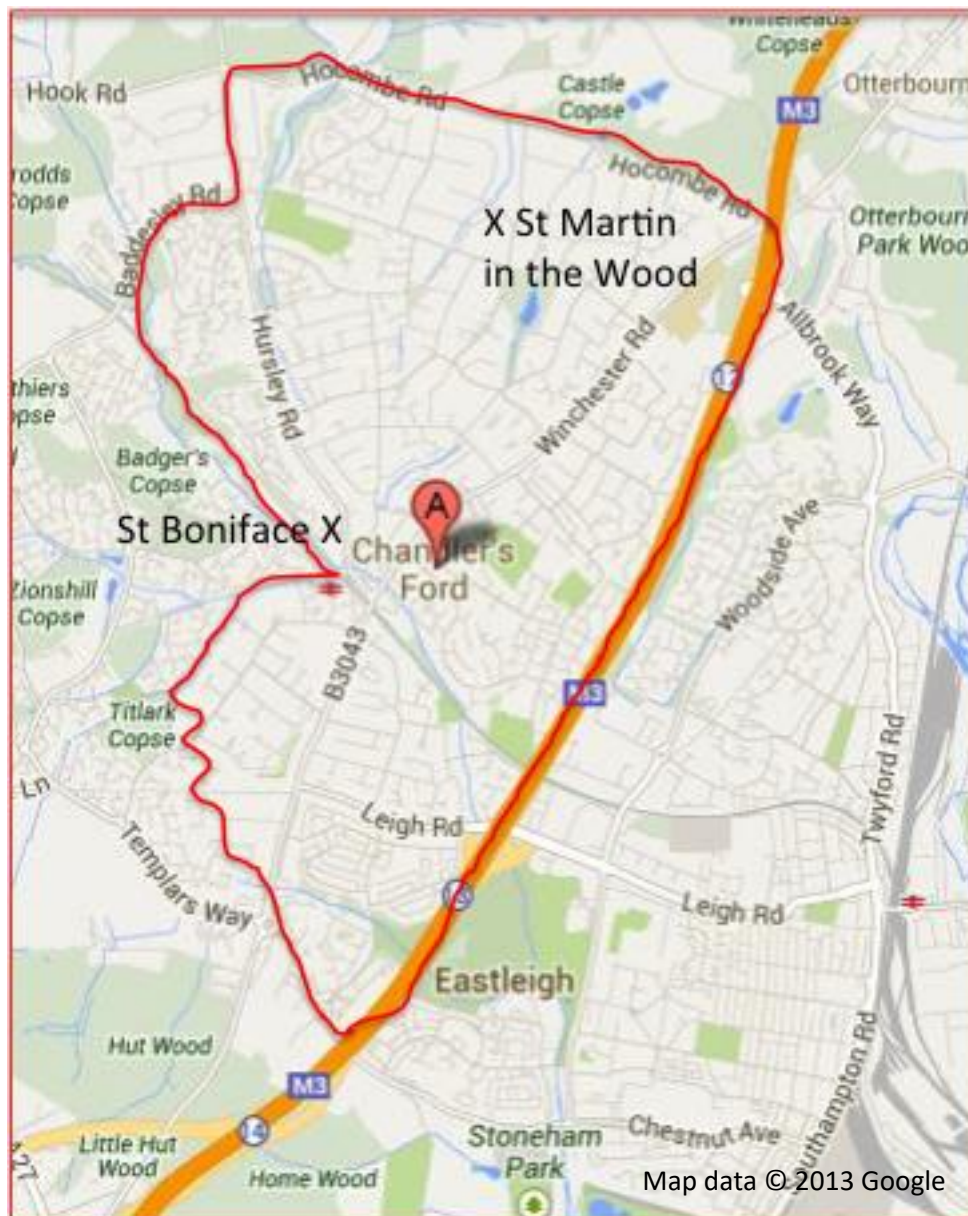
In the mid 1980's I moved to Chandler's Ford with my late husband Nigel and our two sons. Nigel became Manager of the Hexagon Centre and I worked in Mental Health social work in the Community Mental Health Team in Winchester until my retirement. My sons, David and Alastair, live locally with their families and I enjoy looking after my grandchildren. I have supported USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel) for many years, I am a Mothers' Union member and I enjoy walking, reading, theatre and spending time with family and friends.



## Suzie Pavitt

I became the Parish Administrator in May 2016 after several years of being a full-time Mum. I live in the New Forest with my family and 2 cats. I am a member of SOS Presents and Waterside Musical Society and I'm on the school PSA. When I'm not in rehearsals for productions, I enjoy music, reading, theatre trips, embroidery and spending time with my family.

# The Parish



## **Parish of Chandler's Ford: boundary and location of St Boniface and St Martin in the Wood.**

The parish is a large suburban parish of c.24,000. We have two churches, St Boniface (built 1904) on Hursley Road and St Martin in the Wood (built 1960) on Queens Road, which are about 1.5 miles apart. Both churches have been extended to provide additional halls and meeting room space and have excellent facilities.

Our electoral roll is 317. We are churches with welcoming and friendly congregations. There is a close, supportive and very effective parish leadership team, and the parish is richly blessed by having many gifted volunteers who use their gifts and time to contribute to its life and mission. The clergy and leadership team meet regularly for discussion, planning and prayer.





**Jesus said the first commandment is 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbour as yourself.' (Mark 12: 30-31)**

**Therefore as a parish we aim to:**

### **1. Love God**

- know and worship God.
- be Christ centred in all we do, growing in faith and rooted in God's Word.
- seek God's will for our lives, guided by the Holy Spirit.
- be committed to prayer, individually and corporately.



### **2. Love one another**

- be a vibrant all-age church family, characterised by creativity, thankfulness and joy.
- as family, seek unity and honour diversity in worship.
- be a community characterised by forgiveness, healing, restoration, acceptance, care and love.
- offer generous hospitality, welcome and friendship to all.



### **3. Love Chandler's Ford and beyond**

- encourage, enable and equip people for service and mission.
- share the Good News of Jesus with those we meet, both by our actions and words.
- be agents of social transformation, making a difference by joining in the building of God's Kingdom in Chandler's Ford and beyond.

