



St John in the Soke
with
St Martin, Winnall

**Annual Report
&
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31 December, 2018**

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Administrative Information

The parish of St John in the Soke with St Martin Winnall, in the diocese of Winchester, is part of the benefice of East Winchester, being partnered with the parish of All Saints Winchester with St Andrew, Chilcomb.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity exempted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served during 2017 are:

Priest-in-charge: Rev Mike Griffiths (from July)

Associate Priest: Rev Christine Smith

Ordinand: Jemima Lewis

Wardens:

Deborah Hobbs Vice Chairman

David Stirrup (until APCM)

Deanery Synod Representatives:

Vacancy

Benefice Safeguarding Officer: Debbie Cramp

Elected Members:

Paul Hamilton (until APCM)

Abi Sturgeon

Peter Eagling Secretary & Electoral Roll

Sue Skegg Treasurer (from September)

David Stirrup (from APCM)

Marr Sturgeon Treasurer (until August)

Hazel Southam from APCM)

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

Objectives and Activities

St John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. In addition to the church building and the churchyard, the PCC also has responsibility for the maintenance of two thirds of the graveyard on St Giles Hill.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

The church has 43 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, 29 of whom live in the parish. Average attendance for a typical Sunday Parish Eucharist, the major service of the week, was about 26 adults and two children, this number rising significantly at the principal festivals.

Review of the Year

PCC Report

The PCC met jointly with the PCC of All Saints four times during the year and once as St John's PCC. Topics for discussion and decision making have included:

- services, festivals and special events during the vacancy
- Lent course and Lent appeal
- compliance with new data protection regulations (GDPR)
- maintenance of St Giles Hill graveyard
- licensing service for Mike and Christine
- parish finances
- safeguarding responsibilities

Priest-in-Charge's Report

2018 was a year of transition for the parish served by the people who worship in St John's church.

I had been appointed as Priest in Charge (Interim) towards the end of 2017 but was not able to take up the position until the summer of 2018. This meant a significant workload for Rev'd Christine over the first few months of the year; ably supported by many others from the church family and for that I am most grateful.

These are exciting times for us here in East Winchester and as the worshipping community of St John's, we have a pivotal role to play. The recent introduction of a Winnall Messy Church, and increased engagement in the school and other community initiatives across the parish, bear witness to the transforming love of Jesus in

our community. It would be great to support these and other events and initiatives further.

As a benefice, we face a number of challenges over the next two and a half years to ensure that we are able to continue our regular patterns of worship in the years to come. My interim appointment speaks of the changes that are being seen in the Church of England nationally to ensure we (as it says in the ordinal) "proclaim the gospel afresh in each generation." We have begun the work of looking at our identity as St John's and that will inform our Mission Action planning over the coming weeks and months. Discerning something of what God is calling us to as a parish (and wider benefice) is an exciting task and one that I will enjoy continuing to work with you all on.

Thank you to everyone for your support over this last year. I am looking forward to hearing the stories of our encounters with the risen Jesus through our worship and our witness to our community over the next 12 months.

With every blessing,

Churchwardens' Report

David Stirrup retired at the APCM having served for 25 years. St John's took this opportunity to show their appreciation for his stewardship with gifts and words of thanks.

We are grateful to the visiting celebrants who supported us during the vacancy (Katie, Karen, Brian and Christopher) on those occasional weeks when Christine took a break. We have appreciated Jemima's preaching and leading of services too.

In July we welcomed Revd Mike Griffiths, Alix and family to the benefice. Mike's licensing as priest in charge was shared with Christine who became associate priest. The service started in contemplative style at St John's and continued at All Saints, full to overflowing with both congregations, schools and community and St Peter's Yateley.

At Christmas time, we had a wonderful candlelit carol service with choir. Messy Church also started up in December, meeting at Winnall School. This has long been an ambition for the Salvation Army and is a joint project between them, the parish and other local churches.

As always, thank you to everyone who contributes to our services (that's everybody then!), provides hospitality and helps keep our church and grounds in good order.

Fabric Report

We received the quinquennial report on the inspections carried out in 2017. There are essential repairs to be made to the roof, rainwater goods and stone, flint and brickwork. External ironwork and railings require re-painting and windows need attention. The PCC agreed

with the surveyor that the first phase of the works would concentrate on repairs to the south elevation.

We have improved church lighting by replacing metal halide pendant lamps with LED bulbs. These provide instant light and are environmentally friendly.

The tranquillity garden wild flower borders flowered beautifully this year. We continued our work to improve the north churchyard, adding a wooden bench kindly donated by David Smith and positioned for views over the city. We also applied to the diocese for permission to plant four Hampshire heritage apple trees to create a community orchard for all to enjoy.

Additions to the inventory – water boiler/mulled wine urn and churchyard bench.

Friends of St John

Another fairly quiet year for the Friends. Activities during 2018 included a concert by the Golden Consort and, as usual, the Advent Tea. The Friends also supported the very well attended discussion session with Kate Adie and Luke Harding.

During the year, David Selwood decided to step down as chair, being replaced by David Stirrup. The former was thanked for his service in that capacity over a number of years.

Financial Review

This year has been another challenging one which has resulted in a deficit on the year of nearly £6k. Our main source of income, the regular giving by individuals, associated tax relief, donations and collections at services have remained static. Other sources of income such as the hire of the church and fees that we receive for weddings and funerals have both dropped significantly.

There has been increased expenditure on the church resulting from the Quinquennial Inspection and the necessary overhaul of the lighting. Further work on the fabric of the building, especially the south elevation will need to be funded in 2019 as well as the associated professional fees.

Looking forward we need to generate a definite increase in income and address the on-going annual deficit.

Total income was £21375. Expenditure was £27291 giving an excess of expenditure over income of £5916.

We are keeping a total of £37393 in the Diocesan Loan funds.

Reserves Policy

Our total reserves, increasing with the closure of a number of now redundant charities, as at 31/12/2018 were £90187.

It is our policy to invest any fund surpluses with the Diocesan Loan Fund no 5110.

Approved by the PCC on March 12, 2018 and signed on their behalf by

St John the Baptist, Winchester

Income and Expenditure Receipts and Payments Account 2018

General Fund (Unrestricted)

Income and Endowments	2018	2017
Donations and Legacies		
Planned Giving	£13,192	£13,452
Collections at Services	£1,599	£1,853
Donations	£2,536	£1,806
Income Tax Recovered	£1,720	£1,926
Total	<u>£19,047</u>	<u>£19,038</u>
Income from Charitable Activities		
Fees (Net)	£787	£1,307
Total	<u>£787</u>	<u>£1,307</u>
Other Trading Activities		
Income from Hire of Church Building	£967	£1,815
Wall Safe and Other Income	£111	£117
Total	<u>£1,078</u>	<u>£1,932</u>
Investments		
Investment Income COIF Charities		£264
Investment Income DLF Loans Fund	£336	£80
Total	<u>£336</u>	<u>£344</u>
Other Income		
Sale of Trust Investments	£0	£1,232
Income for other charities	£127	
Total	<u>£127</u>	<u>£1,232</u>
Total Income and Endowments	<u><u>£21,375</u></u>	<u><u>£23,854</u></u>
Expenditure		
Expenditure on Charitable Activities		
Donations to Other Charities	£120	£970
Parish Share	£15,631	£19,731
Parish Administration and Administrator	£1,587	£962
Ministry Expenses	£213	£678
Church Insurance	£2,920	£2,639
Subscriptions	£120	£90
Heating, Lighting and Water	£1,471	£1,874
Worship Expenses	£243	£76
Fabric Maintenance	£4,986	£1,923
Total Expenditure	<u><u>£27,291</u></u>	<u><u>£28,947</u></u>
Excess of Expenditure over Income	£5,916	£5,092

Historic Trust Funds (Restricted)

Income and Endowments

Other Income		
Sale of Trust Investments	-	£62,844
Total Income and Endowments	-	£62,844

Expenditure

Expenditure on Charitable Activities		
Fabric Maintenance	-	£2,610
Total Expenditure	-	£2,610
Excess of Income and Endowments over Expenditure	-	£60,234
Brought Forward Balance	£60,234	-
Total Carried Forward	£60,234	£60,234

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31.12.18

Nat West Bank Account	£52,793.60
WDBF Loans Fund	£37,393.00
Total	£90,186.60

Represented by Fund

General Fund (Unrestricted)	£29,952.48
Historic Trust Funds (Restricted)	£60,234.12
	£90,186.60

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Current Assets as at 31.12.18

National Westminster Bank Account	£52,793.60
WDBF Loans Fund	£37,393.00
Total	<u>£90,186.60</u>

Liabilities

Agency Collections (Liability)	£617.86
Total	<u>£617.86</u>

Net Assets	<u><u>£89,568.74</u></u>
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Reserves

Starting Balance	£96,102.89
Excess (Loss on Year)	£5,916.29
	<u>£90,186.60</u>

Liabilitiess	£617.86
Total Reserves	<u><u>£89,568.74</u></u>