



St John in the Soke

with

St Martin, Winnall

Annual Report

&

Financial Statements

of the

Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31 December, 2015

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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 2013 are:

Rector: Rev Paul Kennedy, Chairman

Curate: Rev Margaret Scrivener

Wardens:

David Stirrup	Vice Chairman
Deborah Hobbs	

Deanery Synod Representatives:

Grahame Ford
Deborah Hobbs

Elected Members:

Felicity Harding	Parish Safeguarding Officer
Jonquil Hinds	
Elizabeth Proudman	Secretary
David Smith	
Paul Hamilton	Treasurer
Len Tatham	
Sabine Burningham	

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 48 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, is about 40, this number rising significantly at the principal festivals.

Review of the Year

PCC Report

The PCC held five meetings this year. From July, these were joint meetings of the two PCCs, All Saints and St John's. This has proved effective in use of clergy time and has provided the opportunity to share ideas and resources across the benefice.

Much of the PCC's attention has been given to the parish map (pMAP) process, agreeing on priorities for action and reviewing the suggestions produced by the working group. The PCC approved the pMAP in September.

We discussed the Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCIG) course and participated in an introductory session as preparation for it being run in the new year.

We have also been updating each church's health and safety procedures in order to make our premises as safe as possible for everyone and ensure that we meet the requirements of our insurers.

Other discussion topics have included the Lent course preparation, the parish magazine, safeguarding children and young people and reviewing charitable giving and mission links.

Rector's Report

In February 2015 our Deanery Synod agreed a framework for clustering allowing parishes to grow together, sharing resources and enriching their life in Christ. East Winchester was clustered with St. Faith's, the City Centre parishes and St. Matthew's; ten churches in all. This paved the way for a new pattern of ministry and my appointment, from Holy Cross Day, as Priest-in-Charge of St. Faith's while remaining Rector of East Winchester and Winchester Deanery's Area

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Dean. The other major ministry change was welcoming Christine Smith as our Deacon while Margaret Scrivener completed her curacy and is now our Assistant Priest.

This is a challenging and exciting time for East Winchester. Lay ministries are being further developed as traditional stipendiary priestly ministry is shared more widely. So, while the majority of Sunday services are clergy led, *Second Sunday* at All Saints' is led by our Licensed Lay Minister ("Reader" in old money) Sabine Burningham and Nicola Hutton. We have also developed a ministry of pre-consecrated communion being taken to private homes and are enriched by the experienced ministry of our retired priest, Richard Burningham.

Parish life is given a steer by the Parish Mission Action Plan (pMAP) passed by the PCCs in September 2015. This gave us the focus: *Putting the pathway of LOVE & PRAYER at the centre of our two parishes*. It also prioritises growth and so we have committed to the "Leading Your Church into Growth" (LYCIG) course. This started in 2016 and is being run across the parishes by a range of leaders. It is an example of how our growing together is a blessing. Another benefit of coming together is being able to offer East Winchester and St. Faith's together as a place of secondment. Sam Duddles has joined us for a couple of months reflecting the experience and support that our combined benefices offer.

Another identified pMAP priority is Re-imagining the Church and so we committed to starting Messy Church from early 2016. This we do with help from the Vineyard Church. Another Reimagining saw the start of *church@lunch* at St. John's where we share, discuss and pray while enjoying lunch.

It's a joy to be the Rector here and I'm especially grateful for the help and support of the PCC and wardens David and Deb, Mike and Simon. Some of our 2016 priorities will flow from our LYCIG review considering the financial and other resources with which we are blessed.

Churchwardens' Report

One innovation in our worship recently has been the practice of having only one joint service for the parishes of St John's and All Saints during the summer holiday period. These have been a great success, with both congregations enjoying the opportunities to worship together.

One note of sadness during the year has been the death of Len Tatham, a stalwart of St John's for many decades, as churchwarden, treasurer,

and ever present helping hand for whatever activity was required. Len's memorial service in the church was very well attended, and thanks are due to all those who helped to make it such a memorable occasion.

On a happier note, we were able to celebrate, again with considerable style, the ordination of Christine Smith, our erstwhile churchwarden, and to welcome her now as curate to the benefice.

Finally, the churchwardens would like to thank all those who help in so many different ways, either with cleaning, coffees, sides duty, serving, reading or leading the intercessions. The church could not function without them.

Planned Giving Report

The Planned Giving Scheme is remaining fairly constant. Although the numbers reduced because one member sadly died, and another is in long-term care, the numbers then increased slightly because we gained one new member.

This means that there are currently 26 members who give on a regular basis, either by weekly green envelopes, or by standing order, or by both.

As collections and wall safes donations can now be included in the tax repayment claim, these should hopefully give a slightly higher end of year amount collected of £4450 when the exact figures become available.

Fabric Report

This has been a year of relatively little action on the fabric front, the main activity being confined to the production of plans, and the obtaining of initial approvals, for the construction of a children's area underneath the tower.

Research has also been carried out into the possibility of returning St John's mediaeval turret clock to the church, which should hopefully prove to be a significant visitor attraction. This is again in the planning stage.

Day to day responsibility for the care of the fabric of the church has been taken up by John Gawne-Cain, which has helped greatly to facilitate the usual maintenance activities.

Friends of St John

Rather like last year, the Friends have had a relatively quiet twelve months. The composition

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of the committee has not changed. However, a very enjoyable baroque concert was organised and with the proceeds from this, donations at our annual Advent tea and members' subscriptions we have seen a modest increase in the funds available to help the church. It also seems that the activities of the Friends fit rather well with the aims of the current emphasis on growing the church. We aim to bring to our activities not only regular church members, but also those outside the church who rarely or never attend services. We are fortunate to have such a beautiful space in which to hold these events and this, coupled with our own persuasive powers may help to bring them back to join in our worship.

Children of St John's

Although the number of children attending remains small there is still a demand for a space where youngsters can play within the church and the refurbished play area is well used. The families who do attend are engaged and enthusiastic. After further consultation with them a plan has been devised to screen off this area with clear, soundproof doors to enable parents and helpers to see the service whilst not worrying about the noise of the children. Since all necessary approvals have been given we anticipate the completion of this during the next year. The speaker which was placed in this area will still enable everyone to hear the service which currently encourages vigorous timpani playing by the children during the hymns.

The age appropriate Christian books are used in the adjacent small vestry for storytelling. Three more adults have been DBS approved raising the complement to 8. Some families attend the "Small Saints" service held within the Benefice at All Saints on a monthly basis. During Lent we held child centred Church in the Afternoon sessions on a Sunday. Members of the congregation who have been trained and checked continue to support the local primary school and the Youth Club on the Winnall estate. No safeguarding issues have arisen this year.

Financial Review

Over 2015 St John's cost £128 per day to run.

We discovered a second Diocesan Loan Fund which has mitigated the shortfall in Parochial Fees and Share.

New legislation allows us to reclaim more gift aid from donations (an estimated £200 - £300) and the discovery of the key to the wall safe added £305 to the coffers.

Total income was £46775. Expenditure was £43325, giving a surplus of £3449.

We are keeping a total of £42127 in the Diocesan Loan funds.

The continued use of the church by the Chesil Theatre helps, and we also benefited from other hires.

Parish Share has been paid in full £28174. Clergy expenses amounted to a praiseworthy £341. We incurred £6118 in running costs plus £5603 in projects, repairs and tree work in St Giles' Cemetery. Donations were made to Bishop Tim's Syria appeal and the United Society project in Lesotho

Reserves Policy

Our general fund balance on 31/12/2015 was £3449.

It is our policy to invest any fund surpluses with the Diocesan Loan Fund no 5110, currently £5364

Grateful thanks are due to Catherine Thom, without whose support the treasurer could not function.

Approved by the PCC on April 10, 2016 and signed on their behalf by Paul Kennedy (PCC Chairman)

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GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS

	£	2015	£	2014
Incoming Resources from Donors				
Planned Giving	16,393.09		16,758.52	
Collections at Services	1,305.85		948.70	
Repayment	0.00		0.00	
Income Tax recovered	4,252.56		4,373.03	
Prior year adjustment	0.00		0.00	
		21,951.50		22,080.25
Other Voluntary Incoming Resources				
Donations	1,628.04		687.96	
fundraising	204.00		0.00	
Donations (restricted)	20.00		424.62	
		1,852.04		1,112.58
Income from investments				
COIF Charities	1,136.93		1,122.90	
Diocesan Loan Funds	245.25			
		1,382.18		1,122.90
Income from Charitable and Ancilliary Trading				
Fees and rent etc	3,173.00		2,995.00	
other income	130.50			
		3,303.50		2,995.00
Total receipts		28,489.22		27,310.73
other income not detailed above*				
<i>refunds (bank and JGC) & undefined payment</i>			2,477.88	
<i>designated fund from S Hewitt donation</i>			570.00	
<i>undefined collections</i>			596.06	
<i><u>some</u> of which coincide with funerals/baptisms</i>				
<i>Transfers from DLF</i>		11971.46		
Balance brought forward from 2014		6,559.67		
Prior Year Adjustment		-1,443.75		
			3,643.94	
			3,422.29	
		45576.6		34,376.96
 DLF Closing balance		42127.35		
Nat West Account Closing Balance		3,449.25		
Carried forward		45,576.60		

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GENERAL FUND PAYMENTS

	2015		2014	
	£	£	£	£
Grants				
UK Missions and Charities	390.90		387.12	
Payments from Trust Funds	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
		390.90		387.12
Work of the Church			347.00	
Diocesan Quota	28,174.00		21,500.00	
To Diocese---weddings, funerals etc	2,306.00		0.00	
Church Running Expenses	5,137.35		4,067.85	
capital - trees, architect, repairs	5,603.46			
Clergy Expenses	341.50		494.92	
Utilities	<u>981.64</u>		<u>746.67</u>	
		42,543.95		27,156.44
Administration	<u>391.00</u>		<u>100.00</u>	
		391.00		100.00
bank charges	0.00		173.73	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		43,325.85		27,643.56
Amount carried forward		<u>3,449.25</u>		<u>6,559.67</u>
		46,775.10		34,203.23
less adjustment at year end		<u>1,198.50</u>		
		45,576.60		
Winchester Diocesan Loan Fund				
St John's Account 5110		£5,364.03		£13,799.35
St John's Account 5170		£36,763.32		£40,054.21
NatWest Accounts		<u>£3,449.25</u>		
Total		<u>45,576.60</u>		

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