

# St Peter's Church, Goodworth Clatford

## 2019 Annual Report

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### OVERALL AIM OF THE PCC

We are an Anglican Christian community under the patronage of St Peter in the Diocese of Winchester. As part of the Anna Benefice with All Saints', Upper Clatford and St Mary's, Abbotts Ann, our parish strives to serve unselfishly all who seek the Lord and to provide a safe and nurturing home for prayer, worship, education and spiritual growth. Led by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the Eucharist we administer our life on behalf of the Bishop through the PCC and Priest-in-Charge.

### Administrative Information

The Church of St Peter, Goodworth Clatford, is part of the united Anna benefice with All Saints' Upper Clatford and St Mary's Abbott's Ann in the Andover Deanery of the Diocese of Winchester. The Priest-in-Charge is The Reverend Katrina Dykes, The Rectory, Upper Clatford, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 7QP (Tel: 07922 153 765) who leads the Ministry Team of The Reverend Nicky Judd and Lay Ministers Tim Tayler and Peter Eastwood. PCC members are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules and, in 2019, comprised:

**Incumbent:** The Revd Katrina Dykes

**Team Members:** The Revd Nicky Judd, Lay Ministers Tim Tayler and Peter Eastwood

**Churchwardens (ex-officio):** Mrs Jane Eastwood (until APM 2020), Mr John Milne (until APM 2020)

**Deanery Synod members:** Mr Peter Eastwood (until APM 2020), one vacancy

**Elected PCC members:** Mr Mark Haszlkiewicz (until APM 2022), Mr Geoff Scard (until APM 2020), Mrs Belinda Jones (until APM 2020), Mrs Louise Wodehouse (until APM 2021), Miss Hilary Ditchburn (until APM 2021), Mrs Becky Stevens (until APM 2021), 3 vacancies

**Co-opted PCC member:** Mrs Jane Drew (Hon Secretary).

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England (C of E). It operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is exempted by Order from registering with the Charity Commission. The PCC maintains a Standing committee which meets between full meetings of the PCC as required to transact PCC business subject to any directions given by the Council.

## ANNA BENEFICE bMAP19

In 2019 we agreed our Benefice Mission Action Plan (bMAP) with its objectives. By the end of 2019 we had achieved:

### ***bMAP Objective 1: Create opportunities and encourage people to grow in their discipleship***

We ran Alpha with 25 members in the Spring and The Prayer Course in the autumn term, with 43 people taking part in 5 groups. The groups created significant momentum and enthusiasm for growing in our discipleship. We had 30 people booked to go away together to Lee Abbey in Devon for a weekend in March 2020 (which was again a much-increased number on those who have participated in Spring Harvest and the visit to Iona previously). Sadly this was cancelled due to Coronavirus pandemic. Plans to develop the website were deferred to the Spring to allow our new administrator time to settle in.

### ***bMAP Objective 2: Continue to provide and develop pastoral care to in our communities.***

The Anna Benefice has become a member of UNITY – a voluntary sector organisation that supports and encourages community initiatives to enable Test Valley to have a strong and effective voluntary and community sector. Full voting membership is open to the voluntary or community sector, faith groups and social enterprises that provide a service in, or to, the Test Valley area. UNITY's monthly newsletter publicises activities in the Andover area and any funding opportunities that might benefit its members.

The benefice attended a consultation on 9 Oct when Andover Town Council sought advice on where it should prioritise its work for voluntary groups. We supported the suggestion from several organisations that it should provide on-line signposting facilities.

### ***bMAP Objective 3: Engage with children, youth and families***

A cross benefice team worked to plan and pilot a Café style church in All Saints church. Free of liturgy with modern worship songs and a high level of interaction and discussion, the context was informal and intergenerational. We have made an encouraging start and the intention is to have themed services every other month. Plans to start a youth group in Abbots Ann and run a parenting course were deferred until the Spring 2020 as there was been a delay in our youth volunteer getting her visa to come to the UK.

## PARISH MISSION

***Discipleship courses:*** These courses, including Pilgrim and the Bible Society courses, were run on a regular basis by members of the Ministry team and available to all members of the three churches in the benefice. This continued and has become well established with good attendance; with 12 adults and 15 children under 3 from all three of our villages who regularly attend. There are also a number of church members who help with refreshments, setting out and clearing up.

***Open the Book:*** This began in our benefice in 2018. A team have been trained by the Bible Society to take school assemblies in both Clatford (VA) and Abbots Ann (VC) Church of England schools using the material they provide. The team have begun monthly visits during which they enact a story from the Bible using props and costumes. The children have begun to really look forward to the team's visits and are getting to recognise the different members.

***Men's Café:*** Unlike women, men are not good at forming social networks and finding someone to talk to. The benefice started Men's Café in 2018 to create a place where any man could just come and chat during the day. It was thought this might be particularly helpful to men living alone or who were bereaved. Abbots Ann Village Shop provided an excellent venue: it had a couple of tables for customers, freshly baked scones and very helpful managers. It has never advertised Men's Café as a church-run event but people see it for what it is and appreciate the initiative. The normal monthly group has been 8-14 men, with the occasional female guest!

**Messy Church** takes place 10 months of the year and alternates between Abbotts Ann WMH and St Peter's Church. There is a core team who plan and provide the activities and a wider team of volunteers who join to run the sessions. The sessions are always well attended and attract a group of families who do not otherwise attend church regularly.

**Scouting and Guiding groups:** Members of the different groups that meet in Goodworth Clatford joined us for a service on Remembrance Sunday (St Peter's)/Father's Day (St Mary's), parading their colours and taking part in the service.

**Farming Community:** 2019 again saw a Family Benefice Barn Dance at Norman Court Barns. Many thanks are given to John and Caroline Moody for hosting it.

**Events:** A highlight of 2019 was the 75<sup>th</sup> year commemoration of the Doodlebug bombing of Goodworth Clatford. The church was very involved in working with Wendy Terry and in supporting the school to host an exhibition; refreshments were served and children conducted tours of the school and sang songs from the era. A special service was held in church which was attended by family members of the casualties who were very moved by the experience. A wreath was also laid at the Village memorial in the bus shelter at the hour the bomb would have hit the village.

**Pastoral Care:** Some members of the parish are unable to attend church due to sickness, infirmity or age. The Revd Katrina Dykes or The Revd Nicky Judd have visited all church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them, either at their homes or in hospital. Members of the Pastoral Visiting Team have also visited and supported residents of the village who have indicated they would appreciate this kind of contact to keep them in touch with church life and help them through difficult times. The addition of Cherry Milne as an administrative co-ordinator has greatly helped in keeping track of the growing area of ministry.



**Contribution of Volunteers:** We have a Benefice choir, bellringers, sidesmen and women, Sacristans, flower arrangers, church cleaners, coffee makers, Intercessors, Lesson Readers, Worship Leaders and Parish Visitors. The church continues to be opened on a daily basis.

**Fabric Management:** Repairs and modifications to the church and churchyard are controlled through the CofE faculty process which operates in parallel with Local Authority planning arrangements. Work is done by volunteers where possible or by paid experts.

**Policy on Donations and Grants:** St Peter's has chosen to make grants and donations to specific projects (like the school) when it can and to particular charities (like Christian Aid, the Children's Society and the Royal British Legion) through one-off collections.

**Church Attendance:** 2019 was a steady year with attendance at Eucharist and Holy Communion services being maintained. *Messy Church* has been very successful, with strong attendances and attracting many new families from the Benefice. Easter Day saw 82 adults and 15 children attend. During Advent there was a school service at which 125 children and 128 adults attended; and a crib service with 44 children and 79 adults. This year the carol service was held at St Peter's (who

alternate year-year with All Saints) seeing 102 adults and 16 children attend. On Christmas Day 44 adults and 4 children attended. St Peter's had 1 memorial service, 2 funerals, 4 burials of ashes and 3 baptisms.

**Electoral Roll:** One resident on the Electoral Roll has sadly passed away this year, and there are currently 65 members of whom 11 are not resident within the Parish. Should anyone wish to be included on the Electoral Roll please contact Elaine Price for an application form on 01264 361882. St Peter's is extremely grateful to the work of Elaine Price, Electoral Roll Officer, in this respect.

**Church Opening.** Volunteers continue to open and close the church on a daily basis and St Peter's is extremely grateful to all those who enable this to happen.

**Health & Safety Risk Management.** There again have been no health and safety issues throughout the year. A short review of the risk register took place and a full review will take place in late 2020.

**Way Inn.** In 2019 attendance was increased as the October lunch was reinstated which meant that finances improved. The Bank Balance as at 31st December 2019 was £894.96. We owe our team of cooks a huge thank you for producing such varied and excellent meals which are much appreciated by those who attend. Grateful thanks go to Pam Morgan who plays the piano and Peter Eastwood for the closing prayers.



**Bellringers.** The Bellringers continued to fulfil their main commitment as a group to ring for the Sunday services, several weddings, funerals and one or two memorial services throughout the year at All Saints and St Peters. They also increased their number of ringers in 2019 with both beginners and an experienced ringer joiner the group which is very encouraging. There have been several groups of visiting ringers including a peal rung at both churches and several quarter peals. Every year they have a visit from the local school where they try to introduce the children to the pleasures of bellringing. Their book sale at the August Goodworth Clatford Fete to raise money to pay for new ropes and small repairs was again very successful.

**The Benefice Choir.** The Benefice Choir continued to lead the weekly services in the three churches across the Anna Benefice. Membership remained consistent with previous years, and rehearsals continued to take place most Thursdays at St Peter's, Goodworth Clatford, between 7.45pm and 9.00pm.

**Clatford (CE) Primary School.** Clatford Primary School continues to be a popular school and one that is well respected. The children in their care continue to go from strength to strength. The school performs above national expectations in all aspects of its work, which is a credit to the dedication and hard work of the staff and the eagerness of the children to learn. It remains important to them that they look after the whole child including a child's wellbeing. Through their core Christian values of Love, Respect and Belief they seek to enable their children to Learn and Grow Together to develop their 'whole' unique individual potential as a member of their Clatford Family, whilst nurturing a lifelong love of learning within a caring, environment. They have had a particular focus on supporting children's mental health. This included a Hello Yellow Day for mental health where everyone enjoyed dressing up and saying positive things to each other to help them all feel valued. They always support national anti-bullying week as it is important that children feel able to talk about their worries. The children were great at showing kindness to each other. They worked together to write a booklet to help their families at home understand what to do if they have a worry.

One of their main successes over the last year was to have some of their children's work exhibited in the National Gallery in London. The whole school took part in the Take One Picture project. Each class produced differing pieces of art and some writing which was submitted. It was quite an honour to have some of their work chosen out of so many schools in the country.

In the summer the whole school enjoyed inviting the local community in as part of the World War 2 commemorations to have tours of the school, to see an exhibition and have afternoon tea in the hall. Some of the children sang war songs and had some of their work displayed.

The school has been working hard at being more eco-friendly and trying to help the children to understand the impact they have on their environment and the world around. They have tried to instil in the children a sense of stewardship. As a result of their activities the school have successfully achieved the Eco Schools Silver Award. The Eco Council are very keen and often give presentations to the school to remind them of what they can do to help. Some year groups were fascinated by David Attenborough and thought about ways they could save our oceans.

The school also has a focus on helping others. Each year group has a charity that it supports as part of their learning, eg adopting a sloth as part of a rainforest topic, providing support for donkeys, adopting a penguin to help save Antarctica or selling rice to support the fair trade rice growers of Malawi. In addition, they brought in food for Andover Food Bank to support local families in need and year 4 used the food they had grown in the school garden to put on a successful soup kitchen which raised a lot of money for the local charity. The children are amazing at coming up with differing ways of showing support for others. These activities helps them get a real sense of being a global citizen. We want our children to believe in themselves and aspire to be the best they can be and they really appreciate all the support they receive from our local community, Revd Katrina and her team.

## **DEANERY SYNOD REPORT**

Three Deanery Synod meetings were held during the year in January, May and September.

A number of courses were run in the deanery – Alpha courses at Wallops, Anna and Downs, and Bible Society courses in Knights Enham and Pastrow. Anna also ran Pete Greig's Prayer Course. A number of parishes had also registered as Eco churches and were working towards the bronze award.

At the start of the year work on the Pioneer Hub based at Knights Enham was moving forward but sadly it was eventually shelved because we had been unable to appoint a Pioneer Minister who would have worked outside the local church using outreach and evangelism to build new churches.

The Diocesan Deployment Plan paper, put together after consideration of all the information gathered at the many meetings, was considered at the Diocesan Synod meeting in October. Conference will make decisions regarding the Deployment Plan and various results will follow with specific plans and actions over the next 5-10 years. While this was happening our own DMPC plan would remain on hold.

Rev Alex Randle-Bissell updated the trial of Benefice of the Future in Pastrow which was moving away from the title of BoF and concentrating on Developing the Family. Seven projects were in progress at present, and re-branding was in progress. The Retreat Centre at Tangley was moving forward with five retreats this year. Future governance was being investigated – how can you manage so many PCC's in one benefice, when it is hard to find churchwardens and church officers. A Chapel of Ease pilot was being looked at where local people looked after churches. Pastrow also found that they were being overwhelmed by funerals.

A Half Night of Prayer was held at St Thomas's Charlton in March but has now been discontinued due to lack of support. The Deanery Confirmation Service was well attended locally but was not well supported across the Deanery.

In September Rev Phil Dykes gave a succinct talk about the Bishop's Commission for Mission Programme, including how the project had been initiated and developed and what streams were available. To date the programme had trained 321 people comprising 97 Pastoral, 152 worship, 5 Evangelism, 6 Growing Faith and 61 Children, Youth and Families.

In his reports Area Dean Rev Trevor Lewis asked members to try and make Deanery Synod meetings more relevant and progressive by offering ideas. 2019 saw a full revision of electoral rolls, and the Diocese reminded us that names only must be displayed but not addresses. It was also now a requirement that all PCC members need to be DBS checked, and all PCC members were encouraged to complete the basic Safeguarding Training Course which can be carried out online.

Lay Chair Andrew Kent reminded Synod of the Four objectives of our Deanery Plan and said that progress was being made but more work needed to be done. The aim of developing more lay ministry was going well but we still needed more candidates for BCM programmes. Chapter were focusing on identifying ways of getting people to consider vocations. Developing a viable structure for rural ministry was temporarily held up as we waited for details of the new Diocesan Deployment plan. At a meeting with bishops Andrew Kent had made the point to Bishop Tim that he will need to trust the laity with significant parts of his responsibilities and the laity need to be involved and used. Encouragingly, Bishop Tim acknowledged that we need to change significantly in order to bring forward the Kingdom of God. He has said that we need to be brave, creative, do the undoable and break the mould. Decisions will be made at Diocesan Synod which will affect us in Andover Deanery, benefices and parishes. pMAPS and bMAPS were due soon and Trevor advised that we should not attempt too much – do a few things really well!

On Deanery Finance Michael Coleman regularly reported progress on the Common Mission Fund and said it was really good to see where we were compared to a few years ago, and Pamela Woolgrove updated balances on our Deanery Current and Overseas accounts. At a meeting of the Standing Committee because we had a considerable balance on the current account, Pamela had suggested that we should not ask parishes for their annual contribution this year and Deanery Synod approved this motion unanimously.

New to the deanery were Rev Chris Bradish, Rev Simon Robertson and Rev Sam Scott (all St Mary's Andover), and Rev Tom Etherton (Pastrow). Two "Time for God" youth workers from Cameroon and Uganda were also welcomed at Pastrow and Anna benefices.

Among those leaving us were Rev Peter Gilks and Rev Sandra Williams who would be greatly missed. Trevor said that it might be 9-12 months before appointments could be made to these two clergy

vacancies due to possible Diocesan Conference decisions. The sad deaths of Sue Smale and Clive Judd were reported and a minute's silence was observed by Synod.

It was noted that Bishop David did not wish to be held to the following insert added to the May Synod minutes under the Deanery Update section. "In response to a question from Andrew Kent, Bishop David indicated that, following the promise to the Diocese of central funding, he no longer needed to come on a 'raiding party' to rural parishes to transfer ministers to urban parishes."

Good News from the Parishes continued to highlight the wide range of events taking place right across the deanery, including Messy Church, Holiday Clubs, Harvest meals, Advent Challenge, Kid's Club, Open the Book, concerts, a Pilgrim's Walk and a Painting and Drawing Day.



## CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

**Overview:** There has been great stability in services and congregations during the year, with new initiatives being well received. The bible courses have been highly successful and Messy Church is likewise going extremely well. The pilgrimage to Iona was much enjoyed by those who made the trek to the outer isles, and small parties went to Wintershall for their summer and advent plays. Monthly meeting of Churchwardens still occur as do the worship team meetings- both of which add greatly to harmony in the benefice. The Churchwardens are hugely grateful to Lyn Woods who has given up organising the flower rota after many, many years. They are pleased, though, to welcome new volunteers who have come forward to help with flowers.

They were also pleased to welcome a new 'crew' of young mums who are cleaning St Peter's room.

**Fabric:** The 5 yearly inspection of the church fabric took place in the early summer, and while tis a result here is a long list of things to do nothing is too urgent or major. During the year more trees were pruned and the additional stretch of pathway was completed. Access to the church is now very well provided for from all directions.

**Social & Fundraising:** The trip to Iona was very enjoyable and gave participants a chance to contemplate quietly if they wished, but also gave them the opportunity to get to know fellow church members which was greatly appreciated by all concerned. The Patronal Festival was low key for 2019, as a big event was being planned for 2020 with open gardens, cream teas and so on. A Safari Supper is also planned for 2020, due to popular request. The Harvest lunch was held in St Peter's room and much enjoyed by those who attended. Our most grateful thanks, as ever, to Jane Drew for organising yet again our annual fete which is our main fund raising event of the year. We are hugely grateful for all Jane does, the event is superbly organised and well attended and raised £3,500 for St Peter's, and more for other local charities and organisations.

*NB: At the time of writing this report, we are in lockdown, so sadly, many events that were planned for 2020 will not now take place.*

**Thanks:** St Peter's PCC would like to give their wholehearted thanks to all those who help in any way at all with the running of St Peter's. There are so many people who help with organising rotas, cleaning, flowers, bellringing, sidesmen, Worship Leaders, choir, opening and closing the church daily, reading the lessons, undertaking a myriad of odd jobs around the church, help with the graveyard; it is really appreciated.

The churchwardens are most grateful to Katrina, Nicky, Tim and Peter for all they do for St Peter's and its community, not only leading worship but also contributing to the life of the church in many other ways, including visiting people, leading bible groups, pMap report, supporting Katrina in all she does. To that end the PCC thank Phil Dykes as well for his help with understanding the pMap process and helping out with our services. We appreciate the whole team's hard work.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Overview:** For the financial year end 31 December 2019, St Peter's managed to pay its requested Parish Share in full, and increased its reserves. However, this was entirely due to the substantial increase in the value of its investments which will have dramatically reversed since the year end as a result of coronavirus outbreak.

**Regular Finances:** Total regular income rose from £41,000 in 2018 to £44,000 in 2019, with a continued upward trend in voluntary giving. Income from events and activities saw a fall of £1,000 as 2018 had benefited from the success of the Romsey male Voice Choir concert. Other income was also down with a substantial reduction in fees with no weddings taking place and a significant fall in the number of funerals. Total regular payments before Parish Share rose by £1,000 entirely as a result of the tree works necessary in the churchyard. The surplus of regular income less regular expenditure remains well below the level that would normally allow the payment of the requested Parish Share in full. However, in view of the level of the general reserves, the PCC approved the payment of the full Parish Share request of £33,380. Of this amount, £5,234 was provided from the general reserve.

**Reserves Policy:** During the year the PCC considered the issue of the appropriate level of reserves to be held, and any action necessary to deal with any surplus, and prepared a plan for the future. Subsequent to the year end, with the uncertainties caused by the coronavirus outbreak and consequent suspension of services and decline in the value of invested funds, the PCC decided that it would be prudent to re-examine the position once some degree of normality was restored.

**Funds:** As noted above, £5,234 was deducted from the General Reserves from the operating deficit for the year. However, investment gains of £11,173 enabled the overall level of the general reserve to increase to £65,724. As noted above, subsequent to the year end these investment gains have more than evaporated. There was little movement in the value of the various restricted funds which, at the year end, amounted to some £27,000.

**This Annual Report was Approved by the PCC on 6 October 2020 and signed on their behalf by The Revd Katrina Dykes (Priest-in-Charge).**