

APCM INFORMATION AND APPENDICES

ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Parish of **CROOKHAM** in the deanery of **ALDERSHOT** in the diocese of **GUILDFORD**.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a meeting of the parishioners to be held at Christ Church on Tuesday the Fifteenth day of September 2020 at 7.30 pm for the purpose of electing churchwardens. All persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish and all persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING held at Christ Church on Tuesday the Fifteenth day of September 2020 following the election of Churchwardens.

APCM Agenda of business

Church Representation Rules P9, section 9:

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 - a) A report on the Electoral roll.
 - b) An annual report on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish generally. This should include a statement of compliance with safeguarding
 - c) The financial statements of the PCC for the year ending 31st December preceding.
 - d) A report on fabric, goods, and ornaments.
 - e) Deanery Synod report.

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Election of deanery Synod reps, laity reps to PCC, and appointment of independent examiner.

Nominations may be made and seconded either before the meeting in writing or at the meeting.

For the election of parochial representatives of the laity, to serve three years, as follows:

to the Parochial Church Council **SEVEN** representative.

All persons whose names are entered upon the church electoral roll of the parish (and such persons only) are entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.

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AOB. Anyone on the electoral roll may raise a question, discussion.

Section 11

Each vacancy is voted on by everyone except the minister.

By show of hands, or, if there is an objection to that, by signed voting papers.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 2019-20

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL Church Registered Charity Number: 1132174

The Parochial Church Council is a body of persons comprising the Parish Priest(s) and Curate(s), Churchwardens and a requisite number of other parishioners. Some are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, others are ex-officio. The Council has legal status and, under the chairmanship of (usually) the Incumbent, is entrusted with the spiritual, legal, financial, pastoral and missionary functions of the parish. It shares the privileges and responsibility of making certain decisions with the priest, and in return it co-operates with the priest in the whole mission of the Church. A parish is obliged to assign a number of persons as representatives of that parish on the Deanery Synod, which meets several times in the course of the year. The Parish of Crookham is within the Aldershot Deanery. The Parish and Deanery lie within the Diocese of Guildford.

Standing Committee

The PCC has a Standing Committee of not less than five persons. The Minister and Churchwardens are ex-officio members of the standing committee with the addition of at least two other PCC members. The Standing Committee has power to transact the business of the council between the meetings thereof subject to any directions given by the council.

Sub-Committees

The PCC is divided into Sub-Committees in order that the parochial affairs may be run smoothly. They have no executive powers apart from the main council body. Other parishioners may be co-opted on to these sub-committees. Many members hold other offices within the parish.

Our Parochial Church Council 14 April 2019 to 15 September 2020 comprised:

The Reverend Steve Franklin Vicar (Chair) Joined Christ Church September 2018

Church Wardens

Jane Ash Churchwarden (Vice Chair PCC) 2017
Chair Standing Committee
Member Buildings & Churchyard and Pre-School Management
Committees
Ex-officio member of all other committees

Adrian Coldridge Churchwarden 2019
Chair Social Committee and Building & Churchyard Committees
Member Standing and Pre-School Management Committees
Ex-officio member of all other committees

Ex-Officio

Avril Cross
(LLM) Member Standing Committee, Worship & Youth Committees
Member TCTL Strategy Group

Mark Cross Hon Treasurer
Member Standing Committee, Fundraising Committee and
Chairman Pre-School Committee

Rosemary Fox Member Worship & Youth Committee

(LLM)	Management (PSM), Buildings & Churchyard Committees
Lucy Roose	Aldershot Deanery Synod representative (2017) Member Worship & Youth Committee
Ryan Taylor	Aldershot Deanery Synod representative (2017)

Elected

Linda Ayrton	Elected 2018 Member Fundraising Committee
Cedric Dowe	Elected 2017 Member TCTL Strategy Group House Group Leader, Christian Aid Coordinator
Barry Goring	Elected 2018 Deputy Churchwarden Member Buildings & Churchyard Committee
Nigel Hare	Elected 2018 Planned Giving Officer
Martin Holmes	Elected 2018
Jane Hooker	Elected 2019 Member of Fundraising Committee
David Pooley	Elected 2017 Member Standing Committee.
Matthew Stapleton	Elected 2017 Member TCTL Strategy Group, Worship & Youth Committee
Philippa Taylor	Elected 2019

Elected Casual Members

None

Co-opted Members 2019/2020 (Co-options must be reviewed annually):

Helen Anderton	Co-opted 2019 (Safeguarding Officer) Member Worship & Youth Committee
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PCC Secretary

Sandra Hare	Parish Administrator Member Pre-School Management Committee
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REPORT FROM ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER FOR THE APCM 2020

In accordance with parish practice the Electoral Roll for 2020 has been updated from the 2019 roll, in accordance with guidelines from the diocese.

The new Electoral Roll, which has been displayed in the church for inspection since Sunday 30th August 2020.

There are 154 names on the Electoral Roll for 2020, 139 people are resident within the parish and 15 people live outside of the parish.

No names shall be added to the list for inclusion on this year's electoral roll. Any applications received after the closing date will be included on the electoral roll for 2021.

Judith S. Roberts

42 Northfield Road, Church Crookham, GU52 6ED

6th September 2020

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AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PARISH GENERALLY.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We held five Social Events in 2019. These were the Summer Fete, Harvest Breakfast, Barn Dance in October, Quiz in November, and the Christmas Fayre. We also provided refreshments for both the Graham Hix Concert, in November, and the Christmas Carol Service.

For the first time, the Fete included a Fun Dog show and attracted 120 paying adults and dog owners (who had free entry). We raised a total of £1087.27, for the Naomi House Hospice Charity.

Harvest Breakfast was attended by 38 members of the congregation, and the Barn Dance by 37 (which included a number of non-church goers).

The Christmas Fayre included three craft workshops – Advent Candle floral displays, Christmas cake and biscuit decorating, and craft and sand activities for both children and adults. These, together with Gifts, Books, Raffles, Christmas Floral displays and Refreshments made a profit of £650.23 for Church Funds.

Social Committee events cannot succeed without your participation and support, for which I am most grateful, and would not take place without the dedicated efforts, over many years, of my committee: - Eric Barnfield, Sue Foster, Michèle Axton, Georgina Peacop, Val Burrows, and, more recently, Philippa Taylor.

Adrian Coldridge, Chair.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The first inspection of the Church and Church premises was carried out by Jane Ash, Churchwarden and myself in January 2019. We found all the areas to be in an uncluttered and clean state and that the fridge freezer contents were all in date apart from one banana which was discarded. The cushion box at the back of the Church had been repaired and the missing tile in the Le Froy room had been replaced. All the plasters in the First Aid kits had been replaced by me as they were out of date.

During the second inspection in April we found all areas to be clean and tidy and uncluttered, but we did find fruit in the kitchen fridge to be well past its best before date. These items were dumped in the bin. The Kitchen First Aid kit was moved from inside a high cupboard where it will be more accessible.

Jane Ash and I carried out the third inspection in August and found the Nave to be a building site as work is being carried out to replace damaged edging in the Altar area. The area is cordoned off correctly and safely and the remainder of the Church was found to be tidy and free from trip hazards.

Jane and I carried out the fourth inspection at the end of September with our Safeguarding officer Helen Anderton. We considered the Church and offices to be clean and tidy and we were pleased to see that the work in the Altar area had been finished and cleared away,

The final inspection of the year was carried by Jane Ash and myself in January 2020 and we noticed a couple of problems that need to be rectified..

- 1 replace white tape on steps--- now done
- 2 repair hinge on Vestry hall door--in progress
- 3 repair power socket in tea station -in progress
- 4 ensure fridge temperatures to be filled in log --now being done

We only had one entry in our accident book this year, A lady was taking a short cut from the Church North door to the office when she slipped on wet grass. She did not require any medical intervention.

Eric Barnfield, Health and Safety Officer

SAFEGUARDING

Following some high profile cases last year the church has again reviewed and improved its procedures for Safeguarding in the Church of England. At Christ Church Safeguarding continues despite still facing low level resistance, based on lack of understanding.

Training has been updated, with a Core 0 level being reinstated two years after being phased out. This basic or Foundation level training, which I would encourage everyone to do, is very simple and consists of an online viewing followed by a brief questionnaire. Anyone who holds any position in the church is recommended to do this training, to raise awareness of safeguarding issues and how to support people. Foundation training is now mandatory for all members of PCC. Being a member of PCC is a responsibility and holds certain duties – the training helps members to exercise that responsibility.

Further training – Leadership, needed by people in certain positions [e.g. Youth / Children’s leader, Safeguarding Officer, Wardens, etc] – is available as Face to Face training and courses run almost every month around the Diocese so it is not difficult to access. If you have a position in the church and are not sure which training you need to do, I can confirm your level, or it can be found on the Diocese website under the Safeguarding training section – “Which Training should I attend?”

DBS checks have continued and online DBS checking is now standard, with those undertaking it finding it very simple. The only issues now are applicants trying to find their birth certificate, which is far harder to achieve!

Safeguarding is overseen by the Representative, with one case raised this year, but it is everyone’s duty to protect and support all users of our church, our parish and our community. I thank everyone who has shown their support for this vital work.

Helen Anderton (Parish Safeguarding Representative)

The Council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016(duty to have due regard to House of Bishops’ guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

2019 was fairly busy in the first part of the year, we held a quiz night raising £83, a curry night raising £235 and the Family Funday which brought income of £901 and a profit of £575.

Unfortunately, we had a reduction in volunteers for the committee and whilst we started the year with a team of 4 we have ended the year with a team of 2.

We hope for another successful year in 2020 and pray for the continued support of the PCC, congregation and community. We are actively looking at events for 2020 and new volunteers to both join the committee and help at events. Our first event for 2020 is the quiz night in February and unfortunately due to the coronavirus the only event we have been able to do this year – but we are hopeful for things to change. Many thanks. **Laura Roberts (Chair)**

PARISH MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION

Parish magazines are delivered widely across our parish and numbers remain steady at approx. 200, plus many more being supplied by local shops: - Northfield Road Stores, Zebon Copse Spar and Sainsburys on Crookham Park. Sadly Crookham Village Shop who kindly sold the magazine for us for many years closed last year and so the magazine is now only available by delivery in Crookham Village.

Subscriptions remain at £5 if paying by cash or by bank card in the parish office, but we have had to increase the payment by cheque to £6 to cover the £1 charge the bank levies on each cheque paid. Fortunately our subscribers have been very understanding about this, with no complaints received to date. Postal distribution to advertisers and friends of the church who are not local stands at 13 magazines per month.

I am very grateful to all who continue to deliver the magazine and collect subscriptions. Particular thanks this year to Jean Davies and Mike Saunders who have stood down from delivery, and to Karin Robinshaw and Georgina Peacop who have taken over from them.

Helen Anderton

CHAT CAFÉ

Chat Cafe is held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Lefroy Room, from 10 – 11.30 a.m. for coffee, chat and maybe knitting or other crafts. We welcome everyone, whether church members or not. It is usually attended by a core group of ladies, but we would like some men, if only we could find them!

We have a lovely time, usually putting the world to rights. We do not charge, but donations are used for Church projects or charities.

Update: Since the start of lockdown obviously there has been no Chat Cafe, nor will it be re-starting before Christmas. Maybe the new year will bring a resumption of all the activities we had before, who knows?

Janet Baker and Linda Ayrton.

CHRISTIAN AID

We had a good year overall with total proceeds of £1487 compared with £1406 in 2018. These are made up of our proceeds in Lent and in Christian Aid Week in mid-May. We are in fact the only local church contributing to Christian Aid as part of our observance of Lent. For this tradition in the life of the church we are indebted to Jane Clark who hosted five 'soup lunches' in her home year on year until she gave up in 2018 for reasons of health. Last year we kept the tradition (with two courses of soup, rolls and a light dessert) by 'tacking' this on to two of the Thursday eucharists taking place during Lent. As such there was no obligation on those attending to make a donation to Christian Aid, they were simply free to do so. At the same time those not attending the lunches (for whatever reason) had opportunity to do so at the Church services on the adjacent Sundays. This drew a fine response, boosted no doubt by the current Emergency Appeals for Southern Africa where Christian Aid had ongoing work. Here are the figures:

Proceeds for Christian Aid in:	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Lent	£335	£673
Christian Aid Week	£1071	£814
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	£1406	£1487

During the year it became clear that Christian Aid, like other charities, had to make efficiency savings, with staff redundancies in this country and a reduction of nearly 50% in the countries in which it works, albeit with a deeper investment in those that remain. One significant factor has been the decline in the house to house collection here in Fleet and Church Crookham and over the country as a whole. Our local Christian Aid Committee, reviewing all this, has agreed that this year's house to house collection will be the last. Other current fundraising activities will continue.

No doubt most good souls who give to Christian Aid do so out of simple humanity. At the same time it seems to me good that we remind ourselves of its theological underpinning. I hope the 'Remember the poor' series in our Parish Magazine that began in October has served that aim.

Cedric Dowe

CHURCH CHOIR

The church choir usually sings on the second and fourth Sundays of every month, plus on other key dates in the church calendar. Rehearsals take place on the Friday evening prior to the service. There is also a short rehearsal immediately before each service. Choir member Mrs Ann Dakin leads the choir when Carolyn Bodiam is unavailable.

Membership remained stable, with about 20 members. We regularly sing in 4 part harmony.

During the coronavirus restrictions the choir has continued to be active. Members record the music in their homes and all recordings are then edited together by choir member Miss Rebecca Bodiam. We continue to provide pre-recorded music now that services have resumed in church.

The RSCM has recently provided guidelines to enable a small choir to resume singing in church. I am currently exploring how we can safely return to singing during services.

Carolyn Nicholls, Choir Mistress.

FACCTS

Fleet and Crookham Churches Together in Schools (FACCTS) is a local organisation created by Churches Together in 2002 to share the Christian faith in local schools. It started with a single Schools Worker and has grown to three paid Schools Workers and over 50 volunteers.

FACCTS works in 11 of 12 State schools in Fleet and Church Crookham, reaching 2,500 children each year. In primary schools, FACCTS runs "Open The Book" assemblies in which a Bible story is acted out followed by a short explanation and prayer. There are also lunch clubs in all of the Junior schools (two clubs a week in some schools), Prayer Spaces for prayer and reflection and "Bake Through the Bible", a club that involves baking something related to Bible story.

For all the children in Year 6 (11 year-olds) in Fleet and Church Crookham, FACCTS gives three presentations. The presentations explain the real message of Christmas and Easter, with the third presentation helping with the move to secondary school. At Christ Church we host the Year 6 Christmas and Easter presentations for Church Crookham Junior school. In both local senior schools, FACCTS runs two Christian Unions a week, Prayer Spaces, Outdoor Club, RE lessons and assemblies. The FACCTS team also run a coffee morning for staff, to provide refreshment and to get to know them.

A new activity for 2019 was a very successful Youth Alpha course run after school during the summer term. Between 15 and 30 young people from both Senior schools attended each week; all enjoyed the sessions and all but one reported they had either come to faith or had grown in faith.

FACCTS is governed by all local ministers and a team of Directors drawn from six local churches; Mike Gibbons is the Director from Christ Church.

FACCTS depends on volunteers to run Open the Book, clubs, activities and Prayer Spaces, as well as on donations from churches and individuals. Above all, FACCTS depends on prayer. If you would like to help, pray or give please contact Mike Gibbons or visit <http://faccts.org.uk/index.html>

Mike Gibbons

CHRISTCHURCH FLOWER TEAM REPORT

Our team of 15 ladies were very busy throughout the year producing wonderful arrangements for our Church for all to enjoy. I thank them sincerely for their generosity of time & flowers. Three of us assisted Pat Webb to provide flower arrangements for a Wedding here on 4/05/2019 & we received lovely thankyou letters from the Bride & Groom. Following this event & having arranged Wedding flowers at Christchurch for many years Pat decided to retire from this role. We thank her very much for providing this service which also involves a lot of background work around planning, meetings & trips to buy flowers. Within the flower team we have several members who are prepared to work together to provide flower arrangements for future Weddings at Christchurch if requested and given plenty of notice. Christchurch Flower team were asked to produce a design for Dogmersfield Church flower Festival on 22nd & 23rd June 2019, the theme being the Victorian Era. Christchurch agreed to generously give us £75 for the project. We visited the Church to identify a suitable area for a design and consequently Eileen Palmer and Pauline Babister produced two wonderful black Penny Farthings decorated with flowers which were placed on blank white walls above the choir stalls. They were stunning. I have to thank Alan Babister, Pauline's husband, as without him the "mechanics" of the Penny Farthing would not have been possible. Dogmersfield Church were delighted with the turn out to the Flower festival & the money they consequently raised. We continue to have occasional donations from members of our Congregation, requesting flowers as a Celebration of an Anniversary, or in Remembrance, & we are very happy to do this.

The Christmas Fayre found the team producing Christmas Table arrangements to sell on our stall & we had several people attend our Christmas flower workshop which was great fun. Environmental issues are very topical & important & as a response to this we have stopped using the green OASIS which does not bio-degrade. Instead we have purchased a new brown coloured OASIS which is 50% bio-degradable. Increasingly we are trying to make arrangements using chicken wire & pin holders, reducing the need for floral foam. We rounded off the year with a Pot Luck supper at my home – a good chance for a catch up as surprisingly when we are busy arranging flowers we don't get much chatting done! We look forward to another busy year ahead & welcome any new members to our team....the more the merrier! God Bless.

Angela Clarke

HOUSEGROUP

2019 was our second full year of operation. As before, we began at 8 p.m. and closed at 9.30 p.m., with bits and bobs of conversation continuing a little longer. We kept our simple format of welcomes over light refreshment, a brief opening prayer to gather us together, to call to mind God's mercies and remember absent friends; a vigorous engagement with the Biblical passages or theme under study; a brief time of intercessory prayer, and a closing blessing. This time our programme included a detailed survey of Ecclesiastes - whose writer was a stumbler after truth in quite modern mode - and an examination of Apostleship as set forth in the Gospels and demonstrated graphically by St Paul. We welcomed a new member from another church who plays a full part in the group. Not all of our members are able to attend

meetings but we endeavour to keep them in the loop. We are a diverse and caring group and will gladly welcome others who wish to 'try us out'. Our contact points: myself (622978) and Mike Gibbons (624408).
Cedric Dowe (Housegroup Leader)

MOTHERS' UNION

After a very quiet year, with dwindling membership it was with great reluctance that we decided the only thing to do was to put the unit in to abeyance. Maybe someone with some energy might come along who could start it up again in the future.
Helen Parberry

THE MUSIC GROUP

The Music Group has played for 10.00 Third Sunday Family Services throughout the year, and in addition has played for both the combined Crib and Christingle service on Christmas Eve. Members of the group have also accompanied the singing in the new Cake Church services, which began in December.

We retain the line-up we have had for the past few years: one singer, two flutes, one violin, three guitars (including one bass guitar) and keyboard, and now also have the services of an oboist on occasion. Members of the group lead the singing of the responsorial parts of the Family Service, and we have introduced a new Kyrie Eleison to replace the Gloria during Advent and Lent.

The change in 2019 to non-Eucharistic services has led to a different balance of words and music in the service, and we have been introduced to new repertoire by Revd Steve Franklin. We look forward to the introduction of the new Ancient & Modern hymn book during 2020, and hope that it will give us renewed inspiration.
Ros Fox

C.A.M.E.O.

Cameo was a meeting mainly for single people and was started by my wife Gillian who took the job of phoning people to come to the meeting however fewer came and I didn't carry on and let it drop
Brian Barker

CHRIST CHURCH PRE-SCHOOL

There have been some changes to our Pre-School since the last APCM meeting in April 2019. On 20th May 2019 Ofsted arrived to inspect our Pre-School after a gap of just over four years since our last inspection. We are delighted to report that the Pre-School achieved Outstanding in all areas, that is, in Effectiveness of leadership and management, Quality of teaching, learning and assessment, Personal development, behaviour and welfare and Outcomes for children.

The whole team worked extremely hard, dedicated to ensuring we continued with our Outstanding status, proud of how we have developed and that we have continued to improve. Trends in inspections have shown it is not always an easy task to maintain Outstanding! So well done to the whole staff team! Obviously, the key beneficiaries of this recognition are our children who continue to have a loving, secure and happy educational experience.

Our staff team sadly saw Zena Stewart retire at the end of the summer term 2019 to pursue other ventures which leaves seven members of staff at this time.

Numbers of children at the start of the Autumn term 2019 were lower than normal due to 29 children leaving us for school at the end of the summer term. The very full classes for the summer term inhibited us from recruiting younger children for the following academic year as there were no vacancies available. As such there were fewer children than normal in the

Autumn term. Currently, we have 37 children on roll currently with 8 due to start after the Easter break in April 2020.

The lower numbers of children will obviously have an impact on the overall income from the Pre-School for the 2020 year, although this is compensated to a certain extent by the lower staffing level.

Heather McCarthy, Pre-School Manager; Mark Cross, Chair Pre-School Management Committee

CROOKHAM CE (AIDED) INFANT SCHOOL

Love God, Love Others, Love Learning.

We wish to thank the parishioners of Christ Church for their ongoing support and close partnership with Crookham Infant School and are delighted to share with you all some of the highlights from the last year.

Crookham Infant School is an EXCELLENT CHURCH SCHOOL

We were thrilled to have the hard work and dedication of parishioners, staff, governors and pupils recognized by statutory denominational inspection during the academic year. The school was awarded the highest possible certification as an Excellent Church School with the inspector noting:

“Led by the school’s vision and values, pupils’ behaviour is excellent and relationships, are very positive. The emphasis placed on wellbeing and mental health is strong and effective. Staff morale is high because everyone feels respected and supported. Pupils are highly motivated, attentive and thoughtful learners. They make good progress in the core subjects of English and mathematics. RE is exceptionally well led and this results in excellent professional learning across the school.” SIAMS June 2019

The full inspection report which outlines the school’s many strengths, as well as areas for further development, is available to read on the school website.

Irresistible Curriculum and School Events

We continue to regularly review our curriculum offer to ensure that our pupil's benefit from learning experiences that are irresistible and as a result make full use of our attractive learning environment both indoors and out. Through rich and engaging topics our pupils develop the life-long learning skills of resilience, resourcefulness, reciprocity and reflection, represented for them in the characters of Tortoise, Squirrel, Ant and Owl. A few of our curriculum highlights are listed here:

Sporting Excellence: We continue to benefit from our partnership with 66Coaching to deliver high quality Physical Education in team games, dance and gym. Our pupil's have excelled in a number of competitions including a Reindeer Run, Camo assault course, Kangaroo and Koala Crawl and recent Pancake races. As well as refining their sports skills our pupils make a positive difference to the local and global community in their fundraising, for WWF Australian Bushfire appeal and Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice as examples.

Forest School Outdoor Learning: Our pupils have worked hard this year towards the RSPB Gold Award, and have thrived in activities which promote engagement in Science and Technology. Enrichment learning has involved projects on the Rainforest and on travel to Space, with educational visits to Wyld Court, Milestones and a number of impressive visitors including Wonderdome Planetarium and the Birdman Birds of Prey bringing learning to life.

Celebrating the Church Year: Our informal Reception Year Crib Service was a successful first this year, with parents and children relishing the opportunity to dress up in a retelling of the Christmas story. Alongside more traditional nativities we also presented a live animal nativity with the support of donkeys, sheep etc. from Miller’s Ark Animals. Our Year 2 pupils are growing in confidence in leading worship effectively as they have demonstrated in weekly Collective Worship and in services for Remembrance, harvest, and other key festivals and occasions.

Achievement

Our pupils consistently perform extremely strongly in their end of key stage assessments, against the Hampshire and National averages, with a very high percentage of pupils reaching the national expected standard or exceeding it. Reading and Phonics continue to be particular strengths of the school, preparing children so well for the challenge of the Key Stage Two curriculum. We continue to encourage our pupils to aim for excellence in all that they do and to truly live life in all its fullness.

Thank you to Reverend Steve for his valued contribution and to all at Christ Church for your support over the year.

Katharine Bowen, Headteacher

SUNDAY SCHOOL – A report from JAM and Jelly (Jesus And Me) and (Jam not yet set)

2019 had an increase in the number of children from semi-regular to regular basis. We have managed to gain new families who all seem to enjoy the light-hearted way in which Jesus and God are explained to them, so that the children understand and retain the information that they are taught.

Our number of volunteers has changed, we have two full time leaders with 2 reserves and 3 helpers. (this has already increased by 2 more helpers for 2020)

We successfully organised the Mother's Day posies and 300 daffodils were used and given out to all ladies on Mother's Day.

We also collected just over £140 for the Childrens Charity of the year The Rainbow Trust.

Events

Mother's day helpers produced 75 posies for distribution on Mothering Sunday, which were appreciated by all who gave and who received them.

Pancake tea was held again this year and was an amazing success, watching the children work out how to weigh and measure and then cook their own pancakes was quite the experience. They then had the privilege of serving some of the pancakes to some of our older congregation members. It was lovely to see all participants enjoy and help each other.

In the autumn term Harvest pictures were made and displayed. For the Remembrance Day, we explained how the Royal British Legion helps serving and ex-serving military personnel with the money that is raised. The Advent Rings were popular, at least 10 rings were made. A great Sunday morning for all who attended.

Conclusion

Another good year for Sunday School with a steady base of children attending, albeit a little erratic at times. Sunday School is continuing to grow in its ability to help the church community in lots of different ways.

We hope with Steve's leadership that 2020 will continue to grow and that as the children age they continue to join in and that new families come and give us a try. **Laura Roberts**

CHRIST CHURCH YOUTH CLUB

At the PCC away day after our last APCM one area which was identified for us to develop was youth work, an area in which previously we had offered activities but at the current time had nothing to offer teenagers in our parish.

Steve approached me to set up a Youth club aimed at year 10 - year 13 children [ages approx. 13 – 19], and, knowing some of our teenagers and their incredibly busy lives, I suggested that rather than attempting a weekly term time club, which I knew would not be well attended, we should offer a club which meets predominately in the school holidays, when our young people don't have the pressures of school or college work, and their other clubs and commitments are in abeyance. Steve and I therefore started our Youth Club in August 2019,

initially with three meetings during August, but with the long term aim to meet in the evening once a month during term time and during the day in the school holidays as often as possible.

We started with half a dozen teenagers and now have nine young people taking part. Participation is by invitation at the moment until we become more established, and this maintains the ethos of the group. Our aims are to give the young people somewhere to chill, have fun and discuss moral issues. So far we have tackled pizza, pitta pockets, fair trade and our purchasing decisions [much chocolate was involved], and played table tennis, gone bowling and done a texting treasure hunt around the parish. We collect subscription of £2 per session, which we used to pay for the bowling, and Steve runs a tuck shop too.

We hope that the Youth Club will grow in numbers and ambitions. Our next aim is to attempt some fundraising for charity, event and good cause to be chosen by the young people. Although we don't do Bible readings or talk about God we hope that by having discussions on moral issues we are nurturing our young people and helping them to become more responsible and caring people, who can grow spiritually as they mature.

Helen Anderton

VICAR'S REPORT APCM 2020

Factual

From March 2019 – March 2020, we sustained a high level of activity, especially with the service of 'night prayer' run by Michele Axton, and the service 'Cake Church', with many helpers. Ros Fox's 'Theological Book Club' has filled a valuable niche.

The annual services were well attended, especially The Christmas events, and it proved useful to have two sittings for the Christingle.

The mothers union have unfortunately decided to discontinue their meetings, as have Cameo, And the future of the toddlers remains uncertain.

We had started to form and train a team for Home communion, and more people had volunteered for leading intercessions.

Thanks

I would like to thank all those who have given of their time, effort, and money to make this Church thrive.

The PCC and Parish office holders (including Mark the treasurer, Nigel Hare, for planned giving, Barry and Jenny Goring, Subcommittees and particularly the standing committee in the Covid times.

All who have contributed to chat café, job squad, confirmation revisited, the housegroup, the circle of prayer, the choir, the music group, bell ringers, Sunday school, and youth group. The flower arrangers, Gill and her team of sacristans, Malcolm and his team of acolytes and vergers, Matt Stapleton and the other editors of the magazine. All who have read, interceded, and participated in our services, especially Hugh the crucifer and Derek the organist. Cake ministry, a work of friendship and generosity was initiated by Ruth Chatley and brought in others. The Summer children's activity in 2019 was successful, and thanks to all who took part. (I must apologise to all those whom I have neglected to thank!)

Particular thanks should go to Sandra, Jackie and Ruth who have delivered a great deal of work in administration.

COVID 19

From March 2020, everything changed with the lockdown suddenly being imposed. We missed the services at 1:00 Sunday, but after this short break, picked up with online services. It has been a time of learning for all of us, particularly learning about the Internet. It has been

important to maintain as much communication as we can, and Mike Gibbons phone in fellowship for example has been much appreciated, as is the efforts of all who have contributed to the online services.

Vision

My vision for our Church is to see it as if it were tree. This tree has its roots deep in the ground, in the past, drawing strength from its traditions. It's central trunk is its worship, its reaching for God. The Church sends out contacts and outreaches in all directions like branches. The tree is something which speaks of growth, more than it speaks of change.

This season of COVID-19 has been like a period of drought, which has inevitably killed off some other plants; and yet this tree still stands.

Challenge

We are not expecting things to get better quickly .

The challenge for the future is for us to continue to be flexible, ready to adapt our plans according to circumstances .

We also face the challenge of patiently sustaining our faith, remembering that we do this together.

The life and growth of our church depends on each of us; there is for each of us something to contribute to that organism.

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FINANCIAL REPORT – PLEASE SEE SEPARATE DOCUMENT.

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A REPORT ON FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE

There were a number of notable repairs and new items added in 2019.

A defibrillator was fitted to the Jubilee Annex Building, a Faculty was not required.

The Annex and Parish Office were redecorated, and new flooring was laid.

An Altar Frontal cabinet design was presented to the DAC for approval and a Faculty was granted. The Cabinet was built and fitted into the area of the old office.

The old Altar Step masonry had been become worn, and a Faculty was requested for the replacement of the old step with new stonework. The Faculty was granted. The Mason, who was engaged to complete the work, selected stone of the same colour and type as the original and produced a high quality repair which was carried out with care and attention.

The design of the South Vestibule door glazing, in memory of Ken Riddler, was sent to the DAC together with a Faculty request, which was granted. It is hoped that the approved design will be made and fitted during the summer of 2020.

In 2020 the Church's Quinquennial Building Inspection will be conducted. Two Architects were interviewed for the position of QI Inspector and Mr Adam Hieke of Nye Saunders Ltd was selected. The Inspection is due to take place in the summer of 2020. The Church Logbook (which details repairs) and the Inventory (assets) have been updated in preparation for the QI. In the last few years, we have experienced difficulties with the heating boiler. The underlying problem now seems to have been resolved and the Heating System is working.

The Church Clock has had issues with both time and strike, but after several attempts to resolve the problems, and a steep learning curve, the Clock is now re-aligned with GMT. Jan Coward and her Job Squad team have continued their work in the Churchyard. Their monthly work of mowing, raking, weeding and lopping has maintained the Grounds to a high standard. Her team has also ensured the protection of the rare plants within the Churchyard. My thanks to Barry Goring and Derek Gutteridge for their help enabling successful completion of several projects, and submission of documents associated with Faculties.

Adrian Coldridge, Chair.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DEANERY SYNOD

Three Deanery Synod meetings took place between April 2019 and April 2020 – in June and October 2019 and February 2020. Revd Steve has attended these with me and my co-Synod Rep, Ryan Taylor. Meetings usually consist of regular business as well as an update on the vacancy/appointment situation across our Deanery and each meeting usually has a specific focus. We have a new Area Dean - Revd Mark Hayton from All Saints Church, Fleet. Jane Lees (St Philip & St James, Fleet) is the new lay Chair and Carolyn Ford (St Philip & St James, Fleet) is to shortly take over as Secretary.

In June we met at St Mark's, Farnborough. After a long period of vacancies, we were advised that all vacancies in the Deanery had been filled and we had a cluster group discussion with parishes local to ours. Discussions included pulpit sharing (which has since taken place between us and Fleet parish) and the possibility of joint open-air worship.

October's meeting took place here at Christ Church. We were advised of a pioneering new "health centre" chaplaincy service soon to begin at the Aldershot Centre for Health and the rest of the meeting consisted of a discussion between churches local to one another about how they could share wisdom and practice in missional work in the local community.

February's meeting was an open meeting with a guest speaker from the Diocesan Environmental team who spoke to us on the subject of climate change, the urgency of our response and what we as churches can do about it. We were encouraged to consider signing up to Eco Church and a lively discussion on global climate change took place.

Meetings also include Diocesan and General Synod updates as appropriate, although the most recent took place during the week of our February meeting so details are not yet available. Further details are available on the General Synod website.

Deanery Synod meetings are always beneficial for seeing church in a wider context and for learning from the experiences of other churches in our area.

Lucy Roose, Crookham Deanery Synod Representative