

CHURCH WARDENS REPORT
APCM MEETING SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2020

We began the our last APCM report in April 2019 by describing the previous 12 months as a " year of change and consolidation ". Little did we realise the dramatic events that would shape our lives in the subsequent eighteen months covered in this report

Our focus in the first half of 2019 was the recruitment and appointment of Revd. Shane Wood who joined us on 1 July 2019. Our thanks to those members of the congregation who helped with Shane's recruitment and on- boarding We are particularly indebted to Jim Dwelly for his organisation of clergy cover prior to Shane's appointment.

Despite the postponement of our building projects, we have continued to maintain the Fabric of our church with "as needs" work based on Health & Safety requirements and the protection of parish income. To this end, the Hall lighting has been significantly upgraded but the plan to replace one or more of the Hall doors has been postponed. Given our limited resources, further fabric expenditure will be assessed on a case by case basis.

Following Shane's arrival, we were delighted to appoint Heike Heath to lead our children's and young people's ministry.

The Wardens were supported by Ruth Bruce, our Parish Administrator who, alongside her other voluntary activities, was responsible for a significant uplift in our Church Hall income. A successor to Ruth was recruited in March 2020 but the appointment was eventually cancelled in the light of church closure.

Both Heike and Ruth were placed on furlough during the Church closure and we thank them for their continued voluntary contributions in this period

Both Wardens attended Lay Leadership and Safer Recruitment Training in 2019

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
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Throughout 2019, many activities continued successfully. Our thanks to the following:

The Pastoral team of Ali Cruthers, Louise Lewis, Jan Hardy, Cloe Dwelly, Jim Dwelly and Mary Herbert. Our Lunch Club and Social Team led by Val Atkinson & Jan Hardy respectively. Our Youth Group leaders Cathy Wise and Ali Cruthers and our Lay Readers - Eric Craig and Mike Hawkins. Successful Ssh Free Services were led by Kate Pinhey, Tracy Hammill and Charles King.

The backbone of our church is made up of volunteers who undertake their daily, weekly or monthly duties as sidespeople, chalice assistants, readers, grass mowers. In particular, we would like to recognise Jane Jennings who leads the flower arrangers, Sue Shaw our Sacristan, our Choir and regular organist - Angus Cunningham, Cloe Dwelly for Rota management & Martin Horsey our Sexton. Last but by no means least, Gerald Smith for his wonderful displays at our major festivals

Our thanks also to Karen Bowles our Treasurer and the Finance team - Christopher Roshier, Steve Clunn, Simon Charrington, Suzanne Burrows and Gordon Wratten.

The Wardens have been ably supported by both the Standing Committee & PCC

In the first quarter of 2020, two events significantly impacted our church and the wider community.

In February, Shane was diagnosed with a very serious medical condition which has required extensive and on - going treatment over the last eight months. The latest news is that his most recent biopsy results have been positive, and he is waiting for a round of " maintenance " treatment beginning in November. His desire to resume his duties as soon as possible thereafter will be tempered by his continued recovery and the COVID 19 situation at that time

Following Diocese instruction, our church & church hall was closed on 24 March 2020. The only exception was to support the running of foodbanks but even then, under strict limits. All planned events in the Church & Hall were cancelled or postponed. Despite the challenges presented by these exceptional circumstances, we are delighted to report the following:

Our church was opened for private prayer on 15 June. Ahead of other churches in the area, Sunday services began on 19 July and have been very well received. Current COVID restrictions have limited the congregation to c 30. After a few initial technical challenges, we have improved the online access to these services. Our thanks to Michaela for her leadership in getting these services started and to the team of sides - persons, readers, intercessors, and our Sacristan who have made them possible

We have been extremely fortunate to have secured the support of Revd. Jonathan Andrew until end November. In addition to leading our Sunday worship, Jonathan has agreed to preside at any Occasional Offices - Baptisms, Interments, Funerals etc. during this period.

We are delighted to report that the Youth programme continues via weekly Zoom meetings, on occasions being joined by other family members. Once again, our sincere thanks to Cathy Wise & Ali Cruthers for their leadership & support

Our Volunteering initiative begun in March has been very well received. While most parishioners were simply happy to be contacted, others have requested specific help for support with shopping & medication. Our thanks to Kate Ellis, Ali Cruthers, Louise Lewis, Kate Pinhey, Cloe & Jim Dwelly, Ruth Bruce

In partnership with East Elmbridge Foodbank, we have placed boxes at the front of our church every day for donations of basic tinned / dry food items. Additionally, All Saints volunteers have made ad hoc emergency deliveries of food boxes in support of the Foodbank's regular deliveries in our area

A further 35 sponsored bricks were laid this month, yielding a profit of £2,500. Thanks to Joy Tilbury for her leadership of this successful initiative

The All Saints church website & Newsletters, edited by Charles King, have played an important role in staying in touch with our congregation and the wider community.