

# **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

(For all those on the Church Electoral Roll of the Parish)

The following reports are issued in preparation for the APCM of St Paul's Church in Tongham, which will be held at 2pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

- 1. Churchwardens Report
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# 1. Churchwarden's report 2021

Churchwardens: Mrs Margaret Murray

Mr Phil Treherne

This will be a very strange report as last year's APCM was not held until October – so this basically covers only 6 months! Which fits in well with the very strange year we have all had.

Things on the Churchwarden's 'To Do' list at time of writing include:

Gutters

Ramp (nearing completion)

**OSH** Quinquennial report

Church quinquennial report – pretty much done

Stonemason's work on walls

Clock Tower

The ditches and drains around the church and churchyard – and the Old School - are under control and are regularly monitored. We have a gardener who cuts the grass in the church yard, and he also strims and tidies the churchyard, as well as some volunteers who clear round the graves. This year, we plan to ask if he can dig a French drain round the apse area of the church. (Eagle-eyed souls may have spotted the flaking paint indoors, near where damp was encroaching.) Thanks must be given to Tongham Parish Council, who contribute up to a maximum of £650 for churchyard maintenance on an annual basis. On a personal basis Phil and I would also like to thank the Maintenance team – unsung heroes the lot of you! So much gets done guietly and without fuss behind the scenes.

We want to thank all our hard workers; the refreshments team, the Flames and Ignite teams, 'Exploring' Events leaders, the welcome team, the service leaders team, the music team, the sound team, readers, parish visitors, Coffeeplus team, Messy Church, the prayer group, flower rotas, brass cleaning, the maintenance team, the Events team, the Deanery Synod reps, Café church, the Treasurer, Greg Milne, and his team, and Sue Treherne for opening and closing the hall in all weathers. There are so many

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people to keep our church working that we may have missed someone – if so, apologies, and know that you are very much appreciated. The 'Tech team' are also due a massive thank you – we REALLY could not have managed without you all! A lot of effort from a lot of people has gone into keeping the activities of the church running, and the congregation feeling connected, despite the lockdown – so thank you all.

Although most of our activities pretty well ceased due to the Covid-19 crisis, we hope to restart our normal activities soon and will be eagerly seeking new volunteers – especially for the Welcoming teams on a Sunday morning, making tea/coffee after church (own up – who was heard to say she wasn't missing the washing up...?) and Events, as we have all lost much of our confidence in this area! So if this is something you feel you could do, or help with, please PLEASE speak to Margaret, Claire or Nicki who will be only too happy to rope you in - and to help you. The visiting team have been marvellous in keeping in touch with, most especially, people living alone, by phone, email, or visit (socially distanced).

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the PCC, especially Sally Banks the PCC secretary, to Alison Pickles our cleaner for all her extra work protecting the church and the hall from infection, and to Wendy Blight for her wonderfully organised administration work in the office. They contribute hugely to the smooth running of the church in so many ways, socially, financially and worshipfully.

We would also be very pleased if some deputy wardens would like to step forward. Margaret will have done her 6 years and therefore will retire from April 2022 (forward planning, as usual!) and Phil expects to be busy in the next years so extra support is really needed. It would be great to have some experienced people to take over. Do have a good think about it – we would be delighted to work in teams or as mentors to any willing volunteer. And honestly – it is very satisfying to be a warden.

As usual, and in so many ways, Claire Holt our vicar deserves a huge thank you for all the work she carries out in the Church and in the community. Claire has told us all that she found all this filming, recording and social media a huge challenge and was out of her comfort zone. All we can say is, it didn't look like it and we are very glad to have had you with us, Claire! Well done.

We must also mention the possibility of working closely with St Peter's, Ash and St Mary's, Ash Vale in the future. The intention is to formulate a plan for the three churches to work together to provide better community support for all three parishes for years to come, which will provide benefits for all three churches whilst costing the Diocese less money. Rest assured that Claire will have more information on this important matter, and will keep us all updated in the months and years to come.

Margaret Murray

Phil Treherne



### 2. PCC Report 2020

#### **Administrative information:**

St Paul's Church is located in Poyle Road, Tongham, GU10 1DS and is within the Aldershot Deanery of the Guildford Diocese. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a 'charity exempt from registration' with the Charity Commission.

#### PCC members in office at the time of writing are:

Vicar: Revd. Claire Holt

Wardens: Mrs Margaret Murray (since 2015) Mr Phil Treherne (since 2018)

Deanery Synod: Mr Kay Tauschwitz (elected until 2023) + 1 vacancy for 2 years

Elected members (in October):

- (until 2023) Mrs Sally Banks, Mr John Clifton, Mrs Charlotte Palmer-Ladd
- (until 2022) Mr Sean Kavanagh, Mrs Janet Sturt + 1 vacancy for 1 year
- (until 2021) Mrs Susan Young, Mr Greg Milne (Treasurer), Mrs Wendy Blight

Ex-officio: Dave Welch

#### Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of Elected Members conforms to the requirements of The Church Representation Rules (2011 revision) whereby all Church attendees must register on the Electoral Roll for 6 months minimum and may then seek election to the PCC. Usually members are elected for three years (and may serve for six years before resting for a minimum of a year) ideally with three members being elected each year as three retire (but they remain eligible for re-election if they have not completed six consecutive years on the Council). Reaching the end of their term this year and now standing down are Bill and Rutton.

We are very grateful for Mrs Susan Treherne for keeping the books up to date and getting the accounts ready for auditing. **Objectives and activities** 

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with Vicar: Revd. Claire Holt, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical). The PCC also has freehold ownership and maintenance responsibilities for The Old School (beside the Church in Poyle Road) which serves as the Church Hall.

#### **Church attendance**

There are now 86 names on the Church Electoral Roll. Average weekly attendance at the main Sunday service over the whole of 2020 was difficult to be sure! We have had people attend on zoom, YouTube, website and Facebook!



#### Review of the year

#### PCC:

During this year we have continued to adapt and respond to the changing situation with Covid-19 and the restrictions imposed. We have endeavoured to comply with the guidelines from the government, the Church of England and the Diocese. Ensuring we carry out risk assessments and consider our responses carefully to both changes to the law and advice given.

We have also seen the builders begin to build the ramp, starting in December, after 4 years! We had hoped that this would be completed by the end of March; but due to adverse weather and a delay with some supplies of materials it is not quite finished. This gives a visual statement of our focus on welcome and inclusion and we are delighted that when we reopen the church, access will be easy for all. The porch is also much improved, being reinstated to its original design and with extra windows, it has much more light coming in. The extra insulation and curtain heater will also mean that is will be effective in helping to keep the church warm.

Financially, we have finished the year in a good position, all things considered! We continue to increase the ramp fund with some generous giving and hope to know the final amount needed for this project soon. We have had a significant reduction in income from hall bookings, but this has been partially mitigated by reductions in costs.

We do need to keep an awareness that our Parish Share will go up significantly in the future and need to be future proofing ourselves. We are beginning a budgeting process and will be sharing our thoughts on stewardship and we plan to continue to apply for a grant towards the cost of our Community Worker; but will need to contribute to this funding too.

The maintenance team have continued to ensure the church is safe and repairs are carried out. We have already tackled some of the list but will look at bigger areas for repair once the ramp is completed.

We support financially Phyllis Tuckwell, Nepal Mission via CMS, Blythswood Care and with our gifts Step by Step and the Food Bank. We have also supported a number of local families with additional food supplies for school holidays and additionally, when needed. We have been able to develop our links with Blythswood Care through linking to a project in Romania for a service each term and learning more from Balazs, joining in with fundraising events and there was a fantastic team involved in sorting shoe boxes (with the additional challenges of Covid regulations!)

Recycling collections have had to be on hold, though lots are dropped to the Vicarage, ready for a big sorting session soon!

A huge thank you to all on the PCC – we have good meetings (also on zoom!) and benefit from the contributions of all who are there. A particular thank you to the wardens – it has been a challenging year and they have given a lot of time and energy into supporting a range of areas of church life! And a huge thank you for all their support for Claire.

#### Parish Life:

Our Children's Team has been fantastic! We are hugely grateful to the team through 2020, and especially Pam, who leads the team. They have risen to all the challenges from Covid and continued to support families with Sunday break-out groups, quizzes and links to some great webinars (see additional report).

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"Exploring Christmas", "Exploring Easter" and "Exploring Summer" – which Karen, Nicki and I lead has gone online, like everything else! We have given out lots of packs, shared with some on zoom and made videos for others to join in their own time!

The Hub meets in Sunday evenings for older teens, lead by Dave Welch with a great team. They have had a few sessions in person, but again mostly via zoom. Much pizza eating, conversation and chat takes place!

Café Church has been on hold, while we can't meet in person, but we have some ideas for when we can restart!

Messy Church has also gone online – we have found facebook the best place for videos for this service. We give out packs and in March took the decision to give out a pack to every child in the school! This meant we put together 120 packs – a huge thank you to Carl who helped with printing and Charlotte Gray for putting them together! It has been very successful, and we have had extras sign up for Exploring Easter as a result. We think packs will be used for quite a while longer, as it is a service that has worked well in this format.

Baby Plus has managed to continue online – with mum plus discussions and toddler plus story telling. Unfortunately, we have not been able to have Coffee plus, our toddler group all year. (see additional report)

Fellowship Lunch and Jamboree have also had to stop this year. We will need to review what we do moving forward as restrictions are lifted.

In terms of pastoral care, St Pauls is a remarkable Church family, and a very great deal of friendship, help and visiting goes on all the time – long may this continue! But in particular, a huge thank you to the pastoral care team, who do a fantastic job trying to make sure no one gets missed, wherever possible. We added new people (PCC members and others) to this group so that we contacted as many people as possible through the lockdowns in particular. Thank you for all the phone calls and doorstep visits!

In addition, last year was especially challenging for weddings and funerals. All prebooked weddings were postponed, although 2 weddings did take place. And some funerals were taken, but with restricted numbers.

#### A huge thank you:

- To Wendy in the office, who has coped so well with all the changes, especially with bookings (or cancelled bookings!)
- to all volunteers at all our activities. We continue to get new people and visitors commenting on how welcoming the church is (and that includes those who have joined us on line from around the country and even abroad!) keep it up!!

# 3. Finance Report 2021

Treasurer: Greg Milne

Parochial Church Council of St Pauls, Tongham Treasurers report for the 2020 financial year

#### Well that was the year that was!

#### **Headlines**

#### **Full accounts**

Income		91,623		124,048	-	32,425
Expenses	-	81,078	-	73,050	-	8,028
Net surplus		10,545		50,998	-	40,454
Normalised accounts						
Income		62,034		76,177	-	14,143
Expenses	-	69,204	-	72,319		3,115
Net (loss)/surplus	-	7,170		3,858	-	11,028

### **Explanations:**

The normalised accounts have been adjusted to remove "one-off" entries such as the Gift aid recoveries, ramp funds and other grants as well as associated costs.

Normalised income has reduced mainly as a result of hall related activities being down £5k and activities income (weddings and funerals) being down £7k.

Voluntary giving has remained static which is really good news in 2020.

Also expenses have actually reduced, mainly down to lower costs relating to weddings and funerals.

PLANNED GIVERS	2020	2019	2018	201 7	201 6
Number of tax efficient planned givers	21	22	23	21	25
Number of other planned givers	10	13	15	12	5

<sup>-</sup> Breakdown of annual tax efficient planned giving

Annual giving range	Number
£0 to £500	9
£501 to £1,000	5
£1,001 to £1,500	1
£1,501 to £2,000	3
Over £2,000	3

- the church's bank balances have also increased

Bank balances	2020	2019
CAF Bank - Deposit	4,681	15,613
CCLA - Deposit Fund	76,291	75,968
CCLA - Fabric Fund	47,197	26,620
	128,169	118,201

Restricted funds have reduced as a result of the ramp works beginning and our employing a community care worker

Restricted funds	2020	2019
Ramp	59,914	64,862
Other	4,699	6,798
	64,613	71,661

### The not-so-good news

- the Parish Share is still going to go up and our church needs to be in a financial position to pay it.

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Interest		974.67	90,608.42	48,238.94	48,777.4
			6,040.00		
Church Activities Income		472.52	679.37	472.52	679.
	Childrens Work Church Groups	527.34 1,377.36	1,024.36 1,989.25	527.34 1,377.36	1,024. 1,989.
	Funerals	2,868.00	5,185.00	2,868.00	5,185.
	Weddings	1,847.00	5,281.00	1,847.00	5,281.
Total Church Activities Income		6,619.70	13,479.61	6,619.70	13,479.
Activities to Generate Income					
	Church Events	668.51	1,069.45	668.51	1,069.
	Ad-Hoc Hall Hire Regular Hall Hire	750.50 4,224.00	1,635.25 9,304.00	750.50 4,224.00	1,635. 9,304.
	Parking	1,060.00	1,232.00	1,060.00	1,232.
Total Activities to Generate Income		6,703.01	13,240.70	6,703.01	13,240.
TOTAL INCOME		91,622.75	124,048.10	62,034.17	76,177.
EXPENSES					
Giving to Other Organisations		3,625.00	3,625.00	-	3,625.
Parish Share		44,430.96	43,221.00	44,430.96	43,221.
Maintenance					
	Church Roof Repairs Church Maintenance	456.25	1,041.48	456.25	1,041.
	Churchyard Maintenance	2,194.50	1,400.00	2,194.50	1,400.
	Hall Maintenance	3,586.22	1,957.92	3,586.22	1,957.
Total Maintenance		6,236.97	4,399.40	6,236.97	4,399.
Resources		471.09	727.51	471.09	727.
Running Costs			-		
	Baptisms	23.32	68.79	23.32	68.
	Communion Expenses	-	123.35	-	123.
	Incumbent Expenses Insurance (Church and Hall)	595.51 3,064.59	1,212.65 2,920.24	595.51 3,064.59	1,212. 2,920.
	Kitchen Consumables	278.52	631.40	278.52	631.
	Wake Up and Shake Up Expenses	9.69	50.51	9.69	50.
	Weddings and Funerals Bank charges	762.00 93.85	3,326.40 60.00	762.00 93.85	3,326. 60.
	Dalik Charges				
Total Running Costs		4,827.48	8,393.34	4,827.48	8,393.
Staff Costs (includes admin, cleaner, ve	erger)	6,982.30	4,273.50	6,982.30	4,273.
Training		-	30.00	-	30.
Utility Bills (includes Gas, Electricity, W	/ater)	3,795.08	4,591.89	3,795.08	4,591.
Admin (sundries, postage etc)		415.67	503.05	415.67	503.
Fund Raising Expenses					
	Church Groups	642.93	1,241.26	642.93	1,241.
	Children and Youth Work Expenses Special Events	1,221.86 179.85	1,217.90 95.20	1,221.86 179.85	1,217. 95.
Total Fund Raising Expenses		2,044.64	2,554.36	2,044.64	2,554.
New Building Work		8,248.85	730.81		
TOTAL EXPENSES		81,078.04	73,049.86	69,204.19	72,319.
OVERALL TOTAL		10,544.71	50,998.24 -	7,170.02	3,858.
		10,544.71	50,550.24	7,170.02	3,030.
CURRENT BANK BALANCES					
CAF Bank - Deposit		4,680.93	15,612.61		
CCLA - Deposit Fund		76,290.92	75,968.34		
CCLA - Fabric Fund		47,196.85 <b>128,168.70</b>	26,620.28 118,201.23		
		220,200.70	220,202120		
OF WHICH RESTRICTED FUNDS Ramp		59,913.65	64,862.34		
Other		4,698.88	6,798.18		
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		63,556.17 128,168.70	46,540.71 <b>118,201.23</b>		



We are now signed up to the "Parish Giving Scheme" which is an established service for managing Direct Debit donations, designed to support churches to fund their mission and ministry. We have 5 signed up users – it takes less than 5 minutes to set up and go. To sign up just:

- Go to https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/ (or call 0333 002 1271)
- Search for your Parish just put in your postcode and it will show up signed up churches in the area.
- Select "Tongham St Paul"
- Sign up with your e-mail to create a new account
- And you're good to go to set up a Direct Debit, which you can set up as a monthly, quarterly or annual payment

Please remember to click "Yes" to Gift Aid.

Greg Milne



# 4. Deanery Synod Report 2021

During this year there have been no face-to-face meetings. Usually, each meeting starts off with a short time of worship led by the hosting church, and some news on the opportunities and challenges faced locally. There's then an opportunity to hear about things going on in the Deanery and also updates from Diocesan and General Synod meetings.

Kay Tauschwitz



# 5. Safeguarding Report 2021

During 2020, there were a number of changes to the way Church was attended due to Covid19, including the sudden addition of on-line services.

Guidance from national church noted that the safeguarding ratio for leaders remain the same as face to face work with children and vulnerable adults, the exception to this is incidental activity where the parents are in attendance to supervise.

All volunteers have been emailed and relevant job descriptions have been provided and many Confidential Declaration forms completed (these are only required where a DBS check is also necessary).

Training by the diocese is now virtual with the exception of all Domestic Abuse training as that does not translate to the virtual environment. The Diocese are hoping to roll out Domestic Abuse training from July 2021.

During 2021 the Diocese will be rolling out the Parish Dashboard electronic Safeguarding tool. The Dashboard is an electronic management tool which enable parishes to monitor their safeguarding arrangement. It has been trialled in a number of Parishes and it is hoped that this will streamline the safeguarding processes throughout the diocese.

We continue to do an annual safeguarding audit and ensure that we are constantly reviewing and improving our policy and procedures.

Julie Gadsby



# 6. Children and Youth Report

St Paul's Church AGM 2021- Children & Families Work

#### 1. Transition

2020 brought many challenges, but it has been an exciting year! In March, we transitioned from face-to-face sessions to online. This was a major milestone as we had never done this before with the children's groups! Initially we used WhatsApp and later moved to 1 and then 2 zoom break out groups. This meant a lot of change as we explored what would work best but the team have coped brilliantly, and we have also learnt a lot.

#### 2. The Team

We have a strong team of committed leaders who are courageous in trying new things, creative in running sessions and supportive of each other throughout! It is great to have parents involved in Flames sessions as this really helps to engage the younger ones.

One particular area of focus has been developing younger leaders—4 young people are leading regularly and another 3 have helped with sessions. It is exciting to see our young people develop as leaders and grow in their faith as well as their confidence; we are really grateful to the adults (Susi, Elaine & Claire) without whom this would not be possible.

We have also focused on nurturing our leaders through time, prayer, "Thank You" cards, homemade gifts and cake.

#### 3. Friendship & belonging

We introduced various initiatives to encourage friendship & belonging:

- The Flames & Ignite WhatsApp group: It was key to establish a combined group in March to stay connected with all the families. We now have 20 families on this and we continue to add new families.
- · Pain-au-chocolat: We delivered self-roll pain-au-chocolat to every family in church for one of the sessions in April this was very well received. Nina mentioned it recently as it has become a Wallace family tradition to have them every Sunday.
- · Ignite Games sessions: Pete launched this in May; he leads these session with help from Lyn, Hannah and Pam and the young people enjoy them a lot. At the January session we had our largest group so far 10 young people!
- · Postcards: We sent a special postcard in July with photos of all the families to all the families & leaders involved.
- · Hannah Dunnett Birthday cards: We started this in August. Lisa Keers, Hannah Clifton and Sue Treherne very kindly send these cards to the 3 groups (including the Hub) and this is greatly appreciated by the children & young people as they feel special. We also found out when all the Mums birthdays are and make sure we message them on their birthdays too.
- $\cdot$  Event programmes: We started sending termly event programmes from Spring 2020 to encourage all families to get involved.



#### 4. Prayer & Ideas

We introduced a prayer card and encouraged leaders to pray for a family each day. We held a prayer session at the start of the academic year to pray for the Children & Families work.

We promoted Care for the Family events such as Raising Faith, Run the Race and Mums the word. Off the back of Raising Faith, we started to think about how we could be more intentional about encouraging faith in our children. We compiled ideas of books for 0-9s and 10-14s and shared these as present ideas before Christmas.

#### 5. Future

It is amazing to see what God has been doing with the C&F work at St Paul's during 2020. Despite all the challenges, God has been good and the C&F work at St Paul's is flourishing.

In the coming year, we are focusing on:

- 1) Safeguarding: Working with Julie Gadsby to meet our safeguarding requirements for all leaders (Role Descriptions, Confidential Declarations, DBSes and training).
- 2) Physical/Hybrid church: Working out what it means to transition to physical/hybrid church again, bringing with us a lot of the lessons learned from lockdown. Reconnecting with those families who have not found zoom church so easy.
- 3) Inspiring faith:
- a. Continuing to share short reviews of Christian resources (for adults and children) on the weekly church email –a great way to reach families on the fringe.
- b. Praying about the idea of a termly youth led café with inspiring Christian books.
- 4) Small groups/Courses: Such an important way to love, nurture, pray for & disciple our families.
- a. Praying for more families to get involved.
- b. Praying about the idea of a "Parenting for faith" course.

Pam Welch

Children & Families' Team Leader



### 7. Baby Plus Report 2021

It's been a very strange year for Baby Plus, which is meant to be a community based event with attendees meeting in person, however I think we have adapted well, and the feedback has been really positive.

When the first lockdown was announced, we quickly decided that rather than abandon the mums that had been coming we would go online. This was rather a challenge for someone not at all technically minded like me, but Zoom was quickly mastered and the Thursday mornings transferred to a coffee and chat morning online, with some singing and action songs for the little ones, along with ideas for keeping them occupied.

A WhatsApp group was also created, which now has over 30 participants and a Facebook group, with 118 members as I write.

One session per week quickly proved not enough and I re-introduced the concept of Mum Plus but this time online. This had begun for a few sessions at the hall, but the use of breakout rooms and screen sharing made it possible to do on Zoom. Mum Plus is a facilitated discussion session, which aims to gives mums the chance to think about themselves, (their reactions, emotions, skills, etc) for a while on all sorts of topics related to motherhood. Topics we have covered over the past year have been varied and include; Changing relationships, returning to work, sleep, decision making, preparing for a 2nd child, parenting styles, baby types, choosing childcare, healthy eating, routines and who am I now I'm a mum, to name a few.

During this 3rd lockdown I have also run 2 Toddler storytime sessions per week, to help ease the 'witching hour', during the darkest months.

Numbers have varied tremendously during the year at each of the 3 different styles of sessions, and it has been totally impossible to predict how many people will log on each time, when I've expected something to be popular that week, it's been quiet, and yet other weeks the sessions have been really busy. What I can say though is that everyone has been really pleased to have the support of not only the Zoom sessions but also the WhatsApp and Facebook group

Finally though we are now meeting back in person, albeit outside in the cold! We have 15 mums coming on both Wednesdays for Toddler Plus and Thursdays for Baby Plus, for some socially distanced chat and listening to songs and doing the actions. (singing is still not allowed!) As I write this it is due to be minus 2 outside today, and yet there is still a waiting list for today's Toddler Plus, so there is definitely a demand for this sort of support and community session.

Claire Boud



# 8. Electoral Roll Report 2021

At the time of the APCM last year there were 88 names on the Church Electoral Roll. There are now 86 names on the Church Electoral Roll but we have some new applications to be processed after the APCM so numbers remain stable.

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