

**The Parish of
St. Mary's Eversley and Bramshill
Annual Report 2019**



**St Mary's
EVERSLEY**



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Welcome to the annual report of St Mary's Church, Eversley for the year ending 31st December 2019.

In this report, you will find details of some of the many activities undertaken in and by the church during 2019 - due to the 2020 Pandemic, this report was written in September 2020. A detailed report of the accounts of the church, prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulation 1997 together with the Charities Act 1993 will be available in a separate document.

BACKGROUND:

The Parish of St Mary's, Eversley contains the rural population centres of Eversley and Bramshill and includes the Parish Church of St Mary's as well as the Bramshill Mission Chapel. It lies to the west of the town of Yateley and is on the north-eastern corner of the Diocese of Winchester on the boundary between Hampshire and Berkshire. It is in the Deanery of Odiham, and is in the Benefice of Eversley and Darby Green. The parish has an approximate population of 1800 with small pockets of developments gradually increasing that number.

The PCC shares responsibility with the Churchwardens and Priest-in-Charge for the mission of the church and the pursuance of its charitable objects. These are laid out in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Synodical Government Measure 1969:

*"The functions of the PCC shall include: Co-operation with the Incumbent in promoting in the parish the **whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical**; the consideration and discussions of matters concerning the Church of England or any other matters of religious or public interest".*

When planning objectives and activities for the year, the Priest-in-Charge, the Churchwardens and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. We fulfil our objectives through activities associated with six main Objectives:

1. Regular public worship open to all.
2. Sacred space for personal prayer & contemplation.
3. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved.

- 4. Teaching through sermons, courses and small groups.**
- 5. Taking of religious assemblies (“Collective Worship”) in schools.**
- 6. Promotion of Christianity through events, meetings, and literature.**

PCC REPORT:

The PCC met 5 times throughout the year and we had one Away Day, held jointly with St Barnabas PCC, at St. John’s Hartley Wintney. Meetings are well attended with between 12 and 14 members attending each meeting.

The PCC Sub-Committees, (Worship, Discipleship and Stewardship) which were set up following the APCM in April 2018 continued to meet during the year to conduct business under their own terms of reference; reports were received by the full PCC and discussed when necessary.

During the year the PCC has created and approved the pMAP (see below), supported the work of Charles Kingsley School, the Christmas concert, the Charles Kingsley 200 celebrations and held a Track-and-Steam day. Details of the work of the subcommittees can be found in their reports.

The PCC continues to rotate the day of the week used for meetings to ensure that no eligible member of St. Mary’s is barred from the PCC because they unable to attend meetings on a particular day of the week.

One of our Deanery Synod representatives, Tony Ford, stepped down at the end of the year and we are seeking a replacement.

In addition, the Priest-in-Charge met with Churchwardens when necessary and weekly with Churchwarden, Parish Administrator and Associate Priest to identify matters of general concern and importance to the parish to be brought to the attention of the PCC.

Thank you to all who served on the PCC in last year and we look forward to those joining the PCC in 2020 to serve the church.

PCC MEMBERSHIP:

Churchwardens:

Tim Ellis and Martin Clark (elected annually)

PCC members:

2016-2019 Angela Spencer

2017-2020 Susan Brooker, Jennie Ford, Sylvia Jackson, Jane Hughes

2018-2021 Neill Becker, Iris Scammells, Jane Pickup, Marion Green

2019-2022 Sharon Elliott

Deanery Synod Representatives:

2017-2020 David Lister 2017 to 2020

May – Nov 2019 (previously PCC Member) Tony Ford

INCUMBENT'S REPORT:

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

2019 was a challenging year for St Mary's in many ways. Regrettably, from June until September I was signed off work with a broken foot and during some of this time our Associate Priest, Rev'd Rachel Hartland also sustained an injury meaning a few things were delayed or had to be scaled back. Across the year, we saw a decline in numbers attending the main Sunday morning worship, due to a variety of factors. Unfortunately, because of declining numbers in the choir, it became impossible to maintain a regular Sunday choir, although we have created scratch choirs on some Sundays.

After depending upon reserves for a number of years in order to meet our financial obligation, we have now reached the point where those reserves are expended. We therefore face significant financial challenges as we balance our desire to be generous to the Diocese and wider church, with the need to be realistic about our financial position. There were also some considerable repairs to the main structure of the church which came to light during the year.

However, we have also had many positives to look at as well. Following 3 sessions in 2018, we have been able to encourage more families to come along to Messy Church throughout the year. Monthly regulars have been joined by more families thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers. We were able to continue to offer worship at Bramshill Chapel during the summer months, and at Christmas, despite fearing this may not be possible at the beginning of the year. These services were well attended by the community, indeed we had standing room only at the Carol Service in Advent!

We have also been able to put together three fundraising events, during the year as well as seeing members of the church get involved in supporting the 200th commemoration of Charles Kingsley's birth (#CK200). As well as repeating the Tracks-and-Steam day from 2018 and getting new people involved, we were also able to put on a very well received Church Heritage day in September with church tours and cream teas, and the Bellringers 'showing people the ropes'! As well as this we had significant numbers attending services and other events in the church over the Christmas period, pulling together a Christmas Choir to join with Charles Kingsley School Choir in singing to a packed church at our Christmas concert – in fact tickets for this were sold out far in advance! These, coupled with generous giving, have meant that we were also able to pay our Common Mission Fund contribution in full for 2019.

We have also begun to see growing opportunities to work with Eversley Village Hall in a more structured way and have begun conversations about the kind of community activities and services we may get involved with. We have continued to benefit from being active partners in our link to Charles Kingsley School with the 'Open The Book' group and clergy both regularly taking collective worship and other members of the church also being involved. We have also run a prayer room, offered hospitality and helped with a number of other school functions throughout the year.

We have also throughout 2019 listened hard to the wider community, formally and informally and are confident in our 2023 vision which is outlined below.

We are still facing many challenges, some of which we were blissfully unaware of as 2019 came to a close. However, there is room for optimism that the things which we put in place in 2019 may well help us to move positively into the future after the storms of 2020 have faded away.

CHURCH VISION:

Following on from our initial discussions in 2018, the PCC began 2019 with an away day in January at St John's Church, Hartley Whitney and invited members of the congregation and wider community figures to join in our discussions about how to best understand and reach out to our communities. A pMAP group was then tasked by the PCC to create a draft pMAP document in response to these conversations which was completed by May. This was then sent off to the diocese for comment and approval before formally being adopted in the September PCC meeting. The formal pMAP document which was required by the diocese was then re-written by a small team into a vision document with the next steps being to introduce the plan and three year vision to the congregation and wider community in early 2020.

The Vision document focussed on 3 distinct areas:

Unity in Diversity

Looking at all the different ways in which people worship God creating opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds. In 2020 we were aiming to survey our community to find out what will help people find and grow in their faith and act upon it.

A Visible Presence

We will work to better integrate church and village life to help people

see the relevance of church today working with other organisations which form part of our community and groups from outside the village, who could have a positive impact on the village community.

Building a Sustainable Future

Enhancing our buildings for future generations, securing the best of the past to serve the needs of the future. This includes

- restoring and renewing our Grade 1 listed building
- Enhancing the welcome and hospitality of our worship facilities
- Developing our hall facilities for wider community use
- Using the Eco-church framework
- Building a sustainable financial future for the church

Rev'd Lerys Campbell, Priest-in-Charge

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Praise points:

- We thank God for the leadership team lead by Lerys Campbell and Rachel Hartland
- We thank God for our Churchwardens, Administrator and PCC for their continued commitment and encouragement during this year.
- Our thanks and appreciation for all the volunteers who have contributed to serving God within the church, the local communities and beyond.
- The continuing ministries of a variety of groups in the church and the community and the new initiatives which have begun.

Prayer Points:

- We pray for Lerys and Kate, Rachel and Graham that the Lord will bless their families and continue to lead and inspire them as they seek to lead us in our worship and mission.
- We pray that God will grow more disciples in our community, bringing more people to faith and growing our church in number and in depth of discipleship.
- We pray for more volunteers who can give their time to help with various activities, project and events.

WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE:

Purpose: To get people to come to church and encourage them to come back, growing their faith and commitment to Jesus as they do so.

Members: Rev'd Lerys Campbell, Amanda Clark, Rev'd Rachel Hartland, Jane Hughes, Jane Pickup.

Praise Points

- Working with St Barnabas, and offered to St. Peter's fellowship (who were in vacancy), the Pancake party was a success again.
- Shoebox Sunday continues to support Link to Hope working in Eastern Europe, and many people take part.
- A Prayer Space was run in Charles Kingsley's School (CKS) again during November, with elements of the children's reflections used the following week in our Act and Service of Remembrance.
- Christmas services and concert were well attended and appreciated. The joint service with CKS went very well, as did the services with the school when we provided refreshments.
- Messy Church continues to be a great success and a joy to be a part of.
- The variety of services available and the resources to run them.
- We made sure that broadening the availability of worship to the community was integral to the pMAP as it was developed.

Prayer Points

- Unfortunately, the Horse Service was postponed from being part of the CK200 celebrations. It is hoped to run it in 2020.
- To look at having another joint Harvest/Patronal service with St Barnabas at a suitable site.
- To produce a questionnaire about our services and then bring about change depending on the responses whilst being open to the Holy Spirit's promptings.

Jane Hughes, LLM Trainee

MESSY CHURCH:

Purpose: To provide a church service which is family, food and fun orientated.

Leaders: Rev'd L Campbell, Kate Campbell, Rev'd R Hartland, Graham Hartland, Jane Pickup, Marion Green, Tim Ellis, Amanda Clark and Jane Hughes

Number of members:

Approx. 80 people, with an average of 30 attending each month.

Praise points:

- We have just enough people to run Messy who are committed and flexible but would welcome more volunteers.
- It's well received and appreciated by attendees.
- It's great fun for all although hard work for the team.
- We're managing to provide a hot meal with very limited space and resources.

Prayer points:

- That families will come more frequently.
- New families will be encouraged to join.
- We can find new and more inventive ways to cope with the lack of kitchen space and facilities and if numbers continue to grow how we will manage with the space we have especially during the winter months.
- That the team and those who attend grow in their faith and deepen their relationship with God.
- For God's strength to continue to grow this ministry.
- To find ways to draw the families who attend to engage with and draw closer to the whole church family.

Jane Hughes, LLM Trainee and Messy Church Co-ordinator

LITTLE LIGHTS PRE-SCHOOL SERVICE:

Purpose:

To provide an informal act of worship for pre-school children and their parents/carers on a monthly basis, enabling parents/carers and children to worship together in a relaxed church setting.

Leaders: Jane Hughes, Amanda Clark and Barbara Blundell.

Number of members:

Approx. 4 parents/carers and 4/5 children, with about 80% attending each month.

Praise points:

Regular, consistent and loyal attendance who appreciate the informality of the service, friendships developing between the attendees, both adult and children.

Prayer points:

- A few more people flowing through from ABC (see p16)
- A few people attending from our baptisms
- A contact with Little Acorns, the pre-school at Eversley Village Hall
- More frequent attendance from the irregular attendees

Jane Hughes, Little Lights Team

SEARCHERS:

Leaders: Caryn Jackson (until September), Abby Yeomans, Nikki Hares, Graham Hartland, Barbara Blundell, Kate Campbell (preparing material and occasionally leading sessions)

Number in Group: Up to 12, average of 5 or 6

Praise points

- Thanks for our leaders who have continued to be enthusiastic and worked alongside the children well. Especially to Caryn who stepped down due to taking on an MA course in September.
- Thanks for those occasional volunteers who helped us to safely run the sessions from time to time.
- Thanks to Kate, and to the rest of the leaders for coming up with fun and new activities.
- Thanksgiving for those children who have come during the year and enjoyed themselves.

Prayer points

- Looking to see how we can use pre-prepared material to best support the wide variety of ages and interests in the children we get on a Sunday.
- For more leaders to come forward.
- For more families to come along and for children to have fun and want to come back.

Rev'd Lerys Campbell, Priest-in-Charge

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS:

Leaders: Peter Blundell; Jane Hughes; Iris Scammells and Olive Thornton.

Number in Group: 3 groups; 1 daytime and 2 evening

Purpose: To encourage growing and active disciples of Christ

During 2019 Angela Spencer who had co-ordinated our Discipleship Groups for a number of years left St. Mary's for pastures new, where we are sure she and Katie will continue to grow in faith. Our prayers went with them.

Other members of groups also left for pastures new as the geographical focus of their lives changed with age. This meant that some discipleship groups closed and others merged, leaving us with 2 evening groups and 1 daytime

group, though the “men’s group” struggled to meet regularly due to work and holiday commitments.

Discipleship Groups are not solely Bible study groups but include worship, praying for each other and pastoral care. They are a place where we can support each other as we walk with God in our daily lives and are a safe place to talk about our real life issues. Whilst these are things to prioritise, such groups do not necessarily meeting everyone’s life pattern. Our new pMAP reflects our desire to encourage both Discipleship Groups and new ways of encouraging our development as faithful Christians.

Rev’d Rachel Hartland, Associate Priest

BRAMSHILL MISSION CHAPEL:

Service Leaders: Rev’d Lerys Campbell, Rev’d Rachel Hartland

Organist: John Goodman

Refreshments and other practical support for cleaning, reading etc. from many of the regulars.

Praise points:

- The paths and surrounding areas were cleared, and inside cleaned in time for us to start services on Palm Sunday 14th April, thank you to all involved.
- We are grateful to the owners of two local cottages for their continued support in allowing us to park vehicles on their drives for the services.
- Due to the support of the Bramshill church community Evensong services ran monthly from April until September with a good attendance at each service, culminating in a harvest festival in September.
- Our Carol service in Advent, in an early afternoon slot, had standing room only and was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion.

Prayer points:

- We began the year with the sad news that Tony Bushell (LLM) would be unable to continue helping lead the services due to health issues, and later in the year he sadly passed away. We pray for Angela and the family. We are hugely grateful to Angela and Tony for their support of Bramshill over many years.
- John Goodman, our resident organist for many years has also indicated at the end of 2019 that he will no longer be able to support us with his organ playing for 2020. We thank John and his family for their support in lots of ways and wish him well.
- With the sale of one of the local cottages due to go ahead, we pray for sympathetic neighbours who will continue to help us meet in the chapel.
- Prayer for the building which is likely to need some remedial work in the near future.

Rev. Lerys Campbell, Priest-in-Charge

CHOIR, SCRATCH CHOIR AND CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Unfortunately due to diminishing numbers, the decision was taken in April/May 2019 to discontinue choir practice for Sunday services. Instead we offered people the chance to join in a scratch choir on a Sunday morning to help lead the worship. This happened periodically during the summer and Autumn terms including for Remembrance Sunday.

We also made the decision to put together a specific Christmas Choir to help lead our Christmas Carol Concert and this rehearsed weekly from September until December and was ably led by Ian Young, much supported as ever by Clive Baker with Amanda Clark taking on many of the administrative functions. My thanks to all of them and to all who got involved in the scratch choirs as well. We were joined in the choir by some members of St Peter's and many of those unable to commit to a regular choir from the congregation were also able to re-join us for this. Prior to Covid we had hoped to repeat this for 2020 however this is now likely to be postponed until 2021.

Rev'd Lerys Campbell, Priest-in-Charge

COMMUNITY

ABC – ADULTS, BABIES AND CHILDREN

Purpose: ABC – Adults, Babies, and Children is a church group that is run every Thursday during term time from 10am – 11.30am. The group meets in the hall at St Mary’s Church, Eversley.

Abby Yeomans and Barbara Blundell stood aside as leaders in 2019, after several years participation and/or leadership. They were given small gifts on their departure. As there were no volunteers to take up leadership, but with Jan Daborn continuing to provide refreshments and Amanda Clark the crafts, the clergy took on coordinating and hosting with their help. We always have a Christian story with crafts linked to it, and whilst we do all sorts of actions songs - Rev’d Lerys’s guitar, and new repertoire of children’s songs being a particular hit - we always finish with singing ‘our God is a great big God’ which the children love! We then offer the children a drink and a biscuit. There is lots of opportunity for the team and parents to have a tea/coffee and chat.

Our helpers: Rev’d Lerys Campbell, Rev’d Rachel Hartland, Amanda Clark, and Jan Daborn.

Who Comes: Numbers in 2019 fell to 5-8 children who come regularly with a parent/grandparent. The majority of the children that come aren’t regular churchgoers so it is great to have this opportunity to tell them about Jesus.

Prayer points:

- To attract more families – from Sept 2020 we will only have 1 child who comes now that hasn’t started school!
- To find one or two people willing to take on leadership of this group, so that the clergy can be freed up for other ministries, but continue to pop regularly.

Rev’d Rachel Hartland, Associate Priest

CHARLES KINGSLEY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Charles Kingsley's School, founded by a past Rector of the parish, is a one-form entry primary school with which St. Mary's has close links. Rev'd Lerys Campbell, Priest-in-Charge is an Ex-officio Foundation Governor, Rev'd Rachel Hartland (Associate Priest) is also a Foundation Governor.

Other Foundation Governors in 2019 were Suzanne Craddock (Chair), Trevor Aylen (who stand's down in early 2020), John Haynes, Peter Sloan, David Horrocks, and Robin Spicer (who stood down during the course of the year),. Robin's place as a Foundation Governor was taken by Adam Johnson (previously a Parent Governor) and Adam became Vice-Chair.

With the encouragement of Zoe Charlton, the Headteacher, the clergy continues to try and place prayer at the heart of CKS, varying the times and days that the prayer group meet termly, but with only sporadic involvement from either members of the worshipping community or Christian parents from St. Mary's or other churches in the area.

The clergy of the parish are also involved in leading Collective Worship, in a bi-weekly pattern that fits with our 'Open The Book' ministry (see below). They also attend other forms of collective worship and celebration.

When enabled to cross the A327 by Police, the whole school also walk across the fields to church so they can lead their own worship in church. This is becoming increasingly difficult to arrange, due to police staffing and administration issues, but risk assessments require a police presence for this busy road. When we manage it, these are always incredibly rewarding services, with a full church including many parents present. The children always show a great depth of understanding both of Christian principles, and their close relationship with the schools vision and values.

2019 was the Bicentenary of Charles Kingsley's birth, and as the school's founder, the school were closely involved in the #CK200 celebrations on The Mount opposite St. Mary's. The Police did enable them to process in appropriate costume from school, displaying banners showing their knowledge of child slavery issues, past and present, in keeping with the

themes of the 'Water Babies'. Actor Peter Duncan (a past Blue Peter presenter) played Charles Kingsley and so was present at 'his own' birthday party, including meeting and working with the children, and singing Happy Birthday at 'his own' grave in the churchyard!

In November a team led by the clergy and drawn from Foundation Governors and members of St. Mary's Eversley and St. Barnabas Darby Green, put together a Prayer Space in the school library based on the theme of Remembrance. Every member of the school, children and classroom staff, was able to engage with the themes explored through interactive stations, some of which were resourced with help from the local branch of the Royal British Legion. For the Service and Act of Remembrance the following Sunday, Rev'd Rachel was able to display elements of some of these stations in church, got children to present their moving poetry, and drew on words and images from the children's reflections for her sermon.

Mrs Charlton, the school choir and other members of the school community, came and led our Advent All Age Sunday Service for us in December 2019. This continues to be an important high point in the worshipping year, as we continue to integrate the worship of school and church. This year the choir also performed in both halves of our Candles Christmas Concert, working on some pieces with our own Christmas Choir.

We are deeply grateful to Mrs Charlton, the governors, staff and families of Charles Kingsley's who so enthusiastically support and help to maintain our link with the school.

Rev'd Lerys Campbell and Rev'd Rachel Hartland

OPEN THE BOOK:

Purpose: To present Bible stories in primary schools in an accessible and enjoyable way and provide a resource that assists schools in meeting their statutory collective worship obligations.

The Open the Book team have continued to present bible stories to the pupils of Charles Kingsley School every other Tuesday during the school assembly. The stories used help to reinforce the school curriculum.

We normally hold a planning meeting every half term to run through the stories, assign roles, including how many schoolchildren are involved, and determine what props are required.

The presentation of the stories is enjoyed by both the team and audience. Team members are drawn from more than one local church and are: Beth Quainton, Jane Hughes, Ruth Nickless, Clare Ashe, David Lister, Peter Anderson, Tim Ellis

Praise points:

- The support provided by the staff of Charles Kingsley School.

Prayer Points:

- Expand the team to include younger members of the congregation.

Tim Ellis, OTB Team member

ST. MARY'S LUNCH CLUB

Purpose: To provide the opportunity to meet and make new friends, as well as having lunch and good conversation. Sometimes to listen to a guest speaker or play games/quizzes and listen to music. Also the Communion service, which was the second Friday of the month, has now changed to every other Friday at 11.30am.

Leaders: Sue Brooker and Tim Ellis

Number of attendees: Variable, 12 – 18, speakers tend to attract more attendees. We aim to arrange a speaker once a month as funds allow.

Praise Points:

- Lovely, helpful members, they help clear away after lunch has finished.
- Friendly, pleasant atmosphere
- Interesting speakers, this year we have had speakers from: Naomi House and Jacksplace, Berkshire Birds of Prey, a talk on the Suffragette movement and also The Orangutans of Borneo. We also enjoyed a trip on a horse drawn boat on the Kennet and Avon canal.
- Handcraft sessions including flower arranging, Easter and Christmas decorations. Music requests and various games.
- Generosity, the recipients of our donations include, Naomi House and the Orangutans of Borneo..
- During the long summer break, we arranged a coffee morning in the church hall.

Prayer Points:

- To attract more members and to extend our outreach to people who are not members of St Mary's congregation.
- To find ideas for interesting speakers.

Sue Brooker

DARBY GREEN FOODBANK (satellite of Hart Foodbank)

Leaders: - Jane Hughes, David & Jackie Neville, John London, Richard Ranson

Number of Volunteers: - 34

Praise Points

- Enough leaders & volunteers to run the foodbank
- That we have enough food to feed local people in a crisis
- Support & co-operation of all the local churches
- Lots of food donations from supporting churches, schools, local groups & individuals.
- Although there was a 12% rise in emergency parcels requested we were able to fulfil them
- Support of red voucher holders.
- Support & co-operation of St Barnabas PCC & Spring

Prayer Points

- The circumstances which has seen a 12% rise in number of parcels needed.
- £600 every month to be raised to pay for storage plus other expenses
- Those in a time of crisis know about or are signposted to the Foodbank
- New volunteers will be moved by the Holy Spirit to join.
- The present volunteers stay healthy, enthused & committed and receive appropriate training

Hopes & Aims for the Future

- That our red voucher holders will be visited again
- To show better signposting to our clients
- To have better contacts with and higher visibility in the communities we serve.

Jane Hughes—Darby Green Foodbank lead

HEARING CHAMPIONS:

Purpose: A FREE service for people with NHS hearing aids includes, basic maintenance, battery supply, cleaning & re-tubing, trouble-shooting, and advice. The scheme is administered by Guildford diocese and all our volunteers have been trained by the audiology departments of Epsom & St Helier Hospital or the Royal Surrey County Hospital and hold training completion certificates.

Members: Francis Ford, Mick Hibble, Tim Ellis

Number of users: Very flexible – 0-4 each session

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the Kingsley Hotel, where we service any NHS hearing aids brought to us and supply batteries. Our thanks to owner Peter Ormrod for letting us use his dining room.

During the year St. Peters Yateley have opened Hearing Champion sessions in

Yateley and the number of people attending the Eversley sessions has dropped to zero for most sessions, we have therefore decided to merge with Yateley to make best use of the available resources.

Praise points:

- Service appreciated by those who use it
- Supplies provided free of charge by NHS
- Free use of the Kingsley Hotel

Prayer Points:

- Yateley sessions will be successful

Tim Ellis, Hearing Champions Co-ordinator

BELLRINGERS:

This year has been a very busy year for the Eversley Bellringers. The bells were rung for every Sunday Service, Weddings and a variety of special events; we also had visiting ringers. We rang in total 11 Quarter Peals by the local band and 3 by visiting bands and 2 Peals.

On January 1 we rang a 'Date Touch', which was 2019 changes and lasted 63 minutes, to herald in the New Year.

The local quarter peals we rung on the first Wednesday of the month before the regular practice. They were usually rung for one or more ringers' special performance. A summary of these is below:

First quarter peal - Sam Legge. First quarter peal ringing inside a method. Ashley rang Cambridge, Shan and Ruth rang Plain Bob Doubles, Jenny rang the Treble. First Date Touches from Debbie, John and Adrian.

On Maundy Thursday 18 April the tenor bell was tolled for Solidarity with Notre Dame in France which was burnt down a few weeks earlier.

Two of our ringers were married in 2019. Congratulations to Ashley and Ruth who got married at Eversley on Saturday 9 June. We rang the bells before and after the wedding.

A peal of 5040 changes of doubles was rung on Wednesday 12 June, by a visiting band to commemorate the bicentenary of the birth on 12 June 1819 of Charles Kingsley, Rector of Eversley from 1844 until his death in 1875.

A quarter peal was rung on Wednesday 3 July for the 4th Birthday of Oliver Lewis, Grandson of Shan and Adrian and another quarter peal was rung on 4 September for the Engagement of Jenny and Steve who will be married at Eversley in October 2020. On 2 October we rang a quarter peal as an 80th birthday compliment to Margaret Nash.

On 18 October a band of all ladies rang a quarter peal, a first for Eversley as part of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild Firsts Fortnight. Wednesday 27 October a quarter peal was rung to celebrate the birth of the first grandchild Lillian Rosemarie of John and Debbie McLaren.

Practices are well attended with usually 8-12 ringers. We try to ring a quarter peal on the first Wednesday before the practice for one of the band to ring something they have learnt and hold an advanced practice on the last Wednesday which encourages ringers from others towers to join us.

Alan Barsby, Tower Captain.

Whilst the performances listed have been a very important part of our year there has also been a focus on integrating with the local and church communities, as well as fellowship within our ringing community.

Ringers have supported the Church Heritage days with a display of the history of the bells provided by Alan, as well as ringing demonstrations and letting the public "have a go" which drew a lot of attention. The Track and Steam Day provided an opportunity for Alan, supported by Debbie and John, to give rides up and down the lane on his traction engine which was a great hit for young and old (as well as an injured Lerys!). Christmas provided us with the

opportunity to ring handbells both in church and in the local community (The White Lion and the Tally Ho pubs!).

Socially we have had a lovely curry night at Cinnamon Bay in Yateley and once a month we meet for “Bellringers Breakfast” – a great suggestion by Debbie and John. We have visited many venues and marks out of 10 awarded!

A monthly “What’s On!” newsletter is circulated to all the towers members and visitors, as well as a weekly e mail reminder to all members to keep everyone informed of events and services at St Mary’s. We even have a Facebook page!

Eversley tower is also very well represented at District level by Ashley Gray, and at Guild and national levels by Shan and Adrian Nash who are representatives of the Guild at the Central Council of Church Bellringers (CCCBR). This gives us access to updates, latest news and innovations.

Eversley has hosted both District and Guild events in addition to training events this year. We hosted a district practice on 15th February which was attended by around 40 ringers. We also provided an opportunity to ring handbells as well as the tower bells, adding a different dimension to the event. It has been recognised that due to the very well-maintained bells, technology and excellent facilities available, that the tower will be considered for future events and possibly a training hub when things return to “normal”.

September last year was our tower outing organised by Shan and Adrian. The weather was beautiful and we rang at 6 towers in the Alton and Alresford area - and of course a pub lunch. We were joined by friends from other towers and a great day was had by all 25 ringers.

The Learners and Improvers practice held before the main practice has continued to be successful. An important part of learning is having the opportunity to ring at other towers. We have established good links with other towers who are happy to encourage our learners and improvers and we have welcomed and encouraged learners from other towers, for example

joining St. Michael's, Yorktown for their practice (also on a Wednesday evening).

We are very grateful to all ringers, both home grown and visitors who support our tower - without them, all this would not be possible and we are looking forward to a very bright future. Thank you.

Shan Nash, Tower Secretary

ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE

FABRIC REPORT:

Purpose: To maintain the church fabric

The annual inspection of the fire extinguishers at both the church and at Bramshill Mission Chapel has been carried out and those extinguishers that were approaching their expiry date have been replaced.

An electrical inspection has been carried out and remedial work undertaken to correct deficiencies in the system.

The lightning conductor has been inspected and the earthing improved to meet the required specification.

All the church lightbulbs have been changed to energy saving (and brighter) LED bulbs.

Whilst obtaining quotes for the repointing of the church porch, unsafe brickwork was suspected. Upon inspection by the church architect two areas of unsafe brickwork were identified and scaffolding erected to protect the public. At the end of the year, we were awaiting the architect's Schedule of Work, so that repairs could be carried out.

Our grateful thanks go to the maintenance and cleaning teams all of whom have given their time and practical expertise to keep the church and its environs looking cared for and running smoothly.

Local members of The Fine Arts Society Church Recording group continued to record details of St. Mary's and presented a book detailing their findings during the #CK200 service.

Praise points:

- The church electrical system and lightning conductor have been serviced.
- The use of LED bulbs results in a "greener" church

Prayer Points:

- Expand the team to include younger members of the congregation.
- Repairs to the porch will be completed in a timely manner

Tim Ellis, Churchwarden

ELECTORAL ROLL:

Notice of Revision of the Electoral Roll was given on 30th August 2020 and carried out between 13th September 2020 and 26th September 2020. This, as with our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is later than normal due to international Covid-19 Pandemic, and on the advice of the Diocese of Winchester, and the Government.

The revised roll has been available (for correction only) from 27th September 2020 for 14 days.

The revised Electoral Roll for 2020 at the time of the APCM on Sunday, 11th October 2020 contains 91 names.

The revised Electoral Roll for 2020 now contains 91 names; of these 46 are resident within the parish and 45 reside outside the parish

Iris Scammells, Electoral Roll Officer

DEANERY SYNOD:

The Parish of Eversley and Darby Green is part of Odiham Deanery. In addition to the clergy, we had two elected members of Deanery Synod, Dr

David Lister, and at the start of the year and Mr Tony Ford, who sadly had to stand down late in the year for personal reasons. We are grateful to them all for their time and commitment.

Our incumbent, Rev'd Lerys Campbell was made Assistant Area Dean in early March, and has worked closely with Rev'd Marion de Quidt, Area Dean and Vicar of the Whitewater Benefice.

Early in the year the main focus of work was on getting each Benefice to engage with the Thy Kingdom Come events, nine days between Ascension Day and Pentecost as a Novena dedicated to prayer for mission and evangelism, that are now international.

The Deanery provided ongoing encouragement to parishes as they worked through the year on their Parish Mission Action Plans, with Rev'd Phil Dykes visiting from the July meeting from the Diocesan School of Mission to emphasise that:

- Those churches that intend to grow tend to grow.
- The economy of God seems to say that if you plan to grow it tends to happen.
- Churches are meant to grow, not stand still; they are moving communities.

Some parishes in the Deanery also focused on the 'Setting God's People Free' initiative, trying to help church communities be confident in their faith, wherever they are. In Winchester Diocese the analogy being used was of being more like bees – wherever you go do something positive!

- Find positive opportunities to spread the Kingdom of God, making little changes, e.g. using the idea of 'This Time Tomorrow' to meet people in their real lives, and share their prayer concerns.
- It is up to us, don't leave it to the Vicar.

One of the developing themes in the Deanery during the year was the re-ignition of our Overseas Mission Link with Myanmar (formerly Burma). There are long associations between Odiham Deanery and the church, at times persecuted, in Myanmar, thanks to the work and visits of Tony and Angela Bushell. Despite Tony's recent death, Angela made a presentation that

helped to root new members of Deanery Synod in the relationships and character of the church in Myanmar, and the difficulties it faces. The restructuring of Overseas Mission Links across the Diocese of Winchester sees the focus move to an exchange of ideas and passion for the faith rather than monetary contributions, and we are joined in this link by Southampton Deanery. We anticipate the renewal of this work continuing to grow in the coming years.

Jayne Tarry was another guest at Deanery Synod, who helped us consider ideas to help our church finances, and respond to the Diocesan Deployment Plan. It should be noted (in Sept 2020) that this is even more urgent, and the deployment plan is being totally revised due to the Covid pandemic.

St. Mary's once again received excellent support from the Deanery Finance Chair, Colin Cohen with regard to our Common Mission Fund payments. We met our (reduced) agreed payments in 2019 and will be meeting with Colin Harbidge from the Diocese early in the New Year to help them better understand our situation, seek a revision of our CMF banding and formulate a 'flight path' to meeting future payments.

Rev'd Rachel Hartland, Associate Priest

SAFEGUARDING

The PCC have complied with their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measures 2016 having regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding and vulnerable adults. The Past Cases Review as required by the Church England was also carried out.

Our Web page gives details of our policy. DBS checks have been made for all current PCC members and leaders of the groups and activities run on behalf of St. Mary's. Most of these have also completed the on-line basic Safeguarding learning module.

Iris Scammells, Safeguarding Officer

EVERSLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

Boyett Mayes Limited
The Stables, Moneys Farm
Bottle Lane
Mattingley
Hampshire
RG27 8LJ

**EVERSLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

	<u>2019</u>			<u>2018</u>		
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
INCOME:						
Planned Givings:						
Standing Order	32,294			35,609		
Envelopes	3,606			2,876		
CAF	-			400		
Gift Aid Reclaim	3,250			3,093		
		39,150			41,977	
Other Donations:						
Collections	4,443			4,006		
Unspecified Donations	1,706			11,571		
		6,149			15,577	
Services:						
Rectory Room Hire	5,060			5,040		
Church Hall Hire	2,482			2,368		
Literature/Wall Safe	249			456		
Other						
		7,791			7,864	
Bramshill:						
Collections		230			463	
Other:						
Interest Received	129			103		
St Barnabas Contributions	-			-		
Other	56			56		
		185			159	
Fees Received:						
Weddings	3,586			7,499		
Funerals	4,978			3,176		
		8,564			10,675	
Collections for Charity:						
Special Collections		665			1,335	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>62,734</u>			<u>78,051</u>	
EXPENDITURE:						
To Diocese:						
Parish Share	58,988			57,000		
Fees Paid	4,066			3,265		
		63,055			60,265	
Work of the Church:						
Music/Organists	2,299			3,726		
Verger	637			1,306		
Curate/Rector's expenses	2,082			2,273		
Leaflets, copying and printing	313			620		
Supplies for Service	222			466		
Searchers / Messy Church	622			256		
Local Outreach activities	-			-		
Postage, Envelopes, Etc	-			-		
		6,175			8,648	

**EVERSLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019
(continued)**

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
Buildings:				
St Mary's Insurance	2,492		2,308	
Heating Oil	1,917		1,395	
Electricity	2,586		2,406	
Water	79		57	
Broadband	477		363	
Church & Hall Cleaning	1,560		1,590	
Heating Maintenance	121		117	
Church Maintenance	114		483	
Hall/Rectory Room Maintenance	-		-	
	9,346		8,719	
Bramshill:				
Insurance	492		669	
Electricity	120		143	
Maintenance	30		76	
	642		889	
Other:				
Sundry	59		0	
Accountancy	400		438	
Misc contributions to Church Costs	(50)		(49)	
	409		389	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		79,626		78,910
Givings:				
Donations to Charity (Note 1)		1,712		2,223
TOTAL OUTGOINGS		81,339		81,133
(DEFICIT) / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		(18,604)		(3,082)
Balance at bank b/fwd		181,435		181,360
Reverse cost accruals b/fwd		(400)		(400)
Accruals c/fwd		400		400
Investments encashed		-		-
Net movement in Restricted Funds		2,324		3,157
SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD		165,155		181,435


**EVERSLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2019			RESTRICTED FUNDS 2018		
	Church Fabric	Other	Total	Church Fabric	Other	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME:						
Donations Received	3,435		3,435	3,250		3,250
New Hall Donations			-			-
Grant			-			-
Candlelit Carol Service			-			-
Quiz Night			-			-
Barn Dance			-			-
100 Club			-			-
Lamb Roast			-			-
CAF / Interest Received	898		898	344		344
Summer Concert			-			-
Other events			-			-
GiftAid Refunds	536		536	689		689
Total Income	4,869	-	4,869	4,283	-	4,283
EXPENDITURE:						
Electrical Work / Maintenance	1,465		1,465	-		-
Building Works and Architects Fees	1,080		1,080	616		616
Other Expenses	-		-	-		-
100 Club prizes			-	510		510
	2,545	-	2,545	1,126	-	1,126
Movement in year	2,324	-	2,324	3,157	-	3,157
Restricted Funds b/fwd	141,295	-	141,295	96,116	-	96,116
Transfer from Unrestricted Funds				42,022	-	42,022
Restricted Funds c/fwd	143,619	-	143,619	141,295	-	141,295

**EVERSLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

	<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>	
	£	£	£	£
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities (Note 2)	<u>400</u>		<u>400</u>	
Total Liabilities		<u>400</u>		<u>400</u>
ASSETS				
Cash at Bank - Main PCC Account	10,628		4,723	
Cash at Bank - No. 2 Account	49,712		62,925	
Cash at Bank - Scottish Widows / Shawbrook Bank	52,669		52,011	
Cash at Bank - Nationwide	41,239		40,998	
Cash at Bank - CCLA	<u>10,908</u>		<u>20,779</u>	
Total Cash		165,155		181,435
Office Equipment	<u></u>		<u></u>	
		-		-
Total Assets		<u>165,555</u>		<u>181,835</u>

Approved by:



Neil Becker
Treasurer

Dated:
18th March 2020

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

NOTE 1: CHARITABLE GIVING

	2019	2018
	£	£
Bibles for Charles Kingsley School leavers	308	300
Christian Aid - Special collections	56	62
Compassion UK	320	300
Royal British Legion	201	288
Children's Society	300	300
Hart Food Banks	327	200
Count Everyone	200	
Bishop of Winchester Ordination Candidates Fund		525
Farming Community Networks		248
Others	0	0
	<u>1,712</u>	<u>2,223</u>

NOTE 2: ACCRUALS

	2019	2018
	£	£
Accountants Fee	400	400
	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>

NOTE 3: RECONCILIATION OF RESTRICTED FUNDS TO BANK ACCOUNTS

	2019	2018
	£	£
Restricted Funds as reported	143,619	141,295
Loan from Main PCC account		14,639
Prior years mistatements	0	0
	<u>143,619</u>	<u>155,934</u>
Cash at Bank - No. 2 Account	49,712	62,925
Cash at Bank - Scottish Widows / Shawbrook Bank	52,669	52,011
Cash at Bank - Nationwide	41,239	40,998
	<u>143,619</u>	<u>155,934</u>

Independent examiner's report to Eversley PCC

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2019, which are set out on pages 1 to 5, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the "Regulations") and s145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the "2011 Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

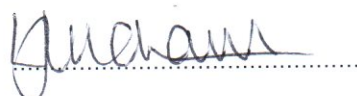
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date

3rd March 2020

Name

LISA FINCHAM (Mrs)

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