

EVERSLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018

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**EVERSLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018**

	<u>2018</u>			<u>2017</u>		
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
INCOME:						
Planned Givings:						
Standing Order	35,609			35,582		
Envelopes	2,876			2,895		
CAF	400			1,360		
Gift Aid Reclaim	3,093			6,255		
		41,977			46,092	
Other Donations:						
Collections	4,006			4,269		
Unspecified Donations	11,571			1,500		
		15,577			5,769	
Services:						
Rectory Room Hire	5,040			5,040		
Church Hall Hire	2,368			2,593		
Literature/Wall Safe	456			186		
Other						
		7,864			7,820	
Bramshill:						
Collections		463			861	
Other:						
Interest Received	103			269		
St Barnabas Contributions	-			1,064		
Other	56			76		
		159			1,409	
Fees Received:						
Weddings	7,499			1,924		
Funerals	3,176			2,195		
		10,675			4,119	
Collections for Charity:						
Special Collections		1,335			842	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>78,051</u>			<u>66,911</u>	
EXPENDITURE:						
To Diocese:						
Parish Share	57,000			53,240		
Fees Paid	3,265			2,410		
		60,265			55,650	
Work of the Church:						
Music/Organists	3,726			2,059		
Verger	1,306			-		
Curate/Rector's expenses and leaving gifts	2,273			1,920		
Leaflets, copying and printing	620			137		
Supplies for Service	466			677		
Searchers / Messy Church	256			72		
Local Outreach activities	-			-		
Postage, Envelopes, Etc	-			198		
		8,648			5,064	

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(continued)**

	2018		2017	
	£	£	£	£
Buildings:				
St Mary's Insurance	2,308		2,231	
Heating Oil	1,395		1,497	
Electricity	2,406		1,696	
Water	57		154	
Broadband	363		359	
Church & Hall Cleaning	1,590		1,512	
Heating Maintenance	117		96	
Church Maintenance	483		993	
Hall/Rectory Room Maintenance	-		22	
	<u>8,719</u>		<u>8,559</u>	
Bramshill:				
Insurance	669		657	
Electricity	143		72	
Maintenance	<u>76</u>		<u>110</u>	
	889		839	
Other:				
Sundry	0		797	
Accountancy	438		450	
Misc contributions to Church Costs	<u>(49)</u>		<u>-</u>	
	389		1,247	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		78,910		71,358
Givings:				
Donations to Charity (Note 1)		2,223		1,849
TOTAL OUTGOINGS		81,133		73,207
(DEFICIT) / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		(3,082)		(6,296)
Balance at bank b/fwd		181,360		184,593
Reverse cost accruals b/fwd		(400)		(400)
Accruals c/fwd		400		400
Investments encashed		-		-
Net movement in Restricted Funds		3,157		3,063
SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD		181,435		181,360

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	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2018			RESTRICTED FUNDS 2017		
	Church Fabric	Other	Total	Church Fabric	Other	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME:						
Donations Received	3,250		3,250	5,761		5,761
New Hall Donations			-			-
Grant			-			-
Candlelit Carol Service			-			-
Quiz Night			-			-
Barn Dance			-			-
100 Club			-	1,030		1,030
Lamb Roast			-			-
CAF / Interest Received	344		344	996		996
Summer Concert			-			-
Other events			-			-
GiftAid Refunds	689		689	1,471		1,471
Total Income	4,283	-	4,283	9,258	-	9,258
EXPENDITURE:						
Candlelit Carol Service			-			-
Building Works and Architects Fees	616		616	5,495		5,495
Other Expenses	-		-			-
100 Club prizes	510		510	700		700
	1,126	-	1,126	6,195	-	6,195
Movement in year	3,157	-	3,157	3,063	-	3,063
Restricted Funds b/fwd	96,116	-	96,116	93,052	-	93,052
Transfer from Unrestricted Funds	42,022	-	42,022			
Restricted Funds c/fwd	141,295	-	141,295	96,116	-	96,116

**EVERSLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2018**

	<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>	
	£	£	£	£
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities (Note 2)	<u>400</u>		<u>400</u>	
Total Liabilities		<u><u>400</u></u>		<u><u>400</u></u>
ASSETS				
Cash at Bank - Main PCC Account	4,723		2,908	
Cash at Bank - No. 2 Account	62,925		65,170	
Cash at Bank - Scottish Widows / Shawbrook Bank	52,011		51,683	
Cash at Bank - Nationwide	40,998		40,923	
Cash at Bank - CCLA	<u>20,779</u>		<u>20,676</u>	
Total Cash		181,435		181,360
Office Equipment	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>181,835</u></u>		<u><u>181,760</u></u>

Approved by:



Niell Becker
Treasurer

Dated:
24th March 2019

**EVERSLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018**

NOTE 1: CHARITABLE GIVING

	2018	2017
	£	£
Bibles for Charles Kingsley School leavers	300	320
Christian Aid - Special collections	62	104
Prospects - Confirmation Collection		240
Help Hoima - Special Collection		170
Compassion UK	300	323
Royal British Legion	288	213
Children's Society	300	389
Hart Food Banks	200	200
Bishop of Winchester Ordination Candidates Fund	525	
Farming Community Networks	248	
Others	0	-110
	<u>2,223</u>	<u>1,849</u>

NOTE 2: ACCRUALS

	2018	2017
	£	£
Accountants Fee	400	400
	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>

NOTE 3: RECONCILIATION OF RESTRICTED FUNDS TO BANK ACCOUNTS

	2018	2017
	£	£
Restricted Funds as reported	141,295	96,116
Loan from Main PCC account	14,639	19,639
Prior years mistatements	0	42,022
	<u>155,934</u>	<u>157,777</u>
Cash at Bank - No. 2 Account	62,925	65,170
Cash at Bank - Scottish Widows / Shawbrook Bank	52,011	51,683
Cash at Bank - Nationwide	40,998	40,923
	<u>155,934</u>	<u>157,777</u>

Independent examiner's report to Eversley PCC

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2018, 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 Lisa Fincham

Date 8th March 2019

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**The Parish of
St. Mary's Eversley and Bramshill
Annual Report 2018**



Priest-in-Charge: The Rev'd Lerys Campbell

Eversley and Bramshill Parochial Church Council:
St. Mary's Church, Church Road, Eversley, RG27 0PX
Church Office: 10 Borderside, Yateley, GU46 6LT Charity Number: 1128040

Welcome to the annual report of St Mary's Church, Eversley for the year ending 31st December 2018. In this report, you will find details of some of the many activities undertaken in and by the church during 2018. 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.

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During the year Synod did an audit for all the church websites in the deanery, and St. Mary's came out as 'excellent'. This is thanks to the hard work and expertise of Michael Hughes, for which we are hugely grateful. However it is not 'mobile friendly' in its current software, and Michael is asking to step down from this role in 2019. We are therefore looking for someone with the appropriate time and expertise, particularly as we explore the possibility of a Benefice website with discrete areas for the two parishes.

St. Mary's has also received excellent support from the Deanery Finance Chair, Colin Cohen with regard to our Common Mission Fund payments, helping us achieve a reduction for 2019 over that requested and formulate a 'flight path' to meeting our payments in full.

Deanery Synod has also variously focused on its dMAP (Deanery Mission Action Plan) agreed in January 2018, the availability of parenting courses, sharing best practice including that from the 'Benefice of the Future' work on best practice in rural multi-parish benefices, various forms of parish communications, and welcomed overseas guests.

Rev'd Rachel Hartland, Associate Priest

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congregation.

- Wisdom in the taking forward the hall redevelopment project.

Tim Ellis, Churchwarden

ELECTORAL ROLL

Under the Church Representation Rules all parishes were required to prepare a new Electoral Roll in 2019.

This meant that the existing roll would not be valid in relation to the Annual Parish Meeting in 2019 and everyone who wished to be entered on the Roll had to complete an application form.

Notice of preparation of the new Electoral Roll was posted on 10th February 2019 and carried out between this date and 30th March 2019.

The new roll has been available for inspection (for correction only) from 31st March 2019 for 14 days.

For 2019 it contains 92 names, of these 46 are resident within the parish and 46 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 have two elected members of Deanery Synod, Dr David Lister, and at the start of the year Dr. Robin Felix. Due to Robin's imminent move away from the area, he stood down during 2018, and Mr Tony Ford has taken up this responsibility. We are grateful to them all for their time and commitment.

BACKGROUND:

The Parish of St Marys, 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 the parish has an approximate population of 1800.

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:

This year the PCC has experienced considerable change. The appointment of Rev'd Lerys Campbell as Priest-in-Charge (Sept 2017) has naturally resulted in a change of style of leadership within the PCC and we are grateful for everyone's support, patience and understanding during this time of change. Rev'd Rachel Hartland (previously on placement with us) was also appointed Associated Priest (SSM) in April 2018 across the Benefice.

Three subcommittees have been formed within the PCC: worship, finance, and buildings. These committees meet every other month and report back to the main PCC meetings, which are now held on the intervening months. This has resulted in a more efficient PCC.

The PCC now rotates 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 are unable to attend meetings on a particular day of the week.

During the year the PCC held a joint 'Away Day' with St. Barnabas at St. John's Hartley Wintney.

One of our Deanery Synod representatives, Dr Robin Felix, resigned during the year and has been replaced by Mr Tony Ford.

Tim Ellis, Churchwarden

For the 2018-19 electoral year, The PCC was made up of:

Rev'd Lerys Campbell, Priest-in-Charge
Rev'd Rachel Hartland, Associate Priest
Mr Tim Ellis, Churchwarden
Mr Martin Clark, Churchwarden
Mr Niell Becker, Treasurer
Mrs Iris Scammells, Secretary
Mrs Jane Hughes, LLM-in-training
Mrs Sylvia Jackson, Parish Administrator
Mrs Angela Spencer
Mrs Jane Pickup

ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE

FABRIC REPORT

Purpose: To maintain the church fabric

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

General maintenance has continued, with the rate of replacement of lightbulbs being a major concern. Dimming the lights has resulted in a significant drop in the number of lightbulbs failing. The three bulbs in one fitting have been replaced by LED bulbs and if this proves successful then all bulbs will be changed to LEDs which will result in a significant power saving.

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 Arts Society Church Recording group have continued to record details of St. Mary's and hope to present a book detailing their findings during the week of the Kingsley 200 celebrations.

In April the PCC set up a Buildings Committee to manage regular maintenance, action the quinquennial and take forward the hall redevelopment. In August the committee visited other churches with hall developments and are planning to create an Architect's Brief early in 2019 to move the project forward.

Praise points:

- The pathway lighting has been restored.
- The valley gutter has been cleared and the birds' nest removed from the tower downpipe

Prayer Points:

- Expand the maintenance team to include younger members of the

On 24th January, we rang for the funeral of one of our ringers, Margaret Ellis. Margaret and Tim, our churchwarden, learnt to ring together and rang their first quarter peal in 2017. She will be sadly missed.

In Holy Week we do not ring the bells, so instead of the usual Wednesday practice, on 28th March we all went to the Frog and Wicket for a social evening.

On 9th April we rang a quarter peal for Rachel Hartland's Licensing Service.

For Heritage Day 2018 we put a camera in the bell chamber and had a screen in the church so visitors could watch the bells in action. We demonstrated ringing and gave the visitors a go.

2018 was the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War and ringers throughout the country took part in special ringing for the various events that occurred. One of the events was for the ringing community to try to recruit 1400 new ringers in memory of those ringers lost during the 4 year conflict. We recruited 3 new ringers, Sam, his father and Jenny. We also rang a quarter peal on Remembrance Sunday.

During the Christmas period we rang carols on handbells in two local pubs to raise money for the new set of bell ropes which we put in this year. We also rang handbells in the Candlelit Carol Concert.

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 other towers to join us.

Overall, a busy but very enjoyable year of ringing at Eversley.

Alan Barsby, Eversley Tower Captain

Mrs Susan Brooker
Mrs Sharon Elliott
Mrs Marion Green
Mr Clive Baker, Organist
Mrs Jennie Ford
Dr Robin Felix, Deanery Synod (until September)
Dr David Lister, Deanery Synod
Mr Tony Ford, Deanery Synod (from September)

PCC met 8 times in 2018

The PCC Sub-Committees, (Worship, Buildings and Stewardship) which were set up following the APCM in April met twice to conduct business under their own terms of reference, and reports were received by the full PCC and discussed when necessary.

In addition, the Priest-in-Charge met regularly with Churchwardens and weekly with a 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 2019 to serve the church.

CHURCH VISION:

Over the last year we have begun a process to review and renew our vision for the church. At our Away Day in January, we agreed that we would create three sub-committees of the PCC to look at and move forward three areas of church life. These were Stewardship, Buildings, and Worship. Following the election of a new PCC in April we begun to look at these three areas and have made some progress as you will see below. In July and August the clergy both went on retreat to seek God for his vision and direction for the churches as we begin a new 3 year cycle looking at our Parish Mission Action Plan (pMAP) and creating a new one for the next three years. In September we began the review process of our pMAP by looking at what had been achieved over the previous 3 years. We also had several of the PCC attend a seminar led by the diocese to explain the process for moving the pMAP forward.

As part of these discussions we agreed that in 2019 we will create a new pMAP document. In order to help with this we planned an Away Day in January to meet with community representatives and work out what it is God is calling us to do to serve him in this community. The diocesan four strategic priorities are:

1. We grow authentic disciples
2. We re-imagine the church
3. We are agents of social transformation
4. We belong together in Christ

Please continue to pray for us all that as we listen to God, look to our community and its needs and respond, we might see new disciples coming to faith, new opportunities for us all to serve, and discover more about God together.

Rev'd Lerys Campbell

Members: Francis Ford, Mick Hibble, Tim Ellis

Number of users: Very flexible – 2-4 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 Peter Ormrod for letting us use the dining room in The Kingsley Hotel.

The scheme has won the 2018 FaithAction Health Award for *“the valuable contribution that volunteers and faith communities play in supporting the NHS and improving health and wellbeing in their communities”*.

Praise points:

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

Prayer Points:

- To attract more visitors
- To extend our outreach to people who are not members of St. Mary's congregation
- To find and train someone to increase leadership to four.

Tim Ellis, Hearing Champions Co-ordinator

EVERSLEY BELLRINGERS

This year has been a very busy year for the Eversley Bellringers. The bells were rung for every Sunday Service, Weddings, a Funeral, by visiting ringers and a variety of special events.

On 1st January we rang a Date Touch, which was 2018 changes and lasted 61 minutes, to herald in the New Year.

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.
- 1,006 parcels in 2018 across Hart
- 200 + Christmas parcels distributed
- Support of red voucher holders.
- Support & co-operation of St Barnabas Darby Green PCC & Spring Pre-school who host the Foodbank, as well as financial support from St Mary's PCC.

Prayer Points:

- Funding to pay for storage and other expenses will continue and improve.
- 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 offer better signposting to places of support 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.

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, Administrators and PCC for their continued commitment and encouragement during this year.
- We give thanks to God and appreciate the effort of 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 including the 10am Service and Messy Church.
- The increase in the number of families crossing over from Messy Church and ABC into other church activities.

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 COMMITTEE:

Purpose: To get people to come to church and encourage them to come back.

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

Praise Points:

- Joint Harvest service in October 2018 held at Rycroft Stables was very well received and attended.
- Re-introduction of Christmas cards to every house in the village well received.
- New worship leaders: Jennie Ford & Graham Hartland, have attended Bishop's Commission for Mission (Worship) training and have started to lead services.
- Open the Book continues to flourish leading the act of Collective Worship at Charles Kingsley's school, on alternate weeks to the clergy leading them.
- Christmas services and concert were well attended. The return to previous timings of Lessons & Carols and Christingle was appreciated.
- Joint Advent All Age Service with Charles Kingsley's school went very well.
- Messy Church, which started in September 2018, has been a great success from the beginning and is a joy to be a part of.
- A single 10am Contemporary All Age service (1st Sundays) is developing and engaging with a few families moving through from ABC and Messy Church.
- The variety of services available and the resources to run them.

Prayer Points:

- Look to growing Heritage Day.
- We pray for growth in all parts of this church.
- To continue to improve our present worship and be open to the Holy Spirit's promptings as to any new areas we should look at.

Jane Hughes – LLM Trainee worship@stmaryseversley.org.uk

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, we have a Rota for helpers each week, to assist in preparing the lunch.
- Friendly, pleasant atmosphere
- Interesting speakers, this year we have had speakers from: The Watercress Railway, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance, Berkshire Birds of Prey and more.
- Handcraft sessions including flower arranging, music requests and various games.
- Generosity; the recipients of our donations include End Polio Now and HIOW Air Ambulance.
- Everyone helps to clear away after Lunch.
- During the long summer break, we arranged a visit to West Green House gardens and enjoyed tea and cake after. There was also 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

FOODBANK:

The Group name: Darby Green Foodbank satellite of Hart Foodbank

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

How many Volunteers: 35

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.

Activities: The St. Mary's OTB team provides a Collective Worship at Charles Kingsley's School approximately every other Tuesday during term time. Members of the team act out a short Bible story supported by pupils.

Everyone has great fun presenting the stories and the children look forward to the assemblies.

Since we started, we have acquired a considerable number of dressing up clothes and props and during the year we have gained an additional team member.

Thank you, Beth, for leading the team and to all team members, although I suspect that most team members enjoy it so much that thanks are not necessary.

Praise points:

- The opportunity to bring Bible stories to the pupils
- The children's enjoyment
- The sense of fun and fellowship within the team

Prayer Points:

All participants continue to enjoy OTB.

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 every second Friday of the month there is a Communion service held in the church before lunch.

MESSY CHURCH:

Purpose: To bring church to everyone in a new and informal way where all can encounter Jesus, that is based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

Leaders: Rev'd L Campbell, Rev'd R Hartland, Jane Pickup, Marion Green, Tim Ellis, Matt Voysey, Amanda Clark, Angela Spencer, Anne Fortune and Jane Hughes, Graham Hartland

Number of members: Approx. 60 people, with about 40 attending each month, fairly evenly split between adults and children.

Praise points:

- We started in September 2018
- We have enough people to run Messy who are committed and flexible.
- 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 other activities within St Mary's.

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 supported by Amanda Clark and Barbara Blundell .

Number of members:

Approx. 10 parents/carers and ten 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
- A few people attending from our baptisms
- A contact with Little Acorns Pre-school
- More frequent attendance from the irregular attendees

Jane Hughes and Amanda Clark, Little Lights Team

SEARCHERS:

Leaders: Caryn Jackson, Abby Yeomans, Ellie Williams, Jennie Ford, Graham Hartland and Barbara Blundell

Number in group: 3-12 weekly with occasional visitors and baptism guests

Praise points:

- Thankful for the faithful volunteers, without whom Searchers couldn't run.
- The children are having fun while discovering more about God and the Bible.

time and energy that she has dedicated to this important aspect of the life of the church and community.

Once her appointment as Associate Priest to the Benefice had been agreed, Rev'd Rachel Hartland agreed to fill the vacancy, and started undertaking the appropriate training. Other Foundation Governors in 2018 were Suzanne Craddock (Chair), Robin Spicer, Trevor Aylen, John Haynes, Peter Sloan, and David Horrocks. In September 2018, Rev'd Rachel picked up the leadership of the small, half-termly prayer group that meets in the school to pray for its life, and the well-being of all connected with it.

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. As part of their Leavers' Service in July 2018, Jane Hughes (LLM-in-training) presented Youth Bibles to each Year 6 child as a gift from St. Mary's Church.

The whole school also walk across the fields to church for services, whenever appropriate and possible. Staff, parents and pupils were invited to worship in church for Easter 2018 and on Founder's Day (12th June, anniversary of the birth of Charles Kingsley), thanks to the police being available to cross them over the busy A327. This is proving increasingly difficult to achieve as regularly as both the church and school would wish. The Headmistress, Mrs Zoe Charlton, is exploring alternative ways of achieving this important aspect of the church/school relationship.

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 2018. 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 Candlit Christmas Concert.

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

doing the actions to! We then offer the children a drink and a biscuit. After that we have a craft which relates to the story and playtime. This also is an opportunity for the parents to have a tea/coffee and a chat.

Our helpers: Abby Yeomans – Leader, Barbara Blundell – helps the leader, Amanda Clark – Prepares the craft, Jan Daborn – Prepares teas/coffee and biscuits

Who Comes: Our current numbers are around 12 children that come regularly with a parent/grandparent so there's about 24 people that we are serving.

The majority of the children that come aren't regular churchgoers so it is great to have this opportunity to tell them about Jesus.

Since I have been involved with ABC I have realized how important groups like this are as they are such an outreach, which people depend upon. Really great relationships/friendships are formed and people who otherwise might not have heard much about Christianity get to hear some amazing stories!

Prayer points:

- To attract more families
- To acquire some new toys
- To have more conversations about Christianity

Abby Yeomans – ABC Leader

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.

In February 2018, Leone Brown stood down after 25-years service as a Foundation Governor. The staff room was named in her honour as she has both supported generations of staff, and overseen the physical extension and development of the school in that time. St. Mary's is hugely grateful for the

Prayer points:

- Praying for an extra leader once a month to replace Jennie, as she moves into service leading. (And a massive thank you to Jennie for her time leading Searchers).
- Praying for the children who do attend to have strengthened relationships with Jesus, their leaders and each other.
- Praying for more families to attend the church.

Hopes and aims for the future:

- For the children who attend to continue growing in their faith into adulthood.
- For the numbers in Searchers to grow, as the number of families in church grow.
- Hoping for crossover from the families which attend the all age on the first of the month.

Kate Campbell, Benefice Children's Work Co-ordinator

LIFE GROUPS:

Leaders: Peter Blundell; Jane Hughes; Iris Scammells; Angela Spencer; Olive Thornton; Peter White

Number in Group: 37 in six groups; three daytime and three evening

Purpose: To encourage growing and active disciples of Christ

During 2018 Life Groups studied Discipleship Explored, which is based on Philippians; and God's Big Picture, which tied in with the Sunday teaching on the Old Testament.

Life 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.

We would love everyone who is a regular worshipper at St Mary's to be in a Life Group.

Angela Spencer lifegroups@stmaryseversley.org.uk

BRAMSHILL MISSION CHAPEL

In January 2018 we said goodbye and thank you to David and June from Pond Cottage, who've faithfully cared for the chapel, offered hospitality and provided parking for worshippers for over 30 years! Alongside that were some question marks about how we were going to be able to have services in Bramshill in the future. Thankfully, we were offered the opportunity for parking at two of the nearby cottages for which we offer our thanks. This, along with finding a way to have post service refreshments in the chapel, allowed us to begin services again in April. Thanks go to a team effort to clear the paths and build a bridge /clear brush to allow us access from the other cottages and also to all those who help provide the necessary equipment to allow us to have refreshments each month.

Having decided for the time being to only have services during the Summer in daylight we have had a good turnout from the local community, regularly getting over 20 along. Services have been led by Rachel, Lerys and Tony Bushell and we are grateful to them and the many others in the Bramshill community for the part they play in our services. We finished the regular services with a harvest festival in September and then finished the year on a high with a mid-afternoon Christmas Carol service on the second Sunday of December where we were bursting at the seams. We hope to start services again on the 14th April 2019, with another clearing/ cleaning day on the 13th April.

Rev. Lerys Campbell, Priest-in-Charge

CHOIR

Resulting from the loss of some choir members, particularly sopranos, we were unable to offer an anthem for the signing of the register at weddings this year. However, the choir did sing at four weddings during the year, supporting the congregation in singing the hymns.

The choir also sang as usual at the Advent evening service at St Mary's, Hartley Wintney, the Candlelit Carol Concert at St Mary's Eversley, and for carols at the White Hart. For the Candlelit Carol Concert we invited others to join us, forming a small community choir. We had five volunteers for this, four of whom were old members of the choir. This was successful, as the augmented choir made a grand sound. The event was also ably supported by the choir of Charles Kingsley School and the church's bellringers, and over £600 was raised.

Unfortunately, more choir members left at the end of the year, so the future of the choir is, at present, uncertain.

Clive Baker, Organist

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.

We always start the morning with a Christian story. At the moment we are working our way through a wonderful book: '99 Stories from the Bible'. For example, last week we heard the story 'a blind man sees'. After we have read the story through we discuss it with the children, and play a game relating to it. Then it's time for songs, usually well-known Nursery Rhymes and we always finish with singing 'our God is a great big God' which the children love