

## St Leonard's & St Paul's

Serving God, Each Other and the Community

## Reports for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2019



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Coffee and Conversation Report

### Annual Meeting of Parishioners

### Followed by

## Bursledon Parish Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### 1) Opening Prayer & Worship

Led by John Ablett

### 2) Appointment of Chair

Our Area Dean Rev Fiona Gibbs asked in absence of a Chair was it the will of the meeting for her to Chair our APCM – All in favour.

### 3) Annual Meeting of Parishioners

FG Explained that you are entitled to attend and vote at this part of the meeting, if you are on the Electoral Roll or a resident within the Parish Boundary.

### 4) Election of Churchwardens

Ralph Gowers has decided to step down as warden after 4 years of service. Thanks to Ralph for all he has done.

Two nominations received: Linda Burt and Matt Hampton.

As there were only two vacancies both were duly elected.

### 5) Annual Parochial Church Meeting

FG again explained that those on the Electoral Roll were entitled to vote at the meeting.

### 6) Appointment of Secretary

Was it the will of the meeting for Sam Sly to be appointed as Secretary – All in favour.

### 7) Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Jeremy Clark Debbie Hampton Lisa Quinn

Polly Clark Suzanne Houston Katerina Surmova

Alan Cookson Tony Houston Pat Willis

Susan Cookson Yvonne Kinsella Emma Grove Jenny Leeves Steve Grove Bernard Quinn

### 8) Electoral Roll

Report in booklet, at 2017 APCM we had 237 on Roll and for the 2018 we have 227. Additions during year – 7, removals – 17 (this includes 3 deaths & 11 moved away)

### 9) Approval of Minutes

FG asked for approval of minutes 2017.

One amendment 2) Changing of spelling from Peter Roach to Rouch.

All in favour

### 10) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

### 11) Approval of Accounts

Matt Hampton presented the draft accounts

Expenditure surplus is due to the Parish Share not being paid – if not we would've been down by about £30,000.

Spending is down this year due to not replacing staff and generous donors funding needed works.

The finance team wanted to address all outstanding agencies before John Pawson's arrival – these were done by February. Some of these dated back to 2013. So agencies sorted and paid out accordingly.

Book examiners forgot we were sending accounts, hence the delay. They are also looking through the accounts with a fine-tooth comb as it is the first time they have seen them. We may be able to ask other Parishes for recommendations for accountants if not happy.

We will delay approval of accounts until we can hold a Special General Meeting, we can then vote for the approval.

MH proposed to delay approval of accounts, and appointment of auditor Seconded by Keith Price

All in favour.

### 12) Appointment of Auditor

Delayed until Special General Meeting

### 13) Election of 8 Parochial Church Council representatives

FG thanked all those stepping down as PCC representatives.

As LB has been elected as Churchwarden there would also now be another PCC vacancy.

Eight nominations received:

Ann Ashburn, Hilary Bax, Ellie Catto, Jennifer Neale, John Nisbet, Mike Sealey, Mark Sevé, Mike Watts.

No other nominations were received from the floor.

No vote needed all duly elected to the PCC.

### 14) Election of 4 Deanery Synod representatives

FG thanked all those stepping down as Deanery Synod representatives.

Two nominations received:

Ellie Catto and Scott Neale.

No other nominations received from the floor.

No vote needed both duly elected as Deanery Synod representatives.

### 15) Churchwardens Report

MH expressed his personal thanks to Ralph and Jenny Gowers for all the help and support during his time as Warden.

Report included in booklet, no comments or question received.

### 16) Annual Reports

FG stressed a note of thanks to those who produced reports as they were so well written.

Reports are in the booklet in full to read.

Fabric & Facilities: Bob Bax – Still work to do on both buildings. St Paul's sign has been replaced thanks to a generous donor.

Quinquennial report highlights issues caused by water coming from roof with inadequate down pipes. Proposal for more pipes to be fitted. We have had a donor for half and looking for further donors.

Canopy at St Leonard's had a partial collapse. No asbestos found, as first feared, we have had a quote for £1500 + VAT. Looking for a donor to come forward. Contractor is Diocese approved and very used to working with our Quinquennial architect.

Youth, Children and Families: Thanks to all those who give up their time to assist in anything that falls under this umbrella.

Prayer ministry: No comments Pastoral Care: No comments

Church mission: Keith Price – The latest report from our CMS representatives is on the noticeboard to read.

M18: Ralph Gowers – On behalf of MH and myself, want to express thanks for the support of this group for

PCC prayer meetings.

Oasis: No comments

Life Groups: Thanks to Yvonne Kinsella who has been a faithful Life Group Leader for many years and had

been left off the list.

Women's Ministry: No comments

Men's Ministry: No comments

School Report: Hilary Bax - Still a vacancy for a Governor at school, please contact Hilary Bax or Andrew

Milchard if you are interested or have any questions.

Mothers Union: No comments Prayer Days: No comments

St Leonard's Choir: No comments Rodbard House: No comments

Sanctuary: No comments

Coffee & Conversation: No comments

Pins & Needles: No comments

Sue King – On behalf of St Leonard's congregation want to express thanks to Anthony Scammel and his team for Family Services

A thank you to John Ablett for all the extra services you have taken on during this vacancy period.

### 17) Results of Election

Not needed

### 18) Closing Prayer

FG thanked all those attending. 12 weeks until proposed Licensing Service for John Pawson in Bursledon.

Ephesians 2: 14-22, led by FG

Meeting closed at 20.25pm

## Electoral Roll 2019 Sam Sly

ABLETT	SHEILA	ESSAYE	LIN
ALDOM	KATE	FAIRCLOUGH	MICHELE
ANDERSON	DARREN	FALCONER	LYNNE
ANDERSON	DIANE	FOSTER	JUDITH
ASHBURN	ANN	FOULKES	PAT
ASHBURN	PETER	GAEDKE	JEAN
BAILLIE	REBECCA	GILBERT	KATH
BAKER	ELIZABETH	GOWERS	JENNY
BAKER	PAM	GOWERS	RALPH
BAKER	RON	GREEN	TRICIA
BALDWIN	JANET	GROVE	EMMA
BARNES	ANNIE	GROVE	STEPHEN
BAX	ВОВ	HACK	TANYA
BAX	HILARY	HALL	ANJI
BAX	MATTHEW	HALL	PAT
BERNIER	MARY	HAMMOND	JOAN
BISHOP	CORRINA	HAMPTON	DEBBIE
BISHOP	NICHOLAS	HAMPTON	MATTHEW
BLACKMORE	BELINDA	HAYWARD	MARGARET
BLAND	BRIAN	HERITAGE	CHLOE
BLAND	JULIA	HERITAGE	SHARON
BLAND	KEVIN	HILL	PETER
BLAND	SAM	HISCOCK	SUSAN
BLAND	SIMON	HOOPER	SUSANNE
BRICE	DAVID	HOUSTON	SUZANNE
BRICE	ELIZABETH	HOUSTON	TONY
BULL	HANNAH	HOWARD	LINDA
BURGESS	FRAIR	HUMPHREYS	BEN
BURGESS	NICHOLAS	HUMPHREYS	PETER
BURT	LINDA	HUNNS	
CAIN	JUNE		ROGER JOYCE
	· · · · -	INGLEDEW	
CARTER	MARGARET	JAMES	ANNE
CARTER	ROBERT	JONES	ZOE
CATTO	ABIGAIL	KING	SUSAN
CATTO	ELLIE	LEEVES	JENNY
CATTO	HOLLY	LILEY	VERONICA
CLARE	MARIE	LORD	ANDY
CLARK	POLLY	LORD	CLARE
CLARK	JEREMY	LYNE	JONATHAN
CLARKE	JOSEPH	LYNE	SALLY
CLARKE	SHEILA	MARTIN	PAT
COLLINGWOOD	ANDREW	McCOLM	EMILY
COLLINGWOOD	FRANCES	McCREERY	MAURICE
COOKSON	ALAN	MILCHARD	ABIGAIL
COOKSON	CLAIRE	MILCHARD	ANDREW
COOKSON	DAVID	MOODY	ELIZABETH
COOKSON	EMILY	MOORES	PATRICIA
COOKSON	RICHARD	MOYES	DAVE
COOKSON	SUSAN	MOYES	JANE
CROTTY	AUDREY	NEALE	HALLIE
CROWTHER	REG	NEALE	JENNIE
CROWTHER	SHEILA	NEALE	SCOTT
DOWN	BARBARA	NISBET	JOHN
DUNN	JOHN	NISBET	SARAH

O'DELL **ADRIENNE** O'DELL **ANDREW OLIVER RACHEL PAWSON BEN PAWSON HELEN PEET KATHRYN PLAIN JOHN PLAIN ROS POTTER LESLEY POTTER TREVOR PRICE KEITH PRICE** LINETTE **QUICK EMILY** QUINN **HOLLY** QUINN **LAURA** QUINN LISA QUINN **BERNARD REYNOLDS KATE ROBERTS CAITLYN ROGERSON CHRISTINE ROGERSON DAVID ROSSITER BRIAN ROSSITER PRUE ROUSE CHRISTINE ROUSE JAMES SANDERS EMMA SANDERS ROB SANDERS SARAH** SÉVE **ANTHONY** SÉVE **MARK SHEPHERD MARY SHIRLEY ANGELA** SIMON-HART **ANIIMBO** SIMON-HART **BOMA** SIMON-HART **DAGOGO** 

SIMON-HART SOBARABONYE SKILTON CHRIS

SLY **SAMANTHA STANLEY KATHRYN STANLEY MARTIN** STILL **REBECCA** STILL **STEVE STONE** DAVID STONE **PENNY** STREET ALICE STREET **ROBERT STUART BARRY SURMOVA KATERINA** SUTTON **BRENDA TAYLOR BERNADETTE** 

TAYLOR PETER
TILBURY PAMELA
THOMAS JADE
THOMAS MICHAEL

**VARGESON ELLEN** VARGESON SIMON **VASSELIN EMMA** WATERMAN COLIN SUSIE WATERMAN **WATTS** LYNNE **WATTS MIKE** WEST **BRENDA WESTHORPE JULIE** WHITE **AILEEN ANDREW** WHITE WHITE **CLAIRE** WHITE **GLENDA** WHITE **JOHN** WHITE **PETER THERESA** WHITE **WILLIS PAT WILLSHER MOLLIE DIANE** WILSON WOODS **MARY** 

Electoral Roll Total after Revision = 182

### Vicar's Report John Pawson



It's good to be writing my first APCM report as your Vicar in Bursledon Parish. It's been an exciting and varied year for all the Pawson's and I hope that, following quite a long interregnum, it's been a positive time for you all too?

We feel we have settled in well and made a good start on our calling to love, support and inspire you all, as members of the parish church family. We are conscious too, of the calling we all share to live out our faith in our work places, families and other networks, as well as when we gather as Christians together.

I arrived in the holiday season, and was delighted to see so many at the Licensing Service with Bishop Jonathan on 12<sup>th</sup> July. Although I was as surprised as everyone to find myself washing the Bishop's feet in the middle of St Leonard's on a hot summer's evening! The 'return fixture' at St Paul's though was very pleasant, if a little embarrassing, having to look out at all your faces with my bare feet in a bowl of soapy water! An occasion never to be forgotten...

In our sermons we travelled with Abraham, learning from his successes and failures, and were reminded of God's probing question, 'Is anything too hard for the Lord?' (Gen.18v14). A verse to keep in mind for the challenges and problems we will no doubt come across from time to time.

Highlights for us as we've come back to Bursledon have been:

- Meeting lots of familiar faces, and picking up on friendships from 14 years ago
- Getting to know new people who have arrived in the church since we were last here
- Celebrating Christmas, with all the wonderful services (not least turning round in the middle of my Christmas day talk at St Leonards, to see every choir member staring back at me through their sheep masks!)
- Two very joyful Joint Services bringing together the St Paul's and St Leonard's congregations and sharing lunch together afterwards
- Sharing a Vision for Bursledon and our church, that has resonated with many of us and provides us with an aspirational target as we serve, worship and witness together
- An encouraging response to the giving campaign last autumn which has resulted in a much needed increase to income of around £9,500 per year
- Re-starting the Alpha Course, and the encouraging response of church members volunteering to help to run and host the course, as well as inviting friends and family members to come as guests
- And as I write, preparing for our first Easter here, with its rich opportunities for worship and reflection;
   and the fertile ground for witness, as we host school services and run the Easter Holiday Club

### As we look forward we can anticipate:

- The arrival of Jill Kells, our new Curate, following her Ordination on 30<sup>th</sup> June this year
- The developing ministries of Andy Milchard and Corrina Bishop as they are trained and commissioned under the Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM)
- The development and implementation of a new Parish Mission Action Plan (pMAP) in line with our Vision, which will see us serving our community and multiplying opportunities to share our faith with others. (e.g. Alpha Course; Outreach to New Residents; 'Make Lunch' Initiative)
- Working and worshipping alongside Hamble and Hound churches and growing life-giving relationships

that will result in fruitful mission and strong links between the churches

To close, may I say some thank yous: Thank you to Peter and Sandy for their 25 years of ministry in Bursledon and all the good things that were achieved under Peter's leadership. Thank you to the team who looked after the parish so faithfully during the interregnum – Matt, Ralph and Linda; John A, Peter, Peter and Kat; John, Suzanne and Sam... And of course, thank you to all the diligent and committed volunteers who looked after Life Groups, music, Children's and Youth groups, hospitality, welcome, cleaning, visiting, prayer ministry, and all the Unseen Saints who selflessly do what you do because you love the Lord and are committed to loving his people.

Romans 12 v12 says; 'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.'

I came across a quote recently based on this verse; it reads,

'Prayer is integral to our life together as God's family. Without it we are just a jumble of mismatched and awkward people trying to be friends.'

But with prayer, hope and patience; and when we walk in step with the Holy Spirit, this strange 'jumble of mismatched and awkward people' becomes a dynamic community that can transform lives, families and communities, with the love and power of Jesus Christ.

May God be with us, bless us, change us and use us for his good purposes in the years ahead, John

Rev. John Pawson

<u>Church Wardens Report</u> Matt Hampton and Linda Burt



As we look back over the past year, we are grateful to God for His faithfulness to us as a church. It's certainly been one of change and some exciting new beginnings!

At last year's APCM Ralph Gowers made the decision to step down as Churchwarden after 4 years of faithful service. So, we would like to begin by formally expressing our heartfelt thanks for his dedication, wise counsel and helping the church successfully navigate a period of interregnum. Ralph, you're a star!

In May we put a number of measures in place to ensure that we complied with the new GDPR rules and regs. All seems to be going well so far - phew!

June and July saw frenzied activity at the Vicarage getting everything ready for the Pawson family's arrival. Our grateful thanks to all of you who spent time battling with spiders, polishing windows and floors, cutting grass, trimming hedges, washing walls, painting and repainting walls, ceilings and woodwork, making tea, and providing much needed cakes and biscuits.

On the 11 July it was our absolute joy to be able to welcome John, Helen, Grace, Ben (and Dan) to their new home.

This was culminated the following evening with a very warm (in every sense of the word) and uplifting

Licensing Service, which took place at both St. Leonard's and St. Paul's, to formally welcome John as Priest in Charge of Bursledon Parish. Again, our grateful thanks to everyone who played a part in making this such a special evening.

In September we held a joint service at St. Leonard's followed by a yummy hog roast in the Vicarage garden. It was a great time of fun and fellowship - so much so, that we did it all again in January, but this time at St. Paul's with chilli and jacket potatoes instead. Thank you to our 5-star chefs, washer- uppers and everyone who provided goodies.

We have also seen the beginning of some Cluster events with Hamble and Hound, namely, the Advent Service and the more recent Ash Wednesday Service. It's great to be able to share worship together and we look forward to building on this with further events in the coming year.

As we come to the end of another year (where did that time go?) we would like to say a special thank you to John, the Staff Team and the PCC for their tireless work, in so many different ways, during the year.

Lastly, and by no means least, a huge THANK YOU to each and everyone one of you for your support and for the valuable part you play in the life of the church.

As we seek God for the coming year, in the words of John's first sermon with us, may we be people who 'Love, Love, Go' - Matthew 22:34-40 and 28:16-20.

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### **Electoral Roll**

Sam Sly

This year was the Revision year for the Electoral Roll.

Following the Revision period 3rd—17th March 2019, our number on Electoral Roll is: 182

This is made up as follows:

Renewals by previous members on the Roll: 149

New members on the roll: 33

Previous members who did not return a form: 85

If anybody wishes to be a member of the Electoral Roll you may complete an application from, which are found at either church, and return to the church office.

All new application received will be entered on the roll after 15th April.



### **Fabric and Facilities 2018**

James Rouse

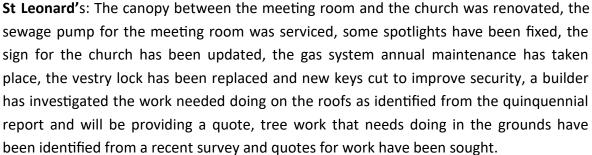


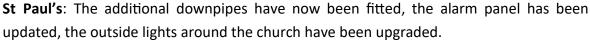
We are very blessed to have such amazing buildings in the parish with which we can serve God, our community and each other. In May 2018, the newly appointed PCC updated the fabric and facilities committee with a number of new members. This committee oversees the work that's needed at both St Leonard's and St Paul's. Our heartfelt thanks to all those that were on the committee previous to this, were on it at various points of this year, and to all those others that have volunteered to help out, have seen a need and either highlighted it or simply dealt with it, and have helped out on work days.



The new committee proposed terms of reference for how it would operate which were agreed by the PCC and we have looked at streamlining the process by which work is funded to ensure that we can claim gift aid on donations that members of the congregations have very kindly given for specific works.

At the time of writing this report, there have then been various works that have taken place at both St Leonard's and St Paul's over the year which are highlighted here.





**At both sites**: Log books have been created for members of the church to highlight work they see need doing and many of these little jobs have taken place. Electrical PAT testing has been completed.

**Working parties** have taken place at both churches to prepare St Leonard's for Remembrance Day and to deal with various jobs that needed doing at St Paul's. Thanks to everyone that came and helped out at these events.







### **Pins and Needles**

Pat Hall



We enjoy meeting on Monday afternoons 2-4pm at St Leonard's meeting room and do a variety of knitting and embroidery projects, baby jackets, blankets etc. We enjoy a cup of tea and a chat whilst we work. If you would like to join us, you would be made very welcome.

### Youth, Children and Families

John White and Suzanne Houston



<sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3 vs 16-19

This is the verse we have continued to hold before us in all the activities, ups, downs, challenges and highlights of the last year. Your support, prayers and involvement have enabled great things as we all provide for our children, young people, families, church family and our community, and we thank you for it on our and their behalf.

Our vision for all we do continues to be summed up in three words:

### Welcomed, Rooted, Loved

This is what we long for those who come to experience all the groups, services and encounters they have with us here in the Parish.

**Welcome** – We strive that people, children, youth can come and know they are seen, valued, safe. Where they can meet kindness, socialise and build relationships. So individuals can find a place of friendly encouragement and God's care-for-the-community in action.

**Rooted** – We offer a sense of belonging, of identity. Helping people to discover who they are, who God says they are and learning to be grounded in a community and congregation. We encourage the development of positive and affirming relationships, enabling growth and establishing wisdom and resilience for future.

**Loved** – Our fundamental underlying purpose and value is that all will know they are Loved by God. We love because he first loved us and Jesus opened the way to accept that love through his Grace. Together we learn how to live, loved.

### So how has this looked in 2018/19

**Under 5's:** Starting with our youngest infants, we have had 85 children actively on the Little Gems register during the last 6 months, representing 75 different local families. Each of our three sessions has between 15-20 children, so we can come in contact with 45-60 a week plus their parents and carers. Since earlier losing a large number of children up to school in September, we have seen a particular influx of first time Mums who have really valued the chance to make new friends and a support network. We also have families pleased to be joining us as they move into the new estate. As they get involved we have seen a number starting to attend other events and enquire about Baptisms.

**Little Gems Highlight** – In addition to a Christmas party, and involvement at other established Christmas events we were able to offer a simple Toddler Carol service at St Leonards which we hope to repeat for 2019!

**Midweek Afterschool Groups:** On a Thursday afternoon we are able to offer a fun, safe, warm place to be for children across the primary school age in our Sparks and Breakout groups. Numbers are often prone to fluctuate, but we regularly see up to 12 at Sparks and anywhere between 12-20 at Breakout.

Since September our secondary school aged youth group, 'Energise', has also met on Thursday afternoons, in response to volunteer capability and school timetabling. We regularly have up to 12 young people attending. There are a core of children from homes on our immediate doorstep for whom these groups are a particular place of stability and nurture.

**Highlight** – Excited children's faces pressed up against the glass, and also an increase in whole families attending at Messy Church.

**Sunday Morning Groups:** When the groups go out on a Sunday morning at St Paul's you can get a real sense of just what a part they play in the life of our Church family. Since jiggling about and moving up between groups with the new academic year we regularly see over 30 age 3-14 year olds each week, and often more. Our team of volunteers are amazing, helping to deliver age-appropriate opportunities for supporting the children on their Faith Journey. Being able to support and structure the groups differently is sometimes tricky, needing to evolve as the numbers in cohorts shift and change. But it is almost a 'healthy problem' to have!

Presently we can also regularly offer a manned Crèche for 0-3's on the second Sunday of a month.

**Highlight** – Seeing individuals progress in their social relationships with others, increase their knowledge and seeing them participate and express their growing understanding. Also seeing older ones come through to help and nurture others 'in the family' or leading in groups.

Messy Church: Messy Church continues to run monthly, and provides a space for families to engage with a re-imagined vision of what church is like. Crafts, games and activities are provided to enable all ages to explore key Bible themes and stories together. Over the past year, we have seen this continue to offer a route into Church for the families of our children and young people who attend our midweek after-school groups. It has been great to see numbers attending continue to grow and particular highlights have been our annual Light Party in October when over 160 people attended, as well as running a special Messy Christmas event at Bursledon Windmill which was a great chance to engage with our wider community.

Youth: Our two youth discipleship groups continue to meet regularly on Tuesday evenings during term time. We currently have up to 20 young people attending across both groups. We also continue to attend the 'Encounter' youth service which takes place monthly at Thornhill Baptist Church. At the time of writing this, we have just returned from our annual residential weekend with the 'Encounter' group which this year is made up of young people and leaders from Thornhill Baptist and Vineyard Churches, as well as Bitterne and Netley Parish. We took 15 of our young people to the Avon Tyrrell outdoor activity centre in the New Forest for a fun weekend of worship, teaching and of course some rather interesting outdoor activities! It was great to see our young people getting involved, forming new friendships, praying for each other and responding to God.

In the summer holidays, three of our 'older' young people will be joining others from Thornhill Baptist and Vineyard Churches on a mission trip to Southern India. The trip will involve spending two weeks working with a Christian charity in India which primarily runs a children's home but also has links with a number of small churches in the area. It is hoped that this will provide opportunities for the young people to work with the children as well as the chance to visit and share with some local church groups.

**Schools work:** We continue to support our Infant and Junior schools: Through our school prayer group; the delivery of collective worship and RE lessons; individual learning support and leading school services at the major festivals.

Having started in January 2018, our Christian Union (Three16) has now become well established at The Hamble School. Since the start of the current school year, we have had 23 different young people attend and have a regular core of about 12 young people attending. Our aim is to offer space for the young people to ask questions and explore faith. We have also been fortunate enough to be asked to provide input into RE lessons over the past year, which has included giving presentations about Christian faith.

### **St Leonard's Family Service**

### **Anthony Scammell**



The St Leonard's Family Service, which typically takes place on the first Sunday of the month, has continued to go from strength to strength during the past year. We are seeing a number of families regularly attending the service, as well as frequent new faces too.

The service, as the name implies, is accessible to all ages and has a great mix of worship songs, ranging from traditional hymns, to show off St Leonard's wonderful organ, through to modern classics and children's action songs. We also have a short talk, family prayers, usually led by one of the attending families, as well as the ever popular birthday slot and treat bag!

This year we have been delighted to host a number of baptisms during the service, which are always well received by the visiting families and bear witness that church is fun!

The service is supported by a great team who 'make it happen' each month and is now becoming much more established into the standard service framework, so a big thank you to the Family Service team, as well as the choir and regular teams and congregation at St Leonard's who have made it so successful.

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### <u>Alpha 2019</u>

John Pawson



What a joy it is to be running the Alpha Course in Bursledon this year! Over more than 2 decades of being involved with Alpha courses in different churches I have seen so many people come to faith and grow in their faith as a result of Alpha and the relationships it has nurtured.

This year we have 14 guests, which we have divided fairly evenly into a group of adults, and a group of older teenagers. Some guests are looking to explore, test and develop their existing faith, while others are looking in from the outside trying to work out how the Christian faith holds together. As you read this the course will be nearing the end (as I write we are about half way through). Please do continue to pray for all those on the course; for the thoughts and experiences they have had over the weeks, the friendships we have made and for their ongoing journeys' of faith. And why not start praying now for neighbours, friends and family members that you'd like to invite on Alpha next year.

We have been blessed by a willing and able team of volunteers who have hosted and catered superbly for us week-by-week – thank you to everyone and all the Life Groups that have been involved.

One of the challenges of Alpha to the church is finding those who are able and willing to take on the privilege and challenge of becoming leaders of the new groups that Alpha generates... is the Lord calling you to this worthwhile ministry?

### **Prayer Ministry Team**

Linda Burt



My soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. He is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken. Psalm 62:1-2

The prayer ministry team is available every Sunday after the morning services (9.30 and 11am) to pray with people. This can be for prayers of healing, as a response to God's Word, for guidance, thanksgiving or for anything else God has laid on your heart. Life doesn't always go the way we had planned or would desire and at times like these it is good to have the prayers, support and encouragement of others.

The team meet to pray together on a Sunday before the main services (9.10am in the chapel at St. Paul's and 10.40am in the North Transept at St. Leonard's). Everyone is welcome to join them so do come along if you can.

Our hope and prayer for the coming year is for the team to grow in number. If you feel this is a ministry God is calling you to, or would like to explore further, please do come and have a chat.

As ever, a very big 'thank you' to those on the team who minister faithfully Sunday by Sunday. May God bless you abundantly as you serve Him in this way.

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### **Mothers Union**

Linette Price



We are a group of members, from 3 parishes, who are passionate about supporting and improving the lives of families and women in over 30 countries around the world.

With the help of Keith Price we part sponsor girl students at the Papa Keith Vocational Institute in Pallisa, Uganda, we support Suzanne in her ministry to Little Gems, and we fund raise to enable families who are struggling to take some time "Away From It All" on the family holiday organised by Winchester Diocese Mothers Union.

Throughout the year we meet monthly for worship, talks and fellowship. We include a party at New Year and a summer outing. We also hold coffee mornings for fundraising, all of our meetings are held in St. Pauls. Please see the church noticeboards or the parish news sheet for more details. We are holding a "Summer of Hope" afternoon tea on April 10<sup>th</sup>, in St. Paul's church at 2p.m.

This will be a fundraising event to support the Mothers Union Coordinators in various dioceses to enable them to enable and encourage their members in the work of improving family life and the status of women where they live. The coordinators need to travel vast distances in some places and need help with their transport costs in order to meet with the members. Whole villages are being transformed in this way as people are motivated to look at their local problems and see how they be solved by using local resources, thereby becoming more self-sufficient. Much of this work is done in the developing countries, and also with refugees. Emergency aid is also given, without the Mothers Union members on the spot the much needed resources would not be delivered correctly.

Please speak to Linette Price or Sheila Ablett if you would like to know more about any aspect of our work, or if you would like to recommend a family for the holiday we welcome anyone to our meetings we are a friendly bunch!

### **Eastleigh Bukedi Link**

Ceith Price

### **Bukedi Diocese Update:**

**Bishop Samuel Egesa** and **DS Rev Emmanuel Okurut** both send their Blessings to Bursledon Parish and thank you for your prayers and financial support for the Orphans & Destitute Students in PKVI.

The population of Uganda continues to grow at an alarming rate and now stands at **42.3** m and Bukedi Diocese is having its share in that increase. To assist this Bishop Sam and his senior staff have been reviewing how they can best reach out to all the areas of the Diocese.

They ask for wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit as they shape their Diocese to meet the ever increasing population.

**Archbishop Stanley** visited Bukedi Diocese on 11<sup>th</sup> November to create a new Archdeaconry of Samia Bugwa Central.

This increases the number of Archdeaconries in the Diocese to 12.

He retires in 2020 and starts his farewell visits next year.

He may be invited to Pallisa to inaugurate the 13<sup>th</sup> archdeaconry of **Agule** in 2019.

**Rev Charles Fairfax Okiror** will be leaving Pallisa and is to be licenced as Archdeacon of Buyole West in 2019. Charles has been the vicar of All Saints Pallisa as well as the Principle of PKVI.

Under his leadership the congregation of the church has grown and the Institute has gained national recognition. We will miss his commitment to Pallisa and pray for guidance as he takes on this new role.

**Mr Edward Arikod** has be appointed the new Principle of PKVI and is undergoing induction and will take up his post in December 2018. Edward was a primary school head for many years before becoming a School Superintendent. He has now retired and will be a great asset to the Institute.



There was a total of 50 Students doing a mixture of Certificate and Diploma courses during 2018.

From February 2018 both these courses run for four semesters over two years.

A total of 38 students have been registered for national exams to be done this coming Dec.

They bought assortment of text books in the areas of business, records, ICT

They acquired 43 armrest metallic chairs for examination purpose.

Fitting out of the Guest House is progressing. Internal walls plastered, window frames fitted, Electrical wiring done.

They are now begin the plumbing and floor works.

The temporary wire chain link fence that was on one side of the site boundary has been replaced with a wall.

### PKVI exam results UBB204 PKVI

The May/June 2018 Examination Results have just been released of those who took their finals:

Distinction - 1,

2.1 - 3, Retake a paper - 10

2.2 - 2,

3 - 11,

### Making a Difference

With financial help from Parishes in Eastleigh Deanery a total of 13 students are currently being sponsored.

### **2019 Projected Student numbers**

Certificate: 40 Students, 20 to be sponsored Diploma: 20 Students, 10 to be sponsored

We have pledged to sponsor these 30 students for the 2019 intake.

### Student Case Study 1

Student **John Solomon Okanya** completed his Certificate in Records and Information Management and gained a Distinction.

He is 26 years old and lives in Kaukura Parish, with his wife and three children.

Both his parents died whilst he was young and he struggled to raise the money for secondary school fees.

He is one of the students that was sponsored for his Certificate course.

John is a committed person who is willing to study, and wishes to continue with his studies (Diploma level) and is requesting sponsorship for this two year course.

### **Student Case Study 2**

Student **Isaac ODWOLI** completed his certificate in information technology (CICT) in 2013 and immediately in 2014 got a job with Pallisa secondary school as a **Computer Laboratory Assistant.** 

The little salary he receives from Pallisa secondary school is inadequate to meet both his family needs and paying fees as well. However he is interested in enrolling for a Diploma course.

"I am indeed on my knees requesting sponsorship to enable me achieve my dream. Already I am very grateful for Papa Keith Vocational Institute to be where I am now because it will enable me to work as I study." Thank you.

### **Oasis**

Zoe Jones, Kate Reynolds & Emma Grove

We have continued to offer a time of space, quiet and the opportunity to be with God at Oasis mornings. We have met 4 times over the year, usually every other month in term time. All our mornings have been on Fridays, and are hosted by Annie. We are so grateful for her beautiful and peaceful home, and her kind and generous hospitality.

About 8 to 12 people meet each time, a mix from our parish, and across Southampton. This year we've had visitors from as far as Chichester, but mainly it is attended by those who worship at St Paul's and St Leonard's.

We open and close with some gentle words of liturgy. Kate has offered us a lovely art reflection each time. The process of using our hands while meditating or praying can be very helpful.

So everyone is welcome, and the activity and prayers are optional. Taking a time of quiet can be so beneficial in our busy weeks to slow down and listen.

If you'd like to book a place, email <a href="mailto:bursledonparishoasis@gmail.com">bursledonparishoasis@gmail.com</a>

Presently we have mornings planned on Fridays 8 March, 17 May and 28 June. Please look out in the notice sheet for updates and future dates.

### **M18 Prayers**

### Susie Waterman



Matthew 18: 19-20

"I promise that when any two of you on earth agree about something you are praying for, my Father in heaven will do it for you. Whenever two or three of you come together in my name, I am there with you." (CEV)

What an encouragement and motivation to pray with one another!

Corporate prayer – gathering together to worship God and seek His will and wisdom - is on a par with preaching and teaching as a priority in a healthy church; praying together is a vital key to opening God's presence and work among His people. 'Awake' and 'M18' are two opportunities at either end of the day for us to pray together.

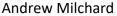
M18 takes place at St Paul's on Monday evenings from 7.30 pm and has a small core group of six people. Some of the core are happy to lead the evening and that gives us different 'flavours' and a variety of ways to pray each week. Everyone is very welcome to join us and we'd be very happy to welcome you – come and give it a try!

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our

Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15: 5-6)

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### <u>Sanctuary</u>





Sanctuary happens on the third Sunday evening each month. It is an informal service where the focus is on providing time and space for people to come and reflect, meditate and worship without the pressures and distractions that sometimes affect us on Sunday morning.

We normally have an extended time of sung worship, some reflective focus and often another opportunity to interact with God in a more creative way as well. The evenings are deliberately varied though we have had more reflective and meditative services this year in response to feedback. We also had an evening led by the young people this year and hope to see that repeated in the coming months.

Sanctuary is very much a team effort and we are grateful to all those who help make it possible. James Baillie and Simon Vargeson have led the music in addition to their Sunday morning commitments, Corrina Bishop has prepared and led evenings.

Beyond those contributions, we are grateful that other people turn up! I always leave Sanctuary feeling more inspired and closer to God than when I arrive and a big part of that is down to sharing the time together.

Andy Milchard, on behalf of the Sanctuary team (James and Christine Rouse, Emma Grove, Ellen Vargeson, and Abby and Andy Milchard)

### Life groups—2018-19

### Colin and Susie Waterman



### Learning together how to become healthy disciples of Jesus Christ

When we took over the co-ordinating of Life Groups in 2014, Colin had a picture of a seed (each of us having a seed of faith) which needs planting (belonging to church), watering (receiving good, solid preaching and teaching), the warmth of the sun ('love one another'), and manure/fertilizer to produce the best crop. That's where life groups come in - a safe environment where our faith can mature, we can discover more about God's love, what it means to be a true disciple of Jesus and to 'bear much fruit' together.

We currently have 10 Life Groups meeting during the week, 3 during the day and 7 in the evenings. We would like to acknowledge all the leaders because they do an amazing job in nurturing, caring and encouraging those in their groups as they pursue Jesus and His transforming power together. So, a huge THANK YOU and a round of applause to:

Peter Taylor Tuesday mornings, Old Bursledon

Diane Anderson Tuesday mornings, toddler-friendly at St Paul's

Yvonne Kinsella Tuesday evenings, fortnightly

Colin Waterman Tuesday evenings, Hungerford Bottom Andy Lord Wednesday evenings, various venues

Ann Ashburn Wednesday evenings, Redcroft
Linda Burt Wednesday evenings, St Paul's
Bob & Hilary Bax Tuesday evenings, Hill Place

June Cain Thursday mornings, with Susie at St Paul's

Susie Waterman Thursday evenings, Pound Road

A note of appreciation is also due to Kate Reynolds, Tony & Suzanne Houston, Sam McLaughlin, Mark Sevé and John & Ros Plain who have all stepped down from leading Life Groups since the last APCM report. We are very grateful to each one for the love, support, time and energy they gave to their groups.

Over the last year most of the groups have followed the same material - the 'Rule of Life' Lent Course, the Book of Acts in anticipation of John & Helen's arrival, and John Ortberg's book 'Everyone's Normal Until You Get To Know Them'; some are currently working through material on Spiritual Gifts, the current preaching series. There is a large resource library at St Paul's — do take a look and feel free to borrow the material there, either for your own personal use or for a Life Group.

If you would like to know more about trying out a Life Group for yourself, do please get in touch with us. We would love to be able to help you on your journey of faith and pursuit of Jesus by pointing you in the direction of an appropriate Life Group.

"Discover creative ways to encourage others and to motivate them toward acts of compassion, doing beautiful works as expressions of love. This is not the time to pull away and neglect meeting together, as some have formed the habit of doing, because we need each other! In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage and urge each other onward as we anticipate that day dawning." (Hebrews 10:24-25, The Passion Translation)

- **L** Learning
- I In fellowship with Jesus and other Christians
- **F** Fullness of life
- E Extending God's Kingdom

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### **Pastoral Care**

### Prue Rossiter



The past year has been an encouraging one for us, as we have continued with our visits, offering a simple service of Holy Communion at home to those church members who can no longer attend church in person, supporting those who are sick, either at home or in hospital, troubled, or grieving over the loss of a loved one. To date, in the last year we have carried out 59 services of Holy Communion, in addition to the monthly services offered at Rodbard House by Peter White and Peter Taylor, and 37 purely pastoral care visits. Four people have received hospital visits in both Southampton General and Queen Alexandra hospitals.

I have continued to send out "First Anniversary of Baptism" cards for children baptised in both churches, (14 in the past year), and "First Anniversary of Death" cards (10 in the past year) to the next of kin for all those who have had a funeral or memorial service here. It has recently been decided that we should also include "First Wedding Anniversary" cards for all couples married in our churches, to remind them that God is the third strand in their marriages, and as His Church, we are here to support them throughout their lives together, not just on their wedding day.

We have also decided to review our "assessment of needs" forms for our elderly housebound parishioners every year, in order to update the information we hold, and make sure that it is correct, as personal circumstances do change. So far, since January, 6 have been updated.

Our team has welcomed 4 new members in recent months, and there is a poster in both churches showing the team, and details of the services we offer. Pastoral Care is not an onerous task, but simply a matter of "Paraclesis" - literally "coming alongside" people in need, for whatever reason.

On  $17^{th}$  February, John's sermon was based on 2 Corinthians 1: 3-4 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." We have all had to face tough times, whether health-related, financial, relational, work issues, and so on. It is a privilege to be allowed to share in some of people's most difficult times, and a joy to see God at work, and helping them through with the comfort that we have known ourselves.

Under John's leadership and guidance we look forward to expanding this ministry, and reaching out to more and more people in our parish with the love and compassion of Jesus. I am so grateful to all our team members for their faithful help and support, and ask that you continue to hold us in your prayers as we seek God's way forward.

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## Rodbard House Peter Taylor

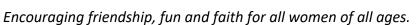


Members of the church continue to support the day centre groups at Rodbard House. We take communion into the two groups every month. The communion service includes a reading, talk, hymn(s) and prayers.

It remains an important ministry, as for many of them, it is their only contact with church and the only time they hear the message of God's love for them. Many of them really enjoy singing Hymns as part of the service. The fellowship after the service is also much appreciated.

### Women's Ministry

Claire White, Emma Vasselin and Hilary Bax



Throughout the past year we have held a number of social events which have been well attended. Our ladies breakfasts at St Leonard's continue to be popular, providing a space for ladies to enjoy breakfast and conversation along with a reflection on a short passage of scripture.

Although not many people came we had a lovely afternoon in September at the Beetledrive, with the oldest and youngest coming together to enjoy playing games. At Pentecost we had a successful cake sale raising just over £100 for The Courage Foundation.

During the summer we had a lovely evening in the Bax's garden for our Sunset Soiree, where we enjoyed cheese, pudding & Prosecco. This year we are thinking of having a Sparkling Cream Tea one afternoon in the summer.

At the beginning of December we had our Sparkly Christmas Quiz & Meal at the Vine Pub in Old Bursledon, again this was very well attended & much enjoyed by everyone.

Sadly we had to take the decision to cancel the Women's Weekend due to a very low interest, and we would have become liable for the full cost which was unaffordable.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Erica & Alice for their support and companionship over the past year as they have now stepped down from helping with the Women's Ministry. We would welcome anyone else who would like to join us or if you have any ideas/events you would like us to run, please get in touch with us.

We look forward to seeing you at some of our future events!

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### **Men's Ministry**

Bob Bax, Colin Waterman, Mark Sevé



In 2018 Colin Waterman, Mark Seve, Dave Moyes, and Bob Bax have tried to provide a programme on Men's Events that meet the needs of those who are actively engaged in the Christian Life, and those who just enjoy coming to a Pub, or a Curry Shop, for beer, food, and fellowship, and regular Friday Breakfasts.

As part of this we have Dave Moyes' FROGS Breakfasts at the Cafe' Celeste on a Friday Morning at 9.00am, which provides a time of fellowship for a mixture of Church attendees and men who have got to like a regular English Breakfast!

The Monthly Men's Ministry has taken the form of every other month of a Bacon Roll and Beverages plus a talk at St. Pauls at 8.30am on a Saturday Morning.

The alternate months then involve a visit to either the, Netley Purbani, The Vine, The Cinnamon Bay, or the Fox and Hounds, for Beer and Grub!

It is hoped by using say the Alpha Course, to broaden access to the Church for those who mainly attend the secular events.

On an organisational basis where appropriate, we do need to make effective use of the "Church App System" to recruit men to sign up for the monthly events, and to enable Catering and Venues to be reliably organised, as the food costs are noticeably discounted by the commercial venues.

### Federation of Bursledon C of E Infant School and Church Affiliated Junior School

Hilary Bax (Chair of Governors)



### **Love Respect Aspire**

For many people in Bursledon, the schools represent the heart of their community. As a church it is a privilege and a challenge to be able to bring the mission of Jesus to these children, their parents and the staff of both schools. Thanks to all those involved the relationship between church and school is valued greatly and continues to flourish. We are particularly grateful for the prayer support from the small group that meets twice a month to pray for the federation – thank you!!

As a church team we continue to lead three acts of worship a week across the two schools and our end of term and Advent services are much enjoyed and appreciated by all. Support for RE continues and it is lovely to see members of our church family helping in the classrooms.

We were very pleased to welcome John Pawson to the governing body in September as ex officio foundation governor, bringing foundation governors back to full strength again. We continue to have a high focus on emotional health and wellbeing of staff and children and provide pastoral support when needed.

Standards in both schools are on a strong upward trajectory and SATs results in the summer were the highest ever and above the national average. We are particularly proud that results for our disadvantaged children were above the average for all children nationally! The Local Authority regards the federation as having exemplary practice in a number of areas and our senior leaders are very effective in sharing this good practice with other schools, bringing in much needed extra funding.

Our persistence in trying to improve safety in Long Lane is being to show results, with local government now taking the issue seriously. With two schools, two preschools, the village hall, recreation ground, a veterinary practice and a number of residents all in close proximity in a narrow lane, there are a number of conflicting needs. Our aim, along with the three tiers of local government, is to try to find a solution that keeps everyone safe and meets the needs of all these different groups. We would welcome any ideas as we try to resolve this intractable problem.

In September we will have a vacancy for a co-opted governor. If you would like to find out more, and especially if you have experience in business or finance, please speak to John Pawson, Andy Milchard or me. We are very blessed in the opportunities we have to share the love of Jesus in our schools. If you would like to be a part of this, or if you have more ideas about how we can serve the children and staff, we would love to hear from you.

### St Leonard's Choir APCM Report 2018

Joyce Ingledew



After a long hot summer casting choir robes aside, Sept began with an invite from BBC Songs of Praise for a special recording in St Michaels church Southampton to be broadcast on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> for Remembrance service and other songs to feature in future editions so if you were watching and suddenly thought that face looked familiar then it probably was.

We were delighted to be asked to carol sing and support the youth team and Messy Church up at the Bursledon Windmill in December. Glad to have nice warm choir robes in what turned out to be a fun afternoon and a lovely place to sing. We also received a warm welcome from the team and their customers

at 'The Plough' Bursledon for carol singing evening. Many thanks.

We joined the rest of the country at 12.30pm on Remembrance Day in ringing the bells at St Leonards to commemorate the end of the First World War. We don't have a peal of bells or anything fancy at St Leonards, it's a simple country church, but what we have are the same bells that would have been rung in 1918 which makes them very authentic (I think we may have had new ropes in the 100 yrs!!) and I thank our team from within the choir who not only took their turn to keep them ringing on this day but make sure they are rung for weddings and on occasions when called for and I realise I have never thanked them in 48 years directing music at St Leonard's. I think that is called taking them for granted.

Thanks to Mike and Margaret Hayward for once again opening their home and garden to us for a Christmas party after the carol service and for a BBQ in summer.

Once again many thanks to the choir who are there every week at practice, services and weddings leading the worship. It has been a very difficult year for me and Sophie with the decline and death of my mother and fracturing my sternum just before Christmas, and as well as singing the choir have been the support and family that we don't have in real life. It was nice to once again welcome extra singers and some new faces to join us for family services, Christmas and weddings. Also thanks to our instrumentalists Sarah, Rob and Emma Sanders and Ron Baker and in particular to Hilary who has had to take the organization on while I have been out of action and to Marie for her support.

I would like to take an opportunity to pay a tribute to my mother who did many jobs in the church over the years and without her bringing me to church in the first place and supporting all my musical studies/concerts and cooking Sunday lunch for me and my family every week till not long before she died which enabled me to just think about "The Choir and Music "on a Sunday morning. I feel very privileged to have had her as my mother.

St Leonard's choir has an open door for anyone to come and sing with us. A love of singing voice and a willing heart go a long way to be a part of this great team to lead and inspire our worship at St Leonard's.

Our rehearsals are 7.30-8.30 rehearsal once a week on Thursday. Everyone welcome.

"My Heart is steadfast, I will sing and make music, I will praise you among the nations, I will sing of you among the peoples. Be exalted: Let your glory be over all the earth." Psalm 57

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### St Paul's Worship Team

Andy Lord



"Sing to the Lord because of the great things he has done. Let the whole world hear the news." - Isaiah 12:5 Good News Translation (GNT)

As with all aspects of service within the body of the church, we come together to: lift up the name above all names, worshipping through acts of service, and welcoming others to share in the delight of getting to know our Saviour. Our times of sung worship on a Sunday morning are but a small part of this; but one which I am grateful that we are free to benefit from with no fear of persecution.

And so another year comes to a close and we reflect upon the achievements and challenges this year has brought for the St Paul's worship team.

It was a great pleasure to be welcomed to St Leonard's to share in the combined service. It was encouraging

to witness the two congregations come together in worship as one body and one voice. We thank Joyce, the choir, and the congregate for their hospitality. We look forward to sharing times of worship together in the coming year as a parish, and hopefully as a cluster.

As with other years, we continue to be slightly constrained by the number of instrumentalists on the rota - I particularly find this difficult, as I struggle to play hymns on the guitar; whereas my keyboard playing friends are able to thump them out with great fervour! We have also suffered through lack of communication within the team, myself being a primary culprit.

In light of the issues noted above, we have begun discussions on a few initiatives which we plan to roll-out in the coming weeks/months:

In order to encourage more members onto the rota we hope to adopt a regular time, and space, for rehearsals; with an open invitation for those who feel compelled, to practice current/new songs, whilst also providing some time for fellowship within the team. If you, or someone you know, would like to join us for one of our rehearsal sessions, please feel free to let myself know or come and join us at one of the rehearsal sessions - which will be announced closer to the time.

To reduce duplicated effort when picking songs, submitting them to the office & vision team we plan to implement a standard songbook. The goal here is to have a single version of a song, with verified lyrics for the screen/printed materials and generally provide consistency across the worship, admin and vision teams it will not be limited/restricted to particular songs, but to ensure we are all singing from the same hymn sheet.

We are also looking into how we manage the worship rota going forward and how to maintain a list of songs used for each service - to reduce the likelihood of a song being over/under used and to document what did/didn't work.

I would like to thank John for his leadership and direction, Sam for managing the current rota (amongst other tasks), the Sound & Vision teams for all of their work and the rest of the worship team, including James & Si, for their commitment and service. My final thank you goes to the congregation of both churches: "Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing", thank you for opening your hearts and your lungs.

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### **Church Mission**

John Nisbet

### Who are we supporting and why?



The P.C.C were still not able to allocate a Church Gift from general income in the 2018 financial year due to financial constraints and needing to be prudent.

We have, however, continued to view the mission we do as a church both at home and abroad in a wider context with much of the work we do in the local community – as well as some of the money from our parish share - effectively delivering mission activity albeit locally.

We have also as a Church held events throughout the year with collections and donations being allocated to particular causes.

The following gives a brief description of the work undertaken by the organisations we have supported through 2018.

### **Eastleigh Bukedi Link**

This is covered in detail in a separate report in this booklet.

### **Church Mission Society**

CMS is an evangelistic mission working to see a world transformed by the love of Jesus.

It is inspired by the hope that one day the whole of creation will be restored to a living, loving relationship with God.

Born in 1799, in the crucible of the campaign to abolish slavery, CMS has always had justice and evangelism at its heart.

Today it is a community of people in mission working in over 50 countries, directly supporting more than 700 people and drawing thousands more into local mission wherever they are.

CMS is a community that has heard God's call to join in his loving outreach to the world and has rolled up its sleeves to serve others in mission. The CMS Mission Update is updated periodically and is on the church Notice Boards.

Beon Jin and Marie came to share with us in February 2017 at both services and told us more about the work they would be doing coming alongside Churches in South-East Asia and providing training and English teaching as well as being involved with a local church.

Their latest newsletter is displayed on the church noticeboard, although due to the sensitive nature of where they are working this cannot be distributed more widely. Beon Jin and Marie and their family really appreciate our prayers and I would encourage you to read their news letter or ask me for more details so that you can pray more effectively. They can also be contacted on Facebook.

We held a number of fund raising events predominantly the joint services where money collected was sent to the Shins via CMS.

They will be returning for a furlough in 2020 although more details are not available at the moment.

### **Coffee and Conversation**

Lynne Falconer



Our popular coffee mornings continue to take place at St Leonard's Meeting Room, although we did trying holding one at St Paul's to try and attract people who live nearer there.

Usually we have about 12 ladies so have plenty of space for more to join us. We also hope that we can be an outreach by asking non church goers to come along with a church friend.

This year we contributed £117.35 to church funds to cover the cost of our coffee, (the milk and biscuits are kindly donated), and we also donated £205.00 to Children in need from a Coffee morning featuring a Christmas Gift Table and a Raffle.







# Vision for our Community

To see God's love and kingdom thriving throughout Bursledon

## When this happens

Bursledon will be a place where...

- No-one is lonely, isolated or unsupported
- Younger and older people understand, respect and speak well of each other
- Children do better at school because family relationships are more stable
- Young people are supported into fulfilling careers and strong relationships
- The community is widely known for its outstanding generosity and care

We envisage by the Holy Spirit, the days when people will come to Bursledon because they have heard that **God is here!** 

# Vision for our Church

To be... 'genuine disciples, passionate in our worship and fully engaged with our community; sharing our hope in Jesus Christ as we serve one another'

## To be a church...

- where all can thrive, grow and rest in relationship with God and each other
- full of children and families as well as older generations; where faith is taught and caught, between the generations
- without walls; that lives, serves, plays and prays in relationship with the whole village community
- where lives are transformed in encounters with Jesus

Charity Registration number: 1132121

### REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF ST LEONARDS & ST PAULS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bursledon for the year ended 31 December 2018, which are set out on pages 2 to 12.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Dated:

C J Goodhead FCA Knight Goodhead Limited Chartered Accountants

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7 Bournemouth Road Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh Hampshire, SO53 3DA

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BURSLEDON STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	<b>Total</b> <b>2018</b> £	Total <b>2017</b> £
INCOME					
Donations and legacies Charitable activities Investment income Other income	3 3 3 3	143,864 11,225 601	9,264 100 - -	153,128 11,325 601	150,995 12,237 525 1,550
Total income		155,690	9,364	165,054	165,307
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	4	105,363	71,006	176,369	181,479
Total expenditure		105,363	71,006	176,369	181,479
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TR	ANSFERS	50,327	(61,642)	(11,315)	(16,172)
Transfers between funds	11	(46,302)	46,302	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		4,025	(15,340)	(11,315)	(16,172)
FUND BALANCES AT 1 JANUARY 2018		147,352	600,933	748,285	764,457
FUND BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2018	11	151,377	585,593	736,970	748,285

## PRIOR YEAR STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		funds	funds	2017
	Notes	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations and legacies		148,840	2,155	150,995
Charitable activities		12,187	50	12,237
Investment income		525	-	525
Other income		1,550	-	1,550
Total income	3	163,102	2,205	165,307
EXPENDITURE				
Charitable activities	4	108,556	72,923	181,479
Total expenditure		108,556	72,923	181,479
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS		54,546	(70,718)	(16,172)
Transfers between funds		(12,310)	12,310	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		42,236	(58,408)	(16,172)
FUND BALANCES AT 1 JANUARY 2017		105,116	659,341	764,457
FUND BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2017		147,352	600,933	748,285

Charity number: 1132121

### **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018**

	Notes	£	<b>2018</b> £	£	<b>2017</b> £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	7		616,538		639,843
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	8 9	3,331 125,555 128,886	_	2,404 112,258 114,662	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year:	10	(8,454)	_	(6,220)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			120,432		108,442
TOTAL ASSESTS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		_	736,970	=	748,285
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Restricted	11 11		151,377 585,593		147,352 600,933
TOTAL FUNDS		_ =	736,970	=	748,285
Signed on behalf of the PCC by:					
Trustee					
Date:					

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### (a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective January 2015).

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue. The charity is a public benefit organisation.

### (b) Fund accounting

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions as to their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and the details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 11.

### (c) Income

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under pledge is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grant and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

### • Charitable income

Funds raised from church events are accounted for when receivable.

Income is deferred when received for the purpose of funding missions to be carried out in the future.

### • Investment income

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

### Other income

Other income is accounted for when receivable.

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

### (d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. It includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is allocated to the activity for which it relates.

### Charitable Activities

The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when payable.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned between activities in line with their respective proportion of income received.

### (e) Tangible Fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Land Nil.

Freehold Property 2% per annum on cost. Fittings and Equipment 33% Straight line

Included in the Freehold Property is the new church, which is the property of the PCC but within the deeds of the property there is a caveat that should the church be sold then the Diocese of Winchester reserves the right to direct the way the proceeds are invested.

### (f) Operating Leases

Payments under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account as they are incurred.

### (g) Pensions

The charity participates in a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions in respect of this scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year in which they are payable. Timing differences between contributions payable and contributions actually paid in the year are shown as either accruals or prepayments at the year end.

### (h) Basic financial instruments

The church only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors, cash at bank and creditors. These basic financial instruments are measured and transaction price. Financial assets and liabilities classified as due within one year are not amortised.

### 2 ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The charity is unincorporated and was registered on 14 October 2009 with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The registered number is 1132121.

The registered office of the charity is St Pauls Church, Church office, Chamberlayne Road, Bursledon, Southampton, SO31 8DT

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BURSLEDON NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

3 INCOME	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
<b>DONATION AND LEGACIES</b> Planned giving:	~	~	~	_
Planned giving	125,210	-	125,210	131,842
Income tax recoverable Legacies	8,698 -	3,000	8,698 3,000	9,984 -
v	133,908	3,000	136,908	141,826
Collections (open plate) at all services	7,703	1,735	9,438	8,295
Sundry donations	2,253	4,529	6,782	874
Total income from donors	143,864	9,264	153,128	150,995
INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
Room use donations	5,432	-	5,432	4,902
Service fees	5,793	100	5,893	7,335
	11,225	100	11,325	12,237
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Interest received	181	-	181	105
Rent receivable	420	-	420	420
	601	-	601	525
OTHER INCOME				
Other income		-	-	1,550
TOTAL INCOME	155,690	9,364	165,054	165,307

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BURSLEDON NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

4 EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds	Total 2018 £	<b>Total</b> <b>2017</b> £
GRANTS	~	~	~	~
Annual church gift	-	-	-	-
Other charitable giving	83	3,644	3,727	133
	83	3,644	3,727	133
DIRECT CHURCH ACTIVITIES				
Ministry				
Diocesan Quota	42,652	-	42,652	33,017
Church running expenses	6,602	970	7,572	12,112
Salaries (note 6)	19,704	46,567	66,271	74,775
Subscription and training	146	155	301	334
Church maintenance	5,689	-	5,689	11,604
Power and utilities	10,891	-	10,891	9,421
Team expenses and travel	-	-	4 557	464
Youth, training and support groups	210	1,347	1,557	2,162
Depreciation	7,883	18,278	26,161	20,417
Sundry expenditure	786	67 247	786	5,698
	94,563	67,317	161,880	170,004
CHURCH AND OFFICE ADMINISTRATION				
Photocopying and stationery	4,049	-	4,049	4,553
Telephone	1,588	45	1,633	2,503
Insurance	3,180	-	3,180	3,051
Independent examination and accountancy	1,800	-	1,800	1,200
Bank charges	100	-	100	35
	10,717	45	10,762	11,342
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	105,363	71,006	176,369	181,479

Included within accountancy above are amounts due to the independent examiners in relation to independent examination of £1,800 (2017: £1,200).

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

### 5 GRANTS

Grants and donations totalled £3,727 (2017: £99). No donations were made to institutions that totalled more than £1,000.

6 STAFF COSTS	2018 £	2017 £
Wages and salaries	60,795	69,299
Social security costs	1,935	1,935
Pension	3,541	3,541
	66,271	74,775

The average number of staff employed during the year was 4 (2017: 5). No employee received emoluments of £60,000 or more during this year or the prior year.

No members of key management personnel were paid on an employed basis during this, or the prior, year. The role of Vicar is not paid directly by the church, and the Church Wardens (x2) are unpaid posts

During the year or the prior year no trustees received any emolument, were paid any expenses or were reimbursed for expenditure incurred on behalf of the charity.

Total pension contributions of £2,789 (2017: £3,541) were paid by the charity and are included in the SOFA. There were no outstanding contributions payable at the end of this year or the prior year.

7 TANGIBLE ASSETS	Fittings & Equipment	New Church	Meeting Room	Land	Total
0007	£	£	£	£	£
COST					
At beginning of year	141,589	913,907	41,000	11,000	1,107,496
Additions	2,856	-	-	-	2,856
At end of year	144,445	913,907	41,000	11,000	1,110,352
DEPRECIATION					
At beginning of year	135,478	317,530	14,645	-	467,653
Charge for year	7,063	18,278	820	-	26,161
At end of year	142,541	335,808	15,465	-	493,814
NET BOOK VALUE					
At end of year	1,904	578,099	25,535	11,000	616,538
At beginning of year	6,111	596,377	26,355	11,000	639,843

The freehold property of the new Church Centre is held by the Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance as custodian trustees on behalf of the Bursledon Parochial Church Council. The land may only be used for ecclesiastical purposes relating to the Parish. In the event of a sale, the proceeds must be applied for an ecclesiastical purpose but this could relate to the whole of the Diocese of Winchester.

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

8 DEBTORS	<b>2018</b> £	<b>2017</b> £
Income tax recoverable	<u>3,331</u>	2,404
9 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	<b>2018</b> £	<b>2017</b> £
Cash at bank and in hand Deposit accounts	17,556 107,999 125,555	15,995 96,263 112,258
10 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	<b>2018</b> £	<b>2017</b> £
Accruals Other creditors	1,500 6,954 8,454	1,200 5,020 6,220

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

11 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Balance at 1 Jan 2018	Income I	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Balance at 31 Dec 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Capital fund	596,377	1,100	(18,278)	(1,100)	578,099
Children, youth and families	3,734	2,499	(49,062)	46,567	3,738
Parish Discretionary Fund	116	2,715	(3,666)	835	-
Expectancy	566	-	-	-	566
St Pauls fabric fund	60	-	-	-	60
St Leonards fabric fund	80	3,050	-	-	3,130
	600,933	9,364	(71,006)	46,302	585,593
Designated funds					
Capital fund	43,466	1,756	(7,883)	1,100	38,439
Other unrestricted funds	103,886	153,934	(97,480)	(47,402)	112,938
Total funds	748,285	165,054	(176,369)	-	736,970

The restricted funds are established for the following purposes:

Capital fund to reflect the carrying value (i.e. historic cost less depreciation) of the Church

building as stated within tangible fixed assets.

**Children, youth and families** to fund the resources of the Children's Youth and Family work.

**Parish Discretionary Fund** to support the Parish Home mission at the discretion of the PCC.

**Expectancy** to fund the Expectancy course.

**St Pauls fabric fund** to fund activities for the maintenance of the St. Paul's building.

**St Leonards fabric fund** to fund activities for the maintenance of the St. Leonard's Church.

The designated Capital Fund reflects the carrying value (i.e. historic cost less depreciation) of tangible fixed assets, except for the Church building which is included in restricted funds.

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BURSLEDON NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

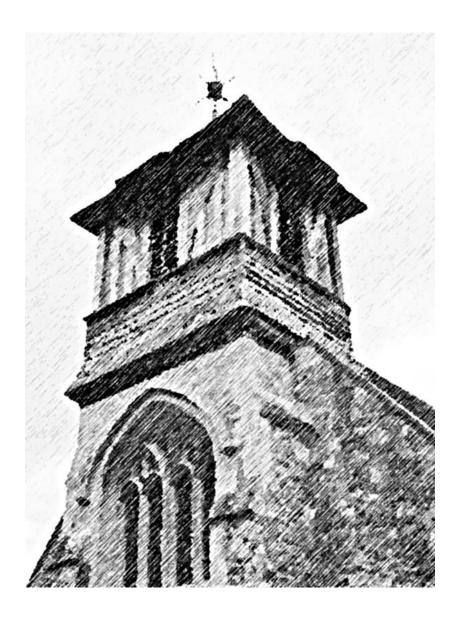
### 12 ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

	Restricted U	nrestricted	Total
	funds	funds	2018
Fund balances as at 31 December 2018 are represented by:	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	578,099	38,439	616,538
Current assets	7,494	121,392	128,886
Current liabilities	-	(8,454)	(8,454)
	585,593	151,377	736,970
	Restricted U	nrestricted	Total
	funds	funds	2017
Fund balances as at 31 December 2017 are represented by:	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	596,377	43,466	639,843
Current assets	4,556	110,106	114,662
Current liabilities		(6,220)	(6,220)
	600,933	147,352	748,285

### **Bursledon Parish**

The Church Office, St. Paul's Church, Oak Road, Bursledon, SO31 8DT

## Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council For the Year Ended 31 December 2018



**Priest in Charge** 

Rev John Pawson The Vicarage, School Road Bursledon SO31 8BW **Bank** 

Lloyds Bank

**Independent Examiner** 

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BURSLEDON FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2018

### Administrative information

Bursledon Parish. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England and has two Church buildings – St Leonard's in Church Lane and St. Paul's in Oak Road. The correspondence address is The Church Office, St. Paul's Church, Oak Road, Bursledon, SO31 8DT.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2018 until the annual meeting in April 2019 were:

	Names	Notes	From	То	
Incumbent	•				
	The Reverend	Chairman	10 July 2010		
	John Pawson	Chairman	12 July 2018		
Wardens					
	Ralph Gowers	Deputy Co-Chair	APCM 2014	APCM 2018	
	Matthew Hampton	Deputy Co-Chair	APCM 2013	APCM 2019	
	Linda Burt	Deputy Co-Chair	APCM 2018		
Deanery Sy	nod Representatives (Spe	cific 3 year term – curren	tly 2017 – 2020)		
	John Nisbet		APCM 2014	APCM 2018	
	Robert Bax		APCM 2017	APCM 2018	
	Susie Waterman		APCM 2017	APCM 2018	
	Scott Neale		APCM 2016		
	Ellie Catto		APCM 2018		
Elected PC	C Members (12 allowed)	•			
	Linda Burt	Became Ch Warden	APCM 2017	APCM 2018	
	Debbie Hampton	Time Served	APCM 2015	APCM 2018	
	Robert Carter	Resigned	APCM 2015	Jan 2018	
	Trevor Potter	Resigned	APCM 2016	Mar 2018	
	Reuben Humphreys	Moved Away	APCM 2016	Sept 2018	
	Mark Seve	Resigned	APCM 2018	Nov 2018	
	Mike Sealey	Retired - Illness	APCM 2018	Jan 2019	
	Colin Waterman	Time Served	APCM 2016	APCM 2019	
	Lynne Faulkner	2 Year Term	APCM 2017	APCM 2019	
	Steve Grove	Co-Opted – 1 Year	Sept 2018	APCM 2019	
	Abby Milchard	Co-Opted – 1 Year	Sept 2018	APCM 2019	
	James Rouse		APCM 2017		2020
	Peter Taylor		APCM 2017		2020
	Simon Vargeson		APCM 2017		2020
	Hilary Bax		APCM 2018		2021
	Jenny Neale		APCM 2018		2021
	John Nisbet		APCM 2018		2021
	Mike Watts		APCM 2018		2021
	Ann Ashburn		APCM 2018		2021

PCC Treasurer: Mrs Debbie Hampton PCC Secretary: Mrs Sam Sly

Staff Team: Rev John Ablett (retired Priest) Children, Youth & Families

Katerina Surmova – LLM Peter Taylor – LLM

Peter White – LLM

- LLM Administrator: Sam Sly

Children, Youth & Families Suzanne Houston Workers (CYF): John White

### Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

The full PCC hold a minimum of 6 business meetings each year, although the Parish aims for between 8 and 10 dependant on business. Committees met between meetings and deliberations were reported to the PCC in written form or delivered verbally for discussion where necessary.

### **Objectives and Activities**

Bursledon PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical (see details in reports below and APCM Reports Booklet). It also has maintenance responsibilities for the two Church Buildings.

### **Achievements and Performance**

### Church attendance

The Electoral Roll is placed on display in the church office and is available for inspection as required by law. In April 2017 there were 237 names on the roll, and in April 2018 this had reduced to 227 names. Between April and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, 3 members sadly, passed away, and 8 new people have joined. This made a roll of 232 at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2018 - the vast majority of whom live within the Parish Boundaries.

In March of 2019, along with all other Church of England churches, we went through the process of renewing the Church Electoral Roll, which involves the old roll becoming void, and all members having to re-join. Following this exercise, at the 1<sup>st</sup> April (the date of this years APCM) the role consisted of 182 members.

There are a number of people worshipping regularly with us, but who have not applied to join the roll. Forms for this purpose are available from the Church Office or from the any member of the staff team.

The average Sunday attendance counted in October was 160 (incl. children), and as usual this number increased at festivals and for events such as Baptisms, Remembrance and Christingles.

### Review of the year

The year 2018 was a better year for the Parish, as our new Priest in Charge Rev. John Pawson (previously of the Parish of Sway and earlier a curate of this Parish) started in post during July.

Throughout the year Bursledon has continued to provide a wealth of ministries and activities, resourced by numerous helpers and leaders, for which we are all very grateful – please see annual booklet.

Through the hard work prayerfulness and commitment of many of our teams we are establishing good.

Through the hard work, prayerfulness and commitment of many of our teams we are establishing good consistent work with families and young people, including liaising with our neighbouring parishes to deliver a Christian Union and help with some lessons in our shared secondary school (see annual report booklet).

### Vicar's Highlights

Arriving back in Bursledon, to continue the church's mission here has been a genuine joy for myself and the family. From an inspiring Licensing service with Bishop Jonathan on 12<sup>th</sup> July, to the warm and enthusiastic welcome and ongoing support of the team and church members, it has been a very positive and affirming start.

Highlights of the last 8 months have included:

- Celebrating Christmas, with all the wonderful services
- Two very joyful Joint Services bringing together the St Paul's and St Leonard's congregations and sharing lunch together afterwards
- Sharing a Vision for Bursledon and our church, that has resonated with many of us and provides us with an aspirational target as we serve, worship and witness together
- An encouraging giving campaign resulting in an increase to income of around £9,500 per year
- Re-starting the Alpha Course in January 2019
- Formation of New Residents Team being pro-active in reaching out to people moving into Bursledon

As we look forward we can anticipate:

- The arrival of Jill Kells, our new Curate, following her Ordination on 30<sup>th</sup> June this year
- The developing ministries of Andy Milchard and Corrina Bishop as they are trained and commissioned under the Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM)
- The development and implementation of a new Parish Mission Action Plan (pMAP) in line with our Vision, which will see us serving our community and multiplying opportunities to share our faith with others. (e.g. Alpha Course; Outreach to New Residents; 'Make Lunch' Initiative)
- Working and worshipping alongside Hamble and Hound churches and growing life-giving relationships that will result in fruitful mission and strong links between the churches

Finally, I would personally like to thank everyone who works with such willingness, joy and dedication, in their service of the Lord and the parish here. Your commitment to the mission is very much appreciated.

### **Financial Review**

Total receipts for the year on all funds were £165,054.

£150,208\* was spent to provide the Christian ministry throughout the parish, this includes the contribution of £42,652 to Common Mission Fund (paid to the Diocese), which in the main provides for the stipends and housing for the clergy. This amount of CMF paid was considerably discounted by the diocese, and we are grateful for the understanding and support from both Diocese and Deanery. \*A further amount of £26,161 was incurred for depreciation on our assets, bringing our total charges for the year to £176,369.

Working with our new external examiner, a number of accounting practice changes were implemented (such as the change in depreciation of fixtures and fittings from an annual percentage to a straight line 3 year).

This has made our accounts easier to understand and manage, however we have had to include an increased one-off charge to account for the change in practice.

The net result for the year was an overall surplus of £14,846, before the annual depreciation write-down of fixed assets of £26,161.

After depreciation, the total fund(s) balance carried forward on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 was £736,970, a decrease of £11,315 from the balances brought forward on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

### **Reserves Policy**

At the end of 2018 the following fund balances remain:

Children, Youth and Families	£3,738	St Pauls fabric fund	£60
Parish Discretionary Fund	£0	St Leonards fabric fund	£3,130
Expectancy	£566	General Fund	£112,938

The PCC operates on a reserve policy of 6 months of operating costs. Our operating costs for 2018, had we been required to meet our full Common Mission Fund commitment, would have been approx. £240,000; requiring an unrestricted reserve of £120,000. Based on our actual expenditure in 2018, we require an operating reserve of £88,000. Due to our commitment to Common Mission Fund in 2019 increasing to £72,000 (still with a significant discount), and planned work on both buildings, we anticipate our expenses in 2019 will be higher than in 2018. Therefore there will be no change in the level of reserves going into 2019.

Approved by the PCC	on 11/03/2019	and signe	d on their	behalf by	John	Pawson	(Vicar)	and Matt	Hampton
(PCC Lay Chair).									

Rev. John Pawson (Vicar)	Matthew Hampton (PCC Lay Chair)