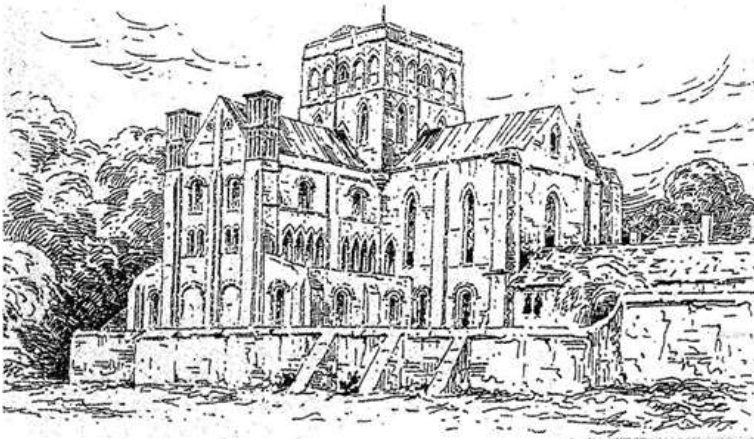




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**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS**



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## **INTRODUCTION**

2020 was an extraordinary year for our Parish. It began with the church full for an emotional farewell to Rev. Reg Sweet, as he retired as Master; and for a warm St Cross welcome to Rev. Terry and Ruth Hemming. Then came the Covid-19 virus, with the suspension of public worship from late March to July, the need to lockdown the Hospital site for much of the year, to cancel our much-loved Summer Fete and to close St Faith's School for the summer term.

Despite the disruption, there were occasions to celebrate later in the year. We commissioned Mel Wroe-Parker as our new Youth Leader in May. At Petertide we saw Ellie Phipps ordained Deacon. In December we returned with joy to the church for Christmas.

It was very heartening to see the flexibility and resourcefulness with which we were - by God's grace - able to meet 2020's challenges. We maintained weekly worship and established a new rhythm of daily morning prayer. We used the Parish Hall for services during the summer and autumn; and YouTube and Zoom to connect worshippers at home. Sunday morning children's work was creatively redesigned to take place in the Back Hall. The ministry of readers, intercessors and sidespeople continued, plus the crucial new role of After-Service Cleaners. Fine

music was recorded virtually, and the choir was mixed, another crucial new role.

Meanwhile an enlarged pastoral team formed a network to ensure people could keep in touch from home and receive help when they needed it. The Tea & Chat, Youth and Study Groups met in new ways, including outdoor and on-line sessions. Our St Faith's Day Pilgrimage and Sermon Series discussions took place in adapted formats. The Parish Hall Committee enabled the Hall to be a Covid-secure venue, not only for worship, but for other community activities. The Parish Magazine and website became still more important ways to keep in touch, supplemented now with email and hard copy updates. Our Parish Resilience Fund saw over £20,000 pledged in financial support.

But we must also lament the pain of the year: the loneliness and depression felt by many in their isolation; the pain of separation from family members; the sad interruption of many ministries, activities and forms of fellowship; the suffering of those who became ill with the Covid-19 virus or who were bereaved.

In last year's report I recalled Romans 12.12: 'Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people; extend hospitality to strangers.' None of us anticipated the patience and perseverance called for in 2020, nor the novel ways in which we would meet needs and show hospitality, from making mask extenders for NHS staff, to an open-air Crib Service on a crisp Christmas Eve afternoon. I thank God for all those who have served him and their neighbours through the activities described in these pages (carefully collated for us by Victoria Arthur); for the support given to our parish by the Trustees, Brothers and Staff of the Hospital; and for those near and far who have supported us with their prayers. May God protect and sustain our community in the months ahead.

*Rev. Dr. Phillip Krinks - Priest in Charge*

## **AGENDA - ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

Opening prayers.

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence.
2. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020.
3. The Election of Churchwardens for 2021.
4. Close of meeting.

## **AGENDA - ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

1. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020.
2. Matters arising.
3. The Mandatory Reports (for discussion, and any recommendations to the PCC):
  - a. Electoral Roll. Report on changes in membership of the Electoral Roll since the last APCM.
  - b. PCC Activities. Report on what the PCC has done in 2020, and the activities of the parish.
  - c. Deanery Synod. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod in 2020.
4. Reporting of Financial Statements of the PCC for 2020, including the Independent Examiner's report.
5. The Elections:
  - a. Members of the Deanery Synod.
  - b. Members of the PCC.
6. The Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the accounts.
7. Any Other Business (relating to the PCC or Parish).

Closing Prayers.

### **Notes:**

All residents of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Faith, together with the non-residents on the Parish Electoral Roll, may vote on item 3 at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

Voting on all items at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is restricted to those whose names are on the Parish Electoral Roll.

## **GOVERNANCE**

### **MANDATORY REPORT ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL**

On 31st December 2020 there were 201 names on the electoral roll of which 71 were resident and 130 were non resident.

*Valerie Carver - Electoral Roll Officer*

### **MANDATORY WINCHESTER DEANERY SYNOD REPORT**

John Pringle and Murray Dixon were re-elected at the 2020 APCM as representatives. Jo Gordon-Watson stood down at the APCM after many years of devoted service to the Deanery and we record our thanks to her. Dodie Mowat was elected as our third representative. There is one vacancy.

The Synod met once in 2020. The meeting on the 18th November was the first in the new triennium. Members of the Deanery Committees, Finance and Mission and Pastoral, were re-elected and one new member joined the Mission and Pastoral Committee. Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks is the Assistant Area Dean and Rev. Hilary Healey the Deanery Secretary. The topic was 'Exploring the Way Forward'.

Recognising that Covid-19 has had a radical impact on the way we lead our lives, this Synod was an opportunity to share advice and gather ideas and tips on three aspects of parish ministry that are having to be approached in new and creative ways. Short presentations were given:

- Pastoral Ministry Ruth Guy, Deanery Lay Chair
- Worship in Church Rev John Rennie, Priest-in-Charge, Upper Dever
- Live-streaming Worship Rev Ed Dines, St Barnabas and St Luke

These were followed by breakout conversations in small groups, talking about what had been helpful, what people could add to what had been described, and what encouragement or inspiration could be taken back to the parish. A summary of these comments is available from the undersigned.

*John Pringle – Churchwarden and Deanery Synod Member*

### **CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT**

From March 2020 our efforts have been devoted to helping to ensure worship could continue in some location and form, and in keeping everyone attending worship safe. When we were able it was a joy to welcome people to the Parish Hall, and for a short time in December, to the Church. Throughout the year the Choir has been marvellously flexible

to bring us live or recorded music, and volunteers have always been willing to help with welcoming and cleaning, as well as reading and leading intercessions. Throughout the year we have kept in touch with the Ministry team at a weekly meeting. Our thanks to everyone for their great support during these challenging times.

*John Pringle and Dodie Mowat – Churchwardens*

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Safeguarding all who are involved in parish activities continues to be a crucial priority for the PCC. Safeguarding is always a standing agenda item for every PCC meeting helping to keep safeguarding to the forefront. With the increase of internet use as a means of communication we have reviewed online safety and our Youth Group team in particular have been making sure that our online procedures have been robust, providing the youth of our parish a means to continue engaging in activities in a safe and secure manner. We continue to conduct Disclosure and Barring Service checks to enable people to take on roles within the church and parish and are extremely grateful to Janet Rowland - White for keeping this often difficult and lengthy process on track. We continue to get advice and support from the Diocesan safeguarding team and the PCC has at all times complied with our duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance in relation to safeguarding.

*Michele Brannigan - Parish Safeguarding Officer*

*Rev. Dr. Phillip Krinks - Priest in Charge*

*John Pringle and Dodie Mowat - Churchwardens*

## **PCC MATTERS**

The PCC members are trustees and thus they must comply with charity law. They must also act in accordance with regulations in the Church Representation Rules.

The January and March PCC meetings took place as usual. Soon after the March meeting the Government introduced national lockdown due to Covid-19 and The Rev'd Dr Philip Krinks called a PCC meeting at short notice under the provisions of Church Representation Rule M25(8); this was held via Zoom on 2 April 2020 to consider urgent Parish matters and particularly financial consequences of lockdown and sustainability.

It was announced at that meeting that the APCM (scheduled for 19 April) was to be postponed following receipt of a Direction from the Bishop of Winchester which extended the deadline for holding APCMs and Annual Meeting of Parishioners until 31 October 2020. Following the issue of a

further Direction from the Bishop permitting meetings to be held online, the APCM and Annual Meeting of Parishioners took place on 25 October 2020 at the Parish Hall (there being no permitted access to St Cross Church at that time) both in person and via a Zoom link.

As the PCC were unable to make the usual appointments at their May meeting, they were made in November following the APCM. The annual Financial Controls Review also took place in November.

In September the PCC were reminded of the proposed end of Suspension of Presentation. The Bishop of Winchester lifted the Suspension as from 13 December 2020 and the signed notice was displayed at St Cross Church.

*Victoria Arthur - PCC Secretary*

### **MISSION ACTION PLANNING GROUP (MAP)**

The group did not meet in 2020 but progress has been made by adapting our objectives to changing circumstances:

#### Objective 1: Offering Pastoral Care

- Brothers' shopping
- Regular telephone contact with sectors of the congregation
- Mid-monthly newsletter for those not on email.

#### Objective 2: Uplifting Worship

- Virtual church services via Zoom and You Tube. Reaching out beyond our normal congregation via You Tube.
- Virtual choir participation
- Weekly activities for children and families
- Daily Morning Prayer and Compline during Advent being led by people not normally involved.

#### Objective 3: Growing in Faith and Knowledge

- Virtual House Group holding regular evening meetings.

#### Objective 4: Gospel for all Generations

- Youth programme adapted for virtual participations.
- Virtual coffee after Sunday Services

#### Objective 5: Serving the Common Good

- Clothes and shoes provision to needy prisoners continued.
- Funds provided for literature for prisoners.

Major initiative not envisioned in Mission Action Plan 2018 – 2022

- Successful Resilience Fund appeal that raised over £20,000 to help replace income not generated during lockdown.

*John Pringle – Churchwarden and MAP Group Chair*



## **HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS TRUSTEES' REPORT**

2020 will go down in the Hospital's history as a unique year, unfortunately not for good reasons. We are unsure when the Hospital has closed its doors in the past but suspect that the occasions have been few. To keep the vulnerable community at St Cross safe from the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Trustees had no option but to close the doors to visitors and, for the majority of the year, ask the parishioners of St Faiths to worship at the Parish Hall or remotely via Zoom. The Trustees are extremely grateful to the Parish, not only for their understanding and patience, but also for the excellent and much appreciated support many gave to help the Brothers and St Cross team through a very difficult time.

**The Brothers:** Whilst frustrated by the restrictions imposed on them, the Brothers were lucky in many ways. They got to enjoy the special environment of St Cross all by themselves! A decision was taken early on in 2020 that the Brothers should form one household, so they did not have to isolate in their individual flats. We are happy to report that the whole community remained in good humour and many enjoyed getting to know each other better. There were no cases of Covid among Brothers or Staff during 2020.

We welcomed one new Brother, who managed to move to St Cross just before the first lock down took hold. **Brother Graham Davies** moved to St Cross in March; he was already very familiar with the Hospital having been organist in the Chapel in his twenties. Graham contributed a great deal to keeping the Brothers entertained last year with musical recitals and has thrown himself 'in the deep end' by becoming the Brothers' Representative on the PCC and he has also joined the Brothers' Social Committee.

Very sadly, **Brother Julian Sturdy** died on Boxing Day at Westacre Nursing Home. He was admitted to RHCH for about a week before Christmas and moved to the nursing home on Christmas Eve for end-of-life care. His illness was not COVID related. Brother Julian was 82 and moved to St Cross to become a Red Brother in 2010.

**The Master:** A wide range of farewell events took place in the first weeks of 2020 to mark Reverend Reg Sweet's retirement after twenty years of service to the Hospital as Chaplain and Master. On 8 March our new Master, Reverend Terry Hemming, was licensed at a service in the Chapel. There followed a difficult time for Terry and his wife Ruth as they tried to begin their new life in the community, initially at distance from their home in Andover whilst the Chaplain's Lodge was refurbished. Finally, in July, they moved into their new home. However, it has been anything but straightforward for Terry to settle into his role as Master with the ups and downs of the lock downs. The Trustees are very grateful to both Terry and Ruth for their patience and resilience through this time. Terry has made an immediate impact and has provided

tremendous support to the Brothers, former Brothers and the St Cross team during the pandemic.

**Trustees:** Alongside the change in Master, the St Cross Board faced a further change when it received the sad news that the Chairman of Trustees, Dr David Firebrace had to retire due to suffering a stroke at the end of 2019. The Trustees were grateful for David's long service as a Trustee and latterly as Chairman. Having handed over the Chairmanship to David, William Corbett kindly moved back into the role and the Board very much appreciated his strong leadership and guidance during the year as the issues of keeping St Cross and its community safe threw up many challenges. I have much appreciated his support, both prior to handing over to me in October and subsequently.

Two new Trustees joined the Board in April, both possessing experience and skills in finance in order to take on Finance Committee roles on Sue Woodward's retirement. Mike Killingley has become Chairman of the Finance Committee and Felicity Pennycook took over as Treasurer. Like Terry, their induction and experience of St Cross has been severely hampered by the restrictions imposed by the pandemic and we look forward to a time when they can attend meetings and get to know the Brothers and staff in person! Sue Woodward officially retired in December after 15 dedicated years of service. She has continued to help Mike and Felicity settle in and we look forward to being able to thank both Sue and also David for their contributions at a celebratory event when it's permitted. We had one further vacancy and were pleased to welcome Dr Tim Foster to the Board in December. Tim will bring much needed medical expertise.

**Staff:** I would like to put on record my warm appreciation of the resilience and hard work of the whole St Cross team during what was a year of unexpected and often frustrating challenges

**Hundred Men's Hall:** The HMH did not open in 2020, but the Trustees were grateful to Janet and the volunteers who helped to shop for the Brothers and also provided car lifts and assistance with prescription collections. In recognition of this help, a £1,000 donation has been made to the Parish by the Hospital. The Friends of St Cross are generously sponsoring the refurbishment of the HMH. The work got underway in December 2020.

**Building Projects:** Apart from the refurbishment of the Chaplain's Lodge, other major building projects had to be put on hold in 2020 due to financial pressure on the Hospital's income streams and safety concerns. A planning application for the refurbishment of the Brothers' flats was submitted in January 2020. This process has suffered delays, but a formal response from the Council is expected soon.

*Jonathan Cooke - Chairman of Board of Trustees*

## **WORSHIP, PRAYERS AND WELCOME**

### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

Services during the early months of 2020 saw our usual pattern of worship continuing in St Cross Church: weekly 8.00am and 9.30am Eucharists, Choral Matins at 11.00am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, and a Said Eucharist at 11.00am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday.

Once public worship was suspended, we moved first to the Parish Office on Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>, and then to the homes of Clergy. From Palm Sunday to Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion was celebrated weekly by one of the Clergy at home with everyone else participating on YouTube. This was only possible thanks to the amazing technical skills of Dudley and Magdalen Rees, to whom the Parish owes an enormous debt of gratitude.

From Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>, with public worship once again allowed but St Cross closed in order to protect the Brothers, we used the Parish Hall for services. Part of the congregation attended in-person with the Zoom platform enabling an interactive experience for worshippers at home. The November lockdown meant only the Clergy could be present at the Hall for four Sundays, with the congregation returning on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>. Finally with great joy we returned to St Cross Church on December 13<sup>th</sup>, with again part of the congregation attending in-person and part connected at home through an excellent internet connection to the Church achieved with the kind permission and assistance of the Hospital Trustees and Staff and through the ingenuity of Dudley Rees.

Thanks are due to all who offered Sunday ministries, including leading worship and prayers, reading – and in the all-important new role of After Service Cleaners.

*Rev. Dr. Phillip Krinks - Priest in Charge*

### **MUSIC REPORT**

2020 began with choral services to mark the retirement of Rev Reg Sweet and the Installation of Rev Terry Hemming as Masters. For these we were able to field an adult choir of 28 voices plus the new group of junior choristers. Covid has changed that. We did not return to the Chapel until Christmas and access to the organ was restricted to weekly checks on the instrument's condition.

Congregational singing is currently forbidden on health grounds and the few Christmas services (including a slimmed down Carol Service) had

just 10 volunteer singers who had rehearsed socially distanced in the Parish Hall - with windows wide open.

On-line services have been complemented by pre-recorded hymns and organ music. Chris Jones, assistant organist, has recorded voluntaries and accompaniments on his electronic house organ and the volunteer singers have managed to record themselves individually at home. Their efforts were then mixed into a final recording by choral scholar Edward Sleath until his university term began in September when chairman Terence Halfpenny took on the role.

The adult choir meets socially via weekly ZOOM sessions but will only reconvene 'live 'in full when members and the wider community feel it would be safe medically and regulations permit. Re-forming a junior choir must also wait for local and national conditions to be appropriate.

*Derek Beck - Organist and Choirmaster*

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

The first months of 2020 saw continued ministry by our servers, until the suspension of public worship in March. In the summer and autumn the lack of space and simplified liturgy at the Parish Hall prevented their ministry restarting. It was a great joy to welcome our servers back for Advent and Christmas. We are very grateful to all who continue to give their time and dedication to these roles. We are always interested in talking to adults and children (usually aged 7+) who are interested in trying serving.

*Alison Carver - Head Server; Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks*

### **AFTER CHURCH COFFEE TEAM**

This has been a very different year for after Church refreshments with the last session proceeding with caution on the 15<sup>th</sup> March. Since then it has reinvented itself as tea and chat online, via Zoom.

The year had started as normal and on January 12<sup>th</sup>, at the reception to mark Master Reg's retirement, some of the team helped to set up and man the drinks, while others attended to the eats. Paul Maxlow-Tomlinson was, as usual, our chief sommelier and I know that he will be sadly missed, both for his expertise and for the pleasure it gave those who worked with him.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> March a reception was held for the new Master and once again some of the team provided support, distributing refreshments.

Outgoings of £20.41 were recorded during the first two months of the year and donations to Church funds amounted to £200. At the end of the year, the bank account displayed a balance of £61.70, plus £11.32 in cash.

Once again, a big thank you to all those who volunteer and the hope that when normal life returns, this reliable band will be able to resume this service. I would also like to add that we are always on the hunt for additional volunteers whom we can call on if the need arises.

*Celia Harris*

### **CHAPEL FLOWER GUILD**

The members of the chapel Flower Guild were getting braced up for a very busy year as the number of weddings booked soared and then, quite out of the blue we were shaken by the virulent COVID 19 Virus, which meant that so much had to be cancelled and so many disappointed, hurt, sick or simply lost their lives; such a ghastly year. The thought that much could be postponed, soon became apparent as not this year. Then that hope faded further and further into the distance.

The danger to the vulnerable Brothers made it even more necessary to close the chapel and in fact the entire Hospital to the public, which included the Parish, so no services except for the Brothers, so no flowers. Must say the Guild's first reaction was relief, giving us a much-needed rest. Then as it dragged on, we became despondent. We had caught up with all the chores, tidied our homes and gardens, but soon realised it was no compensation for hoicking heavy buckets around to do the flowers! We haven't been able to access our Flower Room, so dear Les kindly cleared all the fresh plant material we have in stock and hopefully left it entirely safe for the mice to enjoy.

What has been even more important is we couldn't access our Cutting Garden. The office said that Matthew, the Hospital Gardener, who has little spare time, would look after our garden for us. Matthew is meticulous and an excellent gardener, but a Cutting Garden has to be pruned to ensure the shrubs are kept in check but not lose the flowing long stems necessary for Floral Arranging. All of the plants have been bought with donations to celebrate or commemorate events in Donors' lives, so every one is precious.

So, despite that despondent note, we do still ask for more people to join our friendly group. You don't have to be a flower arranger, just love

flowers and we will happily guide you with as much or as little help as you wish to contribute to enhance our beautiful chapel. We do go out for lunches and certainly enjoy coffee breaks together, so it isn't all work! Friendship through flowers is our motto, and remains a cheering philosophy.

*Trish Spiers*

### **SILENT PRAYER GROUP**

We met in January and February before the March lockdown. Since then, I have sent via email all the Bible sayings to those in our group and we encourage each other to spend some time in quiet contemplation in our own homes. We pray that we will soon be able to meet again in the Lady Chapel.

*Evelyn Pringle*

### **PASTORAL CARE**

#### **OCCASIONAL OFFICES**

The 2020 wedding season began joyously in early March with the annual Wedding Preparation Morning hosted by Reverend Philip, Reverend Hilary, Wendy Harrison and a guest appearance from the incoming Master, Reverend Terry. It was attended by all but one of the sixteen couples due to marry and the morning was full of hope, excitement and anticipation of the year ahead. Alas, no weddings took place and as the year unfolded the majority of couples gradually transferred into 2021 (and subsequently some into 2022) and a small number married quietly elsewhere with our blessings and prayers.

*Wendy Harrison – Parish Administrator*

#### **PASTORAL ASSISTANTS**

This year the Pastoral Assistants Group has been helped during the pandemic by more than 20 Parish Link people who each keep in touch with 4/5 people on behalf of the parish. They represent the Parish and provide support to parishioners and their families. And a dedicated team of volunteers shop regularly for the Hospital Brothers.

The Tea & Chat pastoral initiative has continued either socially distanced in gardens or the parish hall, or on-line. In-person it was a particularly

valuable support to those living alone, lonely or without internet connections.

A hard copy mid-month Parish Newsletter has been distributed to elderly or isolated parishioners and the two local nursing homes to help keep them in touch with current news and events in the Parish.

PAs met regularly on Wednesdays to pray for those who had asked for private or public prayer support. This has continued throughout lockdowns with members sharing prayer requests and updates together, and praying individually at home. 2020 has been an amazing year for community spirit and parishioners supporting each other. A huge 'thank you 'to you all.

*Rev. Hilary Healey*

## **LEARNING**

### **SERMON SERIES**

During 2020 we had two series. In Lent we took as our theme 'Care for God's Creation'. We supported these talks with the Church of England's Lent booklet, which was based on Ruth Valerio's book *Saying Yes To Life*. We considered the days of Creation: 1. Light & Energy, 2. Water, 3. Land & Plants, 4. Stars & Seasons (for which we welcomed Jo Crocker from Winchester Green Week), 5. Creatures of Sea & Sky and 6. Humans & Other Animals.

Sermons 5. and 6. were 'firsts' for us. Sermon 5. was our first preached on-line, by Terry from our makeshift altar in the Parish Office. Sermon 6. was the first preached away from St Cross: delivered into a laptop camera in my dining room.

In Advent we tackled *Preparing For Christ's Coming*, looking at the readings for each Sunday: Staying awake, Finding the way, Giving voice to hope and Answering God's call. Due to the suspension of public worship, it was not possible to hold the usual discussions for the last two sermons in the Lent series, but in Advent we held weekly discussions on Zoom.

*Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks*

## **HOUSE GROUP REPORT**

Under the conditions of the year 'Study Group' seems more appropriate name than 'House Group'. However, in practice 'Study Group' is the House Group meeting online by zoom. The Group met every other week on a Thursday evening with usually about 6 people attending.

For the first part of the year, we studied one of the Holy Communion readings for the previous Sunday. Thus, various types of Old and New Testament Bible passages were considered. During the latter part of the year the Book of Amos was studied in some detail.

If you are interested in joining the group, you will be welcome to give it a try.

*Roger Healey  
Cheryl Irons*

## **COMMUNITY ACROSS GENERATIONS**

### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

We went into the new year full of ideas and some dates set for the coming months. Unfortunately that was not to be so we did what we could a zoom quiz in September and another to be held in February. In October there was the pilgrimage walk and a service on the way. We had hoped to have a talent show on zoom in December but suddenly getting ready to be able to worship in church took over our time so that is something to look forward to perhaps even in person. Looking forward to spending social time together.

*Dodie Mowat*

### **TOTS AND SUNDAY CLUB**

Sunday Club and Tots met during the 9.30 service between January and the middle of March when the Coronavirus restrictions began. Each week, we hosted between 7 and 12 children and followed the theme of the service using crafts and storytelling.

March to December saw us adapt between online and in person sessions as restrictions changed. We sent out worksheets with challenges and invited the children to send back their photos, videos and art to show during the online service. It was wonderful to see so much creativity and



keep contact with the young people. Later in the year, we were able to host some in person Sunday Club sessions in the Parish Hall and Church Office (with Covid-safe measures in place) with activity sheets available for families joining online.

Thank you to all the whole team of leaders who imaginatively created activities for the different types of services and adapted to the changing restrictions and precautions.

*Valerie Carver  
Magdalen Rees*

## **ST CROSS YOUTH**

2010 been a strange year for all of us and has had an impact on the Youth groups and their activities, the same as it has for every other part of everyday life.

For the first part of the year Erin carried on running the Youth activities brilliantly meeting with the 8+ and 12+ groups, holding bible studies and running the Tuesday after school Drop In. Despite the limitations of lockdown she continued to do an excellent job online and her efforts were well and truly appreciated by all. She was ably assisted by a team of helpers and we are grateful for all their assistance during this unusual period of time.

In May, I started work as new Youth Leader, under the difficult circumstances of Lockdown and all activities having to be done online. The rest of the year consisted of periods of Lockdown and meeting in person with restrictions and social distancing. I am so grateful for the team of helpers without whom there would not be a youth group.

There have been some highlights of the year and these are as follows

- Creating a special memories book to thank Erin for all her hard work and dedication to the youth of St Faith's at St Cross.
- We ran the first ever holiday club, The Eco Club, where we created equipment that allowed us to survey the flora and fauna of St Faith's Church Yard and we produced a display to show what we had learned for both the church and Winchester Green Week
- In August, which is normally a month of the year that the youth group does not meet in we gathered in the Water Meadows for games and crafts which was luckily allowed to happen because of the beautiful weather.
- Members of the older youth group decorated pebbles and chose bible verses to give to those who were lonely, unable to leave their homes

or just needed to know that someone cared about them. These were gratefully received with some beautiful thank you letters and cards

- The Brothers and the Master all received a hand painted wooden decoration at Christmas from the Youth groups to let them know that the youth held them in our thoughts and prayers.
- Drop in has included crafts , doing homework and playing games and having a time to chill and chat and catch up on each other's news over a hot chocolate and a slice of toast.
- 8+ on Sunday mornings ran whilst we met up in the Parish Hall where we carried out activities that mirrored the readings that the young people had heard in church. The youngsters then showed what they had made and learnt to the church as a whole.

During meetings on a Friday night. In person or online, we have been carrying out a combination of games, crafts and bible lessons. These times of being able to meet have also been a great time of fellowship, fun and friendship and I got to know the youngsters better and am touched by the kindness and encouragement received from the parents.

This year has been difficult, but we have been blessed in so many ways and although there will be challenges continuing in 2021 the young people of St Faith's at St Cross will continue to be looked after, supported and encouraged by me and the congregation of the church which we are part of.

*Mel Wroe-Parker – Youth Leader*

## **8+ GROUP**

A growing group of young people aged 8 and above met in the vestry during the sermon for discussion, reflection and prayer. Many of the young people are choristers or servers and they are keen to take part. We had to keep getting more chairs!

Ellie Phipps designed some sessions to teach about the meaning of Communion and January was a very special time when 8 young people were admitted to Communion. We were sad to say 'Goodbye' to Ellie when she moved on at her ordination and we remain thankful for all that she gave to the group.

On the second Sunday in March many of them helped to lead the All Age service. Little did we know that it would be the last in this form for a long time!

During the lockdowns, we have been pleased to see that many of the young people have taken part in Zoom services, using the activity sheets each week and sending photos of what they have done. In the summer and autumn we were able to meet in person, with socially distanced activities, during the service. It has been good to welcome Lysbeth Sleath to the team and to have Mel, our Youth Leader, involved in some of the sessions as she leads that age group on a Friday night.

Thank you to everyone on the team for being adaptable during this year and thank you to you all for your prayers and support.

*Rev. Sally Heather – Chair, Children, Youth and Families*

## **OPEN THE BOOK**

Little did we realise when we embarked on the weekly assemblies last January (2020) that they would end so abruptly in March. Since then the Open the Book team has not been able to go into St Faith's Primary School. We have kept in contact with the school by email, in our prayers and the occasional wave through the window. We hope in the future we will be able to resume our link.

We sadly said goodbye to three of our team last summer, and so we would warmly welcome anyone who has a couple of hours available on a Tuesday afternoon (on a rota basis during the school term) during which they would be prepared to narrate and enact Bible stories to children. The children love them, and we enjoy their participation and enthusiasm.

*Cheryl Irons*

## **ST FAITH'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The school has adapted quickly in 2020 to the challenges faced with being closed for some of the spring and much of the summer terms, staying open for children of key workers and to prepare and deliver learning-at-home activities.

With SATs being cancelled, we can't report on academic progress this year, other than to note that our year 6 children had been on track for excellent results. We wish them all the very best adapting to life at secondary school.

We said a fond farewell to Miss Croker, Mrs Hanson and Mrs Matcham for whom this was to be their last year of teaching before retirement. The

combined wealth of talent from our teachers is reflected in the happy and vibrant atmosphere of the school, combined with years of outstanding academic results. We are truly grateful for their commitment to the school.

We were also delighted by the announcement of the birth of Mrs Frances' (Year 3 teacher) daughter and wish her well during her maternity leave.

Welcoming new staff into the school, we appointed Year 1 teacher Miss Langrish, who trained with us at St. Faith's this academic year. Miss Berry returned to St Faiths as Year 2 teacher and Infant Leader, as well as a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Her years of St. Faith's experience mean that she will be an excellent bridge between the outgoing and incoming team. Teaching Year 3 is Miss Renno; a highly experienced teacher who knows St. Faiths and its children well, having taught at the school on many occasions over the years. Teaching Year 6 (Tuesday-Thursday) is Mrs. Wetherell, who brings years of KS3 experience into play and is acutely aware of how our Year 6s need to be prepared to move on. She knows the Year 6 curriculum well, having worked with Mrs. Hanson over the last five years.

We have been busy maintaining the school; new carpets fitted in some parts of the school with plans to replace more, an IT refresh to support the teachers and children in class, and a completely refreshed website at <https://www.st-faiths.hants.sch.uk>

We continue to be grateful for the support given by the parishioners and we're saddened that the restrictions meant we couldn't welcome people into the school as much as we would have hoped this year. We did, however, welcome the parish into the school playground on a very frosty Christmas Eve for an interactive carol service - complete with a real donkey!

*Dudley Rees – Chair, Foundation Governing Body*

## **FRIENDS FOR TEA**

There we were, bumbling along, quite happily for all those years then, out of the blue came Covid. We've had no alternative but to retreat, realising as the months went by, that this beastly little virus is formidable. Vicious in its attack and relentless in the way it has scythed through our communities. Making plans for the future seems to add to the confusion and we have had enough of that recently so we can only wait .....will

we be able to meet in the summer.....won't we ? With so much hidden artillery on its side we can only abide by our restrictions or buckle under its attack.

The moment we can offer to reinstate 'Friends for Tea' together we (Sue Fairbrother and myself) will be available, ready with the Tea and Cake and hoping that we can enjoy something in the not-too-distant future. Much Love to All

*Elizabeth Loader*

## **LAZY COOKS**

We were able to only meet twice in 2020 before the March lockdown. In January, we had our annual Sunday lunch at The Chesil Restaurant. Then in February, we celebrated Chinese New Year by having our Chinese banquet at Mr. So. We all miss meeting and eating together, and hope we can resume soon.

*Evelyn Pringle*

## **MONDAY GROUP**

Sadly, we were only able to arrange two talks for the Group before the first Lockdown hit us all in March 2020. The first was given by Dr Kate Goble on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and we learned a lot about the history and current work of the Commission in carefully maintaining its cemeteries around the globe. It was a notably windy evening and Kate did well to keep her audience's attention despite the banging of the doors in the Hundred Men's Hall.

The February talk was given by Eleanor Houghton, who is a costume consultant on historical dramas such as the television series Gentleman Jack. She gave a fascinating talk tracing the history of Charlotte Bronte's "Thackeray Dress", referencing the scientific research into the fibres, dyes, and methods used to produce the distinctive blue fabric.

Murray Dixon, as ever, worked hard to track down interesting speakers, but we are always happy to receive suitable suggestions from the good folk of St Cross. Finally, as a reminder for when we are allowed to reconvene, the Group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Hundred Men's Hall, and all are very welcome.

*James Harris*

## **ST CROSS SINGERS**

At the start of 2020 we only had a very short time - Covid was already making its way from China. I think we had four meetings. The St Cross Singers started in May 2018 for non-singers who wanted to sing. They studied hard and they found they could sing. By 2020 we had sung in two concerts both in unison and in parts. What I wanted to do in 2020 was to consolidate what we had learnt. This I started to do by revising basic singing technique and breathing. We revised following the music, some members still found it hard to know which line of music to follow.

When we do start again which I hope won't be too long, we shall continue where we left off. I do hope the students - around 15 of them - have at least been doing some humming or following one of the many websites available.

*Penny Terrell*

## **CHURCHYARD**

Care and maintenance of the Churchyard has continued throughout 2020 under the active leadership of John Pringle, assisted by Chris Maguire and a small group of parish volunteers. The grass has been kept in order, the green paths regularly mown, and the ample undergrowth gradually cleared, especially on the Kingsgate Road side and in the vicinity of the gate. Unfortunately, because of the coronavirus lockdowns, the Probation service have had to pause the regular help provided by some of those on Community Service orders.

In May Philip Krinks asked me to coordinate a group to participate in Winchester Green Week in late September. Happily this coincided with our youth worker, Mel Wroe Parker's planning for a two-day Holiday Club in August for the young people to explore the biodiversity of the churchyard. With Mel's environmental skills, they would learn and put into practice some techniques to discover what wildlife was present there. It was agreed that their findings would be presented as our parish contribution to Green Week. The Holiday Club was a great success, much enjoyed by those who took part in it, and it was very good to participate for the first time in Winchester Green Week.

With the PCC's warm approval we have now embarked on an ongoing environmental project, with a vision to explore, encourage and protect the churchyard's natural heritage, so that it becomes a still more attractive, peaceful green space where wildlife thrives and for visitors to enjoy. 3 compost bins have been built by John to avoid the need for

polluting bonfires - and more will follow, made from donated pallets; we are subscribing to the Church of England's 'Caring for God's Acre' network and are in contact with Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust as resources for information and advice; and Chris Pyke has been taking photographs of the churchyard to provide a visual record. Much else is planned and we're excited to be doing something to enhance the churchyard and encourage the future sustainability and thriving of its wildlife.

*Lou Scott-Joynt*, on behalf of the "Caring for St Faith's Churchyard" team: John Pringle, Chris Maguire, Rev. Hilary Healey, Robert Wheatley, John Lunt and Bro. Chris Pyke

## **COMMON GOOD**

### **COMMON GOOD PROJECT**

Sadly, our Common Good Project work at Winchester Prison has been seriously disrupted by Covid-19. The recruitment of people to share in the work of providing a welcome and refreshments to prisoners' families ('Caring Faith' led by Lysbeth Sleath) is currently on hold, but under regular review.

The funding of Christian books and magazines for prisoners ('Learning Faith' led by Murray Dixon) is ongoing, although there have not been any recent requests for funds to help with this.

Christina Mathews has applied to become an Official Prison Visitor with the aim of working with the Chaplains to provide non-judgmental listening to prisoners, but this, too, is currently on hold.

The provision of items of clothing for prisoners on their release ('Bags of Faith' led by Anna-Maria Holt) was also on hold while the Basics Bank was closed to donations of clothing, but the end of 2020 saw this being re-opened, and we were able to assist 2 prisoners. Hopefully there will be more opportunities to assist in the course of 2021.

*John Lunt - Chair, Common Good Project*

### **ST FAITH'S PARISH HALL**

On 31 December 2020 the hall committee comprised Lisa Bone, Catherine D'Arcy, Sophie Firth, Janet Honigmann, Andrew Mardle, Magdalen Rees and myself. Sara Arnold continues to carry out the paid role of Bookings Secretary very efficiently.

For much of the year under review, SFPH was closed to bookings because of the ongoing pandemic. This resulted in a significant loss of income. The Nancy Harper Nursery reopened when lockdown regulations permitted. Church services moved from St Cross to the Front Hall on Sunday mornings and were streamed online. As regular groups gradually began to return, the committee published its Coronavirus Risk Assessment to set out cleaning requirements for group leaders. Mary Ayres continues to clean the building thoroughly before nursery every weekday morning.

Various improvements were made throughout the year. A new water heater was installed for all handbasins in the various loos, as was a cupboard to enclose it. An electronic keypad on the kitchen door has revolutionised access for users. New consumer units (fuse boxes) with the highest-rated safety trip switches have been fitted in both halls. Periodic Appliance Testing has been aligned with St Cross. Several broken outside lights have been replaced and LED lamps fitted to all.

The hall committee hopes parishioners will be able to return to their hall and its excellent facilities soon. Please contact Sara Arnold via the PCC’s website, on 07850 231497 or at [sfaithsph@secretgenius.co.uk](mailto:sfaithsph@secretgenius.co.uk).

*Peter Sawbridge - Chair, St Faith’s Parish Hall Committee*

### **ST CROSS FÊTE**

Sadly, due to the pandemic, we were not able to hold the Fête in 2020. However, the Parish did give a donation of £850 to each of the 2 charities we chose to support, namely Hampshire and IoW Air Ambulance and Winchester Family Counselling Trust.

*Gill Beck - Chair, Fête Committee*

### **GOOD CAUSES SUPPORTED DURING 2020**

The Good Causes supported by the Parish during 2020, which covered local, national and overseas charities, are listed below.

<b>Good Causes</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)	£279	Retiring Collection



Bishop's Ordination Fund	£324	Licensing Collection
Muhabura Diocese	£547	Retiring Collection Donated via Christchurch
Winchester Basics Bank	£433	Harvest Collection
Farm Africa	£453	Harvest Retiring Collection
The Royal British Legion	£308	Remembrance Sunday Retiring Collection
Muhabura – Medical support at Potter's Village	£500	PCC Allocation from General Fund. Donated via CMS
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance	£850	PCC Allocation from General Fund – both had been nominated as Fete Charities.
Winchester Home-Start	£850	
Bags of Faith, part of Common Good Project supporting HM Prison Winchester	£420	Donations from Tea & Chat.
Total	£4,964	

Our giving remains in line with PCC policy i.e. each year we give circa 5% of income (less that from the Parish Hall) to Good Causes. This is normally made up of retiring collections, an allocation from the General Fund and a percentage of fete income. As there was no fete in 2020, an element of the General Fund allocation was used to support the two charities that, earlier in 2020, had been nominated as the fete charities.

*Murray Dixon – Hon. Treasurer*

## **SUPPORTING MINISTRIES**

### **STEWARDSHIP**

The Stewardship Group was formed in late 2018 to develop ways to encourage our worshipping community to give, serve and care generously.

During 2020 it met nine times, a reflection of the need for proactive steps to be taken to generate Parish income to replace that lost from not being able to hold the Fete and the cancellation of most weddings.

Plans early in the year to launch a Legacy Appeal were put on hold in March and a Resilience Fund Appeal proposed. This took place successfully in April and May and raised over £22,000.

On-line giving was encouraged with a Just Giving page set up for both Sunday collections and Good Causes special collections. A phone Text Giving capability was used extensively following the 'Journey to the Manager' services. The Goodbox hands-free facility was available when church worship was possible.

Regular giving, principally through the Parish Giving Scheme, was the focus in the latter part of the year with an Appeal planned for October/November 2020 in the hope that it could be launched in the church, though later restrictions meant this was postponed in early 2021.

*John Pringle – Chair, Stewardship Working Group*

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

In a year when many aspects of life have gone online, the main method of communication for the Parish since the spring has been the new weekly email updates.

The Parish Magazine has continued to be produced each month, and I'm grateful to Celia Harris who kindly agreed to be in charge of the April edition while I was out of the country but ended up having to deal with all the uncertainties of the first Lockdown. From then onwards most people have received their Parish Magazine electronically via the weekly emails. A comparatively small number who do not have easy access to a computer still had a printed Magazine delivered to them. A photocopied mid-month Newsletter has also been introduced so that those who do not receive the emails can stay up to date with the rapidly changing arrangements for church services and other activities.

Especial thanks are due to Jo Gordon Watson who retired in 2020 after many years of organising the distribution of the Magazine. As 2021 begins, Diana Snagge has kindly taken over the role with a newly re-established team of distributors. Do contact her if you would like to start or go back to receiving a physical copy of the Magazine.

The parish website at [www.parishofstfaith.org](http://www.parishofstfaith.org) has required frequent updating in 2020 to keep up with the latest information about church services and activities. The website has been 'viewed' on average 22 times per day, which is a slight drop on 2019, but still adds up to more than 8000 visits over the year. The nature of life in 2020 has meant that fewer people have come to the website looking for information about eg the Fete or hiring the Parish Hall, and more to find the Zoom and YouTube links for the parish.

Philip runs the parish Twitter account which is useful to connect with other parishes and share information about our services.

*Clare Dixon – Editor, Parish Magazine*  
*Magdalen Rees – Parish Website Coordinator*

## **SIDESPEOPLE DURING 2020**

Tony Carver, John Casson, Mavis Casson, Lynne Chapman, Anne Dolan, Brian Eames, Jen Eames, Tim Goble, Kate Goble, Martin Harlow, Sarah Harlow, James Harris, Joyce King, David King, John Lunt, Chris Maguire, Christina Matthews, Julia Maxlow-Tomlinson, Harry Mowat, Jeremy Ouvry, Jonathan Sleath, Lysbeth Sleath, Carol Wade, Chloe Wheywell

## **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

(from 25 October 2020 - 18 April 2021)

### **Ex officio:**

Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks	Chair
Rev. Hilary Healey	
John Pringle	Vice-Chair, Churchwarden, Deanery Synod Member
Dodie Mowat	Churchwarden and Deanery Synod Member

### **Elected:**

	Until:	
Gill Beck	2021	
Cheryl Irons	2021	
Michele Brannigan	2021	
Rosco Noott	2021	
Murray Dixon	2022	Hon. Treasurer and Deanery Synod Member
Victoria Arthur	2022	Hon. Secretary
Lynn Chapman	2022	
Craig Clark	2022	
Anna-Maria Holt	2023	
Chris Maguire	2023	
Magdalen Rees	2023	
Carol Wade	2023	

### **Co-opted:**

Brother Graham Davies (co-opted 11.11.2021)

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH  
MINUTES  
of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners**

**held at 11.00 am on Sunday 25 October 2020 in St Faith's Parish Hall, 10 St Cross Back Street, Winchester SO23 9SB and via Zoom**

Item	Subject
1	<p><b>Welcome and apologies</b></p> <p>Immediately prior to the opening of the meeting the Rev. Dr Philip Krinks referred to the postponement of this meeting (and the APCM) from April 2020, due to the inability to hold meetings at that time shortly after the lockdown measures following the outbreak of Covid-19. He referred to the Diocesan permissions to enable the meetings to take place later in the year (either wholly, or in part virtually, via Zoom).</p> <p>There were 19 present in the Parish Hall and around 12 on Zoom.</p> <p>The Rev. Dr Philip Krinks opened the meeting at 11.03 am explaining the Meeting of Parishioners was the first of two meetings to be held with the purpose of electing the Churchwardens. He said that the meeting was open to those on the electoral role and all residents in the Parish of St Faith.</p> <p>Apologies: Craig Clark</p>
2	<p><b>Minutes of meeting held on Sunday 7 April 2019</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the 2019 meeting had been circulated in the Annual Report.</p> <p>No comments were raised except to say there was an error in the published Report which stated the year as 2018 rather than 2019.</p> <p>The minutes were <b>proposed</b> by John Pringle, <b>seconded</b> by Sue Fairbrother and approved unanimously by a show of hands.</p>

Item	Subject
3	<b>Election of Churchwardens for 2020</b>
	The Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked John Pringle and Dodie Mowat for agreeing to stand for a further year as Churchwardens and said that as there were no other candidates, they were elected to fill the two vacancies. He congratulated them both.

Rev. Dr. Krinks closed the meeting at 11.06 am

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH  
MINUTES**

**of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2019**

**held at 11 am on Sunday 25 October 2020 at St Faith's Parish Hall,  
10 St Cross Back Street, Winchester SO23 9SB and via Zoom**

The meeting commenced at 11.07 am immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Apologies had been received from Craig Clark. The Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks chaired the meeting and said that normally he would have asked the Churchwardens to come forward at the start of the meeting but was unable to do this with current social distancing requirements due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks explained that the electorate consisted of all those on the parish's Electoral Roll and confirmed that included everyone physically present and all those attending via Zoom.

Item	Subject
1	<p><b>Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 7 April 2019</b></p> <p>The above minutes had been circulated in the Annual Report; there were no comments. They were proposed by Murray Dixon, seconded by Diana Snagge and approved by all present.</p>
2	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p>None.</p>
4	<p><b>Mandatory Reports (for discussion and recommendations to the PCC)</b></p> <p><b>A. Electoral Roll</b> Valerie Carver, the Electoral Roll Officer, confirmed that at the end of 2019 there were 200 persons on the roll made up of 71 parish residents and 129 non-residents. The Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked Valerie for her superb work maintaining the roll.</p>

Item	Subject
	<p><b>B. PCC Activities</b></p> <p>The Rev. Dr. Krinks referred to information given in the Annual Report. In addition to this he:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• referred to the 2020 Covid pandemic and consequent work undertaken by many to maintain worship and contact, he thanked parishioners for their support;</li> <li>• spoke of the Safeguarding policies of the Parish and mentioned that they continued to operate in the current pandemic.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>C. Deanery Synod</b></p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks said that within the Deanery we are particularly involved in the City Centre Cluster of parishes and referred to the report of activities in the Annual Report booklet. He thanked Murray Dixon, John Pringle and Jo Gordon-Watson for representing the Parish, and especially thanked Jo as she retired.</p> <p>A vote of thanks to Jo was proposed with everyone in favour.</p>
4	<b>Financial Statements for 2019</b>
	<p>Rev. Dr. Krinks referred to the Accounts/Financial Statements for 2019 (copies of which were available) and asked the PCC Treasurer, Murray Dixon, to summarise them.</p> <p>Murray reminded the meeting the Statements/Accounts referred to the 2019 calendar year and thanked Marilyn Fletcher the former PCC Treasurer for her work in producing them and arranging for them to be independently examined.</p> <p>Murray Dixon referred to income received in 2019 of £166,797 shown in the section 'Incoming Resources' and expenditure of £172,117 in the section headed 'Resources Used', saying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incoming resources from donors of £100,229 were largely made up of Planned Giving receipts and gift aid;</li> <li>• Income of £45,392 from charitable and ancillary trading included £29,000 from the Parish Hall;</li> <li>• Income from investments represented dividend income;</li> </ul>



Item	Subject
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expenses included costs associated with the Parish Hall amounting to £15,493;</li> <li>• Breakdowns of the figures were shown in the notes on pages 6 and 7;</li> <li>• The above showed a net loss of £5,320 but after taking account of the unrealised gain on investments of £10,570, there was a surplus of £5,250 resulting in an end of year balance of £123,039 (shown on the Balance Sheet on page 5).</li> </ul> <p>Murray Dixon went on to emphasise that there is an operating deficit of £18,468 if the investment gain and Parish Hall profit are discounted (as referred to on page 2).</p> <p>Thanks were given to Peter Sawbridge and the Parish Hall committee for their excellent work. Despite this, there was bound to be a decrease in income for 2020 due to Covid-19 lockdown measures.</p> <p>Murray Dixon said that with current reserves an operating loss could be sustained for a few years, but not long term. He said that as scope for reducing costs is limited there was a need to increase income, particularly through Planned Giving.</p>
5	<p><b>Elections</b></p> <p><b>1. Deanery Synod Members</b></p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks said that a new 3-year term commenced this year. He said Murray Dixon and John Pringle have agreed to continue as members and Dodie Mowat had also been nominated. He said there were 3 positions and therefore confirmed Murray Dixon, John Pringle and Dodie Mowat to be duly elected.</p> <p><b>2. PCC Members</b></p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked all members of the PCC for their service and especially Marilyn Fletcher for her service as Treasurer. He added his grateful thanks to her for her excellent handover to Murray. Rev. Dr. Krinks also named and thanked the candidates who were standing for the PCC:</p>

Item	Subject
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna-Maria Holt, standing for a further term;</li> <li>• Magdalen Rees, standing for a further term;</li> <li>• Carol Wade, standing for a further term;</li> <li>• Chris Maguire, standing for the first time.</li> </ul> <p>He declared that they were elected, there being four vacancies. They were congratulated.</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks also thanked Victoria Arthur for her continuing work as PCC Secretary.</p>
6	<b>Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2020</b>
	<p>The appointment of Yvonne Goddard as Independent Examiner of the accounts for 2020 was <b>proposed</b> by Sue Fairbrother and <b>seconded</b> by Sally Heather.</p>
7	<b>Any other business</b>
	<p>The following questions were asked/points were raised:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Some people might wonder why this APCM had not appointed sidesmen, but Rev. Dr. Krinks said that the current Church Representation Rules confirm that their appointment should be made at the first meeting of the new PCC meeting.</li> <li>2. Would there be an APCM in 2021? Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks said an APCM was expected to take place in April 2021, even if this had to be virtual, which the new rules now allowed for</li> <li>3. When would there be a return to worship in the Chapel of St Cross? Rev. Dr. Krinks said that he is in discussion with the Master and hoped to be able to report favourably in the near future.</li> <li>4. Whether there is a fourth vacancy for a member from the Parish on the Deanery Synod? Rev. Dr. Krinks said that he would check. He clarified that the Parish is well represented with the lay members, as well as all licensed clergy (i.e. The Master, Rev. Hilary Healey and himself).</li> </ol>

Item	Subject
	There was a motion from the floor for a vote of thanks to the clergy and those in leadership for all their work during the Covid crisis in maintaining worship, keeping in contact and support. All present supported the motion.

The meeting concluded at 11.43 am.

Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked everyone for attending and led those present in saying the Grace.

***The content of this Annual Report was approved  
by the PCC on 17th March 2021***

## **GIVING CAN PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE**



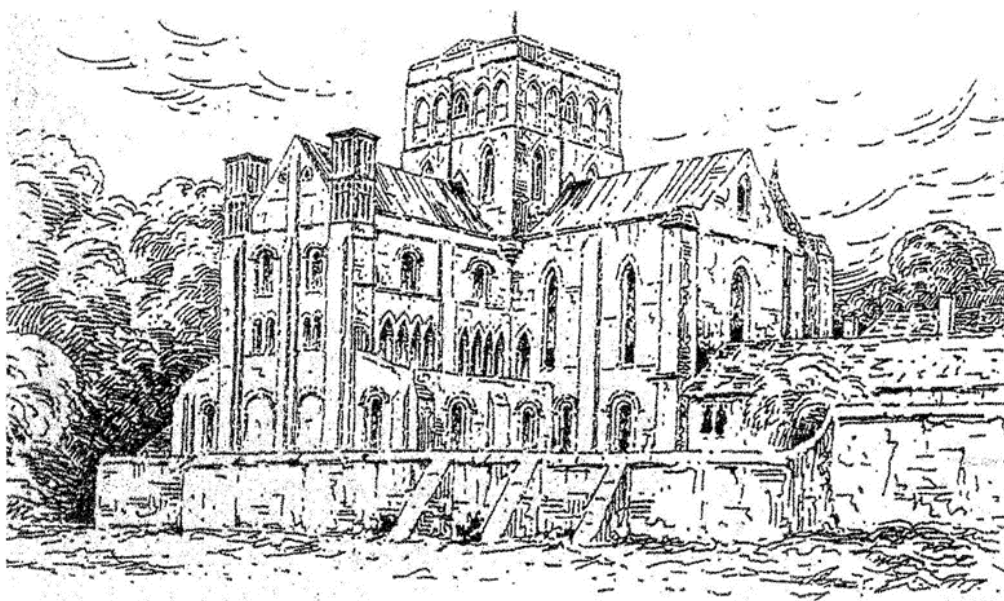
**Have you enjoyed reading about the many different areas of ministry that the Parish undertakes? We are blessed with the help of so many of you as willing volunteers, but we do have considerable expenses that we need to pay on a regular basis.**

**Many of you already help us with regular Planned Giving through the Parish Giving Scheme or with Standing Orders. We are most grateful for your generosity.**

**If you have not made a commitment to regular giving could you please consider helping us in this way? You can make a real difference in areas such as our choir and music, our work with children, young people and families, and our Common Good work in Winchester prison. You will also help us continue to worship in the beautiful Hospital of St Cross by contributing to the costs of running and maintaining the church building.**

**Your giving will help secure the future success of our Parish for us and future generations of worshippers at St Cross.**

# **THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH**



## **Annual Financial Report and Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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## **ST CROSS WITH ST FAITH PCC**

### **Annual Report**

1. 2020 presented new and unprecedented challenges to the Parish, as the impact of COVID 19 from April onwards changed the shape of our activities. The funds held by the Parish fell by £14,334 in 2020, from £123,039 on 31 Dec 19 to £108,705 on 31 Dec 20. This was made up of a shortfall of £10,799 in routine activity, a small surplus of £724 in operation of the Parish Hall and a reduction in the value of investments of £4,259.

### **Routine Activity**

2. Routine activity covers Parish activity other than income and expenditure associated with the Parish Hall and the change in value of investments. Routine income dropped from £137,722 in 2019 to £103,218 in 2020. Not surprisingly, given the reduced scope for in person worship and large gatherings, the main reductions were in:

- Collections and sundry donations, from £23,969 to £8,234,
- Wedding and funeral fees, from £7,576 to £741, and
- Fundraising and the fete, from £14,645 to £688, net of costs. Ride & Stride was our major fundraising event – thank you to everyone who supported it.

3. The reductions were offset to a considerable extent by the Parish Resilience Fund which was so generously supported and raised a very welcome £22,371. This was a tremendous result – again, thank you to everyone who contributed.

4. In April 2020 we realised COVID 19 restrictions would lead to reduced income and the PCC carried out a review of expenditure. As a result, routine expenditure was reduced from £156,190 in 2019 to £114,017 in 2020. After discussions with those involved, principal reductions were in:

- Contributions to the Diocese – we reduced Parish Share payments from the originally agreed £86,000 to £71,000.
- Contributions to the Hospital - we reduced payments for upkeep of the church fabric from the originally agreed £17,750 to £14,750.

We recognise there is an impact in both cases. Ultimately, such reductions mean the Diocese will have less funds to provide clergy to Parishes and the Hospital will have less funds for the upkeep of the church – and so we carefully considered the impact of our reduced payments against the need to maintain adequate reserves.

5. With their agreement, we also reduced payments to Parish post holders.

### **Parish Hall**

6. Nancy Harper Nursery was able to continue for most of the year, but other lettings were greatly reduced, and income fell from £29,075 in 2019 to £18,539 in 2020. Expenditure increased slightly from £15,927 in 2019 to £17,814, partly because of the need to replace old electrical wiring and fitting a new hot water cylinder.

## **Investments**

7. At one point during the year the value of our investments fell to under £60,000 (from £71,122 at 31 Dec 19) though they had recovered to £66,863 by the end of the year.

## **Designated Funds**

8. The amount of Reserves designated for the Parish Hall was increased by £1,113 at the end of 2020 in line with the reserves policy described in para 10 below.

9. £4,000 from the Youth Fund was used to contribute to the cost of employing a youth worker.

## **Reserves Policy**

10. Each year, the PCC is required to approve its reserves policy, which is:

a. To have in reserve:

(a) Between 25% and 50% of total budgeted expenditure

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(b) A contingency re Parish Hall capital costs of £35,000 on 31 Dec 18 and increasing by 5% annually.

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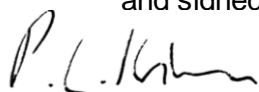
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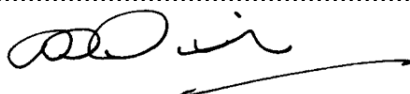
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Balance as at 1 January 2020	76,768	1,746	2,775	36,750	5,000	123,039
Net (decrease)/ increase 2020	-20,363	511	4,794	724	0	-14,334
Transfers	2,887	0	-4,000	1,113	0	
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## ST CROSS WITH ST FAITH PCC

### Appendix A

#### *Accounting Policies*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

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In the year-end Balance Sheet the PCC has no funds which are required to be identified as "Endowment" or "Restricted", except for a donation of £5,000 made to the Flower Fund in 2000. Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding 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 such as the Hall.

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.

#### *Incoming Resources*

Collections are recognised when received by, or on behalf of, the PCC. Planned Giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the appropriate claim is made to the Inland Revenue.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by the Fete and similar events are accounted for gross. Sales of the Parish magazine are accounted for gross.

Rental income from the letting of the Parish Hall is recognised when the rental is due.

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable; interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments as at 31 December of the relevant year.

#### *Resources used*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

The Diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

#### *Assets*

All capital items within the church of St Cross, Winchester are the property of the Hospital of St Cross and are covered by the Hospital's insurance. Items within the church, for which the PCC provided the funds, are deemed to have been purchased on behalf of the Hospital and presented to it by the Parish and hence are expensed on purchase.

Fixtures and fittings within the Parish Hall are the property of, and are insured by, the PCC. All expenditure incurred on the repair of the building is expensed on purchase.

Investments are shown in the balance sheet at market value on 31 December of the relevant year. Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors. There are no amounts that are deemed uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit with the Central Board of Finance (Church of England) Funds.

Amounts owed by the PCC at 31 December in respect of expenses which have been incurred and for which invoices have not been received, or have been received but not paid, are shown as accruals. All the amounts fall due within one year.

## ST CROSS WITH ST FAITH PCC

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 2 to 9.

#### Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of this report

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 considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  1. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
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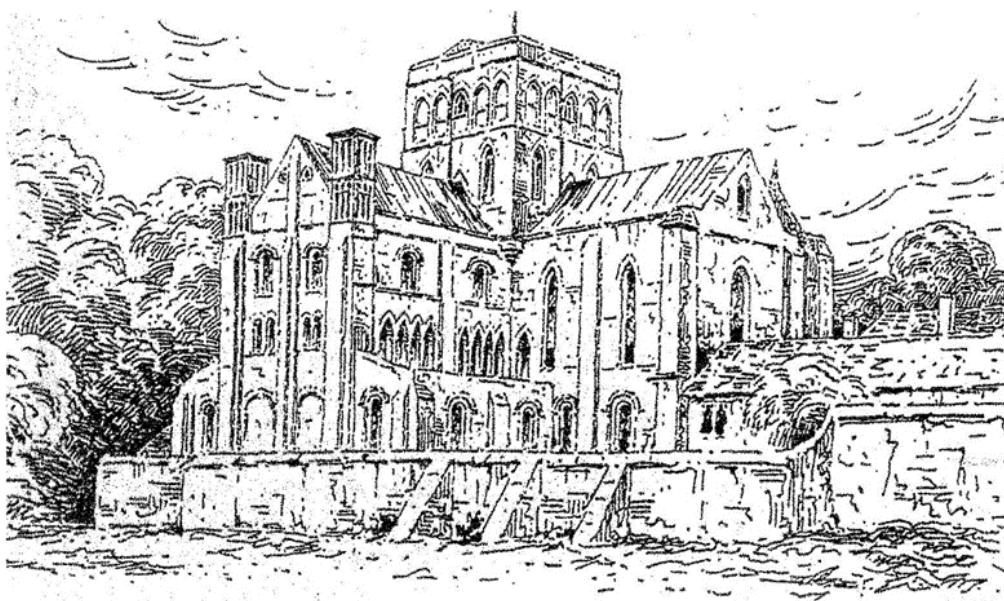
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# **THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH**



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## **ST CROSS WITH ST FAITH PCC**

### **Annual Report**

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### **Routine Activity**

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- Wedding and funeral fees, from £7,576 to £741, and
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3. The reductions were offset to a considerable extent by the Parish Resilience Fund which was so generously supported and raised a very welcome £22,371. This was a tremendous result – again, thank you to everyone who contributed.

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We recognise there is an impact in both cases. Ultimately, such reductions mean the Diocese will have less funds to provide clergy to Parishes and the Hospital will have less funds for the upkeep of the church – and so we carefully considered the impact of our reduced payments against the need to maintain adequate reserves.

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### **Parish Hall**

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## **Investments**

7. At one point during the year the value of our investments fell to under £60,000 (from £71,122 at 31 Dec 19) though they had recovered to £66,863 by the end of the year.

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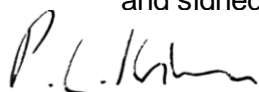
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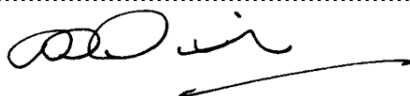
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Charifund Income Units	4,076	4,076	31,486	-6,609	38,095
CCLA Investment Fund Units	9,015	9,015	35,377	2,350	33,027
	<b>13,091</b>	<b>13,091</b>	<b>66,863</b>	<b>-4,259</b>	<b>71,122</b>

<b>7 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>						
	<b>General</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance as at 1 January 2020	76,768	1,746	2,775	36,750	5,000	123,039
Net (decrease)/ increase 2020	-20,363	511	4,794	724	0	-14,334
Transfers	2,887	0	-4,000	1,113	0	
	<b>59,292</b>	<b>2,257</b>	<b>3,569</b>	<b>38,587</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>108,705</b>

## ST CROSS WITH ST FAITH PCC

### Appendix A

#### *Accounting Policies*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

#### *Funds*

In the year-end Balance Sheet the PCC has no funds which are required to be identified as "Endowment" or "Restricted", except for a donation of £5,000 made to the Flower Fund in 2000. Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding 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 such as the Hall.

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.

#### *Incoming Resources*

Collections are recognised when received by, or on behalf of, the PCC. Planned Giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the appropriate claim is made to the Inland Revenue.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by the Fete and similar events are accounted for gross. Sales of the Parish magazine are accounted for gross.

Rental income from the letting of the Parish Hall is recognised when the rental is due.

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable; interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments as at 31 December of the relevant year.

#### *Resources used*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

The Diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

#### *Assets*

All capital items within the church of St Cross, Winchester are the property of the Hospital of St Cross and are covered by the Hospital's insurance. Items within the church, for which the PCC provided the funds, are deemed to have been purchased on behalf of the Hospital and presented to it by the Parish and hence are expensed on purchase.

Fixtures and fittings within the Parish Hall are the property of, and are insured by, the PCC. All expenditure incurred on the repair of the building is expensed on purchase.

Investments are shown in the balance sheet at market value on 31 December of the relevant year. Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors. There are no amounts that are deemed uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit with the Central Board of Finance (Church of England) Funds.

Amounts owed by the PCC at 31 December in respect of expenses which have been incurred and for which invoices have not been received, or have been received but not paid, are shown as accruals. All the amounts fall due within one year.

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### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 2 to 9.

#### Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of this report

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 considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  1. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  2. to prepare accounts, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



3<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

**Yvonne Goddard BSc ACA CTA**