

**The Parish Church of All Saint's
Theydon Garnon
Epping**



ANNUAL REPORT for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: 27 May 2021

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS THEYDON GARNON

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

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Independent Examiner:

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Objectives and activities

Theydon Garnon PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the vicar, the Rev. John Fry, in the ecclesiastical parish, in the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, ecumenical and social. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Churchyard of All Saints', Theydon Garnon, Epping, Essex.

Structure, governance and management

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

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

During the year 2020 the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent	Rev. John Fry	Vicar and Chair
Associate Priest	Rev. Carol Newnham	
Church Wardens	Mrs Hilary Mosley	Health & Safety Officer
	Mr John Chaplin	Parish Safeguarding Officer, Tree Officer and Churchyard Chair
Representatives in the Deanery Synod	Mrs Alison Mortimer	Children's Church
	Mrs Ann Clay	Deputy Church Warden, Verger and PCC Deputy Chair
Elected Members	Mrs Judy Burns	
	Mr Richard Clay	Fabric Chair
	Mr Michael Chapman	
	Mrs Pamela Mulholland	Secretary
	Mrs Kate Faccini	Electoral Roll Officer
	Mr Barry Burns	Treasurer
	Mrs Wendy Webb	
	Mrs Heather Lawrence	Chair of Festival Committee and Deputy Church Warden.

David Lockett is also a Deputy Churchwarden but does is not on the PCC.

Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC:

Standing Committee:

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Membership currently consists of Churchwardens, Secretary, Vicar, Treasurer, Churchyard Chair, Fabric Chair and a Deputy Churchwarden.

Ad Hoc Committees

These are formed from time to time for specific purposes, details of which are included in the PCC report.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Church attendance

At the revision of the Electoral Roll in April 2021, 2 names have been deleted and 3 names have been added. There are now 52 names on the Roll, of whom 17 (33%) are resident in the parish and 35 (67%) live outside the parish.

We remain entitled to elect 2 representatives on the Deanery Synod.

Katherine Faccini
Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Review of the year

The Parochial Church Council, along with the Incumbent, has the responsibility for promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish of Theydon Garnon, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The Parochial Church Council also has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings and the Gatehouse.

Parochial Church Council Meetings

In 2020 the restrictions put in place to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic meant the usual pattern of meetings was impacted and several of our meetings moved to video-conferencing. My thanks to the PCC for their flexibility in this regard. The PCC met three times during the year with attendance remaining good. The main focus of the discussions were the matters included in this Annual Report and matters appertaining to the pandemic. The parish continues to work towards the shared Benefice Vision of the Theydon Parishes which is:

To be loving, caring and welcoming congregations who nurture each other to grow in faith together, through quality worship, Bible teaching and prayer, sharing the love of God in Christ with others by example and our activities in the community and wider world.

There are four subcommittees that report to the PCC as follows:

Events Committee: Organises social and fund-raising events to support the Church, chaired by Kay Oakes-Ash

Festival Committee Organises the annual fundraising event, chaired by Heather Lawrence which was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic.

Churchyard Has oversight of matters relating to the Churchyard, chaired by John Chaplin.

Fabric chaired by Richard Clay organises routine repairs and other maintenance to the historic church building.

Pamela Mulholland
PCC Secretary

Treasurer's Report and Financial statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Financial Statements for all accounts follow.

I am pleased to report that although the finances have been affected by the Covid-19 crisis and lockdowns, they continue to remain in a satisfactory position. This is due largely to the efforts that our small, but extremely loyal congregation have made to keep money coming into our accounts, despite the church being closed for long periods with no regular weekly collections being taken. We are very fortunate that a large proportion of our usual income is received by standing orders and direct bank transfers, which have continued during this very difficult year.

I am extremely grateful to everyone who has set up new standing orders, made bank transfers or put cash through the door, in lieu of collections.

Our single biggest loss of income arises from the cancellation of the One Day Fete in June, although even that was partly off-set by the magnificent proceeds from Jean Terry's Plant Stall sales, which she ran from her home.

The **General funds** have decreased by £2781, but there is still a strong balance on the account. We benefitted from tax refunds of £8216 from the Gift Aid scheme. This is more than usual as I made an extra claim in 2020 to compensate for some of our lost income. There have been no exceptional items of expenditure. The Parish Share to the Diocese was paid in full (£28006). Since 2017, the United Benefice has employed a Benefice Administrator and this year our share of the funding (25%) was £1772.

The **Churchyard account** has decreased by £426. The largest item of expenditure is the Gatehouse insurance. There have been no exceptional costs. Income is mainly derived from fees and an annual donation from Theydon Garnon Parish Council, for which we are very grateful.

The **Fabric account** has increased by £1821. We have been very fortunate to have received bequests this year totalling £3190. The PCC thanks all those who have thought of All Saints for bequests. The long-term ongoing maintenance of our historic church building is largely dependent on such contributions to our Fabric account. The account has also benefitted from generous donations arising from church service fees paid out, but generously donated back to the church. The most significant item of expenditure was roof maintenance work, totalling £2286.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2020

Cash Funds

The aggregate total across all accounts was £51781 broken down as follows

Bank Current Accounts (Barclays Community).

A total of £19809 broken down as follows:

A total of £3367 representing designated but unrestricted funds within the Churchyard Account.

A total of £8306 representing designated but unrestricted funds within the Fabric Account

The balance of £8136 representing £7483 unrestricted funds within the General Account and the sum of £653 designated within that same account as 'Church Flowers Fund'

Bank Deposit Accounts (Barclays Business Premium).

A total of £31972 representing designated Churchyard funds of £3324, designated Fabric funds of £14413 and designated but unrestricted General funds of £14235.

Cash

The sum of £45 was carried forward in the Cash Book.

The above totals were calculated taking account of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 section 5.12, and after taking into consideration uncleared cheques and transfers.

Assets of the PCC are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and include: Church and Gatehouse Furnishings, items of plate for Church Services, and Mowers and other equipment for use within the Churchyard. Full details are held within the Church Property Register (the 'Terrier and Inventory')

NOTES to accompany Receipts and Payments Accounts

As is now established routine the financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis and in line with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. Although there is no statutory format for such accounts, the examples shown in the Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP) have been adopted.

The Church Accounting Regulations 2006 state that Receipts and Payments where the PCC acts only as an 'agent' should not be included in PCC revenue and this has again been followed. Items covered by this during 2020 were:

- Proceeds from Quiz Evening for St Clare Hospice £435.
- Proceeds from the Pancake Party collection for Christians Against Poverty £75.

Diocesan Fees collected by the parish and forwarded to Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance, a total of £1675 from weddings, funerals, burials and memorials. Fee income shown in the financial statements was adjusted accordingly.

Transactions through the cash book covering 'casual' payments to Organists and payments of 3rd party fees to choir, bell-ringers etc, amounted to a total of £1270. Of this total, £300 as shown in the financial statements, represents payments to Organists associated with our own services. The remaining £970 is 3rd party payments associated with weddings and funerals and Fee income shown in the financial statements was adjusted accordingly, although the 3rd party fees may not necessarily have been received in 2020.

Receipts totalling £5130 from the other churches in the Benefice for paying their share of the Benefice Administrator costs.

The Financial Statements were approved by the PCC, subject to Independent Examination, at the meeting held on 4th March 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Rev. John Fry, PCC Chairman

Barry Burns, PCC Treasurer

Post script:

Barry sadly passed away on the 8th April. It is a tribute to Barry's dedication that he continued to act as PCC treasurer throughout his illness and diligently ensured the accounts were completed.

GENERAL (Unrestricted) Receipts & Payments Account

Receipts	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Receipts				
Regular Giving				
Planned Giving	17489		19306	
Collections	471		1367	
Gift Aid Tax recovered	<u>8216</u>	26176	<u>5571</u>	26244
Other Voluntary Receipts				
Donations - general	205		252	
Donations - specific	220		0	
Bequests	0		0	
Wall Safe	3		12	
VAT refund	0		0	
	<u>0</u>	428	<u>0</u>	264
Receipts from activities for generating funds				
Coffee Money	163		698	
Book Sales	16		65	
Gatehouse Hire	1210		2032	
Marquee Hire	0		145	
Summer Fete	0		3703	
Church Flowers	0		0	
Plant Sale	675		0	
Harvest Supper	0		306	
Advent Stall	265		290	
Sundry Sales	<u>0</u>	2329	<u>0</u>	7239
Receipts from Church Activities				
Fees	4190		3437	
Memorial Book	<u>0</u>	4190	<u>0</u>	3437
Receipts from Investments				
Interest/Dividends	<u>27</u>	27	<u>50</u>	50
Total Receipts		<u>33150</u>		<u>37234</u>

GENERAL (Unrestricted) Receipts & Payments Account contd.

Payments	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Payments re regular giving and Voluntary Receipts				
Collections	0		0	
Donations (Manna)	0		284	
Transfers to Churchyard a/c	0		0	
Transfers to Fabric a/c	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u>	284
Payments re Activities for generating funds				
Summer Fete	0		369	
Harvest Supper	0		0	
Sundry Other	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u>	369
Church Activities				
Parish Share	28006		27820	
Clergy expenses	731		972	
Church Music costs	300		1250	
Sacristy Supplies	0		336	
Oil, Electricity, Water	2195		2466	
Church Insurance	2007		2044	
Organ repairs	0		160	
Printing & Copying	71		273	
Internet costs	0		0	
Subscriptions	253		279	
Cleaning and Maintenance	466		721	
Memorial Book	110		0	
Flowers	20		0	
Coffee expenses	<u>0</u>	34159	<u>0</u>	36321
United Benefice payments				
UB Administrator	1729		1683	
Payroll services/adverts	<u>43</u>	1772	<u>44</u>	1727
Total Payments		<u>35931</u>		<u>38701</u>
Excess/(Deficit) of receipts over payments		-2781		-1467
Bank Balance as at 1st January		25152		26619
Bank Balance as at 31st December		22371		25152
		-2781		-1467

CHURCH FABRIC Receipts & Payments Account - Designated and Unrestricted

	2020		2019	
Receipts	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Receipts				
Regular Giving				
Planned Giving	<u>100</u>	100	<u>200</u>	200
Other Voluntary Receipts				
Bequests	3190		1000	
Donations - general	380		5	
Donation of fees	410		795	
Donations - ringers	15		823	
Insurance claim (boiler)	0		5489	
LPOW VAT refund	<u>0</u>	3995	<u>0</u>	8112
Receipts from Investments				
Interest/Dividends	<u>12</u>	12	<u>33</u>	33
Total Receipts		<u>4107</u>		<u>8345</u>
Payments	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Maintenance (general)	0		0	
Maintenance (roofing)	2286		0	
Maintenance (new boiler etc)	0		5882	
Organ repairs	0		0	
Flag & flagpole	0		0	
Total Payments		<u>2286</u>		<u>5882</u>
Excess/(Deficit) of receipts over payments		1821		2463
Bank Balance as at 1st January		20898		18435
Bank Balance as at 31st December		22719		20898
		1821		2463

CHURCHYARD Receipts & Payments Account - Designated and Unrestricted

Receipts	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Donations - specific	0		0	
Donations - other	0		0	
Parish Council Grant	250		250	
War Graves Commission	12		12	
Fees	377		771	
Interest/dividends	3	642	6	1039
	<u>3</u>		<u>6</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>642</u>		<u>1039</u>
Payments	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Gatehouse Insurance	697		684	
Gatehouse maintenance	52		153	
Tree Surgery Equipment (new/repairs)	0		0	
	203		228	
Petrol & sundries	116	1068	113	1178
	<u>116</u>		<u>113</u>	
Total Payments		<u>1068</u>		<u>1178</u>
Excess/(Deficit) of receipts over payments		-426		-139
Bank Balance as at 1st January		7117		7256
Bank Balance as at 31st December		6691		7117
		-426		-139

Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of All Saint's Church, Theydon Garnon

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on the accompanying pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's 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 consideration of 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:

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

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

have not been met; or

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

Michael J Coggins, FCA

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27th March 2021

REPORTS
(Non-statutory)

THE VICAR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020

It goes without saying that 2020 was a year of considerable challenge, which has continued into 2021. In our Benefice, we have been shielded from the significant numbers of deaths in the wider county, and if ever there was a season to mourn with those who mourn and weep with those who weep (something the ministry team and I have been able to do through the continuation of funeral ministry both in church and elsewhere) it has been these recent months. In the Theydon Parishes losses were more focused around events that were planned, and did not take place, such as weddings, baptisms, fayres etc. Significantly for a long period of time we did not meet together or have the opportunity to worship in the way Jesus taught us to do, remembering his death and resurrection, through eating and drinking together around the Lord's Table in our services of Holy Communion. In my prayer, I have often returned to the Psalms and the words of lament we read there; for example "How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? (Psalm 13.1) and "By the rivers of Babylon – there we sat down and we wept when we remembered Zion" (Psalm 137.1). It has been a difficult season for us all, and there is no shame in simply bringing our sorrows before the God. The Bible which we trust contains the message of God for the world is more than a self-help guide and more than words to make the reader feel good – it contains words which reflect the whole human experience and reading the Bible together has taken a greater place in our worship as we gather online.

2020 was a year when we have learnt new skills and experienced community in new ways. Zoom was unknown to most of us at the beginning of the year, but by the end of the year had become the means by which church governance was conducted, as well as being part of the worship offering in the Benefice. As the first lockdown came into effect, the churches of The Theydon Parishes began worshipping together, and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Tim Adams who has faithfully put together the recorded services which were offered every week the buildings were closed although throughout the year, the North Porch has continued to be available 24/7 for private prayer.

As ever, it takes a small army of people to ensure the work of God continues in our parish. Personally, I have greatly benefitted from the collaborative leadership model that has grown through the pandemic. Our Churchwardens (Hilary Mosley and John Chaplin) went above and beyond, faithfully opening the building for private prayer along with the many other tasks for which they are responsible. They have stepped up, and been that which they are called to be, and have been people who I can assure you have thought and prayed deeply and offered support and challenge, being critical friends in the best of ways. Thank you to Barry Burns who continues to serve as our Treasurer, and also to Ann Clay who continues to be invaluable as Verger. There are so many others who contribute in so many ways, thank you to you all for everything you do. All Saints would not be the special place it is without your ministry. In particular thank you to Heather Lawrence who continues to lead our pastoral care to the vulnerable in our community, to Richard Clay for all he does leading the team looking after the fabric of the church, to Kate Faccini for putting together the rotas for our Sunday worship, and in particular to Alison Mortimer who continues to lead the children's ministry. We continue to follow the House of Bishops' guidance on Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, and John Chaplin continues to oversee our response to this vital Gospel work.

Sarah Bowen continues to be a tremendous asset to the Benefice and she has quietly and diligently kept our administration in order, rising to the challenge of the need to take bookings for some services. Rev Carol Newnham has developed our ministry on social media and I would like to record my thanks to her and all the ministry team for all that they have done in leading our worship in a variety of ways.

Many of the events that would have been high points of the year did not take place, but there were still significant moments. In February, before the pandemic struck, the Vicarage was full of children and their families for the annual Pancake Party in aid of Christians Against Poverty. In December, our traditional Christmas carol service was much smaller gathering than usual, but we still managed within the government restrictions to sing a carol together outside at the end of the service.

When the wider ministry team met at Pleshey in January 2020 and discerned our core values under God to be faith, love and community none of us could have predicted the ways in which that would have been lived out in the months ahead. For all that we have tried to do, I am sure there are some who have been missed, and I wish to record my sorrow that as a church we and I have not always been where we needed to be. Into a time when the fabric of daily life changed beyond our imagining, the mission of the church is still the same. In our Benefice we have tried to encapsulate that in our vision to live out our core values by welcoming all, caring and teaching so that we may change lives through sharing the love of God in Christ. The last significant event in the church calendar that occurred before the first lockdown of 2020 was Ash Wednesday, and on that occasion, we were offered the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes. The cross of ash reminds us of our human frailty, and that in times of suffering we can look with hope to Jesus whose death defeated death forever and brings hope to humanity. May we in The Theydon Parishes be people of hope, now and always and as we rebuild, be willing to play our part in living hopefully for the future, in the present and in the world to come which God has prepared.

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

2020 was a year none of us expected or even envisaged; its certainly been a year of change. Charlie and myself, together with John, Carol and other benefice wardens, have had to get to grips with ongoing monthly zoom meetings to keep up to date with the ever changing global, national and local pandemic situation and Diocesan rules.

It's also a year to be truly grateful and thank God for allowing us to come through safely so far. Also to everyone for all they've done to keep All Saint's ticking along in the unusual circumstances we find ourselves in.

"Thank you' to: (in no particular order)

- Heather Lawrence for her pastoral care in keeping congregation members up to date with weekly pew sheets, cheerful notes and phone calls to those not living in the Parish so they don't feel lonely.
- Michael Chapman for reprinting our updated Orders of Service.
- Tim Adams for filming and editing our on-line services whilst we have been unable to meet in church. Personally, just to be able to see and hear John and Carol has certainly helped my mental wellbeing, and hopefully you too.
- Our flower arrangers for making us aware of the beauty of God's floral creations during our Harvest and Christmas celebrations.
- Reverends John and Carol for being there for us, whenever we've needed cheering up during 2020.

2020 has been a year of challenges but we have an amicable, caring church family who have pulled together and kept All Saint's going. With God's help we have come through this so far and realised just how lucky we are. Thank you all for your support.

Hilary Mosley
Churchwarden

SAFEGUARDING ISSUES REPORT

This Parish has formally adopted the Safeguarding Policy put forward by the House of Bishops, and the safety of vulnerable adults and adolescents is a regular agenda item at PCC meetings. All Wardens and persons who have roles which involve contact with any such vulnerable persons are subject to formal DBS checking on a regular basis. We have not been involved in the advertising or recruitment of any volunteers for roles which involve contact with such vulnerable persons. There have been no reportable incidents during period of this annual report.

John Chaplin
Parish Safeguarding Representative

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

In February all the fire extinguishers were serviced and an old one in Church and two in the Gatehouse were found to be out of date and replaced free of charge.

In June we complied with the Diocese in risk assessing the Church buildings ready for re-opening public worship in July (2020). This still ongoing with guidance updates.

Three dead trees on the boundary at the top of the Churchyard were felled.

Hilary Mosley,

Health and Safety Officer

CHURCHYARD WORKING GROUP

Throughout the year the churchyard working group has continued to maintain all areas of the churchyard to a good standard. There have been five burials and two interment of ashes during the year 2020.

The wildflower area was again allowed to develop, but a limited show of flowers was generated. It is our intention to introduce plants that will regenerate and improve variety in this area. The wildflower area was cut back in late summer and the seeds left to propagate on the ground as usual.

I reported last year that our neighbours living in the Old Rectory had offered to help with work on the damaged yew trees by the South Porch. Unfortunately, before this work could be agreed, the husband of the couple who occupied the premises contracted the COVID virus and passed away in hospital. The property was subsequently put up for sale and is currently awaiting the arrival of new owners. The damaged branches on these yew trees will hopefully be dealt with during 2021.

This year has also seen significant problems with other trees as well. In the early Spring a large tree in the bonfire area broke off during a storm and fell across several graves. Fortunately, no damage was caused, and the tree and remaining trunk were cut up and cleared. Shortly after this incident we were approached by the owner of the horses and ponies which occupy the field on our West boundary. She was concerned about a multi stemmed tree in the churchyard which was also in danger of being affected by storms. This tree and another next to, it were felled safely into the field and subsequently cut up and cleared before they became a problem.

A decision was also taken to remove the remaining 36 conifer trees on the Southern boundary of the churchyard. This was necessary as two of the trees near the Gatehouse had already been affected by storms and the remaining trees were overly tall (50ft +) and potentially unstable on soft ground. This was a major undertaking, and the work took several weeks to complete. A new hedge has been planted to replace the trees and this should quickly develop to screen the fence panels. My thanks are extended to Richard and Bob Clay who provided invaluable assistance and commitment in achieving this work and to Ann Clay for sourcing the hedge plants as well as planting out.

Sadly, this year has also seen the passing away of two members of our Working Group. Robert Bird had been a long-term helper over many years, and I will miss his company and presence considerably. Bill Rawlings had briefly been involved in the Working Group, but health prevented him continuing. Both are now laid to rest in the churchyard, a place they loved and cared for over many years.

The only costs incurred during 2020 relate to the Gatehouse Insurance, petrol and maintenance costs for machinery.

Any new volunteers should contact me on (tel.01992 813942) and will be warmly welcomed. My thanks are extended to those who help me throughout the year with the maintenance of our churchyard which is such a beautiful and tranquil place.

John Chaplin

Leader Churchyard Working Group

REPORT FROM CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Due to lockdown we were unable to do many of the things we would usually do this year such as our Christmas Party, contribution to Church Services and fund raising for the Children's Society. This has been disappointing but hopefully we can make up for this by arranging an alternative summer event and other fund raising activities.

Despite these difficult times we met whenever regulations allowed and I can report that our membership remains strong – especially as a new family has joined us bringing our numbers up to fifteen.

During lockdown we did keep in touch by WhatsApp and I introduced some zoom sessions which were well attended. We are very much looking forward to resuming our sessions in the Gatehouse and plan to do this after Easter when we are permitted to do so. We have arranged to meet outside to make the Easter Garden.

Alison Mortimer

Children's Church

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

The Deanery Synod met once during 2020 and discussed matters relating to the pandemic.

Alison Mortimer

Deanery Synod Representative

GATEHOUSE AND EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Gatehouse could only be used this year as allowed with current Covid restrictions and therefore has rarely been used since March 2020 after the first lockdown. The use of the Gatehouse is normally essential with the running of the church for many occasions and in the past has been used on a regular basis by all church members for after service refreshments and PCC meetings. I usually keep a diary of bookings and send out contracts and invoices when it is booked externally.

Prior to the lockdown, the Gatehouse would normally be used by John Fry as required for church matters and regularly by Children's Church each month. The Art Group used it on a Friday morning until March but since then they have not been able to meet there. There was some filming at The Priory and the film crew used the hall for the day complying with all Covid restrictions and sanitising everything after use. Due to the closure of Allnutts Hall the Brownies did have meetings in the Gatehouse on a Monday but again this has not been possible after the first term. Sharon Franklin organised this with the help of Jenny Fry and this encourages the young people to participate in church activities.

The Committee organised a Quiz Night in February 2020 with the help of Bob Taylor and money raised from ticket sales and raffle went to charity (St Clare Hospice) which was gratefully received. The Events Committee were involved in making cakes for a Lambing Service in March 2020 to which a number of people attended. Unfortunately since Covid and lockdown in March 2020 our usual events have not taken place. These would have involved a plant sale/fete in June, Harvest Supper and celebrations after the Carol Service in the gatehouse.

Kay Oakes-Ash
Gatehouse and Events Committee

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## **FABRIC REPORT**

In February we found that the oil had been stolen from our oil tank. It was not worth claiming on the insurance as the value was relatively small. After discussion with Charlie we have fitted 2 locks to the tank and a new level sensor which is alarmed. The tank was then refilled.

All the gutters and the valley gutter and the drain downpipes have been cleared of leaves and debris in the autumn

The lightening conductor on the tower has been inspected which is a requirement for the church insurance.

During lockdown when the church was not being used for services regular inspections of the church building and Gatehouse have been made.

*Richard Clay*  
*Fabric Chairman*

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Church Attendance

Attendance figures varied according to the Service, being approximately as shown below:-

8:00 am	Holy Communion	(1 st Sunday)	7-9
9:15 am	Family Service	(1 st Sunday)	30-45 (60 on parade Sundays)
9:15 am	Holy Communion	(2 nd , 3 rd + 4 th Sundays)	30-35
6:00 pm	Sung Evensong	(3 rd Sun)	10-15
10.00 am	Parish Communion	Weekly on Tuesdays	5
Children's Church			9

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## Service Times

The pattern of services is as follows:

|                                 |          |                                           |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of month | 8.00 am  | BCP Holy Communion                        |
|                                 | 9.15 am  | Family Service                            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month | 9.15 am  | Parish Communion (and Children's Church)  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month | 9.15 am  | Parish Communion (and Children's Church)  |
|                                 | 6.00 pm  | Choral Evensong                           |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month | 9.15 am  | Parish Communion                          |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month | 9:15 am  | Parish Communion, joint with the benefice |
| Every Tuesday                   | 10.00 am | Parish Communion                          |

## From the Registers 2020

### *We welcomed into the Church through Baptism:*

|                          |                                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 9 <sup>th</sup> February | Rose Elizabeth Mary Turnbull         |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> June     | Erica Jane Booroff<br>Ella Ivy Mason |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> August   | Ava Marie Kidger                     |

### *We committed to God's merciful keeping those who have died:*

|                           |                                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 18 <sup>th</sup> January  | Shirley Diana Mortley aged 84         |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> March    | John Western Padfield aged 93         |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> June      | Ann Veronica Lawrence Holland aged 81 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> October   | Olive Dunseath aged 94                |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> December  | Robert Bird aged 85                   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December | William Rawlings aged 92              |

### *We celebrated the marriages during 2020 at Theydon Garnon of:*

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> August   | Lucy Hughes and Jonathan Mullally      |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> August   | Deborah Smith and Thomas Ham           |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> September | Christopher Roberts and Elizabeth Clay |