



CANFORD
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CHURCHES

Parish of Canford Magna

Annual Report
for year ended 2018



ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parish includes three churches: Canford Magna Parish Church; the Lantern Church and St. Barnabas Church Bearwood. It is part of the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Barnabas Church Office, King John Avenue, Bearwood, Bournemouth, BH11 9TF.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity and is registered with the Charity Commission No. 1137810

PCC members who have served during the year are:

Chairman Revd. Canon Chris Tebbutt
Team Vicars Revd. Geoff Boland
 Revd. Mike Tufnell (From July 2018)

Other Parish Clergy Revd. Sandra Tebbutt
 Revd. Pat Nesbitt

LLM's Mr David Wells

Churchwardens

Parish Church Mrs Jane Hazell
 Mrs Sandra Webster

St Barnabas Mr David Waterman
 Mr William Evans

Lantern Mr John Miller
 Mrs Katherine Stickland

Parish Treasurer Mrs Fiona Ferenczy

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mr John Bentall (from April 2018)
Mr Andrew Palmer
Mr Nick Cresswell
Mr Andrew Farmer

Elected members representing Canford Magna Parish Church

Mr Stephen Orman
Ms Elizabeth Webb
Mr Robin Christopher (from April 2018)

Elected members representing St. Barnabas Church

Mr Stephen Fraser
Mr Ron Fletcher (from April 2018)
Mrs Karen Sherman
Mrs Patsy Turner

Elected members representing the Lantern Church

Mrs Tracey Black
Mr Gary Elson
Mrs Nonny Harlow
Mr Peter Owen

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

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

Standing Committee Members: Revd. Canon Chris Tebbutt (Chairman)
 Revd. Geoff Boland
 Mrs Fiona Ferenczy (Canford Parish Treasurer)
 Mr John Miller
 Mrs Jane Hazell
 Revd. Mike Tufnell (From July 2018)
 Mr David Waterman
 Mr David Wells

In order to carry out its aims and objectives the PCC also has the following Sub-committees:

Parish Church PCC Subcommittee
Lantern PCC Subcommittee
St. Barnabas PCC Subcommittee
Business Forum PCC Subcommittee

These meet at least four times a year, are accountable to the PCC and the three church sub-committees have the following responsibilities:

1. Accountability for income and expenditure relating to their own church;
2. Maintenance of their own building (s)
3. Discussion of any matters appertaining to the life of their church which normally come under the remit of the P.C.C.

The purpose of Business Forum sub-committee is to discuss the non ministerial governance of the PCC in order to bring informed proposals to the PCC for discussion and approval, thereby allowing the PCC to focus on vision, mission and prayer.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Canford Magna PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Team Rector and Team Vicars in promoting the whole mission of the church in the ecclesiastical Parish: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC also owns the Canford Magna Centre and part of the detached churchyard and has maintenance responsibility for the Pulse (Canford Magna Village Hall); 2 Chichester Walk and the Lantern Lounge.

The Diocese of Salisbury maintain the clergy residences.

Parish Numbers

There were 466 parishioners on the church electoral roll for 2018. 205 of whom are not resident within the Parish, 20 names were added during the year and 23 were removed.

Review of the Year

The PCC has met 4 times since the last annual meeting with the average level of attendance is up on the previous two years to 62%.

The PCC has received regular reports from the Parish Treasurer, the three church Sub-Committees, Safeguarding, Youth and Children's work in the parish, the Mission Committee and the Business Forum keeping up to date with what is happening across the parish.

The appointment of officers for each Sub-Committee were approved.

The Standing Committee met once in 2018.

St Barnabas

2018 was a year which saw St. Barnabas continue to do what it does best. That is offering new people and each other a warm welcome, welcoming the power and presence of God, giving time to preaching and teaching the bible in a deep and challenging way, worshipping with passion and vigour, praying and interceding weekly together, and praying for each other so that we might all be the people God is calling us to be.

These are the building blocks of St. B's, and these seem to be the things that have convinced people to explore faith with us, and for some to join us to build a church where the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

On those secure and strong building blocks are the various activities that seek to bless the community and encourage people to taste and see that the Lord is Good! Parent/toddler groups, The Well monthly lunch, The Forge Men's ministry that meets twice a month, a regional ladies' intercession group, women's lunchtime fellowship, a strong children's ministry and a small but enthusiastic Youth ministry in the community centre and in church.

Our culture today is moving further and further away from God's word and his truth, but we do see ourselves as a Lighthouse in the Bearwood Community, shining forth the Light of Christ, opening up our lives to the glory of God and opening up our doors to a people who desperately need to experience his light.

Rev Geoff Boland

The Lantern

Well, what an exciting nine months or so it has been at the Lantern! Speaking personally, Michelle, the children and I have been made to feel incredibly welcome in the parish - and particularly of course by the Lantern church family. As we all begin to feel the effects of spring, **it feels like an exciting season of new life for the church** too.

We have seen numerical **growth**, through new disciples being made on Alpha and in other ways, and through some church transfer, particularly amongst young families and therefore in our children's ministry too. This has in turn put strain on our Sunday services and teams - but it's wonderful to be able to speak of 'growing pains' as a church. In March we hosted the Bishop of Sherborne for a baptism and confirmation service, which saw seven people baptised, re-affirm baptism vows and/or get confirmed.

We've also been hugely encouraged by **Dwell**, our weekly, 6pm offering at the Lantern. An informal and more reflective space for worship, bible reading and learning to listen to God, gently encouraging spiritual gifts along the way. This continues to regularly see 40+ people who come with no other agenda than to enjoy God's presence and has become a much-loved part of the 'diet of worship' at the Lantern. God is also using that time to feed in significant prophetic words for us as a church discerning fresh vision for the years to come. At the same time, we are seeking to be even more involved as a blessing in our wider community. In our Advent teaching series we launched the **Lantern Love Fund** - the church congregations responding with amazing generosity to more than 20 individuals and families in our community in significant need, blessing them with everything from waterproof footwear to fridges and cookers, supermarket vouchers, debt relief and even some counselling sessions. Another highlight of that season was hosting more than 50 for a Christmas day lunch who might otherwise have been alone.

We hosted the whole of Merley First School for a Christingle in December - the first such

service for our local first school in a long time, thanks in large part to the faithful engagement of Ruth Grist and her team over many years. We have also re-started an after-school club which picks children up straight after school on a Thursday. We are seeking to play a prophetic role through a community leaders gathering hosted by QE school and are praying for opportunities to respond collaboratively to needs around parenting and youth work in the area.

This summer, at our church weekend away (5-7th July) we will bid farewell to our Assistant Minister Phil Wade and his wife Annabel, as Phil moves on to be Director of Worship at All Saints, Worcester and along with replacing that role, we are praying God will send us a couple of interns, so it will mean a fresh season for the staff team too. By the time this report is printed we at the Lantern will have hosted our annual 'awards party', honouring all the amazing disciples who serve so generously and, empowered by the Spirit, help 'make it happen'!

I would also personally like to add a note of thanks to Chris and Geoff for helping me settle into ministry here, and finally, to my departing Church Warden, John Miller, and his wonderful wife Mandy for the extraordinary and well-beyond-the-call-of-duty way in which they have served the church as John has been warden, particularly during the interregnum.

Would Jesus be glorified for all he is doing amongst us and leading us into in the years to come.

Rev Mike Tufnell

Parish Church

2018 was a year of significant decision making and action at the Parish Church. The Leadership Team took a new vision, mission and values to the Sub Committee and to the church for approval and shared in detail early in the new year of 2019. Our vision is 'To become a vibrant, overflowing, multi-generational church growing in the likeness of Christ.' Our mission is 'We are a gathered church inviting all who come and all we meet to a) Encounter the presence of God, b) Discover who they are in Christ, c) Serve others in the power of the Spirit and d) Reach out to our communities and the world with the Gospel. Our new values are 'In all we do we will be i) authentic ii) Joyful iii) Compassionate and iv) Intentional.

The roof repairs were completed on the church and the Quinquennial works commenced. There is still much work to do and we hope that this will be completed over the next two years. Amidst great excitement, work began on the long-awaited CMC project. After the disappointment of the grant applications and the huge escalation in the building costs, the Leadership Team recommended that the amount raised by the church family (approximately £155,000) be spent to best effect. In July, work started on a complete refurbishment of the CMC, with new office, meeting room, storeroom and toilets. This work was successfully completed in February 2019. Further grant applications were made to upgrade the kitchen to a semi-commercial standard and for automated doors to improve accessibility and we are awaiting decisions.

Some spiritually challenging, stimulating and enjoyable studies were followed also during the year, with the highlight being The Bible Course, where we had a sign-up rate of over ninety to commence the course. One very encouraging outcome of this was that a new, mainly Breakfast@9, Life Group is now regularly meeting and doing some very exciting

missional and pastoral work.

Being out of the CMC did not help numbers at Breakfast@9 and we continued to see a decline at the 10:30 service, with a number of significant members and people associated with the church going on to glory during the year. We shall miss them greatly.

Our hope is that we see our church growing both spiritually and numerically in 2019 as Breakfast@9 returns to the CMC and our focus is more on spiritual growth rather than buildings. I rely heavily on the words of Psalm 127, also the school motto of Canford, 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain'. We continue in prayer that the Lord will carry on His building up of our church.

Canon Chris Tebbutt

Rector of Canford Magna Parish Church

Safeguarding

This last year we have been focusing on Safer Recruitment, appropriate training for all and accurate record keeping as we are very blessed to have well over two hundred volunteers in the parish. The Parish Safeguarding Officers continue to deliver In House C1 foundation training to supplement what is available from the Diocese and S1 for those involved in recruitment. Our record keeping has been simplified by the Diocesan database being adapted allowing us to access and store our Safeguarding records. This has also assisted us with GDPR as once we have all Safeguarding data stored centrally we will have no need to store locally. The PCC has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

We thank you all for your support in helping to keep our churches safe.

Mission Report

Our three churches have continued to tithe their income to support mission work locally, nationally and internationally.

Last year we distributed £58,380 to mission organisations and individuals, including support to five of our congregation members to go out on mission work overseas.

Tithing for the last year totalled £56,344 and individual Lantern members also gave £1,246 towards the OAZA Centre in Serbia. After forty years we discontinued support for Helen, Grace and Dr Jane in South Africa as they retired and added local support for Wimborne Food Bank and Hope in the Community and internationally for Dufotnoye Project in Ruanda, Message Trust, Barnabas Fund and DEC's Indonesian Tsunami Appeal.

Our churches also held special collections for other charities including The Children's Society and Tearfund. Separate Mission reports from the three churches are available.

Business Forum:

Chair: David Wells.

Buildings The Business Forum has overseen the project to extend the CMC and can report effective management of schedule, budget and specification.

Parish Treasurer A significant item has been the decision (following considerable research) to transfer banking from CAF Bank to Santander. The process of transfer will extend into 2019. Linked to this has been the change of accounting software from QuickBooks to Xero. Budgets for 2019 and salary increases were agreed and presented to the PCC for approval.

Health and Safety at Work The safety performance across the parish has undergone continuous monitoring, with no serious accidents or incidents to report.

Compliance GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) took effect in May 2018, following a 2-year transition period during which the office staff worked hard to ensure that all necessary changes were accommodated.

Public Benefit, Objectives and Activities

The PCC has given due regard to public benefit when planning the church's activities, in accordance with section G2 and G3 of the Charity Commissions' General guidance on Public Benefit (January 2008).

The paragraphs above and below set out the PCCs activities, achievements and performance during the year, which are directly related to the objects and purposes for which the church exists.

The church achieves its principal objects and purposes through:

- High quality public worship, both traditional and contemporary
- Pastoral care and support of those in need
- Promotion of Christian Aid, mission agencies and other charitable causes.

These benefits are directly related to the aims of the church and are fully compliant with Principles 1 and 2 of the Charity Commission Principles on Public Benefit.

Financial Review 2018

The Parish showed a surplus of £ 45,102 (2017 : deficit of £7,440) on normal day to day income and expenditure, with a surplus overall of £79,695 once restricted income and expenditure is taken into account. A summary of restricted funds is given in note 10(a) to the accounts.

Unrestricted Funds

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £630,635 and the details of these are set out in the Financial Statements.

£585,533 was spent on church activities within the parish. This amount includes the contribution to the Diocesan parish share of £207,828 which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The net result for the year of unrestricted funds was a surplus of £45,102, giving a balance carried forward of unrestricted funds of £774,240.

Restricted Funds

Receipts of £128,309 were received in the year.

The net result for the year for Restricted Funds was a surplus of payments over receipts of £34,593 giving a balance carried forward of restricted funds of £853,103.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance of readily available unrestricted funds which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £282,713 of unrestricted current assets at the year ended 31 December 2018 more than covers this target.

Team Rector's Report

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2018 was a year of great change for the Parish of Canford Magna as we welcomed the Tufnell family in July 2018 and Mike took over as Vicar at The Lantern. Mike and his family have quickly adjusted to life in Dorset and have been warmly and closely embraced by the church family at The Lantern and the community in Merley and Wimborne. Both Geoff and I are so pleased to have Mike as a colleague and he is already making a huge contribution to the Parish.

Building dominated the theme for 2018. Not simply the Parish Church with their building project at the CMC, but also the news that about 2,000 new houses will be built in the Parish in the next ten years. The PCC formed a 'New Housing Consultancy Group' and this is staffed by skilled representatives from all three churches, as the new development spans the whole parish.

The plans for new housing are both a challenge and an opportunity; we support the need for more housing, especially affordable housing, but there are many road traffic, safety, and environmental and social issues associated with these developments. Our Group have actively engaged with the Developers, Poole Borough planning, and the concerned local community groups. This is as much about listening, as well as forcibly putting forward objections and recommendations. We know God loves our communities and we see it as our role to ensure that we promote the wellbeing of the many people who are our parishioners, whether they attend church, or not. We are also working hard that our church resources are part of any planning for community space and facilities as the detail of the plans develop.

All three churches are in good heart. Each continues to preach the gospel faithfully and I feel we are in a very good place to face the challenges of a rapidly changing culture. This would not be possible without all of you, the members of our three churches, working tirelessly to promote God's Word. Thank you for all that you do and for your continuing support. We are greatly blessed with the unity and common purpose we share.

Every blessing

Chris

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