



CANFORD  
MAGNA  
CHURCHES

**Parish of  
Canford Magna**

**Annual Report  
for the year  
2021**



## **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:

<b>Chairman</b>	Revd. Mike Tufnell (from April 2021)
<b>Team Vicars</b>	Revd. Canon Chris Tebbutt (Chair until April 2021) Revd. Geoff Boland (up to July 2021)

<b>Other Parish Clergy</b>	Revd. Pat Nesbitt Revd. Sandra Tebbutt
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<b>Assistant Curate</b>	Revd. Karen Franklin
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<b>LLM</b>	Mr David Wells
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### **Churchwardens:**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Mr David Grant Mrs Nicola Smart
<b>St Barnabas</b>	Mr Ron Fletcher Mr Andrew Palmer (from April 2021)
<b>The Lantern</b>	Mr Nick Cresswell Mr Andrew Edwards (from April 2021)

### **Representatives on the Deanery Synod:**

Mrs Jane Hazell (from April 2021)  
Mr Andrew Palmer  
Mr Nick Levens (from April 2021)  
Mr Brian Hollocks  
Mr Chris Weall  
One Vacancy

### **Elected members representing Canford Magna Parish Church**

Mr Robin Christopher  
Mrs Annette Scott (from April 2021)  
Mr Stephen Orman  
One vacancy

### **Elected members representing St. Barnabas Church**

Mr Stephen Fraser  
Mr Lou Wadley (until July 2021)  
Mrs Sharon Raymond (from April 2021)  
Two vacancies

### **Elected members representing the Lantern Church**

Mr Peter Owen  
Mr Al Tyndall (from April 2021)  
Mr Andy Luddington (from April 2021)  
Mrs Barbara Jaggs (co-opted from 7th June)

## **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. Mike Tufnell (Chairman)  
   Revd. Geoff Boland (Until July 2021)  
   Revd. Canon Chris Tebbutt  
   Mr David Grant  
   Mr Ron Fletcher  
   Mr Nick Cresswell  
   Mr David Wells

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

Parish Church PCC Sub-committee  
The Lantern PCC Sub-committee  
St. Barnabas PCC Sub-committee  
Business Forum PCC Sub-committee

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 the 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 Hub.

The Diocese of Salisbury maintain the clergy residences.

### **Parish Numbers**

There were 432 parishioners on the church electoral roll for 2021, 181 of whom are not resident within the Parish.

### **Review of the Year**

The PCC met 7 times in 2021. (including the meeting directly after the APCM) all meetings were held virtually via Zoom. The average level of attendance at the virtual meetings was 88.5% which is an increase on the last two years.

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 did not meet in 2021.

## **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 2021**

The Parish showed a deficit of £ 11,252 (2020 : deficit of £19,387) on normal day to day income and expenditure, with a deficit overall of £32,075 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 £580,236 and the details of these are set out in the Financial Statements. £591,488 was spent on church activities. This amount includes the contribution to the Diocesan parish share of £226,260 which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The net result for the year on unrestricted funds was a deficit of £11,252. Giving a closing balance of £819,061 of unrestricted funds.

### **Restricted Funds**

Receipts of £1,432 were received in the year and £22,255 was spent.

The net surplus for the year for restricted funds was a deficit of receipts over payments of £20,824, giving a balance carried forward of restricted funds of £891,207.

### **Reserves Policy**

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance of readily available unrestricted funds which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £239,461 of unrestricted current assets at the year ended 31 December 2021 more than cover this target.

### **Parish Finance and Treasurer**

## **SAFEGUARDING REPORT TO THE APCM – 2022 [REPORTING ON 2021]**

2021 saw many of the same challenges as the previous year. With January bringing the third national lockdown, feelings of isolation increased opportunities for the unscrupulous to deceive the unsuspecting into parting with their savings. It was even more essential for us to find ways to keep in contact & support everyone from harm or abuse. This was achieved in different ways across the parish through Life Groups & Pastoral Teams amongst others. We are grateful to those who helped to support the most vulnerable during those difficult periods.

There were significant changes in Safeguarding personnel at both diocesan & parish level. Most noticeably for us our long serving PSO [Parish Safeguarding Officer] Tracey, based at the Lantern stepped down, she will be very much missed. We were blessed that a new appointment of Barbara J was made, and a smooth transition was made as Tracey was able to pass the baton on to her before she left.

In line with our aims for 2021 a working party was formed to review Safeguarding policies and practice. As a result of this the PCC approved a revised Safeguarding policy, the adoption of the Church of England's Parish Safeguarding Handbook and our parish Agreed Practice Guidelines.

The PSOs, with the help of Team Leaders & PCC members, formulated our Whole Parish Safeguarding Action Plan, based on the Church of England's Model Parish Safeguarding Checklist. We feel that as a parish we are meeting or working towards meeting most targets, which is very encouraging. We have identified two main aims for 2022 in line with the Salisbury Diocesan aim to Embed safeguarding at the heart of the Church's mission, as we seek to be a safe space for everyone.

These are:

- To raise the profile of Safeguarding being at the heart of mission through training and discussion.
- To share good practice by meeting with Team Leaders and Teams on a regular basis.

We wish to thank all of you who continue to support us in our efforts to create welcoming & safe environments across the parish where any concerns can be raised and are responded to openly, promptly and consistently.

We are able to report that the PCC has complied with the duty to have "due regard" to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Good Practice Guidance.

**Jane Hazell & Barbara Jaggs**  
**Parish Safeguarding Officers.**

## **MISSION REPORT**

Our three churches continue to tithe their income and provide additional offerings to support mission work locally, nationally and internationally.

Last year we distributed £48,593 to mission organisations and individuals.

Tithing for the last year totalled £50,024, the Parish Church congregation gave a further £1,000 from Coffee & Cake events to the missions of monthly speakers and the Lantern and individual Lantern members also gave £1,590 towards Sarah Yarrow and the OAZA Centre in Serbia.

Further giving from special services collections have been made direct by the individual churches; i.e. Christingle collection to the Children's Society.

**Robin Christopher**

## **BUSINESS FORUM REPORT**

The Business Forum has met throughout 2021, generally a few weeks in advance of PCC meetings. The meetings have been conducted using Zoom and have reviewed the ongoing and emerging business activities of the church – making recommendations to the PCC as required, thus helping to streamline PCC discussions and help it to focus more on the spiritual life of the church.

### **Parish Finance**

The Parish Treasurer/Payroll officer monitored the regulatory status and managed application of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) and Job Support Scheme (JSS) across the parish staff. The treasurers have overseen the management of finances in each of the churches and responded to all targets and deadlines. This has enabled the PCC to be kept informed about financial performance across the parish, together with year-on-year comparisons. The treasurers also produced the 2022 budgets for timely approval by the PCC and delivered the year-end financial statements to meet the timetable required by Newton Magnus.

### **Health and Safety (H&S)**

During the pandemic, H&S has featured strongly, contributing to the safe operation of church activities. Risk assessments have been frequently reviewed and updated to correlate with UK GOV and CofE regulations and guidelines. The H&S representatives have worked hard to keep up to date with volatile developments. Accident and incident reporting has been updated to ensure consistent reporting across the 3 churches. In addition, reporting now includes 'near misses' – valuable for bringing benefit to a lessons learned approach. The Business Forum oversaw the application and consequences of furlough, de-furlough, flexible furlough across the parish.

### **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding has been a regular agenda item and the parish reps have worked tirelessly to keep us compliant with an ever-changing requirement. This is covered in more detail elsewhere in the report.

**Chair – David Wells**

## **PARISH CHURCH REPORT**

The Parish Church weathered the COVID storm well over the past year and is in good heart. Like many similar churches, our weekly in-person congregation numbers are about 20% lower than pre the pandemic. Although we have had a few new members, we are a smaller church than we were two years ago but there are very promising signs of new growth as we trend towards coming out of the pandemic.

Breakfast@9 has bounced back successfully, and our new 'Canford Toddlers' is growing steadily through nurturing new relationships.

With my departure on 1 May 2022, announced in March 2021, a new season for the Parish Church is dawning. The Parish Church ended strongly and it is well equipped to welcome newcomers as the community grows; our spirits are good, finances are reasonable considering the battering of COVID, and our buildings provide a wonderful balance of traditional and contemporary church. This is down to the incredibly committed congregations at both Breakfast@9 and 10:30 Church who have served and are serving faithfully each week.

The Psalm 23 Garden project in the old churchyard in Canford Magna Village we see as a way of blessing the community with badly needed quiet, reflective green space, as the area around us begins to resemble a building site. The church itself continues to be a source of quiet prayer and reflection and it has been good to open it again after COVID. These 'thin' spaces are incredibly important as they represent the incarnational presence of God to non-believers and help prepare the way for a relationship with God.

This is my last report as a full-time staff member and it has been a privilege to serve the Parish of Canford Magna over the past 13 years, first as Team Rector, and lately as Team Vicar and to work with the PCC, both past and present and some great clergy colleagues. I would also like to pay tribute to the amazing congregations at all our Services, who have ensured that the Parish Church remains a source of Christian fellowship, worship and mission and my prayer is that the church continues to be a beacon of Christ's light within the community of Canford Magna.

I am confident that the Parish Church will flourish under Mike's leadership with your support.

**Revd Canon Chris Tebbutt – Team Vicar of Canford Magna Parish Church**



## **ST BARNABAS REPORT**

Every year is different, but three standouts at St Barnabas during 2021 are Covid, Geoff Boland's Retirement and interregnum. Standing out, above and beyond all of these is that God is good and has upheld us throughout. We had the first half of the year to prepare for Geoff's departure. During the weeks leading up to this, Geoff introduced a sermon series using the letters of the word BARNABAS to begin the sermon title each week (e.g. B – bread for the table – feeding on God's Word).

This was to remind us of the important characteristics of church life at St Barnabas.

Geoff's departure was marked by a (socially distanced) party at St Barnabas and his Epistle to the church.

The interregnum started with us preparing the church profile, which was completed in record time to allow advertising and shortlisting of applicants for the new vicar.

The interviews followed at the end of November and we were thrilled by the unanimous decision to offer the post to Rev Peter Myres. Peter graciously accepted and there is an excitement and anticipation awaiting his arrival at the beginning of May 2022.

The interviewing event was a real demonstration of the entire church pulling together to make everything run smoothly and in good order – the whole process being underpinned with prayer.

The preaching programmes leading into 2022 have been based on preparing the church for Peter taking up the reins and leading us forward into the next chapter of God's plan. Despite restrictive challenges, church has continued live in-house services and broadcast livestreaming. The numbers attending St Barnabas have been steadily increasing and together with livestream viewing, participation in the services has been greater than pre-pandemic. We are so thankful to God for providing excellent additional help with preaching and service leading during the interregnum.

From a financial point of view we have kept a steady ship during the year, despite the challenges imposed by Covid. Income has reduced, but so have our operating costs. This has resulted in the financial position you can see later in this report.

There is much to be thankful to God for during 2021, but maybe one item of special note is the new Baby and Toddler Group. Since opening and in a short space of time, there are now over 70 families registered. It's great to see church full on Thursday mornings with so many children and parents.

We are looking forward to 2022 with confidence in God who has blessed us so much as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary in April and look beyond that to His plans and purposes for us.

**David Wells – LLM, St Barnabas Church.**

## **THE LANTERN REPORT**

In a world that is constantly changing, thank goodness we have a God who is not! He is good and faithful, always. In a world that appears to be convulsing and embattled, our heavenly father continues to comfort us, protect us, provide for us and guide us in uncertain times.

In the last year as a church we came out of lockdown, went back in, came out again, and went back in again... and now we are out again... mostly! There have undoubtedly been significant challenges for our churches to face, but through all of you, God has provided and sustained us, even grown us. It has been such a joy to be part of the Lantern Church family, and a great privilege to serve it as vicar alongside Karen, our curate.

It was a great, great joy to be able to gather physically in church again for worship – we are made for relationship and we need one another as the body of Christ. In the last year we have seen new people arrive – some of whom found us online and others have moved to the area or joined us from other fellowships. Having said that, we also are in touch with a number of people who are still not coming regularly to church for one reason or another and we hope to encourage them back soon – we miss you! In all this change we are trusting God that he is calling the people to us that he wants, some people that might need a ‘hospital’ and healing, others of whom are ready to serve and be sent in different ways.

With so many new people and so much change over the last couple of years it was great to be able to re-visit our Vision statement recently, looking at our identity as church, a ‘family of God’ and the ‘why’ and ‘how’ of the our church vision to ‘reach the lost, grow the found and transform our communities’. I finished the series by calling the church to ‘pray, connect and serve’.

- Pray because only with God will we be able to become all God is calling us to.
- Connect because as we gather more freely and as we re-launch our midweek discipleship groups after Easter, we must continue to invest in relationship, building up our fellowship again. And of course continuing to extend the invitation to others, to join a community of disciples of Jesus.
- Serve, because we need each part of the body playing its part – we cannot keep relying on the faithful few – when we all play our part, using the gifts we have, serving one another in love, then the Kingdom comes and we have lots of fun!

I remain incredibly grateful to an amazing staff team and a prayerful, wise and encouraging Sub Committee, led by our fantastic church wardens, Nick Creswell and Andy Edwards.

In the wider parish we are so looking forward to welcoming Peter and Emma Myres to our shared ministry, and their children as they move to Bearwood in early May.

But we are also very sad to be saying farewell to Chris and Sandra Tebbutt, less than a year after Geoff and Theresa left St B’s of course. I am so grateful to Chris – not just for giving me this wonderful job at the Lantern (it’s his fault!) but for being a wonderful friend, wise senior colleague and faithful and humble partner in the gospel down at the Parish Church, which has been hugely fruitful in his time as Vicar and Team Rector there.

He and Sandra will be missed, but of course still living in the parish, so not far away for a round of golf or dinner!

**Rev Mike Tufnell - The Lantern Church**

## **TEAM RECTOR'S REPORT**

Last year we were saying farewell to Geoff Boland at his last APCM, and I had just been made the new Team Rector, taking on the baton from Chris Tebbutt. This year it is Chris's turn to retire, I hope this isn't my fault! We had a great farewell for Geoff and Teresa, I'm sure we will for Chris and Sandra in the next month or so too.

Much will be said in gratitude for Chris and Sandra and their ministry amongst us, and rightly so, they have been faithful and visionary, pastoral and inspirational, and in the last year I've been so touched by Chris' humility and encouragement. You'll be missed mate. Love you.

There have been challenges over the last year for the parish, numbers down in most congregations and finances struggling in places, significant changes to adjust to, within the parish, and (tragically) in the world. We have new leaders (and vicars!) to find, and people to release into service again as activity increases in our churches. And there will be significant challenges to come I'm sure. But overall we have so much to be grateful for, God is still honoured in our churches, the gospel faithfully preached, the believers loved and cared for best we can and our communities touched by everyday kindness through the ambassadors of Christ in our churches.

And I am so grateful to the PCC, Business Forum, Sub Committees and staff teams of the various churches for not only keeping things going, but also courageously and prayerfully looking to the future.

Particular mention must go to the wonderful leadership team at St Barnabas for the way they have coped with the interregnum and God has rewarded their efforts with the fantastic appointment of Peter Myres to be their new vicar as of 5th May. We so look forward to welcoming them to Bearwood and the parish and I'm sure St B's will be excited to re-envision for the future under their leadership.

Finally, please continue to pray for us all as a team, for me as Team Rector with the increased responsibility, not least to help find a new vicar for the Parish Church and as I now serve on General Synod as well. As we pray together in the power of the Spirit, worship God together and serve our churches and our communities together in Jesus name, I am confident we will fulfil his purposes for us and bring his name the glory it deserves.

**Rev Mike Tufnell - Team Rector**



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