



CANFORD
MAGNA
CHURCHES

**Parish of
Canford Magna**

**Annual Report
for the year
2023**

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. Mike Tufnell
Team Vicars	Revd. Peter Myres Revd. Matt Smith (from May 2023)
Other Parish Clergy	Revd. Pat Nesbitt (until November 2023)
Assistant Curate	Revd. Karen Franklin (until June 2023)
LLM	Mr David Wells

Churchwardens:

Parish Church	Mrs Nicola Smart Mr Iain Stevenson (from April 2023)
St Barnabas	Mr Ron Fletcher Mr Andrew Palmer (until November 2023)
The Lantern	Mrs Rebecca Huntingford Mr John Miller (from April 2023)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mrs Jane Hazell
Mr Chris Weall
Mr David Grant (from April 2023)
Mrs Hanna Wallace (from April 2023)
Mr Andrew Palmer (until November 2023)
Vacancy

Elected members representing Canford Magna Parish Church

Mr Robin Christopher
Mrs Annette Scott
Mr Stephen Orman
Mr Peter Triplow (from April 2023)

Elected members representing St. Barnabas

Mrs Lynn Rowe
Mr Paul Warner
Mrs Sharon Raymond (until June 2023)
Mrs Chris Tarring (until November 2023)

Elected members representing the Lantern Church

Mr Peter Owen
Mr Al Tyndall
Mrs Barbara Jaggs
Mrs Maria Kane (from April 2023)

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. Peter Myres
 Revd. Matt Smith (from May 2023)
 Mr Iain Stevenson (from April 2023)
 Mr Ron Fletcher
 Mr John Miller
 Mr David Wells
 Mrs Samantha Stoakes (as Parish Treasurer)

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

Parish Church PCC Sub-committee
St Barnabas PCC Sub-committee
The Lantern 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 430 parishioners on the church Electoral Roll for 2023, 192 of whom are not resident within the Parish.

Review of the Year

The PCC met 5 times in 2023. (including the meeting directly after the APCM). The average level of attendance at the meetings was 79% which is higher than 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 2023.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

In 2023 the National Safeguarding Team published a set of Safeguarding Standards and Quality Assurance Framework covering the 5 most important dimensions of the church's safeguarding work:

- ◆ *Culture, Leadership and Capacity*
- ◆ *Prevention*
- ◆ *Recognising, Assessing and Managing Risk*
- ◆ *Victims and Survivors*
- ◆ *Learning, Supervision and Support.*

Salisbury Diocese and Canford Magna Churches have adopted these standards as a framework for defining and measuring the effectiveness of safeguarding and our action planning now reflects this.

The introduction of the Safeguarding Dashboards, which we trialled last year, has started to have a positive effect on simplifying and informing our compliance and action planning however; there is still quite a long way to go as this is only stage one of the process of switching from a diocesan to a national platform. We are very thankful that Judi Hatchard has recently been approved by the PCC as an additional Parish Safeguarding Officer [PSO], which and has given us the extra capacity to deal with some of the additional workload that new initiatives entail.

All three PSOs are diocesan accredited safeguarding trainers and have delivered face to face sessions to both our volunteers and those from local parishes. Within the Canford team of churches over 100 people completed Safeguarding training in 2023, either online or face to face.

Recently the PCC has adopted the National Church's recommended policy statement on Online Safety & Social Media, and our local policy document. The implementation of the policy has begun, and a draft set of guidelines issued to those with key roles and team leaders to trial.

We wish to record our thanks to the Diocesan Safeguarding team and all within the Parish who continue to support us in our efforts to create welcoming and safe environments across the Parish. We aim to continue to be a place 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 & Judi Hatchard
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 £55,432.62 was distributed to mission organisation and individuals. Over and above that the Lantern and Parish Church made additional offerings to our mission partners totalling £1722.04 and Lantern members continued to support the OAZA Centre in Serbia with donations of £1146.25.

Tithing by the three churches amounted to £55,814.88.

Robin Christopher

BUSINESS FORUM REPORT

The Business Forum met throughout 2023 (4 meetings in total), generally a few weeks in advance of PCC meetings. The meetings continue to be 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. The roles represented on the Business Forum have remained the same, but some of the personnel have changed, in particular following elections at the APCM and, notably with the arrival of Rev Matt Smith at the Parish Church.

Parish Finance

Parish finances are presented to the BF and reviewed in advance of being reported to the PCC. The three church treasurers and the team treasurer are all members of the BF and fully support each other to oversee the financial performance of the parish. The treasurers and sub-committees responded well to meet the deadlines for preparation and approval, by the PCC, of the 2024 budget. There are particularly challenging targets for 2024, but the budgets have been prayerfully prepared and undergone multiple layers of review.

Health and Safety (H&S)

H&S is a regular agenda item for the Business Forum and has provided a platform for parish-wide and individual church issues to be raised. Lessons from experience can be reviewed and the outcomes cascaded appropriately to the individual church H&S reps.

Safeguarding

The profile of Safeguarding has steadily increased on the Business Forum agenda as the breadth of compliance requirements has become more demanding. The Safeguarding team has met these challenges head-on and continues to keep the Parish well-informed and up to date with training needs. A number of policy and guideline documents have been prepared during the year.

Chair – David Wells

St BARNABAS REPORT

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. Psalm 127

The last year has been my first full year in post, and as I reflect back over the past year, I can't be more thankful for all that the Lord has done amongst us as his faith community here in Bearwood. I also want to recognise and thank the church membership for their courage, faith and sense of adventure which they have displayed throughout.

The last twelve months can be characterised as a time of re-shaping and re-positioning as the Lord gets us ready to write the next chapter of our story. As part of this work St B's have spent the year responding to some of the key areas of opportunity identified in the parish profile:

- Re-invigorating the midweek home groups.
- Developing the children and family's ministry.
- Reaching out to the new housing development.

St BARNABAS REPORT continued

Life Groups – in the spring the church gathered together mid-week to do the ‘Mission Shaped Living’ course which sets out to remind us what it means to be on mission 24/7 in all the places and spaces we inhabit in our daily lives. Out of this the new midweek small group structure was launched – Life Groups. This was not an easy step for many who had to let go of bible groups that had been meeting for years. This took courage, faith and sacrifice and I thank everyone for ‘going for it!’ It is early days still, but we are very encouraged by the positive feedback and the new friendships that have been formed. Thank you Life Group Leaders!

Pioneer Children and Families Worker – a central desire of the parish profile was to develop the children’s work, and after much prayer and consultation it was agreed to hire a full-time Pioneer Children and Families Worker. The pioneer element of this role being critical to reaching out into the new housing developments and to growing a younger church. The new member of staff started in August 2023 and we are already witnessing the benefits; building relationship with the primary school, establishing an Open The Book team, providing reading support in school, nurturing the weekly toddlers group and having a greater visible presence in the community. Financially recruiting for this role required a big step of faith, but through the generosity of church members and grant funding, St B’s is confident of being able to sustain this new role in the long term.

Reaching out to the new housing developments – this is at an embryonic stage, but with the arrival of the Children and Families worker there are early signs of the opportunities and connections which are possible.

The re-shaping and re-positioning of us as a church family has also been reflected in other areas too; our Church Administrator retired in the summer after many years of amazing service to the church. We hosted the ‘Hope Explored’ and ‘Christianity Explored’ courses witnessing a number of people coming to faith or recommitting their lives to Jesus. In our attempt to live ‘mission shaped lives’ we aim to look outwards more intentionally and focus on building our community relationships.

Last year this was particularly reflected in hosting a Family Fun Day in partnership with the Community Centre, which we hope to expand in future years, strengthening our ties with the school, and hosting a Community Carol Service with different community agents playing active parts in the service, including the primary school choir.

Community Youth Club – this needs particular mention at the club has flourished. The club meets weekly on Fridays and is run by St B’s but is for the community. This year it has been reinvigorated with attendance growing from 10 to regularly 20 – 25. It has also been financially supported by the local Social Club and Community Centre. It is an exciting time for this outreach.

Underpinning all that we do of course is our gathering to worship and to learn from His word. Last year we had teaching series on; ‘Journeying with Jesus to the Cross’, ‘Looking Back Moving Forward’ looking at what the early church and what that teaches us to be church today, and ‘Sermon on the Mount’ teaching into our own personal discipleship. There is so much to celebrate from the past year and we thank God for all he is doing amongst us and will continue to do in the coming year.

Rev. Peter Myres - St Barnabas Church

PARISH CHURCH REPORT

Lisa and I have been well and truly welcomed back into the Parish. We are enjoying getting to grips with a new life back here in Canford, and a season of new life for the church here. B@9 and our 10:30am Parish Church congregations are both seeing some steady signs of growth. Our series focusing in on some of the beautiful wisdom that arose from Charlie Mackesy's book 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' helped us all to see something of ourselves and something of Jesus in those characters and enabled us to focus in on some very pastoral scriptures which spoke about our life in Christ, it was a wonderful time of pulling together. We ended the series with a wonderful Barbecue/Pizza making afternoon with a Wild-Church taster session, loads of fun in the sun was had by all, the rectory garden filled with many folk and loads of joy! Praise God!

We said goodbye to some much-loved members of our congregation, as they went to be with the Lord, sadness at our loss but rejoicing in the faith that they held in Jesus as their Saviour and going forward, filled with the love and memories that they gave us to hold onto. Thanks be to God for them.

I have found huge support as I learn to be the vicar here, it's very different to being curate and the responsibility can feel quite overwhelming if I allow it to. Thankfully, there is a huge amount of experience here in retired clergy and skilled folk, two amazing wardens and of course Peter and Mike have been a huge source of support of which I'm so thankful. Carrie is a gift beyond belief and has helped me keep on top of everything during what has been a difficult year personally for her also, I give thanks for her regularly.

Sharon has of course faced some devastating news this year in regards her health and yet has remained incredibly positive throughout. She, Ken and their family have had to make huge adjustments to life going forward and we continue in prayer for strength for them all as we support them in whatever way we can.

One of our highlights was our Harvest Service hosted by the B@9 folk in the Parish Church, our youngsters helping with readings, prayers and acting and we all enjoyed making 'Stone Soup' which was shared together after the service.

Our Hospitality team here are amazing and have stepped up and produced some wonderful food for a variety of events and as I write this, they are planning for our Maundy Thursday Agape Meal, a fusion of mediterranean/Middle Eastern inspired food shared around a reflective service with Holy communion and the valuing of one another, in the tender washing of each other's hands. It's what we are about here at the Parish church, first and foremost we want to love and to care for one another and for that to spill out into our everyday lives.

My wife Lisa has taken up the mantle of Pastoral Co-ordinator, handed to her from Anne Gee; a wonderful ministry of caring, shared amongst some wonderfully loving and compassionate folk.

Magna Care Home have become a greater part of our community here, watching together online each Sunday, with Holy Communion services, coffee mornings and other events becoming a weekly feature and friendships being built, Doris turning 100yrs old and 'Raffle' Roy wanting to raise funds for our church.

As we look forward, we see over the hedge an expanding Canford community and seek to take the love of Jesus into those new streets and homes.

PARISH CHURCH REPORT continued

As many of our B@9 youngsters recently declared, we too want to go and to declare with our hearts and with our mouths that Jesus is Lord, that He can and does transform lives and communities.

May those bricks build not just houses but homes, homes that are open to be filled with the love of Jesus through a loving and caring community here in Canford.

Revd. Matt Smith - Parish Church

THE LANTERN CHURCH REPORT

Vision: A family of God sharing his heart to reach the lost, grow the found and transform our communities.

Verse of the year: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Spirit. *Romans 15:13 (NIV)*

There are numerous blessings to acknowledge within The Lantern Church family over the past year. Without diminishing any part of our weekly worship of Jesus as a 'family', one of the primary reasons for gratitude is the continued blessings God pours out on our young people.

Following last Easter's inaugural Youth Easter Houseparty, we had the joy on Easter Day of seeing ten of our young people ready to make commitments of faith and be baptised, or reaffirm their baptismal vows by immersion. In the summer our wonderful youth pastor Jared moved on from his role at the Lantern to join the local police, and later in the year we made the appointment of a new p/t youth pastor, Paula Haynes – another example of God's amazing provision.

Ruth has been joined by Alex Morris for a day a week to support our work with Kids and Families, especially as we gear up to resourcing others as part of the New Wine Raising Generations Minster project, a recognition of Ruth's expertise and our desire to help others. Another fantastic Holiday Club and regular families outreach events and puppet shows were other highlights.

Mike had an overdue sabbatical between May-August last year and the staff team, overseen by Sarah Tyndall and the Wardens did what they always do – an incredible job. Recruitment of a new youth pastor, a church weekend away and a New Wine Team training day hosted at the Lantern were just some of the 'above and beyond the usual' things they led so ably and with such great support from the wider church too.

We had the best Alpha course I can remember in the Autumn, with faith commitments from nine of the dozen or so regulars and some baptisms to follow that in January – the gospel of Jesus remains the power of God for the salvation of all who believe on him.

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LANTERN CHURCH REPORT continued

The church continues to thrive in its worship life and preaching, with new and growing talents consistently emerging.

Many more activities help us towards our vision, such as Mixed Blessings, led by Derek & Agnes Baker; the Shine Network overseen by the Hansons; Midweek Communion that unites the parish weekly; family life courses, midweek discipleship groups, Saturdads, mission trips, and regular outreach and community events.

The Lantern Love Fund and other appeals have guided our community's generosity towards those most affected by the cost of living crisis.

I am so thankful for the shared ministry and financial generosity at the Lantern, which supports all we do. Besides financial contributions, every prayer and act of love is invaluable in God's Kingdom. I rejoice in being part of this church family and our exceptional staff team and sub committee – special mention to my wardens John and Bex – couldn't do it without you (and wouldn't want to)! Praise Jesus!

As I close, I wish to amplify the importance of a few things: 'Hungry' - our new weekly rhythm of prayer and fasting as a church; the teaching we've had around growing our spiritual disciplines as part of a rule of life, nurturing a deeper love of God and neighbour; and the recurring call to the church to 'wake up' (Eph 5:14) in what feels like an (increasingly) contested spiritual season for the Church of England.

Revd. Mike Tufnell - The Lantern Church

TEAM RECTOR'S REPORT

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

NIVUK 1:133 Psalms

It has been a true joy to finalise our new clergy 'team' in our parish with Matt being appointed as Team Vicar at the Parish Church. I start with a note of gratitude to God for the team He has formed for this season of shared ministry in the parish and the unity we are blessed with. Peter, Emma, Matt, and Lisa are not just friends, but also wonderful partners in the gospel - for which I'm truly grateful. Having a full team again after a few transitional years makes a significant difference to me personally. It even allowed me to take a much-needed sabbatical!

Both St. Barnabas and the Parish Church continue to bear fruit through ministry, as detailed in their individual reports. God has graciously provided in various ways and has grown our churches with new believers and staff members, and in our discipleship. St. Barnabas appointed Hannah Tarring as a full-time Kids and Families Pastor, and she has made an excellent start. However, the church also had to manage the retirement of Tina Waterman. Words cannot adequately describe her invaluable contributions to the staff team there, and she will undoubtedly continue to bring value as a member of the church. Matt and Lisa are incredibly popular at the Parish Church and have made an excellent start to their ministry. We should extend our gratitude to the wardens of the Parish Church, who have successfully completed their oversight of the interregnum. Nikki Smart will continue as a warden, while David Grant, who has served superbly in the role, will step back. Thank you, David! David's departure paves the way for the equally capable Iain Stevenson. Nikki and Iain have been of immense support to Matt as he embarks on his journey as a vicar. We must also acknowledge the dedicated staff team of Carrie and Sharon and remember Sharon in our prayers as she struggles with her health.

For more information on the Lantern, refer to the report. At this time of year, I'm especially grateful for our servant-hearted Church Wardens, Sub Committees, PCC, Business Forum, our outstanding Lantern Preschool team, and many others. We couldn't carry out any Kingdom work without your service. Thank you, and glory to God.

As I close may I urge all of us once again to devote ourselves, as disciples of Jesus, to our local fellowship of believers, to not give up meeting together, supporting our leaders, playing our part, sharing in all the riches of God's grace and holding firm to the deposit we have received in Word and Spirit as we build one another up in the love of Christ.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

NIVUK 47-42:2 Acts

Revd. Mike Tufnell Team Rector



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