



CANFORD
MAGNA
CHURCHES

**Parish of
Canford Magna**

**Annual Report
for the year
2024**

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

LLM Mr David Wells

Churchwardens:

Parish Church Mrs Nicola Smart
Mr Iain Stevenson

St Barnabas Mr Michael Raymond (from April 2024)
Mrs Lynn Rowe (from April 2024)

The Lantern Mrs Rebecca Huntingford
Mr Peter Owen (from April 2024)

Representative on General Synod:

Mrs Fiona Norris

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mrs Jane Hazell
Mr David Grant
Mr Chris Weall
Mrs Hanna Wallace
Mrs Tina Waterman (from April 2024)
Vacancy

Elected members representing Canford Magna Parish Church

Mrs Sarah Emberley (from April 2024)
Mrs Annette Scott
Mr Stephen Orman
Mr Peter Triplow

Elected members representing St. Barnabas

Mr Paul Warner
Mr Ron Fletcher (from April 2024)
Mr Pete Wilson (from April 2024)
Mr Graham Woollard (from April 2024)

Elected members representing the Lantern Church

Mr Al Tyndall
Mrs Barbara Jaggs
Mrs Maria Kane
Mrs Judy Hatchard (co-opted from October 2024)

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
 Mr Iain Stevenson
 Mr Michael Raymond (from April 2024)
 Mr Peter Owen (from April 2024)
 Mr David Wells
 Mr Perry Grist (from April 2024 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 423 parishioners on the church Electoral Roll for 2023, 188 of whom are not resident within the Parish.

Review of the Year

The PCC met 5 times in 2024. (plus the meeting directly after the APCM).

The average level of attendance at the meetings was 76% which is lower than the last year.

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 2024.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Our parish safeguarding strategy is aligned to the five Safeguarding Standards set by the National Safeguarding Team and adhered to by the diocese of Salisbury:

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

In November the parish took part in National Safeguarding Sunday. As part of this, all church members, and visitors in church on that day, were invited to complete a safeguarding survey. This gave an indication of what progress is being made to establish & embed the culture of safeguarding across the parish. The results were very encouraging, apart from a very small number of questions raised that showed that there is still some work to be done.

The Safeguarding Dashboard continues to inform our compliance, and the introduction of the Safeguarding Hubs is expected to simplify parish record keeping in the long term. However, since the minimum requirements for volunteer training and record checking have been raised there are additional demands on the PSOs time, hopefully in the short terms.

All three PSOs have delivered face to face sessions for those who prefer this although these numbers are quite small. Most volunteers are now using the national church learning portal online training. We continue to have excellent levels of training with 92% compliance.

Last year the PCC adopted the National Church's recommended policy statement on Online Safety & Social Media, and our local policy document. The Parish guidelines have also been adopted and reviewed.

Once again, we record our thanks to the diocesan safeguarding team and everyone in the parish who continue to support our efforts to create welcoming and safe environments and offer professional & caring support when expressions of concern are raised. We aim to continue to be a place where any concerns can be raised and are responded to openly, promptly and consistently.

We are pleased to be 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 £65,285.82 was distributed to mission organisation and individuals. Center OAZA Serbia received £4891.26 in 2024.

There were also extra gifts to Mission4Water, Myra Wells and Child of Hope.

Tithing by the three churches amounted to £61,607.79.

Sharon Ramond
Mission Treasurer

BUSINESS FORUM REPORT

The Business Forum (BF) meets to discuss non-ministerial governance of the PCC, in order to bring informed proposals and recommendations to the PCC for discussion and approval. It comprises a PCC-approved chair and secretary, the Parish Treasurer and the individual church treasurers, along with Safeguarding and H&S representation, and a warden from each church. The parish clergy attend plus additional representation, as required.

The BF met throughout 2024 (5 meetings in total), generally a few weeks in advance of PCC meetings. The meetings continue to be conducted using Zoom (except for the first meeting following the APCM). and have reviewed the ongoing and emerging business activities of the church.

A unique situation arose in 2024 in that there was a complete turnover of treasurer personnel. Huge gratitude is owed to the outgoing Parish treasurer and all three church treasurers for the outstanding work they have done over many years, but also for the preparation and training of those who have replaced them. The new treasurers have settled in admirably and are working together as team to manage the church finances.

Parish finances are presented to the BF and reviewed in advance of being reported to the PCC. The treasurers, along with the sub-committees, met the deadlines set out in a schedule to deliver the 2025 budget to the PCC for approval before 2024 year-end. In an increasingly volatile financial environment, great care and much prayer was invested in 2025 budget preparation.

Elements of the Canford staff T's & C's were reviewed during the year with recommendations for update forwarded to the PCC for approval.

Health and Safety is a regular agenda item for the BF 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 is also a regular agenda item, with the safeguarding input to PCC being presented, in advance, to the BF. Safeguarding is reported in greater detail elsewhere in this report.

Chair – David Wells

PARISH CHURCH REPORT

Wow, where did that year go!

Seriously though, time does fly when you're having fun and these past 12 months have been filled with much joy, there has been a strong sense that the Lord is preparing us and leading us toward a new experience of his love and power, many prophecies have been shared around this. Holy Spirit has drawn us all closer and helped us to talk more openly and freely about things that can so easily divide us, we've become far more acceptant of our differences and so friendships have flourished and walls have come down. We truly are feeling more like family.

So many highlights this year, many that have come through our young people especially those who now regularly attend our new Youth group 'Refuge' which has been run by Jenny and the team; five of the young people deciding to be baptised in the river back in August. Such a wonderful occasion with brave and powerful testimonies shared, alongside a sermon series that explored how various bible characters were lead to be baptised, and also a little girl baptised in the font on week 1 with the visiting family searching the church for a little lost sheep.

Harvest saw B@9 host our 10:30am service with a fun yet moving drama about Ruth and Naomi, and an informative talk from International Care Network who assist Asylum Seekers in Bournemouth, we finished with a Harvest lunch together.

We have continued with our system of following the same sermon series at 10:30am and B@9 which has helped lift the teaching to a deeper level at B@9.

Summertime saw an impromptu evening in the Rectory garden and the opening of 'The Vicars Tipple' bar in our Wild Church area, lots turned up at just a few hours notice.

Our six week 'Whole Life Stewardship' series enabled us all to look better at how we steward all sorts of areas of our lives, those things that God gives us to care for and of course, what would be a stewardship drive without looking at finances?

Our church finances needed a boost and our regular giving needed some attention, the whole life teaching and the encouragement to seek God in all areas helped people to trust and to feel able to be more generous with the blessings we all receive. Our series ended with a daytime Summer fete and a wonderful 'Cheese and Wine' evening with live music and dancing, Our local community were invited along and many came, a lot of hard work shared among many, a true highlight this year.

The ladies have had a great year, meeting regularly for lunches at Haskins together on a Monday. This has really helped with those who often find themselves eating alone, it has forged stronger friendships and they have welcomed onlookers to come and join them. Even my mother goes along each time and has made friendships which mean she now also attends the wonderful Crafty Creations which meets in the CMC each month.

Safeguarding Sunday was a wonderful opportunity to highlight the good work done by our PSO's and the importance of every church member recognising how we are all responsible for keeping our churches safe and helping them to be places where all people can flourish. The service helped to lift the profile of safeguarding and helped everybody to approach it in a far more positive manner.

St BARNABAS CHURCH REPORT

‘We believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,.....We believe in the Holy Spirit...’

We say these words in the Apostles Creed, which was the basis of one of our sermon series this year during which we strengthened the foundations of our faith. I am so grateful that the creator of heaven and earth is living and active amongst us at St Barnabas and at work in the community of Bearwood, where our focus remains on engaging with the residence around us, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Community Youth Club ‘The Bridge’- St Barnabas hosts the only youth support provision in the local area and it is great to report that it continues to be well supported. The club meets on Friday evenings during term time and is open to 11 to 16 year olds. The club has gone from strength to strength over the last few years now hosting two sessions with a regular attendance of between 20-30 young people (in contrast to 4-6 in 2022).

The leadership have a programme for training ‘young leaders’ giving the opportunity for the teenagers to take on responsibility and develop leadership skills. The club has also taken a small group of young people to ‘Satellites’ a Christian summer camp and it appears that in 2025 this may include a number of young people exploring faith for the first time. Exciting news as of the time of writing is that BCP have approved a grant of £2,400 for the work of the club.

Children and Families Work - A particular focus at present is building relationships with local families and the primary school and in 2023 we recruited a ‘Pioneer Children and Families Worker’ to lead this work. Our connections are strengthening all the time and we are now routinely hosting assemblies supported by the newly formed ‘Open The Book’ team, and providing reading support. The school is visiting St Barnabas for seasonal assemblies, Experience Easter, and plays a central part in our Community Carol Service, by providing a children’s choir. In the autumn we launched a monthly ‘Café Church’, which aims to be a more creative and interactive service easily accessible to those exploring faith and new to church. This has gone from strength to strength creating both a new, and for some challenging, format for members of the church to worship, as well as attracting visitors and new people. We are encouraged and plan to continue this new format throughout 2025. Our Children and Families Worker has recently expanded our weekly toddlers group ‘Seedlings’ to two sessions and launched a baby group ‘Roots and Shoots’ not only providing support to parents and carers but opportunities to talk about faith. During holidays we are now hosting holiday events, drop ins, and movie afternoons.

Ministry and Mission - In June 2024 St Barnabas hosted a month of prayer and fasting which included a Sunday evening ‘Encounter’ service; an open and free space to engage with the Lord. Subsequently we’ve continued this on a monthly basis and it has become a welcome space providing stillness and peace in a noisy world. Other activities this year have included Hope Explored, Christianity Explored and the Parish Pre-Marriage Course. Life Groups continue to meet weekly with one new group starting during the year. Our teaching over the year has included a study on the Apostles Creed, Prayer, and series entitled ‘Anchor to My Soul’ (Book of Hebrews) and ‘Signs of Glory’ (St John’s Gospel). Our teaching over the year has included a study on the Apostles Creed, Prayer, and series entitled ‘Anchor to My Soul’ (Book of Hebrews) and ‘Signs of Glory’ (St John’s Gospel).

As mentioned earlier being present in the community is a priority and it was great to host the 'Bearwood Village Fete' in partnership with the Community Centre for the second year running. The aim of the event is to bring both residents and community groups together which we hope will be a blessing for all, and there are plans to develop and grow this event in 2025.

Other monthly events to connect with the community include; 'Golden Classic' film club, Craft group and a Ladies lunch.

At the time of writing St Barnabas has embarked on a process of reviewing our vision and mission, and our values and behaviours, a process we anticipate completing in the autumn

Staff - There has been a significant change in key roles during the year with the appointment of two new church wardens and a new treasurer, as well as recruiting a new church administrator. St Barnabas is so grateful to the faithful service of all those who stepped down from their roles and for all they did to impact and support the ministry of the church. The Children and Families Worker was on maternity leave between June and November meaning some scaling back in that area of ministry and outreach, but I'm very grateful to the volunteers who filled in during that time to maintain the core activities such as the toddlers group.

Mission Partners - We undertook a review of both the whole parish mission partners and also the processes by which we manage those partners. The parish categories mission partners A and B. Cat A partners are supported by all three churches whilst Cat B are those partners supported by specific churches. A number of changes were proposed and accepted by the PCC including;

a) the formation of the Parish Mission Group (clergy and church mission representatives) who would oversee the Cat A partners.

b) the decision to discontinue with the role of Parish Mission Treasurer and to delegate the distribution of mission giving to the individual church treasurers, which should provide greater transparency and ability to manage each church's mission giving.

Finances - I am so grateful to the generous and faithful giving at St Barnabas over the last year. I want to recognise that though our membership in recent years has dropped our core levels of financial giving has remained relatively stable, and I thank God for his faithfulness to us for that. However expenditure has increased, primarily as a result of the increase in core expenditure (Fairer share, utilities, pay rises etc) and St Barnabas recorded a budget deficit of around £23,000 in 2024. This was anticipated, but is clearly not sustainable, and with faith and guidance from God we will work to overcome this deficit. St Barnabas has been awarded two grants totalling £17,500 per year for three years in support of our new staff position of the Children and Families Worker, for which we are very grateful.

The grant funders being; Joseph Rank Trust and Aldhelm Mission Fund.

Finally to say a huge thank you for all those you serve so faithfully the ministry and mission of St Barnabas and in the wider parish.

'We believe in... the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen'

Revd. Peter Myres

Parish Church Report continued

We do of course have the responsibility at the Parish Church of caring for an ancient building, also the upkeep of the Parish churchyard so that those using the grounds and the building can do so safely and enjoyably.

Our groundsman visits weekly and helps to keep the grounds/graves mown, the leaves blown, and the plant life pruned back. This year we had a large tree down in a storm and another huge tree that required major work, all hugely expensive.

This summer saw the installation of a handrail from the CMC down to the church and also two handrails up the steps to the churchyard, a huge thanks to Iain Stephenson our churchwarden and David Grant during the interregnum who have helped bring this project to completion and of course to Archway Wrought Iron for their hard work.

Faculties mean that anything we want to do at the Parish church can take ages and Ian has been looking into the possibility of an internal staircase to our organ loft/sound desk. This faculty procedure has been particularly onerous and is ongoing.

We also had an inspection/survey of all our stained glass which has, after some concern, been given a clean bill of health. Quinquennial repairs are ongoing with tiles being replaced around the church roof elevations. Each year 'Ride and Stride' helps to raise funds for Dorset Historic Churches Trust and a bunch of us took part this year, we have of course benefitted from this trust in previous years.

The congregation have come together on four different occasions to give different areas of our church buildings a good clear-out. As always this can be hard work but also a great time of blessing as we work together as stewards of what God has given us.

Once again a huge thank you to churchwardens Iain & Nicky and all those who gave their time and energy.

Our wonderful team of Bellringers won 1st prize in a major competition this year and shared that news with us one Sunday morning. It was lovely to see them all proudly kitted out in their new uniforms.

So many other blessings with life groups flourishing, with the need for another to be formed, appeals for volunteers have been successful with new folk being welcomed into areas of serving.

We have of course also had to say our goodbyes to many loved ones this year who have gone to be with their Lord and Saviour and we give thanks to them for all that they were to us. We've journeyed alongside Sharon Cooksley who fell ill last year and has now gone to glory. As a church we helped Sharon to enjoy her retirement with a celebration in the sun in their garden and at Christmas we came together to sing carols and enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine served up by the family. Her husband Ken and family are in our prayers as they come to terms with such loss. A huge thanks to the wonderful work that our pastoral care team undertake.

We look forward to Easter, to the power of the resurrection story, to all that together we will learn and share over Lent and take forward into 2025.

Revd Matt Smith.

Canford Parish Church.

LANTERN CHURCH REPORT

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

“Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn. I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.” (Psalm 57:8–10, NIV)

There are so many things to thank God for, it's impossible to include everything and one doesn't really know where to start...

Following on from an amazing Alpha in Autumn 2023, in 2024 we continue to see more people come to faith in Jesus than I've known since taking up the role of vicar.

Alpha continues to bear fruit with new disciples of Jesus, most then settling into the wider life of the church and our midweek discipleship groups. We've also seen numerous children in our Y5-6 Bible study and in our youth ministry make faith commitments. And God seems to be sending us more and more people exploring faith or those who he has recently, miraculously encountered in some other way, leading them to us to take up the baton of early apprenticeship to Jesus! Joe and Omid, two young adults in that category were baptised in the sea (in December!) and faith is spreading through Joe's wider family now. Praise God!

This feels like a growing wave, a building momentum, and perhaps the fruit of a growing emphasis on prayer and fasting in the life of our church? We certainly continue to feel called to grow in prayer, to 'put up the sails' and be even more dependent and led by the Holy Spirit, to open ourselves to the new things God is doing and calling us into. In 2026 we will celebrate 50 years of the Lantern opening its doors, and we sense God may use the next year or so to 'reset and re-envision' us in our mission here. Pray for our hunger for, and love for Jesus to keep growing and his Spirit to lead us into all he is calling us into next...

It is a joy to see the church family ministering to each other in all sorts of ways, week by week and to see our youth ministry and families ministries continue to flourish. I am so grateful to the small army of volunteers who serve on those teams every week – priceless. We also rejoice in God's provision for Skittles, our detached youth missionary (funded largely externally) who has seen real favour in the last year in five local schools he works in. He gets alongside struggling young people through chaplaincy, supports CUs and Bible Studies, does assemblies, helps at the Streetlight project in Wimborne and more. We are so grateful he is part of the family here. And we have a fledgling cohort of TLG1 mentors helping at St Michael's, Colehill too.

At the other end of the age spectrum(!) it is just wonderful to see Mixed Blessings continuing to bring friendship and faith to many of the seniors in our parish. And the work of the Shine Network supporting our local mission to that demographic too, with more than 30 non-Church goers engaging with the gospel through the Famous Lives course Tony and Roz Hanson have pioneered.

Lantern Report continued

Another highlight of the year was a team going out from the Lantern to visit one of our newest mission partners, Red tribe in Kenya. A team of 10 flew out to the remote part of Maasai land to see the amazing holistic Christian ministry going on there. Everyone who went 'caught the vision' and we look forward to growing our relationship with Red tribe even more in the coming years.

Another thing to be particularly grateful for in the last year is the response to our stewardship appeal in November 2024 with regular giving up considerably and some amazingly generous one-off gifts as well. This puts us on a more stable footing, and will enable vision to become reality in the coming years.

I rejoice in being part of this church family and our exceptional staff team and sub committee – special mention to my wardens Bex, and the wonderful Peter Owen who became my new warden this year, I couldn't do it without you (and wouldn't want to)!

Revd. Mike Tufnell
The Lantern Church

TEAM RECTOR'S REPORT

Each year I become more grateful for the partnership in ministry of colleagues who faithfully proclaim the gospel in their communities, care for the people God sends them, and pioneer new ventures with such faith and creativity. Matt and Lisa are boundless in their creativity and care, whether around a campfire in their garden, or at the local care home. Peter and Emma at St Barnabas are seeing increased fruit from their step of faith in appointing Hannah Tarring last year, with new mid-week groups sprouting up and on a recent Sunday visit it was a delight to see the growth in young people in the congregation. And at the Lantern too, every Sunday it seems God is sending us people he has recently 'found' and those who are hungry for God, but haven't necessarily learnt that Jesus is the answer to their searching.

However, for all the wonderful work of clergy and our amazing staff teams, this year I am particularly reminded of and inspired by the tireless partnership in ministry of the wider church family in our parish. Did you know that the Church is the largest volunteer organisation in the country? We have more than 300 volunteers who need DBS and safeguarding training – a testament to the servant-hearted people in our parish, but also of course to our amazing safeguarding team. And in a year of national turbulence in the Church of England – particularly around safeguarding – I have never been more grateful to the safeguarding team in our parish, and our first 'Safeguarding Sunday' was another way we seek to keep that a high priority in our shared ministry. Whether you serve coffee, or children, lead discipleship groups or are part of youth or pastoral care teams, occasionally preach, stack chairs, or simply pray and contribute financially, you are ALL indispensable parts of what God is doing amongst us. Thank you.

Team Rector's report continued

This year I feel my report should also pay tribute to the wonderful Sharon Cooksley who has now been 'promoted to glory'. Sharon leaves an incredible legacy of love and faith in our parish, not just at the Parish Church. She was of course a pioneer of Breakfast@9, alongside Chris Tebbutt, our former Team Rector. Her inspirational work amongst families, in local schools, her endless creativity and deep love for children leave an indelible mark. We thank God for her and continue to pray for Ken and their children as they grieve. And whilst there are of course several others who have died this year, loved and remembered, I think also of Sally Hall and David Staniland at the Lantern, and the late Tina Bloom from St Barnabas, a founding visionary for Mixed Blessings, which continues to flourish many years later.

I'm also of course grateful for our Church Wardens, Sub Committees, PCC, Business Forum, our outstanding (growing) Lantern Preschool team, and many others. And my fellow clergy and I are particularly grateful to the completely new finance team we have in the parish, a new parish treasurer and new treasurers for each of our individual churches – and to our former finance team for so responsibly and carefully handing on the reins.

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.

“In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction.

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.”

(2 Timothy 4:1–5, NIV)

Revd. Mike Tufnell
Team Rector



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