



## All Saints' Church

Branksome Park, Poole,  
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2020

**ANNUAL REPORT – 2019**  
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### **Chairman's Review and Reflection for 2019 and beyond – an interesting mixed year!**

#### **Annual Report**

When I tell folk how many services we have and what we do as a Church, people are both shocked and surprised. Of course, it is only possible because of the great people we have in our midst, who make everything happen. Thank you for the continued support, both financially and through the servant-hearted nature of so many from the All Saints' community. As I have written below, last year (2019) was not however the easiest of years for the country, the Diocese of Salisbury (with the terrible shadow that the poisoning cast in Salisbury itself) or indeed for me personally. However in reflecting on the year it is important to acknowledge the good things that have happened, amidst the upheaval and trauma we have experienced.

#### **2019 – a year to be grateful**

As we enter 2020, I have to say I am really encouraged. In recent months especially and during the past year, God has been sending us new people, who want to grow His Kingdom for all ages and stages of faith.

The shock and interruptions to our normal life caused by the Coronavirus outbreak have brought some welcome and unwelcome changes. It has meant some premature distraught deaths and funerals for me to attend to. It has also meant not meeting or seeing people, which has left many hardships, increased loneliness and enforced isolation. Businesses have been left decimated and relationships put under strain. We are, nevertheless, fortunate to have had great weather and a beautiful place in which to live, when so many are confined to flats in larger cities, with little green space.

In March we had to cancel our A.P.C.M, as well as our annual tea party, where we thank our amazing volunteers. On a positive note we have done a fair bit of tidying up of the Churchbox database and adopted new working practices and procedures, as well as enhanced our online offering. In reflecting on the year of 2019 for this annual report, I would like to highlight three areas – Prayer, Politics and Personal life.

#### **Prayer**

Whilst we started 2019 with a series on mental health and wellbeing, we began 2020 looking at prayer, using the [www.prayercourse.org](http://www.prayercourse.org) in our

Evening Encounter group, by Pete Greig. For many months we have been praying for more contemporary worship leaders and musicians to join our Church, whilst still valuing greatly our organist and traditional choir. This year we continued to have Phil Smith, who joined us on a paid basis at the start of 2019, to lead at the Family Service and also at Encounter. We have also been blessed to have Lloyd and Rosemary Griffiths join us, helping to lead both at Encounter and also at the 9.30am Family Service. Now they are also part of a great team putting useful material on our website, during the Coronavirus pandemic.

### **Politics – decisions made, action to come**

2019 was a seismic year in politics. This year we saw an historic Conservative victory, in another election about Europe, followed by the Brexit bill passing through the Commons. Whatever your views on the subject, at least certainty on that front has arrived. More locally this year we also saw the merger of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Councils creating the constant promotion of BCP - *the Book of Common Prayer* – BCP wherever you go, you are never far from a van with the BCP logo. It, of course, is the basis upon which the Church of England continues in many regards and I know, whilst the language may at times be odd to the modern ear, BCP remains dear and close to many in our midst.

### **Personal – cancer**

It was a big year for me becoming 50 in March and thanks to all who helped (& attended) making it a wonderful Church celebration in the Hall, especially my wife who organised the whole thing and did an excellent speech. In the summer of 2019, my dear wife noticed a mole that had been on my foot had grown bigger. In part, perhaps because we were both aware of Bob Nurser's cancer, which led to him stepping down as Churchwarden, I decided to get it looked into. Unfortunately, the mole did turn out to be cancerous, which meant further surgery and more enforced rest. I am grateful to all who have looked out for me, covered for my absence, prayed for me and the family, as well as those who have delivered cards, gifts and food to the Vicarage door.

I would also, in this extended year of being a Churchwarden, give particular thanks to Anne Burton. She has been a tower of strength, shown practical Christian kindness in action, with meals and cakes being left frequently but also for carrying the burden of being a Churchwarden on her own for most of her tenure. As we have become accustomed to doing on Thursdays, clapping for our NHS, we need to give Anne a rousing cheer, for continuing to also work in a doctor's surgery.

In addition to all that is in this report we have had in Church:-

- 14 baptisms
- 5 weddings
- 17 funerals
- 6 burials of ashes

For your information the average service attendance in 2019, excluding Easter and Christmas was:

08.00am – **17**

09:30am – **87** with **29** children

11.00am – **64**

Encounter and Evening Services – **27**

### **Office changes**

2019 saw quite a few changes in the administration side of All Saints' Church. For over 8 years Kathy Wright had done a sterling job of balancing competing priorities of looking after the Parish's ever-growing administrative needs. Unfortunately, after a period of ill health at the beginning of the year, she decided not to return to work. We were very grateful to have had a former HR Director, Pam Warren, who helped on a voluntary basis, for several weeks in 2019. Then we had Angela Smith for several months, followed by Peter Drysdale who is a former trainer in project management at Barclays Bank. He continues to provide assistance in addition to his role as Deputy Treasurer.

In January 2020, after working in the office on a temporary part-time basis, Sasha Pick and Yvonne Wilson were appointed as administrators for a year, after both having worked well together and being formally interviewed.

So once again special thanks to everyone in the office, including John and Jean Parker, who bear a considerable part of the burden in planning and preparing for baptisms, weddings and funerals. Also, I must pay tribute to Eddie and Barri Newcomb who continue to help couples and the Vicar with the increasingly burdensome side of wedding administration. We were scheduled to have 8 weddings in 2020 but with the Coronavirus outbreak we are not quite sure how many will be postponed till 2021 or held at a different date this year. But we must remember



"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" Hebrews 13:8

### **Rev'd. Charlie Boyle Vicar & Chairman, Parochial Church Council**

### **Alpha**

From January 16<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> we ran an Alpha course in the hall every Wednesday evening. It was an encouraging time; we heard many positive comments and were aware of growth in the lives of people who attended. We had three groups and numbers have generally been about 35 people each week in total. The discussions have been very well received and I know have helped participants explore what they believe on varying subjects. There's always a great atmosphere and a good healthy team spirit, some pictured overleaf.



I'm extremely grateful to all the amazing helpers who have made this possible: to David and Jackie Lindsay, John and Jan Crowe, Gill and Pete Drysdale, Tony Crouch and Jennifer Gawler who have done a magnificent job catering for everyone. To Sarah Boyle, Emma Blaney, Gill and Pete Drysdale, Gill Munson, Bob and Sue Nurser, Julian and Alison Pringle, Stella and Gareth Whitcombe who have led and helped in the discussion groups.

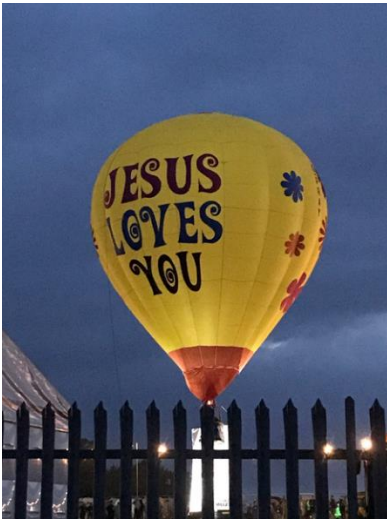
Carolyn left in June 2019 to take up her post as priest in charge of Lower Stour and Bridge Benefices (Blandford deanery) which includes the parishes of Blandford St Mary, Charlton Marshall, Spetisbury, Sturminster Marshall, Kingston Lacey and Shapwick. There is much to be thankful for. I look forward to hearing about what God continues to do in the lives of our team and participants.

I thank Carolyn again for everything she brought to our Church and I am pleased to report she is coping well in her new context - Charlie



**Rev'd Carolyn Couzens (former Curate, also shared with Holy Angels, Lilliput)**

## Personal Note from the Intern (Moorlands student)



The past year has again been one of growth and learning. I have definitely taken a step back as my College work has taken up a larger part of my time, however I have very much enjoyed still being part of the life of All Saints.

A particular highlight was going to New Wine (hence this balloon!) with a group from church. My main focuses have been the technology, doing the PowerPoint for the family service, and helping to serve at the Relationship Course and the Bereavement Journey.



**Emma Blaney**

## Objectives for 2019 and how we met them

- Renew the vision statement and if appropriate grow and develop the provision and number of discipleship/worship groups in our Church.  
*Met by a review and publishing of " Vision 2020- Evangelical, Ecumenical and Ecological" on our website and the introduction of a new less formal service in the church hall on Sunday evenings "Encounter".*
- Improve security to the church and then ensure that the church is open during the week.  
*Ongoing discussion on the position of a CCTV camera in church. Meanwhile, the church is now open every weekday morning with volunteer 'mindes' on Tuesdays and Thursdays.*
- Look to expand and improve the administrative function to support church activities, the vicar and volunteers.  
*Much discussion on the subject (see below) and a decision was made by the end of the year. Administrative function expanded and improved by employing two experienced people on a job-share basis, to work for 35 hours per week.*

- Complete repairs and cleaning to the south facing windows in the nave and other works following the quinquennial inspection.  
*Window repairs completed during the year, along with gold leaf work, restoration and painting. Other works being listed in order of priority.*
- Promote and expand the new church database.  
*Much promotion of ChurchBox in the weekly service sheet and elsewhere. Expanding slowly, with over 120 members now sharing their details out of around 200 regular Sunday attendees and nearly 500 on our whole Church database, with 265 on email.*
- Explore the removal of 3 or 4 pews to make the church more accessible for children, the elderly and the disabled, subject to consultation with the congregation.  
*Subject explored but many differing views expressed. No decision taken yet.*
- If funds are available, purchase new chairs for the church hall.  
*Much discussion and testing of samples through the year resulting in a decision, with the purchase of new chairs approved in 2020.*
- Undertake training with the new PCC as directed by the Archdeacon.  
*No formal training has taken place but responsibilities and requirements clearly expressed to new members of the PCC.*
- Improve our communications with a new mobile friendly website.  
*Completed. We now have a much improved website.*
- Continue to be environmentally responsible and improve the churchyard, including progressing the memorial garden project.  
*Much heavy work done in clearing the site and making it more attractive. See separate report.*
- Continue to improve the sound system.  
*Continual improvements have been made but much remains to be done, as and when funds are available.*
- Run the Alpha course and other courses supporting our vision.  
*Many courses have been run successfully, including Alpha, Parenting Children, Bereavement Journey and Relationship (marriage & marriage preparation courses).*

- Continue to look at how we use our resources.  
*This continued throughout the year. The best use of financial and human resources are under constant review.*

### **Other PCC decisions and discussions**

The year commenced with a review of the Secretarial and Administration support function in All Saints. This subject was discussed throughout the year culminating in the consideration of a paper written by Peter Drysdale "The Church office: Supporting All Saints Church in 2020 and beyond" at the November 2019 meeting. His recommendations were broadly accepted resulting in the employment, on a job-share basis, of Yvonne and Sasha from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020, for an initial period of one year.

At the January 2019 meeting, it was finally agreed to go ahead with the purchase of a defibrillator which we positioned on the outside wall of the church hall. Many thanks to Vicky Moss for persevering with this task and others for seeing it through.

The PCC expressed a sincere vote of thanks for Carolyn Couzens (curate) and the work that she had done at All Saints.

New chairs for the church hall had been a subject for discussion at several meetings. Samples had been tested and varying opinions expressed! Finally, it was agreed to set up a small sub-committee resulting in a decision in late January 2020, with chairs now purchased at the time of writing.

At the short PCC meeting directly following the APCM, the following appointments were proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously:

Vice-Chairman	-	Bob Nurser (later replaced by David Carr)
Treasurer	-	Anthony Ellis
Deputy Churchwarden	-	Beryl Hurley
Deputy Treasurer	-	Peter Drysdale
Secretary	-	Ray Stephenson

It was also agreed to use Spitfire Telecommunications to provide the telephone service in the office as they were cheaper and able to take messages remotely with more functionality than BT.

In mid-year, topics discussed included: window refurbishing, CCTV in church, churchyard memorial garden and church redecoration.

The Vicar's report at the November meeting emphasised our evangelical roots. He cited Alpha courses, house groups, and the other courses that we run, welcoming strangers and those on the fringe. He had previously presented a paper "Vision 2020 – Evangelical, Ecumenical and Ecological"



suggesting that we should have another vision day, or at least a morning, with the new PCC after the 2020 APCM.

We also updated our Safeguarding policy and looked at how we protect the data given to us by Church members.

The Church Representation Rules have been updated and a new 2020 edition promulgated. With regard to the PCC, major changes are:

- Minimum number of PCC meetings in a year not specified.
- PCC may conduct business by correspondence (paper or email).



**Ray Stephenson, PCC Secretary**

## **Electoral Roll**

At the time of writing, we have 189. At the last PCC meeting there were 160 people on the electoral roll. After many years of faithful service Barrie Turner retired as Electoral Roll officer, a position that Peter Drysdale has offered to fill.



**Peter Drysdale – Deputy Treasurer & Church Office team**

## **Western Road and Branksome Park Road Safety**

Work has continued with Bournemouth Poole and Christchurch Council and the Branksome Park and Canford Cliffs Residents Association to reduce the speed limit on Western Road and in the Branksome Park area to 20 miles per hour. With the numbers of Church members using this road it is hoped that this reduction will greatly improve safety whilst crossing outside the Church. I am now an active member of the Residents' Association and also part of the team monitoring car speeds in the area.



**Vicky Moss**



## **Deanery Synod (met 3 times)**

There were three meetings of the Poole and North Bournemouth Deanery Synod during 2019.

**The first was held at Branksome St. Clements church, Poole, on the 6th February**, where Ian Bromilow led a talk on stewardship and what that means to us. Ian stated that stewardship was not all about putting your hand in your pockets and that stewardship was a lot deeper than that. We were asked three questions:

- What do we think we mean by stewardship?
- What are the characteristics of a generous church?
- What are the barriers in giving?

**The second meeting was held at St Mary's church, Lytchett Matravers on the 21st May**, where the Asst. Rural Dean David Price, talked about his experience of growing a church on a new housing estate near Southampton. He suggested the following questions that we could take back to our own churches to consider:

- How have you seen growth in your church?
- Are there inhibitions in church to stop growth?
- What ideas do we have for encouraging growth?

**The third meeting was held at Heatherlands St John on 17th October**, where the Director of Communications for the Diocese, Carole Peters-King, spoke about communication and best practice. Carole was a very inspirational speaker, stating that Jesus was the best communicator and that none of us would be here today if we hadn't heard the word of Jesus. She said that life today is so busy and that we are losing the skill of communication and don't have the time to spread the word as Jesus would have done. We now have the technology to use to spread the word. A discussion then took place on how this was best done.

**Janet Morris (not on P.C.C.), Beryl Hurley, Kate Edwards and  
David Carr  
Deanery Synod Representatives**

## **APCM Report on the Fabric, goods and ornaments of the church**

The most significant work that has been done to the church this past year is the repairs and re-glazing of the south side windows. The Rose Window on the west side will be undertaken, God willing, in 2020.

Last spring the paintwork on the inside of the church was refurbished, including dealing with some minor damp patches and careful redecoration and stencilling of the delicate paintwork.

February this year saw some very severe storms which unfortunately brought down one or two branches in the graveyard. These were dealt with and the areas tidied. Plans are ongoing for the Memorial Garden in the graveyard.

Routine maintenance to the church building, surrounding grounds and the church hall have been carried out as usual, including servicing the boiler, electrical testing and the annual tree survey. Our verger, John Parker, has as always been a great help with his invaluable knowledge of the intricate workings of the Church.

A new projector has been purchased which can be used for both church services and for events in the church hall. Two new laptops have also been purchased for use in the office.

Church Hall Maintenance: Thanks go to **Elaine Le Gonidec** for all her hard work and dedication to the upkeep and running of the church hall. The purchase of new chairs have now been approved and should be arriving in 2020.



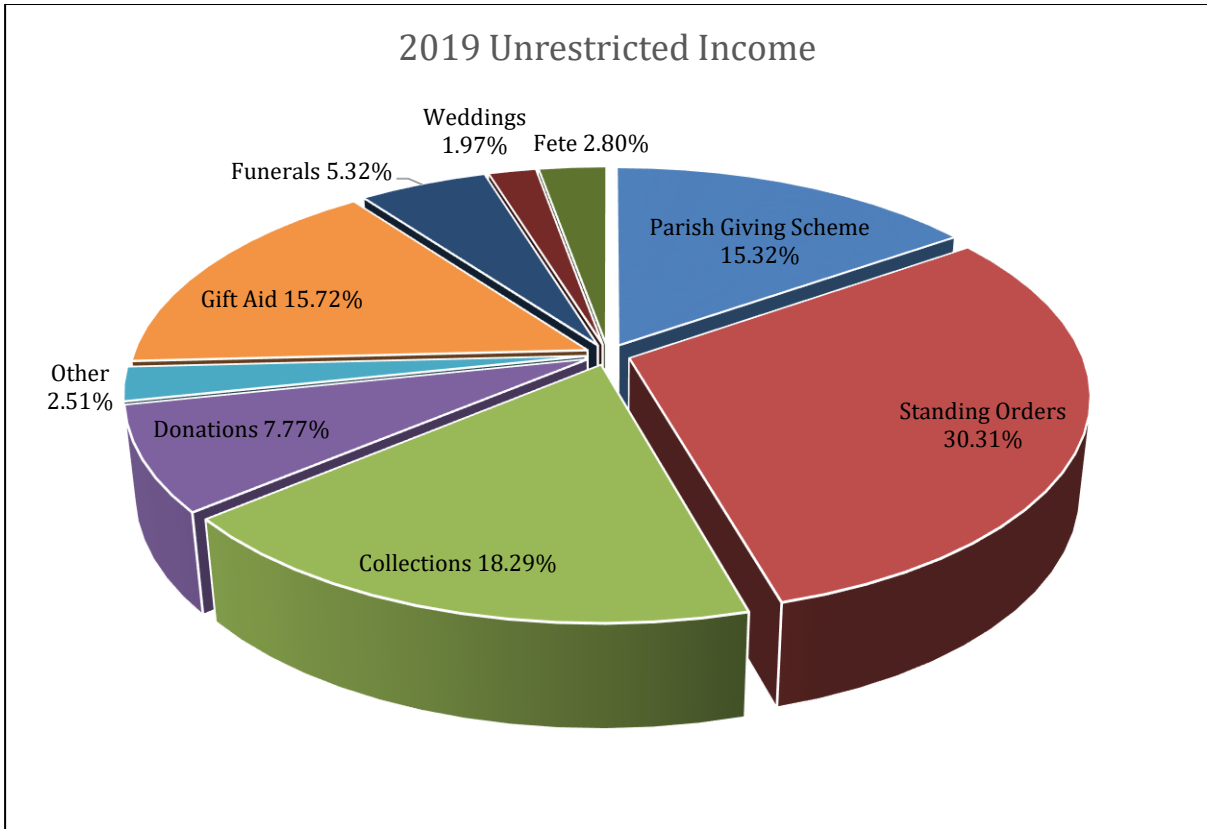
**Anne Burton, Churchwarden**

## **Financial Review**

The final operating result (unrestricted funds) for 2019 was a disappointing loss of £5,411. Total unrestricted income for the year was £177,419, which is down just over 7.5% from 2018. The decrease can be seen in all income areas, although within this, the fete and garden party hosted by Peter Jackson (with thanks to all those involved) were very successful.

Thankfully, throughout the year we received several generous donations to help reduce the deficit. It should also be noted that instead of making the 2019 gift day about specific donations or increased giving, we decided to make more of a push towards people joining the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Sadly, this only resulted in six new applicants. Regular giving is very important to the church, not only for its cash flow but also allowing All Saints to carry out its mission in the best possible way.

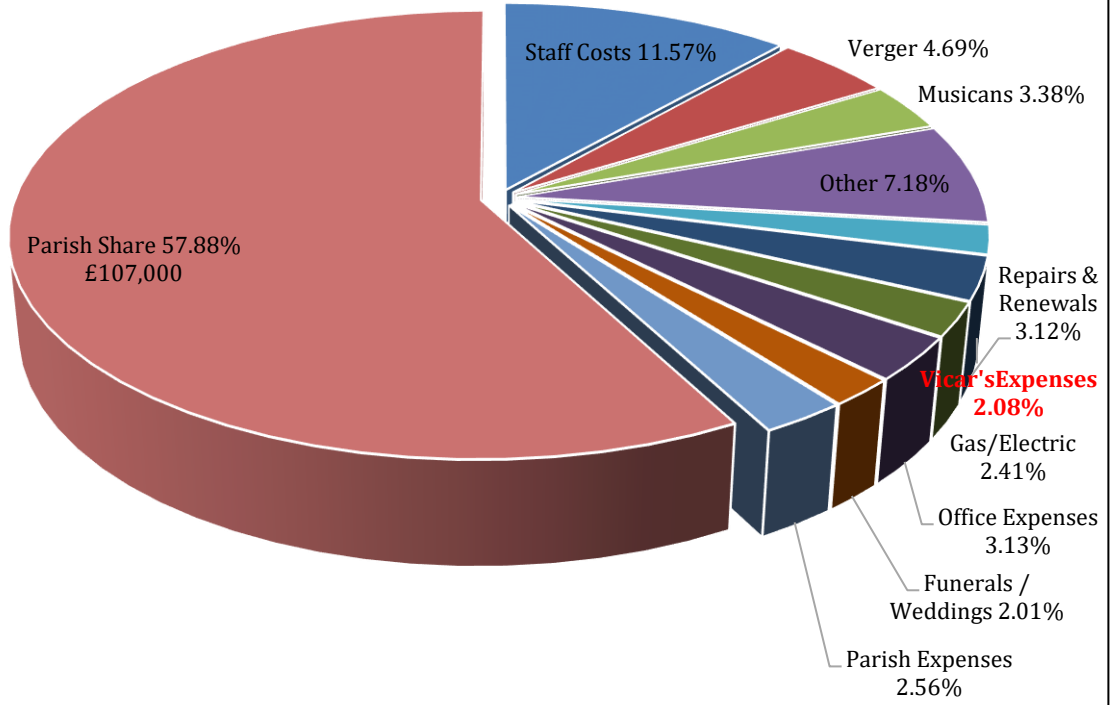
Gift Aid claimed for the year came to £27,862 (thanks to the efficient work of John Crowe), illustrating the importance of registering for Gift Aid with All Saints' church.



The total unrestricted expenditure for the year was £182,829, an increase of just over 3%. The increase in our Parish share increased by £4,273 (4.2%). There were several large expenses incurred during 2019 such as the purchase of a defibrillator, redecorating part of the church and the biggest of them all, repairing four of the windows. Thanks to a legacy and some more generous donations, most, but not all of these costs were covered by restricted funds.

If you have not already thought about joining the **Parish Giving Scheme** or giving by Standing Order, it really would help us, if you are able to. At this current time (April 2020), like many other businesses and charities, whilst we have cut our costs (furloughed staff, turned off or turned down the heating and stopped the cleaning of the Church and Church Hall) and reduced overheads, *we are running at a deficit*. Not least because a large proportion of our income has been reduced and we no longer have the cash collections, with the Church being closed at the present time. We do however have some reserves and generous legacies, so we are very blessed. We welcome you thinking of leaving something to All Saints in your will but of course we realise you should put your family needs above us. **Please contact the office, the Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer or the Vicar for more details.**

## 2019 Unrestricted Expenditure



A detailed breakdown of all the income and expenditure can be found in the annual accounts, along with details of the restricted and endowment funds.



**Anthony Ellis, Treasurer**

## **Other Groups, Committees and Activities**

### **Bereavement Support Group (BSG)**

We have had a busy and interesting year. Many and varied speakers, who have supplied us with very helpful information and pointed people in the right direction for individual needs and support.

From subjects such as Power of Attorney, Physical Fitness and Scams to Loneliness show the diversity of our helpful talks.

We were delighted and privileged that Anna Castley from Church of The Transfiguration was able to speak at the annual "In Loving Memory Service". It was both moving and inspirational, and much appreciated by those in attendance. Her talk is on our website.

The numbers attending the group varied but was always between 15 to over 20. Visitors have enjoyed warmth, care, support and a safe place in which to 'be with their grief', receiving one to one help when needed or requested, and sharing camaraderie with others in the same situation who empathise with their tears and loss.

It is no longer possible to keep this small intimate group, as church groups are open to all and it therefore sometimes needs to be in a larger size hall. The team feel that the altered dynamics of such a group are no longer tenable with what we wish to give the group. The December meeting was happy and harmonious and a good note to end on!



**Caroline Nicholson**

### **Bereavement Journey Course**

We were able to run the course (TBJC) twice over the last twelve month period: March / April 2019 and January / February 2020. Each course had eight guests, which is a good number to have for such a course as this.

Again, feedback from guests was very positive and we are privileged to be able to call upon the help of ten dedicated and experienced volunteers over the two courses. We were able to keep costs down (the food, refreshments and the materials) to a suggested donation of £30 for the six sessions.

The course is lead and hosted by Gill Drysdale, who is a trained counsellor and active Cruse Bereavement counsellor. But the support she has received from Charlie, Eva and the pastoral team has been key to its success. We aim to run the course at least once in the next twelve months.

Finally, we thank the PCC and members of All Saints for their support and prayers. We have been truly blessed by this. We ask for your prayerful support for the year ahead.



**Gill and Peter Drysdale**

### **Carol Singing**



**"You make my Christmas".....** is a comment we so often hear during this special time in the Church calendar.

8 Care Homes visited, including the new Lindsay on Wessex Way for the first time, lots of participation from residents and nursing staff alike, all singing their Christmas favourites.

The Canford Cliffs visit to the two Hairdressers gave their coiffured customers a special treat, with staff and stylists joining in with us. The traditional hot chocolate went down well at Harry's Bar Café after yet another downpour drove us inside.

Thank you everyone for your support as ever, and especially to **Dennis Pedley** for his musical accompaniment.

So..... *"Rest you merry gentlemen"* (and women and children of course!) until next Yuletide for more.....*"tidings of comfort and joy"*.



**David Williams**

## Church Choir

Besides leading the singing at our 11.00am services, we were again able to muster a choir when requested for 12 funerals and 2 weddings during the year. We are very grateful to everyone who boosted our numbers on these occasions so we could be called a "choir".

Likewise, it has been only through the support of others that we could sing anthems on Good Friday, Easter, Harvest and at the Carol Service. But none of this would have been possible without John Way, our organist, who does an incredible amount of work behind the scenes. He brings our music to life and his good humour to our practices.

We are relieved to now have more people in the choir, especially more men, but there are going to be times when the choir is severely stretched because so many of us have commitments elsewhere on Sundays at 11.00. Sadly, age and infirmity are also taking their toll. If you can sing, and feel able to help, even if not every Sunday, please phone me on 01202 700640. Thank you.



Janet O'Connor

**Janet O'Connor**

## Communion Servers

All Saints' servers prepare the communion and assist the priest in distributing or – when on home visits or care home visits – themselves distribute sacraments which have been previously consecrated by an ordained priest.

There are typically two communion services each Sunday as well as extra services at Lent and Easter: approx. 110 communion services in a year and monthly home or care home visits.

We were sad to lose Barrie Turner and, for an extended period while he recovers, Tom Tobin recently. David Butler is a welcome addition to the lead server team in 2020.



In church the servers are supported by a large team of chalice bearers.

**John Crowe, Lead Server Co-Ordinator and Gift Aid Secretary**



## Christmas Pudding Party!

During the year we have enjoyed a great social event especially for women each term. In **March** over 35 women gathered for an evening meal at the Chinese restaurant at The Sandbanks Hotel.

In **June** a similar number attended a fantastic evening at The East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club where we had a croquet lesson, a match and a delicious supper. Many thanks to Gill Munson and David Williams for all their hard work behind the scenes organizing this social.



In **November** (around the time of Stir up Sunday!), over 90 women gathered in the All Saints' Church Hall to make Christmas Puddings. The aim of the evening was to gather women together from all the generations within our community. We had a great evening and the hall looked beautiful, decorated with fairy lights and candles. We drank mulled wine as we mixed our puddings, and then had hot mince pies, cream and coffee with a talk given by myself about prayer and the real meaning of Christmas.



The women who attended not only took home their traditional hand-made pudding, but also some spiritual food for thought with an evangelistic talk and the **TRY PRAYING** booklet.

We also heard from Dr Louise Parkin who founded the local Christian charity **RESPECTED**, which goes into local secondary schools to discuss the difficult subject of sex and relationships education. It's a charity close to my heart, as I occasionally go and do the talks with the team.

Women also had the opportunity to purchase jewellery made by women in Kenya and to support the Christian charity **RED TRIBE**.



A charity that has been supported by Eva (pictured) and James Wallace-Hadrill for a number of years.

Everyone worked so hard to pull off an event of this scale and complexity; the amount of planning, preparation and sheer number of hours required is huge. There are too many to thank here individually but you all know who you are. Thank you!

Thank you!

**Sarah Boyle,  
Women's Ministry**



## Encounter

Our contemporary evening worship in the hall continued during 2019 during term time, for the months of February and March, May and June and October and November. We continued with our study of the book of Acts, with a talk each week given by one of the group members. It has been a great opportunity for members to step out and demonstrate their preaching skills and their biblical knowledge, and their talks have been a real inspiration to us, and their enthusiasm has been a real blessing. We also hosted a Churches Together in East Poole service.

We have also been particularly blessed that Phil Smith has continued to lead us in worship when able and that Lloyd Griffiths is also now on the team leading worship. I always come away from Encounter feeling refreshed and renewed by their sensitive and inspired choice of worship songs. Stella Whitcombe has, as a result, begun to think about becoming trained as a Lay Worship Leader.

We now have a core of regular members coming to Encounter but, as with all our services at All Saints', we welcome and encourage new members to



come along and experience Encounter, which is a less formal style of worship. Refreshments are always served after the service giving everyone the opportunity to get to know each other better.



**Gill Munson**

## **Fairtrade at All Saints**

As a Fairtrade registered church, we continue to serve Fairtrade coffee and tea at all church events.

It is also our aim to promote the benefits of buying Fairtrade goods whenever possible. Unfortunately, we have not been able to hold a stall selling Fairtrade items as our local supplier has stopped. We have however, promoted and sold the Real Easter Eggs which are Fairtrade certified.



**Sarah Smales**

## **House Groups**

In the last year we have continued to encourage church members to join home groups. These small groups provide an opportunity for deepening relationships, fellowship, bible study and prayer support.

A variety of day time and evening home groups have continued to meet during the week. With some new groups forming during the year there are now some 80 church members meeting across 9 home groups.

In October the home group leaders met with Charlie to encourage and support each other, to share ideas and to discuss possible future study material. Following this meeting it was agreed that for the Sunday sermon series on Exodus, study material and questions would be provided to the congregation and home groups to help us all reflect on and consider the teaching in greater depth during the week.



**Alison Pringle**

## **Knit and Natter**

The Knit and Natter Group have had another happy, supportive, and productive year.

We raised money for Mothers' Union projects at the Autumn Fair with one member almost single handedly producing Santa and all his reindeer, which took months of complicated knitting to complete, for this year's raffle.





Again, we produced warm, bright blankets to be taken out by church members to Beautiful Gate, the orphanage in Lesotho. Along with continuing to produce warm clothing and blankets ready to go out to children and families in the refugee camps in Calais and the orphanage in Lesotho in the new year.

The group has been running for seven years now and very special friendships have been made and continue to be made. We meet in the Church Hall on a Friday afternoon between 2.00 and 4.00pm and warmly welcome anyone in the Church or local community to join us. During the Coronavirus pandemic we have been supporting each other and sharing ideas.



**Pat van Schagen**

### **Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs)**

Serving LPAs: Pip Anthony, Ann Bambury, Mary Bebo, Howard Cunningham-Smith, Tina Cunningham-Smith, Tricia Darke, Kate Edwards, Beryl Hurley.

2019 was another busy year for the team, as we continued to try to cover the needs of the parish, offering love and support, with visits to home, hospital and care homes, where requested. We regularly visit residential homes in the Parish, offering friendship and Holy Communion on a monthly basis.



We have welcomed Eva Wallace-Hadrill in September to be our leader. Eva joined each group to visit the homes to give her an introduction to our working fields. Also, Eva is thankful that Pip (former leader) will remain as part of the LPA team, continuing with her visits and helping Eva with much useful advice to help familiarise herself with this new role.

We are looking forward attending LPA courses as part of the continuing learning scheme the Diocese is offering.

After many years as LPAs John and Judy Thorpe and Liz Pedley, have decided to retire from their formal visiting roles. We and the whole church family are very much indebted to them for all they have contributed.

We all attend different Sunday services so we hope we soon hear of those who would welcome our support. If we can help please speak to Charlie, Eva, Kate Edwards, the Church Office or a known LPA, and we would hope to respond as soon as possible.

During the Coronavirus pandemic we have been meeting via Zoom every two weeks to update each other on pastoral calls and the health of congregation members.



**Eva Wallace-Hadrill LLM**

## **Relationship Course**

We are delighted to say that nine couples subscribed to this course with no attrition over its five week duration. We chose to rename the course and reshape the materials slightly in order to accommodate both couples who were about to form a lifelong relationship (formerly Marriage Preparation Course) and couples who wanted to restore or deepen their relationship (formerly Marriage Course).

The feedback from guests indicated this format worked well and we will continue with that in the coming year. The course would not run without the brilliant team of volunteers. Our sincere thanks to all ten volunteers who made the course such a delight for our guests.



We need to thank the Church office staff and the Church staff generally for the work, encouragement and support. The publicity, promotion and invitation by word of mouth ensured we had a capacity guest list! Financially, we were able to keep costs within the £60 suggested contribution we asked of couples.

We are super excited that Nicky and Sila Lee have just updated the course materials, which we aim to use in our upcoming course in March 2020. We should also thank Barri and Eddie Newcomb, Charlie and the admin team

for their help and guidance regarding couples who plan to marry in All Saints'. We look forward to the next year and in early 2020 have run it via Zoom with 16 couples connecting on line, so to speak.

**Peter & Gill Drysdale**

## **Men's Group**

For an evening of intellectual debate ranging from Quantum Physics to Einstein's Theory of Relativity, you will do no better than attend a Men's Group get-together, but perhaps not ours! But, if you like to discuss, over a pint, whether Bournemouth F C will get relegated or the Saracens wage cap issue, this is the place for you my friends.

On the serious sports agenda, the ever popular annual All Saints Croquet Championship was held in early September at the East Dorset club where our illustrious vicar, Charlie, once again walked away with the honours, ably assisted by his teammates Dennis "dead eye" Pedley and Peter "I will get there somehow" Drysdale.

We also had a men's BBQ, hosted by Alison and Julian Pringle and a men's breakfast with Derek Dayman from Faithworks Wessex.

The Christmas dinner at the Parkstone Yacht Club was the highlight of the year, magnificent surroundings, very high standard cuisine, and many of the "younger" congregation joining in too.

A good year all round.



**David Williams with Charlie Boyle & John Crowe**

## **Nursery**

The year of 2018 to 2019 saw the All Saints' nursery continue to flourish and build upon the success of previous years. The nursery enjoyed being full to capacity for most of the year with staff working extremely hard to continue to maintain the high standards that we set ourselves.

The nursery has had no staff changes during the year and the children have benefited from the highly experienced and dedicated team. The children have enjoyed visits from the fire service, police, RSPB and Creature Teachers. We have continued with our weekly visits to Canford Cliffs Library during the spring and summer term, half termly visits to Chalgrove Care Home and frequent outdoor learning opportunities in the

surrounding woodlands. We have regularly welcomed parents into the nursery to meet each other and to listen to the children singing. Parents have also contributed by sharing their skills and knowledge with all the children. The academic year ended with an amazing Fashion Show titled "Pride and Joy" at which the children showed T shirts, hats and capes that they had created, with props and scenery produced by the parents. They are indeed our Pride and Joy.

The nursery now has a professionally produced and maintained website, which informs prospective and existing parents. Staff development continues to be a high priority. Staff have attended a wide variety of courses in addition to maintaining their statutory First Aid and Safeguarding training.

At this point in time the future of the nursery looks very bright. We have high numbers of children on roll, a stable, experienced and dedicated staff team as well as a committed and experienced board of trustees. We have plans for future developments which include looking at the possibility of an outdoor covered play area (approved by the P.C.C.) and further supporting children's speech and language development.



**Stephanie Parrett**

### **Older Persons' Ministry**

During the last year we have continued our aim of encouraging the spiritual lives of the elderly in the Parish of All Saints and to combat the growing epidemic of loneliness. This is attempted by creating circumstances where faith and companionship may flourish. Our monthly Faith and Fellowship discussion morning which offers coffee, prayer and spiritual support continues to be well attended.

Events organised have included, a Christian Fellowship Ladies Luncheon at a local Yacht Club; a 'request' Songs of Praise at the earlier time of 5.00pm with tea and cake and a chance to chat beforehand. We also celebrated International Older Persons Day with a special Communion Service followed by lunch in the Church Hall.

The above happenings are a regular part of the Church calendar continuing our policy of encouraging the elderly to come together with each other and with the Lord. As part of our future outreach programme, we plan to organise a 'befriending' service which will focus on visiting the lonely.



**Kate Edwards**



## Poole Food Bank



Once again, Poole Foodbank would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to The All Saints' Family.

They received so many contributions from us (and other local churches) that they asked us to please not give any more during January! They then sorted and rotated their stock in anticipation of more generosity starting February. They have mentioned that the giving over the Christmas season exceeded all expectations and the festive and luxury items were received with great appreciation.

Your generosity helps local needy families and assures them that they are in our thoughts.

James Wallace-Hadrill has kindly taken over collection duties from me in February 2020, as I offer myself to serve as a Churchwarden.



**Michael Steen**

## Prayer



Prayer meetings for the needs of the church and the wider world continued to be held in church at 9.15am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The meetings are held in the area by the font and include daily Bible readings and a short discussion on topics which may arise.

On several occasions during 2019, special prayer meetings were held in church on Sunday evenings.

Urgent prayer requests are treated as confidential and communicated to a small group via email. Do see our website or the weekly notices for more details.



**Suzie Myatt**

## Prayer Ministry Team

Over the last year the prayer ministry team have seen people receiving comfort for themselves, loved ones or friends. Almost without exception people have expressed how they have "felt better having received prayer" which has placed them near to God. In some ways this highlights one of two aims which is not only to seek a supernatural physical healing in the power of the Holy Spirit but also to help each person to draw nearer to God in their situation, and to receive whatever he wants to give them.

Three new team members have joined in the last two months and it is intended to try and recruit more members in the forthcoming year.



**Howard Cunningham-Smith**

### Stepping Stones



Another year and so many good walks: from Kimmeridge and Tolpuddle in the west to Barton-on-Sea in the east; and some beautiful villages in the north. Sometimes only 4 people but at other times nearer 20 in whatever the weather throws at us.

It is a really great way to meet new friends, have a good talk, exercise and, of course, rounded off by a good pub lunch.

Why not join us? We'd love to see you. Just turn up opposite the church on the date and time promulgated in the notice sheet or leaflets.



**Daphne Anderson**

### 2019 Summer Fete

Once again, we were blessed with beautiful weather for the 2019 summer fete and it was lovely to see such a variety of stalls, games, entertainment and food and to see so many people enjoying themselves. We raised £4,960 with expenses of £601, giving a profit of £4,359, up 16% on the previous year; an amazing result and we are very grateful to everyone for their kind



generosity and participation.

As always, a huge 'thank you' to all the many amazing volunteers from the All Saints' community who gave their time, effort and talents to ensure that the fete was such a great success. You are all very much appreciated.



**Gill and Sarah Munson**

### **All Saints Wednesday Tea Parties**

All Saints community Tea Party previously held on the 2nd Wednesday monthly has had a happy group of faithful guests enjoying delicious homemade sandwiches & cakes made by a very loyal team of volunteers.



Following discussions in April, in October as suggested by Charlie and Sarah, we amalgamated with BH Teas (who previously held their Tea Party in the Canford Cliffs village hall). Due to the increased number of guests and the ambient noise levels some of our guests were unable to hear as well as they used to.

On the 15th January 2020 with the support of the Mother's Union we held a very successful Tea Party and will continue on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

BH Teas will continue as usual on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month, successfully run by Lawrence and Jo Green and their team of volunteers.

Our retired guests can now enjoy 3 monthly Tea Parties!

My thanks to all the volunteers for their help and dedication.



Diana Alcroft

**Diana Alcroft**





## Sunday Morning Coffee

During the year, the queue for coffee was sometimes out of the hall and porch with people standing in the cold, so we decided to try serving just black coffee and tea from the hatch. Milk and sugar, and frequently cake, is then available on a table further in. This has proved successful, with tables and chairs now set up in the main hall, and the small hall only needed as an occasional overflow on the busiest days.



Thank you to all my lovely volunteers.

**Romy Shepherd**

## Wildlife Conservation at All Saints

Throughout the summer we enjoyed the annual wildflower blooms in the borders along the tarmac path. In the winter and spring, the cyclamen, snowdrops, primroses and cowslips along the path to the Bury Memorial have also bloomed. Thanks go to Doreen Milligan for supplementing the cyclamen which the squirrels had stolen. Watch out for other wildflowers in the previously unkempt graves and the poppies in the war graves. Val Kite is experimenting with wildflower matting which we hope will work.



We are now at the end of the contract with BCP Council to treat the Bamboo in the area behind the rhododendron hedge and alongside the Chine. The task will continue but we can already see what a

difference has been made. A wonderfully successful volunteer working party session in October resulted in a great deal of clearance and Peter Saunders has painted and planted up the old tyre making a temporary feature to complement the planting under the fir tree and on the old compost heap.

Because we can see the potential for this area, we have postponed putting up the habitat boxes until the proposed memorial garden is complete. The next steps are:

- engage a builder to turn over the area with a mini digger. This will enable us to hold a working party to pick out more Bamboo roots and sow wildflower seeds for the summer.
- commission a survey to see if the old compost area is unstable and if so, to recommend solutions to stabilize it to support a wide path for disabled access. Gabions, as at Branksome Dene Car Park have been suggested.
- obtain estimates for the design and construction of the new garden.
- apply for Faculties and funding for the above



If you have any ideas, time or money to contribute we would love to hear from you! If you would like to help, we meet either in working parties or if you would like to come more often, on a Thursday afternoon May - October!

Val Lamb , Trevor Meacock and Peter Saunders (pictured)



## **Youth and Children's Work**

### **Youth, Children and Schools' Work**

In March 2019 it was fabulous to have so many young people from our congregation come forward for confirmation by The Bishop of Sherbourne.

It was mentioned in the Diocesan news bulletin and it is pleasing to see many children/youth still attending Church regularly since then.

A good number of the candidates had participated in our Youth Alpha back in 2017 and others have had a long term association with our church. It was a delight to prepare 16 young members for confirmation and our classes were held on a Thursday evening in the upper room of the hall. We covered a huge range of subjects and many theological questions were tackled in a relaxed yet informative manner.



### **Confirmation candidates – March 2019 with Bishop Karen**

**Charlie and other members of All Saints (Colin, Richard, Emma, Mike Smith, Paul Hockley, Bob Nurser, Kate Edwards and myself)** have continued to work ecumenically and collaboratively with **Holy Angels by going into Lilliput Infant school**, doing Assemblies as part of the **Open the Book**, Scripture Union programme. It has also been a privilege and pleasure to continue to go into Secondary schools across the area delivering assemblies and working with PACE (Programme for Applied Christian Education Trust).



Since Father Michael Camp (pictured) retired from the parish of St Peters Parkstone I was asked to help cover his Thursday morning **assembly slot at Baden Powell and St Peters Junior School**.

This has been a great opportunity to take the gospel message into the school on a regular basis. It is always fun to see so many familiar faces in the crowd from junior church and they always give me a friendly wave and smile.

**Sarah Boyle**



**Junior Church** The Sunday morning groups have grown with an average of 22 (19 last year) downstairs and 12 (9 last year) upstairs. Emma Blaney has continued to be an invaluable help to the Sunday service team. Since September she has taken a step back from her other duties of helping with the Teddies, as she studies for her degree at Moorlands College.



We have a growing but changing team of adult helpers and leaders, who are prepared to give of their time and talents to lead the Sunday morning groups. It has been exciting to see members of the team evolve, from a helper role to a leader role. I am so grateful to all the members of the team who help put on our fantastic children's groups that help our young people learn and grow in their faith.

**Sarah Boyle**

## **Teddies**

I formally took over the running of the Teddies Carer and Toddler Group in April 2019 when **Pat and Colin Van Schagen** stood down, after many years of loyal and faithful service. We are still very much supported by the women of **the All Saints Mother's Union** who are integral in the successful running of this popular weekly group. **Sheila Jackson** organises the rota of ladies, who serve the tea and coffee from the kitchen and prepare the delicious fruit snacks for the little ones. It has been so encouraging to welcome many new members on to the team who help set up the hall, chat to parents/carers and to clear away at the end of the session. If it was not for the faithful bunch of people, the group would no longer exist.

It is always the hope and prayer that the people who attend the group, meet new friends but also encounter Jesus through the love and kindness of those serving them. Over the years I know that the All Saints' Teddies group has been a very successful entry point for families into our church. We hope and pray that this Monday afternoon group continues to grow and thrive in the years to come.

**Sarah Boyle**

## **All Saints Rainbows**

We have had a very busy twelve months with up to 20 girls regularly attending the meetings. 2019 saw the arrival of the Girlguiding New Programme for all the sections. For the first time, each section (Rainbows,



Brownies, Guides and Rangers) will work to the same six themes which are:

- Know Myself
- Express Myself
- Be Well
- Have Adventures
- Take Action
- Skills for my Future.



Under each theme, there are Unit Meeting Activities known as UMAs, Skills Builders and Interest badges for the girls to do at home and when the prescribed amount have been achieved, they receive a Theme Award. There are also badges for a completed Skills Builder too.

The unit has completed the UMAs and Skills Builders under Know Myself and has started Express Myself.

### **Annie Mitchener, Leader Brownies and Guides**



We enjoyed another fun year with enthusiastic beavers, dedicated leaders, helpers and parents. Many badges were gained, including: global, space, experiment and builder!



Beavers also enjoyed making crafts, gifts, pancakes, pizzas, kebabs. They toasted marshmallows in the woods and went on a night hike and joined in a camp fire sing song. A Christmas party was enjoyed, and the Chinese New Year celebrated making lanterns. We visited Safewise, to cover the safety badge, and also Poole Park Watersports for paddle boarding and kayaking.

Church involvement included parades, Lent project, and the summer fete. District events included the St George's day parade, a carol service, and a visit to a panto. In the summer, two days of note were an energetic day at Buddens campsite, including climbing and abseiling, and a visit to Farmer Palmers feeding animals, go karting and tractor riding.

My thanks go to Jonathan, Hugo (our new assistant leader), Helen, Ian, Matt and Mike for their continued loyal support and to all the parents.

**Diana Alcroft, Beaver Leader**

## **Cubs**

During 2019 we worked with a full pack of between twenty and twenty four cubs most evenings. During the summer of 2019 we learnt to sail on Poole Park lake. We went crate stacking and caving at Butchers Coppice and we had a weekend camp at Buddens at Wareham. At the camp we built rafts, went kayaking and abseiling and the cubs cooked their own breakfast. A number of cubs enjoyed helping to sell toys at the church fete.

In the Autumn term we had an evening of orienteering in Poole Park and gained the hiking badge. We worked on the Our World Challenge Badge, finding out about famous buildings around the world, international foods of the world and found out about food in India.

We attended the Harvest Parade service and a group of cubs enjoyed distributing harvest gifts around the parish the following day.

In December we made our own Christmas card and planted bulbs that could be given to family for Christmas. We attended the District Carol Service at St James Church. In the Spring term, a team took part in the District Scrapheap Challenge, making a model of an airport in an hour and coming third in the district.

We are grateful of the support that we get from parents, leaders and All Saints which enables us to go from strength to strength.

**Janet Morris**  
**Cub**  
**Scout Leader**



## **Our Mission Statement**

**Our aim** is to be a welcoming, prayerful, Christ-centred community. A church that cares for each other and the local environment, showing God's love by serving our community and the wider world.

**Our purpose** is to be Christ-like and point people to Jesus.

**Our vision** is to be a Christian family of all ages and stages of faith, embracing the local community; a place of faith and hope; a place to grow in discipleship of Jesus; a springboard to mission.

## **Parochial Church Council**

All Saints Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, The Revd Charlie Boyle, in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish. The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, no. 1132583.

Under the new Church Representation Rules 2020, there is no minimum number of meetings stipulated. Under the old rules in 2019 (a minimum of four meeting required) eight meetings were held.

The Independent Financial Examiner for 2019 was Mr John Gunton.

All Saints' PCC bank accounts are with HSBC, Poole Road, Westbourne and the Church of England Central Board of Finance (deposit account).

### **Membership**

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

<b>Vicar:</b>	Revd Charlie Boyle
<b>Curate:</b>	Revd Carolyn Couzens (part year)
<b>Churchwardens:</b>	Mr Bob Nurser (part year) Mrs Anne Burton

### **Representatives of the Deanery Synod:**

Mrs Beryl Hurley	until 2020
Mrs Kate Edwards	until 2020
Mrs Janet Morris	until 2021
Mr David Carr	until 2020

### **Elected members:**

Mr Ian Davey	until 2020
Mr Anthony Ellis (Treasurer)	until 2022
Mrs Kate Edwards	until 2020

Mrs Gillian Munson	(resigned Feb 2020)
Mrs Kate Parker	until 2020
Mr David Carr	until 2020
Mrs Beryl Hurley	until 2020
Mr Peter Davidson	until 2022
Mrs Gill Drysdale	until 2022
Mrs Janet Morris	until 2021
Mr Julian Pringle	until 2022
Mrs Alison Pringle	until 2022
Mr Ray Stephenson (Secretary)	until 2022
Mr Mike Steen	(co-opted in March 2020)

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