

Parish Church of St Barnabas, Swanmore.



ALL are invited to the forthcoming Church Meetings*

(see below)

This is a copy of the Annual Reports from the various Church groups; it is also available via email on request to the PCC Secretary jill.m.phipps@gmail.com

Notice of Meeting of Parishioners

The meeting of Parishioners will be held in

The Paterson Centre on

Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 7.30pm

For the election of Churchwardens.

Open to all residents of the village

Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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will be held in the Paterson Centre on

Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 7.30pm

For the election of laity representatives to the Parochial Church Council and to consider the various reports and other matters as required under the Church Representation Rules

*only those on the Church Electoral Roll can vote and take part in discussion; others may observe

Meeting of Parishioners
Wednesday 27th April at 7.30pm in the Paterson Centre
Agenda

1. To accept apologies for absence
 2. To agree the minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners held on
 3. To elect two Churchwardens for the coming year.
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Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Agenda

1. To agree the minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on
2. To receive reports:
 - 2.1 The Parish Church Electoral Roll
 - 2.2 The Annual report of the Parochial Church Council
 - 2.3 The Independently Examined Financial Statements of the PCC for the year ended 2021
 - 2.4 The Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church report
 - 2.5 The proceedings of Bishops Waltham Deanery Synod report.
3. To elect representatives of the laity to serve on the PCC:

Three representatives for a term of three years
One representative for a term of one year
4. To appoint an External Examiner for the financial statements of the PCC for 2022
5. To take note of other reports and discuss any questions or matters arising therefrom.
6. To hear the Chair's closing remarks.

Churchwardens: Fabric and Grounds Report for year 2021

Gifts

As a church this year more than ever we have benefitted from generous gifts of time, skills and prayer from our congregation, our village and further afield. We have benefitted from a generous legacy to be used for churchyard maintenance. We must have one of the best kept churchyards in Hampshire.

Church grounds

Throughout the year a group of men meet each week in the churchyard. They mow and trim; they cut hedges. All the hedges are now at a height that does not need step-ladders. Definitely safer and they show off the lovely tidy churchyard. We have installed a small store for garden equipment as we are unable to use the Vicarage garage.

The step down from the Paterson Centre Fire exit has tested many great minds. A solution is in sight.

Last summer an enthusiastic group tackled the vicarage drive and garden. Thanks to everyone for the rapid transformation. Great teamwork!

Lighting

Ongoing work to improve the quality of lighting in church has continued. Fixed coloured lights were complemented by some portable lights in the Autumn, researched and sourced by John Sharpe, and funded via gifts from church members. Interesting effects are possible.

For the last couple of years the Parish Council have lit up the centre of the village at Christmas; with a combination of new lights from the Parish Council and our own lights the church glowed.

Quinquennial Report

The Quinquennial inspection was due last year. There is a shortage of qualified architects. We are still waiting for our inspection.

Faculty Application

Barnaby's obtained a grant from Winchester City Council(WCC) to acquire equipment for improvements for Covid protection. A faculty for a ventilation fan and electrically operated awning to protect customers who prefer to sit outside, was submitted in August. A planning application had to be submitted to WCC. These processes took much longer than anticipated. There was a backlog of planning applications. All public notices were done in good time but a decision from Winchester was delayed (until March 2022).

Link Toilet

This work was carried out and completed in Spring 2021.

Fire Extinguishers

Annual Fire extinguishers inspection was carried out in the early summer.

Paterson Centre

Last year we welcomed Jane as our cleaner, (and earlier this year added Lesley to the team) Thank you both for keeping the hall welcoming for all the Paterson Centre users.

This is our Church!

So many people work tirelessly to maintain our church, inside and out, as we all expect to find it. We are indebted to so many people, who make our church and grounds look well cared for and loved. We thank those hard -working parishioners and friends. A huge thank you to all of you.

Dave Lee and Janet Chant April 2022

Annual Report by the Electoral Roll Officer for the year 2021-2022

As of the APCM on 28/4/21 the number on the Roll was 146. Since then five people have died, two have moved away and 10 people have registered, so that as of 12/4/22 the register stands at 149.

In accordance with the wishes of the PCC the full Roll with addresses, etc. is available for PCC business but is not on public display. The Roll is updated as and when I become aware of departures, new members or changes in personal details. In order to keep the Roll up to date please let me know of any changes.

Jenny Sharpe

Electoral Roll Officer 12th April 2022

Deanery Synod Report APCM 2022

There were 5 meetings of Deanery Synod in 2021 all of which took place on Zoom.

At the January meeting the Rev'd Will Hughes spoke in his capacity as Acting Archdeacon of the Meon. He spoke encouragingly about the work currently proceeding within deaneries to contribute to the restructuring and renewal of church life in the diocese.

The financial report was presented to the meeting.

Wiauso Diocese

The Area Dean reported that during 2020 the deanery was able to provide emergency financial support to a number of parishes in Awaso archdeaconry along with assistance to their new Archdeacon to purchase some office equipment. The future relationship between parishes in Bishops Waltham deanery and partners in Wiauso is still to be determined.

Hackney Deanery.

Financial support has been provided for link parishes in Hackney. Discussions are continuing with Hackney Deanery about the possibility of scheduling a celebratory event in 2022 to mark the winding-up of the Link.

There was discussion re the Diocesan Strategic Development.

In February the Synod agreed to allocate £1000 to Awaso to help finance the repairs to their church roof.

Further discussion took place regarding possible future plans for the deanery.

In June the results of Deanery Synod elections were announced.

Again, there was more discussion about possible future plans for the Diocese and Deanery.

At the September meeting there was a presentation from the Diocesan Stewardship Adviser.

Further discussion took place re the possible future structure of Bishops Waltham Deanery.

At the November meeting Rebecca Hunt (Bishops Waltham) was congratulated on her success in securing election to General Synod. There was an update on Diocesan Synod.

There was a paper circulated prior to the meeting regarding concerns over the Anglican church in Ghana's views in response to their government proposals re treatment of the LGBT+ community and concerns were expressed.

Jen Frampton. Deanery Synod Representative. April 2022

Safeguarding Report for APCM

Safeguarding Policies and Practice: 'Promoting a safer church' the safeguarding policy statement of the Church of England, St Barnabas Safeguarding Policy together with all the required statutory practice adopted by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) remains the basis on which we implement safeguarding within the parish. During vacancy the responsibility for safeguarding rests with our church wardens in consultation with the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), PCC and Area Dean.

Safeguarding appears on the agenda at every PCC meeting. Safeguarding aspects have been updated on various policies including the Paterson Hire Agreement and, with the help of Health & Safety Officer Paul Eathorne, the Lone Working Policy. All

current safeguarding policies and procedures are available to view on the church website as, in accordance with national church requirements, the information hub contains a dedicated and frequently revised safeguarding section.

St Barnabas is signed up to the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard (PSD), an on-line tool which identifies safeguarding policies, practice and procedures which we as a parish are already addressing and those to which we need to attend. The PSD draws these together into a Safeguarding Action Plan to assist in maintaining and improving our safeguarding practice. This is always a 'work in progress', so far we are at Level 2 (top is Level 3).

The Diocese Safeguarding Team (DST) have introduced quarterly PSO zoom network meetings to ensure good safeguarding practice happens at parish level. These forums keep PSO's up to date with diocese procedures, provide opportunities to meet other PSO's, share good practice as well as challenging experiences. The diocese safeguarding conference is scheduled to take place in Portsmouth Cathedral on 20th September 2022.

Safer Recruitment: In line with New House of Bishops Safer Recruitment and People Management (SRPM) Guidance (Jan 2022) the PCC is working towards full SRPM compliance. Job descriptions for all volunteer and paid roles within our church that involve substantial contact with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults, clear procedures for interviews and appointments, DBS checks together with safeguarding training will help create a church that is safer for everyone.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS): ThirtyOne:Eight our on-line provider of DBS checks is well established. As lead recruiter and with deputy recruiter John Branson, we always have a point of contact in the parish to handle DBS applications. Including our ministry team we currently have 27 DBS checked individuals at various levels of clearance and this is constantly under review. Thank you to everyone for your willingness to go through this process, your co-operation has been greatly appreciated. The latest guidance (Feb 2022) states that a DBS clearance is now valid for 3 and not 5 years. This brings the Church of England in line with good practice across the charitable/not for profit sector. The parish has until January 2024 to phase this in.

Safeguarding Training: The Church has an ambition that safeguarding flows from the essence of its mission and values. Safeguarding training is a key aspect of working towards this ambition. In response the DST published a new training matrix (Jan 2022) which meant, dependant on role, additional mandatory Foundations, Safer Recruitment, Leadership and Domestic Abuse training modules. Participation in these extra on-line modules and face to face training courses are gradually being completed at all levels. A commitment is shown by volunteers to follow the necessary and 3 year update training pathway to support safeguarding in our parish. Safeguarding training is freely available for everybody to access via the Diocese website. Thank you to everyone for your patience and assistance in this vitally important aspect of church life.

Safeguarding Incidents or Expressions of Concern: There are presently (at the time of compiling this report) no on-going safeguarding incidents or expressions of

concern within the parish. However by their very nature safeguarding issues, which touch all sectors of society and take many forms, may be well hidden. So as always please be vigilant. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility so if you see, hear or are given safeguarding information, you have a duty to act on it.

Caroline Vost

Parish Safeguarding Officer

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MU REPORT FOR APCM, 2022

This report covers the year from January to December, 2021

Unfortunately, with Covid numbers increasing and with several lockdowns our members were unable to meet in person for the early part of 2021. We kept in touch with regular phone calls, emails or paper reports giving information, prayers, poems and funny anecdotes to try and brighten up the dark winter days when we were all worried about what would happen in the future. As most of our members came under the most at risk category, many had to stay indoors and avoid mixing.

We held our first meeting back in the hall in July where we met for a general chat and a cup of tea. In August we were again invited to an afternoon tea in Juliet and Nick's wonderful garden, and we were blessed with a beautiful sunny day. It was so nice to meet up with friends and enjoy some of the amazing cakes and pastries. Our ladies are certainly very talented bakers.

Our September meeting began with a quick AGM for 2020 which didn't take too long as we hadn't been able to hold meetings or meet up since January 2020. Jenny our treasurer, had decided to step down after many years of service, but would stay on the committee and she was presented with a gift.

All the other members of the committee agreed to stay on but didn't want to take over the role of Treasurer, so it was agreed that all members would take part in a ballot to say if they would be Treasurer or if they wished our branch to continue. It is a stipulation in our Constitution that as we are a charity, we must have a Treasurer in place. Fiona was thanked for delivering the Birthday cards and Vere was thanked for delivering the Contact magazines. Marlene was also thanked for her part in providing refreshments for many years and informed the Branch that she now wished to stand down. Marlene was presented with a plant. Members then enjoyed the rest of the afternoon with each member having brought along something which they had "hanging on my wall".

We had a very successful Coffee Morning at the beginning of October and then our October meeting was a very interesting talk about Lord Shaftesbury given by one of our members Anne Shotlander. We were all very shocked and upset about the sudden passing of our dear

friend Marlene, with many of us attending her beautiful funeral. She had loved her lovely garden and Tony and the family ensured her funeral reflected this.

At our November meeting we heard all about Sponsoring a Child from Abroad.

As the role of Treasurer couldn't be filled, it was with regret that it was decided that our branch of MU would close following our Advent Reflection meeting in December. We had cake and members looked at old photos from MU events and reports from early meetings. I was presented with a lovely plant for sending out my emails and reports during lockdown. A lovely surprise. All of the money in our bank account was withdrawn and a cheque was sent to the Diocesan Treasurer.

Some of our ladies joined the Wickham and Bishops Waltham branches of MU or became a Diocesan member.

Nick and Hazel marked the occasion of our branch closing on 5th December with all members present being asked to come to the front for the congregation to thank them. Our ladies will continue to help at Church events, especially when Primary School events are held in Church.

Allison Gurry, MU Secretary

Sunday Club Report 2021

2021 started very much like the previous year, as like many other groups we were still unable to meet in person. We continued to stay in touch with our young people with craft packs and meeting via Zoom for about 30minutes. We included a game, a time to share and a bible story or thought.

In September we were able to meet again in person as a group. We decided to split the group, so those in year 7 and above met in Barnaby's for Youth Alpha with croissants and juice on arrival, led by Vicki & Sam.

Those aged 3-10 years continued to meet in the Paterson Centre. We now have a working TV set up in the Paterson Centre, which we use for videos and singing.

We continue with the format of a game, some singing a bible story, craft and a time of prayer.

The Light Party went ahead in October with limited numbers due to Covid. Our theme was pirates, we enjoyed a number of games, craft, singing and a hot meal. We still had around 20 children and a number of parents came along.

Due to the high numbers of Covid cases at the Primary School we decided to

cancel the Crib Service at the last minute in December; although it was a difficult decision it was the right one to make. Due to lack of time we edited the Crib Service from 2020 and showed it on Christmas Eve via You Tube.

The good news is this year's Crib Service is already planned, written and ready to go, thanks to Vicki and Jack's hard work last year.

As always, I ask you continue to pray for our young people, their families and us as leaders.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ben Armstrong & The SC Team.

Pastoral Visitors

(Derrinda Laing, Caroline Clapperton, Janet Pancott, Jen Frampton, Allison Gurry, Cheryl Young.)

Although the work has only really begun in 2022 and so will form part of the report for next year's APCM, we wanted to remind friends and colleagues that six PVs did a four-week training in November 2021 and were authorised for ministry in January. Certificates and lanyards were presented by Canon Nick Ralph and the team meets quarterly for discussion and supervision. Currently, they focus on baptism, bereavement, newcomers, Swanmore School, valuing the elderly and housebound, visiting the unwell. The work is meant to complement all other pastoral work which has happened or is happening in a variety of ways.

The main purpose of this brief report is to heighten awareness as the PVs need the whole congregation to feed them information and leads: pointing out newcomers in church, advising of newcomers to the village (watch out for SOLD signs), asking sick, bereaved, elderly or housebound if they would like a visit and passing on information (with proper permissions). We look forward to providing a full and productive report in 2023.

Hazel Whitehead 8th April 2022

St Barnabas Clock-Winding Team

The winding team is 6 strong and now includes PSO Gary McCulloch. The clock chimes on the hour 24/7 and keeps to +/- 30secs most of the time. It is an 8 day mechanism and is wound weekly, usually on a Saturday.

It is serviced once a year (Cumbrian Clock). The light fitting in the winding chamber was changed by John Branson and Brian Pancott because the old fitting was in a dangerous condition; our thanks to them for that. The Risk Assessment was updated on advice from Gary McCulloch.

Roger de Vere & Team

St Barnabas Church Flower Group

Because of the pandemic we were unable to have flowers in church until December 2020 and then it was decided that we would only decorate the windows each side of the altar with foliage and red candles. We were also unable to have our fund raising coffee morning. The flower team were pleased to return to decorating the church for Easter 2021. It was also nice to return to our weekly flower rota which we did in July of that year. Because of other commitments we were sorry that Diana Angelis felt unable to continue flower arranging and are grateful to her for all she has done in the past. We decorated for Harvest Festival and together with the Christmas tree festival decorated for that celebration. We held our Christmas coffee morning and were grateful to everyone who supported this.

As I have stated in the past our church flower team is not getting any younger and would welcome anyone who has a love of flowers to join us. You do not have to be a marvellous flower arranger. We all just try to do our best.

Juliet Helbren

Swanmore Primary School Governor Update

The school and staff provided excellent support to children, families and the community during the pandemic responding as required to changing Government guidelines and rules. The Governing Body was active in providing support to the school throughout this time.

Now happily the school is operating as normal with all popular activities such as trips, drama and sport happening again. Sadly in terms of the education of our young it is apparent that the pandemic has left a legacy nationally particularly for our disadvantaged children. The school are actively responding to these challenges and the Governors are providing the support, challenge and governance required of them.

We are excited by recent appointments and developments: A new Deputy Head starts on 25th April (Rebecca Parker) and a new KS1 lead (Rachel Wilkie) started in September. John Paterson, our Head leads a strong Leadership and Teaching team at school. It is worth noting the school is due for an Ofsted now which could take place at any time over the next 12 months.

The school facilities have been enhanced during this time and we are appreciative of the support and funding from the Diocese for our major projects.

The Governor role is a busy and responsible one and the school is blessed with an active set of Governors of whom the Foundation Governors form a vital part.

Our Foundation Governors: Andrew Wilkinson, Sam Lee, Jenny Maunder, Peter Wilkins, Hannah Horner, and Ian Wollam. Bobbie Branson is also our Local Authority Governor. The school and I are grateful for the efforts of all our Governors.

Ian Wollam, Chair of Governors.

‘Worship Wonders’ at Swanmore Primary School

In 2021 Southampton City Mission (SCM), who provide some of the RE curriculum content in the school, had partnered with Scripture Union (SU) to offer a ‘Grow Communities’ network in the schools across Southampton and we were invited to be a pilot school. The aim is to reach the 95% of children who are not coming to church and help them to explore and flourish in the Christian faith through a variety of activities. Our Headteacher and RE lead teacher, Tricia Clark, welcomed this pilot project and St Barnabas was invited to be a partner.

Due to Covid, we only managed a few sessions in the summer term but in the Autumn term we met regularly from 12.45 to 1.15 in a Year 1 classroom on Thursdays; sessions included listening to Bible stories, making crafts and singing. We used Godly Play stories, mindfulness activities such as finger labyrinths, talked about prayers and wrote our own, and set up a prayer station for the school and the community with ribbons tied onto the school railings in memory of loved ones who had died. This was a response to the ‘Remembering Time’ from 2nd November through to Remembrance Sunday. Each Worship Wonders session starts with lighting a candle and finishes with prayer; some of the children are confident in praying aloud. Between 15 and 24 children attended every week. At the end of the term, we invited the children to complete a questionnaire on their experience of the sessions and their ideas for the future. They most enjoyed playing games, doing crafts, mindfulness activities, prayer stations, listening to stories and praying aloud. As well as continuing those activities, they want to look at the Bible in more detail, and fundraise for others in need. The group is designed to be peer led and peer-shaped and they chose their name because they are wondering about God.

The teacher generously shares her classroom resources, takes photos during the activities and has set up a separate tab on the school website so that parents can see what we are doing. A couple of parents have commented to us on how much their children look forward to Worship Wonders.

As adults we have been delighted at the children's commitment to Worship Wonders. They look forward to the sessions and are keen to bring their friends and siblings along. During the Spring term (2022) numbers have risen with a core committed group of 25 and others who attend less regularly.

The children are enthusiastic and open -we looked at the story of Creation one week using the Godly Play pictures, and there was lively debate about the order of the days, where dinosaurs came in and whether God needed a rest at the beginning as well as the end of his work.

The teacher values the break in a busy school day, the sense of peace when we all pray, the way it helps them to focus on special times in the church year and that we as the church are involved. She has noticed how the children respond to God in the Bible stories and in the activities.

Worship Wonders is now a regular weekly activity during term time for us; as a team we meet in church to pray beforehand for the children. Our role as 'the Church across the road' is to support this project and to pray for it and the children, inviting them and their families to specific services and activities with the aim of linking the two, which is beginning to happen now.

Jill Phipps, Jen Frampton & Cheryl Young (Pastoral Visitors) & Anne Davies

Annual Report of the PCC Social & Fundraising Committee for APCM 2022

Members of the Committee:

John Sharpe, Jenny Sharpe, Derrinda Laing, Jenny Frampton, Rick Ankers, Allison Gurry

Following a full and varied programme of events in 2019 Covid basically wiped out activities in 2020, apart from a series of free Zoom quizzes. In 2021 we continued these, holding one a month for the first 4 months of the year. Thereafter as the country opened up we adopted a cautious approach and held just two events Open Gardens & a Christmas Concert. Open Gardens 16/17th July was a success raising £1448 split 50/50 with Rowans Hospice plus a further £447 for St Barnabas from the Refreshment Team to give a total for the weekend of £1171 for St Barnabas. On 11th December we held a brilliant concert by The Blow Saxophone Ensemble in the Church. Nett of expenses this raised £531.95 plus £42 from on-line sales via Eventbrite. We look forward to a fuller programme in 2022.

John Sharpe

St Barnabas PCC Home Group report for 2021

Due to the pandemic and covid restrictions, unfortunately Home Groups were unable to meet for most of the year.

Weekly Lent groups were held on Zoom, for four or five weeks, and reflections were taken from Hazel Whitehead's book, 'God in Lockdown'.

At the end of the year, the Friday Morning Home Group met socially twice, once in November and again in December, and planned their studies for restarting in 2022 when it was hoped restrictions would be finally lifted.

Barnaby's Report 2021

With a global pandemic still in charge at the beginning of 2021, Barnaby's remained closed until April, when the easing of Government restrictions allowed us to trial a new outside 'takeaway-only' service under very managed circumstances. This eventually led to the beginning of a phased approach to opening, starting in May with a service counter at the front door and limited outdoor seating. With constraints on gatherings and social distancing still in play, this was a significant challenge for the BBT to deliver, particularly as many volunteers and customers voiced concerns about being open at all.

On 26th June, with our doors finally able to open properly, we celebrated our ability to be 'out-and-about' with a small display of privately-owned classic cars. Originally intended as a one-off, this event grew and grew for us to then be able to host over 50 cars one Saturday in September. This initiative was seen as a great success and there are 7 dates planned for 2022.

2021 was a very difficult year for us to continue with our mission to support local charities. However, as normality returned, we were able to play our part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Support (raising over £500), and in November we supported the Royal British Legion. As the festive season approached, we made donations to The Children's Society and St Barnabas church flowers. Our Charity Awareness Scheme is set to relaunch on 19th March 2022 with an event for local charity Helping Hooves, and we have commitments to support other good causes for the year ahead.

After 18 long and challenging months, we were very pleased to be able to reward our volunteers with a Mulled Wine & Mince Pies evening in December, to thank them for everything they have done to support us. The BBT rely completely on these willing helpers to deliver Barnaby's mission, but it remains a constant struggle to ensure we have sufficient staff available to open. Support from the PCC to assist with this, or any aspect of operating Barnaby's, is always welcome.

Oddly, under such challenging trading circumstances, the fiscal picture is a good one. The BBT were able to secure a £5,000 Transformation, Adaptation & Development Grant from Winchester City Council, which has enabled us to deliver a number of measures to help defend against Covid 19 inside what is a quite small space. With the support of the PCC, Faculty and Planning Permission applications were made for all-weather protection of some of our outdoor seating area too, and a further £2,000 Business Recovery Grant Application was filed for 2022. Both grants have already enabled us to trade at a higher level than we had predicted, so our regular stipend to the PCC was restored in the summer and then increased from the monthly amount paid prior to the pandemic.

Special thanks this year goes to us, the BBT, who have worked so hard in difficult times to make Barnaby's work as a community hub. Well done team!

Barnaby's Business Team

Sarah & Alastair Walton, Dot & Mike Holubinka, Gail Norris, Liz Newbold, Bill Jones