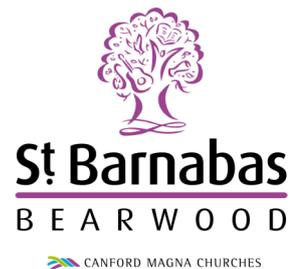




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Parish of Canford Magna

Annual Report
for year ended 2017



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. Canon Chris Tebbutt
Team Vicars Revd. Geoff Boland
Revd. Andy Rimmer (until July 2017)

Other Parish Clergy Revd. Cecil Clark
Revd. Sandra Tebbutt
Revd. Heather Waldsax
Revd. Jean Audibert
Revd. Pat Nesbitt

LLM's Mr David Wells

Churchwardens

Parish Church Mrs Jane Hazell
Mrs Sandra Webster

Lantern Mr John Miller
Mrs Katherine Stickland

St Barnabas Mr David Waterman
Mr William Evans

Parish Treasurer Mrs Fiona Ferenczy

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mr John Bentall
Mr Andrew Palmer
Mr Nick Creswell

Elected members representing Canford Magna Parish Church

Mr Stephen Orman
Ms Elizabeth Webb

Elected members representing St. Barnabas Church

Mr Stephen Fraser
Ms Janet Lincoln
Mrs Karen Sherman
Mrs Patsy Turner

Elected members representing the Lantern Church

Mrs Tracey Black
Mr Gary Elson

Mrs Nonny Harlow
Mr Peter Owen

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. Canon Chris Tebbutt (*Chairman*)
 Revd. Geoff Boland
 Mrs Fiona Ferenczy (*Parish Treasurer*)
 Mr John Miller
 Mrs Jane Hazell
 Revd. Andy Rimmer (until July 2017)
 Mr David Waterman
 Mr David Wells

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

Parish Church PCC Subcommittee
Lantern PCC Subcommittee
St. Barnabas PCC Subcommittee
Business Forum PCC Subcommittee

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 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 Incumbent 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 Lounge.

The Diocese of Salisbury maintain the clergy residences, and the curate's residence acquired at 174 Lynwood Drive during 2013.

Parish Numbers

There are 453 parishioners on the church electoral roll, 208 of whom are not resident within the Parish, 36 names were added during the year and 64 were removed.

Review of the year

The PCC has met 5 times since the last annual meeting with the average level of attendance remaining the same this year at 52.2%. 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 in the parish.

The appointment of officers for each Sub-Committee were approved.

The Standing Committee met once in 2017.

St Barnabas

This last year has been a year of slow but continued growth in the church. Our children's work especially has seen encouraging growth with over 30 children now taking part in the different groups that we run on a Sunday morning. The teaching syllabus is the same through all the groups which we believe has helped the children and all the 20 plus people who teach and encourage them.

It does not seem like 8 years ago since we started work on the new St.Barnabas, but it is, and this February we were thrilled to be able to hand a cheque over to the Talbot Village trust paying back the £75,000 that they loaned us back in 2009. I would like to take the opportunity once again to thank-you everyone from St.Barnabas, and those from the Parish Church and The Lantern who have faithfully given a monthly gift to pay back the loan.

Highlights of the year have been a wonderful evening for worship leaders and musicians, with a feast of Lebanese food cooked by Hadi a visiting worship leader from Lebanon. A memory walk in aid of Alzheimer's UK which raised £1000. A fantastic Light Party on Halloween with many visiting families.

And throughout the whole year a strong and consistent focus on teaching the Bible in a fresh and deeper way, with prayer ministry on offer every week, and dynamic worship from the many talented musicians in our worship team.

Rev Geoff Boland

The Lantern

Lantern Leadership Report

Well, what a difference a year makes! It has certainly been a year of change at the Lantern. We are so thankful for our amazing staff team and outstanding congregation at the Lantern church, as well as the faithful and loving God we serve, without whom would have made a tough year totally impossible.

It started off in difficult circumstances as sadly we had to release Bea Ellaby, our Youth Pastor, from her contract. Andy and Mary Rimmer were then called by the Lord to take up the reins of Christchurch, Barnet and left in July. We are so thankful for the amazing leadership, passion for God and friendship Andy and Mary brought us over the last 12 years and they will be sorely missed. It is credit to Andy and Mary that the Lantern has been so strong during the interregnum.

The focus has been to continue maintaining the life of church as well as recruiting both Youth Worker and Vicar. We are delighted to say that with God's guidance and a rigorous recruitment process we had Jared Littlewood join us as Youth Worker in September 2017 and will have Revd. Mike Tufnell join us as the new Team Vicar in July 2018. We look

forward with excitement to what Mike and his family will bring and praise God for selecting such an amazing successor.

Many, many people have stepped up to the plate in the last year and taken extra responsibility to ensure the Lantern has carried on deepening our love with God, each other and serving the community of Merley and beyond. Numbers have remained high at both Sunday services which is a real testament to all the hard work being done during our interregnum. Outreach activities such as Mums and Toddlers, Saturdads, Mixed Blessings and one off events have continued to grow and there have been many new faces join us. Well done Team Lantern!

Praise God for everything He is doing, we are ready for more... bring it on Lord!

John and Katherine, Lantern Churchwardens.

Parish Church

The year of 2017 ended recognising the Lord's leading as we saw many signs of God's blessings.

First, our pattern of worship has settled down in a way that people are happy. Whilst our Breakfast@9 needed no change, the 10:30 service has transitioned into a style that balances tradition and informality, as we seek to be a worshipping church reaching all generations. Prayer ministry and seeking the Lord's healing remain a feature of our worship and church life.

Secondly, a new leadership team was appointed and with a large cross section of the congregation had an Away Day in December, where many aspects of Parish Church life were discussed. We came away appreciating many of the Lord's blessings and with a list of some significant areas to review, including our Vision and Values, Prayer & Discipleship, Evangelism and Outreach and Communication. This review is in prayerful process.

Thirdly, the Lord has provided over £300,000 for the Kingfisher project, half of which was from the church membership. The much-needed roof repair will be finished shortly as we have the c. £80,000 needed. This will help guarantee the long-term fabric of the Parish Church. We were disappointed that the cost estimates for the Canford Magna Centre had escalated by almost 100% from the original estimates making the project unaffordable. We have a dedicated team who are submitting revised plans that will achieve most of the aims of the original plan.

Fourthly, we had a very successful Lay Worship Leaders training course that meant that six members of our two congregations will be commissioned in April 2018, adding a new resource of leaders and preachers to our worship.

Our main area of concern is the age profile of our congregation and our lack of growth in the mid age range, especially new believers. We seek to be a multigenerational church with evangelism and outreach being key focus areas for 2018.

There was much sadness as some of our loyal members went to glory; John Thompson, Mary Smith, Pat Renton, and Mary Donald-Scott. Naturally we miss them, but we rejoice that they are now in the Lord's presence.

As always, there are too many people to thank for their huge commitment to ensuring the Parish Church runs smoothly sharing the gospel and God's love in our community. We pray that the Lord will lead us into a new season at the Parish Church as we re-focus our prayer, vision and resources.

Revd Canon Chris Tebbutt

Rector of Canford Magna Parish Church

Safeguarding

Key members of the PCC have undergone Safer Recruitment training in order that all recruitments will be in line with the national policy. C1, C2 or C3 training is being undertaken by volunteers and paid workers as appropriate. A new Parish "Safeguarding Handbook and Good Practice Guidelines" booklet has been developed and is now in use across the parish.

Business Forum:

Chair: David Wells.

Buildings - The Triennial Visitation took place in 9th March 2017

Parish Treasurer: Budgets for 2018 were presented and agreed. Recommendations for staff salary increase were made to and approved by the PCC. The BF met Nigel Salisbury to discuss issues relating to the apportioning and application of the Fairer Share.

Health and Safety at Work (HaSaW): The safety performance across the Parish was noted, with no serious accidents or incidents to report.

Compliance: Transition from the Data Protection Act (1998) to the General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR (April 2016) was under development. The new Regulation will take effect in May 2018 after a 2-year transition period.

Financial Review 2017

The Parish had a positive year financially in 2017 with unrestricted funds showing a surplus for the year.

A full set of Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2017 is available to view in the Parish office.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance of readily available unrestricted funds which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of unrestricted net current assets at 31st December 2017 more than covers this target.

Mission Reports

Our three churches have continued to tithe their income to support mission work locally, nationally and internationally.

Last year by dipping into our reserves we distributed £64,870 to mission organisations and individuals, including support to more than a dozen members of our congregations to go out on mission work overseas.

Tithing for the last year totalled £52,972 and individual Lantern members also gave £1,690 towards the OAZA Centre in Serbia. We ceased to support OM and Palm Tree Associates in Nicaragua, reduced our support for Prama and added local support for Hope in the Community and MARS Trust and internationally for Mission Direct in Uganda and Mission India.

In addition our individual churches held special collections for designated charities, including Routes to Roots, Sudan Medical Link, The Children's Society and Child of Hope.

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Dear Friends

As I look back on 2017 I'm reminded of God's perfect timing. "With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day" (2 Peter 3:8). God has the ultimate sense of timing; he's never late (unlike me!) and never early, but always on time. And even though we try to run ahead of God, we have to learn that at times we have to wait, and trust. That's where prayer is so important.

That was the position we were in as we said goodbye to the Rimmers who left Canford back last summer having lead the Lantern masterfully for twelve years. God's timing was perfect for them as they went forward to take up a new challenging appointment in North London. But what about us? After a very emotional send-off we had to wait patiently for the process of appointing a new Vicar to the Lantern, and after interviewing three great candidates we were very pleased to appoint Rev Mike Tufnell to the position. We wait, and trust, that the Lord's timing is perfect for Mike and Michelle and their family as they prepare to join us in the summer of 2018.

Do look at the inspiring individual reports from St Barnabas, the Lantern, and the Parish Church in this document. Having experienced steady growth in all three churches for a number of years I expect there to be a period of consolidation. There will be new relationships to develop between Geoff, Mike and myself and that will ripple through to the churches and how we grow individually and as a Team.

We know there is going to new housing in the parish, both at Bearwood and Cruyton Farm, although when that will happen, we don't know for certain. We trust to be ready and prepared to welcome these new residents and that God's timing will be perfect so that we might serve our growing community and see God's Kingdom flourish.

None of this would be possible without the dedication and commitment of the church members of all three fellowships. I would like to thank you all, both from myself as Team Rector, and also on behalf of the three church leaderships, for the commitment you have shown. I know that Geoff, and John & Katherine would echo my words of thanks.

The words 'Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done' resonate with me.

Let's keep praying these words faithfully that's God's timing will be perfect as we begin a new season in the Parish.

With love and prayers

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris", with a horizontal line underneath.

Canon Chris Tebbutt – Team Rector of the Parish Church



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