

All Saints' Church, West Haddon: PCC Annual Report for year ending December 2020

Aim and purposes

All Saints' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Graham Collingridge, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and activities

The PCC's vision statement is 'Christ in our Community.' In 2019 the PCC developed a Growth Action Plan which can be summarised as follows:

Mission: Engage with the people of our parish and West Haddon Endowed Church of England

Prayer and Worship: Develop skills in technology to support worship; review our hymn book

Growing in Faith: Supporting home groups and Benefice-wide initiatives in faith-exploration

Pastoral Care: Continue with current initiatives including 'Tea at 3', Saturday Coffee Morning, and participation in the Benefice Pastoral Care Group

Fabric: Improve heating and lighting; communicate with community including the use of the internet and social media; audit of access within the church building for people with disabilities

Stewardship: Promoting generous giving and thanksgiving; pay our parish share and other expenses; supporting a range of Christian and other organisations e.g. Church Mission Society, Women's Refuge, Rugby Foodbank and British Legion; review the range of our fund-raising activities.

Achievements and performance

2020 was an extraordinary year due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, with churches closed between March and July, and November. Worship continued together as a Benefice on-line through Zoom, although some members chose not to use this (or do not have internet access). Worship resumed on a fortnightly basis from August- October, and December. Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas services were conducted on-line, although there was an act of Remembrance in the churchyard. Work with the school has been severely hampered: monthly community worship in the church last took place in February 2020; but the Vicar and Children and Families Worker were able to conduct weekly collective worship with two classes each week. Revd Dr Mark Betson joined Kate Butler and Julie Morgan as Foundation Governors following the resignation of Revd Graham Collingridge after 7 years.

We discussed the following issues during 2020: Heating and lighting (we now have the faculty to block in the belfry to help cut the draughts out); Worship for children; music for the two Sundays we are without an organist.

Charity giving: We gave £500 to CMS, this came from the proceeds of the Lent lunch and a donation, and £100 to Embrace the Middle East.

Safeguarding: The PCC has complied with its duty under the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). In January 2021 Sarah Cooper took over as Safeguarding Officer from Chris Banks.

Ecumenical relationships

Joint services with the Baptist Church were discontinued at their request in 2019. Some members of the Baptist Church have joined our Benefice "Zoom Services".

Financial review: see accounts for more details. Our income was £26403 and our expenditure was £24695 but we only paid 75% of our Parish Share.

Volunteers

The PCC would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all those who help in so many ways to make our church and churchyard a special place. We continued, when we were not in lockdown, with tea at three and our monthly coffee morning. Our fund raising activities were severely curtailed and we could not hold events like a fete, refreshments at the village fireworks, running the bar for outside organisations, concerts and Christmas Tree

Festival. We did raise money from the sponsored cycle ride (£180), one Lent lunches (£258), one catering event (£711) a concert (£484), Christmas tree festival (£1,164) and some Coffee mornings early in the year. (£55).

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council powers measure. The PCC is a charity with excepted status and therefore does not need a charity number.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2020. At All Saints' the membership consists of the incumbent, churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. At the 2014 Annual meeting it was agreed: That Churchwardens were not required to step down after six successive years of office; Licensed Readers should be ex-officio members of the PCC. The 2020 Annual meeting agreed that election to the PCC should be for three years (previously one year); and that the numbers of people on PCC should follow the Church Representation Rules rather than nine members regardless of size of electoral roll.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC has a standing committee of Chair, Vice chair, Wardens and Treasurer.

The Parish is part of the United Benefice of Long Buckby with Watford and West Haddon with Winwick. It was established formally in 2011 although the parishes had worked together informally since 2002. A ministry team led by the Vicar meets regularly to plan services and a common scheme of readings and themes for preaching across the Benefice. A Joint Steering Group/Standing Committees across the Benefice met on several occasions to consider the church's response to the COVID pandemic.

Administrative information

All Saints' Church is situated on High Street, West Haddon. It is part of Brixworth Deanery in the Diocese of Peterborough within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 10 Hall Drive, Long Buckby.

PCC members who have served at any time from January 2020 until December 2020 are:

Ex-officio members:

Incumbent: The Reverend Graham Collingridge (Chairman)
Church Wardens: Julie Morgan (Chair of Fabric Committee); Mrs Sue Tringham;
Reader Emeritus: Mr. Sandy Tringham (Secretary and Vice chair)
Co-opted: Revd Dr Mark Betson (from Oct 2020)

Elected members: (Lots were drawn after the Annual Meeting in September 2020 to determine length of office):

Bernadette Frost	2020 - 2021
Avril Perkins	2020 - 2021
Margaret Brassington	2020 - 2022
Tristan McMullan	2020 - 2022
John Varley	2020 – 2023 (chair of Finance Committee)
Keith Wilkes	2020 - 2023

Deanery Synod representative: Mrs Sue Tringham

This report was agreed by All Saints PCC on 12th May 2021



Revd Graham Collingridge