



St John the Evangelist Church, Hook

Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2019

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Rector's Annual Report

Dear Friends

'You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you might go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.' These are Jesus' words in John 15.16. This annual report is packed with signs of life, friendship, spiritual growth and community service. My thanks go to the huge team of parishioners and friends who enable us to continue to serve Hook and our surrounding villages of Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick. Many hours are unseen by most of us, with flower arranging, music rehearsals, administration, study preparations, prayer in the Chapel, serving vast numbers of cups of coffee and tea, cooked lunches and sorting out the drains! Thank you for the faithfulness of all our teams, our Church Wardens, Holy Dusters, Flower, Fabric, Finance and Safeguarding teams, Musicians, Choir and the Director of Music, Band, both PCCs, Benefice Administrator, children's workers, website and Facebook managers, pastoral care visitors, Bible group leaders and sidespeople. What fun we had with Wednesday morning coffees, our games evening, slideshows, gardening party, harvest supper, quiz, and festival services with astonishing music. Thank you to our Ministry team for your reflective ministry, spiritual guidance and service, in leading, in pastoral care, in inspirational preaching, and prayer together and alone.

During 2019 we offered two Ukulele events for our elderly and carers with great joy, and established the weekly Friendship café. In Winchester Cathedral our choir was commended for its high standard in the Royal School of Church Music festival, with award-giving to our singers. We have developed our all age worship band with guitars, flute and voices. We have continued our ministry to children and families with monthly Messy Church, weekly Fingerprints, many child and infant baptisms in Hook, Junior church on three weeks in four, teen Youth Emmaus fortnightly, festival services plus school assemblies and 'Open the Book' Bible storytelling in our preschools and schools across the Benefice, school RE lessons, a Saturday fun day and a Light Party in October. It has been so rewarding to see our young people grow in faith and participation. For our senior members, our home visits and home communions continue, with regular devoted ministry in Old Raven, Geffery's House, and newly Berry Court, plus bereavement care and befriending. We have felt deeply the loss of much loved members of our church family and own families, even as we hold onto our hope of glory in the Lord.

We are unusual amongst parishes in our regular updating of our 'living' Parish Mission Action Plan (pMAP), that enables us to keep moving forward in our vision to grow disciples of Jesus Christ: to enable our worship ('up'), our pastoral care ('in'), our ministry beyond our church ('out') and with other churches ('across' the Benefice and Deanery). With the guidance of our Finance team we structure our financial planning along these lines. It is a privilege to support the mission of Jesus in a variety of places such as Hart Food Bank, local and international charities, and the breadth of Winchester Diocese ministry enabled by our Common Mission Fund contribution. We humbly acknowledge the unseen hard work and sacrificial loving offered from the gifts of individual and family lives.

During 2019 in worship and discussion groups we have explored the ways we live out our everyday faith in Jesus from Monday to Saturday. Now we move into 2020, into a season of appreciating God's grace for each of us and for his world. Let us each individually and as a church family, eagerly seek His grace again, that we be transformed by His love, and grow in radiating that love in our life and witness. He has saved us by His grace alone. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in 2020.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Church Wardens' Annual Report

Statement of Aims

The Parochial Church Council [PCC] is to co-operate with the Ministry in promoting within Hook parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

The PCC meets generally every other month, with the Standing and Finance Committees in alternate months.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

Following the APCM in April 2018 the membership comprised:

Incumbent (Rector from Feb 2019)	Canon Marion de Quidt [Chair]
Assistant Priest	Revd Shona Hoad
Church Wardens	Richard Morley [Vice Chair] Liz Wilson
Secretary	Charlotte Margetson <i>[from Sep 2019], non elected</i>
Deanery Synod Representatives	Kim Foster <i>[from April 2019]</i> Jennifer Martin Martin Rudd
Elected Members	Angelo Arulchelvam Caroline Bushman [Treasurer] Nicky Clague <i>(from April 2019)</i> Shirley Clancy Kim Foster <i>[to April 2019]</i> Caroline Frolander Alan Instone <i>[to December 2019]</i> Brigitte Maynes Carol-Anne Morris <i>[to April 2019]</i> Richard Paganuzzi Sue Steele

PCC Training & Induction

There is a short induction programme for new PCC members.

Committees and Teams

The PCC operates through committees which meet between full meetings of the PCC, their deliberations are received by the full PCC and discussed accordingly.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Finance Committee

This oversees the general financial work of St John's by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting, maintaining appropriate financial controls and co-ordinating a review of Christian stewardship of money, including planned giving.

Administrative Information

St John the Evangelist Church is situated on London Road, Hook and is part of the Whitewater Benefice of Hook and HMR (Heckfield and Mattingley with Rotherwick). It is in the Deanery of Odiham under the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is:

The Church Office
St John the Evangelist Church
London Road
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During the year, the PCC were required to register with the Charity Commission. This was completed in June 2019 in the legal name which is "THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HOOK" and the PCC was allocated the registration number 1183688. The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll records the names and addresses of all those who consider their spiritual home to be St John the Evangelist, Hook. It is used for a variety of purposes including parish and diocesan communications, and it also determines the number of representatives the church has on the Deanery Synod. Having your name on the Electoral Roll allows you to vote at the APCM. A new Electoral Roll was prepared in 2019 in accordance with the Church Representation rules under which previous roll members had to apply for enrolment.

As at 31st December 2019, the number of people enrolled for St John's was 124. This represents a net increase of 6 since 31st December 2018. Of the 124 persons enrolled as at 31st December 2019, 107 are resident in the parish and 17 outside the parish. The composition of St John's Electoral Roll is 65% women and 35% men. The PCC appreciates the help and support that roll members give to St John's through their prayers, offerings and participation in church life.

Richard Paganuzzi, Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Meetings

Six PCC meetings were held on alternate months during 2019. Following on from last year, each meeting continued to focus on a nominated theme viz: Parish Mission Action Planning, Church maintenance including Quinquennial Report, iKnow – Church diary roll out, and Communication.

Full copies of PCC documents are available on request from the Church Office or Secretary.

Charlotte Margetson, Secretary

Building & Fabric Report

This report was made to the Parochial Church Council [PCC] under section 5 of the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 by Richard Morley and Liz Wilson as churchwardens in March 2020; and is also made by them to the annual parochial church meeting on behalf of the PCC.

The Quinquennial Inspection, which happens every five years, was performed in the summer by Ryan Bunce, a local surveyor. The key aspects requiring future attention are: the pointing on the west wall and the tower, maintenance of the north windows, gutter and area by the vestry door, drainage works. A schedule of these works will be created with work covering the next five years.

In the summer we replaced the flooring in the Narthex and the entrance area of the centre. This has made cleaning and maintenance easier as the covering can be swept, vacuumed and mopped. It has generally met with the approval of users.

Following a generous donation, we commissioned the reinstatement of the gold lettering inscription above the porch. The work has been done as a memorial to the 66 years of service that Gordon Crowder gave to the parish.

In the summer a trial period was arranged for two extra speakers in the chancel to aid the sound as the current speakers only covered the main body of the church. The trial was a great success, and just before Christmas these speakers were installed.

A dead tree and some dying trees and brambles were removed from the grounds at the front of the church. The area between the church and the garage still needs further tidying up, and a decision will need to be made as to the best screening, to aid nature and reduce the view of the garage.

Drainage continues to be a problem, although we have managed to clean the connecting drains in the car park so that water does flow, but not as quickly as we would like. More work is required as we try to cope with increased heavy rain.

Unfortunately, the heavy rain and strong winds is affecting the West window again. Work is ongoing to identify where it is coming in and this will be added to the Fabric Committee's schedule for 2020. Our thanks go to the Fabric Team of Martin, Angelo, Carol-Anne, Kevin and Richard and our gardeners Helen and Terry, whose time and experience ensure that the building and grounds are kept in good order.

Richard Morley and Liz Wilson, Church Wardens

Diocesan Synod Report

We had three meetings of Winchester Diocesan Synod in 2019, one of which was within the four-day Diocesan Synod Conference in Swanwick, Derbyshire, October 2019. During the year we approved the Cathedral Vision Document, the Annual Report and Financial Statement, and the Three-Year Financial Plan.

It was noted that the Diocese is dependent on £30,854,000 Common Mission Fund contributions from the parishes over the period 2020-2022. The Common Mission Fund (CMF) reflection group have considered CMF effectiveness and future options. The rising cost of clergy housing is being reviewed. The Deployment Working Group have explored ways to most effectively deploy stipendiary (paid) clergy. The encouragement of Benefice Ministry Teams and Lay leadership training are two areas of focus going forward.

During Synod Conference we benefitted from Professor David Ford's theological lectures on John's Gospel, creative input around the Understanding Christianity Course from the Diocesan Schools' Team, and workshops (one of which I led with the Setting God's People Free [SGPF] team). My role in Winchester Diocese Synod is as a representative of Odiham Deanery, a member of the SGPF Winchester team, and an elected member of the Joint Diocesan Board of Education.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Odiham Deanery Synod Report

The Parish is part of the Odiham Deanery and is represented at the Deanery Synod by Canon Marion de Quidt and Rev'd Shona Hoad (clergy) Martin Rudd, Kim Foster and Jennifer Martin (lay)

Canon Marion de Quidt is the Area Dean. Rev'd John Lenton (Bramley) was the Assistant Area Dean until June 2019 and was succeeded by Rev'd Lerys Campbell (Eversley). Richard Elphick (Sherfield-on-Loddon) continues as the lay chair of the Synod.

There were three meetings of the Deanery Synod in 2019. During the year, the main points of interest were as follows.

- The Odiham Deanery has joined with the Southampton Deanery to build on links The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) in the Anglican Communion.
- A session was held in April at a separate meeting exploring 'Setting Gods People Free'. This is to enable all people – lay as well as ordained - to be involved in ministry.
- Work is being undertaken on a Diocesan Deployment Plan. This is focused on creating viable Benefice Ministry Teams and considering new types of rural ministry.
- The Deanery participated in the *Thy Kingdom Come* prayer initiative during the nine days between Ascension Day and Pentecost.
- Synod members shared with each other progress made on Parish Mission Action Plans (pMAPS)

Jennifer Martin, Odiham Deanery representative

Whitewater Benefice Ministry Team

It is a special joy to lead our Whitewater Parishes with the whole Ministry Team. Meeting monthly after Morning Prayer together in Hook Chapel, we bring to the table a range of topics alongside our regular worship service planning. During 2019 we were deeply saddened by the illness of Shona's brother Timothy, and by his passing in October, and did all we could to support her through this year.

Within the pattern of Hook worship services, we have maintained our commitment to the Wednesday mid-week Holy Communion and reflective services which are much loved and well attended; and on Sundays our monthly 8.30am Said Holy Communion service, and the weekly 10am main service. On first Sundays we are developing our All Age worship with renewed music band, use of projector and screen, and interactive teaching. On second and fourth Sundays in Hook we celebrate the choral ministry, with full choir and sung responses for the Communion service. On third Sundays the Communion service is shorter, more informal, and we sing some more contemporary hymns, followed in the evening by a wholly Contemporary service with band led music. During the year we have had regular story-telling from our own lives, Monday to Saturday. Members of the Hook family also support the Parish Communion and traditional Evensong in Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick. Hook Church family are faithful supporters of Benefice services, wherever they are held!

We celebrate the ministry of our lay leaders and have supported Brigitte Maynes and Alan Instone to train in Winchester Diocese as Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM), Pastoral, alongside Richard Blackmore and Rosie Mandry from HMR Parish as BCM Worship. We are sorry to see Alan Instone move to Yorkshire after his magnificent work setting up the Whitewater bi-monthly men's breakfast, and all that he and Joan gave to pastoral ministry in the village and Basingstoke. Thank you to Richard Morley for taking on the men's breakfast in 2020.

I want to say thank you so much for the gifts, generosity of heart and dedication of each of our licensed Ministry team: to Shona Hoad, Peter Hewlett-Smith, Jennifer Martin, Jonathan Bushman, Martin Hoad, and to the two Church Wardens James Trumpeter and Liz Wilson, for all they have given through the year to the monthly Ministry team reflections. Thank you to Tim Maynes for continuing his training as Licensed Lay Minister (LLM), and to Alan Mabey (LLM retired) for his support. The Rev'd Mark Lewis moved back to Yateley in Sept 2018, although the Diocese has continued his licence to the Whitewater Benefice until July 2020.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Ecumenical Ministry

We meet as a group of ministers for lunch and prayer, sharing ideas and supporting one another. Our churches are from Odiham: All Saints and The Vine; Hook: Life Church, Sacred Heart, St John's and those in Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick (HMR). In January 2019 we gathered for a united service in the Elizabeth Hall, Hook during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the theme "Only Justice", materials prepared by the Church in Indonesia. In Hook the Life Church coordinates our advertising at Easter and Christmas, with a village card detailing our services.

The Hook Infant School 'Open the Book' team has members from our three Hook churches. An ecumenical group, including St John's Hook and HMR, lead the annual 'Women's World Day of Prayer' using international resources. Jennifer Martin continues to lead the Tuesday afternoon Bible group in St John's with members from all local churches. Messy Church attracts Christian families from Hook, Rotherwick, and around, each month on Friday after school.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

The Youth and Families team have worked together to further reach out to the community in Hook. The team consists of adult representatives from the main youth activities in church including Messy Church, Open the Book, Junior Church, Youth Emmaus and Fingerprints. As a team we ran a stall at Hook schools Summer fete making stained glass decorations using laminating pouches and coloured tissue paper and handing out cards for the church. At the end of the summer holidays we had a Friends of Jesus morning celebrating the fact that Jesus calls each of us His friend where 13 people came along.

On October 31st we organised a Light Party to remember Jesus the light of the world, we had games, craft, decorated pumpkins and worship, we attracted over 30 people both from within the church family and also some from outside the church. At the Christmas Cracker the team ran some children's stalls on the Christmas story. At Christmas we repeated the Jesus Rocks campaign, by painting and distributing rocks painted with the baby Jesus, helping spread the message that Christmas is about Christ, the Jesus rocks were then brought to the Crib and Jesus Rocks service for a blessing. Recently in February 2020 we held the Pancake party looking at Lent and Jesus' journey to the cross including craft, games and of course pancakes, 13 children came plus associated adults.

Going forward in 2020 the team will again run a stall at the Hook School Summer Fete, a summer holiday activity the details of which are to be worked out and plan to repeat the Light Party and Pancake party. For Christmas 2020 something different to Jesus Rocks will be planned but will have the same aim of engaging the community with the good news of Christ's Birth. Many Thanks to all those who support the youth and family work across the church, it has been encouraging to meet so many families and young people and to help them move forward in their faith journey.

Junior Church

This now has on average 10 children on a normal Sunday. We have divided into 2 groups most weeks: infants

and pre-schoolers from 3 to 8 year olds and a senior group 9 - 14 year olds. We continue to follow the Light programme by Scripture Union, which is full of good resources. We are grateful for the adult help we receive with most volunteers only committed once a month but are still on the look out for volunteers to help.

We would also like to encourage more young people to come particularly infants and pre-schoolers. Junior Church will continue to meet every Sunday morning, apart from Sundays with all age worship.

Youth Emmaus

The Youth Emmaus group is run for young people aged 13 to University age. In 2019 the Youth Emmaus group continued twice a month on 1st and 3rd Sundays. In 2020 the group will be following a course called Building Blocks For Faith which explores the basic tenets of Christian Faith and the young people will then be offered a chance to be confirmed into the church family. It is a joy to journey with the young people as they grow in faith.

All Age Worship

An All Age Worship team was set up in 2019 with the aim of developing the All Age Worship Service on the first Sunday of each month and attracting families to a more informal service. As part of this, a worship band started in early 2019 and has since grown both in number and in capability. All Age Worship explores new ways of coming to worship and is interactive and aims to have something for all ages and stages of faith. In 2020 we are exploring greater use of Audio Visual equipment and trying to encourage new people to take part in organising and leading the worship in different ways. We are grateful for the hard work of the the All Age Age team, band, sound desk (who have lots of extra work that Sunday!) and sides people. We are encouraged by the support of the congregation and look forward to further developing the service in 2020.

Jonathan Bushman, Licensed Lay Minister

Vocations and Ministry

As a Benefice, we are so grateful for a large team and individuals who are seeking the Lord's guidance for their place of service. Tim Maynes continues to train for Licensed Lay Ministry (LLM) on the Winchester pathway on a bespoke 2 year course. Tim regularly leads Evensong in HMR now, and will be licensed in October 2020 to serve across the Benefice.

Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM) are Winchester Diocese 'School of Mission' courses which develop reflective theological practice in addition to practical and liturgical training. This last year, Alan Instone and Brigitte Maynes trained as BCM Pastoral missionaries for Hook, and Rosie Mandry with Richard Blackmore as BCM Worship leaders for HMR, all during 2018-9. The commissioning service in Winchester Cathedral on 12th October 2019 was a great joy. Martin Hoad was also Licensed to Whitewater Benefice as LLM (transferring from Salisbury Diocese) in the same service. Thank you to members of our church family for your support. As a Benefice we have supported the training of eight BCM lay ministers, one LLM, and one ordained minister in curacy, plus placement students from the Diocese.

Thank you too for the church family who step forward to lead prayers, study groups, prayer groups, home communions, children's ministry, our music, our welcome, be chalice assistants, readers, lead reflective services, speak about their personal 'This Time Tomorrow', so that we experience the Lord with us in many different ways, and we share as the body of Christ.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Ministry to Old Raven House and Geffery's House

It is a privilege to be invited in to visit residents, lead services and take Communion to many people who would otherwise be unable to go out.

A team of three take Communion to residents of Old Raven every month and the staff and residents alike welcome our visits. For some residents it is the familiarity of the words of the hymn and the service that helps them to remember and it is so profound to be part of this.

Geffery's House is visited usually fortnightly where I am invited to the coffee mornings held weekly as well as visiting residents in their own flats. We have had some Services joined by Stephen and some choir members which the residents help plan and participate. Spring, Harvest Remembrance and Christmas.

Aim for 2020 to restart a Communion service and continue to minister in this place.

Jennifer Martin, Licensed Lay Minister

Benefice Safeguarding Team

Martin Rudd and James Trumpeter are our Safeguarding officers who work closely with the Rector to ensure that we safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults in our parishes. This includes our team members as well as our parishioners. We have a dedicated safeguarding email address: safewhitewater@gmail.com. We are in regular contact with the Winchester Diocesan Safeguarding team to ensure all our pastoral workers and trustees are fully trained, and appropriate checks have been undertaken. Martin Rudd is the administrator for the Disclosure and Barring Service checks required during safer recruitment of volunteer and paid workers. During 2019 the stories of the National Church's failure to follow safeguarding procedures have been highlighted in the news. These have shocked and disappointed us all. We would invite any of our parishioners who has a concern to speak to one of us, or the priests in our Ministry Team.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Pastoral Care Team

The Hook Pastoral Care team have met formally just once in January 2019. Pastoral care is supervised by the Rector and in the small group ministries mentioned below. Individual members of the team are dedicated carers for people in our church family, and feedback to Marion and Jennifer Martin (LLM) when needed.

Pastoral care continues within the Holy Communion group and fellowship on Wednesday mornings, within our small groups that meet to read the Bible, and within the Choir. Brigitte Maynes has prepared to be a pastoral assistant (BCM) within 2019, and serves with Jennifer Martin and Joyce Baldock in the nursing homes. Felicity Rudd prepares cards on behalf of the team for those in hospital or sick at home. Carol-Anne Morris and Shirley Clancy (pastoral assistants, BCM) care for visitors to the Friendship Café, Coffee Shop and Chapel. Alan Instone was trained as a pastoral assistant (BCM) but has now moved to Yorkshire. He was dedicated to the Men's Breakfast and midweek meetings. We discuss any matters of concern with regard to vulnerable adults with James Trumpeter or Martin Rudd, Safeguarding officers.

Much pastoral care happens informally after our main services in Hook, and with the fun events planned and led, much by Richard and Gill Morley. I would like to give my thanks also to Mel Lovegrove, who has helped me with pastoral care by being available in the Benefice office, and keeping me up to date when needed. Many members of our church family are friends and listeners, assist informally with shopping and hospital appointments, for which we are so thankful. We have offered two fantastic events for elderly and carers with the Ukulele band. The True Living Centre in Heckfield will be a place of ongoing ministry in 2020.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Committees and Teams

Communications Team

Throughout 2019 the PCC has discussed our communications at regular intervals within the context of our Benefice and pMAPs (both Parishes). An informal social media group, Anna Shergold (website), Caroline Bushman (Facebook) and myself (Twitter) have met nearly monthly to expand our digital communications. In the next year, we are using the software promoted by the Church of England, 'i-Know' to manage rotas and other aspects of Church administration. We continue to appreciate Church Wardens notices', the Pew sheet and Whitewater Magazine. We are now concentrating on formulating processes for ensuring consistency of communication across all the different methods, whether verbal, visual on posters and banners or electronically.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Finance

The Finance Committee met periodically during 2019. Meetings were held to review the financial position, set budget recommendations and discuss the financial matters relating to St John's church activities.

The principal function of the Finance Committee is to oversee the financial affairs of the church, including the preparation of accounts and budgets. The Treasurer presents financial reports to the Committee for discussion and the Committee makes recommendations to the PCC.

The terms of reference are as follows:

- To manage the day to day financial affairs of the church, including the preparation of accounts and budgets.
- To ensure proper stewardship of finance.
- To review ways of promoting regular giving and Gift Aid.
- To consider longer term financial commitments, as directed by the PCC, and how to arrange financing of these projects if required.
- To ensure compliance with all applicable law and regulations relating to finance matters.

The committee works in conjunction with all other Committees and Teams at St John's and reports to PCC who review and approve recommendations as appropriate.

Nikki Wild, Chair

Special Charitable Collections

Several special collections were made during the year for the following charities:

Children's Society (Collection boxes), Christian Aid, Hart Foodbank, Macmillan Cancer, Stroke Association, Cancer Research, Night Light Winter Shelter, Royal British Legion, World Day of Prayer, 'Parity' for disability, and Lifewater International.

Caroline Bushman, Treasurer

Parish Mission Action Plan (pMAP)

2019 was a further successful year for pMAP at St John's. We continued with the the actions and objectives set out in our original plan, which was reviewed by our PCC in early 2019 and again later that year. This meant that during 2019, we had some further positive outcomes including: a further increase in numbers of Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM) lay people being licensed, continued updating of the Benefice/Parish Safeguarding Policies and processes, an expanding ministry in care homes and the introduction of 'Welcome Packs' for new houses in our Parish's. The next review of the pMAP document will be in early 2020.

Martin Rudd, pMAP Lead

Other Groups and Activities

School Assemblies

A team of three of us lead worship in Hook Junior School each month. We work with the teaching programme given to us by the School. In 2019 we were privileged to assist with the Year 3 Easter Service held in St John's Church, the Remembrance Day service in the School, and the Christingle in the school led by the children.

Marion also assists with Religious Education, when she takes whole year groups for an hour. The children come into St John's to learn about Special Places in Year 1, and year 6.

The Open the Book team go into Hook Infants school on a weekly basis.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Brigitte Maynes, Denise White

Messy Church

Messy Church is church in its own right and with my team of 11 we plan our sessions every month around the core values and use the Messy Church magazine for this. These are

- Being a Christ Centred Church that helps people encounter Jesus as Lord and Saviour.
- We are All Age enabling children and adults to enjoy the activities and celebration.
- Creativity reflecting the creativity of God into imaginative hands on approach in being Church together.
- Hospitality to be outward- facing, welcoming everyone to enjoy the hospitality and unconditional love of God.
- Celebration reflecting on a God of joy who wants his people to have life in all fullness.

Hopes for the future to continue to grow Messy Church in faith, numbers and love.

Jennifer Martin, Messy Church Leader and Licensed Lay Minister

Fingerprints

We have wonderful happy times every Thursday in term time sharing friendship, snacks and singing, with our pre-schoolers and their carers. We pray more regularly. We laugh a lot, and share the experiences of caring for children, and being in extended families. The newly refreshed Narthex means that we can use paint and playdoh with less anxiety, and have rugs for children to sit and play with cars or read books. Our festivals are fun and noisy, with Harvest, Christmas and Easter celebrations in Church. Fingerprints families are generous to the Food Bank. Thank you to Carol-Anne Morris and Linda Mellors for being special friends and working so hard.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Open the Book – Hook

Open the Book is a project which offers primary school children an opportunity to hear the major stories of the Bible on a weekly basis as part of their Collective Worship.

In Hook we have an ecumenical group which goes into Hook Infant School every Tuesday afternoon in term time. The stories are narrated and acted out using simple props and costumes and there is a short time for reflection and a prayer at the end.

We are an enthusiastic group and the school is very welcoming. There is often an opportunity for the children to join in and they are always very keen to do so.

In the next year we would like to recruit some new members to join our friendly team.

Brigitte Maynes, Pastoral Assistant

Prayer Mondays

This group has continued to meet every Monday this year. The first Monday in the month being Mother's Prayers and the other weeks less specific. We would welcome anyone who would like to join in all or some of the time.

Carol-Anne Morris, Pastoral Assistant

Music and Choir

The choir continues to expand both in numbers and repertoire. At Pentecost, two new juniors were admitted as members, and three juniors were promoted to the senior ranks. New adult singers have also joined on a regular or occasional basis. The choir attended the annual RSCM Festival in Winchester Cathedral in September, where four members received their RSCM Silver (Bishop's) Award and two their Bronze (Dean's) Award. It was a pleasure once again to welcome visiting singers and organist to join the choir for the Christmas Carol Service, which was a musical highlight of the year. During 2019, St John's hosted the summer organ recital series which usually takes place in St John's Hartley Wintney, whilst their roof was being repaired. It was such a success that St John's Hook now hosts a winter recital series, the Souper Organ Recitals, with soup related refreshments available. A small team of musicians now lead the

music at the contemporary service on the 3rd Sunday evenings, and we look forward to this ministry growing during 2020.

*Stephen Davies and
Caroline Bushman, Music team*

Worship Band

The All Age worship band have just completed our thirteenth contemporary All Age service at St John's. Eleven musicians have participated over the year. The services are once a month (the first Sunday of each month). We are growing in confidence and are trying at least one new worship song a service. Our goal is to facilitate worship throughout the church. We love what we do and enjoy leading the church family in worshipping God together.

Rebecca Ratnasamy, All Age Band coordinator

Fellowship Groups across The Whitewater Benefice

St John's Ecumenical Bible Study Group

Our aim is to explore and study the Bible by looking at specific books of the bible and themes within this. Studying together during Lent and Advent courses.

This year we have explored the Subject of Hope and healing, where in the Bible we can find this, and how can we apply this to our everyday lives. We followed the Lent Course which the Benefice undertook on "The Greatest Showman – From Now On." The scripture references were good and had links to the characters and life. We have studied Peter's letters, Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians and the year ended with an Advent Course looking at Mary and Joseph.

For the future we pray we will grow and offer the study of the Bible to others.

Jennifer Martin, Bible Group Leader and Licensed Lay Minister

Living Flame – Wednesday evening group

House groups give us the opportunity to explore God's word, and how we apply it in our daily lives, in greater depth. Our meetings are relaxed, friendly and sociable and, in addition to the study, we build friendship over tea and biscuits and share prayer requests within the group.

It's a safe space to ask questions and learn. Through discussions and sharing ideas we gain fresh insights – whether it's a familiar passage or something less well known.

Meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings, in Goose Green, topics have included John's first letter, Holy days in the church calendar, the Sabbath and Prayer as well as studies to tie into the Lent, summer and autumn sermon series in St John's.

In 2020, we will be looking at studies that dig deeper into some of the books of the Bible whilst still maintaining our sociable side and giving a warm welcome to anyone who wants to come along to the group.

Nikki Wild, Leader

Thursday evening fellowship group

On Thursday evenings, a fellowship group meets at St John's. During the year, the group studied the Lent and Advent courses alongside other Bible passages and deepening friendships between the participants.

Jonathan Bushman, Licensed Lay Minister

KYB ('Know Your Bible') Wednesday Bible group

We have been meeting fortnightly since 20th Feb 2019, upstairs in the Solar room, and share our own reflections on the chosen Bible reading. Each of us has a study booklet. We have studied the lives of women in the bible, the Old Testament book 1 Samuel, and the life of David. We are currently learning about worshipping in joy and sorrow from the Psalmists who wrote the songbook of the Hebrew Bible. Some of our group have discovered the joy of pilgrimage, and are preparing for the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage in 2020, by walking the English section from Reading to Southampton.

Rebecca Ratsanamy KYB co-ordinator

Men's Breakfast

Our bi-monthly breakfasts are held in a number of hostelrys in the benefice. It is a time to get together over a good breakfast, catching up on news and sharing stories. Our guest speakers have talked about diverse subjects like forensic accounting, scouting and Japanese culture.

At Christmas we said farewell to Alan Instone who had been the driving force in establishing this popular ministry to the men in and around our benefice. Our name has spiked interest, not just with new members but also in other pubs who wish to get on the breakfast circuit.

Richard Morley – Co-ordinator

Friendship Café

Friendship Cafe runs every Thursday morning with cake and chat. We regularly light a candle and pray for the needs of our friends.

Carol – Anne Morris, Pastoral Assistant

Coffee Shop

St. John's Coffee Shop runs from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, offering various hot and cold drinks, biscuits and snacks and, thanks to generous donors, often has homemade cakes and cookies on offer too. Recently, with gratitude for a kind donation, we have purchased a coffee machine offering an opportunity for making larger quantities conveniently and more cost effectively; we are now striving to serve Fairtrade or ethically sourced beverages.

Also, as part of our outreach, St. John's has a family room, offering opportunities for relaxation and/or conversation, with children's books and toys available. The Coffee Shop is run by volunteers and more are always very welcome to enhance our rota ensuring our opening hours can continue.

Shirley Clancy, Pastoral Assistant

St John's Lunch Club

This year Lunch club has continued to be a great success, at least that is what the attendees tell us! Between 25 and 30 people come each month for a home cooked meal and a chat. We have a great team of helpers who work very hard to maintain the high standard of food and service.

Carol-Anne Morris – Co-ordinator

Holy Dusters

The Holy Dusters now have a team of six volunteers who do their best each week to keep our lovely Church, Chapel and Vestry clean. Last Autumn we welcomed Gill Morley to our weekly team. Previously we called on her now and then to sweep away the cobwebs, for which we are very thankful. It would be helpful if everyone could maintain good housekeeping as the Holy Dusters only come in once a week. Thank you to all our Holy Dusters for your time and hard work over the past year which is very much appreciated.

Ann Taylor, Team Leader

St John's Church Flower Arranging Team

We are fortunate to continue to have a very dedicated team of 7 volunteers who take it in turns to decorate the church with flowers, except during Lent and Advent. At the major festivals we worked together to decorate the whole church and there is always a friendly atmosphere on these occasions. Flowers enhance the service and uplift our spirits as people come into the church.

We received huge praise for our wonderful floral arrangements at the main festivals throughout the year which really motivates our team.

We all look forward to another year as members of the flower team and sharing in this very rewarding ministry.

Felicity Rudd – Team Leader

St John's Craft Group

The Craft Group have agreed to change their name to Knit and Natter, which is mostly what we do, oh and drink tea and eat cake. We continue to meet twice a month and 2019's main project was knitting "Police Buddies", a small knitted teddy in black and yellow, which police personnel can give to small children when attending a crime. In 2020 we have started a cake sale on the first Saturday of the month. We hope this will expand to home grown produce, plants etc.

Gill Morley, Team Leader

Christmas Cracker

Due to the almost guaranteed bad weather in December, we abandoned the outdoor activities this year and packed as much into the main church buildings as possible. We coordinated our opening times with the Parish Council's Carols Around the Tree and both events were supported by music from the Hook Choral Society and the Basingstoke Silver Band. Father Christmas visited courtesy of the Rotary Club, with the grotto moving upstairs to make room for stalls downstairs. We still raised over £1,200 on the night and the feedback from the community shows that people were very appreciative of our efforts to continue with a Christmas event.

Richard Paganuzzi, Co-ordinator

Rollout of iKnow Church

Early in 2019 we started to think about introducing a computer-based church administration system to assist us in managing all of our activities. This gained momentum when we attended a workshop organised by the Diocese to promote the Church of England's Life Events Diary and the iKnow Church system on which it is based. We ran a successful trial of iKnow Church, involving ministers, administrators, wardens and other church officers, from early April to mid July 2019. As a result, we decided to purchase an iKnow Church licence for up to 150 church members.

Since then we have spent a lot of time working out exactly how we want to use and configure iKnow Church. We have also written a new Privacy Policy covering all of our online and office activities. We expect to start the rollout of iKnow Church to church members at the end of February 2020.

Dave Wilson, IT Support

PCC Approval of Annual Report

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11th March 2020 and signed on its behalf by

M E DE QUIDT

Canon Marion de Quidt

PCC Chair

PCC of Hook Parish
Charity registration number 1183688
Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2019

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Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St John the Evangelist Church, Hook

I report to the members of the PCC of St John the Evangelist Church, Hook for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an internal examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

DEBORAH GIBBS

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Parochial Church Council of St John the Evangelist, Hook

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £	2018 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income	2(a)	75,236		75,236	70,534
Activities for generating Funds	2(b)	10,506		10,506	15,096
Investment Income	2(c)	309		309	165
Church activities	2(d)	17,969		17,969	16,837
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		104,020	-	104,020	102,632
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Church activities	3(a)	95,047		95,047	103,832
Cost of generation of voluntary income	3(b)	1,049		1,049	1,966
Governance costs	3(c)	1,374		1,374	697
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		97,470	-	97,470	106,495
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING)		6,550	-	6,550	(3,863)
RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNIZED GAINS & LOSSES					
TRANSFERS		-	-	-	-
Gains on investments		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		6,550	-	6,550	(3,863)
BAL B/F 1 JANUARY 2019		56,607	-	56,607	60,470
BAL C/F 31 DECEMBER 2019		63,157	-	63,157	56,607

The notes on pages F5 to F11 form part of these financial statements.

Parochial Church Council of St John the Evangelist, Hook

Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	Notes	As at 31/12/2019	As at 31/12/2018
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank & Cash		17,088	17,205
CBF Deposit Account		47,525	44,525
Debtors and prepayments	5	2,953	2,110
Total Current Assets		67,566	61,026

LIABILITIES

Creditors and accruals	6	4,409	3,370
Total Liabilities		4,409	4,419

Net Asset Surplus	63,157	56,607
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Represented by Funds			
	Note		
Unrestricted	7	63,157	56,607
Restricted	7	-	-
Total		63,157	56,607

The notes on pages F5 to F11 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11 March 2020 and signed on its behalf by Rev'd Marion de Quidt

M E DE QUIDT (PCC Chair)

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) on the accruals basis. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission with registration number 1183688. The Church is a public benefit entity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. **Funds designated** for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 7.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognized when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognized only when received. Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognized when the donation is recognized.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by the fête, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognized when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognized in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realized gains or losses are recognized when investments are sold.

Unrealized gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Grants & Donations

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. Amounts received specifically for Mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and accounted for gross.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The contribution to the Diocesan Common Mission Fund (previously Parish Share) is accounted for when due. Any contribution unpaid at 31 December would be provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not a legal) liability and would be shown as a creditor in the balance sheet [2019 – Nil]

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalized and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £3,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £3,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	
			2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary Income				
Planned Giving	44,030		44,030	44,595
Collections at Services	14,424		14,424	10,611
Tax Recoverable	11,819		11,819	12,595
Tax - GASDS	2,346		2,346	1,743
Donations, appeals	2,617		2,617	990
Sub Totals	75,236	-	75,236	70,534
2(b)				
Fundraising	5,151		5,151	9,073
Lunch Club	1,762		1,762	2,395
Coffee Shop	3,101		3,101	2,683
Bookstall	91		91	250
Other events	401		401	695
Sub Totals	10,506	-	10,506	15,096
2(c) Income from Investments				
Dividends and interest including tax recoverable	309		309	165
Sub Totals	309	-	309	165
2(d)				
Church Lettings	16,594		16,594	14,321
Fees	1,375		1,375	2,516
Sub Totals	17,969	-	17,969	16,837
Total Income	104,020	-	104,020	102,632

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	
			2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
3(a) Church Activities				
Common Mission Fund	51,735		51,735	46,609
Other ministry costs	5,584		5,584	5,769
Music costs	355		355	300
Church running & maintenance	26,442		26,442	40,788
Youth Children & Families	917		917	847
Administration	3,876		3,876	4,857
Lunch Club & Coffee Shop	2,065		2,065	2,051
Others	530		530	811
Mission Grants				
Overseas	450		450	360
Home	475		475	450
Collections	2,618		2,618	990
Depreciation	-		-	-
Sub Totals	95,047	-	95,047	103,832
3(b) Fund Raising costs	1,049		1,049	1,966
Sub Totals	1,049	-	1,049	1,966
3(c) Governance Costs				
Ind. Examination	300		300	-
Licences	1,074		1,074	697
Sub Totals	1,374	-	1,374	697
Total Expenditure	97,470	-	97,470	106,495

4. EMPLOYEES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	
			2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
Wages and Salaries	4,712		4,712	4,920
Social Security costs	5		5	(14)
Employer's contribution to pensions	51		51	47
Totals	4,768	-	4,768	4,953

The average number of staff employed during the year was two. No employee received employee benefits greater than £60,000. None of the PCC Members were remunerated as employees during 2019 or 2018. The Benefice Administrator is employed by the PCC of Hook Parish but 75% of the cost is recharged to Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick PCC. The amounts shown above include the PCC of Hook Parish's share of the costs.

Three PCC members had travel expenses reimbursed totalling £2,072 [2018 three members - £1,701].

PENSIONS

The PCC of Hook Parish participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. The Scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

The CWPF has a section known as the Defined Benefits Scheme, a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic and a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014, in which the PCC of Hook Parish participates.

Pension Builder Scheme

The Pension Builder Scheme of the Church Workers Pension Fund is made up of two sections, Pension Builder Classic and Pension Builder 2014, both of which are classed as defined benefit schemes.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum that members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. This account may have bonuses added by the Board before retirement. The bonuses depend on investment experience and other factors. There is no requirement for the Board to grant any bonuses. The account, plus any bonuses declared, is payable from members' Normal Pension Age.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers. This means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are contributions payable (2019: £51, 2018: £47)

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2016. For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £1.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, The PCC of Hook Parish could become responsible for paying a share of that employer's pension liabilities.

5. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	2019	2018
	£	£
Debtors	2,953	1,816
Prepayments	-	-
Total	2,953	1,816

Debtors are the reimbursement by HMR Parish in respect of a share of the cost of ministry and administration plus an amount of Gift Aid claimed from HMRC not yet received.

6. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

	2019	2018
	£	£
<i>Amounts falling due within one year</i>		
Creditors	4,009	3,904
Accruals	400	514
Total	4,409	4,419

Creditors are payments for expenditure incurred in 2019 but not paid until 2020. These represent amounts due but unpaid for gas, water and electricity charges, clergy expenses, plus amounts of fees collected on behalf of Winchester Diocese for occasional offices during October – December 2019, the independent examiner's fee and sundry other small invoices.

7. FUNDS

	2019			
	Unrestricted		Restricted	
	Designated	Non Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
1 January 2019	5,826	50,781	56,607	-
Income	192	103,955	104,147	-
Expenditure	(5,817)	(91,780)	(97,597)	-
31 December 2019	201	62,956	63,157	-

Details	£
Fabric	201
	201

Represented by	Unrestricted	Restricted
	£	£
Current assets	67,566	-
Current liabilities	(4,409)	-
	63,157	-

8. RESERVES

The PCC considers that it is appropriate to hold reserves equal to three months expenditure, including the PCC's contribution to the Diocese's Common Mission Fund, to cover the running costs – this equates to £24,367 based on the 2019 expenditure levels.

In addition, a designated reserve was created in 2013 which was originally established to cover the expected costs of redecoration over a 5 year period. In 2019 the reserve was reduced by £5,625 to cover part of the cost of work carried out on the flooring in the Narthex. This fund has a balance of £201, which is part of the Unrestricted Funds.

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