

**St John's Bourne End
London Road, Bourne End**

**Reports for the APCM
Sunday 10th April 2016**



St John the Evangelist Bourne End 2015-16

Minutes of Previous meeting

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Parishioners - Sunday 19th April 2015

The meeting took place within the morning service.

Election of Church Wardens

John Marshall and Helen King were re-elected and thanked for their work during the last year and for being willing to stand again.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Reports had been circulated and copies were available.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true and accurate record.

Apologies were received from Laura Frey and David Gubbay.

PCC report

This report covered the main topics that had been discussed throughout the year and was accepted.

Treasurer's report

The accounts had been audited by Peter Hinson. The finances were down but the congregation were thanked for all their hard work throughout the year and especially with the flower festival.

There has been a big refund with the electricity bills because the meter had been faulty. A new meter has been fitted and a new supplier has been obtained.

The treasurer encourages everyone to give what they can. She was thanked for all her work over the past year.

Warden's report

This contained details of the structural report that had taken place during the year and reported that a faculty has been applied for to repair the stonework and that the cracks were being monitored.

Deanery Synod

Stephen Fletcher is the representatives. There are 13 Anglican churches in the Deanery. There are at present only two meetings a year but it is hoped that the new Rural Dean will make changes and improve the meetings. Steve was thanked for representing St John's at these meetings.

Electoral roll

This stands at 33. Steve was thanked for continuing to be the Electoral Roll Officer

Election of PCC members

Three members were up for re-election and were each reappointed for a further three years.

Vicar's Report

This contained six questions to challenge us to look to the future instead of being complacent or discouraged by situations and events in the life of the church.

St John the Evangelist Bourne End 2015-16

AIMS AND PURPOSES

St. Johns Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Canon David Abbott, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church and Parish Meeting Room of St. John the Evangelist, Bourne End.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. John's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish.

Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

Worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, and development their knowledge and trust in Jesus Christ as both Saviour and Lord. There is also provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. John the Evangelist and the Parish Meeting Room

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Vicar's report 2015-16

It is with some amazement and more than a little sadness that I write my final Vicar's report, for the APCM in April 2016 at St John the Evangelist Bourne End. I'm sure you will forgive me, if I briefly reflect not just on the past twelve months but also a little on the past eighteen years or so.

Isabel and I joined you in ministry at Sunnyside and St John's in January 1998. We can still remember meeting Gladys down here on the interview day in October 1997 and being grilled by the then Wardens Stephen Fletcher and Tom Baldwin.

We have loved being part of this worshipping community and seen some great changes in the way we 'do church' and in the facilities that we now have at our disposal at St John's. Many of you will still remember being without main water way back then and the stories that surround the consequences of the lack of that provision! We now two toilets, a refurbished vestry and a fabulous New Parish Room [via a quietly positioned illegal caravan and the Rural Dean of the day turning a gracious blind eye]: how things have changed.

All this is due, in main, to the commitment, prayerful hard work and giving of so many, many people. I'm deliberately not going to try and name names here, as that is doomed to 'failure by omission'. But I will say that it's been a wonderful privilege to serve this community of Bourne End alongside such great people. The Sunday by Sunday attendance has oscillated in size over the years, especially during the building project, but in many ways it has really grown and matured in its faith and its willingness to embrace change and plan for growth. We have seen this demonstrated most recently with some of the familiar style of secondsunday@six and the new territory of 'café church' being tried out at the 10.30 service – and being enthusiastically embraced. We have also embraced a few Sunnysiders along the way and the attractiveness of this village church is becoming more apparent to its larger neighbour.

These past twelve months have continued to be challenging but hugely rewarding for all those who participate in our corporate life here at St John's. It's been very encouraging to visit the House Group which meets regularly on alternate Mondays and share in some real open conversation about faith. Or to see people contributing at the secondsunday@six service and praying together for those in need.

We are so grateful to the regular [and occasional visitor] who lead and preach at the morning service. Such a variety in styles and approach can be good for a congregation. We've managed to establish a regular list of preachers in the past year and this has been well received. Some flexibility will well be needed during the interregnum but we will endeavour to keep the same pattern of worship services and times that we have at present, if at all possible.

Whoever ends up writing this report in future years as Vicar of this Parish will have inherited a wonderful, supportive village community of generous and committed people. A great foundation has been laid by the church family here: long may it continue.

Many years ago at Bible College, long before we had any intention of being involved in full-time ministry, Isabel and I used to attend a midweek evening service that always concluded with the same benediction hymn:

*How good is the God we adore, our faithful unchangeable friend!
His love is as great as His power, and knows neither measure nor end!
'Tis Jesus the First and the Last, whose Spirit shall guide us safe home,
We'll praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that's to come.*

I can think of no better way to conclude my final comments on St John's Bourne End as we look back over eighteen years of ministry here:

'We'll praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that's to come'.

I trust you can voice a hearty 'Amen' to that?

St John the Evangelist Bourne End PCC Secretary's report 2015-16

PCC Secretary's report for the 2016 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The PCC has met five times (in May, September, November, January and March 2016) over the past year.

There are eleven members of the PCC who were elected at the APCM in 2015. These are: Stephen Fletcher, Laura Frey, Gladys Greenwood, Helen Harrison, Edith Harkins, Helen King, Jane Manson, John and Sue Marshall, Mike Pritchard and Julie Wrathall.

The main topics for discussion throughout the year have been:

1. Repair of the stonework in the church and the application for a faculty for this.
2. Production of new Health and Safety, Fire and Child Protection policies and provision of First Aid training for members of the PCC.
3. Introduction of informal morning services on an occasional basis throughout the year.
4. Writing a policy for reservation of plots in the Graveyard.
5. Completion of the burial records and follow up of families who have relatives buried in the churchyard.
6. Giving and allocation of funds raised on the gift day, and further giving throughout the year.
7. Celebrating the anniversaries of the building of the church and the parish room. The sub-committee comprising Julie Wrathall, Edith Harkins, Jane Manson and Steve Fletcher has met to discuss the provision and organisation of social events and fund raising.

We would like to thank all members of the PCC for the hard work and time that they put into making the church an active place of worship and outreach.

Helen King (Churchwarden and PCC Secretary)

St John the Evangelist Bourne End Church Wardens report 2015-16

Following the installations of “tell-tales” above the chancel windows, the structural engineer was able to report that there was insignificant movement to warrant repair in this region and that any movement would be due to thermal changes. David would therefore apply for a faculty for other stonework to be done once estimates for the work have been confirmed.

Maintenance of the churchyard has continued through the year with the help of working parties, a professional gardener (for some grass cutting, hedge trimming and trimming of the yew trees), and thanks to Bert Harkins (for grass cutting). The fence bordering Little Heath Lane was repaired following wind damage.

The church pathway has been re-pointed and we would like to thank Mike Pritchard for power-washing the pathway and for painting white lines on the steps.

A new light has been fitted to replace the one just inside the small gate opening on to Little Heath Lane. Also a small lantern has been fitted to the post at this gate in order to illuminate the car park.

Within the church, we would like to thank Bert again for his expertise in cleaning the brass work. We would also like to thank Gladys’ grandson, Nathan, for volunteering to clean the church on a regular basis.

We continue to use Premier Pest Control to try to reduce the number of Glis-glis invading our church building.

The hearing loop has been extended to the Parish Room.

Cushions have been fitted to all the pews in the church.

A one day course has been held at church to train members of the congregation in emergency First Aid.

Helen King and John Marshall

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PCC Treasurer's report 2015-16

Here are the accounts for 2015. Edith is happy to answer any questions relating to these figures.

1		PROFIT and LOSS Previous Year Comparison			
2		January through December 2015	January through December 2014	£ Change	% Change
3	Income				
4	Church Fees				
5	Funeral Fees	1,466.00	876.00	590.00	67.35%
6	Total Church Fees	1,466.00	876.00	590.00	67.35%
7	Collections & C				
8	Collections Cash	1,534.37	1,402.82	131.55	9.38%
9	Covenants Envelopes	4,756.25	3,897.43	858.82	22.04%
10	Covenants Standing Orders	2,850.00	3,100.00	-250.00	-8.07%
11	Tax Refund	3,162.47	4,262.43	-1,099.96	-25.81%
12	Total Collections & C	12,303.09	12,662.68	-359.59	-2.84%
13	Designated Fund				
14	GIFT DAY	2,483.05	2,124.00	359.05	16.9%
15	Memorial Path	0.00	744.17	-744.17	-100.0%
16	Outreach	671.50	4,646.12	-3,974.62	-85.55%
17	Reredos Fund	716.06	0.00	716.06	100.0%
18	Total Designated Fund	3,870.61	7,514.29	-3,643.68	-48.49%
19	Divdnd & Intrst				
20	CBF Interest	69.18	69.60	-0.42	-0.6%
21	NW Interest	6.38	3.12	3.26	104.49%
22	Divdnd & Intrst - Other	5.04	0.00	5.04	100.0%
23	Total Divdnd & Intrst	80.60	72.72	7.88	10.84%
24	FairsJumbleSale				
25	Bike Ride	441.00	0.00	441.00	100.0%
26	Total FairsJumbleSale	441.00	0.00	441.00	100.0%
27	Misc Donations	3,588.40	1,020.84	2,567.56	251.51%
28	Rental				
29	Parish Room Rental	290.00	165.00	125.00	75.76%
30	Village Hall Rental	0.00	206.00	-206.00	-100.0%
31	Total Rental	290.00	371.00	-81.00	-21.83%
32	Total Income	22,039.70	22,517.53	-477.83	-2.12%

33	Expense					
34	Building Costs	0.00	480.00	-480.00	-100.0%	
35	Charity					
36	DENS	0.00	300.00	-300.00	-100.0%	
37	Donations Given	907.50	255.00	652.50	255.88%	
38	Iain Rennie	107.50	0.00	107.50	100.0%	
39	MAF	400.00	500.00	-100.00	-20.0%	
40	Women's Refuge	0.00	300.00	-300.00	-100.0%	
41	World Vision	216.00	216.00	0.00	0.0%	
42	Total Charity	1,631.00	1,571.00	60.00	3.82%	
43	Church Expenses					
44	Church Yard					
45	Effluent Disposal	170.00	170.00	0.00	0.0%	
46	Fencing	265.00	25.98	239.02	920.02%	
47	Grass & Hedge Cutting	436.00	0.00	436.00	100.0%	
48	Church Yard - Other	330.00	1,920.00	-1,590.00	-82.81%	
49	Total Church Yard	1,201.00	2,115.98	-914.98	-43.24%	
51	Insurance	828.67	874.05	-45.38	-5.19%	
52	Light & Heat	1,976.73	221.66	1,755.07	791.79%	
53	Miscellaneous	728.00	390.00	338.00	86.67%	
54	Repairs & Renew	0.00	96.00	-96.00	-100.0%	
55	Secretarial	265.89	179.96	85.93	47.75%	
56	Water Rates	43.18	49.41	-6.23	-12.61%	
57	Total Church Expenses	5,097.47	4,083.06	1,014.41	24.84%	
58	Cleaning	80.00	204.00	-124.00	-60.78%	
59	Contributions					
60	Diocesan Fees	9,899.00	9,759.00	140.00	1.44%	
61	Total Contributions	9,899.00	9,759.00	140.00	1.44%	
62	Miscellaneous	119.96	720.00	-600.04	-83.34%	
63	Services					
64	Organist	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.0%	
65	Readers in Training	0.00	150.00	-150.00	-100.0%	
66	Vicars Expenses	125.00	125.00	0.00	0.0%	
67	Total Services	275.00	425.00	-150.00	-35.29%	
68	Sundry	96.96	245.76	-148.80	-60.55%	
69	Total Expense	17,199.39	17,487.82	-288.43	-1.65%	
70	Net Income	4,840.31	5,029.71	-189.40	-3.77%	
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St John the Evangelist Bourne End Deanery Synod report 2015-16

The Berkhamsted Deanery Synod has met on 3 occasions over the last year.

On Wednesday 24th June 2015 we met at St Mary's Northchurch where the Synod Meeting took the form of a Deanery Lecture. It was given by Dr Michael Parsons, Executive Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at the University of Oxford. His subject was "Why is there something rather than nothing?" and he explored the relationship between scientific advances and theology.

On Wednesday 21st October 2015 we met at St Peter and St Paul at Little Gaddesden where after the routine business Tim Bull the St Albans Director of Ministry gave a talk on the Diocesan Strategy for Lay Ministry.

This was followed by Revd Michael Eggleton from Wiggington talking about his recent visit to Zimbabwe.

The new Bishop of Hertford Dr Michael Beasley then addressed the Synod and closed the meeting.

On Wednesday 16th March 2016 we met at St Peter and St Paul in Tring and heard a presentation by Rachel Brockie the Regional Fundraising Manager for the Children's Society for Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire about the work of the Children's Society. This was followed by a talk on ideas surrounding 'Pub Church' by the Chaplain at the Hospice of St Francis, Revd Ray Ashley Brown.

St John the Evangelist Bourne End Electoral Roll 2015-16

St John the Evangelist Bourne End Electoral Roll 2015/16							
Number	Surname	Christian Name	Address	Post Code	Date	Date	Date PCC
					Added	Removed	Approved
1	BELLABY	Marion	11 Birthnell Close, Berkhamsted	HP4 1FE	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
2	CLARK	Robert	Fairlawn, Byways, Gravel Path Berkhamsted	HP4 2PJ	2-Aug-15		25-Nov-15
3	CLARK	Susan	Fairlawn, Byways, Gravel Path Berkhamsted	HP4 2PJ	2-Aug-15		25-Nov-15
4	CLARKSON	Sheila Mary	Kingsmead, Gravel Path, Berkhamsted	HP4 2PH	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
5	EVANS	Karen Jayne	37 Hillside Gardens, Berkhamsted	HP4 2LF	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
6	FLETCHER	Stephen John	The Cottage, London Road	HP1 2RJ	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
7	FREY	Laura	Cress Farm, Sharpes Lane	HP1 2RX	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
8	GREENWOOD	Gladys May	Pix Fam, Pix Farm Lane	HP1 2RY	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
9	GUBBAY	Audrey Alice	Bayford, Bourne End Lane	HP1 2RL	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
10	GUBBAY	David Robin	Bayford, Bourne End Lane	HP1 2RL	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
11	HARKINS	Edith	Ambleside, Sugar Lane	HP1 2RT	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
12	HARRISON	Helen Margaret	The Old Vicarage, London Road	HP1 2RJ	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
13	HARRISON	Miles Alexander	The Old Vicarage, London Road	HP1 2RJ	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
14	IVIN	Janet	62 Meadow Road Berkhamsted	HP4 1JL	8-Feb-16		23-Mar-16
15	KIDGER	Jean	Mississauga, Bourne End Lane	HP1 2RL	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
16	KING	Helen Joan	2 Crewe Curve Berkhamsted	HP4 1SE	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
17	KING	Kathryn Jennifer	35 Turner Court, Berkhamsted	HP4 3ZE	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
18	MANSON	David Charles	The Cedars, Pix Fam Lane	HP1 2RY	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
19	MANSON	Jane	The Cedars, Pix Fam Lane	HP1 2RY	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
20	MANSON	Harriet Grace	The Cedars, Pix Fam Lane	HP1 2RY	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
21	MANSON	Hugo David	The Cedars, Pix Fam Lane	HP1 2RY	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
22	MARSHALL	John	24, Knights Orchard, HH	HP1 3QA	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
23	MARSHALL	Sue	24, Knights Orchard, HH	HP1 3QA	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
24	MILLS	Tanis	17 Grenadine Way Tring	HP23 5EA	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
25	NORCROSS	Megan	Ponderosa Bamcroft Rd Berkhamstead	HP4 3NL	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
26	PACKARD	Emma Marsaili	38 Bourne End Lane	HP1 2RN	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
27	PACKARD	Christopher	38 Bourne End Lane	HP1 2RN	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
28	PALMER	Joanne	42Honeycross Road, HH	HP1 2JA	12-Sep-15		16-Sep-15
29	PRITCHARD	Michael Gwyn	Meadow Cottage, Pix Farm Lane	HP1 2RY	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
30	RHODES	Jacqueline Mary	The Granary, Sharpes Lane	HP1 2RX	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
31	RITCHIE	Melba Mary	Apt 6 Gilhams Court, 343 High St Berkhamsted	HP4 1AT	8-Feb-16		23-Mar-16
32	STANBRIDGE	Daphne	14 Lyme Ave, Northchurch	HP4 3SG	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
33	THOMAS	Alex	56 Upper Hall Park, Berkhamsted	HP4 2NR	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
34	THOMAS	Frances	56 Upper Hall Park, Berkhamsted	HP4 2NR	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
35	WELCH	Jennifer	Pix Fam, Pix Farm Lane	HP1 2RY	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
36	WRATHALL	Julie Ann	The Hermitage, London Road	HP1 2RJ	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
37	WRATHALL	Timothy Peter	The Hermitage, London Road	HP1 2RJ	27-Apr-14		19-Apr-15
					Added	Removed	Approved

St John the Evangelist Bourne End Electoral Roll Report 2015-16

The Electoral Roll has changed this year and we now have 37 members on our Electoral Roll.

We have welcomed Janet Ivin, Melba Ritchie, Joanne Palmer and Sue and Robert Clark this year.

Sadly we lost our dear friend Tegwen Owen who died on 28th April 2015. Tegwen had been a faithful member of our church community for over 30 years and for most of that time had been a member of the PCC and served as Secretary.



CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL CERTIFICATE

Deanery of Berkhamsted

Parish of St John the Evangelist, Bourne End

It is hereby certified that the number of electors upon the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish, as prepared for the Annual Meeting held in the year 2016, was:

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Dated 23rd March 2016

Signed

Electoral Roll Officer of the Parochial Church Council of the parish.

Please note that under Rule 4 of the Church Representation Rules:-

1. This certificate is to be signed by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary or Church Electoral Roll Officer of the Parochial Church Council.
2. It must be sent to the Secretary of the Diocesan Synod and the Secretary of the Deanery Synod not later than 1st June 2016.
3. At the time of sending it, a copy must be affixed, for a period of not less than 14 days, at or near the principal door of every church in the parish and every building licensed for public worship in the parish.