

Parish Of St Peter's Church Titchfield

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council 2014

Our Vision: to be a growing church involved in the development of faith, spiritual growth and welcoming to diversity

Our Mission Priorities: as part of the Diocese of Portsmouth's Ministry for Mission initiative, the Parochial Church Council have agreed three mission priorities:

- Outreach among families and younger people
- Developing Christian discipleship through small groups
- Developing the church as a visitor centre

Priest in Charge (from November 2010): Revd Susan Allman

Churchwardens: Mrs Kay Dunleavy (from May 2013) & Mr Peter Gordon (from May 2013)

Local Ministry Team: Revd Susan Allman, Kay Dunleavy, Penny Murrells, Trevor Streten, Stella Warne, Iain Windebank and Roger Bryant (from March 2014).

Curate: Revd Janet Trevithick

Readers: Mr Roger Bryant & Mr Tony Le Fevre

1350 Squadron Air Training Corp Chaplain: Mr Chris Archer

Parish Co-Ordinator (Honorary): Liz Miller

Administrative Assistant (Honorary): Vicki Taylor

Book Keeper: Wendy Donnelly

Organist: Keith Miller

Captain of the Tower (Honorary): Lyndon Hatfield

Assistant Churchwardens/Senior Sidesmen: Mrs Rachel Baker, Mr Peter Murrells, Mr Iain Windebank

Sacristan: Paul Cousins

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St Peter's Parochial Church Council

Priest-in-Charge: Revd Susan Allman (ex-officio) – Chair

Curate: Revd. Janet Trevithick (ex-officio)

Churchwardens: Mrs Kay Dunleavy (ex-officio) – Vice Chair (from May 2013)
Mr Peter Gordon (ex-officio) from May 2013

Representatives on the Deanery Synod (ex-officio)

Ms Stella Warne (from May 2011)

Mr Mike Dalzell (from May 2012) until March 2014

Mr Iain Windebank (from September 2012)

Elected Members

Mr Paul Angelides (from APCM 2012)

Mrs Jean Gaedke (from APCM 2012)

Mrs Jane Slaymaker (from APCM 2012)

Mr Martin Reid (from APCM 2012)

Mrs Jill Underwood (from APCM 2012)

Mrs Lisa Streeter (from APCM 2013)

Mr Chris Rigby (from APCM 2013)

Mrs Lisa Nicholson (from APCM 2013 until July 2014)

Mrs Sandra Pereira (from APCM 2014)

Mr Peter Taylor (from APCM 2014)

Readers

Mr Roger Bryant

Mr Tony Le Fevre (until 2014 APCM)

We are grateful to Revd Jane Richards, Revd Canon Peter Kelly and Revds. Lorraine and Gary Snape for their help with services and other activities.

Electoral Roll Officer Mr Keith Miller

Secretary Mrs Jane Slaymaker (from May 2013)

Treasurer Mr Michael Dalzell (until March 2014)
Mrs Sandra Pereira (from May 2014)

Independent Examiner Mr Brian Baverstock

Stewardship Recorder Acting Recorder: Mr David Mugford (from October 2013) ratified at APCM 2014

Internet Banking Transactions: checked by Mr Peter Hill

Safeguarding Officers Gina Sherwood (children), Karen Postle (vulnerable adults)

PCC meetings were held on 14 May, 17 June, 17 July, 10 September, 19 October, 11 November, 10 December and 19 January 2015.

Between meetings the PCC operate through sub-committees and working groups which report to the PCC.

The APCM took place on Tuesday 29 April 2014 in the Parish Rooms Titchfield

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Committees and Working Groups

Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Members: Revd Susan Allman (Chair) , Kay Dunleavy, Peter Gordon, Jane Slaymaker, Paul Angelides and Sandra Pereira.

Finance Committee: Makes recommendations to the PCC with regard to setting, and monitoring against, the Annual Budget and advises the PCC concerning the financial position. Chair Sandra Pereira

Worship Committee: Plans, reviews and co-ordinates services. Chair Revd Susan Allman

Mission Priority 1 Committee: Advises PCC on progressing the first stated Mission Priority and oversees work among families, younger people and children. Chair: Revd. Susan Allman.

Fabric Committee: Attends to matters relating to church buildings, including promoting safe practices in the church environment. Chair Paul Angelides

Outreach Committee: In September this team was disbanded. The Local Ministry Team took on an overview to ensure our outreach work continues.

Pastoral Support Team: Facilitates pastoral care in the parish and providing bereavement support. Chair Ros Seward

Baptism Visitors Team: Provides baptism preparation by means of home visits. Chair Stella Warne

Prayer Ministry Team: Provides confidential prayer support following all services on the 4th Sunday each month. Chair Roger Bryant

Social Team: Plans and organises social events: Chair Joan Angelides

Fete Team: Plans and organises the annual church fete. Chair Kay Dunleavy

Rock Leaders Group: Plans rotas and other activities run by The Rock. Chair Penny Sheppard. This group was discontinued when The Rock closed in July.

Parish Rooms: PCC representative Chris Rigby (from June 2013)

Friends of St Peters': PCC Representative Paul Angelides

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Financial Report

The statement of accounts shows that St Peters is in a healthier position at the end of 2014 than it was at the beginning. The finance committee has seen a change in personnel, with Sandra Pereira agreeing to take on the role of Treasurer half way through the year and Lisa Rampersad resigning from the finance committee late in the year. We thank her for her valuable contribution.

The finance committee has met regularly to report to the PCC and has been very careful in monitoring expenditure during the year. The PCC now receives a detailed three monthly report on the financial situation. Thanks are due to Wendy Donnelly, our bookkeeper for her continued help throughout the year.

During the year we have received income, and incurred expense resulting from the work which is being undertaken with the help of Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF), as described in the Fabric Report. We have set up a restricted fund to keep this separate from the church General Fund, and movement in that fund forms part of these accounts. The money in this restricted fund comprises money received from the HLF for work undertaken to-date, together with funds from the Friends which has ensure we haven't needed to use the General Funds to finance any work so far.

Income has increased over the year and thanks are due to David Mugford's hard work and the results from the Gift Aid campaign were encouraging.

We started the year in arrears with Parish Share payments but managed to clear these arrears and will start 2015 with a clean sheet.

During the year we have negotiated a reduction in insurance premiums, and the contract for gas supply ensures that we benefit from price reductions.

The balance sheet shows an increase in assets which we hope to improve on in 2015 with a meaningful increase in reserves. A working party will meet in January to consider the proposals put forward by Victoria James for improving giving through the Parish Giving Scheme which is hoped will reduce some of the work involved in claiming gift aid and ensure that tax rebate on monies donated on a regular basis to the bank is paid to us on a monthly basis.

Reserves : The aim of the PCC is to continue to build on the reserves following the success of the last year.

Financial Statement see separate report

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Worship

Number on Electoral Roll: 207 (198). 58% of the roll live outside the parish boundary.

Sunday Church Attendance

A variety of different services have been held to meet the differing needs of the congregation for worship.

During 2014, the average church attendance on Sundays at St Peter's was 116 (98) adults and 10 (6) children. Attendance at The Rock was variable and decisions were made to change to a café church on the 3rd Sunday each month.

On Sundays, St Peter's Church holds a traditional Holy Communion Service at 8am, Parish Communion Service at 10am, with a non-eucharistic Family Service on the first Sunday each month. Due to drastically reduced numbers, weekly Evening Prayer stopped in July and was reintroduced on the first Sunday of the month in September.

Matins now takes place on the 1st Sunday each quarter at 11:30am.

Weekday Services

On Tuesdays and Thursdays Morning Prayer is held at 8:15am in the South Chapel.

Messy Church is held on Tuesdays about 3 times/term.

Teddy Bear Praise is held every Wednesday (2-3pm) during term time.

C Zone

C Zone started in September. It is led by Helen Perry and Edwina Day, with help from others. C Zone provides age-appropriate learning and worship for children aged three and upwards during the ten o'clock services on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month. The children go to the Chapter Room during the first hymn and rejoin the main congregation in time for Communion. Attendance has been small and rather irregular but we hope worship is now a more pleasant experience for any children attending our main Sunday services and that the group will grow in the future.

For younger children there is our colourful children's corner to play in.

The Rock

During 2013-2014 attendance at The Rock dropped significantly. A change of format of the services was tried to attract new people but was unsuccessful. Two regular families moved away left The Rock with very few attendees, either adults or children. It was decided, after 11 years of operating, that it was time for The Rock to close. It finished with a party attended by people who had supported The Rock in various ways during its time.

Café Connect

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The MP1 Committee presented a report to the PCC with two suggestions. Firstly a suggestion to start a café church as part of the mission of the Church to people who do not and would not come to Church. It was agreed that Café Connect

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would run on the third Sunday of the month. The second suggestion was to make the Family Service on the first Sunday to be non-eucharistic.

Café Connect started officially on 21st September after a trial the week before. Its aim is to provide a welcoming café environment for the sharing of the gospel. Expenditure was kept to a minimum and many donations were kindly given and continue to be given. After 5 months, the majority of people attending are people coming after the morning service for coffee, however we also have attracted some people who do not come to Church, whether when walking past or accompanying our Year 5/6 waiters and waitresses.

It is good for the 8am & 10am congregations to meet together, chat and get to know each other. They also provide a lively atmosphere which helps new people to feel less conspicuous. It has not been possible to have live music at Café Connect except for the very successful visit by Pans Ablaze, which we hope to repeat later in the year. The music played, whether live or recorded, helps to create a relaxed atmosphere.

Many thanks must go to the gifted team who have helped make Café Connect a success. They know who they are and without their faithful support it would not happen.

Although there were some set up costs, donations have been greater than costs. Café Connect has now committed to the support of a child through senior school via St George's Foundation in Sierra Leone.

Messy Church

Messy Church has had an interesting year, continuing to meet about 3 times a term. Until the end of July 30-40 children and parents were attending on a regular basis. Some families have been coming since Messy Church started and some more responsible children take on helping to run the activities. For example, an older boy learnt how to use the sound system (with supervision), others help serve the food and clearing away.

A variety of themes have been covered:

- Testing our strength with Sampson, our Messy Hero
- Thinking about why we don't always get on with our families
- Easter & the lovely Easter gardens
- After Easter, fun outside with egg & spoon races, prayer bubbles and water bombs
- Pentecost and the effect of wind – blow bagatelle is fun!
- The woman at the well and the Water Aid challenge which was taken up by the Church and raised over £200
- Building bigger barns – where does our treasure lie?
- Is your body really a temple?

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- Christmas and the Messy Church tree

The numbers dropped dramatically in September and October inexplicably. In December, it needed to be held on a Monday and the numbers were up more

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than ever. January's Messy Church had to be on a Tuesday and numbers were lower. We are experimenting with Mondays and Tuesdays to see if Monday is the better day.

Donations to Messy Church cover the costs and we are very grateful to those who give cakes, food and cooking, plus a huge variety of craft materials. And to the merry (or should that be messy) band of leaders who take on the crafts, lead the worship, help set up and take down tables, clear up and clean up and cook - Thank you. Without them it would not happen.

Teddy Bear Praise

Teddy Bear Praise meets in the Chapter Room between 2pm and 3pm every Wednesday in term-time. Families enquiring about baptism are encouraged to come along so that we can discuss the various options available to them. Some only attend once but others stay and become regular attenders. Some families are now bringing their second child along. After an informal time in which parents can get to know each other and babies can play there is a short time of worship before families leave to go home or collect older children from school. Numbers
6 children 9 adults

Baptisms - During 2014 there were 23 (24) baptisms performed

Confirmations - In 2014 there was 1 (1) confirmation performed

Weddings - In 2014 there were 16 (19) weddings performed and 1 (1) blessing. Couples are encouraged to attend the Love and Cherish marriage preparation course run by the Deanery. The PCC pay the fee for this

Funerals - In 2014 there were 21 (18) funeral services held in church and 7 (7) services held in crematoria.

Holy Week

Holy Week started with a lively procession on Palm Sunday with a real donkey from the Parish Rooms to St Peter's Church, dramatizing our Lord's entry into Jerusalem and the events leading up to the crucifixion.

There were evening services throughout the week, on Maundy Thursday and on Good Friday, there was a walk of witness from Titchfield Abbey, with friends from Titchfield Evangelical Church, to St Peter's Church followed by a service in church.

The Easter Vigil and Service of Light took place on Easter Eve.

Holy Week concluded with great celebrations on Easter Sunday at 8am and 10am services.

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WW1 Remembrance

On the evening of Monday 4 August a very moving reflective commemoration, with poems and musical items offered by members of the community, was held

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in St Peter's before members of the congregation were joined by others for a si-lent, candlelit vigil at the war memorial, with the extinguishing of candles at 11pm to remember when World War 1 was declared.

The "Titchfield Remembers" exhibition held in the Parish Rooms was brought into church so that visitors to the Summer Show could read about those from our village who died in World War One.

Meon Valley Pilgrimage Trail

The Meon Valley Pilgrimage Trail on the Feast of St. Wilfrid (11th October)

began at Meon Shore, paused for lunch at St Peter's Church and ended at St Nicholas' Church Wickham. A message of friendship was delivered en route at the Al Mahdi Centre, Funtley.

Harvest

Harvest was celebrated by a barn dance on Friday 3 October in the Parish Rooms, a Harvest Festival service on Sunday 5 October attended by 77 adults and 6 children, including two families from the Al Mahdi Centre, and services with Bright Sparks Pre-School and Titchfield School. Gifts were taken to the Basics Bank in Fareham and to the Oaklands Trust who provide food and friendship locally for people with mental health problems.

Carnival Service

The Carnival Queen, Carnival Princess and their attendants joined with representatives from the Titchfield Bonfire Boys Society, the village and St Peter's congregation on Sunday 19 October for the Carnival service with an attendance of 66 adults and 4 children.

During the carnival on Sunday 26 October, teas and refreshments were available from the Chapter Rooms between processions. There was a welcome return visit from the Imperial College Chamber Choir who sang in church entertaining the community between the processions.

All Souls Day Service

The All Souls Day service was held on Sunday 2 November at 4:30pm with good attendance of 150 adults and 12 children, remembering those who have died and giving comfort for their remaining families and friends.

Remembrance Sunday (9 November)

Following a procession from St Peter's Church, the church service attended by 265 adults and 59 children was followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial by the Parish Rooms.

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Year six children from Titchfield Primary School attended an Act of Remembrance at the village war memorial on Tuesday November 11th, led by Revd. Peter Kelly.

Christmas Services

The Christmas period started with an Advent Service of Hope for the Haven, at
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tended by a number of celebrities. The Christingle service was on Sunday 30 November and there were carol services for Titchfield Primary School, West Hill Park School and 1350 Squadron Air Training Corps. The nativity figures made by the West Hill Park School were presented during their carol service.

A marvellous Christmas Tree Festival was held in St Peter's 12-14 December, involving all Titchfield community. St. Peter's Puppets told the Christmas Story and West Hill Park Community Choir joined us for a carol service. The festival concluded with the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on 14 December.

There were two full-capacity Candlelit Carol Services held on Christmas Eve. Midnight Communion then celebratory Christmas Day services at 8am and 10am were attended by 1062 + 8 children.

St Peter's Prayerline

Led by Charles Timberlake and a small team, this confidential service responds to requests for prayers

St Peter's Home Groups

Five home groups continue to meet on various days and at various times to develop and grow our discipleship in Christ. 37 members of the congregation make up the Home Groups (5-9 in each) and study the same programme but grow and learn within their teams.

Choir and Music Group

St Peter's is fortunate to enjoy the services and talents of the Choir and the Music Group who enhance our worship through music. It is very much appreciated by the congregation.

Thanks are extended to Organist Keith Miller especially with his additional duties in the absence of a Director of Music.

Ministry for Mission ("M4M")

"Mission is God's activity in the world"

"Ministry is our co-operation with God"

"All baptised Christians have gifts and we all have a calling. All ministry is collaborative, for lay and ordained"

These passages are taken directly from the "M4M" statement, issued by the Diocese of Portsmouth a few years ago, to which we committed ourselves.

Led and encouraged by our Priest in Charge, Rev'd Susan Allman, we have continued to honour that commitment, by arranging and attending joint services with Titchfield Evangelical Church and other churches within our Deanery. These include St. Columba, Holy Trinity and St. Mary's Portchester.

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Representatives of our church have also attended the Western Wards Church Network (WWCN) for fellowship, prayer and worship. WWCN includes Locks Heath Free Church, St. John the Baptist Locks Heath, St. Mary's Hook with Warsash, St. Paul's Sarisbury Green, Titchfield Evangelical Church, Sarisbury Green URC, Warsash Jesus is Lord URC, Duncan Road Church, Whiteley Church and St. Margaret and Mary RC Park Gate.

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Inter-faith Activities

As in previous years, representatives of St. Peter's attended the 19th Annual Muslim Christian evening held at Portsmouth Cathedral on 21st January. This evening included an address by Sheikh Fazle Abbas Dato, prayers and readings in worship, networking and enjoying 'bring and share' refreshments.

On Sunday 22nd June members of St Peter's Local Ministry Team and other members of the congregation met with our local Muslim community at the Al-Mahdi Centre in Fontley Road for discussion, worship and an opportunity to explore the 'prayers and fasting traditions of the two faiths, including 'Adhan' (call to prayers), a quick tour of the Al Mahdi Centre.

Two families from the Al Mahdi Centre joined us in church for our harvest festival service.

A message of friendship was delivered to the Al Mahdi Centre during the St. Wilfrid Walk in October

On the 26th of November, Sheikh Fazle Abbas Dato and nearly 40 others shared a wonderful evening with us, at St. Peter's, to listen to readings from the Holy Bible and the Quran, for worship and for discussion. The Al Mahdi Centre made a generous donation to the church, as well as bringing gifts of fruit and free copies of a book about Karbala.

We talked about the Advent Hope and the difficulties the church has in keeping Advent as a season of solemn preparation, when Christmas is celebrated before the feast in the secular world. Our Muslim guests talked about Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Mohammed and the significance of his martyrdom. For them, he stands for non-violent resistance against those who, in 680CE, were distorting the peaceful teaching of Islam into a message of violence and domination.

Christians, Muslims and Jews can trace their history back to Abraham. As we have met with Sheikh Fazle Abbas Dato and his congregation, we have become more aware of those things which unite us but have recognised the need to explore the "hard questions" as the relationship of trust between us develops. We were able to explore some of those "hard questions" and left, knowing one another better and feeling greatly encouraged by what we had heard from our guests, especially the young people.

Friends of St Peter's

St Peter's Church continues to be blessed with generous financial support from the Friends Of St Peter's.

FOSP organised very successful events of Wine Tasting, School Music Concert, the annual favourite Race Night, the Wessex Chamber Choir concert, Memorial Lecture, Annual Party and Charles Timberlake concert.

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The FOSP have been working hard to recruit new members and would be grateful if more members of St. Peter's would consider joining and encourage their friends and neighbours to support the church in this way.

Links with Local Schools

St Peter's Church has good links with both Titchfield Primary School and West Hill Park School. pg 10

Titchfield Primary School (Affiliated)

Revd. Peter Kelly led assembly and "ashed" members of the school community who wished to participate on Ash Wednesday.

The whole school came to church for Easter "stations" led by a team from St. Peter's, their Leavers' service in July and a beginning of year service of blessing in September.

Revd. Susan Allman led the school in their harvest celebrations. Jill Underwood is a community governor at the school.

The Open The Book team visited on alternate weeks during term time.

West Hill Park School

St Peter's is blessed with a good relationship led by Revd Jane Richards with West Hill Park School and which has been cemented this year by the beautiful crib figures which Year 8 pupils made for our Christmas celebrations, and it was a great thrill to rehearse their Carol Service in church, and see the figures placed very reverently in front of the altar. Their Carol Service was very special and was built round the presentation of each figure in turn, with appropriate readings and lovely music from the choirs.

Jane Richards leads 3 or 4 assemblies each term and, if on a Wednesday, includes the opportunity to meet parents over coffee.

The Leavers' Service was the usual mixture of fun and sadness. All leavers, including staff, decorate a pebble and place it in a bowl of water. The level rising each time represented the contribution each person made to the life of the school. This has been repeated for several years. The pebbles are transferred to the pond, to remain there 'for ever'. (Or until the pond is full!)

Jane is the 'Independent Listener' for the children who board, and she has supper with them each term to remind them that they can contact her if they need a listening ear outside school. It's a great tribute to the care the children receive that she hasn't yet been needed. There are times when the Head asks her to talk to a child who needs extra support for any reason, and it's good to be available.

Harvest Festival brought generous gifts for the Food Bank, and Holy Week and Easter were rolled into one for a special service at the end of the Spring Term, followed by the Easter Bonnet parade for the younger children.

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The most solemn occasion was the Remembrance Service held on the Saturday before. Children had made ceramic poppies very like those at The Tower of London, and they were planted at the War Memorial, in memory of the 'Old Westhillians' who died in war.

There was a Junior Speech Day for the 1st time last year, and Jane was invited to be the speaker and present prizes to some very small people! At the Senior Speech Day she could simply sit and watch someone else doing the work, before leading a prayer at the end!

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Plays, concerts, and the Art and Design Exhibition are lovely occasions, and a chance to chat to children, staff and parents.

The school makes Jane very welcome, and she is glad to be a link for them with their parish church.

Revd Susan Allman has attended various events at the school throughout the year.

Fairtrade and Traidcraft

1. Support for Fairtrade has grown and grown! This has largely been thanks to two things:
 - An enthusiastic group of people who have helped support the stall and also provided enthusiasm and encouragement! A big 'Thank you' to Anna Sketchley, Helen Perry, Jill Underwood and Lin Kelly.
 - We now stock the stall ourselves with goods bought on 'sale or return' from Shop Equality in Eastleigh. This means we are better able to stock items which sell well, such as socks, and discontinue things which do not.
2. We have had a regular stall at 8am, 10am and Evening Services on the first Sunday in each month. We have also had two stalls at Café Connect and will have further stalls there from time to time. Takings on the stall have increased considerably since we took responsibility for stocking it ourselves. We now take an average of £116 which is £41 more than last year. Any surplus is sent to Traidcraft.
3. Fairtrader profit: Shop Equality regard us as 'Fairtraders' and give us a 10% discount on the goods we sell. A record is kept of all takings/expenses – see Appendix 2. It was agreed to use this money for:
 - i) Publicity for the stall, such as our banner
 - ii) Sample goods, such as biscuits and chocolate for people to try
 - iii) Donations to Traidcraft
 - iv) Out of pocket expenses if claimed (e.g. travel to collect goods)
4. A stall at the Christmas Tree Festival. This did very well indeed and the PCC is very grateful to everyone who helped to staff it and to Helen Perry for organising that. The 10% profit made from that stall was divided equally and sent to Traidcraft and Friends of Fareham Homeless
5. Provision of Fairtrade snacks for Carnival Day. Penny Murrells kindly organised this using goods purchased from Shop Equality

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6. Fairtrade Fortnight 2014. We had a bigger stall, including gifts and cards for Mothering Sunday
7. Easter Eggs. We sold 68 'Real Easter Eggs' and are taking orders for these again in 2015
8. Advent Calendars. We sold 62. For both Easter Eggs and Advent Calendars, the 10% Fairtrader discount was passed on to people buying them
9. Christmas cards. Janet Trevithick kindly organised the sale of these and we had a small number of orders

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Mission Giving

The following charities were supported from church funds and special collections:

Embrace the Middle East, St George Foundation, Al Ahli Hospital Appeal
Christian Aid - Ebola Appeal, Wateraid, Friends of the Homeless Fareham,
Bishops Lent Appeal, Whiteley Mission Fund, Bible Reading Fellowship, The
Highlands Hub, Children's Society, Church Urban Fund, Countess Mountbatten
Hospice, Macmillan Cancer, The Rowans Hospice and Two Saints.
Amounts raised £4,391. £2,315 was also sent direct to the charities and are not
shown in the accounts.

Fund Raising – the annual church fete

The 2014 Fete again proved to be highly successful.

Although the weather was appalling for the Annual Church Fete we must pay tribute to everybody who contributed, especially those held down tents with brute force and gaffer tape.

Also a big thank you to the West Hill Community Choir and Mick and Fliss Downs who gallantly continued to play as the roof of the marquee tried to sail away in the stormy winds.

The Fete continues to remain the Church's major fund raising event of the year. However, it is also a community event that brings the village together.

Thanks are extended to Chris and Frances Knight for continuing to allow the church to have the use of their gardens.

Social Events

The Social Team organised various events throughout 2014.

In March a Beetle Drive with Afternoon Tea and pancake tossing proved successful. Although the number were small, everybody had a great time.

Unfortunately the two outings, which were organised during the year, had to be cancelled. The Westminster trip was cancelled because of TUC rally in London. Whilst the trip to Wimborne Minster was cancelled due to a lack of support.

A Harvest Ho Down was organised in October and everybody who came had a really good time with lots of laughter.

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In November we held a Quiz Night, which proved as usual a very popular event and was well supported. Again thank you to Roger Bryant for his questions and excellent compering skills.

The Social Committee would like to thank all those who supported these events during the year and we welcome any ideas for future events.

Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank

On the 2nd Sunday each month, goods are given by congregation members to be donated to the Fareham Basics Bank. Jane Robertson and Karen Postle then

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Jenny Windebank organised and passed on donations to the Friends of the Homeless in Fareham and Gosport. This charity receives more than 2,000 referrals to help more than 3,500 people during periods of crisis locally.

Churchyard Maintenance

Clean-ups in the churchyard have been held on the 2nd Saturday most months (except May and December). The work is done by a faithful group of volunteers from the village and St Peter's, and is coordinated by Dr Tim Mason.

The volunteers turn up each month to prune, tidy and sometimes uncover tomb stones around the churchyard.. There is never a shortage of things to do and there is always room for more helpers, with or without garden tools.

Joan Angelides maintained the Garden of Remembrance. Fareham Borough Council cut the grass and replaced the two trees which were felled during storms earlier in the year.

St Peter's Puppets

The leadership of the puppet group was taken over by Lorraine Snape. It is great to be able to continue this link between younger village members and the church.

Lent Lunches

On Fridays during Lent, 'Soup and Bread' lunches were held in the Chapter Rooms. The lunches raised donations of £387.69 given to St George Foundation, a charity which supports ex-street children in Sierra Leone.

Christian Aid Week May 2014

Donations of £372.66 and member of Teddy Bear Praise raised £245 in a sponsored walk, raising £617.66 in total for this international charity which works in around 50 countries to eradicate poverty.

St Peter's Summer Show

Jane Robertson and her team of stall-holders and stewards held the ever-popular show during the summer school vacation period. Sales and donations of £825 were divided between Macmillan Nurses, Countess Mountbatten Hospice and Rowans Hospice.

In 2015 a proportion of the sales money will be given to the church.

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Save the Children

In November 2014, an event organised by Marily Rowlands to sell Christmas cards on behalf of Save the Children raised £226. This event provided valuable funds to the Save the Children charity which supports emergency & long-term relief and development in more than 120 countries.

St Peter's Christmas Card

A congregational card, designed by Jane Robertson, was signed by the congregation and a donation £52.50 was given to Embrace the Middle East, a charity which provides health, education and development programmes in Israel, Palestine, Lebanon and Egypt. pg 14

Additional donations to note:

Macmillan Summer Concert raised £500 for Macmillan Cancer

Wateraid received £250.83

British Legion Poppy Appeal received £55.88

Christmas Tree Festival donated £1,000 to Friends of the Homeless in Fareham.

Ladies' Breakfasts

Each month, there are well attended Ladies' Breakfast events. They are held in the Chapter Rooms offering breakfast followed by a guest speaker.

The "Net for Men"

Several members of the church attend "The Net for Men". This is a monthly inter church event for men in the deanery and the Western Wards Church Network.

Afternoon Teas

Afternoon teas are held in the Chapter Rooms for the lonely and elderly offering refreshments and company in a friendly environment. The annual outing to the Wheelhouse in Hill Head was held in July.

Parish Golf Tournament

The 2014 St Peters Parish Golf Tournament was held on Thursday 8 May at the Lee-on-the-Solent Golf Club.

It was arguably the rainiest weather for many years and of the 21 players registered to play - only 8 mad fools actually completed the round. However, Nick Brewer played brilliantly and came in with the most points to win the coveted trophy for the year.

Alan Bowden also played well to win the outward half, and because we have a rule that a player can only win one of the main prizes, Colin Wall won the back half.

Our own Peter Kelly won the nearest the pin contest on the 9th hole (actually - maybe because of the weather - he was the only one able to put a tee shot onto any green).

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Background to the Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

St Peter's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest-in-Charge. Revd Susan Allman, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church of St Peter, for all aspects of the pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical development.

Public Benefit

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance and requirements on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had due regard to it in the administration of the PCC. As part of its general promotion of the whole mission of the Church, the PCC provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development for everyone living in the parish and
- Enabling all members of the church to witness, serve and promote Christian values in all the communities to which they belong

Members of the PCC are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2011. All elected PCC members are Trustees and have been properly registered with the Charity Commission.

The induction of PCC members is organised by the Diocese of Portsmouth. Training of PCC members on matters relating to compliance with health and safety, disability discrimination legislation and safeguarding takes place on courses arranged within both the Deanery and the Diocese.

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