

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
CATHERINGTON**



**YEAR BOOK
2022**

including APCM reports iaw Church Representation Rules 2022
not included in the Annual Report and Financial Statements

Welcome to our 2022 Year Book,

This document contains certain specified reports on behalf of the PCC, as well as short reports from a number of groups who are part of the life of our church – please enjoy reading it.

If you are a member of the All Saints Church Electoral Roll then please do bring your comments, questions and points for discussion to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 17th May 2023 at 7.30pm in the church hall.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard". The script is cursive and fluid, with the 'R' being particularly large and stylized.

The Reverend Richard Hutchins

Priest-in-Charge

All Saints Catherington

Reports Mandated by Church Representation Rules 2020

Electoral Roll Report

There are 88 names on the Electoral Roll, a overall reduction of 5 since the Electoral Roll prepared in May 2021. There have been 3 additions to the roll, and those who have left have done so for a variety of reasons.

PCC Secretary Report

There were 6 PCC meetings (92% attendance) and 5 Standing Committee meetings (92% attendance) in 2022. The February Standing Committee was held virtually on Zoom, with all other meetings being in person.

Matters discussed have included: Finances, Church Hall heating and community events amongst other general church business.

Wendy Haxell

Annual Report and Financial Statements – see separate report

Churchwarden Fabric & Safeguarding Report

Fabric. Some simple tasks with rainwater goods have helped in a number of areas of penetrating damp (the Hyde Chapel, Chancel and South Aisle). Clearing rainwater hoppers, repairing joints in cast iron gutterwork and fitting an endstop to the North Aisle guttering have all played their part. Having mitigated the free flow of rainwater onto the external stonework, there will now be a time period to allow that stonework to dry out before internal issues can be remedied (eg Hyde Chapel plasterwork).

There continues to be an issue with the nave roof north west verge – estimates were received to investigate the issue (ranging from c.£3k to 6k); delays imposed by the move of our architect between companies prevented the work being completed in the appropriate time window for the materials involved (April to September) therefore the area will continue to be monitored with a view to completing the work in 2023.

The cause of the issue with the South Door lock appears to be frame alignment following the emergency repair in 2020 when the frame started to fall out of the stonework. Remediation work to pack out the bottom of the door frame will be needed, in conjunction with other church maintenance works to be programmed in due course; in the meantime the stiff action on the lock is manageable with care.

Between the Churchwarden and Priest-in-Charge an inventory check has been progressed in 2022, with all major items accounted for against electronic lists produced in 2006. The outstanding items for 2023 relate to materials in the choir vestry (principally hymn books and other sundry items).

2022 saw significant investment in the Church Hall Fabric, across three major items. A substantial water leak in the roof, in the vicinity of the valley above the main entrance was identified; this was leaking onto the electrical distribution equipment in the main hall cupboard. This has been

addressed through a roof clean (January 2022) and reforming the valley with repairs to tiling underlay (October 2022). In addition, the main hall heating system was changed from wall mounted hot air blowers (most of which were broken and non-functioning) to overhead far IR panels (March 2022), which are working well. In July a wasp nest under the roof tiles in the vicinity of the main entrance was treated.

The Quinquennial Inspection due in 2022 could not be supported by the appointed Architect, owing to their transferring to a new business on closure of the previous company that they worked for. It will be completed in early-2023.

Safeguarding. The parish safeguarding officer's report was received by the PCC 15/03/2022. The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have regard to the House of Bishops' Guidance on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults.

Joe Edwards

Deanery Synod Report

Our elected Deanery Synod representatives in 2022 were Deb Vears (also Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod) and Joe Edwards.

The Deanery Synod met only twice in 2021 in June and November. A planned March meeting was cancelled owing to the coincident arrival of our new bishop, Bishop Jonathan.

It was a pleasure in 2022 to be able to meet exclusively in person, and to enjoy the ministry of the Deanery Band to lead worship at the start of our gatherings.

Key items of business during the year included: the progress of the Deanery endorsed paper of Affirming Lay Leadership, eventually taken at Diocesan Synod in November 2022; the development of the new Diocesan Plan, incorporating Deanery Plans alongside those of Diocesan departments – supporting +Jonathan's priorities of children and young families, and older people spirituality; the latter priority is spearheaded by the launch of Anna Chaplaincy in the Diocese, with a strong lead being provided by Havant Deanery (specifically Colleen Jackson); Stewardship and Data in Mission presentations.

Deb Vears and Joe Edwards

Other Reports

Vicar's Report

It has been a delight in 2022 not to be focussed on what COVID-19 has been up to!! In many ways it has felt like a year of “getting back to normal” – with the challenge that the timing of my arrival here as Priest-in-Charge meant that “normal” was a slippery word...

There have been truly historic moments in 2022 – and it has been my utmost privilege to be here through these. It was such a joy to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II alongside so many in the local community (including the installation of the beacon onto the church tower roof!!) and to join in with the festivities. It was the utmost honour to hold space later in 2022 for people to mark the death of our same Queen – to be in that moment of history when the wholehearted and dedicated service of Queen Elizabeth II came to its end; to be here in the moment of the Accession to the Throne of our new King Charles III. These are enduring memories and being with this community in that place will be a strong part of my future recollections.

2022 was an important year in the history of our Diocese, with the installation of Bishop Jonathan as the Tenth Bishop of Portsmouth – it was another moment of great privilege to be present in the Cathedral for this momentous occasion in March. I have to say that it was equally (of not slightly more!) splendid to be back in the Cathedral in July to join with the Reverend Amanda Sim at her ordination as Deacon, and to welcome her to our United Benefice for the next few years. It has been an incredible delight to accompany Amanda as she has grown and flourished in these first months of the ministry that God has called her into.

Personally, this year was marked by the celebration of Diana and my Silver Wedding anniversary – another space of pure joy for me!! Then there was the start of Holy Week, when I ended up in QA Hospital unexpectedly with incipient liver failure from a reaction to a prescribed drug that I had been given to take (coincident with my first personal brush with COVID); all ended well for which I am amazingly grateful – particularly for the sense of being surrounded in prayer throughout! There were spaces of deep energization and restoration for me in the year – with a return to camping in a field at New Wine in the summer, and a silent retreat in North Wales in September.

There is so much to celebrate here – welcoming new people to our church communities is first and foremost amongst these; it has been so fantastic to enjoy the sound of families engaging with bible related activities in the families area, that was first established in 2021, during our Sunday services as well as to welcome new regular worshippers to our services. At the same time there have been losses amongst the church community, notably The Reverend David Divall, Eileen Hobbs, Daphne Beale and Eileen Weston's husband Colin.

Relationships with areas of the wider community have continued to be a fruitful priority. The connections with our church schools have continued to deepen – and we have welcomed hundreds of children and parents into the church over the year for various services. Absolute highlights were the Year 6 leavers' Holy Communion for Horndean Church of England Junior School, where lots of the children came for a blessing, and the Year 2 leavers service for Catherington Church of England Infant School – both of these threshold moments in young lives are filled with hope and emotion! I was also able to join Year 6 at Portsmouth Cathedral for their very special service there. And then there are the days when the schools have visited for activities and just to enjoy the space of the our church building – all wonderful.

Relationships between local church leaders have continued to develop – and this has proved fruitful for the Horndean and Clanfield Churches Together. It was great fun pulling together a video Christmas Card for 2022 (thank goodness for the video editing skills I learned through COVID 19) – but I have to admit that the hardest group to get to follow the simplest instructions on what to say and where to stand seem to be clergy!. I have been working particularly closely with the Reverend Joy Windsor (House for Duty priest overseeing Holy Trinity Blendworth) as we consider how to reach into the Horndean area; there is much more to come in this area in the future!

What else? Well, we started the Vicarage Hospitality evenings and had some lovely meals with our guests, until coughs, sneezes, COVID and other winter bugs got in the way; don't worry – these will return very soon! There have been very demanding periods in the diary – such as appointing a new headteacher to Catherington Church of England Infant School, and “enjoying” my first experience of OFSTED in the successful inspection at Horndean Church of England Junior School. There have been enormously enjoyable seasonal services, at Easter, Harvest, Christmas – and I took great personal joy in being an absolute fool at the well-attended Crib Services.

In all of these things I have been supported throughout by the PCC – and I must not let this report pass without saying a massive thank you to each and every one of them. I have also been supported by the clergy and reader team in providing our Sunday services – for which I am immensely grateful. There are so many other ways in which the ministry that God has called me too has been enabled – by so many people to whom I am deeply thankful. One of the key ways in which this support has been shown is through the faithful giving of discipleship, without which the church would be unable to function in our ministry together. There is a committed core of planned regular givers and I want to say THANK YOU to you all – and to everyone that puts something in the plate on a Sunday or at other times; every contribution to our financial resources is valued and important to what we are called to be, and do, as Church.

God bless,

Revd Richard Hutchins

Baby Group

Baby Group was relaunched on 6 September 2022 and is now held in St James Church Hall on Tuesday mornings during term time. This is for parents/carers with their babies of up to one year or when they are walking confidently and ready to move on to Toddle-On.

Although the group was initially slow to take off, the parents have really appreciated the opportunity to meet up for friendship and mutual support.

Di Reynolds

Catherington and Clanfield Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union is a women-led Christian movement, with 4 million members across the world passionate about transforming and improving community life.

As a joint benefice branch, we continue to run our hugely popular “Toddle-On” group on Friday mornings in All Saints Hall and in 2022 we re-launched the Baby Group which now meets during term time at St James Church Hall.

We are a happy branch of 23 members, run by a committee of 8, and coordinated by our secretary Trish Biggs.

We normally meet at 2pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, except August, in St James Church Hall where we enjoy a varied programme of topics including worship, discussion, visiting speakers and social activities. Guests and new members are always welcome.

Di Reynolds on behalf of the Committee

Churches Together in Horndean and Clanfield

In the review of the Churches Together Christmas card at the Zoom meeting in January 2022 a number of shortcomings were highlighted, the most important of which concerned the failure of The Directory to deliver the 8,000 cards to every house in the local area. Other concerns were the high cost of printing and delivery and the early deadline required for printing, meaning that inaccurate information of Christmas services crept into the final copy. It was decided to consider better ways of sending Christmas greetings from the churches and publicising the services. No-one supported keeping the Christmas card in its present form in the future. A small amount of money was to be paid by each church to support any expenses for the new card. The January Service for Christian Unity, to be held at All Saints, was discussed. The Good Friday Walk of Witness was outlined. There was a brief report about the ToDaRe refugee project describing how the Syrian family were settling in, learning English and being visited by volunteer Befrienders. There was a report about Open the Book, explaining that the volunteers were once again going in to Hart Plain Infant School but had not been invited back to Berewood School. At each meeting the final item consisted of each church rep. briefly giving news and information from their church.

At the April meeting there was further discussion about the new Christmas card but there were too few at the meeting to make a definite decision. At the review of the January service of Christian Unity at All Saints it was felt that it had gone well and more people had attended than in recent years but it would be good to attract even more people. The Good Friday Walk of Witness was planned to start with a short service at St Edmund's to send out the cross. There followed a walk with stops for readings, prayers and hymns, on the way to Holy Trinity where the cross was to be received at a short service and hot cross buns and tea and coffee served afterwards. The joint chair of the ToDaRe refugee project gave a detailed update on the family, which was generally positive with the mother and children making good progress with English. The father's lack of education resulted in his progress being slower. The Open the Book team were prevented from going to Hart Plain Infants for half a term because the high incidence of Covid in school meant there were no assemblies. The churches decided to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee separately in their own local communities.

At the July meeting there was a favourable review of the Good Friday Walk of Witness as up to 70 people attended on a lovely sunny day and everything went very well. The replacement for the conventional Christmas card was discussed in detail and it was decided to go with a virtual card accessible online. It was hoped to reach many families and the Christmas service times would not be needed as early in the autumn as previously. There was a brief report about the refugee family. For Open the Book it was noted that a couple of people had joined the team, which was still going to Hart Plain Infants fortnightly.

In October the details for the online Christmas card were discussed and it was decided that Revd. Richard, with help from Revd. Joy (Blendworth) and Revd. Sam (Horndean Baptists), would get it set up on Facebook and in other online places, as well as the individual church websites. There was a brief discussion about the January service for Christian Unity on 22nd January and it was the turn of St Edmund's to organise that. The Open the Book team were going into Hart Plain Infants only twice during the autumn term because the new head teacher didn't want them more often and therefore the hunt was on for another school, as the Bible Society that runs Open the Book like teams to do assemblies at least once a fortnight so that the continuity isn't lost and a relationship can be built up. There was a brief update about the refugee family.

Hilary Batchelor (St James HCCT Representative)

Churchyard Working Party

The Team. The All Saints Churchyard Working Party comprises a body of willing volunteers who maintain the churchyard and its buildings for users and the general public. The group has met for many years, usually on the last Saturday of every month, a pattern continued in 2022.

Volunteer attendance has been helped by Councillor Sara Schillemore, who posts a monthly invitation on the Catherington Connections Facebook page. We have reaped the benefits of this through regular help and interest from non-church members, as well as our own congregation. Members get along extremely well together and are most adaptable in the work they take on – working impressively at every session.

2022 Activities. We are grateful once again for a £1000 grant from Horndean Parish Council to assist with Churchyard maintenance – and this has been used again this year to fund a contractor to keep the grass cut in two key areas of the churchyard. This helps with the toughest challenge of trying to keep on top of the grass during the growing season. We have continued to split the churchyard into different areas: contractor maintained; working party maintained; and “wilded”. The latter area was allowed to grow throughout the Summer, receiving a single cut in September which was allowed to lie for a few days to release any wildflower seeds, before being cleared away. The area was then seeded with a variety of wildflower seed, including Yellow Rattle which is an essential element of meadow grassland. We are specifically grateful to Revd Adrian Harbidge and Joe Edwards for their ongoing mowing in the northern side of the churchyard and the main pathway from the Lychgate to the West door. In the wild areas we have maintained access routes for visitors.

Maintaining the churchyard would be impossible without all of the volunteers, and we are most grateful for all of the time that they give in looking after all aspects of the churchyard and around the church, including clearing rainwater drainage, hedge maintenance and clearing the odd fallen tree from hedgerows etc. This is a great and varied team – and the times of refreshment together are as important as the work! Thanks to everyone involved and, of course, new members are welcome to join us on the last Saturday of each month.

Flower Report

We have a dedicated group of ladies who make arrangements for the North, South and East windows, the porch, the font and the pedestal. We take it in turns to arrange the pedestal. A special effort is made for Easter and Christmas. Thank you all.

Sue Howard-Harwood

Illumin8

Illumin8 is our youth group that meets monthly except April and August at the Vicarage on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 8pm to 9.30pm. We have had 4 youth from St Wilfrid's Cowplain and about the same from All Saints and St James in this joint offering (including Blendworth when they have some youth of appropriate age). During the year 2 of the youth from St Wilfrid's moved out of area reducing the attendance – however we have added to the number from All Saints keeping a fairly stable group.

Originally set up for School Year 6 to 9, this was expanded up to Year 11 at the request of 2 members who moved into Year 10 this academic year; the mix continues to work well, and the pattern on the first two meetings of each term is to gather, to share food (indoors, or outdoors around the firepit), and then to explore some element of life together from a Christian perspective – we have used materials from the New Wine youth resources (Luminosity) in 2022. On the third meet of each term we put the focus on having fun, playing games and the like together just to let off some steam!

Revd Richard Hutchins

School Governors' Reports

Horndean Church of England Junior School

All Saints Church hold 2 positions as Governors at Horndean Church of England Junior School. Reverend Richard Hutchins holds the Ex-Officio post and Katherine Peett holds the other Foundation Governor post.

During 2022 Reverend Richard and I continued to support the school as Governors. Our regular Governing Board meetings support the Leadership and Management of the school, and it has been evident that these strong links have enabled the distinct Christian character of the school to grow and flourish, which in turn enables the children and staff to grow and flourish too.

In April 2022 we were delighted to be able to support the school during our Ofsted inspection. The inspector was very impressed with the way in which the distinct Christian character of the school has become interwoven through everything that the children experience, through the school values of Thinking with Thanksgiving, Learning with Love and Caring with Compassion (TLC). The Governors and School Leadership team were delighted that the Ofsted Good rating of the school was retained at this inspection.

Reverend Richard regularly leads Collective Worship, and the links with the school continue to grow and flourish.

In June, it was lovely to be able to support the school in person on Trinity Day – an off-curriculum day when we give the children space to explore their own spirituality through various activities linked to the Trinity. A team from All Saints hosted a year group in the church to support this special day.

Later in the summer term year 6 had leavers services at the cathedral and at All Saints, both important occasions to mark the end of their time at the school, and in December all year groups

had their Christmas carol services at the church, which further strengthens the links between the church and the school.

Katherine Peett

Catherington Church of England Junior School

All Saints Church hold 2 positions as Foundation Governors of Catherington Church of England Infant School. Revd Richard Hutchins hold the ex-officio post and the other post was filled by Wendy Haxell in September 2022, a welcome addition to the team. Revd Richard and Wendy have supported the school as part of the Governing Body across the three areas of: Strategic Direction, Financial Performance, Holding Leaders to Account.

Revd Richard, and from July 2022 Revd Amanda, have led weekly Collective Worship and welcomed the children into All Saints Church for a number school services. Links between the church and the school are growing even stronger under the leadership of the new Headteacher, Maria Burden, and include the use of the former Sunday Club board in the church to create a display of schoolchildren's work from across the Year Groups.

Revd Richard Hutchins

Messy Church

Messy Church was relaunched in January 2022. Messy Church meets every second Saturday of the month (except August) at St. James Clanfield from 3.30 to 5.30 pm for craft, a short celebration and food. We currently have over 25 families registered and the numbers attending Messy Church ranges from 8 to 12 families each month. A highlight of the year was the Baptism of a member of the Messy Church family in September. A fantastic team of volunteers from those who prepare the craft to those who prepare the tea ensures each month Messy Church is a success and helps families to learn more about Jesus.

Diana Hutchins

Scrabble Group

The Scrabble group was started by the bereavement committee.

The group meets every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30. Our members are enthusiastic and enjoy a chat. Scrabble dictionaries are provided so that we can check words and look for two letter words to fill in spaces.

New members would be very welcome.

Sue Howard-Harwood

Toddle-on

Toddle On has enjoyed another successful year and we continue to welcome mums, dads, grandparents and carers. We resumed 'Toast' at snack time which everyone was delighted about and have introduced some new snacks such as shop bought pancakes from time to time as well as the usual selection of fruit, fruit loaf and malt loaf. (Better known as 'chocolate toast' by one little girl).

We have been delighted to welcome some new brothers and sisters to our group this year and had to say 'goodbye' to a few families when their youngest children started school or pre-school. Our attendance numbers each week range from a minimum of 6 families to maybe as many as 15 families or more! So judging the shopping requirements each week can be a challenge. The format of the morning seems to still work well, so we continue to start with free play until snack time and we always finish the session with singing. We mostly have just one helper on the rota alongside Trish and Hilary Munro, each week.

Once again my thanks goes to Brian Johnson who kindly continues to come and help set out the tables and chairs before the session starts and also to Jo Edwards and Andy Martin who have helped when Brian is away.

I am delighted that we were able to resume 'Baby Group' from September, in St James Church Hall.

Toddle On would not be possible without the wonderful team of volunteers that I have helping me. So many thanks to you all.

Trish Biggs