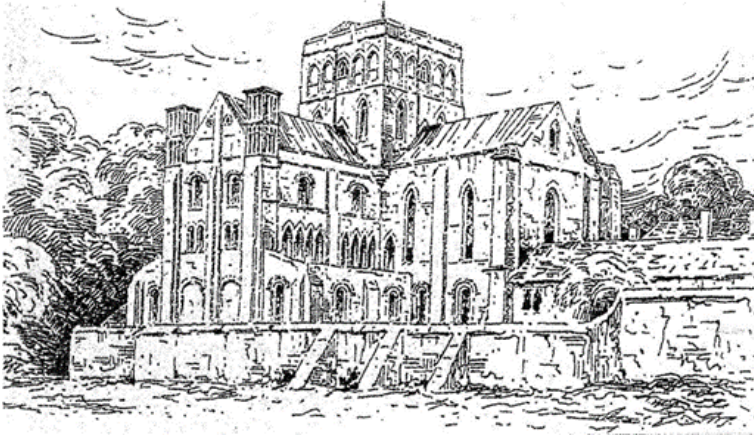




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## INTRODUCTION

2021 began with hopes that Covid-19 disruption might be nearly at an end. However late January saw a handful of ministers leading worship in church each Sunday with everyone else joining from home on Zoom. Then with great joy we experienced a series of restorations. Firstly from Palm Sunday we were able to meet together in person, initially at the Parish Hall. Then we returned to the Chapel in Eastertide, using a Bookings system to meet our obligations under Track & Trace. Then we were able to sing together. Finally in September we welcomed back the Choir to our services. The arrival of the Omicron variant created further disruption at Christmas. But we ended the year with most of activities restored to their pre-Covid pattern

By the end of the year we were able to weigh some gains, to be set against many losses. We had learned to use technology for better communication among us. Many of us had taken up unfamiliar roles and ministries and found that we enjoyed them. We developed a habit of corporate daily prayer on Zoom which has sustained many of us through difficult times. We also had successful 'firsts', including: the Sponsored Walk along the Clarendon Way in May, a Parish Picnic in September and the Auction of Promises in November. These events filled the gaps in both fundraising and fellowship left by the need to cancel the Fete for a second year.

We were able by God's grace to find the resources to meet the challenges of a second year of Covid. The work done is a testament to the resilience and faith of our community. None of the activities described in the pages which follow would have been possible without the enormous commitment of our large team of volunteers and small team of part-time staff, and the great financial generosity of our supporters.

From the first days of the pandemic we used a verse from Psalm 46 at the head of our Daily Prayer booklets: the Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge. And so the Lord has been with us and has been our refuge; and we continue in our faithful love of him, lived out in our prayer, worship, study and teaching and in our care of our neighbour.

*Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks - Rector*

## **AGENDA - ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS 2022**

Opening prayers.

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence.
2. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
3. The Election of Churchwardens for 2022-23.
4. Close of meeting.

## **AGENDA - ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

1. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
2. Matters arising.
3. The Mandatory Reports (for discussion, and any recommendations to the PCC):
  - a. Electoral Roll. Report on changes in membership of the Electoral Roll since the last APCM.
  - b. PCC Activities. Report on what the PCC has done in 2021, and the activities of the parish.
  - c. Deanery Synod. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod in 2021.
4. Reporting of Financial Statements of the PCC for 2021, including the Independent Examiner's report.
5. The Elections:
  - a. Members of the Deanery Synod.
  - b. Members of the PCC.
6. The Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the accounts.
7. Any Other Business (relating to the PCC or Parish).

Closing Prayers.

### **Notes:**

All residents of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Faith, together with the non-residents on the Parish Electoral Roll, may vote on item 3 at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

Voting on all items at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is restricted to those whose names are on the Parish Electoral Roll.

## **GOVERNANCE**

### **Mandatory Report on the Electoral Roll**

On 31st December 2021 there were 194 names on the electoral roll of which 71 were residents and 123 non-residents.

*Valerie Carver - Electoral Roll Officer*

### **Mandatory Winchester Deanery Synod Report**

Murray Dixon, Dodie Mowat and John Pringle continued as our representatives throughout 2021. The Deanery Synod met three times in 2021. At the February meeting Bishop David stressed the Deanery's significant place in the life of the Diocese, with its schools, chaplaincies, county infrastructure and prison, and the fruitful ecumenical relationships. He then explained the pressure on the Diocesan budget and outlined ways this would be addressed. There were also short presentations on Alpha, using music in worship online, prayer chains and midweek connections, followed by discussion in breakout groups

In June Revd Canon Brian Wakelin gave a presentation about the history of our overseas partnership with Muhabura (which began 10 years ago this year) and outlined a proposal for the Deanery to respond to a request for help with training of Lay Readers. Small groups then discussed in relation to the Pandemic:

- What had been lost that we need to grieve?
- What had been paused or reduced that we can let go of?
- What has been paused or reduced that we want to renew?
- What has been discovered that we need to respond to?
- What is new and needs to be developed further?

In October the Assistant Area Dean gave a presentation reviewing the five objectives of the 2018-2020 Deanery Mission Action Plan:

1. To enable and equip churches to respond to new opportunities
2. To support the ongoing development of Clusters
3. To create an accessible network of communication, support and resources
4. To extend our ministry amongst young people
5. To root the mission and ministry of the Deanery in prayer.

Group discussion followed and the DMPC will use the feedback to formulate the 2022-2024 dMAP.

*John Pringle*

## **Churchwardens' report**

The role of the Churchwarden is never dull, and 2021 kept us busy adapting to the ever-changing covid regulations, trying to minimise the risks to us all as well as to the Brothers. Throughout the year we sought to provide a safe environment for worship. From Zoom services in January to Easter in the Parish Hall, then returning to the church with virtual choir hymns. From September the choir sang from the stalls and Choral Matins returned. Since then we saw a gradual increase in numbers as many people felt able to return and we welcomed many lovely new people, with doors open for ventilation, masks being worn, keeping socially distanced and taking communion in one kind only.

We are very thankful for our hardworking clergy, who provided such stability and leadership in the face of continuous change. We kept in touch with them by a weekly Zoom meeting. We are also aware that we owe a great deal to ex-Churchwardens Murray and John, without whose help we might have struggled week by week. Filling rotas is a continuous challenge so thank you to all who agreed to go on one, whether it be stewarding, cleaning, making refreshments, teaching the children, serving at services, reading or intercessing. Please speak to one of us if you would like to be included on a rota.

The Hospital staff look after the buildings, whereas in most Parishes this is the responsibility of the Churchwardens. We are therefore hugely grateful to Terry the Master and Trustees, to Catriona (Clerk to the Trustees) and all the Hospital staff. Lastly we should like to thank all of you for your support, patience and cooperation throughout 2021.

*Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck*

## **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding all who are involved in parish activities continues to be a priority for the PCC. It is a standing agenda item which is reported on at each PCC Meeting. We continue to be mindful that our policies and procedures remain up to date and follow national models approved by the House of Bishops. In October we were advised that the Church of England has made some changes to the safeguarding training programme. The National Safeguarding Team has created a range of safeguarding learning pathways for people with roles within the Church of England to complete. Much of the safeguarding training will stay the same; the main change being to some leadership roles which we are currently working our way through. It is now also a requirement that we renew our training every 3 years along with all Disclosure and Barring Service renewals. All parishes have been given a 2-year period in which to be compliant with the new national requirements.

We are extremely grateful to Janet Rowland-White's continued support and diligent work in helping those applying for DBS checks.  
*Michele Brannigan - Parish Safeguarding Officer, Rev. Dr. Phillip Krinks - Rector, Gill Beck & Dodie Mowat - Churchwardens*

### **PCC matters**

The PCC members are trustees and thus they must comply with charity law. They must also act in accordance with regulations in the Church Representation Rules. The usual six PCC meetings took place during the year. The first four of these were via Zoom due to continued Covid regulations and concerns but our September and November meetings were held in person. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners was held on Zoom, as was the Annual Parochial Church Meeting both in April 2021. A virtual meeting was authorised under the terms of the Bishop's Direction of August 2020. The annual Financial Controls Review took place in November.

Notice was given to the Parish on behalf of the Bishop of the Collation of Rev. Dr. Phillip Krinks to the benefice of Winchester St Cross Hospital with St Faith, to take place on 27 April 2021. The Collation followed the end of suspension of the right of presentation in December 2020. The PCC passed a Resolution proposing Philip as incumbent and consequently and upon confirmation of the Patron (who is the Bishop) he was instituted as Rector of the Parish.

At the July meeting a Motion was passed and approved unanimously to give the PCC's consent to Rev Hilary Healey's Licence being renewed for a further 3 years. Hilary then received the Bishop's Licence to serve as a priest in the Parish of St Faith until March 2024.

*Victoria Arthur - PCC Secretary*

### **Mission Action Planning Group (MAP)**

The group did not meet in 2021. The arrangements put in place to adapt to COVID restrictions in 2020 continued throughout 2021. In the fourth quarter of 2021 some services and activities resumed in person, but virtual Morning Prayer and the House Group continued on Zoom.

Our Common Good project with Winchester prison was not able to resume fully due to government guidelines restricting access to prisons.

*John Pringle*



## **Hospital of St Cross Trustees' report**

2021 was a more positive year than 2020 with the Hospital welcoming visitors back in May and the Church opened its doors for worship again.

**The Brothers:** The Brothers were pleased that restrictions eased slightly and they were able to start going out again. There was a very happy Gaudy for Holy Cross Day when we were able to have a small gathering in the Brethren's Hall. Whilst the Brethren at St Cross managed to avoid covid infections, a former Brother, David Macgeorge, died in February after contracting the virus at his nursing home. Another former Brother, James (Jim) Abson, who started his life at St Cross in the role of Porter also died in February (his death was not related to covid). Later in the year (in August) the St Cross community mourned the loss of their former Senior Brother, Ron Stacey, resident at the Hospital for 30 years. He reached the grand age of 104 and lived at both St Johns Charity and St Cross Grange after he left St Cross in 2014. No new Brothers joined St Cross during 2021 due to the pandemic delaying the ability for prospective Brothers to visit the Hospital as part of their application process. However, the recruitment drive was rekindled and has resulted in new Brothers being recruited.

**Trustees:** Robin Chute retired from the Board in June having completed 15 years as a Nominative Trustee from Winchester College. Robin provided invaluable knowledge on property and land matters and will be sorely missed. His replacement is Adam Rattray, who joined the board in May. Adam is Head of History of Art at Winchester College, where he is also Director of the Friends and sits on the Treasures Committee and Collections Committee. In May 2021 the board also welcomed the new Mayor, Cllr Vivien Achwal who took up her place as an Ex-officio Trustee.

**Staff:** Once again the Trustees appreciated the resilience and hard work displayed by the whole St Cross team during what was another year of unexpected and often frustrating challenges. We were pleased to welcome Jeannette Rastrick who joined as a Relief Warden.

**Hundred Men's Hall:** The newly refurbished HMH opened again in 2021 having been closed during 2020. The Trustees were very grateful to the Friends of St Cross for sponsoring the refurbishment work which included a complete redecoration, below dado wood panelling to protect the fragile walls plus new heating and lighting. Despite the later opening date Janet and her trusty team of volunteers had a busy season and the Trustees are very grateful to them all for their hard work.

**The Michaelmas Fair:** Held on Saturday 25 September this event was a great success with a record-breaking number of visitors; over 800! The Madding Crowd Singers and Falconhigh entertained the visitors and the New Forest Austin Healey Car Club who attended with their beautiful

classic cars were pleased the weather stayed fine for the majority of the day. The event raised £2,890 (profit) the Porter's Lodge Shop and HMH were also very busy and made a lot in sales.

**Building Projects:** The project to replace the Hospital boilers and hot water pipework through the loft of the flats was completed in 2021. Old copper pipes have been replaced with thick plastic. Three traditional lanterns in the Inner Quadrangle were refurbished and a section of rotten wood at the top of the Church flagpole was repaired, a new flag hoisting mechanism installed and the pole was repainted by brave contractors!

*Jonathan Cooke - Chairman of Board of Trustees*

## **WORSHIP, PRAYERS AND WELCOME**

### **Sunday Services**

After worshipping in church together at the Epiphany, we accepted that a return to using Zoom was necessary. A small group of ministers would lead worship in St Cross Church at 9.30am each Sunday. Everyone else joined in worship from home. Without the excellent internet connection to the Church achieved in 2020 with the kind permission and assistance of the Hospital Trustees and Staff and through the ingenuity of Dudley Rees, even this compromise arrangement would have been impossible.

On Palm Sunday and Easter Day, when we could again gather at the Parish Hall, we began the services outside so that we could sing together. We also held the Children's Good Friday service outside. Revd. Graham Trasler gave us excellent Good Friday addresses, overcoming the challenges of a distinctly low temperature in the Hall and simultaneously communicating with members listening on Zoom.

As we returned to St Cross we gradually restored our familiar pattern of worship: the different Sunday services enabling those who were nervous of joining a large group to return to attendance. By the summer we were again holding weekly 8.00am and 9.30am Eucharists, Choral Matins at 11.00am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, and a Said Eucharist at 11.00am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3rd Sundays.

Whereas mid-December in 2020 brought a joyful return to St Cross, in 2021 it brought us the Omicron variant. Many people understandably limited attendance during the peak of this third wave of infections. Nonetheless we held moving Christmas services, including a Carol Service and two Crib Service divided exceptionally into two smaller congregations.

Thanks are due to all who offered Sunday ministries, often showing great flexibility: including those who led worship and prayers, read from scripture, and the essential role of After Service Cleaning.

*Rev Dr Philip Krinks - Rector*

## **Music Report**

Music in the whole of 2021 was impacted by Covid to-ings and fro-ings. A 'socially distanced' choir of ten voices sang at 9.30 on Sunday 3 January. A week later ZOOM services resumed accompanied by pre-recorded hymns from choir volunteers accompanied remotely by assistant organist Chris Jones. We combined on-line worship with live attendances in the Parish Hall from Palm Sunday (28 March), including Good Friday and Easter Day services. Pre-recorded hymns sounded even richer when we finally returned to church on 18 April - followed at 11.00 that day by an APCM on ZOOM(!) - but no live singing was allowed until 1<sup>st</sup> August with congregational hymns behind masks.

It was joyous to welcome back members of the choir to Matins on 12 September and fifteen adult voices assembled in church for the first full choir practice of 2021. By the end of the year the Chapel Choir numbered 23, to be joined in the New Year by a new Junior Choral Scholar from Peter Symonds 'Specialist Music Course'. The patience, diligence and loyalty of these volunteer voices has been exemplary and in his 35<sup>th</sup> year in charge of parish and Hospital music Derek wishes to record his gratitude for the massive support of both the choir and Chris Jones, his assistant. We look forward to building further on this enthusiastic base.

***Let every instrument be tuned for praise!***

***Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!***

*Derek Beck - Organist and Choirmaster*

## **Altar Servers**

Once worship in the church restarted in April, the serving team returned to their duties. It was a great joy to welcome them back. First they had to adapt to a different pattern of worship, reflecting Covid precautions; then as restrictions were eased to several intermediate patterns. It was very good to welcome new servers to the team during the summer and autumn. We are very grateful to all who continue to give their time and dedication to these roles and to the parents of children who participate.

We are always interested in talking to adults and children (usually aged 7+) who are interested in trying serving.

*Alison Carver - Head Server; Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks - Rector*

### **After Church Coffee Team**

We started serving coffee after the 9.30 service in July, and it has gone from strength to strength. In the first few weeks, we used only disposable cups and served individually wrapped biscuits; this was in line with the Covid restrictions that were in place at that point in time. However, later on we were able to return to using normal china cups.

At the beginning of the year, we had a healthy balance of £101.24 brought over from the previous year. In addition, at the end of 2021, we had received donations of £244.08. Thank you all for your generosity. This is a much enjoyed activity after church every Sunday, and it cannot happen without the help of our core team of volunteers. I wish to thank each and every one of them, and if you wish to help us (even if it's only on the odd Sunday) please do give me a call.

*Evelyn Pringle*

### **Chapel Flower Guild**

It really has been a very strange year with the Lockdown and all weddings and events cancelled in the chapel, so we have little to report except that the spiders had a field day spinning the most glorious webs in the Flower Room. In fact one was loath to destroy it all but it was certainly so profuse that entry for us, was difficult! So, sadly for the spiders, Ian, our new groundsman kindly came and cleared it all for us and some of the members scrubbed and dusted and restored the room. Even some of the holes in the ceiling have been repaired, but still a bit more building repairs are due.

We are gearing up and look forward to the current set of booked weddings though with some modifications to quantities of arrangements possible. We do seriously need more people to join us, whether just enthusiastic volunteers or experienced, we will be delighted to welcome you. Speak to one of us. Dodie Mowat, Church Warden & Team Member is nearly always at the services.

Thank you to the kind people who do wish us well and verbally mention their approval. It is heartening to be told, as it really is hard work despite the pleasure, if you are short-handed. Also thank you for the contributions in the basket during festivals. So, here's hoping for a florally fulfilling year.

*Trish Spiers - Team Leader*

### **Silent Prayer Group**

From January to August, I continued to email the Bible sayings to those in our group, and we spent some time at home individually in

quiet contemplation. In September, we were able to meet in person again in the Lady Chapel; it was a day of great joy. We continue to meet once a month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday.

*Evelyn Pringle*

## **PASTORAL CARE**

### **Occasional Offices**

The 2021 wedding season began in late May for the first of our sixteen couples – many of whom had two previously postponed dates – so it was a particular delight to see them finally celebrate their special day. Despite restrictions on numbers and mask wearing in the first half of the year, all of the marriage services (and a number of marquee receptions) went ahead as planned and were each a joyous occasion for the couples and their family and friends.

For baptisms, due to the logistical restrictions, families seeking a baptism were kept on hold until late September when a new twice-monthly baptism service began for up to three families each time. The team were delighted to welcome sixteen children into the church family of St Cross at these services before the year was out.

*Wendy Harrison - Parish Administrator*

### **Pastoral Assistants**

Pastoral care in the parish has continued with the help of the Link people who stepped forward during the lockdowns. Some parishioners have yet to venture out or back to church, so this has been a valuable ministry which, along with the mid-month newsletter, helps to keep people at home in touch with the Parish and its activities.

A successful Parish Visitors course was run in the Autumn with the other City Centre churches, although only one person from this parish was able to participate; so, our core team remains very small and open to new recruits.

The Tea & Chat pastoral initiative continues during the winter months; at present it is held in the Hundred Men's Hall 3 times a week to provide a cuppa, some company or a listening ear for parishioners, brothers and occasional visitors.

Pastoral Assistants' Wednesday private prayer continues. Please do let us know of any people or situations to be added to our list.

2021 has been another year of change and challenge so again, a huge 'thank you' to all who have helped.

*Rev Hilary Healey*

## **LEARNING**

### **Sermon Series**

During 2021 we had three series. In Lent we took the theme 'Walking Towards Glory' as a way to reflect on the Lectionary readings for the season. As well as our local clergy, we enjoyed hearing from Dr. Tim Peppiatt, who was with us on placement. In August we departed from the Lectionary, which called for several weeks of readings from John 6, to consider more broadly the 'I Am..' sayings of Jesus. Then in Advent we considered Wesley's great hymn 'Come, thou long-expected Jesus' to consider the Advent themes of the coming kingdom and our call to play a part in it.

Sunday sermons were followed up by discussions on Zoom on Monday evenings. Although less conducive to building fellowship among us, this format did prove to have some advantages, especially in the winter months.

*Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks*

### **House Group report**

The House Group, also known as the Study Group, met throughout the year via zoom. We joined the Parish for their three sermon series study groups in Lent, August, and Advent.

Following a talk by Graham Trasler we used W H Vanstone's book 'The Stature of Waiting' as the basis for a number of meetings. During the latter part of the year we studied John's letters with the help of Tom Wright's 'The Letters of John' in his bible study guides for everyone series.

We continue to meet via zoom and would welcome anyone who would like to join and see how we explore various themes in a relaxed, easy-paced way.

*Roger Healey, Cheryl Irons*

## **COMMUNITY ACROSS GENERATIONS**

### **Social Events and Fundraising**

It was a busy year in spite of all the restrictions. We managed to have a variety of activities all managed in a safe way being aware of all the restrictions and followed all government advice. We began with a plant sale in the Parish hall carpark it was such a success that we had sold out by midday. We followed this up with 2 more sales and included books and toiletries and our youth group had a stall. We raised over a £1000.

In the summer we enjoyed a picnic and games in the Bowling Green after the 9.30 service. The sun shone and we all had fun. John and Evelyn also hosted a Singapore Buffet in their garden.

As Autumn was on the way some brave souls did a sponsored walk and we took part in the Ride and Stride. All this fresh air and we were keeping safe. Harvest came and we felt we could have our supper with limited numbers using both halls and with dancing outside by floodlight, what fun. In November we held an Auction of Promises it was a tremendous success and thanks to all those who promised things and bid we raised over £5000. We finished our year with a Wassail in the Parish hall windows and door open and sang and had nibbles and drinks what a joy it was to be together singing.

Thank you to all those who have helped in any way and perhaps as you read this you can think of a way you can help in the future. Gill is looking for people to help at the 2022 Fete. It is a great way to get to know people and feel part of our community. Well, we have shown that - despite Covid - we have been sociable and raised money for our Parish.  
*Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck*

### **Tots and Sunday Club**

Sunday Club and Tots met in person for the first Sunday in January 2021 although the restrictions that followed saw us return to online worship and activities until the 28<sup>th</sup> March when we returned to the Parish Hall. During the lockdown, we distributed activity bags and worksheets and invited families to join online. We received feedback from families to say the activities had been very much enjoyed.

The Parish Hall and car park provided a large space for different activities and at the end of the service, the children were able to show the congregation their 'work' in the front hall. Later in the year, when worship in the church resumed, we were grateful to the Master and Ruth for allowing us into their home on rainy days and their beautiful garden (particularly good for treasure hunts) on sunny ones!

Thank you to all the whole team of leaders who imaginatively created activities for the different types of services and adapted to the changing restrictions and precautions.

*Magdalen Rees*

### **St Cross Youth**

The **Friday evening youth groups**, like everyone else, started the year on Zoom but we won the Pancake day quiz! Mel and Alison came up with inventive ways of chatting and playing games on Zoom but everyone was glad when after Easter we could meet up in the Parish Hall

car park for outdoor games and crafts. Thankfully, most Friday evenings were dry! We finished the school year with games and pizzas.

During August, Mel ran a very successful 'Wacky Science' holiday club. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this happen. It included launching our home-made rockets in the meadows! From September, there has been a slow building up of numbers and activities, including restarting table tennis, thanks to John Pringle's enthusiasm. We made items for our stall at the Michaelmas Fair; held an Open evening with refreshments to which we welcomed friends from the church and community; and joined in the Harvest Supper when we had dancing in the car park by flood light.

The **Tuesday after school Drop - In club** has a small but keen following and we enjoy games and crafts, toast and drinks and are able to chat about different topics. Some young people try the drop-in first and then have the confidence to come to youth group on a Friday.

*Rev Sally Heather – Chair, Children, Youth and Families*

## **8+ group**

Candlemas was the day we chose to celebrate with a Christingle service on Zoom. This involved a lot of preparation and delivery of activity bags but was greatly appreciated.

Palm Sunday was the great day to begin 'in person' worship at the Parish Hall and the children's groups re-started in the back hall, with a representative coming through to share with the adults what we had done in the session. It felt good to be back together, even if it was a bit strange! Good Friday saw us acting out the Easter story in the car park and decorating the large wooden cross ready for Sunday and after Easter we were able to worship in the church.

The picnic on the bowling green was a great way to start the new school year and by the beginning of Advent we prepared and presented young people to receive their first Communion.

We are thankful for Mel's ministry on a Sunday morning but really need more volunteers to help lead this group. There are ideas and resources available to help and it is very rewarding to watch our young people grow.

*Rev Sally Heather*

## **Open the Book**

September 2021 saw us resuming our weekly assemblies on Wednesday afternoons at St Faith's Primary after almost a 2-year break. We have a smaller and almost completely new group of people helping to present the stories. Many of the KS1 children had not experienced a



whole school assembly so it has been an interesting challenge to all of us.

As we were starting afresh it seemed appropriate to begin with the Creation and work through significant Old Testament characters like Joseph and Moses. After the nativity at Christmas, in which we managed to enlist the help of two previous church wardens as star gazers, we have concentrated on the life of Jesus as a child left behind in the temple, his baptism and his teaching through parables and healing.

As usual we always try to use child participation wherever possible. With the limitations of space in the school hall, walking long distances by only moving on the third step; conjuring up chariots stuck in mud and even letting a lame man down through the roof is no problem. We run through the story in the Parish Office which allows us an opportunity to focus on the teaching of the story, what props we will need and ask for God's direction in the presentation. Our props include costumes for adults and children, a fire, boat, tree, chariots, fishing nets, masks for sheep, pigs, camels and donkeys as well as cups, dishes etc. for feasts! To ensure a fair distribution of the participation of the children, we draw up a list of the numbers we require each week and the school choose the children accordingly. In some of the productions the children have actually taken on speaking roles and have carried them out with almost no rehearsal.

It is a rewarding experience. If anyone else would like to join in, even as an extra to be called on as required (some stories require more people than others) then please do contact me.

*Cheryl Irons*

## **St Faith's Church of England School**

Following a challenging 2020 school year, where many of the class teachings were conducted remotely, we were delighted to welcome children back into classrooms for much of 2021. Careful plans were put in place to ensure that the indoor spaces were well ventilated. We were sad to have not opened up fully, but the policies we put in place meant that we stayed fully functioning for much of the year.

Our year 6 children maintained their usual high standard in spite of the interruptions to their usual classroom working. We wish them all the very best adapting to life at secondary school.

We said a fond farewell to Mrs. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Crump, Mrs. Maundrell and Ms. Phillips for whom this was to be their last year of working in schools. The wealth of talent from our teachers is reflected in the happy and vibrant atmosphere of the school, combined with years of outstanding academic results. We are truly grateful for their commitment to the school.

Welcoming new staff into the school, we appointed Year 5 teacher and Junior Leader Mrs. Guy, who has also been appointed to our governing board. Miss Renno moved from maternity cover to full time staff. Mrs. Penton joined the front of house as admin assistant.

We have been busy maintaining the school; a new infants teaching space and library creates a more welcoming environment for the children and Head Teacher Mr. Richard Fountain has moved his office to allow for a bigger staff working room. Anyone walking past the front of the school will have seen our much-improved wall and fencing, giving an improved look to the school as well as improving safety and security.

We continue to be grateful for the support given by the parishioners and we're saddened that the continued restrictions meant we couldn't welcome people into the school as much as we would have hoped for. We hope that 2022 brings us much closer together.

*Dudley Rees - Chair of Governors*

### **Friends for Tea**

Friends for Tea meetings were able to resume in September. We still meet at the Chaplain's Lodge on the first Wednesday of the month and we are most grateful to Terry and Ruth for allowing this to happen. We were also privileged to join the Brothers for a musical entertainment given by the Winchester College boys in the Hundred Men's Hall. They joined us for tea and cake afterwards and it was very much enjoyed by all who attended. As always we try to arrange lifts for those who need help. Numbers have varied over time because of Covid, and at last, family feel free to visit their elderly relatives.

Recently Elizabeth Loader stepped down from organizing Friends for Tea after many years of service. She will be a hard act to follow but I will do my best. If you would like to know more, there is a new contact number: 01962 865586.

*Sue Fairbrother*

### **Lazy Cooks**

Because of Covid restrictions, we could only start meeting in August when we had our annual fund-raising Singapore Buffet. It was a lovely summers day and everyone enjoyed the fresh air and each other's company. We were lucky to raise £400 for Parish funds. The following months we had lunches at Brasserie Blanc, Palm Pan Asia and Tom's Deli.

Then Omicron came and we had to call a halt to our meetings, but we still ended the year on a high because we managed to see each other and eat together.

*Evelyn Pringle*

## **Churchyard**

Care and maintenance activities have continued. A dedicated team of volunteers has spent many Saturday mornings mowing, strimming, weeding, pruning and sweeping. Sadly our friends from the Probation Service have not been able to resume their help but if you visit the churchyard, which we encourage you to do, we hope you will agree it is looking well cared for.

During the year the Hospital arranged for dead and dangerous trees to be removed from the boundaries of the churchyard. The Hospital also arranged for a pest control company to deal with a rat infestation in one corner which seems to have been successful.

A member of the Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust staff visited the churchyard and gave valuable advice on encouraging wildflowers to flourish. As a result an area of the churchyard is being prepared for sowing with flower seed in 2022.

We are always on the lookout for additional volunteers who would enjoy some gentle Saturday morning exercise. Please contact me or any of the team (John Lunt, Robert Wheatley, Hilary Healey, Chris Maguire, Chris Pyke) to find out more.

*John Pringle*

## **COMMON GOOD**

### **Common Good Project**

Because of Covid restrictions, links with Winchester Prison have been very limited during 2021. There has been no opening-up of the facility to provide teas for families visiting prisoners, and so those in the parish who have volunteered to help have not been able to do so – although the rotas may be starting again around Easter 2022. At the end of 2020 and start of 2021, Anna-Maria Holt finalised preparations for helping those prisoners due for release with small rucksacks of clothing items (Bags of Faith), complete with a luggage tag + logo (see above). Sadly, this did not get off the ground, although we were able to



help one prison inmate who was in need of some special footwear.

Christina Mathews is a trainee Prison Visitor and has been shadowing a qualified Prison Visitor. As Covid restrictions are lifted, it is to be hoped that access to the prison will become easier, and that in the coming months, we will be able to activate some of the plans which have been in abeyance over the past year.

*John Lunt*

### **St Faith's Parish Hall**

On 31 December 2021 Lisa Bone, Catherine D'Arcy, Sophie Firth, Janet Honigmann, Andrew Mardle, Magdalen Rees and I were the seven members of the hall committee. Sara Arnold continues to carry out the paid role of Bookings Secretary very efficiently. The year has seen regular users steadily returning to SFPH, and latterly a marked increase in one-off bookings, which is cheering. Mary Ayres of the Nancy Harper Nursery has valiantly continued her daily cleaning regime in line with the SFPH Coronavirus Risk Assessment; all who use the building owe her a great debt of thanks for this.

One significant improvement was made to the building's fabric in the year. A hot-water feed was taken from the new cylinder in the gents' loo through the corridor and into the kitchen ceiling for the kitchen sink, thereby making redundant the failing kitchen boiler, which has been removed, saving gas, space and the need for annual servicing. The external flint wall and the interior plaster and paintwork have been repaired and made good.

The hall committee hopes parishioners will increasingly wish to return to SFPH and its excellent facilities this year. To book, please contact Sara Arnold via the PCC's website, on 07850 231497 or at [stfaithsph@secretgenius.co.uk](mailto:stfaithsph@secretgenius.co.uk).

*Peter Sawbridge - Chairman, St Faith's Parish Hall Committee*

### **St Cross Fête**

For the second year running we were not able to hold the fete due to the pandemic. However we were able to run lots of fundraising events which were also great fun. The good news is that we are planning to hold the fete this year, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30—5pm. Please put the date in your diary and have a word with me or Murray if you would like to be involved and have not done so before.

*Gill Beck - Secretary, St Cross Fete Committee*

## Good Causes supported during 2021

Good Cause	Amount *	Remarks
Diocese of Muhabura	£560	From General Funds
Potters Village in Uganda (through Church Missionary Society)	£1,000	
Winchester Churches Christmas Project	£1,000	
The Children's Society	£1,035	From Retiring Collections
Farm Africa	£410	
Winchester Basics Bank	£385	
Winchester GoLD - supporting adults with learning disabilities	£407	
Royal British Legion	£503	
Total	£5,300	

*Murray Dixon*

## **SUPPORTING MINISTRIES**

### **Stewardship Working Group**

The Stewardship Group was formed in late 2018 to develop ways to encourage our worshipping community to give, serve and care generously. During 2021 it met seven times and has focused on these activities, mainly to raise funds to replace lost Fete and Wedding income:

- Conducted a Planned Giving Appeal
- With a letter and a leaflet reminded worshippers and other members of the community of the importance of Legacies to our long-term financial stability.
- Researched alternative hands-free options to encourage non-cash collections and donations. This resulted in a second Goodbox terminal being purchased, to be used at major festivals and other large church services.
- Arranged a fund-raising concert by the Winchester College Quiristers. Another concert with the full Winchester College

Chapel Choir and the English Chamber Orchestra is fixed for 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.

The group has been encouraged by the response to our work but recognizes the need for further efforts to maintain financial support for all Parish activities.

*John Pringle - Chair*

### **Communications (Magazine, website)**

The monthly Parish Magazine has continued to be produced this year. Most people now receive their copy electronically, via the weekly Parish email. Around 60 copies are still printed and distributed in the traditional way, mainly to those without computer access but also to some people who just prefer a hard copy. Many thanks to Diana Snagge who organises the distribution and to her delivery team.

Sarsen Press have continued to offer an excellent printing service throughout all the Covid restrictions of the past year. Regular advertisements in the Magazine contribute towards its printing costs.

Thanks are due to all those who provide material for the Magazine, whether regularly or occasionally. It would not exist without you!

In addition a one sheet mid-month Newsletter is distributed to those who receive a printed Magazine and to the Nursing Homes within the parish. We hope it helps them to keep in touch with Parish activities.

The Parish website at [www.parishofstfaith.org](http://www.parishofstfaith.org) carries general information about the church at St Cross (including how to make contact regarding weddings, baptisms and funerals), the parish and its activities, and the Parish Hall. The website is also updated each month with details of forthcoming church services and particular events eg the Auction of Promises.

Thanks to Dudley Rees, the hosting of the website was moved during 2021 onto a faster and more secure hosting platform. 2021 saw a slight fall in the number of 'visits' to the website compared with 2020, from just over 8,000 to just over 6,000. This undoubtedly reflects the fact that many people already receive up to date information about parish activities via the weekly emails. In addition, social gatherings were not possible for several months in 2021 and so there was a drop in the usual number of people looking for example to arrange a wedding or to hire the Parish Hall. Information about church activities and services is also shared via the Parish Twitter account.

*Clare Dixon and Magdalen Rees*

### **List of Sidespeople during 2021**

Victoria Arthur, Lynne Chapman, Murray Dixon, Brian Eames, Jen Eames, Tim Goble, Kate Goble, Martin Harlow, Sarah Harlow, James Harris, Joyce King, David King, John Lunt, Chris Maguire, Wendy Marsden, Christina Matthews, Julia Maxlow Tomlinson, Harry Mowat, Jeremy Ouvry, Evelyn Pringle, John Pringle, Lou Scott-Joynt, Jonathan Sleath, Lysbeth Sleath, Carol Wade and Chloe Wheywell.

### **Parochial Church Council Members**

(from 18 April 2021 - 24 April 2022)

#### **Ex officio:**

Rev. Dr Philip Krinks	Chair
Rev. Hilary Healey	
Dodie Mowat	Churchwarden and Deanery Synod Member
Gill Beck	Churchwarden

#### **Elected:**

#### **Until:**

Murray Dixon	2022	
Victoria Arthur	2022	
Lynn Chapman	2022	
Craig Clark	2022	retired on 19.01.2022
Anna-Maria Holt	2023	
Chris Maguire	2023	
Magdalen Rees	2023	
Carol Wade	2023	
Rosco Noott	2024	
Michele Brannigan	2024	
Diana Snagge	2024	
Brian Eames	2024	
Matt McDonnell	2024	
John Pringle	2024	

#### **Co-opted:**

Brother Graham Davies (co-opted 05.05.2021)

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH**  
**MINUTES**  
**of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners**  
**opened at 11.03 am on Sunday 18 April 2021 via Zoom**

Item	Subject
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and apologies</b>
	<p>The Rev. Dr Philip Krinks, taking the chair, said that it was the first time the Parish had met for the two annual meetings with these only accessible via Zoom. This exceptional arrangement was due to the inability to meet in person owing to Coronavirus restrictions. He also mentioned that it was only 6 months since the previous, delayed, Annual Meeting, rather than the usual 12 months.</p> <p>There were over 30 participants on Zoom, some in pairs.</p> <p>Rev. Dr Krinks declared the meeting open at 11.04 am explaining the Meeting of Parishioners was the first of two meetings to be held with the purpose of electing the Churchwardens. He said that for this meeting the electorate included both to those on the St Faith's Electoral Roll and residents in the Parish of St Faith.</p> <p>Apologies: Michele Brannigan</p>
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting held on Sunday 25 October 2020</b>
	<p>The Minutes of the 2020 meeting had been circulated in the Annual Report and no questions were raised. The minutes were <b>proposed</b> by Cheryl Irons, <b>seconded</b> by Clare Dixon and approved unanimously by a show of hands (checked on screen by the Rev Dr Krinks).</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Election of Churchwardens for 2021</b>
	<p>The Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked John Pringle and Dodie Mowat for their extraordinary service during the challenges of recent months.</p>



Item	Subject
	<p>He thanked Dodie Mowat for agreeing to stand for a further year as Churchwarden. He said that John Pringle had stated at the outset of taking on the role of Churchwarden that he would step down after 3 years and sadly that time had arrived. He proposed a vote of thanks to John for considerable work as Churchwarden, this was seconded by Dodie Mowat.</p> <p>Rev. Dr Krinks thanked Gill Beck for agreeing to stand for election a Churchwarden saying she has a deep knowledge of church life at St Cross and is hugely respected by everyone. He said that as there were no other candidates both Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck were elected to fill the two vacancies. He congratulated them both and there was 'Zoom applause'.</p>

The Rev. Dr. Krinks closed the meeting at 11.08 am

## **THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH MINUTES**

**of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2020  
held at 11 am on Sunday 18 April 2021 via Zoom**

The meeting commenced at 11.08 am immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Apologies had been received from Michele Brannigan. The Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks chaired the meeting. Rev. Dr. Krinks advised that the electorate consisted of all those on the Parish's Electoral Roll.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 25 October 2020</b>  The above minutes had been circulated in the Annual Report; there were no comments. They were proposed by Trish Spiers, seconded by David King and approved unanimously.
<b>2</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>  None.
<b>3</b>	<b>Mandatory Reports (for discussion &amp; recommendations to PCC)</b>
	<b>A. Annual Report</b> Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked Valerie Carver, the Electoral Roll Officer, for her superb work maintaining the electoral roll. He confirmed that at the end of 2020 there were 201 names on the roll of which 71 were resident in the parish. Valerie Carver gave an update of current figures: 71 residents are on the roll and 120 non-residents, i.e. a total of 191 names.  <b>B. PCC Activities</b> Rev. Dr. Krinks referred to information given in the Annual Report. In addition to this he: • spoke of the 2020 Covid pandemic and the challenges deprivations and new perspectives it had brought;

Item	Subject
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• said that great effort had gone into the Annual Report and thanked everyone who had contributed to it saying that, in future, if there is one year when future historians will research, it will be 2020;</li> <li>• spoke of the flexibility, patience, good collaboration with the Master, the Hospital staff and Trustees who faced unprecedented challenges;</li> <li>• thanked everyone for all that had been done during the Pandemic;</li> <li>• thanked Valerie Carver as leader of Sunday Club for many years saying that she had given so much to generations of children and young people;</li> <li>• spoke of safeguarding saying the Parish followed the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.</li> </ul> <p>The Rev. Dr. Krinks asked for any comments about the PCC activities; there were none.</p> <p><b>C. Deanery Synod</b></p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks reminded everyone that Murray Dixon, John Pringle and Dodie Mowat are the lay representatives on the Deanery Synod. He reminded the meeting that the area covered by the Deanery is not only the city of Winchester but reaches to near Andover, Otterbourne and Owslebury.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Financial Statements for 2020</b>
	<p>Rev. Dr. Krinks asked Murray Dixon, the PCC Treasurer, to report on the Financial Report and Statements for 2020, hard copies having been available at services and electronically.</p> <p>Murray Dixon referred to the various parts of the Report including the supporting notes at the end. He highlighted that 2020 had presented new and unprecedented challenges due to the Coronavirus pandemic which had dramatically affected the Parish finances.</p>

Item	Subject
	<p><u>Income:</u> Murray Dixon said income receipts for 2020 were £108,705, i.e. a £14,334 reduction when compared to the 2019 receipt of £123,039. He referred to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fall in value of investments of £4,259</li> <li>• surplus of £724 from Parish Hall</li> <li>• fall of £10,799 in “routine” activity.</li> </ul> <p>He explained routine income decreased from £137,722 (2019) to £103,218 (2020) (<i>note 2e</i>) due to inability to hold in person activities and gave the following examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• collections and donations income fell by circa £16,000 (£23,969 to £8,234)</li> <li>• wedding and funeral fees fell by circa £7,000 (£7,576 to £741)</li> <li>• fundraising and fête income fell by circa £14,000 (£14,645 to £688) and that the major fundraising event for the Parish in 2020 was Ride &amp; Stride.</li> </ul> <p>He said the decrease would have been much larger but for the donations given to the Parish Resilience Fund Appeal and thanked everyone who had contributed.</p> <p><u>Expenditure:</u> Following the initial lockdown restrictions in April 2020 Murray Dixon said that the PCC reviewed finances and took action to minimise expenditure. The main reductions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• contribution to the Diocese with a Parish Share payment of £71,000 (reduced from the pre-Covid agreed figure of £86,000)</li> <li>• contributions to the Hospital for (i) upkeep of church fabric from £17,750 (agreed pre Covid) to £14,750 and (ii) utilities which were reduced by around £7,000</li> <li>• reduced payments to Parish post holders</li> </ul> <p>The total 2020 expenditure amounted to £114,017 (the 2019 figure having been £156,190).</p> <p>Murray Dixon questioned whether continuing with reductions in 2021 would be sustainable referring to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the impact on both the Diocese and the Hospital following reductions; and</li> </ul>

Item	Subject
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Reserve held which he confirmed to be in accordance with both Parish and Church of England policy at 45% of budgeted expenditure.</li> </ul> <p>Murray Dixon confirmed that the PCC is addressing the inevitable financial pressures and necessity to balance reserves held against the impact of reduced payments again in 2021, and will continue to. (He said that the PCC is very grateful to everyone one who responded to the Planned Giving Appeal at the start of 2021.)</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks and John Pringle thanked Murray for his work in compiling the 2020 Accounts and his clear presentation.</p>
5	<p><b>Elections</b></p> <p><b>1. Deanery Synod Members</b></p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks said that Murray Dixon, John Pringle and Dodie Mowat have served one year of their 3-year term and no action is necessary.</p> <p><b>2. PCC Members</b></p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked all members of the PCC for their service during the last year and especially Cheryl Irons who is not standing for re-election following many years on the PCC, he referred to her as an especially calm, experienced and level-headed member.</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks named and thanked the candidates who were standing for the PCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosco Noott, standing for a further term</li> <li>Michele Brannigan, standing for a further term</li> <li>Diana Snagge, standing for the first time</li> <li>Brian Eames, standing for the first time</li> <li>Matt McDonnell, standing for the first time, and</li> <li>John Pringle who is standing following his retirement as churchwarden</li> </ul> <p>He declared that they were elected, filling the vacancies.</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks also thanked Victoria Arthur for her continued work as PCC Secretary.</p>

Item	Subject
<b>6</b>	<b>Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2021</b>
	The appointment of Yvonne Goddard as Independent Examiner of the accounts for 2021 was <b>proposed</b> by Dodie Mowat and <b>seconded</b> by Murray Dixon.
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said that having good governance and a breadth of people willing to take on leadership roles with support is an important part of our life together in Christ in the Parish. He thanked everyone for their partnership in the Gospel.</p> <p>The following thanks were given:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dodie Mowat thanked the Ministry Team for their hard work.</li> <li>2. Trish Spiers thanked the Clergy and Churchwardens for keeping parishioners well informed.</li> <li>3. Jonathan Sleath thanked Dudley Rees for the IT support and the virtual choir for their respective contribution behind the scenes.</li> </ol> <p>John Spiers said that, following the death of the Winchester Representative for Ride &amp; Stride, no information had been received this year about the event and that this may need to be discussed in Synod.</p>

The meeting concluded at 11.33 am.

Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked everyone for attending and said the Grace.



## **GIVING CAN PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE**



**Have you enjoyed reading about the many different areas of ministry that the Parish undertakes? We are blessed with the help of so many of you as willing volunteers, but we do have considerable expenses that we need to pay on a regular basis.**

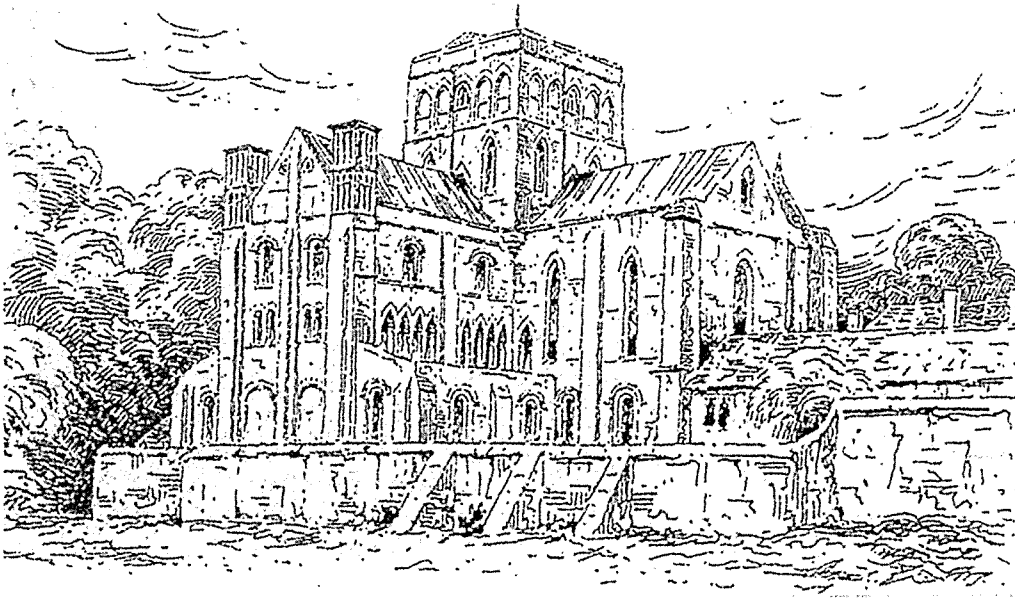
**Many of you already help us with regular Planned Giving through the Parish Giving Scheme or with Standing Orders. We are most grateful for your generosity.**

**If you have not made a commitment to regular giving, could you please consider helping us in this way? You can make a real difference in areas such as our choir and music, our work with children, young people and families, and our Common Good work in Winchester prison. You will also help us continue to worship in the beautiful Hospital of St Cross by contributing to the costs of running and maintaining the church building.**

**Your giving will help secure the future success of our Parish for us and future generations of worshippers at St Cross.**



# **THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH**



## **Annual Financial Report and Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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## ST CROSS WITH ST FAITH PCC

### Annual Report

1. 2021 continued to present many challenges to the Parish as we coped with the uncertainty brought about by moving in and out of lockdown and, at the end of the year, the rapid increase in cases caused by the Omicron variant. However, I'm pleased to report that funds held by the Parish rose by £10,812, from £108,705 on 31 Dec 20 to £119,517 on 31 Dec 21. This is good news, but it is important to understand how this increase is made up, namely: a shortfall of £4,365 in routine activity, a surplus of £5,904 in the operation of the Parish Hall and an increase in the value of investments of £9,273.

### Routine Activity

2. Routine activity covers all Parish activity other than income and expenditure associated with the Parish Hall and the change in value of investments. Routine income recovered from £103,218 in 2020 to £134,607 in 2021, nearly reaching the 2019 pre-pandemic level of £137,722.

3. The increase in 2021 was due particularly to:

- One-off donations (including in response to the Planned Giving Appeal) of £20,094.
- A series of successful fundraising events, which raised £13,392, net of costs.
- A welcome increase in regular Planned Giving from £53,965 in 2020 to £63,411 in 2021.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Parish so generously during 2021.

4. As activity increased, routine expenditure rose as well, from £114,017 in 2020 to £138,972 in 2021, though it is still under the 2019 level of £156,190. Whilst ensuring our expenditure did not exceed income from Routine Activity and the Parish Hall, we were able to:

- Pay over 97% of our Parish Share (£86,500 out of a requested £89,000) compared to circa 82% in 2020, and
- Increase our contribution to the Hospital for looking after the fabric of the church, from £14,750 to £17,750. Pre-pandemic we had agreed to pay £17,750 in 2020, after having paid £14,750 for nearly 10 years.

### Parish Hall

5. Nancy Harper Nursery was able to continue throughout the year, but other bookings were only taken during the latter 6 months. Income recovered from £18,539 in 2020 to £21,556 in 2021, but is still short of the £29,075 in 2019. Total expenditure was reduced to £15,652 in 2021 from £17,814 in 2020, mainly as less repair work was required. The Parish Hall surplus was £5,904. It would have been £7,542, but this was reduced by £1,638 as we stopped including Parish Hall prepayments<sup>1</sup> in the accounts to bring them in line with the rest of the accounts.

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<sup>1</sup> Prepayments allow an element of a cost for a service, e.g. insurance, that continues into the following year to be charged to the following year.

6. Once again, we have to say how grateful we are to the Parish Hall committee for their work. As you can see in Paragraph 1, net income from the Hall more than offset the shortfall in Routine Activity in the Parish.

### **Investments**

7. Investments rose in value from £66,863 on 31 Dec 20 to £76,137 on 31 Dec 21, overtaking their 31 Dec 19 value of £71,122. We received dividend payments of £2,724 (£2528 in 2020).

### **Designated Funds**

8. The level of Reserves designated for the Parish Hall was increased from £38,587 to £40,517, in line with the reserves policy described in para 9 below. £2,000 from the Youth Fund was used to contribute to the cost of employing a youth worker and £1,000 from the Music Fund was used to contribute to the cost of the choir and organ.

### **Reserves Policy**

9. Each year, the PCC is required to approve its reserves policy, which is:

a. To have in reserve:

(a) Between 25% and 50% of total budgeted expenditure  
PLUS

(b) A contingency re Parish Hall capital costs of £35,000 on 31 Dec 18 and increasing by 5% annually.

b. It continues to be the long-term policy of the PCC for annual budgeted income (not budgeting for legacies) to cover annual budgeted expenditure.

10. For information, as of 31 Dec 21 our reserves were circa 47% of the budgeted expenditure for 2022 which means that we are in line with the reserves policy.

# ST CROSS WITH ST FAITH PCC

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
Incoming resources from donors	2a	109,772	97,478
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	14,129	938
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	29,527	20,750
Income from investments	2d	2,735	2,590
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>156,164</b>	<b>121,756</b>
<b>RESOURCES USED</b>			
Charitable Giving	3a	2,560	2,943
Activities directly for the work of the church	3b	127,195	102,890
Charitable and ancillary trading, fund raising and publicity	3c	15,978	14,248
Parish Hall major repairs		836	4,538
Church management and administration	3d	8,056	7,212
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES USED</b>		<b>154,625</b>	<b>131,831</b>
<b>NET INCOMING/ OUTGOING RESOURCES</b>		<b>1,539</b>	<b>-10,075</b>
<b>GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS</b>			
Unrealised Gain/ Loss	6	9,273	-4,259
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>10,812</b>	<b>-14,333</b>
<b>BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY 2021</b>		<b>108,705</b>	<b>123,039</b>
<b>BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021</b>		<b>119,517</b>	<b>108,705</b>

# ST CROSS WITH ST FAITH PCC

## Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Investments	6	<u>76,137</u>	<u>66,863</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	4	1,969	2,462
Short term bank deposits		9,000	18,499
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>34,924</u>	<u>22,011</u>
<b>GROSS CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>45,893</b>	<b>42,972</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Amounts due with one year	5	2,513	1,130
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u><b>43,380</b></u>	<u><b>41,842</b></u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><b>119,517</b></u>	<u><b>108,705</b></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>			
General Fund (Undesignated)	7	69,764	59,292
Music Fund (PCC Designated)	7	2,057	2,257
Children and Youth Fund (PCC Designated)	7	2,179	3,569
St Faith's Parish Hall (PCC Designated)	7	<u>40,517</u>	<u>38,587</u>
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		<b>114,517</b>	<b>103,705</b>
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>			
St Cross Flowers	7	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u><b>119,517</b></u>	<u><b>108,705</b></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on ..... 9 Mar 22  
and signed on their behalf by:

..... Philip Krinks (Chairman)

..... Murray Dixon (Hon Treasurer)

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements

## ST CROSS WITH ST FAITH PCC

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES See Appendix A attached

#### 2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>2a Incoming resources from donors</b>		
Planned giving:		
Income from donors	63,411	53,965
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	19,091	12,908
Collections (Plate) at all services	7,176	4,402
Sundry donations	12,471	3,832
Parish Resilience Fund, incl Gift Aid	0	22,371
Planned Giving Appeal, One Off Donations, incl Gift Aid	7,623	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>109,772</b>	<b>97,478</b>
<b>2b Other voluntary incoming resources</b>		
Churchyard income	250	250
Legacy	0	0
Fete income	0	0
Other fundraising (incl. Music Fund, Ride & Stride)	13,879	688
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,129</b>	<b>938</b>
<b>2c Income from charitable and ancillary trading</b>		
Parish Hall income	21,556	18,539
Fees for services	5,878	741
Parish Magazine	594	845
Flowers	1,133	5
Contribution from Sunday Coffee	244	200
Tea and Chat	122	420
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,527</b>	<b>20,750</b>
<b>2d Income from Investments</b>		
Dividends and interest	2,735	2,590
<b>2e Routine Activity Income (2a+2b+2d+2c less Parish Hall)</b>	<b>134,607</b>	<b>103,218</b>

#### 3 RESOURCES USED

<b>3a Charitable Giving</b>		
Overseas charities	1,560	500
National charities	0	0
Local charities	1,000	2,443
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>2,943</b>

*(also: retiring collections for Good Causes totalled £2,740 (2020, £2,021) - overseas £410, national £1,538, local £792; and £1,561 was collected in the Parish and paid direct to Christian Aid (2020, £655)).*

<b>3b Activities directly for the work of the church</b>		
Parish Share	86,500	71,000
Clergy costs and expenses	1,989	1,669
Church running expenses	3,260	1,778
Church maintenance	17,750	14,750
Choir and organ expenses	2,000	1,229
Music Fund	0	489
Upkeep of churchyard	242	374
Flowers	1,328	246
Children's activities	14,125	11,354
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>127,195</b>	<b>102,890</b>

**3c Charitable and ancillary trading, fund raising and publicity**

Parish Hall running costs	14,816	13,276
Magazine expenses	674	972
Fundraising	487	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,978</b>	<b>14,248</b>

**3d Church management and administration**

Printing and copying	555	536
Clergy administrative support	5,097	3,885
Information Technology	1,604	1,706
Hospitality	45	0
General administrative expenses	756	1,084
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,056</b>	<b>7,212</b>

**3e Routine Activity Expenditure (3a+3b+3d+3c less Parish Hall)**

138,972	114,017
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**4 DEBTORS**

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	825	797
Other receivables	1,044	0
Parish Hall Debtors	100	0
Parish Hall Prepayments	0	1,665
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,969</b>	<b>2,462</b>

**5 AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

Creditors, less Parish Hall	2,143	1,049
Parish Hall Creditors	370	81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,513</b>	<b>1,130</b>

**6 INVESTMENT ASSETS**

	Historical Costs		Market Value		
	£ 2021	£ 2020	£ 2021	£ Gain	£ 2020
Charifund Income Units	4,076	4,076	35,698	4,212	31,486
CCLA Investment Fund Units	9,015	9,015	40,438	5,061	35,377
	13,091	13,091	76,137	9,273	66,863

**7 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	General	Music	Youth	Hall	Flowers	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance as at 1 January 2021	59,292	2,257	3,569	38,587	5,000	108,705
Net increase 2021	3,498	800	610	5,904	0	10,812
Transfers	6,974	-1,000	-2,000	-3,974	0	0
	69,764	2,057	2,179	40,517	5,000	119,517

## **ST CROSS WITH ST FAITH PCC**

### **Appendix A**

#### *Accounting Policies*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

#### *Funds*

In the year-end Balance Sheet the PCC has no funds which are required to be identified as "Endowment" or "Restricted", except for a donation of £5,000 made to the Flower Fund in 2000. 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 such as the Hall.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

#### *Incoming Resources*

Collections are recognised when received by, or on behalf of, the PCC. Planned Giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the appropriate claim is made to the Inland Revenue.

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

Funds raised by the Fete and similar events are accounted for gross. Sales of the Parish magazine are accounted for gross.

Rental income from the letting of the Parish Hall is recognised when the rental is due.

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable; interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments as at 31 December of the relevant year.

#### *Resources used*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

The Diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

#### *Assets*

All capital items within the church of St Cross, Winchester are the property of the Hospital of St Cross and are covered by the Hospital's insurance. Items within the church, for which the PCC provided the funds, are deemed to have been purchased on behalf of the Hospital and presented to it by the Parish and hence are expensed on purchase.

Fixtures and fittings within the Parish Hall are the property of, and are insured by, the PCC. All expenditure incurred on the repair of the building is expensed on purchase.



Investments are shown in the balance sheet at market value on 31 December of the relevant year. Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors. There are no amounts that are deemed uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit in Central Board of Finance (Church of England) Funds.

Amounts owed by the PCC at 31 December in respect of expenses which have been incurred and for which invoices have not been received, or have been received but not paid, are shown as creditors. All the amounts fall due within one year.

## ST CROSS WITH ST FAITH PCC

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 2 to 9.

#### Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  1. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  2. to prepare accounts, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed ..... 

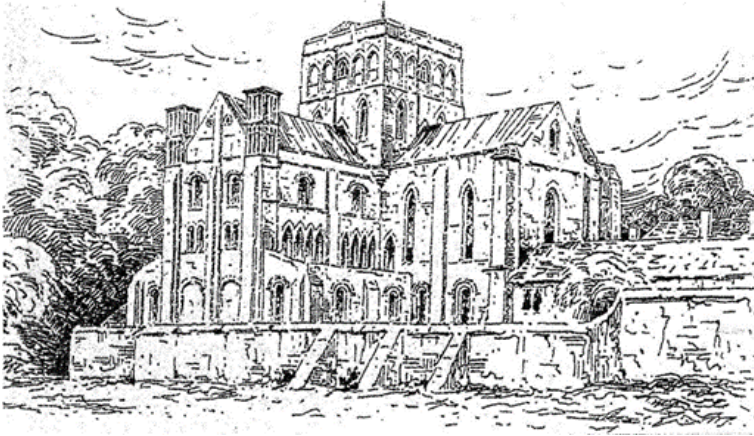
**Yvonne Goddard BSc ACA CTA**

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022



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## INTRODUCTION

2021 began with hopes that Covid-19 disruption might be nearly at an end. However late January saw a handful of ministers leading worship in church each Sunday with everyone else joining from home on Zoom. Then with great joy we experienced a series of restorations. Firstly from Palm Sunday we were able to meet together in person, initially at the Parish Hall. Then we returned to the Chapel in Eastertide, using a Bookings system to meet our obligations under Track & Trace. Then we were able to sing together. Finally in September we welcomed back the Choir to our services. The arrival of the Omicron variant created further disruption at Christmas. But we ended the year with most of activities restored to their pre-Covid pattern

By the end of the year we were able to weigh some gains, to be set against many losses. We had learned to use technology for better communication among us. Many of us had taken up unfamiliar roles and ministries and found that we enjoyed them. We developed a habit of corporate daily prayer on Zoom which has sustained many of us through difficult times. We also had successful 'firsts', including: the Sponsored Walk along the Clarendon Way in May, a Parish Picnic in September and the Auction of Promises in November. These events filled the gaps in both fundraising and fellowship left by the need to cancel the Fete for a second year.

We were able by God's grace to find the resources to meet the challenges of a second year of Covid. The work done is a testament to the resilience and faith of our community. None of the activities described in the pages which follow would have been possible without the enormous commitment of our large team of volunteers and small team of part-time staff, and the great financial generosity of our supporters.

From the first days of the pandemic we used a verse from Psalm 46 at the head of our Daily Prayer booklets: the Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge. And so the Lord has been with us and has been our refuge; and we continue in our faithful love of him, lived out in our prayer, worship, study and teaching and in our care of our neighbour.

*Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks - Rector*

## **AGENDA - ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS 2022**

Opening prayers.

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence.
2. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
3. The Election of Churchwardens for 2022-23.
4. Close of meeting.

## **AGENDA - ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

1. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
2. Matters arising.
3. The Mandatory Reports (for discussion, and any recommendations to the PCC):
  - a. Electoral Roll. Report on changes in membership of the Electoral Roll since the last APCM.
  - b. PCC Activities. Report on what the PCC has done in 2021, and the activities of the parish.
  - c. Deanery Synod. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod in 2021.
4. Reporting of Financial Statements of the PCC for 2021, including the Independent Examiner's report.
5. The Elections:
  - a. Members of the Deanery Synod.
  - b. Members of the PCC.
6. The Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the accounts.
7. Any Other Business (relating to the PCC or Parish).

Closing Prayers.

### **Notes:**

All residents of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Faith, together with the non-residents on the Parish Electoral Roll, may vote on item 3 at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

Voting on all items at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is restricted to those whose names are on the Parish Electoral Roll.

## **GOVERNANCE**

### **Mandatory Report on the Electoral Roll**

On 31st December 2021 there were 194 names on the electoral roll of which 71 were residents and 123 non-residents.

*Valerie Carver - Electoral Roll Officer*

### **Mandatory Winchester Deanery Synod Report**

Murray Dixon, Dodie Mowat and John Pringle continued as our representatives throughout 2021. The Deanery Synod met three times in 2021. At the February meeting Bishop David stressed the Deanery's significant place in the life of the Diocese, with its schools, chaplaincies, county infrastructure and prison, and the fruitful ecumenical relationships. He then explained the pressure on the Diocesan budget and outlined ways this would be addressed. There were also short presentations on Alpha, using music in worship online, prayer chains and midweek connections, followed by discussion in breakout groups

In June Revd Canon Brian Wakelin gave a presentation about the history of our overseas partnership with Muhabura (which began 10 years ago this year) and outlined a proposal for the Deanery to respond to a request for help with training of Lay Readers. Small groups then discussed in relation to the Pandemic:

- What had been lost that we need to grieve?
- What had been paused or reduced that we can let go of?
- What has been paused or reduced that we want to renew?
- What has been discovered that we need to respond to?
- What is new and needs to be developed further?

In October the Assistant Area Dean gave a presentation reviewing the five objectives of the 2018-2020 Deanery Mission Action Plan:

1. To enable and equip churches to respond to new opportunities
2. To support the ongoing development of Clusters
3. To create an accessible network of communication, support and resources
4. To extend our ministry amongst young people
5. To root the mission and ministry of the Deanery in prayer.

Group discussion followed and the DMPC will use the feedback to formulate the 2022-2024 dMAP.

*John Pringle*



## **Churchwardens' report**

The role of the Churchwarden is never dull, and 2021 kept us busy adapting to the ever-changing covid regulations, trying to minimise the risks to us all as well as to the Brothers. Throughout the year we sought to provide a safe environment for worship. From Zoom services in January to Easter in the Parish Hall, then returning to the church with virtual choir hymns. From September the choir sang from the stalls and Choral Matins returned. Since then we saw a gradual increase in numbers as many people felt able to return and we welcomed many lovely new people, with doors open for ventilation, masks being worn, keeping socially distanced and taking communion in one kind only.

We are very thankful for our hardworking clergy, who provided such stability and leadership in the face of continuous change. We kept in touch with them by a weekly Zoom meeting. We are also aware that we owe a great deal to ex-Churchwardens Murray and John, without whose help we might have struggled week by week. Filling rotas is a continuous challenge so thank you to all who agreed to go on one, whether it be stewarding, cleaning, making refreshments, teaching the children, serving at services, reading or intercessing. Please speak to one of us if you would like to be included on a rota.

The Hospital staff look after the buildings, whereas in most Parishes this is the responsibility of the Churchwardens. We are therefore hugely grateful to Terry the Master and Trustees, to Catriona (Clerk to the Trustees) and all the Hospital staff. Lastly we should like to thank all of you for your support, patience and cooperation throughout 2021.

*Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck*

## **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding all who are involved in parish activities continues to be a priority for the PCC. It is a standing agenda item which is reported on at each PCC Meeting. We continue to be mindful that our policies and procedures remain up to date and follow national models approved by the House of Bishops. In October we were advised that the Church of England has made some changes to the safeguarding training programme. The National Safeguarding Team has created a range of safeguarding learning pathways for people with roles within the Church of England to complete. Much of the safeguarding training will stay the same; the main change being to some leadership roles which we are currently working our way through. It is now also a requirement that we renew our training every 3 years along with all Disclosure and Barring Service renewals. All parishes have been given a 2-year period in which to be compliant with the new national requirements.

We are extremely grateful to Janet Rowland-White's continued support and diligent work in helping those applying for DBS checks.  
*Michele Brannigan - Parish Safeguarding Officer, Rev. Dr. Phillip Krinks - Rector, Gill Beck & Dodie Mowat - Churchwardens*

### **PCC matters**

The PCC members are trustees and thus they must comply with charity law. They must also act in accordance with regulations in the Church Representation Rules. The usual six PCC meetings took place during the year. The first four of these were via Zoom due to continued Covid regulations and concerns but our September and November meetings were held in person. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners was held on Zoom, as was the Annual Parochial Church Meeting both in April 2021. A virtual meeting was authorised under the terms of the Bishop's Direction of August 2020. The annual Financial Controls Review took place in November.

Notice was given to the Parish on behalf of the Bishop of the Collation of Rev. Dr. Phillip Krinks to the benefice of Winchester St Cross Hospital with St Faith, to take place on 27 April 2021. The Collation followed the end of suspension of the right of presentation in December 2020. The PCC passed a Resolution proposing Philip as incumbent and consequently and upon confirmation of the Patron (who is the Bishop) he was instituted as Rector of the Parish.

At the July meeting a Motion was passed and approved unanimously to give the PCC's consent to Rev Hilary Healey's Licence being renewed for a further 3 years. Hilary then received the Bishop's Licence to serve as a priest in the Parish of St Faith until March 2024.

*Victoria Arthur - PCC Secretary*

### **Mission Action Planning Group (MAP)**

The group did not meet in 2021. The arrangements put in place to adapt to COVID restrictions in 2020 continued throughout 2021. In the fourth quarter of 2021 some services and activities resumed in person, but virtual Morning Prayer and the House Group continued on Zoom.

Our Common Good project with Winchester prison was not able to resume fully due to government guidelines restricting access to prisons.

*John Pringle*

## **Hospital of St Cross Trustees' report**

2021 was a more positive year than 2020 with the Hospital welcoming visitors back in May and the Church opened its doors for worship again.

**The Brothers:** The Brothers were pleased that restrictions eased slightly and they were able to start going out again. There was a very happy Gaudy for Holy Cross Day when we were able to have a small gathering in the Brethren's Hall. Whilst the Brethren at St Cross managed to avoid covid infections, a former Brother, David Macgeorge, died in February after contracting the virus at his nursing home. Another former Brother, James (Jim) Abson, who started his life at St Cross in the role of Porter also died in February (his death was not related to covid). Later in the year (in August) the St Cross community mourned the loss of their former Senior Brother, Ron Stacey, resident at the Hospital for 30 years. He reached the grand age of 104 and lived at both St Johns Charity and St Cross Grange after he left St Cross in 2014. No new Brothers joined St Cross during 2021 due to the pandemic delaying the ability for prospective Brothers to visit the Hospital as part of their application process. However, the recruitment drive was rekindled and has resulted in new Brothers being recruited.

**Trustees:** Robin Chute retired from the Board in June having completed 15 years as a Nominative Trustee from Winchester College. Robin provided invaluable knowledge on property and land matters and will be sorely missed. His replacement is Adam Rattray, who joined the board in May. Adam is Head of History of Art at Winchester College, where he is also Director of the Friends and sits on the Treasures Committee and Collections Committee. In May 2021 the board also welcomed the new Mayor, Cllr Vivien Achwal who took up her place as an Ex-officio Trustee.

**Staff:** Once again the Trustees appreciated the resilience and hard work displayed by the whole St Cross team during what was another year of unexpected and often frustrating challenges. We were pleased to welcome Jeannette Rastrick who joined as a Relief Warden.

**Hundred Men's Hall:** The newly refurbished HMH opened again in 2021 having been closed during 2020. The Trustees were very grateful to the Friends of St Cross for sponsoring the refurbishment work which included a complete redecoration, below dado wood panelling to protect the fragile walls plus new heating and lighting. Despite the later opening date Janet and her trusty team of volunteers had a busy season and the Trustees are very grateful to them all for their hard work.

**The Michaelmas Fair:** Held on Saturday 25 September this event was a great success with a record-breaking number of visitors; over 800! The Madding Crowd Singers and Falconhigh entertained the visitors and the New Forest Austin Healey Car Club who attended with their beautiful

classic cars were pleased the weather stayed fine for the majority of the day. The event raised £2,890 (profit) the Porter's Lodge Shop and HMH were also very busy and made a lot in sales.

**Building Projects:** The project to replace the Hospital boilers and hot water pipework through the loft of the flats was completed in 2021. Old copper pipes have been replaced with thick plastic. Three traditional lanterns in the Inner Quadrangle were refurbished and a section of rotten wood at the top of the Church flagpole was repaired, a new flag hoisting mechanism installed and the pole was repainted by brave contractors!

*Jonathan Cooke - Chairman of Board of Trustees*

## **WORSHIP, PRAYERS AND WELCOME**

### **Sunday Services**

After worshipping in church together at the Epiphany, we accepted that a return to using Zoom was necessary. A small group of ministers would lead worship in St Cross Church at 9.30am each Sunday. Everyone else joined in worship from home. Without the excellent internet connection to the Church achieved in 2020 with the kind permission and assistance of the Hospital Trustees and Staff and through the ingenuity of Dudley Rees, even this compromise arrangement would have been impossible.

On Palm Sunday and Easter Day, when we could again gather at the Parish Hall, we began the services outside so that we could sing together. We also held the Children's Good Friday service outside. Revd. Graham Trasler gave us excellent Good Friday addresses, overcoming the challenges of a distinctly low temperature in the Hall and simultaneously communicating with members listening on Zoom.

As we returned to St Cross we gradually restored our familiar pattern of worship: the different Sunday services enabling those who were nervous of joining a large group to return to attendance. By the summer we were again holding weekly 8.00am and 9.30am Eucharists, Choral Matins at 11.00am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, and a Said Eucharist at 11.00am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3rd Sundays.

Whereas mid-December in 2020 brought a joyful return to St Cross, in 2021 it brought us the Omicron variant. Many people understandably limited attendance during the peak of this third wave of infections. Nonetheless we held moving Christmas services, including a Carol Service and two Crib Service divided exceptionally into two smaller congregations.

Thanks are due to all who offered Sunday ministries, often showing great flexibility: including those who led worship and prayers, read from scripture, and the essential role of After Service Cleaning.

*Rev Dr Philip Krinks - Rector*

## **Music Report**

Music in the whole of 2021 was impacted by Covid to-ings and fro-ings. A 'socially distanced' choir of ten voices sang at 9.30 on Sunday 3 January. A week later ZOOM services resumed accompanied by pre-recorded hymns from choir volunteers accompanied remotely by assistant organist Chris Jones. We combined on-line worship with live attendances in the Parish Hall from Palm Sunday (28 March), including Good Friday and Easter Day services. Pre-recorded hymns sounded even richer when we finally returned to church on 18 April - followed at 11.00 that day by an APCM on ZOOM(!) - but no live singing was allowed until 1<sup>st</sup> August with congregational hymns behind masks.

It was joyous to welcome back members of the choir to Matins on 12 September and fifteen adult voices assembled in church for the first full choir practice of 2021. By the end of the year the Chapel Choir numbered 23, to be joined in the New Year by a new Junior Choral Scholar from Peter Symonds 'Specialist Music Course'. The patience, diligence and loyalty of these volunteer voices has been exemplary and in his 35<sup>th</sup> year in charge of parish and Hospital music Derek wishes to record his gratitude for the massive support of both the choir and Chris Jones, his assistant. We look forward to building further on this enthusiastic base.

***Let every instrument be tuned for praise!***

***Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!***

*Derek Beck - Organist and Choirmaster*

## **Altar Servers**

Once worship in the church restarted in April, the serving team returned to their duties. It was a great joy to welcome them back. First they had to adapt to a different pattern of worship, reflecting Covid precautions; then as restrictions were eased to several intermediate patterns. It was very good to welcome new servers to the team during the summer and autumn. We are very grateful to all who continue to give their time and dedication to these roles and to the parents of children who participate.

We are always interested in talking to adults and children (usually aged 7+) who are interested in trying serving.

*Alison Carver - Head Server; Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks - Rector*

### **After Church Coffee Team**

We started serving coffee after the 9.30 service in July, and it has gone from strength to strength. In the first few weeks, we used only disposable cups and served individually wrapped biscuits; this was in line with the Covid restrictions that were in place at that point in time. However, later on we were able to return to using normal china cups.

At the beginning of the year, we had a healthy balance of £101.24 brought over from the previous year. In addition, at the end of 2021, we had received donations of £244.08. Thank you all for your generosity. This is a much enjoyed activity after church every Sunday, and it cannot happen without the help of our core team of volunteers. I wish to thank each and every one of them, and if you wish to help us (even if it's only on the odd Sunday) please do give me a call.

*Evelyn Pringle*

### **Chapel Flower Guild**

It really has been a very strange year with the Lockdown and all weddings and events cancelled in the chapel, so we have little to report except that the spiders had a field day spinning the most glorious webs in the Flower Room. In fact one was loath to destroy it all but it was certainly so profuse that entry for us, was difficult! So, sadly for the spiders, Ian, our new groundsman kindly came and cleared it all for us and some of the members scrubbed and dusted and restored the room. Even some of the holes in the ceiling have been repaired, but still a bit more building repairs are due.

We are gearing up and look forward to the current set of booked weddings though with some modifications to quantities of arrangements possible. We do seriously need more people to join us, whether just enthusiastic volunteers or experienced, we will be delighted to welcome you. Speak to one of us. Dodie Mowat, Church Warden & Team Member is nearly always at the services.

Thank you to the kind people who do wish us well and verbally mention their approval. It is heartening to be told, as it really is hard work despite the pleasure, if you are short-handed. Also thank you for the contributions in the basket during festivals. So, here's hoping for a florally fulfilling year.

*Trish Spiers - Team Leader*

### **Silent Prayer Group**

From January to August, I continued to email the Bible sayings to those in our group, and we spent some time at home individually in

quiet contemplation. In September, we were able to meet in person again in the Lady Chapel; it was a day of great joy. We continue to meet once a month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday.

*Evelyn Pringle*

## **PASTORAL CARE**

### **Occasional Offices**

The 2021 wedding season began in late May for the first of our sixteen couples – many of whom had two previously postponed dates – so it was a particular delight to see them finally celebrate their special day. Despite restrictions on numbers and mask wearing in the first half of the year, all of the marriage services (and a number of marquee receptions) went ahead as planned and were each a joyous occasion for the couples and their family and friends.

For baptisms, due to the logistical restrictions, families seeking a baptism were kept on hold until late September when a new twice-monthly baptism service began for up to three families each time. The team were delighted to welcome sixteen children into the church family of St Cross at these services before the year was out.

*Wendy Harrison - Parish Administrator*

### **Pastoral Assistants**

Pastoral care in the parish has continued with the help of the Link people who stepped forward during the lockdowns. Some parishioners have yet to venture out or back to church, so this has been a valuable ministry which, along with the mid-month newsletter, helps to keep people at home in touch with the Parish and its activities.

A successful Parish Visitors course was run in the Autumn with the other City Centre churches, although only one person from this parish was able to participate; so, our core team remains very small and open to new recruits.

The Tea & Chat pastoral initiative continues during the winter months; at present it is held in the Hundred Men's Hall 3 times a week to provide a cuppa, some company or a listening ear for parishioners, brothers and occasional visitors.

Pastoral Assistants' Wednesday private prayer continues. Please do let us know of any people or situations to be added to our list.

2021 has been another year of change and challenge so again, a huge 'thank you' to all who have helped.

*Rev Hilary Healey*

## **LEARNING**

### **Sermon Series**

During 2021 we had three series. In Lent we took the theme 'Walking Towards Glory' as a way to reflect on the Lectionary readings for the season. As well as our local clergy, we enjoyed hearing from Dr. Tim Peppiatt, who was with us on placement. In August we departed from the Lectionary, which called for several weeks of readings from John 6, to consider more broadly the 'I Am..' sayings of Jesus. Then in Advent we considered Wesley's great hymn 'Come, thou long-expected Jesus' to consider the Advent themes of the coming kingdom and our call to play a part in it.

Sunday sermons were followed up by discussions on Zoom on Monday evenings. Although less conducive to building fellowship among us, this format did prove to have some advantages, especially in the winter months.

*Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks*

### **House Group report**

The House Group, also known as the Study Group, met throughout the year via zoom. We joined the Parish for their three sermon series study groups in Lent, August, and Advent.

Following a talk by Graham Trasler we used W H Vanstone's book 'The Stature of Waiting' as the basis for a number of meetings. During the latter part of the year we studied John's letters with the help of Tom Wright's 'The Letters of John' in his bible study guides for everyone series.

We continue to meet via zoom and would welcome anyone who would like to join and see how we explore various themes in a relaxed, easy-paced way.

*Roger Healey, Cheryl Irons*

## **COMMUNITY ACROSS GENERATIONS**

### **Social Events and Fundraising**

It was a busy year in spite of all the restrictions. We managed to have a variety of activities all managed in a safe way being aware of all the restrictions and followed all government advice. We began with a plant sale in the Parish hall carpark it was such a success that we had sold out by midday. We followed this up with 2 more sales and included books and toiletries and our youth group had a stall. We raised over a £1000.



In the summer we enjoyed a picnic and games in the Bowling Green after the 9.30 service. The sun shone and we all had fun. John and Evelyn also hosted a Singapore Buffet in their garden.

As Autumn was on the way some brave souls did a sponsored walk and we took part in the Ride and Stride. All this fresh air and we were keeping safe. Harvest came and we felt we could have our supper with limited numbers using both halls and with dancing outside by floodlight, what fun. In November we held an Auction of Promises it was a tremendous success and thanks to all those who promised things and bid we raised over £5000. We finished our year with a Wassail in the Parish hall windows and door open and sang and had nibbles and drinks what a joy it was to be together singing.

Thank you to all those who have helped in any way and perhaps as you read this you can think of a way you can help in the future. Gill is looking for people to help at the 2022 Fete. It is a great way to get to know people and feel part of our community. Well, we have shown that - despite Covid - we have been sociable and raised money for our Parish.  
*Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck*

### **Tots and Sunday Club**

Sunday Club and Tots met in person for the first Sunday in January 2021 although the restrictions that followed saw us return to online worship and activities until the 28<sup>th</sup> March when we returned to the Parish Hall. During the lockdown, we distributed activity bags and worksheets and invited families to join online. We received feedback from families to say the activities had been very much enjoyed.

The Parish Hall and car park provided a large space for different activities and at the end of the service, the children were able to show the congregation their 'work' in the front hall. Later in the year, when worship in the church resumed, we were grateful to the Master and Ruth for allowing us into their home on rainy days and their beautiful garden (particularly good for treasure hunts) on sunny ones!

Thank you to all the whole team of leaders who imaginatively created activities for the different types of services and adapted to the changing restrictions and precautions.

*Magdalen Rees*

### **St Cross Youth**

The **Friday evening youth groups**, like everyone else, started the year on Zoom but we won the Pancake day quiz! Mel and Alison came up with inventive ways of chatting and playing games on Zoom but everyone was glad when after Easter we could meet up in the Parish Hall

car park for outdoor games and crafts. Thankfully, most Friday evenings were dry! We finished the school year with games and pizzas.

During August, Mel ran a very successful 'Wacky Science' holiday club. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this happen. It included launching our home-made rockets in the meadows! From September, there has been a slow building up of numbers and activities, including restarting table tennis, thanks to John Pringle's enthusiasm. We made items for our stall at the Michaelmas Fair; held an Open evening with refreshments to which we welcomed friends from the church and community; and joined in the Harvest Supper when we had dancing in the car park by flood light.

The **Tuesday after school Drop - In club** has a small but keen following and we enjoy games and crafts, toast and drinks and are able to chat about different topics. Some young people try the drop-in first and then have the confidence to come to youth group on a Friday.

*Rev Sally Heather – Chair, Children, Youth and Families*

## **8+ group**

Candlemas was the day we chose to celebrate with a Christingle service on Zoom. This involved a lot of preparation and delivery of activity bags but was greatly appreciated.

Palm Sunday was the great day to begin 'in person' worship at the Parish Hall and the children's groups re-started in the back hall, with a representative coming through to share with the adults what we had done in the session. It felt good to be back together, even if it was a bit strange! Good Friday saw us acting out the Easter story in the car park and decorating the large wooden cross ready for Sunday and after Easter we were able to worship in the church.

The picnic on the bowling green was a great way to start the new school year and by the beginning of Advent we prepared and presented young people to receive their first Communion.

We are thankful for Mel's ministry on a Sunday morning but really need more volunteers to help lead this group. There are ideas and resources available to help and it is very rewarding to watch our young people grow.

*Rev Sally Heather*

## **Open the Book**

September 2021 saw us resuming our weekly assemblies on Wednesday afternoons at St Faith's Primary after almost a 2-year break. We have a smaller and almost completely new group of people helping to present the stories. Many of the KS1 children had not experienced a

whole school assembly so it has been an interesting challenge to all of us.

As we were starting afresh it seemed appropriate to begin with the Creation and work through significant Old Testament characters like Joseph and Moses. After the nativity at Christmas, in which we managed to enlist the help of two previous church wardens as star gazers, we have concentrated on the life of Jesus as a child left behind in the temple, his baptism and his teaching through parables and healing.

As usual we always try to use child participation wherever possible. With the limitations of space in the school hall, walking long distances by only moving on the third step; conjuring up chariots stuck in mud and even letting a lame man down through the roof is no problem. We run through the story in the Parish Office which allows us an opportunity to focus on the teaching of the story, what props we will need and ask for God's direction in the presentation. Our props include costumes for adults and children, a fire, boat, tree, chariots, fishing nets, masks for sheep, pigs, camels and donkeys as well as cups, dishes etc. for feasts! To ensure a fair distribution of the participation of the children, we draw up a list of the numbers we require each week and the school choose the children accordingly. In some of the productions the children have actually taken on speaking roles and have carried them out with almost no rehearsal.

It is a rewarding experience. If anyone else would like to join in, even as an extra to be called on as required (some stories require more people than others) then please do contact me.

*Cheryl Irons*

## **St Faith's Church of England School**

Following a challenging 2020 school year, where many of the class teachings were conducted remotely, we were delighted to welcome children back into classrooms for much of 2021. Careful plans were put in place to ensure that the indoor spaces were well ventilated. We were sad to have not opened up fully, but the policies we put in place meant that we stayed fully functioning for much of the year.

Our year 6 children maintained their usual high standard in spite of the interruptions to their usual classroom working. We wish them all the very best adapting to life at secondary school.

We said a fond farewell to Mrs. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Crump, Mrs. Maundrell and Ms. Phillips for whom this was to be their last year of working in schools. The wealth of talent from our teachers is reflected in the happy and vibrant atmosphere of the school, combined with years of outstanding academic results. We are truly grateful for their commitment to the school.

Welcoming new staff into the school, we appointed Year 5 teacher and Junior Leader Mrs. Guy, who has also been appointed to our governing board. Miss Renno moved from maternity cover to full time staff. Mrs. Penton joined the front of house as admin assistant.

We have been busy maintaining the school; a new infants teaching space and library creates a more welcoming environment for the children and Head Teacher Mr. Richard Fountain has moved his office to allow for a bigger staff working room. Anyone walking past the front of the school will have seen our much-improved wall and fencing, giving an improved look to the school as well as improving safety and security.

We continue to be grateful for the support given by the parishioners and we're saddened that the continued restrictions meant we couldn't welcome people into the school as much as we would have hoped for. We hope that 2022 brings us much closer together.

*Dudley Rees - Chair of Governors*

### **Friends for Tea**

Friends for Tea meetings were able to resume in September. We still meet at the Chaplain's Lodge on the first Wednesday of the month and we are most grateful to Terry and Ruth for allowing this to happen. We were also privileged to join the Brothers for a musical entertainment given by the Winchester College boys in the Hundred Men's Hall. They joined us for tea and cake afterwards and it was very much enjoyed by all who attended. As always we try to arrange lifts for those who need help. Numbers have varied over time because of Covid, and at last, family feel free to visit their elderly relatives.

Recently Elizabeth Loader stepped down from organizing Friends for Tea after many years of service. She will be a hard act to follow but I will do my best. If you would like to know more, there is a new contact number: 01962 865586.

*Sue Fairbrother*

### **Lazy Cooks**

Because of Covid restrictions, we could only start meeting in August when we had our annual fund-raising Singapore Buffet. It was a lovely summers day and everyone enjoyed the fresh air and each other's company. We were lucky to raise £400 for Parish funds. The following months we had lunches at Brasserie Blanc, Palm Pan Asia and Tom's Deli.

Then Omicron came and we had to call a halt to our meetings, but we still ended the year on a high because we managed to see each other and eat together.

*Evelyn Pringle*

## **Churchyard**

Care and maintenance activities have continued. A dedicated team of volunteers has spent many Saturday mornings mowing, strimming, weeding, pruning and sweeping. Sadly our friends from the Probation Service have not been able to resume their help but if you visit the churchyard, which we encourage you to do, we hope you will agree it is looking well cared for.

During the year the Hospital arranged for dead and dangerous trees to be removed from the boundaries of the churchyard. The Hospital also arranged for a pest control company to deal with a rat infestation in one corner which seems to have been successful.

A member of the Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust staff visited the churchyard and gave valuable advice on encouraging wildflowers to flourish. As a result an area of the churchyard is being prepared for sowing with flower seed in 2022.

We are always on the lookout for additional volunteers who would enjoy some gentle Saturday morning exercise. Please contact me or any of the team (John Lunt, Robert Wheatley, Hilary Healey, Chris Maguire, Chris Pyke) to find out more.

*John Pringle*

## **COMMON GOOD**

### **Common Good Project**

Because of Covid restrictions, links with Winchester Prison have been very limited during 2021. There has been no opening-up of the facility to provide teas for families visiting prisoners, and so those in the parish who have volunteered to help have not been able to do so – although the rotas may be starting again around Easter 2022. At the end of 2020 and start of 2021, Anna-Maria Holt finalised preparations for helping those prisoners due for release with small rucksacks of clothing items (Bags of Faith), complete with a luggage tag + logo (see above). Sadly, this did not get off the ground, although we were able to



help one prison inmate who was in need of some special footwear.

Christina Mathews is a trainee Prison Visitor and has been shadowing a qualified Prison Visitor. As Covid restrictions are lifted, it is to be hoped that access to the prison will become easier, and that in the coming months, we will be able to activate some of the plans which have been in abeyance over the past year.

*John Lunt*

### **St Faith's Parish Hall**

On 31 December 2021 Lisa Bone, Catherine D'Arcy, Sophie Firth, Janet Honigmann, Andrew Mardle, Magdalen Rees and I were the seven members of the hall committee. Sara Arnold continues to carry out the paid role of Bookings Secretary very efficiently. The year has seen regular users steadily returning to SFPH, and latterly a marked increase in one-off bookings, which is cheering. Mary Ayres of the Nancy Harper Nursery has valiantly continued her daily cleaning regime in line with the SFPH Coronavirus Risk Assessment; all who use the building owe her a great debt of thanks for this.

One significant improvement was made to the building's fabric in the year. A hot-water feed was taken from the new cylinder in the gents' loo through the corridor and into the kitchen ceiling for the kitchen sink, thereby making redundant the failing kitchen boiler, which has been removed, saving gas, space and the need for annual servicing. The external flint wall and the interior plaster and paintwork have been repaired and made good.

The hall committee hopes parishioners will increasingly wish to return to SFPH and its excellent facilities this year. To book, please contact Sara Arnold via the PCC's website, on 07850 231497 or at [stfaithsph@secretgenius.co.uk](mailto:stfaithsph@secretgenius.co.uk).

*Peter Sawbridge - Chairman, St Faith's Parish Hall Committee*

### **St Cross Fête**

For the second year running we were not able to hold the fete due to the pandemic. However we were able to run lots of fundraising events which were also great fun. The good news is that we are planning to hold the fete this year, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30—5pm. Please put the date in your diary and have a word with me or Murray if you would like to be involved and have not done so before.

*Gill Beck - Secretary, St Cross Fete Committee*

## Good Causes supported during 2021

Good Cause	Amount *	Remarks
Diocese of Muhabura	£560	From General Funds
Potters Village in Uganda (through Church Missionary Society)	£1,000	
Winchester Churches Christmas Project	£1,000	
The Children's Society	£1,035	From Retiring Collections
Farm Africa	£410	
Winchester Basics Bank	£385	
Winchester GoLD - supporting adults with learning disabilities	£407	
Royal British Legion	£503	
Total	£5,300	

*Murray Dixon*

## **SUPPORTING MINISTRIES**

### **Stewardship Working Group**

The Stewardship Group was formed in late 2018 to develop ways to encourage our worshipping community to give, serve and care generously. During 2021 it met seven times and has focused on these activities, mainly to raise funds to replace lost Fete and Wedding income:

- Conducted a Planned Giving Appeal
- With a letter and a leaflet reminded worshippers and other members of the community of the importance of Legacies to our long-term financial stability.
- Researched alternative hands-free options to encourage non-cash collections and donations. This resulted in a second Goodbox terminal being purchased, to be used at major festivals and other large church services.
- Arranged a fund-raising concert by the Winchester College Quiristers. Another concert with the full Winchester College

Chapel Choir and the English Chamber Orchestra is fixed for 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.

The group has been encouraged by the response to our work but recognizes the need for further efforts to maintain financial support for all Parish activities.

*John Pringle - Chair*

### **Communications (Magazine, website)**

The monthly Parish Magazine has continued to be produced this year. Most people now receive their copy electronically, via the weekly Parish email. Around 60 copies are still printed and distributed in the traditional way, mainly to those without computer access but also to some people who just prefer a hard copy. Many thanks to Diana Snagge who organises the distribution and to her delivery team.

Sarsen Press have continued to offer an excellent printing service throughout all the Covid restrictions of the past year. Regular advertisements in the Magazine contribute towards its printing costs.

Thanks are due to all those who provide material for the Magazine, whether regularly or occasionally. It would not exist without you!

In addition a one sheet mid-month Newsletter is distributed to those who receive a printed Magazine and to the Nursing Homes within the parish. We hope it helps them to keep in touch with Parish activities.

The Parish website at [www.parishofstfaith.org](http://www.parishofstfaith.org) carries general information about the church at St Cross (including how to make contact regarding weddings, baptisms and funerals), the parish and its activities, and the Parish Hall. The website is also updated each month with details of forthcoming church services and particular events eg the Auction of Promises.

Thanks to Dudley Rees, the hosting of the website was moved during 2021 onto a faster and more secure hosting platform. 2021 saw a slight fall in the number of 'visits' to the website compared with 2020, from just over 8,000 to just over 6,000. This undoubtedly reflects the fact that many people already receive up to date information about parish activities via the weekly emails. In addition, social gatherings were not possible for several months in 2021 and so there was a drop in the usual number of people looking for example to arrange a wedding or to hire the Parish Hall. Information about church activities and services is also shared via the Parish Twitter account.

*Clare Dixon and Magdalen Rees*



### **List of Sidespeople during 2021**

Victoria Arthur, Lynne Chapman, Murray Dixon, Brian Eames, Jen Eames, Tim Goble, Kate Goble, Martin Harlow, Sarah Harlow, James Harris, Joyce King, David King, John Lunt, Chris Maguire, Wendy Marsden, Christina Matthews, Julia Maxlow Tomlinson, Harry Mowat, Jeremy Ouvry, Evelyn Pringle, John Pringle, Lou Scott-Joynt, Jonathan Sleath, Lysbeth Sleath, Carol Wade and Chloe Wheywell.

### **Parochial Church Council Members**

(from 18 April 2021 - 24 April 2022)

#### **Ex officio:**

Rev. Dr Philip Krinks	Chair
Rev. Hilary Healey	
Dodie Mowat	Churchwarden and Deanery Synod Member
Gill Beck	Churchwarden

#### **Elected:**

#### **Until:**

Murray Dixon	2022	
Victoria Arthur	2022	
Lynn Chapman	2022	
Craig Clark	2022	retired on 19.01.2022
Anna-Maria Holt	2023	
Chris Maguire	2023	
Magdalen Rees	2023	
Carol Wade	2023	
Rosco Noott	2024	
Michele Brannigan	2024	
Diana Snagge	2024	
Brian Eames	2024	
Matt McDonnell	2024	
John Pringle	2024	

#### **Co-opted:**

Brother Graham Davies (co-opted 05.05.2021)

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH**  
**MINUTES**  
**of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners**  
**opened at 11.03 am on Sunday 18 April 2021 via Zoom**

Item	Subject
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and apologies</b>
	<p>The Rev. Dr Philip Krinks, taking the chair, said that it was the first time the Parish had met for the two annual meetings with these only accessible via Zoom. This exceptional arrangement was due to the inability to meet in person owing to Coronavirus restrictions. He also mentioned that it was only 6 months since the previous, delayed, Annual Meeting, rather than the usual 12 months.</p> <p>There were over 30 participants on Zoom, some in pairs.</p> <p>Rev. Dr Krinks declared the meeting open at 11.04 am explaining the Meeting of Parishioners was the first of two meetings to be held with the purpose of electing the Churchwardens. He said that for this meeting the electorate included both to those on the St Faith's Electoral Roll and residents in the Parish of St Faith.</p> <p>Apologies: Michele Brannigan</p>
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting held on Sunday 25 October 2020</b>
	<p>The Minutes of the 2020 meeting had been circulated in the Annual Report and no questions were raised. The minutes were <b>proposed</b> by Cheryl Irons, <b>seconded</b> by Clare Dixon and approved unanimously by a show of hands (checked on screen by the Rev Dr Krinks).</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Election of Churchwardens for 2021</b>
	<p>The Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked John Pringle and Dodie Mowat for their extraordinary service during the challenges of recent months.</p>

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	<p>He thanked Dodie Mowat for agreeing to stand for a further year as Churchwarden. He said that John Pringle had stated at the outset of taking on the role of Churchwarden that he would step down after 3 years and sadly that time had arrived. He proposed a vote of thanks to John for considerable work as Churchwarden, this was seconded by Dodie Mowat.</p> <p>Rev. Dr Krinks thanked Gill Beck for agreeing to stand for election a Churchwarden saying she has a deep knowledge of church life at St Cross and is hugely respected by everyone. He said that as there were no other candidates both Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck were elected to fill the two vacancies. He congratulated them both and there was 'Zoom applause'.</p>

The Rev. Dr. Krinks closed the meeting at 11.08 am

## THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH MINUTES

**of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2020  
held at 11 am on Sunday 18 April 2021 via Zoom**

The meeting commenced at 11.08 am immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Apologies had been received from Michele Brannigan. The Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks chaired the meeting. Rev. Dr. Krinks advised that the electorate consisted of all those on the Parish's Electoral Roll.

Item	Subject
1	<b>Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 25 October 2020</b>  The above minutes had been circulated in the Annual Report; there were no comments. They were proposed by Trish Spiers, seconded by David King and approved unanimously.
2	<b>Matters arising</b>  None.
3	<b>Mandatory Reports (for discussion &amp; recommendations to PCC)</b>
	<b>A. Annual Report</b> Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked Valerie Carver, the Electoral Roll Officer, for her superb work maintaining the electoral roll. He confirmed that at the end of 2020 there were 201 names on the roll of which 71 were resident in the parish. Valerie Carver gave an update of current figures: 71 residents are on the roll and 120 non-residents, i.e. a total of 191 names.  <b>B. PCC Activities</b> Rev. Dr. Krinks referred to information given in the Annual Report. In addition to this he: • spoke of the 2020 Covid pandemic and the challenges deprivations and new perspectives it had brought;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• said that great effort had gone into the Annual Report and thanked everyone who had contributed to it saying that, in future, if there is one year when future historians will research, it will be 2020;</li> <li>• spoke of the flexibility, patience, good collaboration with the Master, the Hospital staff and Trustees who faced unprecedented challenges;</li> <li>• thanked everyone for all that had been done during the Pandemic;</li> <li>• thanked Valerie Carver as leader of Sunday Club for many years saying that she had given so much to generations of children and young people;</li> <li>• spoke of safeguarding saying the Parish followed the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.</li> </ul> <p>The Rev. Dr. Krinks asked for any comments about the PCC activities; there were none.</p> <p><b>C. Deanery Synod</b></p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks reminded everyone that Murray Dixon, John Pringle and Dodie Mowat are the lay representatives on the Deanery Synod. He reminded the meeting that the area covered by the Deanery is not only the city of Winchester but reaches to near Andover, Otterbourne and Owslebury.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Financial Statements for 2020</b>
	<p>Rev. Dr. Krinks asked Murray Dixon, the PCC Treasurer, to report on the Financial Report and Statements for 2020, hard copies having been available at services and electronically.</p> <p>Murray Dixon referred to the various parts of the Report including the supporting notes at the end. He highlighted that 2020 had presented new and unprecedented challenges due to the Coronavirus pandemic which had dramatically affected the Parish finances.</p>

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	<p><u>Income:</u> Murray Dixon said income receipts for 2020 were £108,705, i.e. a £14,334 reduction when compared to the 2019 receipt of £123,039. He referred to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fall in value of investments of £4,259</li> <li>• surplus of £724 from Parish Hall</li> <li>• fall of £10,799 in “routine” activity.</li> </ul> <p>He explained routine income decreased from £137,722 (2019) to £103,218 (2020) (<i>note 2e</i>) due to inability to hold in person activities and gave the following examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• collections and donations income fell by circa £16,000 (£23,969 to £8,234)</li> <li>• wedding and funeral fees fell by circa £7,000 (£7,576 to £741)</li> <li>• fundraising and fête income fell by circa £14,000 (£14,645 to £688) and that the major fundraising event for the Parish in 2020 was Ride &amp; Stride.</li> </ul> <p>He said the decrease would have been much larger but for the donations given to the Parish Resilience Fund Appeal and thanked everyone who had contributed.</p> <p><u>Expenditure:</u> Following the initial lockdown restrictions in April 2020 Murray Dixon said that the PCC reviewed finances and took action to minimise expenditure. The main reductions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• contribution to the Diocese with a Parish Share payment of £71,000 (reduced from the pre-Covid agreed figure of £86,000)</li> <li>• contributions to the Hospital for (i) upkeep of church fabric from £17,750 (agreed pre Covid) to £14,750 and (ii) utilities which were reduced by around £7,000</li> <li>• reduced payments to Parish post holders</li> </ul> <p>The total 2020 expenditure amounted to £114,017 (the 2019 figure having been £156,190).</p> <p>Murray Dixon questioned whether continuing with reductions in 2021 would be sustainable referring to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the impact on both the Diocese and the Hospital following reductions; and</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Reserve held which he confirmed to be in accordance with both Parish and Church of England policy at 45% of budgeted expenditure.</li> </ul> <p>Murray Dixon confirmed that the PCC is addressing the inevitable financial pressures and necessity to balance reserves held against the impact of reduced payments again in 2021, and will continue to. (He said that the PCC is very grateful to everyone one who responded to the Planned Giving Appeal at the start of 2021.)</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks and John Pringle thanked Murray for his work in compiling the 2020 Accounts and his clear presentation.</p>
5	<p><b>Elections</b></p> <p><b>1. Deanery Synod Members</b></p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks said that Murray Dixon, John Pringle and Dodie Mowat have served one year of their 3-year term and no action is necessary.</p> <p><b>2. PCC Members</b></p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked all members of the PCC for their service during the last year and especially Cheryl Irons who is not standing for re-election following many years on the PCC, he referred to her as an especially calm, experienced and level-headed member.</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks named and thanked the candidates who were standing for the PCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosco Noott, standing for a further term</li> <li>Michele Brannigan, standing for a further term</li> <li>Diana Snagge, standing for the first time</li> <li>Brian Eames, standing for the first time</li> <li>Matt McDonnell, standing for the first time, and</li> <li>John Pringle who is standing following his retirement as churchwarden</li> </ul> <p>He declared that they were elected, filling the vacancies.</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks also thanked Victoria Arthur for her continued work as PCC Secretary.</p>

Item	Subject
6	<b>Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2021</b>
	The appointment of Yvonne Goddard as Independent Examiner of the accounts for 2021 was <b>proposed</b> by Dodie Mowat and <b>seconded</b> by Murray Dixon.
7	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said that having good governance and a breadth of people willing to take on leadership roles with support is an important part of our life together in Christ in the Parish. He thanked everyone for their partnership in the Gospel.</p> <p>The following thanks were given:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dodie Mowat thanked the Ministry Team for their hard work.</li> <li>2. Trish Spiers thanked the Clergy and Churchwardens for keeping parishioners well informed.</li> <li>3. Jonathan Sleath thanked Dudley Rees for the IT support and the virtual choir for their respective contribution behind the scenes.</li> </ol> <p>John Spiers said that, following the death of the Winchester Representative for Ride &amp; Stride, no information had been received this year about the event and that this may need to be discussed in Synod.</p>

The meeting concluded at 11.33 am.

Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked everyone for attending and said the Grace.





## **GIVING CAN PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE**



**Have you enjoyed reading about the many different areas of ministry that the Parish undertakes? We are blessed with the help of so many of you as willing volunteers, but we do have considerable expenses that we need to pay on a regular basis.**

**Many of you already help us with regular Planned Giving through the Parish Giving Scheme or with Standing Orders. We are most grateful for your generosity.**

**If you have not made a commitment to regular giving, could you please consider helping us in this way? You can make a real difference in areas such as our choir and music, our work with children, young people and families, and our Common Good work in Winchester prison. You will also help us continue to worship in the beautiful Hospital of St Cross by contributing to the costs of running and maintaining the church building.**

**Your giving will help secure the future success of our Parish for us and future generations of worshippers at St Cross.**