



All Saints' Church

Branksome Park, Poole,
Dorset, BH13 7BP

ANNUAL MEETING 2022

Date & Time: 8th May 2022 4pm

Location: All Saints Church

ANNUAL REPORT – 2021

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Chairman's Review and Reflection

Michael Steen, Churchwarden and Vice-Chairman (in the absence of the Vicar whilst ill/on Sabbatical)

This last year has been unsettling for many, mainly connected with covid, the wearing of masks and distancing. However, as we emerge into the Spring sunshine, we can look forward to better times. The Diocese of Salisbury recognises this Parish as having a large and loyal congregation and a sound financial base.

All usual items of maintenance have been correctly carried out by reliable tradesmen and the Memorial Garden goes from strength to strength, with the help of willing volunteers and the generosity of one of our senior members.

We were fortunate to have secured the services of The Rev. Roger Green, a retired Church of England minister, who provided much-needed continuity.

Generally, all services are running smoothly.

The early 8am Holy Communion service is admirably led by The Rev. Stewart Timbrell.

The 9.30am Contemporary Family service has been led by Dale Edy and Lloyd Griffiths.

Our 11am Holy Communion service has been led by The Rev. Roger Green, ably complemented by Kate Edwards and Eva Wallace-Hadrill.

Overall, I am pleased how we have weathered squally times, and look forward to steadily enlarging congregations, together with our many extra-curricular activities, including our monthly teas, quiz evenings, walking group, family and children's activities, toddlers, Knit & Natter, Faith & Fellowship, etc.

I am hopeful that we can re-form the bereavement support group in due course.

In 2022 we have five weddings booked. Last year just two weddings and one blessing.

There were seven interments, twelve funerals/celebrations of life and three crematorium services.



Michael Steen

PCC Secretary's Report April 2022 – Anne Burton

2021 Objectives and beyond and how they were met

- Improve access and security to the Church by installing a further CCTV camera inside the building, subject to faculty approval
- *ongoing*
- Survey and complete repairs and cleaning to the Rose window
- *The rose window above the main doors has been overhauled by qualified tradesmen. Our sincere thanks to several generous donors. Work overseen by our Churchwarden, Michael Steen.*
- Promote and expand the use of the new church database and look at how we operate as a Church
- *Partially met and we continue to use the database to communicate our weekly notices*
- Explore a re-ordering project to make the Church and our services more accessible for children, the elderly and the disabled
- *ongoing*
- Review access to the church hall to make it easier and more accessible for all users, especially less able-bodied ones
- *ongoing*
- Implement an energy audit and review our strategy to work towards becoming an Eco-friendly church through the ARocha scheme
- *We have started the process of becoming an Eco-Church with monthly projects for collections, tips in the newsletters and sermons on the subject of caring for God's creation*
- Improve our communications with regular changes to website, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and paper newsletters for the elderly
- *Thanks to the office staff, Steve Bamford, Emma Blaney and the Older Persons' Team who have communicated regularly to congregation members via various media*
- Look to be environmentally responsible and improve the churchyard, including progressing the memorial garden project
- *The office regularly recycles paper and the Memorial Garden is now largely complete thanks to Peter Saunders and his willing helpers, Ken and Eric*
- Look to expand and improve the administrative function to support Church activities and the Vicar by purchasing a new photocopier

- *Careful thought has been given to the provision of administrative staffing. We are now pleased to benefit from the services of Anne Burton and Emma Barton. We have purchased a new photocopier but have printed fewer paper newsletters, in order to fulfil our environmental obligations*
- Continue to improve the sound and audio-visual system
- *We have purchased new laptops and a live streaming camera, in order to be able to stream our services*
- Run the Alpha course and other courses supporting our vision
- *Charlie, the Vicar, assisted with the Restored Lives course online for those recovering from divorce and separation.*
- Look to expand the provision and number of discipleship/worship groups in our church
- *Ongoing*
- Improve our vestry and internet connections for live-streaming online worship offering by purchasing a new camera
- *A new camera was purchased, the damp in the brickwork behind the piano was dealt with and draught excluder was fitted to the outside vestry door. The Stonemason repaired the brickwork on the outside of the vestry.*
- Continue to look at how we use our resources and promote the Parish Giving Scheme
- *The Parish Giving Scheme has been promoted and in order to handle less cash and to make giving easier in an increasingly cashless society we have installed a contactless card reader.*
- Replace our part-time Children and Families Minister with a full-time Youth, Children and Families Pastor
- *After a delay of seven months due to immigration issues and covid restrictions, Dale Edy arrived in April to take up this post.*

This last year has been a busy one for the PCC. Agenda items considered included:

- 1) The most appropriate way to protect the large legacy generously left by the late Cyril Jay. We have engaged the city firm Tyndalls Investment Management to manage the portfolio until we decide how best to use the legacy for the future needs of the Church. They have provided us with an admirable service and a pleasing return.
- 2) The church finances, which have been carefully managed by our treasurer Richard Bone, which are showing a good surplus.
- 3) Charitable giving has been the subject of much thought and has resulted in support for Ukraine and Afghanistan. At the time of writing, additional large sums are under active consideration.
- 4) We now have an outside stage for band-led services on the Vicarage lawn. Thanks to Lloyd Griffiths and Alison and Julian Pringle, as well as others who helped put this in place and the generous permission of the Incumbent. We hope to continue outside services and even had a funeral on the lower lawn during the Covid pandemic.

5) The PCC carefully considered the implications of engaging a Youth and Families Pastor. We are very pleased to have employed Dale Edy, who has made great inroads in this work.

Special thanks must go to our wonderful Verger, John Parker, without whom we would be very much worse off. John's in-depth knowledge of the church, the churchyard and the congregation are invaluable, and we are very grateful for all the hard work he puts in.



Anne Burton

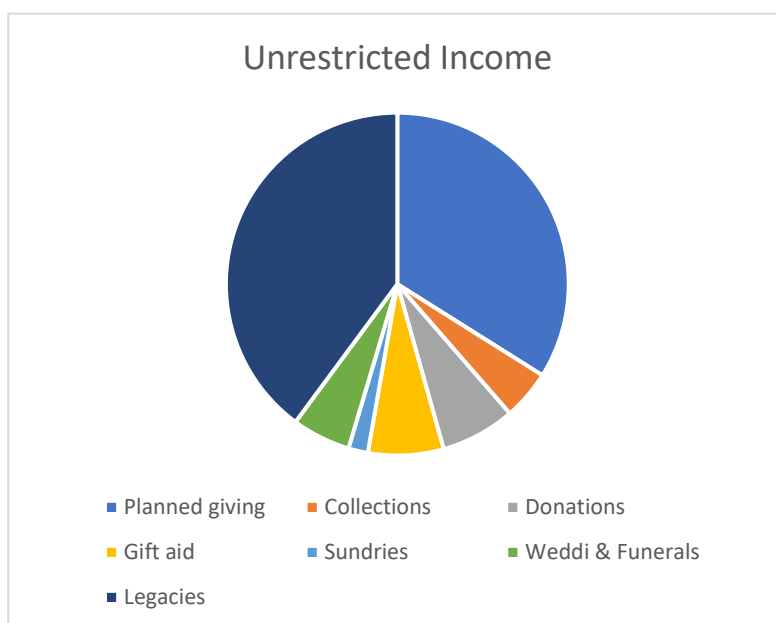
Financial Review for the year ending 2021

As in 2020, Covid has continued to put pressure on All Saints finances. Last year, it was reported that giving was down compared with 2019, classified as the last normal year, but that due to the church being blessed with a legacy, the church had an operating surplus at the year end.

The position for 2021 remains much the same. In terms of incoming resources, planned giving was down on 2020 by approx. £8,500 (-6.86%) but overall, the total of other income arising from weddings, funerals, investment income, hall hire, etc held pretty much steady.

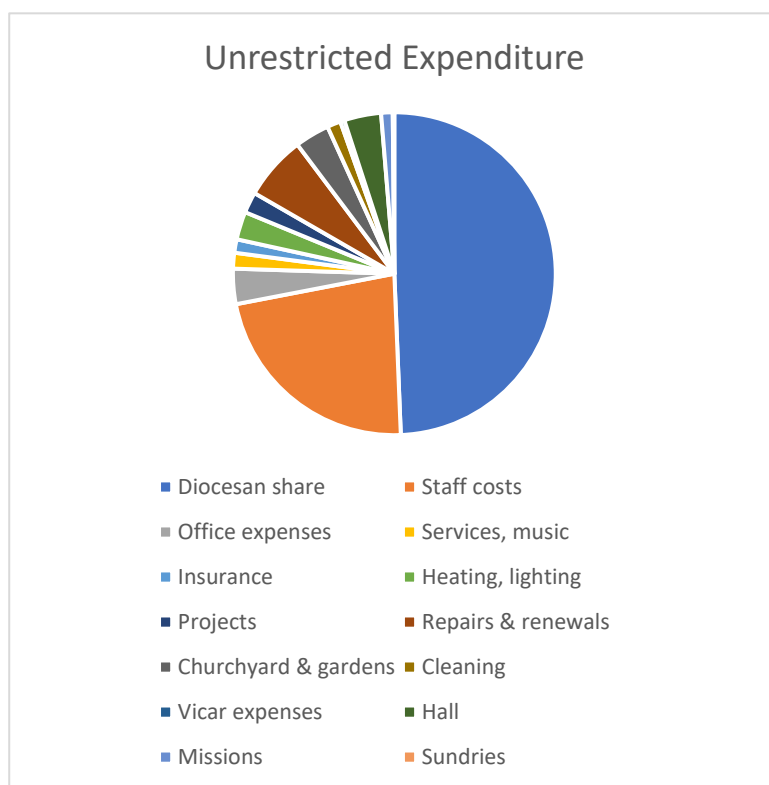
In overall terms, 2021 income was down 5.63% on 2020. Once again, the church was blessed with several legacies totalling £87,046 which has enabled All Saints to achieve a final operating **surplus of £22,357**.

Giving	£74,091
Collections	£10,202
Donations	£15,355
Gift Aid	£15,539
Sundries	£2,442
Weddings & funerals	£12,066
Legacies	£87,046



In terms of expenditure, the annual increase in spending of approx. £28,000 (after taking into account a credit of £10,000 set aside for investment service costs but subsequently not spent) is largely due to increased staff costs. Staff costs were reduced in 2020 through furloughing staff.

Diocesan Share	£108,714
Staff costs	£49,803
Office expenses	£7,780
Services, music	£3,474
Insurance	£2,963
Heating, lighting	£6,171
Projects	£4,614
Repairs & renewals	£14,147
Churchyard & gardens	£7,625
Cleaning	£2,988
Vicar's expenses	£929
Hall	£8,140
Missions	£2,551
Sundries	£346



2021 has seen the new appointment of Dale Edy as Families Pastor and an increase in secretarial input with Anne Burton joining Emma Barton to give much needed increased capacity.

In terms of assets, All Saints total worth has increased by £171,341 due partly to the operating surplus of £22,357 referred to above but mostly due to £148,984 increase in value of investment and endowment funds. The value of these funds is linked directly to the stock market which has enjoyed a buoyant year but as is always pointed out in wealth management advice, the value can fall as well as rise.

A detailed breakdown of all income and expenditure together with details of restricted and endowment funds can be found in the annual accounts.



Richard Bone - Treasurer

Choir Report – Janet O'Connor

2021 started in lockdown, with the choir's activity restricted to an occasional choral group's singing on Zoom, having been pre-recorded by Peter Drysdale, but sadly, he stepped back from

All Saints after Easter. When Covid restrictions eased during the summer, a small choir was permitted to sing in church, if socially distanced, & Azeeza kept our singing alive during this time, with the help of various organists, including Paul Fearnley, Andy Hill, Freddy Harvey & Wynne Jones.

We have been delighted to welcome two new people to the choir, but sadly, seven others left All Saints' during the year. Despite Covid, the choir was requested for 2 weddings, 5 funerals & 1 baptism, & we know our singing was appreciated on these occasions. We all miss John Way, our regular organist, not only for his guidance at our practices, but also for his masterful playing of the organ, & pray that he'll be able to return at some stage in 2022.



Janet O'Connor

Older People's Ministry – Kate Edwards

This last year has continued to be a challenge for the Older People's Ministry with ongoing variances of Covid continuing to disrupt and limit the outreach to the elderly. Many are still reluctant to leave their homes which poses the problem of increasing isolation; phone calls and one to one visits being the only option we have of contacting many lonely older people. Nevertheless, our *Faith and Fellowship* monthly coffee meetings managed to start again outside in the garden quite early in the year. For many, meeting church friends, some reflections on faith, prayer, and the delicious cake – made by generous volunteers - was the highlight of the month. These meetings are continuing to thrive indoors, with people eager to gather for refreshments and Christian companionship.

The *Faith & Fellowship* Newsletter has proved to be a popular read with increasing numbers of readers during the year. As well as church news it also included a monthly reflection, prayer topics, and comments and articles from members of the church. The newsletter, which aims include keeping those who cannot make it to church, in touch with the church community, is now being produced quarterly.



This coming year with the pandemic hopefully receding into the background of our lives we hope to be more proactive in the fight against spiritual, as well as physical loneliness, with a return to lunches, more activities and special church services. I would like to thank all those who contribute to the Older People's Ministry for all their help and contributions over this - less than easy - last year and I look forward to working with them in the future.



Kate Edwards

Children, Youth & Families Pastor – Dale Edy

"We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders." Psalm 78v4

An intergenerational church, now that is a lovely addition to a vision statement however, taking it from the ideal to the real is no small task but in the long term it makes being the family of God so much richer.

Our time at All Saints has had a few stop and start moments but we will endeavour to see the dream this church has of an intergenerational and united church family come to life.

We were able to reopen our 'Kids Church' in the hall with some great times together and it has been fantastic to welcome some new families into the All-Saints community. Our Sunday morning gatherings would not be possible without the monumental service and kindness of Rosemary Griffiths as she teaches, loves, and assembles crafts that reinforce and remind the truths we are passing on to our children and parents. Rosemary has diligently led the 2–7-year-olds, with me and Emma Blaney discipling the 8–16-year-olds in the 'Upper Room'. We look forward to growing the team and dreaming together.



Our All-Age services have been a hallmark with many good times and a glimpse of the intergenerational family we desire to see.

It has been a privilege to be involved with the online assemblies for Lilliput School and getting to know fellow youth leaders in the area.



A few events like Sunday afternoon football fun, and the summer holiday afternoons in the hall will hopefully prove to become more frequent as Covid restrictions are loosened. We look forward to making All Saints a safe and inviting space for young people to come and call home.

We have seen a steady growth in attendance up towards Christmas where we celebrated the birth of Jesus with a Christmas party full of fun and food, as well as two lovely Christingle services with many visitors coming along to hear the 'Good News'.

Along with children and young people we hope that through moments of either serving alongside each other, laughing at a Quiz Night, or praying together will add to the feel of the All-Saints family that wants to add more family.



Dale Edy

Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs) – Eva Wallace-Hadrill

Ann Bambury LPA Secretary of the LPA's

LPA Team: Eva Wallace-Hadrill, Pip Anthony, Ann Bambury, Mary Bebo, Tricia Darke, Kate Edwards, Beryl Hurley.

2021 was another difficult year for so many, and despite the various restrictions imposed on us all, the LPA team tried hard to stay in contact with the members of our congregation, and to offer continuing support when needed.

Although nursing and residential homes were closed to visitors for much of the year we were pleased, when able, to visit and recommence some monthly services.

Sadly, this year, two valued, long-standing members of our team, Howard, and Tina Cunningham-Smith, stood down having moved to another church. We thank them for their many years of dedicated service and will miss them both.

Our team is now rather depleted in numbers and would welcome new members. If anyone feels drawn to this service and would like to learn more about the role of an LPA please speak to Eva Wallace-Hadrill, Licensed Lay Minister, who leads the LPA team.

We would love to hear of anybody who would welcome our support. If we can help, please speak to Eva, the Church Office, or an LPA, and we would hope to respond as soon as possible.



Eva Wallace-Hadrill LLM

Poole and North Dorset Deanery Synod Report – Janet Morris

Due to covid, all three meetings in 2021 were on zoom. However, despite this, there were, on average, fifty people taking part in the meetings.

23rd February 2021

A presentation was given by David Reed from the Deanery Project, looking at recent data from the Deanery. David began the meeting by asking everyone to guess how many seeds were in a tomato. After many varying guesses the answer was enough! There were enough seeds in one tomato to grow enough tomatoes to feed himself and all his neighbours. David informed the Synod that however much we have of something is a matter of perspective and if we are not careful, we could miss the abundance we already have.

Salisbury Diocese has a 1.9 million pound deficit. Together in Poole Deanery we have a £3.7 million turnover with 35 clergy not all paid by the diocese and 21 churches.

He challenged the group to think of us all as belonging to an organisation that has this amount for resources, rather than individual silos. The meeting broke up into smaller groups to discuss opportunities to collaborate with each other.

9th June 2021

Stuart Turvey talked about this year's Ride and Stride. Last year's event raised a record total of £112,528. The meeting took part in worship and was asked to reflect on how great God is. How easy it is to be distracted by things around us, so it was good to make time to have quiet reflection in our lives.

7th October 2021

John Rolleston introduced the subject "moving forward with God". A general discussion took place about the problems everyone has had during lockdowns and opening the churches again and finding the new normality. Those present broke out into small groups to discuss these issues and the priorities moving forward.

Mark Rathbone a trustee for Poole WAU Partnership, reported to the Synod all that Poole WAU had been doing recently. This included setting up a website and the annual Holes Bay walk, which raised £2,700 this year. Two Open Garden Events were held in July and August raising another £1,956.

Copies of the minutes of these meetings are available for everyone. Do contact me for more information if you would like the details.

Life seems to be returning to near normal. Praise be to God.



Janet Morris

Electoral Roll – Michael Steen

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT FOR THE PARISH OF BRANKSOME PARK, DEANERY OF POOLE AND NORTH BOURNEMOUTH

I hereby certify that the number of electors on the Church Electoral Roll of this parish, as revised in preparation for the Annual Parochial Council Meeting (APCM) held in the year 2022 was **130**.

Signed by : Michael Steen Vice-Chairman of the Parochial Church Council

As at the time of writing in January 2021 the number on the roll stood at 191, representing a net loss to the roll of **61** members since the last report.

The details are as follows:

As of last report 191

Additions n/a

Losses from all sources 61

Current number 130

There are **54** members who live in the parish, according to the roll, and **76** non-resident members.



Michael Steen

Prayer – Suzie Myatt and Howard Cunningham-Smith

We continued to be greatly blessed by our prayer support in 2021. Praying for confidential urgent prayer requests has been unaffected by the pandemic, these being communicated to a small group via e-mail. Caroline Nicholson very kindly stepped in to be the co-ordinator of this group for 6 months while Suzie Myatt was unavailable.

Prayer Ministry

We have much to celebrate about this year's prayer Initiatives! With COVID-19 restrictions Prayer Ministry after Services was not possible. Prayer initiatives were continued or introduced as seen below.

Praying during the Week

The Prayer meetings for the needs of the church and the wider world continued to be held by Zoom on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings with additional meetings on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The evening meetings which continued until the end of summer included several calls for prayers from the Anglican Church. This has not only provided much needed prayer support but great fellowship for all those who attended.

Praying for the Community**Praying for your Community**

"Love our neighbours as ourselves" (Mark 12.31)

"Praying for Your Community" invited church members to pray, not only for the parish which we serve as a church, but also to pray for the area where they lived. In addition, people were encouraged to pray regularly for up to 5 of their neighbours. Both for any known needs, and if they are not Christians, praying that they may want to find out more about Jesus.

A scheme was introduced to ensure we included prayers to cover all the communities concerned. The Parish office created a record from which they published the roads where people lived. It was originally planned to introduce new roads about every three weeks.

The scheme was enthusiastically received by many members of the congregation. Unfortunately, at the end of summer, owing to increasing pressures on the parish office, it was decided to put this prayer project on hold until such time as the office had more staff hours available to run the project.

Monthly Prayer Meeting

The monthly prayer meetings, started in 2021 in the Church Hall on the first Sunday of the month, continued up until November this year. The meeting started with a time of worship and there were times of silence as we listened to God. Led by the Holy Spirit, people prayed, and some quoted from Scripture and shared things that God had laid on their hearts.

The prayer topics included Revival of our Church and Community; How can we be ready for the new/next season? Our response to Covid, as individuals, Church, and Community; and current ministry. Over the year the prayer topics were shared with the congregation.

Initially there were up to 15 people in the Hall and, whilst Zoom was available up to 10 joined in via Zoom.

The prayer topics were published in the weekly notices to enable the congregation to pray at home during the hour and at other times. The numbers receiving copies of topics by hand increased to over 25.

Following the opening of the church in the last quarter, the monthly prayer meeting was transferred from the hall to the church. Whilst the congregation were notified of the prayer topics to pray during the month, the numbers attending the church prayer meeting remained small. Due to pressures on the church calendar the monthly prayer meeting was suspended in November 2021 to allow another Service to be developed. The questions whether the church wanted to continue publishing monthly prayer topics was put on hold.

Although currently suspended these prayer initiatives were enthusiastically received by the congregation and they provide a blueprint for future prayer schemes when church life is fully restored. Please do consider joining us - everyone is welcome! Details on the website or contact the Church office.



Suzie Myatt



Howard Cunningham-Smith

Band – Lloyd Griffiths

2021 continued to provide challenges to the way we worshipped in song at All Saints as we navigated through the minefield that is covid with all its restrictions and frustrations.

The 'zoom song library' continued to be added to and utilised until covid restrictions were eased and we were allowed to gather and sing corporately again.

In the build up to our Easter services, an outside stage was built in the lower lawn area so that we could worship outside with social distancing. It was great to be together outside on Resurrection Sunday to celebrate 'Jesus is risen!'

Special mention to those who formed a team to help create the outdoor stage. Charlie Boyle, Mike Steen, Robert Renshaw, Julian and Alison Pringle, Steve and Barbra Bamford, John Pearson (electrician) and Lloyd Griffiths. Thank you to you all.

The band made up of Steve Bamford (bass) Mike Steen (drums) Barbra Bamford (vocals and occasional leading) Rosemary Griffiths (occasional vocals) and Hannah Edy (keys vocals and

occasional leading) continued to provide music for live services notably the 9.30am family service and the Encounter evening meetings. New songs have been introduced and older favourites rekindled as we seek to bring a good blend of material to our sung worship times.



We look forward into 2022 with new challenges to face but confident that if we look to the Lord from who comes our help, we will find all that we need in Him.

Let us praise His name together! Blessings.



Lloyd Griffiths

Encounter – Barbara Bamford

After all the changes of format and venue necessitated by Covid restrictions before Christmas 2020, Encounter returned in January 2021, still on Zoom and under the leadership of Julian and Alison Pringle and Steve and Barbara Bamford, with help and contributions also from Lloyd and Rosemary Griffiths, Eva and James Wallace-Hadrill, Stella Whitcombe, and Rev'd Charlie Boyle.

We began the year by watching some videos of New Wine speakers under the general title of "Dealing with a Time of Change", and in February we began watching videos by Gary Thomas, opening up our eyes and attitudes to people who are different in their approach to worship and bible study, as they follow their own "Sacred Pathways."

All these meetings were held on Zoom when we encouraged people to share their views and experiences. It was essential to keep our attendees communicating and participating. Sadly, what could not be done during this time was to have sung worship, as this was not practicable on Zoom.

However, things improved as Covid began to recede and the weather got (reasonably!) better. We were able to hold occasional open air worship times (see picture) on the Lower Lawn, after a stage had been built and electrics had been laid by faithful and hardworking members of the church, for the outdoor Easter services.

We were also able to hold indoor meetings in the church building, studying the book of Philippians.

After a summer break, Encounter returned in September under a new leadership team of Steve and Barbara Bamford and Lloyd and Rosemary Griffiths. We followed a theme of "Alive with Christ", based on the



book of Ephesians, which took us up to Christmas. We were now able to return to the Hall, with the band able to lead in live worship, which makes such a difference! We were also able to enjoy some amazing refreshments provided by Anne Burton and Emma Blaney.

It has been another difficult time, with many changes and adaptations having to be made because of Covid, but we have kept going throughout the year. We have known God's presence with us, have had some challenging talks and it has been wonderful to be able to return to sung worship.



Barbara Bamford

Homegroups – Anne Burton

There are currently only four Home Groups running, two in the evenings and two during the day. Home Groups are a wonderful way of connecting with others in the Church in a way that you may not be able to during normal Sunday services. They also provide an opportunity to study the Bible in more depth in a small group and they offer the opportunity for prayer, debate, and discussion and to learn from one another in a safe and non-judgemental environment. Many people find them an essential part of their Christian life.

Stella & Gareth Whitcombe run a wonderful group who are currently studying Luke using a formal Bible Study guide. Using various study guides during the year, including those from the Bible Society, this group is interested in learning more about Jesus and the Bible and they have some lively discussions. This year the group has taken on the project to encourage and support the All-Saint's Eco Church initiative, setting up an eco-calendar for All Saints members to take part in "reuse, renew and recycle".

Suzie comments on the Tuesday morning group. "There are currently 14 people in our group and over the past year we have been meeting weekly for a time of prayer and Bible study.

The fellowship experienced within a group is important and thanks to modern technology most of us have managed to meet regularly via zoom when COVID has prevented us from meeting in person. We seek to learn more about our faith and to grow closer to God as we study the Bible, ask questions, share knowledge and experiences."

Due to Covid and other circumstances, one or two groups have disbanded and those that are running are up to full capacity, so we are encouraging more groups to be formed. There is especially a need for daytime groups.

Groups meet weekly or fortnightly at the same venue whilst others choose to move around. Some groups have set leaders and others share the leading. There is no agenda in running a Home Group, it is entirely up to the Group and its leader to decide on the format. There is a wealth of resources available for group leaders both online and in the Vestry.

If anyone is interested in forming a new group, or indeed joining one, there are resources and members willing to assist. For 2022, Home Groups are seeking a new Coordinator who will communicate existing group details to new members.



Anne Burton

Personal Note from the Intern (Moorlands Student) – Emma Blaney

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to all who supported me through my 3 years at Moorlands. I am proud to say I completed my degree in Applied Theology, specialising in Missional Children, Family and Community Work!

Last year in April, May and June I was busy with the task of coordinating the Church Fete. This was something I was very excited about, however sadly due to COVID restrictions tightening, we were unable to go ahead with it. It was, however, set to be a promising event and I am very hopeful that the work and progress made last year can be put towards an even bigger and better Fete this year!

When I finished College in late June, I did four months in the office, filling one of the administrative roles. There was a lot to do but working alongside Dale and Emma was extremely fun! I have continued to work with Dale in his role at All Saints' and have been assisting on a Sunday morning with the older group over in the hall.

It is a real privilege to be able to experience the brilliant work he is doing, both with the existing young people of the Church, and with the new ones he is helping to bring in.

I hope to continue to serve All Saints' as I begin the next stage of my life and I am very excited to see what the future holds for our wonderful Church.



Emma Blaney

All Saints' Mother's Union Tea Party - Diana Alcroft

In Sept 2021 we resumed the MU teas on the second Wednesday monthly from 2.30pm-4.30pm for all the retired.

Following Covid restrictions, at last we can enjoy a chat & the company of others over a delicious homemade tea.

A huge thank you to all the faithful volunteers for their loyal support & dedication.

We look forward to continuing to meet and welcome everyone on the second Wednesday of each month between 2.30pm – 4.30pm in the Church Hall.



Diana Alcroft

All Saints PCC Safeguarding 2021

The Church of England policy on Safeguarding is summed up in the following 6 commitments:

Promoting a safer environment and culture

Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults within the Church

Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation

Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons

Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons

Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others

Here at All Saints, we share the same commitment to providing a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults and all those directly involved in their supervision and care within the church. This includes adhering to principles of Safer Recruitment (e.g., references and DBS checks for employees and volunteers, including PCC members), clear signage in the church and hall indicating who to contact if any concerns are raised, and an explicit culture of safe working practice and vigilance.

Since becoming the Parish Safeguarding Officer in 2021, I have completed all the Diocesan Safeguarding training, ensured that Dale Edy also did the training following his appointment as Children and Families minister, and am addressing gaps in training for members of the PCC. Now that the church is mainly operating with people attending in person, rather than remotely on zoom etc., Safeguarding needs to remain a priority shared by the whole church.



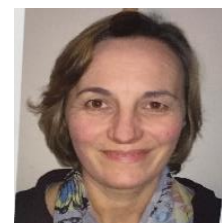
Rosemary Griffiths

All Saints' Nursery – Stephanie Parrett

The last year has once again challenged us all but the staff team at All Saints Nursery have continued to provide a warm, safe, and nurturing space for all the children and families within our community. The trustees also continue to be the backbone of our special nursery providing wisdom to make good decisions about the future, and encouragement when the going has needed fortitude and resolve to persevere.

We continue to attract high numbers of local families and our spaces are usually oversubscribed. We have a very stable group of committed staff who bring a wealth of experience to their roles which they carry out with passion and dedication.

In a year when we have not been able to have visitors into nursery our beautiful surroundings have become more important than ever. The children enjoy learning about the plants and animals in the woods and chine, they begin to gain an understanding of the changing seasons and we hope that through appreciating the wonders of our world they will learn to look after it as they grow older.



Stephanie Parrett

All Saints Nursery was the vision of members of All Saints Church over 50 years ago, our hope is that we can continue that vision to be a beacon of light to young families in our area by providing outstanding care and education to the youngest children.

Cubs – Karen Turton - Annual Report 2021 - All Saints Cubs

All Saints Cubs ended December 2020 with a virtual Carol Service, then Zoomed into 2021 with on-line animal collages, bird feeders, quizzes, and a tallest sunflower competition, eventually Zooming into Spring – by which time we were well and truly Zoomed out.

Then Government rules allowed us to meet in person, outdoors... Finally!

We based ourselves on the beach, completing our Cyclist badge, tried traditional beach games; French cricket, Boccia, beach volleyball, skittles, and lots of pioneering (knots and slips), then held a fantastic summer camp day at Buddens.

After the summer break we were back to an amazing harvest moon as we paddle boarded in Poole harbour, crazy golfed at Sandbanks and caught 94 crabs in Poole Harbour!

By October, and back in the hall for the first time in 18 months, we shared prized collections of fossils, Pokémon cards, Lego figures, postcards, and Match Attax cards for our Collectors badge, we packed gifts for the Shoebox Appeal and sold our toys to raise £120 for the Toilet Twinning Charity and earned a World Community badge in the process. Six Cubs were presented with a Chief Scouts Silver Award and our very own Baloo, aka Anne Roberts, was given a very special 30 Year Recognition Award!

Assistant Cub Leaders:

- Raksha – Karen Turton
- Baloo – Anne Roberts
- Bagheera – Nick Giles

Group Scout Leader:

- Jacala – Hugo Parkin

All Saints' Beaver's Colony Report - Diana Alcroft Beaver Leader (Nov'20-Feb'22)

With thanks to Hugo, we held zoom meetings from November 20-April 21, the Beavers enjoyed many activities from bug craft, animal quiz & making Lego superhero's, sock puppets, lunar new year lanterns, Mothering Sunday cards, dragons for St David's & leprechauns for St Patrick's, Easter cards for the elderly housebound, RSPB big bird watch & Quiz.



The summer term we managed to enjoy outdoor meetings on the Vicarage lawn, the woods, beach & BBQs, Water sports, stargazing, Night hike, 24hr sleepover in dens at home, many badges were earned .

All the District events were cancelled.

17 Beavers attended the Remembrance parade in Church & made poppies. St Andrew's day they made amazing Loch Ness monsters, planted bulbs & made Christmas cards for the elderly & housebound, 13 Beavers made shoe boxes & we ended the year with a Christmas party 🎉

This year Beavers worked hard for their Money skills & safety badges & we celebrated lunar new year.

A huge thank you to Jonathon, Hugo & Fran for their continuity & valuable help & to all the parents for their help & support.



Diana Alcroft
Beaver Leader

Carol Singing – David Williams



Carol Singing 2021

With Covid restrictions still in force but relaxed, we thought that we could offer our neighbourhood Care Homes some much needed Christmas cheer by singing outside their premises; 3 were lined up, Canford Chase, Long Close and Zetland Court but just days before, both Canford Chase and Long Close had to cancel owing to fresh outbreaks.

We did miss our friends at these two as they have both been a regular feature of our Yuletide activities.

However, on the 'upside' we visited Zetland who went to the trouble to ensure that singing carols outside, with the lounge French doors open, worked for everyone, residents, and singers alike.

We had arranged for a portable music centre to provide the piano backing and at the allotted time with residents and staff comfortably seated in the lounge wrapped cosily under warm blankets, we were ready to go, what could go wrong?

The piano accompaniment, started up 'Once in Royal Da.....' then nothing, zilch, kaput, dead as the proverbial dodo. Efforts to restart it were to no avail but as the result of a master plan to have a back-up in the 'unlikely event of anything going wrong,' Dennis stepped up and provided the music backing with his trusted ukulele. Well done once again our ever-reliable resident musician.

And oh, how well it worked. On this unusually mild sunny December afternoon the residents joined in the carols, requesting their usual favourites, and applauding every number with enthusiasm.

It was a real winner and we finished off the day receiving generous hospitality under their sheltered terrace in the sunshine set amongst early flowering plants and bulbs.

The attached photo gives the reader an idea of the relaxed atmosphere amongst the group, and we were left thinking that dear old Oliver Cromwell didn't do everyone a disfavour back in the 1700's when he banned carol singing inside!

Until we do it again, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, and Ladies of course!



David Williams

Stepping Stones – Daphne Anderson



Once again, the pandemic affected some of our walks, but we did manage 18 out of a possible 24 which was better than last year even though some of the venues had to be changed.

The photo was taken on one of our more local walks along the sea front and having lunch halfway at the Argyle Bowling Club on a beautifully hot September day.

Our numbers range from 6 to 18 but no matter how many turn up on the day, it is always lovely to enjoy the company, conversations, exercise and finally the well-earned lunch.

Such a great way to keep up with old friends and meet new friends - why not join us and find out.



Daphne Anderson

Flowers at All Saints – Rosemary Griffiths

During the periods of lockdown there was obviously little need for flower arrangements in the church, but much time, effort and love was put into creating the beautiful Memorial Garden in part of the graveyard. This was largely the work of Peter Saunders, with the help of volunteers. Once services began to happen in person again, a Rota of volunteers was made so that the beautiful interior of the church could be enhanced with seasonal flower arrangements, to the glory of God.

This has included combinations of fruit, vegetables and flowers for harvest, poppies for Remembrance Sunday and festive colour and decorations for Christmas.



A few new volunteers have been added, and other long-serving members of the team have decided to hang up their secateurs: more volunteers are needed to keep this area of service to the church going, and to help when the church team is called upon for large events such as weddings.

The Rota can be found in the foyer of the church, and help is at hand for anyone who would like to be involved but is unsure of what to do. Training in floristry is not a pre-requisite!



Rosemary Griffiths

Wildlife Conservation at All Saints – Val Lamb

All Saints Wildlife Group

Once more our small band of 3 met, following lockdown, to tidy the old and neglected graves – this time on Friday mornings. We have progressed along the main avenue and around the semi-circle which surrounds the Bury Memorial.

We're still trying to provide colour and increase the opportunities for pollen and nectar by sowing and planting.

We bought wildflower seeds and have transplanted sedums which seem to do well. Wild garlic is rampaging in the area and eventually will probably swamp the bluebells. In view of the concerns raised about the habitat boxes – particularly bats – we have given them to BCP to be put up in the Chine.

If you have any ideas, time, or money to contribute we would love to hear from you! If you would like to help with some leisurely weeding and planting on a Friday afternoon or at another time to suit yourself, from May – October, please contact - Val Lamb, Val or Ron Kite, or Trevor Meacock. Alternatively, call the Church Office who will put you in touch.



Val Kite & Val Lamb



Wild Carrot, Poppies, and Mouse - Ear Hawkweed, Gladwin Iris, Daffodils, Cyclamen and Snowdrops as planted by the Cubs in 2017

Memorial Garden – Peter Saunders & Val Lamb



Huge thanks to Peter Saunders and all his helpers, including Ken & Eric, for the wonderful Memorial Garden which is enjoyed now by everyone throughout the All Saints' family.

Our Church warden Michael Steen has spoken with Peter and with his permission, the garden is going to be named after him to ensure his legacy and hard work will always be remembered and appreciated by all who visit our beautiful Church.

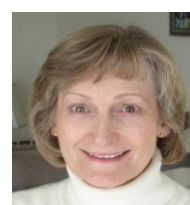
Knit and Natter Group – Pat Van Schagen and Rowena Exley

Our group, although keeping in touch by phone and email, didn't physically meet up in 2021 until October. This has meant our Autumn meetings have been a lovely opportunity for us to catch up, enjoying each other's company, bringing along our own Knitting projects and eating cake!



We are now looking forward to 2022 and are in the process of deciding how we can use our skills to help and support others as we have in the past. The Knit and Natter Group was originally set up and is still attended by Mothers Union Members and the aim of all the group has always been to demonstrate the Christian faith in action.

We meet on Friday afternoons from 2:30 until 4:30 in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us, and you do not have to be an experienced knitter. We all help one another, and I often unpick my work as we tend to do an awful lot of talking!



Pat Van Schagen & Rowena Exley

Sunday Morning Coffees – Romy Shephard

By the beginning of August, we were able to resume serving coffees, initially to only about twelve members of the congregation, but with numbers steadily increasing to a more usual 30 or 40. We have gone back to using the small hall with just three tables, and generally this has not proved to be too crowded.

Jan Crowe has kindly supplied some blue check tablecloths which are a better size and happen to be a colour match for the new chairs, and we are aiming to reduce our use of disposables in the kitchen.

Sadly, we have lost several volunteers recently, but I do so appreciate the willingness of all those who are helping on the rota.



Romy Shephard

Fairtrade and ECO Church – Sarah Smales

Our commitment as a Fairtrade church continues. Fortunately, we are now able to serve refreshments and aim to use Fairtrade tea, coffee, and sugar etc.

The REAL ADVENT CALENDAR was successfully promoted and sold well.

As a church we encourage buying Fairtrade products where possible. The impact for growers and workers across the world is so important. We are "Loving our neighbours" worldwide.

This commitment is also helping the ECO church initiative we are undertaking at All Saints.

May we be encouraged to buy Fairtrade products as we seek to "love our neighbours as ourselves." All Saints have signed up for the ECO church scheme which is run by A Rocha UK. Awards are given for how the church is responding to climate change and the need to care for God's world through all aspects of church life.

We are recycling on a monthly rota. We are looking at our buildings and land, researching all aspects from the care of the churchyard e.g., putting up birdboxes or bug hotels to saving energy in our buildings. Encouraging others in the wider community is important too.

Please can we invite others to join us in this vital initiative.



Sarah Smales

Poole Food Bank – James Wallace-Hadrill

Thank you all for your continued generosity to those far less fortunate than ourselves, and for continuing to donate even when visits to church were harder than usual. I know some of you also contribute financially, for which the Poole Food Bank are also very grateful. Since their move from the Poole URC to Jimmy's last year, we just carry the food in carrier bags along to our local collection point in the Dolphin centre. Other collection points are available such as Tesco Branksome and Waitrose Parkstone.

We and the Poole Food Bank are very grateful for your continuing support, whether you bring your food to the church porch or to a more local collection point, or you give financial support, or you pray for those we try to help.



James Wallace-Hadrill

Parochial Church Council

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar:

Revd. Charlie Boyle (ex-officio)

Churchwarden:

Mr Michael Steen - until 2023 (ex-officio)

Representatives of the Deanery Synod:

Mrs Janet Morris (but not on P.C.C.) until 2022

Mrs Beryl Hurley until 2023

Elected members:

Mrs Carol Burdon until 2023

Mr Phil Corneby (Gift Aid Secretary) until 2023

Mrs Kate Edwards until 2023

Mrs Rosemary Griffiths (Safeguarding) until 2023

Mrs Beryl Hurley (Deputy Churchwarden) until 2023

Mr Sam Moore (Eco Champion) until 2023

Mr Richard Bone (Treasurer) until 2023

Mr Michael Steen until 2023

Thanks Go To.....

A tribute to those who have served All Saints in various capacities over the years but who we have not had the opportunity to THANK properly from the front of Church for obvious reasons.

Dale Edy	Children, Youth & Families Worker	1 year
Phil Corneby	Gift Aid Secretary	1 year
Diana Alcroft & Karen Turton	Beavers & Cubs Leaders	14 years
Rosemary Griffiths	Parish Safeguarding Representative	1.5 years
Rosemary Griffiths	Flowers	7 months
Emma Barton	Office Administrator	1 ¾ years
Anne Burton	Office Administrator	7 months
Anne Burton	P.C.C. Secretary	6 months

...and of course, there are many others who have served tirelessly behind the scenes in other roles, who have made All Saints the Church that it is. We apologise if we've missed anyone...but you know who you are and what you've done and more importantly, so does God.

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Fabulous achievements by the Cub Scouts 2021



Quiz Night February 12th, 2022 - first Event following Covid Restrictions being lifted