

Trustees Annual Report 2020

Aim and Purposes

St Andrews Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent the Reverend Suresh Menon, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic and social.

The PCC and the Church Wardens are also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church building and hall of St Andrews, Frimley Green & Mytchett.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our Church family at St Andrews. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture and music.

When planning our activities for the year, the Incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commissions guidance on public benefit particularly the specific guidance for charities on the advancement of religion.

We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our Church family through;

- Worship and prayer;
- Learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Andrews and its Church hall.

Achievements and Performance

All of our activities during 2020 have been severely curtailed by the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions this has placed on place of worship and gathering of people.

Worship and Prayer

The PCC offer a range of services on a Sunday alongside religious study and other groups during the week and over the course of the year the church community finds these both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

During 2020, when restrictions have been imposed on places of worship and the gathering of peoples; where possible and when feasible, meetings have been held on a virtual basis using social media, YouTube and Zoom technology.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are 94 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. The average weekly attendance, counted during October was 52. This decrease on the numbers counted in October 2019 was as a result of COVID 19 restrictions. However never the less our numbers this year increased at the Christmas Carol Service and all Christmas Services held.

As well as regular services we hold Weddings, Funerals and Christenings throughout the year which again during 2020 have been greatly reduced due to COVID 19 restrictions.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structure of the Church.

The Church and Church Hall

The Covid-19 restrictions have allowed us to make progress with several areas of repairs and maintenance to the Church and Hall.

The mould reported in previous years had been removed from the church ceiling and the ceiling has been treated and repainted.

Also, out of the funds raised at last year's gift day, we have re-decorated the hall, toilets and corridor at the rear entrance to the Church Hall. We have also replaced the kitchen and fitted new flooring in the kitchen, both toilets, and back corridor with a built in entrance mat near the rear door.

From the remaining funds raised at the 2019 gift day we intend to replace the roof on the Church Room.

Once this has been done there are no apparent major jobs left to tackle in the immediate future other than regular repairs and maintenance.

Pastoral Care

This has been greatly reduced this year due to COVID 19 restrictions but activities normally include;

- Sunday Afternoon Teas for the elderly
- Baby and toddler group for pre-school children
- A Friday Coffee morning for anyone who wants to attend
- Youth Groups
- 3 x Sunday Children Groups for all ages (takes place during our Sunday service)
- Midweek growth groups for members of the church family.

During the Covid 19 pandemic we have maintained pastoral care through our volunteers making regular calls, keeping in touch whilst adhering to any restrictions imposed by the Government, Church of England or Diocese and in addition at Christmas time by providing a small Christmas hamper and card to our more elderly and vulnerable parishioners.

Financial Review

Total Receipts on unrestricted funds where £110,404

£64,985 was spent on the parish share together with £17,745 on capital projects.

Salaries and Honoraria was £15,555

Reserve Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £25,000. It is our policy to invest funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the community it is.

Structure, governance and management

In addition to the PCC, as required by law the Church has a Standing Committee appointed by the PCC. This Committee has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. It is composed of:

Rev Suresh Menon (joined July 2020)

Andrea Timms

Lynne Fergusson

Edward Batchelar

Margaret Nelson (joined December 2020)

Jules Attwell (left October 2020)

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Andrews the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, church wardens, treasurer and secretary. All those who attend the church and who are on the electoral register are encouraged to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish with particular regard to deciding on how the funds of the PCC are spent.

The Full PCC currently meets at least six times during the year.

The names of those who are serving on the PCC are:

Reverend Suresh Menon - Incumbent

Andrea Timms – Chairman/ Warden/Deanery Synod

Lynne Ferguson – Treasurer/ Warden/PCC Secretary/Deanery Synod

Sarah Hawton – Minute Secretary (Appointed October 2020)

Margaret Nelson (Joined October 2020)

Edward Batchelar

Jules Attwell – Minute Secretary (Left October 2020)

Sharon Parton – (Left October 2020)

William Wilkinson

Jonathan Hayles

Administrative Information

St Andrews Church is situated in Frimley Green, Surrey. It is part of the Diocese of Guildford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Sturt Road, Frimley Green, Surrey, GU16 6HY.

Approved by the PCC on 22nd February 2021 and signed on their behalf by Andrea Timms (PCC Lay Chairman).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Timms', written in a cursive style.