



Annual Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Tuesday 30th April 2019

7.30pm

Harnham Parish Hall



Living, Learning and Loving through Christ

AIMS AND VALUES

Living, Learning and Loving

In God's love, we seek to be an open Christian community where everyone, of every age, is welcomed and valued. We aim to do this through living, learning and loving.

Living-

As people seeking faith, we are committed to exploring a living, loving relationship with God

Learning-

As people of reflection, we learn through asking questions, exploring doubts, prayer, worship, Bible Study, and every-day life experience

Loving-

As people showing love, we actively care for our neighbours, Harnham and the wider world.

Our values seek to communicate our aims:

Celebration- We celebrate life and the love of God, shown through his Son Jesus. We celebrate the joys of our communities.

Hope- We hope in the transformation of ourselves and the world, through God's love, that we can always start again, and that this life is not the end; we work to bring hope in the lives of those around us by committing ourselves to loving our neighbours and to stand with those who suffer injustice.

Compassion- We have compassion from God through the reconciliation Jesus brings; we show compassion to our neighbours as we listen and walk with them through life.

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Pray

The pattern of Sunday services in our two churches established in October 2017 continued throughout the year, with Communion at All Saints every Sunday at either 8.00 am or 11.00 am, and at St George's every Sunday at 9.30 am. There was a temporary disruption at St George's when the central heating boiler failed in December 2017, leaving a very cold church! So the 9.30 am service was held in the parish hall up till Easter. On 5th Sundays and Patronal Festivals, the Parish worshipped together in one of the churches or the hall.

The pattern of regular weekday services also remained unchanged with Morning Prayers on Tuesday and Friday in All Saints, and Communion every Thursday morning in St George's. In addition, from Ascension Day to Pentecost at Evening Prayer, we joined with Christians across the world to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come'. And in the period up to Remembrance Sunday in November, we again played our part in a nationwide Commemoration of the ending of the First World War one hundred years before in November 1918. Prayers for Remembrance were said, and we were joined in the two churches by transparent silhouettes of soldiers 'seen and unseen'. On Remembrance Sunday itself, we walked in procession from St George's to the Harnham Memorial Hall, where a capacity congregation remembered those who died in both World Wars, and prayed for peace.

We enjoyed 3 Bishop visits at the start on 2018. Bishop Ed visited as support for the parish, Bishop Nick came to launch the Lent talks and returned again on 22 April, for the Patronal Festival, and blessed our new icon of St George, specially commissioned as part of the celebration of the church's 900th Anniversary in 2015. We are very grateful to the artist John Coleman and the donors who funded the commission. This year also saw the publication of a history of All Saints Church painstakingly compiled by William Alexander, to whom we are much indebted.

We were delighted to welcome back Revd Becky in May on phased return after her illness. Revd Heather completed her curacy in November, and we wished her well as she left us on maternity leave, before she takes up her new appointment as incumbent of St Mary's, Old Basing. They were both wonderfully supported by our associate priest, Revd Julian, and our dedicated and flexible team of retired clergy to whom we are enormously indebted. As ever, Linda Baker provided crucial administrative support to the whole clerical team, and to the Parish in general.

Details of repairs and improvements to the two church buildings are set out in the property Committee report. The most significant item was the replacement of the boiler at St George's. The new boiler was commissioned in June, thanks particularly to the diligent efforts of Peter and Helen Evans, and the generous financial support of an anonymous donor.

Serve

The day to day running of our churches depends on a large team of dedicated volunteers, who serve in a huge range of capacities, including as sidespersons, servers, readers, chalice assistants and intercessors, as flower arrangers and cleaners, in providing clean linen for communion services, in carrying out minor repairs, in caring for the churchyards, and in serving refreshments before and after services. We are enormously grateful to all who contribute in these vital but often unseen ways. At the same time, we are very aware that we are all getting older, people's circumstances change or they move away, so that there is a constant need for others to step forward and take on a role. In the coming months, we will be exploring new ways of encouraging and supporting congregational members and others from the wider community to contribute their skills and their time to the Parish.

On 22 July, we gathered after the morning service at St George's for coffee and cake to say thank you to Jane Pelly for her many years of service to the Parish, and to present her with a Certificate from the Bishop acknowledging her many years as a Lay Reader in the parish. At All Saints, particular tribute was paid to Irene Wells, who stepped down as an LPA, having served the parish in many capacities over many years. Robert Salkeld ceased to be churchwarden in April, but has continued to provide invaluable support to the churchwarden team. We are particularly grateful to others who have retired from, or joined, the many rotas.

Grow

The Parish continued to stand out from other parishes in the deanery in the number of Occasional Offices offered in our churches. During the year, St George's welcomed 4 couples for their wedding, baptised 7 children and 1 adult member of our congregation, and performed 10 funerals and burials of ashes. At All Saints, there were 5 baptisms, 3 weddings, 5 funerals and 2 burials of ashes. Each in its own way offered a valuable opportunity to reach out beyond our regular congregations.

Messy Church met every month in the Parish Hall, but on the congregation of children, their parents, and helpers periodically moved across to St George's for a short service, as also did members of the Toddlers Groups that meet in the Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Major festivals, particularly Christmas, also offered similar opportunities. All Saints hosted two Nativity services on Christmas Eve, such was the demand from local families, as well as Harnham Junior School's Easter and Harvest Festival services. At St George's, we were delighted to welcome parents and children from the two Toddlers' groups for their Nativity Service, the Uniformed Organisations for their Carol Service, and the Alzheimers' Society Music for the Mind group for their Carol Service. Also at Christmas, Remembering Stars for mourners were available in both churchyards, and much appreciated.

During Lent, All Saints played host to a series of talks under the title 'The Cross I carry', which were greatly appreciated. In Advent, there were four evenings of Reflection at St George's. Both series were followed by Compline. We are grateful particularly to Joanna Woodd for her efforts in bringing them into being.

Coffee on Saturday mornings at All Saints continues to bring together regulars and passers-by for a chat over a drink, and for a while also offered a place for people to come to book weddings or baptisms. Both churches welcomed the Wiltshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride in September.

The development of the Parish's Eco Church Policy has highlighted the role of our churchyards as valuable oases of peace and beauty. As a first step in developing this further, volunteers created a Bug Hotel in All Saints churchyard, and bird feeders now adorn the trees in both churchyards. The next year will see these plans taken further.

Helen Evans, Jane Greenaway and Charles Woodd

PCC Committee Reports

Parish Hall and Transformation Project

Committee: Jane Greenaway (Chair), Chris King (Architect), Linda Baker, Geoff Gilbert, Tony Mercer, Helen Evans and Paula Price.

Remit:

- ❖ Hall Extension
- ❖ Promote best use of the hall as a building that serves the community
- ❖ Plan and review the upkeep of the hall

Early in 2018 Harvey and Snowdon completed the Structural report. It clearly showed that the buttresses can be removed and there will be iron work to replace them. The architect has all the necessary information to complete the plans for the builders. It was agreed to hold off requesting builders quotes until we have a significant part of the funding, otherwise the quotes would expire and need updating.

The hall users are kept informed of progress, at their meeting in March 2018 and by visits to individual groups.

In anticipation of the need for some storage when the work begins, the PCC purchased a container. It may seem presumptuous but renting or purchasing containers are extremely expensive so when we heard

of one available locally at a very reasonable price from a parishioner we took advantage of it. (It is hoped when the work is complete we can sell it on).

Although still dealing with day to day matters of the hall this committee is now unable to do much more until we are in a position to start chasing for quotes from builders.

Parish Hall Transformation Project Fundraising Committee.

Committee: Linda Baker (Chair), Jane Greenaway, Charles Woodd, Sharon Garrick, Sacha Blanchard, Lucy Rouse, Linda Carville, Maria Villacampa-Ascaso, Isobel Waters.

There are also 4-6 volunteers who want to help, but are unable to attend the meetings.

Remit: Simply to raise awareness and funds for the Hall Transformation Project.

Committee met for the first time at the end of July, with a Hall Fundraising Launch on Sunday 30th September 2018. The group agreed that instead of a thermometer to show how the fundraising is going we would have a river scene with ducks - each duck would represent £20,000. It then seemed appropriate that our first major fundraiser was to be a Duck Race by the Old Mill. Before Christmas we submitted an application to the National Lottery for funding, this is expected to be a long process. Subsequent meetings in 2018 were spent discussing and organising fundraising events for 2019, with the idea of sending out a flyer to as many houses in Harnham as possible, to advertise the events and raise awareness of what we are doing.

Events in the programme for 2019 include:

Sponsored Walk – Easter week

Spring Talk – Wednesday 20th March Evening of Photography with Anthony von Roretz

Beer and Cheese – Saturday 27th April

Car Boot Sale – Saturday 18th May

Church Fete – Saturday 15th June

Summer Talk – Tuesday 9th July Charlotte Moreton – Local Sculptor inspired by nature.

Worm Charming – Saturday 20th July

Pet Festival – Sunday 8th September

Autumn Talk – Tuesday 10th September Gary Price – Clerk of the works at Salisbury Cathedral.

Auction of Promises – Saturday 12th October (Joint event with the Events Committee)

Wreath Making Workshop – Saturday 30th November

Winter Talk - Tuesday 12th November Makers Evening

Property Committee

Committee: Revd Becky, Jane Greenaway, Helen Evans, Tony Mercer & Robert Salkeld.

Remit:

- ❖ Three Church Properties
- ❖ Plan and review the upkeep of church buildings in line with the Quinquennial Inspection reports
- ❖ Be proactive about promoting best use of church buildings in line with the mission of church

PRAY

The Committee met three times during 2018, in February, June and October. We all owe thanks to the Rev Heather Leppard for her work on the Committee over the last few years: she ceased to be a member on 25th November 2018. The availability of Restrictive and other funds for all types of repairs remains as per the Treasurer's statement to PCC on 18th January 2017 and his report of 25th March 2014, although there is money available from recent bequests.

Works not proceeded with during 2018

- All Saints – New cupboards in the Vestry to improve security and help turn the Vestry into a venue for meetings.

SERVE - Works Completed During 2018

- St George's & All Saints – Erection of CWGC Notices in the graveyards.
- St George's & All Saints – Re-inspections of the electrical systems.
- All Saints – Temporary repairs following the break-in 27/05/18.
- All Saints – Installation of a water butt.
- All Saints – Repairs to the 100A switch and a new mains cable
- St George's – Replacement of the central heating boiler.
- St George's – Installation of a stainless steel window grill.

Works in hand during 2018

- All Saints - Felling of the cypress and planting an Irish Yew.
- All Saints – Arranging the double-glazing to two vulnerable windows.
- All Saints – Arranging for 2No new keys for the outer Vestry door lock.
- All Saints – Arranging for the repair and replacement of the stained-glass lancet (and getting Quinquennial repairs to two hopper windows also).
- All Saints – Arranging for the repair/ replacement of tool-shed woodwork.
- All Saints - Obtaining permission to trim a Yew tree.

GROW - Other Works likely to take place during 2019 and thereafter

- General – Maintenance and minor repairs to both churches.
- General – More work pursuant to Eco Church certification.
- All Saints - Felling of the cypress and planting an Irish Yew *[DONE]*.
- All Saints – Double-glazing two vulnerable windows *[DONE]*.
- All Saints – 2No new keys for the outer Vestry door lock *[DONE]*
- All Saints – Arranging for the repair and replacement of the stained-glass lancet (and getting Quinquennial repairs to two hopper windows also).
- All Saints – Replacement & painting of tool-shed woodwork *[IN HAND]*.
- All Saints - Trimming of a Common Yew adjacent to Watersmeet Road.
- All Saints – Quinquennial Inspection due – August 2019.
- All Saints – Permanent repairs to Vestry Screen & Door.
- All Saints – Minor works highlighted in the 2014 Quinquennial Report.

Thanks to everyone on the Committee and to those who have provided advice, labour and enthusiasm to keep the parish's properties available for our congregations and others.

Robert Salkeld – Acting Chair of the Property Committee



Worship

Worship Committee

Committee: Revd Becky, Revd Heather, Revd Julian, Val Overton, Sister Theresa Mary, Jacqui Brown, Ian Davidson.

Remit:

- ❖ Review worshipping life of church
- ❖ Plan special services
- ❖ Plan music for services
- ❖ Plan and review learning about the Christian faith

Pray

Intercessions In June, Revd Canon David Durston and Revd Heather led an intercessions workshop for all who lead. Ten people came to the workshop. The workshop looked at what

people valued in intercessions, analysed examples of intercessory prayers, and gave guidance on the wider context of the Christian year.

Public morning prayer This returned in May, on Revd Becky's return, as well as a new service 'Friday prayers around the cross'. The focus of Friday prayers is the psalms and ten minutes of silent intercession on a rotating theme - victims of torture and slavery, helping organisations, the hungry and homeless, the caring professions, prisoners and the prison system, victims of natural disaster, minorities and immigrants. The prayer group stopped meeting this year and Revd Becky encouraged pray-ers to join in the public prayer on Fridays. Between 1-5 people attend midweek prayers.

Thy Kingdom Come Between 6-8 people attended each half hour prayer time during the mornings and afternoons of 'Thy Kingdom Come' from Ascension to Pentecost Sunday. Most of the sessions were held in the churches, except the annual prayer walk up the Harnham Slope on Ascension Day. Afternoons included prayers that were more creative and involved interaction. The next steps would be to take prayers out into the schools for this week in 2019.

100 years since the end of WW1 During the week leading up to November 11th.both churches were open for half an hour each day with prayers for peace. 6-8 people attended each. The evening half hour event, using candlelight, at AS and Saturday morning event after coffee, to include those who work during the day, were not so well attended. The Service of Remembrance included a march from St George's to All Saints which involved the Brownies, Scouts and Guides. The service included excerpts from the lives of those who had lived in Harnham read by younger members of the congregations as well as a specific focus on peace. Over 190 people attended.

Serve

Women's Refuge Harvest gifts for the Refuge were well received. There was a record number of gift tokens donated at the Gift services. Once again, the families from the Refuge were very appreciative.

Community Harvest flowers and donations were organised for those alone or infirm.

Service for the Bereaved was attended by 70 people; Blue Christmas was attended by 8 people and both were very much appreciated by those who had experienced different kinds of bereavement over the years.

Grow

Sermons and Learning Lent talks, with guest speakers, challenged were organised by Joanna Woodd and challenged people to think about social justice.

Two Pilgrim courses were run by Revd Heather during the course of the year. 8-12 people attended each. The Pilgrim course uses discussion and a spiritual practice of Lectio Divina to aid reflection and prayer. Feedback from those who attended included the enjoyment of learning together, learning new parts of theology and practices in church, prayer and companionship.

In the feedback from a questionnaire to both All Saints and St George's congregations various suggestions were made for further Pilgrim courses, sermons and reflections for Lent and Advent. Advent talks were based on guided scripture meditations and modern art and were well attended.

A sermon series on the book of Ephesians was held over 6 weeks.

One of the aims of the Mission and Vision committee is to enable '**Congregational participation in learning and leadership.**' This needs to be prioritised in 2019.

Christmas services All Christmas services were well attended. The Children's Nativity services were up in attendance this year to over 180 people. Revd Penny Joyce led an interactive service, including nativity characters.

Schools worship The Infant School held their Harvest service, under Revd Penny Joyce and Revd Heather's guidance, for the first time this year. Revd Penny is now the parish link with the Infant School.

Messy Church has shown the most growth, out of the four congregations i.e. new people attending. Children now co- lead the worship.

Practicalities

Several retired clergy led services during Revd Heather and Revd Becky's absence. Feedback from the congregations suggests that the different styles of sermons were appreciated. Services, on request of the Diocese, were reduced to two each Sunday, one in All Saints and one in St George's. Service times will be reconsidered in 2019, as a result of research and prayerful vision. Revd Heather returned from maternity leave in January 2018. Amongst many other things, she continued to lead worship on Thursday mornings and Sundays as well as being the main contact for 'Christening' families. She also led Saint George's Patronal Festival Service, at which the Bishop of Salisbury blessed the St George icon, and also held a Taizé style Pentecost service. Her final service was a united service for 'Christ the King' in November and she has now secured a new post in Winchester Diocese.

New forms of worship, will be discussed as part of the Parish vision so that services

a. consider the culture we now live in

b. are aimed at people we want to serve and grow in faith in our community

Research and action will be taken in 2019.

Revd Becky

Churches Together/Deanery Synod

Representatives: Joanna Woodd and David Baker also 2 vacant positions.

The website strapline for Salisbury Churches together reads "*Salisbury churches working together to do God's work in this city*". At our meetings we have been learning more about new initiatives, such as the pastoral work at Old Sarum Housing Development, and progress reports of current projects, such as the Bridge Youth Project, Youth Hub, Men's Sheds, Salisbury Street Pastors, Alabare Christian Care & Support. It is this group which organises the Good Friday March of Witness, the pulpit and congregational swops, Christian Aid Week besides other inter church events.



However, it is as being Anglican, that we have responsibility for all of Salisbury, The Deanery includes St Thomas' St. Martin's and St Pauls' and Cathedral in the inner ring, and Bemerton, St Marks', St Francis' and Harnham in the outer ring. Under the leadership of our new Rural Dean, Kelvin Inglis we have been reviewing our aims, noting the imbalance of the workload amongst the parishes with the geographical location of schools, new housing estates etc. Over the course of the year, the strategic plan has been scrutinised making sure that the various communities are linked to a church and receiving appropriate support, this includes Travellers, the Homeless/ Rough Sleepers. This new plan is not based on trying to justify why more clergy are required, but how we might work better together, and to share the work needed in schools, on housing estates etc. within the Deanery.

The Deanery is rich with its diversity of tradition, but it is recognised that we need to be prepared to work across our parish boundaries, in order to meet the needs of the people in Salisbury, for example St Thomas' has no schools, whereas Harnham has two.

The financial challenges and possible solutions for the Deanery have been discussed within the vision "Renewing Hope – Pray Serve Grow. Lastly the deanery is very keen for Salisbury to have a formal link with a Diocese in South Sudan.

Joanna Woodd

Youth and Children:

Remit:

- ❖ Plan and review activities that promote wellbeing of children in our community and enable them to learn about the love of God.

Messy Church

We continue to grow and meet monthly in the Church Hall from 3-5pm on the second Sunday afternoon in each month, (not August) and provided an activity table at the Church fete, Pet service, local school Christmas Fair. We have also gone into St. George's church for a time of celebration and worship. We involve some of the families (if they would like to) in the worship and other aspects of Messy church. Rev. Becky also invites families to book a Christening during Messy Church and so far every family has stayed for the whole session and some have returned the next month.



We are a fairly traditional Messy Church where families enjoy games; crafts; songs and activities. One change has been to use the published Get Messy magazine, using the theme for each month. The activities are chosen by a planning team and then the whole team chooses the activity they would like to be responsible for. www.messychurch.org.uk

As for most worship, we never know how many families will arrive but usually around 40 people are provided with a tea (by another great team of people). More details were given at the Vision day. The team of volunteers this year have continued to be dedicated and reliable which I am sure has been a big factor in the growth and enjoyment of all who attend. We thank God for them all and especially Katharine Callard who is now involved more in the background but has helped run Messy Church since we started it. We also thank David Paterson who has moved to pastures new and so a big 'thank you' to everyone.

EVERYONE is welcome to come along- as some did for the Christingle Messy Church. It is a way to explore the bible and praise Jesus through fun, laughter and joy, using a more relaxing and sharing approach.

Please talk to Jean Mercer if you would like to know more. Jean.sandways@gmail.com 01722 324229.

Jean Mercer

Pop Up Youth Event

A two hour Pop Up Youth event was held in the Parish hall for the first time in December 2018. 19 children showed and interest and 11 children between the age of 9 and 12 attended. We played ping pong, enjoyed crafts, some discussion time, grace and pizza. A majority of who attended heard of the event through Harnham Junior School. Thanks to Neil Turpin and Jane Greenaway for being great helpers.

Revd Becky

Harnham Junior School

Our **School Community** at present consists of roughly 350 Children in 12 Classes, 17 Teachers, 16TAs, 6 Support Staff & 10 Governors, and of course we must remember to include the parents. The Foundation Governors from the local churches are **David Stone** and **Helen Evans**. **Becky** as Vicar is the ex-officio Foundation Governor.

The Buildings. Those of you who pass the school regularly will have noticed considerable construction activity. For many years the school has operated using a number of temporary classrooms to house some of the children and staff; those temporary buildings now need replacing so it has been decided to build a new set of permanent classrooms for those in the temporary buildings.

The project has inevitably caused considerable disruption; we have lost most of our playground space and the children are currently using the playing field, hence every day is a welly boot day. Also a great deal of protective fencing has been placed around the building site so moving between many classes is no longer a direct route. It must also be said that these goings on have also produced much excitement among the children, with strangers in unusual gear and the close proximity of large machines and vehicles it is only to be expected.

Despite the recent upheaval of building work, the life of the school has continued as usual. The new intake settled in successfully last September and now fully established. Academically the staff at the school provide a good and secure place in which to learn and closely assess the children in order to have the most appropriate strategy in place for each child to maximize their achievements.

A range of clubs to offer less academic interest for children have been arranged, including knitting and gardening, the latter thanks to the Harnham Society and our parent support advisor has also arranged first aid workshops for parents and any other adult who is interested.

The School and our Church community.

The role of coordinator for school assemblies and RE has now been taken up by Mrs Jess Martindale. Rev Becky and David Stone have had meetings with her to support her in her plans for these areas of school life.

Both Harvest and Christmas have been celebrated by the children supported by our clergy. At both festivals funds and donations were raised to support local charities.

A particularly notable event was the remembrance of the 100th anniversary of the end of the 1st World War. The Junior School came together with our neighbours, Harnham Infant School, in the infant school playground.

The wall and railings of the playground were curtained with a net of poppies made by the children and staff, and a cross had been placed in a prominent position.

Wreaths were laid at the cross and readings and prayers offered. Whilst the weather played a suitably bleak role with rain and wind; the children demonstrated a solemnity on the anniversary of a war the like of which we pray will never be repeated and that hopefully they will only know of through their studies.

Revd Becky Roberts, David Stone, & Helen Evans - Foundation Governors

3B's and St.George's Toddlers

3B's and St George's toddlers are now fully merged , Monday and Wednesday being equally busy , we have some new mums, dads and grandparents attending, we stay open in the holidays at popular request, I believe we are about the only group in Salisbury to do this keeping members of our community happy all year! we make enough from the collection of both days to pay the rent and cover snack and replenish arts and craft materials and replace any equipment as required, may I send our thanks to the lovely ladies who help us on Wednesday with the teas and snack and make a request for any volunteers who would like to help Mondays as Irene takes a back seat.

Irene, Sarah and Paula.

Social Committee

Committee Members: Josa Snow, Robert Salkeld, Sue Witt, Ayesha Nickol, Anne Perry, Pam Macklin, David Baker and Anne Paterson.

Remit:

- ❖ Organise a variety of social events
- ❖ Organise events that support new members of the church and the range of ages

Our first event of 2018 was Shrove Tuesday, unfortunately the weather was not on our side so we were only 24 attendees, nevertheless the Beetle Drive was very well run with Pam in charge and the pancakes were much enjoyed.

Rogation Sunday Tea was a success, plenty of liquid was needed as it was a very hot day. St George's Patronal lunch, over 60 parishioners came to this event which was a "bring and share" meal, there was plenty of food. We are going to make the lists in church more specific so that we don't get too much of one thing.

The cream teas at the Summer Fete in June, went down well but it was very hard work preparing the food and clearing up, it will be so good when we get the new kitchen, can't wait!!

The Pet Festival was the next event in September, we used the leftover scones and with plenty of cakes donated, it was a success and we made £119 on the teas.

Harvest Festival on October was a "bring and share" meal once again which always seems to go down well, the special Harvest Loaves are always much enjoyed.

All Saint's Patronal Festival in the Memorial Hall which was catered for us by Sarum College, was very successful though we did have too many lovely puddings donated. Having the main course catered for does make a tremendous difference and gives everyone a break.

Remembrance Sunday, a special 100th anniversary service of the end of the First World War was also held in Memorial Hall, well over 100 people attended this service though not many people stayed for coffee and tea afterward.

The last event of the year was the Carol Service at All Saints, the format of this event needs to be discussed at a future meeting as the church is not really big enough for serving drinks and mince pies. Very many thanks to everyone who has helped the Social Committee to run all these events which would not take place without that help. Josa Snow

Josa Snow

Mission and Vision Committee

Committee Members: Revd Becky, Revd Heather, Linda Baker, Jane Greenaway, Joanna Woodd, David Paterson and Jean Mercer.

Remit:

- ❖ Enable vision and strategy for church community e.g. mission statement, mission action plan
- ❖ Review mission in light of recent research
- ❖ Communicate mission and vision to wider church
- ❖ Stewardship Campaign
- ❖ Review Awaygiving and support of mission and evangelism
- ❖ Ensure mission and evangelism are a priority

Following on the previous year where Revd Becky was on long term sick leave the group continued to work with other committees to make sure events/services happened. Not usually part of the group's remit, but with Joanna's help they organised Lent talks on the theme "The Crosses We Carry" which were well attended.

The Mission and Vision committee began 2018 by reviewing the Parish's Mission Action Plan, as the current document was for 2014-16. The group updated what they could in Revd Becky's absence and added new deadline dates for projects that they felt Becky would wish to do.

Discussions on this document led to some new ideas and some actioning of some previously suggested options. These included:

- Starting Pause for Prosecco (ladies version of Pause for a Pint)
- Discussing options for a Stewardship campaign and Legacies policy.
- Prayer stations for "Thy Kingdom Come" between 31st May and 9th June.
- Reviewed Chalice Training as the Bishop no longer needs to approve Chalice Assistants. Suitable candidates in future to be approved by PCC and to meet with the vicar.
- Introduction of a Sermon Series on Ephesians.

On Revd Becky's return the group concentrated on preparing and planning for a Vision Afternoon and a way forward for the parish. All of which would have a bearing on the Mission Action Plan.

Linda Baker

Events Committee

Committee: Revd Heather, Jane Greenaway, Linda Baker, Rosemary Duffy, David Baker, Debbie Mussellwhite and David Stone.

Remit:

- ❖ Build up links with Groups, organisations and people in Harnham
- ❖ Use the various buildings and green spaces to hold events
- ❖ Build on the events from 2015
- ❖ Make more of the "Friends of Harnham Churches" and encourage new members
- ❖ Raise funds for the church

A good year for the Events committee, events organised included:

Quiz Evening (January)

This was a great evening. All tables were sold and this year we served a ploughman's and hot soup. Committee agreed this is a good annual event as it attracts people from the local community.

Church Fete

This proves to be a good event. Well attended and raises a good sum for the church. This year we found that people stayed, and we believe this was due to the bouncy castle keeping the children happy and for the first time having a bar. Families sat down on the field and enjoyed the entertainment and music. It's an event that really needs in the region of 40 volunteers to work.

Harnham Fun Day

This was an event organised by Salisbury City Council and held on the Cricket Field. We had a couple of stalls, Messy Church activities and a pocket money games stall. The whole event was very well attended and probably due to the fact it was advertised as a free event and most activities were free. Committee are keen to be involved again if the council do one again in 2019.

Hymns and Pimms

This event attracts both church and community. 57 attended in 2018. All agreed having a last night of the Proms at the end makes the event.

Pet Festival

This is a growing event that encourages non-church people to attend. Pet Service and Dog Show are very popular. In 2019 we plan to make more of the afternoon, encouraging different animals, and to promote the local countryside and environment.

100th Anniversary of the ending of the Great War.

The plans for 2015 prevented us making more of the 100th Anniversary of the start of the war so three events were planned: an Old Time Music Hall, a Talk on Aviation in the Great War, and a parade to the Remembrance Sunday service. All attracting attendance from outside and within the church community.

▪ “There But Not There” Silhouettes.

We were successful in receiving some of these silhouettes from the Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund, and part of the condition of the grant was to organise events that would make people aware of the Armed Forces today, and to invite veterans to the events. They were displayed in the churches and the events.

▪ Old Time Music Hall

Around 67 attended an afternoon of war time songs, sketches and stories. A light-hearted event with poignant messages at which the silhouettes were shown amid sandbags.

▪ Talk on Aviation in the Great War

The talk was given by David Baker and was attended by around 57 people many from outside the church community. Again the silhouettes provided a reminder of the fallen.

▪ Remembrance Sunday Parade.

Over the months leading up to Remembrance Sunday members of the community made poppies, which were displayed in the churches, Memorial Hall and on the parade route from St George’s to the Memorial hall. First time we have paraded to the Remembrance Sunday service and both the parade and service were very well attended.

Beer and Carols

This was again held at the Old Mill with over 100 people attended despite a cold evening. Prices for Mulled Wine was much better than previous years and the Old Mill served food too. Evening was enjoyed by all.

Events planned for 2019 include:

- Talk on Slavery in the Parish Hall. – Wednesday 23rd January
- Church Fete – Saturday 15th June
- Hymns and Pimms – Sunday 4th August
- Pet Festival – Sunday 8th September
- Auction of Promises – Saturday 12th October (Joint event with Hall fundraising Committee towards hall fundraising)
- Beer and Carols – Tuesday 10th December.

David Baker and Linda Baker



Eco-Church

On 20th June the PCC gave permission for the Church to explore the possibilities for the Parish to become an Eco Church. A small group of us, including Revd. Heather Leppard, Olivia Thomson, Robert Salkeld, Rita Jacobs and myself have been meeting to take this forward.

Both Churches are registered with Eco Church A Rocha, and both churches had already reached ‘Gold’ standard in Worship & Training, before any changes were needed. Slowly over the months, we have installed various items such as bird feeders and bird boxes. One Saturday morning a group of friends with families met to build a bug hotel at All Saints, the knowledge that the wider community brought was invaluable and a happy time was had by all, especially with the warm drinks available in the church.

Two of the toilets are now twinned: All Saints’ with Keeru, Muyanje, Kabale District, Uganda, and the disabled one in the Parish Hall with Htawadum, Ptao, Kachin State Myanmar. We aim to have a monthly

article in the Parish magazine, encouraging people to think about our planet, and how our ways of living impact on our fragile world.

Eco Church is a great way to involve members from our wider communities, and we invite you all to get involved.

Joanna Woodd

Other Church Groups



We are very fortunate in Harnham still to have a lively Mothers' Union Branch. Though some of our members no longer feel they can actively participate in Mothers' Union outreach they value the prayer, friendship and broadening of their horizons through relevant speakers; and those who can, still give their time and energy to the aims of the movement. Both bring much of value to the group.

We continue to be committee run and several of our meetings in 2018 were taken by members who shared their skills. We continue to support our Overseas members' work from the proceeds of the Soup and Sweets Lunch, and the Coffee and Cakes at the Card Sales provide much needed funds for the Women's Refuge and Holidays for needy families. Thank you to all who support these so generously. The Court Cafe at the Law Courts begun and run by a member of our group though manned by many who are not MU is greatly appreciated and profits have helped to provide an Art teacher at Earlestone Prison and somewhere for the chaplain to meet with inmates at Guys Marsh Prison.

We clean the mobile holiday home at Poole and provide a food parcel for the incoming family and continue to give wedding couples a special candle and card and Baptism children receive a Prayer Bear. The Community teas for people on their own which we began last year are warm and welcoming occasions and much appreciated, but we feel we could be reaching more people.

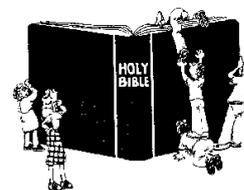
During this past year 3 of our much loved members have died, all of whom had served in the Mothers' Union for over 50 years! Pam Goodman, Enid Barton and Anne Folland will be greatly missed.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors and prospective members to any of our meetings----so do come!

Katharine Callard on behalf of the Committee

Bible Study

We have two open Bible Study groups in Harnham, one that meets on Tuesdays in Middle Street and one on Thursdays at Brympton. Both have their own ways of studying the Bible, although the Tuesday group although the longer standing of the groups is now down to 4 members. There are around 6 that meet on Thursdays.



Linda Baker

Outreach to the Elderly

Harnham Croft Nursing Home and Brympton Sheltered Almshouses in Harnham are visited monthly by a member of the church team to take the Eucharist to the residents. Willowcroft is still supported by the parish but visits tend to be on request rather than regular visiting. All of the homes enjoy Carol Singing at Christmas, and occasionally during the year extra services are provided for different events for example Remembrance Sunday and Easter.

Linda Baker

Pause for a Pint - Harnham Parish Men's Group



The men's group continues to meet from 8.00pm on the second Wednesday of the month in the Oak Bar at the Rose & Crown Hotel. It is an opportunity to meet socially over a pint (or a glass of wine) and then to discuss a topical and/or theological issue of interest. A warm welcome is offered to new participants, either regular or occasional.

Neil Turpin

Pause for Prosecco – Harnham Parish Ladies Group



The aim of this group is to create a space in which bigger questions in life can be reflected and acted upon. The format usually entails: gathering and catching up whilst ordering drinks; a quiz or activity; a selection of questions that are discussed together based on a theme and prayer stations. Themes for 2018 included 'Fair trade' 'Money' and 'Identity.' Attendance has ranged from 8-12 women with an age range from 30 to 70 plus. People who have participated have come from both inside and outside the church congregation. It

is held at the Harnham Social Club.

The next steps for this group are to review the first six months- day / time/ place and invite more newcomers.

Revd Becky

Church Links Report

Two new members joined the Church Links team this year. William Alexander took on Senior Drive, and Ann McGarry took over Harnleigh Green from George and Debbie Mussellwhite, who moved down the road. At the end of 2018, we had 27 active Church Links, covering around three quarters of the roads in the parish. We are always open to offers to take on the remaining roads. Do speak to me if you think your road might not be covered.

This year, all the members of the team continued to deliver Christmas and Easter cards to all the doors in their roads, and also anniversary cards to children in their roads to remember their baptisms, and other neighbours on the anniversary of their weddings or the funeral of a loved one. They welcomed new neighbours with a Welcome Pack, and kept an eye out for people who were sick.

At one of our two six-monthly meetings, we also grappled with the new Data Protection law, as everyone has had to do, to make sure we keep the data we hold on people in our roads safe and secure, and only use it for legitimate purposes.

Charles Woodd - Church Links Co-ordinator.



Saturday Morning Coffee Report

All Saints is OPEN on Saturday mornings.

All Saints continues to open its doors and welcome visitors and regular church members to a safe place each week since 2008. We continue to offer a hot drink, friendship, conversation, biscuits and cake. People come in when out walking, staying at the Grasmere, reminiscing where they were married, some need a warm and friendly face or just somewhere they can find peace and quiet within the building.

Regulars involved with the life of both St Georges and All Saints take the opportunity to get to know each other better and welcome the visitors. There is a good sense of fellowship as there are often others in the church doing the flowers and other tasks that keep the churches available to us.

Refreshments are free and donations are collected and put into PCC funds. This mounts up over a year – refer to treasurer's report.

Volunteers are from both the churches. A list is kept in All Saints to ensure that each week is covered. Health and Safety states there should always be two each Saturday morning. To all those who are dedicated to keeping the church open on a Saturday morning, a huge THANK YOU

If we want to continue this valuable outreach in the community, we really do need some extra volunteers, both regular and occasional to welcome and serve the visitors .

If you think this is something you might enjoy doing, please speak to:
Jean Mercer 01722324229 / jean.sandways@gmail.com or one of the churchwardens.

Jean Mercer

Magazine Report

A small team of loyal volunteers meets each month to assemble around 440 magazines of which 418 are bundled up and delivered to the distributors.

In the region of 20 hours per month is spent preparing the magazine copy for printing and a further 2 to 3 hours for actual printing in the Parish Office. The collation and bundling for delivery takes around 1 hour.

We would welcome any newcomers who would like to get involved in the collation. It takes place on either the third or fourth Tuesday afternoon depending on when the first day of the following month falls. Please speak to Grace Hickman or Ian Davidson if you could help.

I would like to thank Grace for looking after the collation and distributors, all those who help with the collation, those who deliver the bundles to the distributors each month and also the distributors who deliver the copies and collect subscriptions. Also a thank you to Simon Jackson who deals with all the advertising.

Ian Davidson

Music Report

*Sing to the Lord, all the world!
Worship the Lord with joy;
Come before him with happy songs! Psalm 100*

With the reduction of services which began in October 2017, the total number of Sunday services for the year fell to 78. Around three quarters of these were played by me, the others being covered by William Alexander and Malcolm Sturgess. I am most grateful for their continued support which does allow me to have an occasional Sunday off! William, incidentally, also plays for services at at least six other churches and Malcolm has a commitment to some churches in the Lower Wylde and Till Valley Group. For the first three months of the year St George's services were held in the Parish Hall due to the lack of heating in the church. This meant setting up and dismantling the keyboard. Services returned to the church on Easter Sunday at the beginning of April.

As well as the regular Sunday services some additional ones took place including a Taizé Evensong at Pentecost, a repeat of the Hymns and Pimms event in the Parish Hall in August and Beer and Carols at the Old Mill Hotel in December. Carol Singing again took place at Harnham Croft, Brympton and Willowcroft and this is much appreciated by the residents. The Parish Carol service was once again organised by Revd Julian Poppleton and his wife Libby. Thank you to them and all who took part for another wonderful service.

The two organs in our churches continue to give good service although the All Saints instrument did suffer during the long dry summer but has since returned to normal. Regular tuning takes place.

Ian Davidson

Trainee LLM

I am now just over half way through my training as a Licensed Lay Minister.

In the last year I have studied subjects ranging from church doctrine and mission and evangelism to biblical exegesis. Beyond this weighty academic study I am also looking forward to a placement with the chaplains at Salisbury Cathedral. While shadowing this essential role I will be asked to wear a cassock; another new experience for me and one which is causing some amusement amongst my family!

While I do not manage to visit the Harnham churches as much as I'd like while my studies continue, please be assured of my continued thoughts and best wishes.

Matthew Stone

Curate's Report

Revd Heather's final Sunday in Harnham was Sunday 25th November, where she led a joint service at St George's followed by cake in the church hall. She thanked everyone for their generosity and support over the past three and a half years, saying it was a pleasure getting to know everyone, and to learn so much here.

Although Heather's contract finishes in June 2019, she will not be returning to Harnham Parish after Maternity Leave, but seeking a new post.

(Note: Revd Heather had her baby on 2nd January 2019, Grace Lucia Thornton Leppard, sister for Isaac. She is moving to Old Basing at the end of May and will be licensed as vicar there on Wednesday 26th June, 7:30pm at St Mary's Old Basing).

During 2018 following her return from Maternity leave in January, Revd Heather has:

- written and submitted 5 x 3000 word essays, each a different 'Theological Reflection' as well as 9000 words review of what I've been doing in the parish! This was to complete her curacy training.
- Led a Pilgrim Courses on the themes of 'Turn to Christ' and 'The Eucharist.'
- Prepared Eleanor for Confirmation at the Cathedral on 3rd November.
- Assisted with Pause for Prosecco.
- Chaired the new Eco Church Committee.
- Provided a church link with 3B's and St George's Toddlers.
- Set up regular meetings with the LPA's and supported the parish pastorally.
- Served as a chaplain to the Emmaus communities at Alabare which support people with learning difficulties. Chatting, singing and praying together.
- Attended a forum reflecting on reaching out to 20s to 40s.
- With husband Dominic they were invited to Sarum College to plan and lead a couple of sessions for ordinands on the transition from training to curacy.
- Organised a week of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost for 'Thy Kingdom Come' with morning prayers each day in All Saints and creative afternoon prayers in St George's.
- Continued to share in officiating at baptisms, weddings and funerals in the parish.

Revd Heather Leppard

Associate Priest's Report

It has been a busy year as School Chaplain at King Edward VI School and Stroud School as well as assisting in the parish over some challenging months. It has been good to support Linda and the wardens, to contribute to the magazine and to share in ministry with the great team of retired clergy and lay folks. It was a joy to welcome Bishops Ed and Nick to the parish especially for the dedication of the new St George Icon. In September it was good to attend the installation of the new dean.

One of the most enriching of experiences at King Edwards was running another of the charitable projects at the School, now working with a primary school in Sholing - again with a mix of our sixth form students and

Year 5 pupils. The week in July proved an education for all involved and as I expected the KES students were generous and unconditional in their care and support of the youngsters. They were a fine inspiration and role model for those we sought to aspire to look beyond their horizons.

Resources from the Salisbury diocese were invaluable as I met daily with colleagues to pray during Lent. We have continued to meet throughout the year. School life involves the privilege of speaking with individuals and to the whole community in assemblies and services. I especially enjoy working with pupils to prepare and lead the Schools' carol services in Romsey Abbey, as well as the annual Service of Thanksgiving as well as beginning the planning of the triennial version held in Winchester Cathedral. The baptising of a colleague's child and helping others prepare for marriage was once again a joy. The anniversary of the death of Ben, a fine young fifteen year old whilst out for an evening run, gave an opportunity to dedicate part of the school's fitness suite in his memory.

November saw the marking of the end of the 1918 war and at School we dedicated a new war memorial garden and powerful bronze sculpture representing fallen pupils.

It became public that the long-standing Head Master, with whom I have worked closely for the last seventeen years was to retire. I was part of the initial conversations with those charged with recruiting his replacement.

It is very important for me in my School ministry to have the sacramental and prayerful links with Harnham. Easter fell at the end of term, so something powerful could be made of Maundy Thursday and the constant encouragement to the pupils to use their gifts and privilege, now and in their futures, to be of service to the wider community and to God's glory. Keeping the great festival was a great source of renewal at the end of a demanding term.

Over and above the prayers and good wishes, the pattern of worship and fellowship is vital in supporting what can be a solitary activity in a context outside the normal structures of Church. Sharing in the rhythm of festivals, scripture and friendship is a joy. What could be more fun than a sunny afternoon at the fete, walking the parish bounds or Saturday morning coffee?

Libby's work with the South Wilts A Cappella Choir, and mine by proxy and as a member of the choir, allows us to speak of faith, to unpack scripture when preparing the youngsters to sing evensongs or services in Salisbury, Winchester and Oxford. The SWGS carol service in the Cathedral is a privilege to shape and gladdens the heart to be a part of. Similarly, performing sacred music in concert affords a chance to reflect on the beliefs being expressed there. I am pleased that many members of the Harnham community have enjoyed coming to their performances.

It is a particular joy to facilitate the Parish Carol service, with youngsters, parishioners and friends gathering on the afternoon to rehearse and then lead the service. Libby and I have tried over the years to incorporate children from the parish and the city, particularly those known to us through our work and our own children. As a result many alumni ask to be involved year after year, some for more than twelve years, often travelling from far-flung parts of the UK - and for many Christmas isn't really complete without this connection with our parish.

It is greatly enriching to share in the worship through the seasons at All Saints and St George's. I think the eight o' clock communion service at All Saints is a particular favourite to attend and lead. The simplicity and calm where one can experience God's presence is potent. The fellowship and faithfulness of the congregation across the different services and activities to serve the community are inspiring. I am grateful and have enjoyed receiving the ministry of other ministers in Revd. Becky's absence and Revd. Heather's maternity leave. In the summer and autumn it was very good to support Revd Becky's return to work and once again to learn and receive so much from her ministry to us. I hope I have been able to of service to our congregations and community, as well as a resource and sounding board for Linda and the churchwardens over this period.

Revd Julian Poppleton - Associate Priest