

2017 Annual Report and Accounts

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Aim and purposes

St. Peter's Wrecclesham Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. This is summarised in the statement:

“St. Peter's Church stands at the heart of the community of Wrecclesham offering faithful witness and loving service in Christ's name, today and for generations to come.”

The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church building and the Leverton Hall

Reference and Administrative information

St. Peter's Church Wrecclesham is situated on the corner of School Hill and Beales Lane, Wrecclesham, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 4PY. It is part of the Diocese of Guildford within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is c/o Parish Administrator, via www.cofewrecclesham.org.uk.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently exempted from registration with the Charity Commission.

The Independent examiner is Patrick Andrew.

During most of the period covered by this report the parish has been in vacancy. PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2017 until the date this report was approved are:

Clergy *ex-officio* member and *ex-officio* Chair

Incumbent: The Revd Canon Anne GELL (Chair)

until May 2017
(last service 2nd April 2017)

Self Supporting Minister and Associate Minister *ex-officio* Member

The Revd Sandy CAVALIER

Churchwardens *ex-officio* members

ELLIS, Christopher	Churchwarden and Vice Chair PCC
HENDRY, Elizabeth	Churchwarden

Deanery Synod Representatives *ex-officio* members

GELL, Simon	Deanery Synod Representative	until April 2017
HENDRY, Elizabeth	Deanery Synod Representative	until April 2017
SMITH, Paul	Deanery Synod Representative	from April 2017
TYRIE, Naomi	Deanery Synod Representative	from April 2017

Elected members

SMITH, Paul	PCC Secretary	
LAPWORTH, Pat	PCC Treasurer	
AMBROSE, Elizabeth		
BEESLEY, Kathryn		
BOLTON, Vanda		until April 2017
GELL, Simon		until April 2017
LAPWORTH, Ian		
LILL, Katherine		from April 2017
MAPES, Kate		
ROSSITER, Simon		
TYRIE, Naomi		from April 2017
WALKER, Kay		
YATES, Philip		

Churches together in Farnham representative

FORSYTH, Rosalind

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Peter's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, self-supporting minister and associate minister, churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. Members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The electoral roll (April 2017) was 106 of which 76 were resident within the Parish and 30 non-resident.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met six times during the year with three additional meetings. The average level of attendance over all nine meetings was 82%. The PCC has a standing committee and the following committees, which are responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their recommendations, which are received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary:

- Worship, Mission and Spirituality
- Fabric and Finance

In addition to these there is a Social and Fund Raising group which reports to the PCC. We have a team of volunteers involved in all aspects of church life.

Objectives and Activities

The vision of St Peter's is that "St. Peter's stands at the heart of Wrecclesham, offering in Christ's name a warm welcome, faithful witness and loving service"

This vision is incorporated into our parish development plan, the headings of which are: (Diocesan Goals encompassed by each are included in brackets)

- To enable people to grow in faith (DG 1,2,4)
- To enable individuals to share their gifts more widely and confidently (DG 1,4,10)
- To increase the involvement of families with young children (DG 1,2,3)
- To encourage generous giving (DG 9)

Increasing involvement of Families

- A large number of families attended church, whether regularly or occasionally, and there were other families with whom we had good links
- Family Communion was made more accessible to all, including younger members.
- The Junior Church met monthly.
- Families were invited to all Festival Services
- A member of the PCC hosted some social occasions in her house

Enabling people to grow in faith (incorporating worship)

- The normal pattern was 8am Holy Communion (1662 BCP) each Sunday, 10am Family Communion 1st Sunday, Parish Communion 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays, non-Eucharistic All Age service 3rd Sunday.
- A new reflective evening service, "Breathing Space", took place on the first Sunday of each month.
- Midweek services: There was a pattern of 9.30 Morning Prayer Monday to Friday with Holy Communion on the second Thursday of each month.
- Small groups met in Lent and Advent.
- There were a few discussions and talks led by members of the congregation
- Morning prayer continued and PCC meetings were preceded by prayer
- A changing selection of prayer material had been provided in the side chapel.
- A book group met on a termly basis
- The number of baptisms, marriages and funerals held in the church building was:
 - 10 baptisms
 - 4 marriages and one dedication after civil marriage
 - 7 funerals in the church building but no clergy-led funerals at the crematorium

Enabling individuals to share their gifts

- A list of available jobs was advertised on a church notice board

- Members of the congregation and particularly those on the PCC were encouraged to identify gifts they saw in others and to encourage their use
- The stewardship campaign offered members of the congregation the opportunity to state the gifts they felt they could offer to the church.

Encouraging generous giving

- There was a successful stewardship campaign during the year

Community engagement and outreach

- A team of Pastoral Assistants visited and took a monthly Communion service to residents in the local nursing home, Ashton Manor.
- Members of the congregation were active in community organisations including the Isabella Schroder Trust and Wrecclesham Community Centre management.
- A Tuesday coffee drop-in at the Community Centre, run by the church, was popular and was particularly well attended by men
- The Leverton Hall was available for hire and was used by a wide variety of community groups
- Regular collections were held for the local food bank
- Members of the congregation worked in partnership with local organisations to put on a very successful village fete. This had grown over the past few years.
- Members of the congregation assisted with coffee at “Happy Nappies” toddler group which met at the Community Centre
- Two days of “Holiday at Home” were held in the Summer in the Leverton Hall for local retired people
- The “Men’s Lunch Group” met on the last Thursday of each month.
- There was a focus on extending a warm welcome to newcomers
- A variety of social and fund-raising events were held, including concerts, quizzes, a barn dance, lunches and whist.
- Outward giving was made to two charities “Chance for Childhood” and “Step by Step”. There were also special collections for the Children’s Society, Christian Aid and Water Aid.
- The parish magazine was published ten times during the year
- We had a very good relationship with St Peter’s Church of England School, and both church and school were continually looking for ways to strengthen the link. St Peter’s School Pause Day was supported by the help of members of the congregation.

- Two members of the PCC, along with another regular church attender, were governors of St. Peter's Church of England Primary School. The Chair was also a member of the PCC.
- An ecumenical prayer group for the school was led and supported by members of the congregation
- Good links with Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers and Cubs were demonstrated by their involvement in the large Remembrance Day service

Building Development

- Following the previous year's building restoration and development project, 'Moving Onwards Together', the church explored new uses of the building made possible by the refurbishment.

Communicating the vision

- An attractive and up-to-date church website informed members and prospective visitors of services and church activities
- The church had a Facebook account.
- The parish magazine and weekly printed notices ensured that those who did not use ICT were kept informed

Safeguarding

The safeguarding policy was discussed and reviewed in July 2017 and the following implemented:

- Safeguarding training was received as needed and DBS checks carried out wherever necessary.
- The Parish Safeguarding Officer was identified to anyone entering the church building by a photograph on the PCC noticeboard and by a poster giving contact details.
- Risk assessments were carried out for the Junior Church and for the work of the Pastoral Assistants
- The Pastoral Assistant job description was reviewed and revised.
- The safeguarding form for regular hirers of the Leverton Hall was updated.

Financial Review

The Financial Statements are attached to this report

Approved by the PCC on 15th March 2018 and signed on their behalf by Revd Jacqueline Drake-Smith (Chair)