



# The Parish of South Wonston St. Margaret's Church



## Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ending 31st December 2018



St Margaret's Church commemorated the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War with floral tributes and presentations. The above entitled "The Flowers on the fields of Flanders" reminds us of the many thousands who gave their lives for us.

The Church of St. Margaret of Antioch is co-located with South Wonston Primary School in the centre of the village opposite the village shop on Downs Road, South Wonston, near Winchester. South Wonston is an ecclesiastical parish in the Lower Dever Benefice, in the Deanery, Archdeaconry and Diocese of Winchester. This report refers to the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and the activities of St. Margaret's Church during 2018.

Correspondence and any matters relating to church affairs in South Wonston, including applications for baptisms, marriages, funerals, and requests for visits to the sick or bereaved, should be addressed to the Rector, the Revd. Mark Bailey, The Rectory, 6 Green Close, South Wonston, Winchester, SO21 3EE. Tel: (01962) 886883.

## Administrative Information

South Wonston PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a charity exempted by order from registering with the Charity Commission. The method of appointment of PCC members is as governed by, and set out in, the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC met 6 times in 2018.

South Wonston PCC shares with the incumbent, the Rev'd Mark Bailey, the responsibility for maintaining the worship centre of St Margaret's Church in South Wonston. Rev'd Mark is also the Rector for All Saints Church, Barton Stacey and St Michael and All Angels, Bullington. During 2018 he was supported and assisted by Rev'd Bob Clarkson.

The PCC is jointly responsible with South Wonston School for the upkeep of those areas of the complex shared with the School; the PCC acknowledges the contractual requirements of the lease agreement and the support of the Head Teacher Ms Jane Bundy and all members of staff of South Wonston Primary School.

Members who served on the PCC from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 to date are:

<i>Rector</i>	Rev'd Mark Bailey	
<i>Co-opted Member</i>	Rev'd Robert Clarkson	Honorary Priest
<i>Churchwardens</i> Deputy CW	Ian Soutar Melinda Samms	from April 2018
<i>Deanery Synod</i> <i>Representatives</i>	Vacant	
<i>Treasurer</i>	Stuart Pugh	from April 2018
<i>Elected Members</i>	Steve Berry Pauline Eames Carol Fraser Roger Keys Richard Reynolds Melinda Samms	Gift Aid officer Village Hall Committee rep Maintenance / H&S Officer  PCC Secretary, ER Officer

## Officers of the PCC

<i>Safeguarding Officer</i>	Julie Berry
<i>First Aider</i>	Vacant

## Representatives of the PCC

<i>Joint Church/School Management Committee</i>	Rev'd. Mark Bailey Alan Gower Mary Cleal
<i>South Wonston Village Hall Committee</i>	Carol Fraser

## Church Attendance, Services and Mission in 2018

The Electoral Roll was updated in March 2018. It is a requirement to create a new roll every six years, but in order to reflect the loss and gain of parishioners we review numbers and names each year. As of 11th March 2018 there were 67 parishioners on the South Wonston Church Electoral Roll, 19 of whom were not resident within the parish boundary

The average weekly attendance, counted during October 2018 was 27 adults and 2 children, but this number increased at festivals such as Easter, Harvest, Christmas and Baptism Services.

### Services in the Lower Dever Benefice: Statistics January to December 2018 (2017 in brackets)

Churches + Crematoria	Baptisms	Weddings/Blessings	Funerals
St Michael & All Angels Bullington	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)
All Saints (Barton Stacey)	8 (11)	6 (5)	2 (4)
St Margaret of Antioch (South Wonston)	3 (4)	1 (0)	10 (6)

- Baptism Figures include Baptisms of South Wonston residents held at Holy Trinity, Wonston
- Weddings include Blessings & Weddings of South Wonston residents held at Holy Trinity, Wonston & SS Mary & Michael, Stoke Charity
- Funerals include those taken at Crematoria. Clergy officiated at 1 further funeral on behalf of neighbouring parishes.

St. Margaret's Church is a modern, open and inviting building with excellent facilities. The Church has an active, friendly and very supportive congregation. St Margaret's and its congregation aim to promote the whole mission of the Church, encompassing the pastoral, social and ecumenical in its outreach.

During 2018 there was a Family Service of Holy Communion held on the first Sunday of the month. The service on the second and fourth Sunday of the month continued to be Holy Communion with a Lay Led Praise Service on the third Sunday of the month.

The now well-established Good Friday Clergy led service featured Meditative Role Play with readings and hymns. Members of the congregation were invited to take on the role of one of those present at the crucifixion. They were asked to express the feelings and thoughts of the character they had chosen and read them out during the service, interspersed with short readings from John's Gospel.

A service of Remembrance was held in November to mark the addition of new names into the Memorial Book. An understandably solemn occasion, it was nonetheless very much appreciated by those who attended in memory of a loved one.

The Christmas Carol Service, held on the afternoon of the third Sunday in December in place of the Praise Service, has become popular, with many attending who are not regular worshippers at St Margaret's. The tea afterwards was much appreciated. The Christingle service on Christmas Eve is always very popular in the village, and a time when numbers of children attending rises dramatically. It was nice to see some of them involved in the service this time.

The Sunday School at St Margaret's did not run very often in 2018 due to lack of children and Susie's other commitments, but did take place occasionally when we had visiting grandchildren on the third Sunday of the month to boost the numbers. Otherwise the children joined us for the Sunday service.

Fundraising became an even more important way of raising the Church's income in 2018, and included hiring out the Church and organising fundraising activities. Local groups who hired the church included Pilates, Beavers, Quilters and Aerobics groups. Funds were also raised by the much appreciated football teas, Lent and Harvest Lunches, Book Sales, Concerts, and Away Days.

St Margaret's Church continued to support as many charities and causes as Church Finances allowed. Charities and causes supported were:

- Winchester Basics Bank
- Heritage Churches Hampshire & The Islands Historic Churches Trust
- Mothers Union "Away from it all" Family Holiday
- Children's Society
- Christian Aid
- ABF The Soldiers' Charity
- Royal British Legion

### **Friends of St Margaret's (FOSM) Report (Mary Cleal)**

The Friends Committee met four times during 2018, and with the help of our supporters were able to successfully host three lunches, two buffet evenings and have a presence at the Village Fete. We also supported the South Wonston School Summer and Christmas fundraising events.

Lunches included the popular, well attended, Feast before Lent, July's Patronal Festival and October's Harvest Festival. Catering support for the Harvest Festival, due to booked holiday commitments and other reasons fell on the shoulders of a small team of helpers. It was agreed by the Committee that every effort would be made to minimise this problem in the future. All lunches were enlivened by the mid-course quizzes/games organised by Rev Mark.

The recently introduced light tea after the Christmas Carol Service has also proved to be popular. The Dever Singers and their audiences were rewarded with a well provided Buffet Supper after their Concerts at St Margaret's Church in both May and December.

Having been invited to support the Village Fete and the School's PTA Summer Event a Book Stall was manned which enabled much needed funds to go into the account. Currently, monies raised from such events as the Book Stall at the School's PTA Christmas Fairs are credited into the PCC accounts, as is all the money from the lunches. The same policy also applies to donations received from the concerts given by the Dever Singers. This policy may need to be reviewed.

There has been very little movement regarding income as, with no Covert Sale and not many other offsite events, the only steady income is that from the Village Hall Trust as they continue to repay a loan made to them by the FOSM for the initial preparation and hire of the car park.

In respect to expenditure, the Friends covered the cost of the New Church signage. It is worth remembering that all monies raised, and held by the FOSM, are for the benefit of the Building and Church Fabric.

The FOSM Committee is made up of a small group of volunteers which is well supported by both the Church community and members of the village. We are always happy to welcome new members with fresh ideas for events and fund-raising.

## **Mothers Union (MU) Dever Group Branch Report (Mary Cleal)**

Branch Members continued meeting in the homes of members and to maintain their contact with the Diocese, and MU Speakers attended meetings in other Branches such as Alresford, Weeke and Winchester City Centre. The Branch continued sharing in the MU Services such as January Wave of Prayer, March Lady Day (or April if transferred), the annual Festival Service and joined with other members from the Deanery to Lead Monthly Prayers in the Cathedral.

Members continued to support St Margaret's Church individually and collectively by funding Mothering Sunday posies, oranges etc for the Christingles and manning the monthly Tea, Cake and Chat afternoon. Members continued to support all diocesan projects plus local initiatives that include Lanterns Children's Centre.

## **Social Report - Tea, Cake and Chat (Mary Cleal)**

These monthly second Monday in the month afternoons were enjoyed by those attending and although numbers did not increase as hoped, donations were such that at the end of 2018 a total of £80.00 had been paid into the PCC account. These afternoons are completely self-funded by the host tea makers with no expense to the PCC apart from use of the Church on a Monday afternoon when, during term-time, no letting would be available to the Church. Those organising these afternoons hold onto the positive thought that more folk will pop in for a cup of tea and then be tempted to re-visit.

## **Safeguarding (Julie Berry - Safeguarding Officer)**

St Margaret's PCC has adopted the safeguarding policies and procedures of the Church of England. In particular we are committed to:

- the safeguarding of all children, young people and vulnerable adults
- carefully selecting and training paid and voluntary staff who might come into contact with children or vulnerable adults, using the Disclosure and Barring Service amongst other tools, to check their suitability
- responding without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed
- cooperating fully with the police, local authority and any other appropriate statutory body in any investigation
- ministering appropriately to anyone, child or adult, who has experienced abuse
- extending pastoral care to those known to have offended against children or vulnerable adults whilst ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are protected from them
- Supporting the elderly and house-bound of the village by visiting them and transporting them to and from Church.

## **Winchester Deanery Synod**

- St Margaret's did not have any Deanery Synod reps during 2018, and hence there is no report this year. Full reports on the sessions of the Deanery Synod can be found on the Winchester Deanery website at [www.winchesterdeanery.org.uk/synod.html](http://www.winchesterdeanery.org.uk/synod.html).

## **Fabric/Maintenance Report - (Fabric Member - Roger Keys)**

### **Fabric Report**

- The condition of the fabric, both structural and other, has continued to be monitored.
- East wall of the Church. When the double-sided tape which had been used for an exhibition was removed from the rear curved wall of the church it brought some of the paint away with it. This strip was painted and the appearance is now satisfactory.
- North Spine. The damp condition of the wall is still giving some concern.
- Church Roof. The window in the East wall of the North entrance which was sealed with mastic at the same time as the work on the North Spine Wall appears, for the present, to have little or no leakage round the window frame.
- Main Church Lighting. The bulbs in the downlighters have already begun to show signs of deterioration but at present they have not been flickering
- Heating System. We experienced some problems with the heating system which often could not be activated for Sunday services and our evening functions. This was remedied in early 2019 with a new sensor fitted by the school contractor.

Other minor maintenance items were carried out during the year as and when necessary.

### **Health and Safety Report (H&S Officer - Roger Keys)**

- Vigilance in this matter is maintained at all times.
- The condition of the carpeting in the south entrance corridor is being monitored as one of the seams has shown signs of opening up.

### **Churchwardens Summary – 2018 (Melinda Samms & Ian Soutar – Churchwardens)**

St Margaret's biggest strength is its warmth, both in terms of the building and its congregation. We are known for being friendly and welcoming, and this is borne out by what we hear from those who can't or don't come regularly to services, but enjoy our hospitality and support. The facilities we share with the primary school site enable us to put on fundraising and social events which combine outreach, goodwill and fundraising. We are grateful that our good relationship with the school means they clear the decks for us several times a year so we can use the shared social area and the kitchen easily.

2018 saw the implementation of the new General Data Protection Regulation with which St Margaret's was required to comply. Thanks to a small working party and lots of help from the Diocesan office, this was accomplished by July, with everyone completing the required forms and giving permissions about their data clearly. This made a huge task so much easier, and thanks go to everyone for this. Now that systems are in place it will be relatively easy to meet our obligations regarding people's personal data.

Another achievement last year was the installation of the new sign directing visitors to St Margaret's Church. The cost of this was kindly met by the Friends of St Margaret's. This is just one part of a longer term plan of improvements and projects which we would like to work on during the coming year. This will include planting of the flower bed by the new sign, upgrading of the corridor and kitchen area of the church, and eventually, replacement carpets and redecorating.

Numbers attending morning services remained stable last year with a settled pattern of services. With the departure of Rev'd Karen at the end of 2017 Mark's time had to be stretched more thinly. It was fortunate that Melinda Samms and Alan Gower were able to complete a program run by the Diocese at the beginning of 2018 called the Bishop's Commission for Mission. This course was designed to help lay people lead services with more knowledge and confidence, and means they are able to help Mark out more than otherwise, even taking services at Bullington occasionally to cover holiday periods. Several other lay leaders at St Margaret's intend to complete the program this year.

It is recognised that St Margaret's is extremely lucky to have such a supportive congregation who are willing to help the Church in many and varied ways. There are those who are visible as they stand up at the front on a Sunday to lead, pray or read, while others take on the more behind the scenes roles essential to church life such as cleaning, flower arranging, maintenance and admin. Still more people quietly play their part supporting others in our church family throughout the week. We would like to thank everyone for their contribution in whichever way it is given.

### **Financial Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 (Stuart Pugh – Treasurer)**

**Giving** – Comparing 2017 to 2018, giving rose by 8.5%. Whilst this wasn't as much as we needed to meet our full commitments, this is still a significant increase. Thank you and well done!

**Fundraising** – At the same time as Giving rose, fundraising fell considerably due to a decline in Church bookings.

**Common Mission Fund Payment** – Our biggest expense is to the Diocese. Known as Common Mission Fund (CMF) or Parish Share, Parishes pay to the Diocese so that they can pay our clergy. Each Parish has a target amount to pay that is based on the number of regular worshippers and the affluence of the Parish. The idea behind this is so those Parishes who are able to give more do, to pay for clergy in areas of deprivation,.

In 2018 we were asked to contribute £23,500 to the CMF but were only able to pay £18,500. As a Benefice, we do not meet the full cost of a member of clergy and are therefore subsidised by other Parishes. The shortfall increases the extent of this subsidy. For the Diocese, a shortfall in CMF payments means that they will need to reduce clergy numbers.

**Legacy** – During 2018 we received a £5,000 legacy. The PCC has decided that this money will be put towards the costs of a major project to improve our Church.

**Overall** – Overall we ended the year with an operating surplus (excluding the legacy payment and payments to restricted and designated funds) of nearly £1,400. We will use this amount to increase our CMF payments in 2019.

A thank you ....I'd like to end by thanking Alan, Mary, Jane and Pauline for their help and assistance during the year and for their patience in answering my many questions!

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**A plea for 2019** - Please prayerfully consider the amount that you give to the Church. To pay our fair share to the Common Mission Fund we need to increase our giving by £3,000. Whilst this sounds a frightening amount, it averages out to £6.75 a month each. As there are some who cannot afford to give any more, could I ask those who can to increase giving by £15 a month. This is £3.50 a week.

## 2018 Income and Expenditure

2017 Total		2018		
		General	Restricted	Total
	<b>Voluntary giving</b>			
16,161	Tax efficient planned giving	£ 18,429		£ 18,429
397	Other planned giving	£ 163		£ 163
2,464	Collections at services	£ 2,546		£ 2,546
2,231	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including special appeals (recurring and one-off)	£ 2,591	£ 105	£ 2,696
4,950	Gift Aid recovered	£ 6,514		£ 6,514
-	Legacies received (capital value)	£ 5,000		£ 5,000
-	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ -		£ -
	Total voluntary giving	£ 35,242		£ 35,242
	<b>Activities for generating funds</b>			
5,181	Fundraising activities (gross proceeds)	£ 2,419		£ 2,419
	<b>Income from investments</b>			
106	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£ -	£ 177	£ 177
	<b>Church activities</b>			
657	Fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc.)	£ 449		£ 449
-	Trading activities (gross proceeds), NOT fundraising	£ -		£ -
	<b>Other incoming resources</b>			
311	Other receipts/income not already listed			£ -
	<b>Totals (from Financial Statements)</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	
32,458	RECEIPTS/INCOME	£ 38,110	£ 282	£ 38,391
		(nearest £)	(nearest £)	(nearest £)
	<b>Costs of generating funds</b>			
	Costs of fundraising activities		£ 30	£ 30
	<b>Church activities</b>			
784	Mission giving and donations	£ 260		£ 260
21275	Diocesan parish share contribution	£ 18,500		£ 18,500
	Salaries, wages and honoraria	£ -		£ -
1794	Clergy and staff expenses	£ 1,244		£ 1,244
	<b>Church expenses</b>			
	Mission and evangelism costs	£ -		£ -
4080	Church running expenses (including governance)	£ 3,144		£ 3,144
7000	Church utility bills	£ 7,000		£ 7,000
	Costs of trading			£ -
	<b>Major capital expenditure</b>			
2880	Major repairs to the church building			£ -
	Major repairs to church hall/other PCC property including redecoration			£ -
	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property.			£ -
	<b>Other expenditure</b>			
	Other payments/expenditure not already listed	£ 1,579		£ 1,579
	<b>Totals (from Financial Statements)</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>
37813	PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURE	£ 31,727	£ 30	£ 31,757
(5,355)	Surplus / (loss)	£ 6,383	£ 252	£ 6,634

## Balance Sheet 31/12/18

31/12/2017		31/12/2018	Notes
	<b>Current Assets</b>		
2,674	Cash at bank	9,963	
35,548	Cash in CCLA	35,725	
	Gift Aid due - planned giving	1,761	Excluding PGS on which Gift Aid already paid
	Gift Aid due- small donations	546	1/1/18-31/12/18
	Cash in hand	133	
	Invoices for Church Hire (Nov, Dec)	240	
	<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
	Donation to Children's society	26	
	Photocopier bill due	64	
7,000	Utilities	5,250	For the period 1/4-31/12
1,580	Ground Rent	658	For the period 1/8 - 31/12
	Fees due to Diocese	309	4Q18 fees due
29,642	<b>Net Assets</b>	42,061	
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
2,674	General Fund	6,262	
	<b>Designated Funds</b>		
5,232	Fabric fund	5,258	
22,994	Building repair fund	23,108	
6,142	Legacy - GM Jackson	6,172	
	<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
921	Memorial book	1,000	
261	Youth	262	
	<b>Total funds</b>	42,061	

The PCC wishes to thank Janet Ryan, who has independently examined the accounts for us.

**The Parish of South Wonston -  
St. Margaret's Church**



***From The Rector***

*"I will take you as my people and I will be your God." Exodus 6:7*

The above words are the first mention in the Bible of the covenant relationship between God and humankind. Deep within the Old Testament a relationship is formed between God and the pinnacle of his creation; it is a relationship of faithfulness, of God binding himself in love to his people and they in turn responding with mutual affection. This relationship is renewed, not unlike a couple renewing their marriage vows, in the New Testament, with God manifesting himself in the person of Jesus. This same vocation is re-enacted down the centuries between the Church and the communities in which she is placed in the call to serve. It is a vocation worked out in faithfulness in all kinds of ways by ordinary people, responding to the needs of those around them. It is this life of faithfulness which has born much fruit over this past year.

At All Saints, Barton Stacey, the PCC bravely agreed to implementing the recommendations of the survey report on the Medieval encaustic floor tiles. Funding such a project is always daunting; however, the response of the whole village community in helping to meet the challenge has been heart-warming. A very big thank you must be given to the many who have supported the 'sponsor-a-tile' appeal.

2018 saw much work continue behind the scenes between Barton Stacey Pre-School Committee and 'Launchpads' of the Diocese of Winchester. 2019 will see the Pre-School and After School Club become the first early years provision managed directly by the Diocese. This is a big step, and it is due largely to Dr Lizzie Frost that everyone is confident of a bright future for the arrangement. She has worked tirelessly to ensure the wellbeing of the Pre-School and After School Club, and the fostering of good relations between the staff, children and the evolving relationship with the Diocese.

At St. Michael's, Bullington, the congregation has continued to flourish with a number of faithful folks from Sutton Scotney adding to our number. St. Michael's offering services centred on the Book of Common Prayer is much appreciated by those who value traditional liturgy and 'east facing' Communion rite. The PCC decided this year that it was time to tackle the question of the increasingly 'risky' footpaths leading up to the Church. Plans are still in the early stages of development but will become clearer over the next twelve months.

For many years St. Margaret's, South Wonston, has supported the work of Christian Aid, particularly so with a door-to-door collection during Christian Aid Week. This has been ably facilitated by Julie Berry who has spent countless hours co-ordinating a team of volunteers. In recent years door-to-door collections have become less fashionable, GDPR legislation has affirmed the right to privacy, and the task of recruiting volunteers to help has proved far from easy. It was therefore decided that 2018 would be the last year for this venture and that this work would now be 'rested'. Huge thanks to Julie and to those who have helped in any way in supporting the work of Christian Aid over the years.

I want to add a special thank you to all those who offer challenge and support and whose kindness has helped, in in so many ways, in sustaining my own role as Rector during this past year. In particular mention must be made of Susan Giles, Sarah Hazard, Melinda Samms and Ian Soutar.

It is in faithfulness that we travel together into the months that lie before us.

God Bless

Mark