Parish of Farley
with Pitton in
The Clarendon Team

2023 Annual Report for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 16th April 2024 at 6pm

at All Saints' Farley

THE PARISH OF FARLEY WITH PITTON
IN THE CLARENDON TEAM MINISTRY

Annual Church Meeting 2024

held on 16th April 2024 at 6pm in All Saints' Farley Church

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHONERS

All persons on the register of local government electors and resident in the Parish, and all persons on the Church Electoral Roll may attend and vote at this meeting.

Agenda

1 Opening Prayer
2 To approve the minutes of previous meeting.
3 To elect two Churchwardens to serve for one year.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Only persons on the Church Electoral Roll may attend and vote at this meeting.

Agenda

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting.
3. To consider any matters arising from those Minutes.
4. To receive, and be free to discuss:
   - 4.1. Changes to the Electoral Roll
   - 4.2. Churchwardens report.
   - 4.3. The financial statement of the Parochial Church Council for the year ending 31 Dec 2023, independently examined.
   - 4.4. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments
     (under section 5 of the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991.)
   - 4.5. Safeguarding
   - 4.6. Other Detailed Reports: Deanery Report
5. To receive a report from The Rector/Vicar.
6. To elect the following representatives:
   - 6.1. Members of the Parochial Church Council.
7. To make the following appointments:
   - 7.1. An Independent Examiner for the year 2024.
8. Any Other Business. (notice of items to be given to chair before meeting)
9. Closing Prayer.

Note this meeting will be followed by a short PCC meeting
to elect Secretary, Treasurer, ER Officer, Lay Chair, Team Council Reps, Safeguarding officer.

Minutes of the Annual Church Meeting
held on Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 5.30 in St Peter's Church Pitton

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Present: Doric Bossom; Sara Bossom; Linda O'Hara; Jane Dixon-Clarke; Sarah Sankey; Charlie Martin; Debbie McIsaac; Will Harrell; Val Powley; Janice Brown; Heather Lowndes and Geoff Lowndes; Ann Forder; Rachel Funnell.

1 Opening Prayer
2 Minutes of the previous meeting was accepted unanimously.
3 Charlie Martin was accepted as Churchwarden for All Saint' Farley for a further year.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies were received from:

Philip Reynold
George Manston
Heather Tutt
Alison Bennett
Chris and Hannah Sankey
Mandy Mariner
Jennie Vaughan
Alan and Wendy Shaw

2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with minor amendments.
3. Matters arising from those Minutes: confirmation was given that Justin Robertson has been paid. Item 5 (3)
4. Reception of and discussion of the following:

a. Changes to the Electoral Roll: Farley has stayed the same at 35. Linda O'Hara reported that there are 47 parishioners on the electoral roll in Pitton, two less than last year. Sadly, Geoff Freeman has died, and Tim and Pauline Hawkes have left the village. We welcome Jane Cooksey.

b. Churchwardens' reports were both received without comment. Thanks was given to Linda, for her excellent report which encompassed all our life at Pitton. Debbie thanked Linda and Phillip R for their contribution to PCC operation which was hugely appreciated.

c. The financial statement of the Parochial Church Council for the year ending 31 Dec 2022 was received and Doric Bossom asked for clarification about Farley Music and why their money was only loaned to ASF. The meeting heard that FM is a separate entity and the church has no right to interrogate their finances. However CM said that FM has agreed to fund the shortfall in spending on the organ repairs which balances out the cost of the loan.

d. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments
(under section 5 of the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991.)

The Terrier was signed by SC with only one change in 2022 : the disposal of redundant altar cloths at St Peter's. ASF Terrier to be reviewed by SC when next in Farley. No changes were noted.

e. Safeguarding Report was received:

"The Farley with Pitton PCC agreed in Oct. 2022 to continue to adopt all safeguarding and practice guidance issued by the House of Bishops and has a Parish Safeguarding Policy which commits it to the safeguarding of all children, young people and adults experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect.

All necessary DBS checks are up to date (updates are now required 3yrly) and some of our volunteers enjoyed studying the basic and foundation safeguarding modules together, as well as

the session on Domestic Abuse, via the Diocesan Safeguarding website (Safeguarding training is also required to be updated every three years).
No safeguarding complaints or issues were brought to the attention of the PSOs during the year.
Statement: 'The PCC is working towards fulfilling its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishop's Guidance on Safeguarding.'
This report was given by Sarah Sankey (PSO for Pitton) and Rachel Funnell (PSO for Farley)"

f. School Report was read out in full as it was not included in the Annual Report:
Pitton C of E Primary School, Annual Report for the PCC 2022-23

2022 was a good year for Pitton School. Staff and Pupils welcomed the return to normality after the strange years of covid. We have been all too aware of the need to monitor pupil progress and to identify any gaps which might have arisen as a result of missing so much face to face schooling. Year 6 SATS results were therefore particularly pleasing and although 2022 results were not formally published they held up well against other national and Trust schools. In particular maths had 100% of Year 2 reaching the expected standard and 83% of Year 6 reaching the expected standard or above (National was 71%) and 33% reaching Greater Depth (National was 22%).
All extra-curricular activities have returned with a full and varied programme of clubs and visits. School has had a media presence both locally and nationally. Pitton won the Salisbury Radio Song for Christmas competition, winning £200 of books. Having achieved Plastic Free Schools Status, the Eco Team was invited to feature on the One Show to showcase their work. Hannah was even able to ask Greta Thunberg a question!
We are now in our second year as part of the Pickwick Academy Trust and we appreciate the support they can give us. Our enquiry-based curriculum has been particularly commended with staff being asked to share their expertise across the Trust.
It has been good to have the Revd. Lisa Rodrigues in school supporting us with Collective Worship, leading services for us in St Peter's and joining in our discussions on the best way to illustrate our Christian vision for the children. As always, our thanks go to Sara and the Open the Book team. The children always say those are their favourite times in Collective Worship.
We were sorry to lose Phillip Reynolds as Foundation Governor and link with the PCC. We would hope going forward to find another person to fulfil this role. Meanwhile we are pleased to have found a new Foundation Governor, Mark Austin, from among our parents.
Judith Lewy April 2023
Chair of Governors

Team Rector's Report read by Simon: comments: SB thanked Simon for his report and especially for Church Connect as it is well received and much appreciated. DM thanked Simon for including the pastoral letter this month which no longer goes into the DVN. This will come out once a month. VP thanked Simon for including local events in the Church Connect. DM asked if Simon could include Share payments, paid and outstanding for the Team churches.

Simon then read his Vicar's report for FwP which is recorded in full in the 2023 Annual Report.

NB At a subsequent fwP PCC meeting on 5.7.23 the Parish Officers were decided as follows:
Secretary will be Heather Lowndes who will take on the whole job as Minute Secretary. Thank you Heather. Acting Treasurer will be Mandy Kerley, ER Officers will remain Linda O'Hara and Geoff Lowndes, Lay Chair is vacant as Simon will continue to chair the meetings, Team Council Reps will be Heather Lowndes and Sara Bossom, Safeguarding officers will continue to be Sarah Sankey and Rachel Funnell.

Team Rector's report for APCM's 2024

2023 has been a year of finally getting back to what feels like normal following on from the 2020 pandemic year. In May, we reintroduced the common cup for communion, and our service pattern for the whole year has been full. Team Services happened the 5th Sunday: for Candlemas in January in Winterslow, April in Alderbury, July in Whiteparish, October in Pitton and on New year's Eve at West Dean. These were great chances for us to worship together, and to visit each other's churches sharing fellowship and prayer. Holy Week services were held in West Grimstead, and in May there were Special Services across the churches marking the coronation of King Charles III on the weekend of the 6th May when many from our communities came together. In addition our usual 'fresh expressions' got back into their normal pattern with Café Church in Alderbury, Breakfast Church in West Dean, Breakfast and Eucharist in Whiteparish, and Winterslow starting their monthly Breakfast church in their village hall. These services are great for our communities, and make Jesus known to some who find the traditional worship less appealing. Thank you to all who put so much time and effort into making these happen.

It was with sadness as we said goodbye to Revd Ruth Schofield, our Alderbury based Team Vicar, on Advent Sunday, as she left us for health reasons. Ruth was a great priest, leader, preacher and pastoral guide and we have missed her in many ways, both as part of the ministry team, and locally in the parishes. The process of appointing her replacement is underway, and we hope to be welcoming someone new in the summer of 2024.

Lisa Jones also left us as team administrator early in January, and we were delighted to appoint Rachel Funnell as Team Administrator who started just after Easter with us. Rachel has brought a wealth of skills, and she has now brought the team accounts into a new framework which should ensure transparency and efficiency in the work she does for our parish treasurers in collecting statutory fees. This was in no way a small task, and thanks to Mandy Kerley and her services for bringing us back in line.

Our work in our four primary Schools has continued well, with Alderbury joining with Pitton and Winterslow in the Pickwick Academy trust later in the year. Our Open the Book teams in all our schools continue to bring the bible accounts alive through drama and a reflective prayer time, their work is not only fun, but so hugely valued by all.

2023 has again not been a year without worries and the high price of basic supplies has continued to hit our churches. A huge thank you on behalf of the ministry team, for those key people who keep our churches alive for our communities, both in finance and practical help. We have continued to remain faithful to God as we continue to worship and pray for individuals, our communities, and the wider world. We continue to share our gifts to make Jesus known to each other and within our villages. Thank you.

Revd Simon Chambers – Team Rector – March 2024

Churchwarden's Report for 2023 for St Peter's Pitton at the 2024 APCM

St Peter's Church continues to welcome new members to the church and remains a warm and thriving place despite smaller numbers. Our collective life is underpinned by the weekly Prayer Group and our focus is outward looking. We tithe 10% of our income and this year we gave £2,833 divided between three charities: CAP, All We Can and Morning Star. Tea Cake and Chatter, beautifully organised by Sarah Sankey continues to embrace the wider village and all ages.

We are grateful to our Rector and Vicar, Simon Chambers and the Clarendon Team for their ministry. For the third year running, Simon led a wonderful Outdoor Carol Service which attracted over 150 villagers and their families. We remain eternally grateful to Reverend Bryan Coates for his friendship and pastoral care as our monthly Methodist services are our most popular and well attended ones.

In 2023 we lost seven of our regular parishioners who moved house and we miss them.

In addition, Peter Corke and Pam Leatherland, both church members of long standing have died.

There were five funerals and 1 Burial, 2 Weddings and 4 Baptisms of pupils at Pitton School, prepared and baptised by Reverend Lisa Rodriguez, our Curate.

School Report: The Church\School link is enhanced by regular Open the Book Assemblies which are very popular with the children. There were two successful Open Days, and the school numbers are slowly going up. The involvement of Reverend Lisa was much appreciated up until July when she withdrew to follow other training requirements.

Care of our churchyard and the environment are overseen by Sarah Sankey through her hard work and her commitment to recycling which we encourage through provision of suitable containers in the Porch. There are many volunteers, too numerous to mention by name and for you all, we give thanks as St Peter's could not operate with you.

Electoral Roll: Revision of the ER this year: members are down from 47 to 40 after 2 deaths and 5 people moving away

Safeguarding: The PCC has complied with the duty to have "due regard" to the House of Bishops Policy and Practice Guidance. The newly introduced safeguarding Parish Dashboard is now 89% complete and has been a great help in assisting compliance.

Fabric changes: One new Baptism Board on the wall with grateful thanks to Pippa McFadyan for her calligraphy. No other changes.

Deanery Synod Report: (to follow. Either added here or presented separately.)

Financial Statement: is given below. The Accounts are available to see in the Porch.

NB Clarendon Team Financial Report is posted in the Church Porch

Report prepared by Sara Bossom with input from Sarah and Debbie McIsaac. April 4th 2024

Churchwarden's Report for 2023 for All Saints' Church, Farley at the 2024 APCM.

All Saint's Farley continues as before, there are no new members of the congregation, those who attend work hard to ensure that it is a positive and welcoming experience with coffee offered at the end of the services.

Fundraising continues towards phase two of the roof repairs. Eiluned Crozier-Cole and Rachel Funnell organised another hugely enjoyable and successful Farley @ Five concert. All the proceeds have gone into the fund net costs £982. Thank you to them and to Jerry Crozier-Cole and Susie Hodder-Williams.

A very successful Farley Music Festival donated a considerable amount of money to All Saint's Church.

2023 Festival £5,510

Roof and Fabric fund £28,000

General fund £600

Organ fund £3,900

Without Farley Music's generous support All Saint's would be unable to meet it expenditure. We are very grateful to them.

In 2023 a list B faculty was obtained for work to commence on phase 2 of the roof repairs. However, all the applications sent out for funding grants were rejected this time. (Thank you to Rachel who spent many hours applying for these grants, each one requires a separate application process.) and there are insufficient funds at present to proceed. No further works have been done.

The Lent Lunch and the Harvest supper organised by Heather Lowndes and Rachel Funnell collected money to support the designated church charities, CAP, Trussell Trust and Farley ward. Lent lunch raised £200 and Harvest supper raised £398

The organ restoration is still on going although much progress has been made in the last couple of months. Farley Music have donated the remainder of the money needed after the churches fundraising. Many thanks to Farley Music.

There was 1 wedding, 3 baptisms and 1 burial.

There are 35 names on the electoral roll and no new people.

Thank you to everyone who keeps Farley church functioning.

Ed Martin is standing down after many years of writing the church rota and James Monnington has kindly volunteered to take it on. Thank you to both.

Thank you to the readers, the intercessors, flower arrangers, cleaners, church yard clearer uppers, fundraisers and helpers.

Thank you to George for his continued commitment to mowing the church yard, pruning the trees, putting up the flag and winding the clock and more things beside.

Thank you to David and Heather Tutt who continue to keep the church efficiently running and organised.

Thank you to Janice Brown for her commitment to the choir and playing in the weekly services, it is very much appreciated and makes all the difference to the services.

Thank you to the Rev Simon Chambers and the Clarendon team for their ministry.

Everyone is vital to the churches future.

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Deanery Synod Report 2023

The Deanery met in February and then in October when Bishop Andrew was the guest speaker. These were good events. Revd Ruth Schofield's resigned her post as Team Vicar of Alderbury and Rural Dean of Alderbury Deanery for health reasons in December 2023. As this report goes to press, the closing date for applications for the post of Rural Dean and Team Vicar is imminent. My usual plea: there are number of vacancies for lay members of Deanery Synod. If your parish is not represented or you have fewer members than you could have, the voice of lay people in the Deanery, Diocese and nationally is diminished. The duties of a deanery rep are minimal but the role of the lay rep is even more important as the number of clergy in the Deanery reduces.

Debrah McIsaac
Deanery Lay Chair

Farley with Pitton PCC – Treasurer's Report

The accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 have been independently verified and are placed on the notice board of each Church for review. If anybody would like a copy, please ask a member of the PCC and this can be organised.

As always, I must start with a huge thank you to everyone for the support that both our Churches receive, both in monetary and volunteering terms. Without the support of the many individuals within our communities who provide their time and talents for free, the costs of maintaining and running our Churches would be considerably greater than they are already and, quite frankly, we would cease to exist. We have continued to benefit from your generosity despite the financial challenges that have affected us all in the last year. Thank you one and all.

St Peter's, Pitton

The accounts for the year detail a small surplus for the year of £67 compared to £722 for 2022. However, as for 2022, we were only able to pay 75% of our required contribution to the Salisbury Diocese in respect of Parish Share (Parish Share is the amount we pay to the Salisbury Diocese to cover Clergy salaries, housing and other support costs). At present we see no way of addressing the arrears but are determined to use our funds wisely to ensure the Church remains open and plays a fully functioning role in the Community.

Sadly, a few regular members of our congregation died during 2023, or moved away from the village. We miss them as individuals and their loss will also have an impact on our finances in 2024. However, I am pleased to report that some of the shortfall is already being made up by new regular donors. I am very grateful to all those who give by regular standing order as this enables me to plan ahead and ensure I have sufficient funds to meet our regular bills.

All Saints', Farley

The accounts for the year detail a surplus of £33,968 compared to a deficit of £30,500 in 2022. There are two reasons for the large variance:

- In 2022 we carried out the first phase of the roof repairs, costing almost £60,000. A significant part of the funds for this had been raised in 2021;
- During 2023, as well as the substantial funds received from Farley Music in respect of the annual Festival, we were overjoyed to receive additional donations of £32,500 from the committee. These funds are for the organ restoration, future building, and roof repairs and to assist with general running costs. Words cannot truly express our thanks for their generosity and support.

The second phase of the roof is expected to cost in excess of £65,000, and sadly that figure will continue to rise with inflation. Thanks mainly to Farley Music, we ended 2023 with funds of approximately £30,000 earmarked for this repair and must now turn our thoughts to how the balance can be raised. The PCC would welcome any ideas for fundraising, possible grant making bodies to approach etc.

Looking forward

Both our villages have Churches that are open every day and continue to provide a place for prayer and contemplation, for that we are thankful. There is no doubt that financially it is becoming harder and harder to maintain that situation. We will continue to pray and trust in God that, with his help, this remains the case for some time to come.

Farley with Pitton Parochial Church Council

Summary financial information - Year ended 31 December 2023

	St Peter's		All Saints'	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Voluntary giving and gift aid	27,740	24,581	48,939	21,779
PCC Fees, fund raising and sundry income	2,171	2,528	2,342	4,299
Investment income	945	445	4	45
Grants and other capital sums	0	702	5,000	24,626
	30,856	28,256	56,285	50,749
Expenses:				
Clergy and administration fees	18,736	17,159	11,309	12,060
Church running costs				
General	6,748	5,250	3,925	4,166
Fabric repairs	0	0	5,555	63,836
Mission expenses (donations)	5,177	4,789	482	313
Church music costs	93	152	724	747
Other expenses	35	184	322	127
	30,789	27,534	22,317	81,249
Net surplus/(deficit) income	67	722	33,968	(30,500)
Cash funds (net) held as at 31 December	3,990	3,923	41,325	7,357

Mandy Kerley, Acting Treasurer