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Holy Trinity Church

Benefice of the Cookhams

Annual Parochial Meeting, 2020

**To be held in the Church
at 12.00 on
Sunday 25 October**

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Agenda for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners 12.00 Sunday 25 October 2020

The election of two churchwardens to serve for the ensuing year.

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 25 October 2020

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 7 April 2019
3. Presentation of changes to the Electoral Roll
4. Presentation of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019
5. The annual reports on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish generally for the year ended 31 December 2018
6. Appointment of Independent Examiner
7. Election of 4 representatives to the Deanery Synod from 2020 to 2023
8. Election of 12 PCC members
9. Vicar's Reflection
10. Any other business – by leave of the Chairman

Closing prayers

Date of the first PCC meeting: Following the APCM there will be a short meeting of the new PCC to elect the Treasurer, Secretary and Vice-Chair, and to agree membership of committees and trustee bodies

Date of next APCM: Sunday 11 April 2021



Holy Trinity, Cookham

Benefice of the Cookhams, Diocese of Oxford

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Held on 7 April 2019 at 12 noon in Holy Trinity Church, Cookham

Present: Revd. Nick Plant in the chair and 45 other members

The meeting was preceded by the First for Families service.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

- 1. Election of Churchwardens** –Mark Stockdale and Bernadette Clark have both been nominated and seconded. Mark Stockdale and Bernadette Clark were declared elected as Churchwardens. Carol Sturges stood down from the role and passed the keys to Bernadette Clark. Fr Nick presented Carol with a gift and paid tribute for her work over the past 3 years.
- 2.** The Meeting of parishioners closed at 12.03pm.

Annual Parochial Meeting

1. Apologies for absence

Joyce Banks, Sue Harris, Marion Harris, Chris Godfrey, Fr David Joynes, Ros Joynes, Sara Wood, Vicky Wood, David Gaselee, Sarah Gaselee, Jocelyn Hardy, Tony Hardy, Francis Pang and Alex Pang

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2018 were agreed as a true record. Acceptance was proposed by Malcom Sturges and seconded by Mark Stockdale. There was no dissent and they were signed as a correct record.

3. Presentation of changes to the Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll was presented and contained 213 names as opposed to 249 names from the previous year. This current number reflects the complete update of the Electoral Roll. Fr Nick thanked Malcolm Sturges for organising the revision of the complete Roll this year.

4. Presentation of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2018

The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2018 had been examined and approved by the Independent Examiner and accepted and signed by the Chair on behalf of the PCC. The Treasurer's report was circulated together with the Annual Accounts for the accounting year ended 31st December 2018. The Treasurer, Tim Sharples, gave a detailed explanation of the accounts, highlighting the main points including the following:

The church tower repair cost is now only £15k short of what is needed due to donations received so far, and a further donation for has been received for development which could be used but would urge anyone with contacts to advertise the need for further donations to make up the shortfall. Restricted funds have been received and will be used to make a walkway on top of tower to look at the view.

The main difference in Income is due to donations and legacies received for the restoration fund. Another difference reflects how we are accounting for weddings and funerals this year. He highlighted that loose plate collections are decreasing and there will be a move to contactless payments over the next few months.

He advised that the balance sheet shows the general fund with a similar balance to previous years.

The parish centre maintenance cost had risen due to improvements in the Parish Centre.

He invited questions from the congregation:

- During loose plate collections when those who donate through the bank pass over plate gives it gives a bad impression to visitors and perhaps tokens could be given to those donators so that they are seen to be contributing.
- If Clergy announced the amount needed to run church each year during services, this could encourage people to contribute. Tim advised that this was one of the main reasons for contactless being phased in.
- A suggestion that an announcement should be made before the service that collection will take place during the Offertory.

Fr Nick thanked Tim and his team for producing the accounts advising that he really appreciates all the work that he does.

Michael Johnson proposed adoption of the accounts, John Church seconded this, and it was unanimously agreed.

5. Appointment of independent examiner

Roger Groeneweg was proposed by Tim Sharples, seconded by Mike Clark and agreed by all.

6. The annual reports on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish generally for the year ended 31st December 2018

The annual reports were circulated in the APCM booklet, highlighted and the statutory receipt of deanery synods report was acknowledged.

Fr Nick thanked the all of the authors of these reports, acknowledging the immense work that they do during the year.

The annual reports were received as read and accepted, proposed by Carol Sturges and seconded by Val Eckett.

Mark Stockdale gave a short update on the plans for the Church and Parish Centre. He outlined that toilets would be installed on the right-hand side of the Church at the back and cupboards on left-hand side with glass door. The cupboards will open to reveal a kitchen area and will enable coffee to be served after Sunday services in the Church rather than the Parish Centre.

The heating will be replaced with underfloor heating in the main body of Church, lifting seating and replacing it with modern seating. The altar area will need different heating as the flooring has been replaced.

In the Parish centre he outlined plans showing the current toilets converted to a kitchen, the parish office moved, and the existing kitchen and parish office will become a visitor centre. The Heritage centre and 11th Century Church will complement each other. An expression of interest will be submitted to the Heritage lottery fund, then a full bid for £2m to cover this work. If anyone knows someone who can help with the bid, please let Mark know. Timescale would be around 2 years before we start.

Mark invited questions from the congregation:

- Are there deadlines for bids? – Mark advised that they can be submitted every quarter, we would aim for towards end of this year.
- Where would the Parish office be? – Mark explained where the office will be and that the visitor centre will have a separate entrance.

Mark informed all that planning permission had been received for alternative access to the paddock moving the entrance to the paddock to the middle of the car par in front of the Parish Centre. There needs to be an Archaeologists on standby when the work is taking place in case burials are discovered.

Fr Nick thanked Mark for his stewardship work and Mike Clark for chairing Stewardship committee.

7. Appointment of Sides-persons

Sides-persons proposed and appointed:

Mary Adams, Joyce Banks, Grace Biffen, John Church, Mike Clark, Michael Copland, Gilly Court, Jill Davies, John Davies, Joyce Delasalle, Adrian Doble, Val Eckett, Muriel Fleming, Anne Glover, John Harris, Monica Harris, Jean Johnson, Michael Johnson, Lesley Johnson, Nick Kennedy, Barbara McKerlie, Val Neal, Lisa Peters, Jean Phillips, Adrian Powell, Richard Simmonds, Margaret Tuck, Gill Waller and Malcolm Sturges.

Juliet Gough and Bernadette Clark were stepping down from that post and they were thanked for their service.

Proposed by Martin Gostling, Seconded by Mark Stockdale.

8. Election of 2 Deanery Synod representative

Fr Nick advised that Holy Trinity Church are allowed 5 Deanery Synod members and the current members are Bernadette Clark, Terry Jackson and David Harrold who are elected until 2020. Josie Godfrey was nominated to stand as a Deanery Synod member until 2020. There were no other nominations leaving 1 vacancy.

9. Election of 15 PCC members

Fr Nick advised that the Clergy, Deanery Synod members and Churchwardens are members of the PCC and a further 9 nominations from the 15 had been received from Mike Clark, David

Gaselee, Anne McNeil, Francis Pang, Tim Sharples, Colin Tushingham, Debbie Richards, Kay Weallans, and Val Eckett. All were duly proposed and seconded.

10. Looking to the Future

Fr Nick suggested we should consider 'Why are we here?' and reflect on the Vision Statement from our Mission Action Plan – "To enable all in our community to encounter God through warm hospitality and inspired worship". He advised that the plan needs to be renewed with a new 5 year plan next year.

He highlighted the participation of people in the Lent groups and Stations of the Cross Walk on Good Friday and the involvement with village in supporting Elizabeth House, CVS, Rendezvous, CKHC and Pinder Hall.

He thanked Catie Sharples for her work during the past 4 years at Rendezvous and advised that she is stepping down this year and that the PCC had hoped to pass this over to ADS to take forward in the community. However they are unable to take over Rendezvous so we will reconsider our options at the PCC meeting.

First for Families is now well established but has not attracted as many young families as hoped, therefore the Ministry team will have a longer discussion about all worship in the near future.

Last year we heard the devastating news that Rev Helen would leave Holy Trinity, but thankfully she has remained in the Cookhams which delighted everyone. He advised that Fr. John Ainslie has 'retired' from his paid job so he does much more round the parish and Richard Simmonds has settled into his role as Licensed Lay Minister so quickly it is hard to believe they are both in such an early stage in their ministry. He offered thanks for the contribution John and Richard make. He gave thanks to Charles Walmsley for more than 20 years of ministry in the Church and his guidance and wisdom, advising Charles will now become Reader Emeritus. Jo Ellington returned to preach to mark her official departure from the Cookhams on the last Sunday of 2018.

He outlined changes ahead looking at the changes to the interior of the Church which received a grant of £25k from the Garfield Weston Foundation with thanks to Jefta Lakovic who played a major part in achieving this for us. This makes the significant donations total of £305k for changes to ensure we further God's mission, enabling all in the community to worship God.

Fr Nick then thanked by name all those that helped in the various roles within the Church and the community.

Mark Stockdale thanked Fr Nick for all his hard work and keeping all the various groups on track.

11. AOB

There was no other business.

The next APCM will be held on 19 April 2020

The meeting closed at 12.57pm with a closing prayer.

Signed

Date

Ministry Team Report 2019

- About 40 people attended the **Lent** course based on the film *The Greatest Showman*.
- **Holy Week** services were shared with the Methodist Church, who hosted on Monday. The Seder meal on Wednesday was a huge success. There was a varied programme of worship; of particular note was the afternoon liturgy on Good Friday, especially the very moving reflection and re-telling of the Passion story.
- It was wonderful to welcome Bishop Andrew, as part of his leaving 'tour', to HTC for **Confirmations** on 10 April. 16 candidates from the benefice were Confirmed (amongst others from the Deanery), and it was an amazing service.
- Kathy Rickman from the Methodist Church preached at SJB on **Ascension Day** as part of the ecumenical prayer initiative *Thy Kingdom Come*, but disappointingly there was a very low turnout.
- **SJB Patronal Festival** was celebrated at the all-age 4th@4 service, which was very well attended (about 70). All enjoyed the service and particularly the champagne tea afterwards!
- The **Holiday Club (CKHC)** followed the theme of 'Pyramid Rock' and featured a talking sphinx! It was again very popular, and the organisation gets slicker every year. This time, Fiona Long (headteacher at Herries) took charge of the teaching module with great success.
- 27 people signed up for the **Pilgrimage** to Holy Island, and all had a great time under the expert leadership of Fr John.
- The '**Hymns & Pimms**' service took place at SJB on 18 August. It raised the sum of £665 for WaterAid.
- **Harvest** services went well, and the Harvest lunches at both churches were very popular.
- **Services of Remembrance for those who have died** took place in both churches, with favourable feedback.
- **Remembrance Sunday** services at both churches went well, with a good attendance from both communities.
- We ran two **Nurture courses** in the benefice. Both had low attendances: it is believed that older folk are reluctant to come out at night, so future courses may be held during the day.
- Fr John organised an **Advent quiet day** which was well received.
- All preparations and decorations in both churches for **Christmas** were excellent and much appreciated. Both crib services were extremely busy, with over 800 people attending between the two churches. Attendance at Midnight was down in both churches, but the morning services were up. The evening carol service at HTC was very well attended.
- We had ongoing discussions about the **1st for Families** service at HTC. It hasn't attracted more families, and we are unsure as to whether this is the timing of the service or the format. We decided for the first Sunday to revert to a Eucharist, and family non-Eucharistic services would be held on special occasions; e.g. Harvest, Remembrance, Christingle,

Crib, Mothering Sunday, Kids Club, and possibly one or two others. The 4th@4 is being promoted as the Benefice service for young families.

- The clergy team has been pleased to help out in neighbouring parishes during vacancies, holidays and sabbaticals.

Fr Nick Plant

Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery Annual Report for 2019

The Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery comprises 14 parishes and benefices. The Deanery Synod comprises all the clergy in the deanery and Lay Representatives elected by their respective parishes for a period of three years. Elections were last held in 2017, and 2020 APCMs will need to elect or re-elect parish representatives. There are currently 73 members of the Synod.

The Deanery Synod met informally on Thursday 11th April 2019 at Altwood School, Maidenhead to say goodbye to Bishop Andrew Proud, Bishop of Reading. A buffet meal was enjoyed by those present and several representatives from the Deanery recounted some of the occasions they had shared with Bishop Andrew and gave thanks for his work and contributions to our Deanery. There were two formal meetings of the Synod during 2019, both focusing on the Diocese of Oxford's Common Vision of being a Christ-like church for the sake of God's world:

Tuesday 4th June 2019 at All Saints, Dedworth:

Members of our own Deanery introduced and explained aspects of the diocese's Common Vision, including the seven working groups to provide resources to help individual parishes relating to certain areas. More details about common vision and these working groups are available on the diocese's website. The Synod watched a talk by Bishop Steven encouraging us to be courageous. Jim Tucker was elected as the new Deanery Lay Chair. John Sykes stepped down after being elected Diocesan Lay Chair.

The Synod was alerted to a consultation relating to term limits for Deanery Synod members.

Thursday 3rd October 2019 at St Peter's, Furze Platt:

Andrew Anderson-Gear, Director of Mission at the Diocese of Oxford, gave a presentation about and explanation of the new Parish Planning Tool which has been produced to support the mission of individual churches to become more Christ-like. The Synod was given a chance to look at the tool and ask questions.

Details of how the deanery is planning to manage the parish share increase for 2020 were shared. Thanks to hard work by parishes and their generosity, the Deanery paid its parish share of £ 986,103 for 2019 in full and on time. Deanery Share reserve stands at £ 54,165 and some of this will be used to delay part of the 3.89% increase requested from our Deanery for 2020. (The overall increase in the diocese for 2020 stands at 1.75%; we anticipate a significantly reduced increase for our Deanery for 2021).

The Deanery is currently looking for a new treasurer and would welcome interest from someone with suitable skills in this area.

Parish inspections on behalf of the Archdeacon were carried out by the Deanery during the year, as part of an ongoing three-yearly cycle. The Deanery also engaged with various parishes, considering how best to support them, both pastorally and financially.

Baptism and baptism preparation

We are delighted to confirm that we continue to have on average at least one baptism per month (excluding Advent and Lent): the total was sixteen during the year. The baptisms are preceded with preparation evenings that are designed to help the parents and godparents understand the meaning of baptism and appreciate what happens during the service.

The baptisms continue to occur during the main church service, resisting requests for special baptism services that are not part of the main service and consequently would not allow for the baptised to be welcomed into the body of the church.

We are however concerned with the lack of attendance of the newly baptised and their families at church services after the baptism service. This would suggest the parents and God parents are not honouring their vows made at the baptism service. The clergy team need to give this some thought and decide how we should better engage with the families after the baptism service.

Fr David

Reports of the PCC Committees and Working Groups

Notes from the Stewardship Committee

Membership

The following people served on the Committee during the past year:

Fr Nick Plant (Vicar) – ex officio.	David Harrold
Mark Stockdale (Churchwarden) – ex officio.	Francis Pang
Tim Sharples (PCC Treasurer) – ex officio.	Colin Tushingham
Mike Clark (Chair)	David Gaselee
Lee Richards (Co-opted)	Andrew de Mille (Co-opted)
Stephanie Diggon (Co-opted)	Clive Callard (Co-opted)

Responsibilities

The Stewardship Committee is responsible to the PCC in three specific areas.

1. To provide practical support to the Churchwardens in the management of the church estate.
2. The day to day management of the PCC estate, consisting of the Parish Centre, including the flats and gardens, paddock and car park, and the property at No 53 Broomhill. The properties are owned by the PCC, with title held in trust by the Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd. Day to day management of the Parish Centre is devolved to a separate committee, led by Colin Tushingham.
3. Fundraising.

Committee Membership

Consequent upon the outreach programme as part of the Church Restoration Project, we are delighted that three volunteers from outside the immediate Holy Trinity community have agreed to

join the committee as co-opted members. Each brings with them particular skills which have already made a major impact on the committee's work. Stephanie Diggon has worked with a number of committees in Cookham, notably the Cookham Festival and Elizabeth House, and has a great track record as an administrator and organiser of local charity fund raising events. Andy de Mille was formerly a professional fund raiser, operating on major appeals and brings with him that experience to our committee. Clive Callard is a professional surveyor with wide experience of building projects, including a major Millennium project reordering a parish church in outer London.

The Church Estate

The Stewardship Committee continues to work with the Churchwardens developing clearly defined plans for a major restoration and re-ordering of the church. These plans are covered in a separate report.

Following the unexpected emergency work on the tower in 2018, 2019 saw the terminal breakdown of the church's main heating system. The boiler was pronounced beyond repair. The committee were anxious that any short term resolution of the problem was consistent with the longer term plans for a comprehensive new total heating system as an integral part of the major re-ordering project. After disheartening engagement with a number of professional heating contractors, one of our own members, Lee Richards stepped into the breach and installed a stand-alone diesel blow heater, which blows hot air into the church through the original heating duct. This was achieved a fraction of the cost of any of the external proposals, albeit that the cost of the fuel is significantly higher than the cost of gas for the old boiler. It is neither an ideal nor a long-term solution, but pro tem it is at least as effective as the old gas boiler. The committee wishes to note its thanks to Lee for resolving this emergency for us. Clive Callard is now very advanced working with W R Associates on a long term heating project. The committee has specified that the installation of a completely new heating system should provide the church with the opportunity to greatly reduce its carbon footprint and to minimise the use of non-renewable energy sources. This includes considering the use of ground source heating and solar energy.

Clive Callard has also prepared a review of our intention to provide toilets in church. Since the church lies below the surrounding ground level on the critical north side, this will require some ingenuity and detailed research of our existing (largely unused) drains but is perfectly achievable.

Professional contractors have carried out remedial tree work in the churchyard and Holdfords have continued to keep the churchyard looking trim and tidy. Wild Cookham have taken a look at the woodland area to the west of the paddock and will present us with a plan for managing the area to optimum ecological and environmental standards.

Fundraising

During the year the committee has run a number of fund-raising events, including concerts in church and a whisky tasting at a local pub. The church was used as a concert venue by the popular Cantorum Choir and for folk concerts by Cookham based LiveWire. Our concerts are always greatly enjoyed by all those who attend and do much for community engagement. This latter aspect was reinforced by the use of the church for a number of events in the Cookham Festival, including a lively production of Michael Johnson's history of the Cookham anchoress.

For 2020, Stephanie Diggon has already organised a series of monthly "Trinity Talks", providing people with the opportunity to sit in Bel and the Dragon, enjoy a glass of Prosecco and some canapés and hear a talk from a local person on an amazing variety of subjects, at the same time as raising money for Holy Trinity.

Mike Clark

Church Restoration and Renewal project

(This text is taken from a letter sent out by the Vicar to update people who attended the Moor Hall event in the autumn)

The meetings that we held in the autumn were useful opportunities to share our project plan with the congregation and some of the wider community. We picked up a number of insights, from different perspectives. We are particularly grateful that some members of the community, without a strong connection to the church, have come forward with offers of practical support. This is just what we needed and were hoping for. Stephanie Diggon volunteered her services as secretary to the Stewardship Committee and much more: she has led work on pulling together material about the church and the project that we can use in applying for grants and for approaching people for donations once we get into fund raising mode. Andy de Mille, a retired professional fund raising consultant who has worked with several parish churches and cathedrals over the years, has offered his time and experience to help steer us towards possible sources of funding. Clive Callard has a civil engineering background and has already lent us invaluable support and enthusiasm in looking at the practical issues around heating, kitchen and toilet installations. Thank you all.

We submitted a pre-application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) to find out whether they would be likely to fund our project to restore and enhance the facilities in our church and parish centre. We knew that we would always struggle meeting inclusion priorities and our bid fell short of the demanding criteria currently used by the NLHF in what has become a fiercely competitive funding environment. The Fund is focused on projects that restore buildings at serious risk rather than in enhancing them by the addition of modern amenities such as toilets, kitchens and heating key elements in our plan. The Fund are also looking for projects that address issues of social outreach and diversity. We were invited to resubmit our application but the PCC have decided not to do so as there would be no guarantee that we could sufficiently change our plans to meet NLHF criteria without compromising our main objectives. It would also increase the project lead time by anything up to a year.

We will need to find alternative sources of funding and that is going to be particularly difficult given the current economic climate and uncertainty. The outcome was not entirely unexpected and the PCC had a back-up plan in place. Our priority now becomes the church building. The parish centre has recently been redecorated and whilst the planned enhancements would have been beneficial to the church and the local community none of the work could be classified as essential.

Before we approach individuals or organisations for funding we need to revisit the costings for our project that were drawn up by a quantity surveyor a couple of years ago. As we have looked further into the installation of heating, toilets and kitchen facilities we have come across some practical issues that we need to resolve and cost.

We have considered various options to provide underfloor heating in the nave. Based on the advice of professional consultants and bearing in mind the constraints of a church environment we are working on the installation of an aquifer system this would use grey river water from the river to a heat exchanger, with heated clean water pumped into pipes under the church floor. Subject to the necessary approvals, an aquifer system would deliver the most environmentally and ecologically beneficial solution at a reasonable cost. It would require boreholes near the gate to the river and two underground pipes through the churchyard. We have commissioned surveys of the ground inside the church and churchyard to enable us to find the best route for pipes that minimises disturbance to graves. The underfloor heating provides a basic level of constant heat but will need to be supplemented especially in the winter months. Our heating consultant is looking at two alternative systems, gas boiler fired water-based radiator heating and electric radiant heating.

Subject to structural surveys of the roof, solar panels remain an environmentally friendly option to generate electricity.

Some of you may remember that a few years ago there was a toilet in a brick building on the north side of the church. A survey has found that the church may no longer have a connection to the main sewer so we are looking at the most cost effective way to reconnect. Also, the north side of the church building is lower than the surrounding land so we will need a quiet macerator and pump to discharge waste water into the drains.

Once we have decided on the detailed installation of heating, toilets and kitchen facilities we will seek a further costed total for this project. In parallel with these investigations Tim Sharples and Andy de Mille are researching grant making trusts and other sources that potentially could assist with funding. The aim will be to produce a breakdown of each group of potential donors and so begin to set specific targets for each, in relation to the full project cost.

It is inevitable that the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) will delay our project but we should be able to continue with preparatory work to cost the project fully and identify potential funding sources.

Mark Stockdale

Annual Reports of the organisations

Bell Ringers

The Holy Trinity bellringers ring to announce and welcome people to the services, mainly the 11.00am Eucharist and 6.30pm Evening Service, but also for special services when asked and to mark special village events. We also usually meet on Tuesday evenings from 8 – 9.30pm for practice.

We have rung for two weddings this year and one funeral, also rang the New Year in and have managed to ring for almost all services. Our ringing outing visited the towers of Cheddington, Ivinghoe, Aston Clinton, Great Kimble and Monks Risborough. We reached the final of the Branch striking competition and finished 4th.

Theatre visits this year have been to The Cat and the Canary at Windsor, A Midsummer Night's Dream at The Watermill Theatre, Newbury, and A Comedy about a Bank Robbery and The Mousetrap at Aylesbury.

Our membership remains at 15 ringers of service ringing standard with one learner who has recently joined us and is making good progress. As always, we would welcome being joined by new recruits or lapsed, local ringers. If you are interested in learning more about our bells or possibly learning to ring yourself we would be happy to arrange a visit to the tower. Please ring our secretary, Mandy Salter, on 01628 530241.

Mandy Salter

Ministry of Welcome

During the past year we have continued to have an experienced team of sidesmen who work well together to make everyone feel welcome. Their help is particularly useful for baptism services when we can expect a number of visitors who are unfamiliar with church services. It has been really useful for one of the sidesmen to explain that there will be a collection and encourage people to use the gift aid envelopes if they are UK tax payers.

Latest position

As of April 2020, we currently have 25 sidesmen to cover our three regular Sunday services:

Mary Adams, Joyce Banks, Grace Biffen, John Church, Mike Clark, Mike Copland, Gilly Court, Jill Davies, John Davies, Joyce Delasalle, Adrian Doble, Angela Dulson, Val Eckett, Muriel Fleming, Anne Glover, Monica Harris, Lesley Johnson, Michael Johnson, Nick Kennedy, Lisa Peters, Jean Phillips, Adrian Powell, Hazel Powell, Richard Simmonds and Gill Waller.

They all offer themselves for re-election for the next 12 months. These 25 are put forward for election by the PCC for the coming year.

We are very grateful to our sidesmen who arrive early for services and ensure that the first person people see at our church gives them a good welcome.

Mark Stockdale

Churchyard and Estate report 2019

The Parish Centre

Following the previous year's major investment in the Parish Centre to upgrade the appearance of the interior, the introduction of CCTV and a major hike in hire charges, we have seen a steady increase in the use of the centre by the local community. We have reviewed hire charges for this year and agreed to maintain them at their current level. Our income has had the benefit from being used as polling station on three occasions during the year.

The setting up of a clear hiring system and the introduction of £100 deposits has been successful and we now have in place an agreed policy on the use of CCTV.

Unfortunately we have not as yet been able to completely declutter the Whatley and store rooms which contain too many items that might be used one day and we will be targeting this area again this year.

In conduction with the Stewardship Committee we have a list of agreed contractors to deal with maintenance matters which includes a monthly visit from the Cookham Handyman.

Cleaning the Parish Centre has been a major headache this year and we have had to use the services of no less than three companies over the course of the last year.

At the end of the summer we saw the retirement of Terry Jackson whom we have sadly missed for his knowledge and experience built up over many years. We found it difficult to replace him but we now have Kay Weallans who has taken over the role of Parish Centre Manager.

Again a special thanks to Andra Rigby, a fountain of knowledge, who has looked after the administration and the smooth running of our Parish Centre.

Car Parking and Access

We regret that the lawyers acting for the Diocese have yet to conclude an agreement with the owners of "Bel and the Dragon" for the right to park a limited number of cars on the PCC estate. Until this is concluded, we will not have access to funds for significant improvements to the car park. This does

not seem to have been a priority for Fullers the owners of Bel & The Dragon. However, we are now hopeful that agreement will be concluded very shortly.

Following objections from at least one local resident and the consequent involvement of the Local Planning Authority, the PCC made a formal planning application to the local authority for permission to move the vehicle access to the paddock from the corner of the parish office to the gap opposite the building, next to the recycling bins. This application has now been approved, subject to an archaeological survey. The survey has been made and we are waiting for its sign-off by the Planning Authority's advisers. We will proceed with the work on completion of the car-park negotiations mentioned above.

The old wooden gates at the entrance to the church grounds from Vicarage Close have for some time been in a very dilapidated state, requiring frequent repair. This is not surprising considering their age and the constant battering they receive from the prevailing winds. The PCC agreed to replace them with metal palisade gates, with separate vehicle and pedestrian access, as previously.

Rental Properties: three flats above the Parish Centre and flat in Broomhill

The tenants in both Flats 1 and 2 have changed, resulting in some maintenance costs. There was a plumbing issue in Flat 3, which resulted in water leakage into the Rogers room. However, because the periods of vacancy were kept to a minimum the overall, net income from the flats and 53 Broomhill was in line with budget. Expenditure on 53 Broomhill's kitchen was again deferred, but will be needed at some point as it is at least 20 years since it was fitted. This has been budgeted for.

Mike Clark, Tim Sharples and Colin Tushingham,

Trusteeships and other community interests

The PCC is a registered charity and all PCC members have a responsibility as individual trustees. On joining the PCC, members are required to register as trustees and to confirm that they meet the necessary legal requirements. They are provided with information concerning their duties and conduct. This was covered in more depth at our first PCC meeting in May, particularly for the benefit of new members and will continue to be brought to the attention of new PCC members at the first meeting each year.

Holy Trinity Church also has trustee responsibilities in the wider community. The trust deed for **Pinder Hall** requires that the Vicar and current churchwardens of Holy Trinity shall act as the trustees of the hall. The premises include an adjoining house which is used as the residence of the caretaker. Supervision of the hall's accounts, ensuring that the charity is financially sustainable, with reserves maintained at an appropriate level, and the maintenance of the building and its fabric, are important issues for trustees. Mike Clark and Mark Stockdale have been active members of the Pinder Hall Management Committee and the Vicar and churchwardens normally attend the AGM and scrutinise and sign off the annual accounts.

The Vicar serves as the Chairman of the **Kings Hall Trust**, the charitable trust which owns the old King's Hall, which now houses the Stanley Spencer Gallery. The trust negotiates the rent for the building and receives rental income from the gallery. After allowing for appropriate costs, the trust distributes any surplus funds to charitable causes in the local community. The church is obligated to provide two other trustees. The PCC has nominated Mike Clark and Tim Sharples to fill these positions.

Cookham Voluntary Services (CVS) is an independent non-profit, self-financing community organisation, providing transport for patients from the Cookham Medical Centre who, for whatever reason, are unable to provide their own transport to get to medical appointments. Since it was established, it has been the practice that the Vicar serves as chairman of the management committee. The Revd Nick Plant continues this practice. CVS is not a registered charity and the chairmanship does not carry any trusteeship responsibilities.

Mark Stockdale

Verger's and Sacristan's Report

First of all we would like to pay tribute to Terry Jackson who stood down as verger in the autumn when he moved away. We are grateful to Malcolm Sturges for stepping into the breach.

Malcolm writes: Thank you to all who serve. We were pleased to welcome Kay Weallans to the team. Our numbers are small and we would welcome more volunteers to join us. Please speak to Malcolm Sturges if you would like to explore this opportunity.

I would like to thank the Clergy Team and Churchwardens for their support and encouragement and also to the many of the congregation for their kind comments that I received when taking on this role last autumn.

Malcolm Sturges

Servers' Report

We have a small, dedicated team of people and have been able to provide servers for all of the services throughout the year. We consider it a privilege to be able to take part in the services in this way. We hope to be able to continue this throughout the coming year despite having lost Terry Jackson, who is greatly missed. We are of course, always looking for additional people to join us in this role. If you would like to become part of the team, please come and talk to us.

Martin Gostling

Choirs and Music

The Boys' Choir, Girls' Choir, Men's Choir and Choristers' Mum's Choir adhere to a schedule designed to meet service requirements and to spread commitments as evenly as possible. We are blessed that the members of the Men's Choir offer a huge willingness to work hard and also regular commitment, which avoids the necessity to call upon paid deputies (as has become a frequent need in several local churches). All four choirs rely on the dedication of their members to maintain the choirs' high standards and excellent reputation. We are grateful to the many families involved.

We are now the only local church that sustains a Boys' Choir. It is hard work fighting against the changing times, and with the difficulty of morning commitment, the evening service is vital to sustaining the choir. The boys work very hard and with great enthusiasm. We hope that the specialness of their commitment and hard work is appreciated.

The choirs between them sing for a weekly choral evening service of various formats in term-time (Choral Eucharist, Rejoice in the Lord, Choral Evensong, Compline). Special evening services in 2019 included the three carol services for Advent, Christmas Day and Epiphany; Solemn High Mass

for Candlemas – to which all Christmas service participants were invited; Easter Carol Service; the annual service of remembrance for loved ones who have died. The Men's Choir also sang for the Cookham Festival "What Larks" evening.

In November, for the first time, the Choristers' Mums' Choir sang Compline.

In addition, the Men sang for the Ash Wednesday Eucharist; the Boys' Choir and Girls' Choir combined to sing for the Mothering Sunday Celebration (11am); the Choristers' Mums' Choir sang for the April Confirmation Service, the Good Friday Liturgy and the Easter Day Dawn Eucharist. The Boys & Girls sang for a non-Eucharistic Remembrance Sunday service; some members of the Girls' Choir and Choristers' Mums' Choir sang for Midnight Mass.

The trilogy of carol services (including Epiphany 2020) raised £2,178.67 for Alzheimer's Society.

During the Autumn Term four choristers prepared for and took Grade 3 ABRSM singing. They passed with three Distinctions and one Merit. We were delighted to appoint Izzy and Hannah as Head Choristers of the Girls' Choir, to welcome Maisie as a member of the Girls' Choir, and to welcome George and Tristan as members of the Boys' Choir. We also said farewell to Mia and Laura – who had been members of the Girls' Choir since it began in 2008. We were delighted to welcome them back from University for Christmas.

We were privileged to be named Choir of the Month for December 2019 on the choralevensong.org website – an honour to be chosen amidst the renowned choirs previously and subsequently selected.

Sara and Victoria Wood

Annual Safeguarding Report 2019

During 2019 the Benefice has had two Safeguarding Officers: Fiona Long for St John the Baptist and Huw Thomas for Holy Trinity Church.

Andy Draper, as verifier is responsible for checks with the Disclosure and Barring Services for new and established volunteers with children and vulnerable adults at Holy Trinity. Access Personal Checking Services Ltd (APCS) is the recommended DBS Umbrella Body for the Diocese of Oxford. We have used them to undertake these checks since 2017.

Both PCCs operate a Safe Recruiting process, which aims to keep a balance between safe recruitment and not creating an onerous bureaucratic system. The recruitment of new volunteers should inform the recruiter so that necessary details and references can be obtained. Procedures are always monitored to ensure that checks and training for volunteers are delivered in a timely manner and the cooperation of volunteers in this is much appreciated.

Carol Sturges is the named recruiter for Holy Trinity Church.

During the summer, a further week-long course for children. This demonstrates the ongoing commitment across the parish community to engage with young people and the safeguarding officers supported this.

There have again been some significant changes in the safeguarding training modules and expectations. The Church of England's Practice Guidance: Safeguarding Training and Development (2019), provides a clear framework for safeguarding training across all Church of

England communities. A range of safeguarding training modules are a mandatory requirement for particular Church Officer roles. Safeguarding training should be renewed every three years.

The training is underway with all safeguarding training records being kept securely by the Parish Administrator.

The PCC has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

Huw Thomas

Sunday Club

Since the last APCM, I am pleased to report that the Sunday Club is running well and the numbers are moving in the right direction. We have a small group of regular attendees and these have been supplemented by less frequent attendees from time to time. We have also experienced a growing group of toddlers who would benefit from a creche and additional volunteers to help facilitate this with age appropriate resources to encourage religious learning.

Encouragingly we have received enquiries from parents, who have recently moved to the area and are interested in worshipping at HTC. We have a highly committed and dedicated small group of volunteers delivering high quality sessions (including songs, stories and craft activities) due to their intense preparation and innovative ideas in bringing the readings to life. Unfortunately, the number of volunteers is dwindling and we would welcome new volunteers.

The Sunday Club Reps have organised activities throughout the year: Christmas tree decorating, Christmas Craft Fair and Christingle-making, Mothering Sunday posy making, Easter Egg Hunt and the Harvest Festival. The Christmas Craft Fair was again an enormous success drawing together the entire church community, including parishioners who have not previously had chances to connect with the Children's Church as well as people from the local community selling their crafts. All the talents of cake-making, music-making, craft-making were displayed in one afternoon as well as a popular magic repertoire by a previous 'Britain's got talent' contestant. The Sunday Club Reps continue to welcome ideas and suggestions in order to encourage the expansion of attendance from the Cookham community and beyond. The Sunday Club Reps would greatly appreciate more support in the organisation, preparation and implementation of these events as it is a lot for one or two people to take on and deliver.

Through these activities, we have been able to raise funds for acquiring items for the Sunday Club such as a rug and cushions. The furniture funded from proceeds from the Christmas Fair is on order and will be placed on the raised platform by the main entrance inside HTC and in the St Clements Chapel. This will go a long way to establishing the Sunday Club with its own focal point within the main building.

We are very grateful for the support of our leaders and assistants for their preparation and delivery of Sunday Club sessions. We would welcome more volunteers. We acknowledge the importance of safeguarding children in our care and are happy with our highly dedicated team who have fulfilled their training.

Alexandra and Francis Pang

Trinity Nippers

Trinity Nippers is a parent run toddler group, with weekly input from clergy with a short church service and time to chat informally afterwards over coffee. Nippers meets in Holy Trinity Church 10.15am on Tuesdays in term time. Following the service in church the group move to the parish centre for free play and refreshments. The children enjoy action songs, bell ringing, a short Bible story and prayers. They are invited to join Sunday Club, attend 4th Sunday at 4 All Age service at St. John the Baptists.

Nippers parents have a dedicated WhatsApp group for regular members which is helpful for weekly organisation, planning group meetings outside of church, pastoral support and circulating information about church events for families.

Group numbers fluctuate between 6 - 12 children plus a similar number of adult carers. The age range for children is 0 to 4 years. The aim is to provide a relaxed atmosphere and an age appropriate introduction to church life alongside a stimulating but safe play environment. Coffee time also provides a good opportunity for clergy to meet, greet and talk 1 to 1 to parents thinking about Baptism, Church School entry or 1 to 1 adult discipleship.

A donation of £1 per week per family is suggested covering drinks, snacks, and a Children's Bible for end of year leavers.

Rev'd. Helen Chamberlain

Open Minds: The Teenagers' Debating Group

Open Minds provides a forum for our teenagers to develop their interest in topical and moral issues; and importantly to learn to engage with others in a respectful way. We normally meet in the back room of Pizza Dreams and have a small loyal following of young people who only stop attending when they go off to University. It has now been running for six years and is funded through the small profit made from the Men's Breakfast.

We are still a relatively small group, with between four and nine attendees, and the feedback we hear suggests the debates are interesting, stimulating and enjoyable. We have covered a broad range of topics such as freedom of the press, global warming and pollution, abuse of social media and propaganda, is the world becoming more confrontational, should Jerusalem be the capital of Israel etc. We have also incorporated one of the sessions into the introduction to the Lent Course this year by inviting the members to the showing of the film 'I Daniel Blake'.

We would welcome more teenagers to join us. Finally I would like to thank all those who have supported this initiative with their time and engagement – there are too many to name individually but they know who they are: thank you.

Fr David

Cookham Kids' Holiday Club

We welcomed another 100 children to Kids' Club in the summer as well as 86 volunteer helpers and all had a fantastic time.

The theme of the week was Pyramid Rock, based on the story of Joseph following the ups and downs of his life and encouraging the children to put their faith in a faithful God, as Joseph did. The theme was followed throughout the various activities of craft, drama, sport and music. We learned

some new songs as well as singing some of the old favourites and we shared these with the Sunday morning congregation at the end of week celebration. It was lovely to see everyone joining in, particularly with the hand jives in the Pyramid Rock theme song. We also had our own talking Sphinx who not only taught the children and answered their questions but also set them a riddle each day.

As always big thank you to all our helpers who did a wonderful job in looking after the children, keeping us all safe and providing such fabulous activities for them. We really couldn't do it without them and fully recognise and appreciate all the time and commitment given by the helpers.

Planning for Kids' Club 2020 is well underway; it is due to run during the week commencing Monday 27 July 2020 and we are recruiting now for volunteers.

Sheila Draper and Angela Plant

The Ladies' Group

2019 was another informative and entertaining year for the Ladies Group.

In January we welcomed Alistair McKerlie "Are you being served?" It was a time to reflect on the change in the service we receive from shops or even expect over the last decades.

In February Mark Stockdale took us on a tour of the Scottish Islands, sunshine, local hospitality and beautiful scenery, just what we needed on cold wintry afternoon.

We welcomed the BEBTA choir in March, which includes our own Programme Secretary, Tina, and husband. The members enjoyed an entertaining programme and were given the opportunity to sing along, we do enjoy singing!

Then along came my husband, Fr David, and Andy Draper, to talk us through their Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.

We were delighted that Michael Johnson was able to join us at short notice in May to enlighten us on the escape of Charles II after the battle of Worcester, we now know more than The Royal Oak.

We welcomed Fr John, our curate, in June, being quite nosey we wanted to know him better, and he did not let us down. It was fascinating to learn of his work with wind power and his spiritual journey into priesthood. We invited him there and then to our garden party in August.

Another glorious Wednesday in August for our Garden Party, we were joined by the whole of the ministry team, friends from the Methodist Ladies group and my new Kerry Blue, Bella, as we packed up a light rain fell, how lucky were we?

Dinah Latham returned in September One Woman and her Dog, Dinah's dog loves herding sheep, strange when her home is a one bedroom flat without a garden, she is a bearded collie, and it is good at it when it is real, but not at dog trials, as the joy of a flock in the next field overrides any competition.

I mentioned before we love singing so when Tina Duncan and Alan, her husband, joined us in October they sang, we sang and a good time was had by all.

During the year we sadly lost two of our longest and very active members Marion Harris and Catherine Doe, they will be remembered and missed by us all.

At the AGM in November I was voted as Chairman, the important posts of Treasurer and Programme Secretary are in the safe hands of Val Trodd and Tina Duncan, we were sad that Jean Lewis stepped down from the committee as she had ensured that the Parish Magazine and Pew News is kept up to date with our activities.

New members are always welcome, we have an excellent programme this year, take a look on the HTC website, thank you Andra. We meet in the Parish Centre on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm.

Ros Joynes

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast has now been regularly running since 2014 and its popularity is still growing with regular attendance of between forty and fifty attendees. As I mentioned last year, this number is really at the limit of what we can cope with considering the kitchen facilities we have in the Parish Centre. We will probably need to start capping the numbers on a first come, first served basis. The challenge we now have is to make this activity independent of any individual and to this end we need to form a small committee and delegate different activities such as coordinating, getting speakers, sending out invites, setting up, washing up, etc.

The format of the breakfast has remained the same – a cooked breakfast served at 8:30am on the second Saturday of every month, followed with a talk/presentation on a subject of interest. The Men's Breakfast welcomes the men in the village (regardless of faith or anything else) and provides a forum to get together, in an informal and friendly way, with the objective of providing fellowship. We know how important this is from a pastoral perspective given the responses we receive. The Men's Breakfast has always made a small profit which has been used to fund 'Open Minds' and to buy things for the kitchen.

Finally, we need to thank all who provide their support each month in so many different ways – washing up, cooking, putting out chairs and tables, collecting money, speaking, etc. We cannot mention all by name because there are so many – but thank you, without your help it would not happen.

Fr David

The Whitechapel Mission Report 2019

What do they do?

They offer free food, free showers, free clothing and free advice and counselling to all those in genuine need, free access to medical advice, free access to educational classes and free access to benefits advice, job club and housing advice. The Daycentre opens at 6am every day of the year, and staff are on-site 24 hours a day. The free Advice Centre is open Monday-Friday until 4pm. The Mission is open to all, regardless of their background, race, sex, religion or origin.

Why do we support them?

Holy Trinity Church have supported The Whitechapel Mission since the 1990s when we were introduced to their work by our friends at the Cookham Methodist Chapel.

I truly believe that, for all of the volunteers who have supported Whitechapel over the years, the opportunity to work directly with a charity and engage with the people who benefit from the work of the Whitechapel Mission has been a transformative experience.

The future

Sadly, our number of volunteers continues to drop, from 21 in 2017 we are now down to 16 and, as we need to send a team of four each month (the minimum number needed in a very busy kitchen) the number of months we can successfully cover are reducing.

Please talk to me if you are interested in volunteering – even one Sunday morning a year would be a great help!

Bernadette Clark

The Darby Pension Fund Annual Report

The Fund exists to provide payments each quarter to people in Cookham who are on low incomes and who meet the requirements set out in the will of the Darby brothers. Trustees, drawn from Holy Trinity Church, Cookham, and St John the Baptist Church, Cookham Dean, have the responsibility of administering the Fund.

The Trustees meet four times year and distribute cheques personally to those still living locally. The Fund has recently agreed to support a new local pensioner with a second individual due for assessment, however, 3 pensioners have passed on during the year and another had support withdrawn. As such there currently are 25 pensioners who are supported by the Fund as we approach the end of the 2019/20 financial year.

The investments continue to be managed by CCLA, a professional company which specializes in charities and church investments. Fund finances remain healthy and it is expected income will meet expenditure at year end.

Kate Dilley

Pastoral Network

The Pastoral Network continues quietly in the background keeping watchful eyes on the needs of church community and going wherever it is required whether it be a chance talk to one of the Ministry Team or maybe a visit or even to arrange communion to be given at home should the need arise if a parishioner is unable to attend church through illness or frailty. Transport can usually be arranged for anyone unable to get to our services.

The Men's Breakfast is still very popular with increasing numbers every month. The teenagers are well catered for with their debating group and the young ones seem to be getting more popular with the hard work of Francis and Alex Pang.

Helen's new initiative – the Hungry Hare – which she started in June last year is proving to be extremely successful with many people. The half hour sessions are very popular again emphasising that there will always be a need for a place of quiet contemplation and conversation about faith and any other pastoral concerns and the informal setting helps people from out of the church to feel relaxed and welcome.

Val Eckett and Fr David

Rendezvous Report

Rendezvous continues to run at Elizabeth House on Thursday afternoons between 3pm and 5pm. We only have three people with dementia and are finding it difficult to recruit others. Our volunteers play an active role and their help is very valuable. We continue to have lots of fun playing games, doing arts and crafts, doing movements for neurodevelopment, general knowledge quizzes, topical quizzes, language skills such as idioms and similes and of course knitting. The scarves are sent to Crisis in London. Singing and music play an important part in our sessions. New to Rendezvous is Love to Move which combines nostalgic music of the era with chair based exercises. This is provided by Taryn, courtesy of Care at Home, a local care company. She will come for half an hour every last Thursday of the month. We all enjoyed her first session at the end of January and are looking forward to many more.

Nikki Johns

Report to PCC regarding Holy Trinity C of E Primary School 26 February 2020

Number of pupils on roll – 208

The Mission Statement of the school can be found on the school's website.

Holy Trinity C of E Primary School continues to thrive and provide a centre of excellence for pupils in the heart of Cookham village. Since the school's last OFSTED inspection, in October 2015, in which it was judged 'outstanding' in all five key areas and given a judgment of 'outstanding' overall, the senior leaders, governors and staff have continued to build on its success. The school continues to grow in popularity with spaces for each year's new intake very sought after. Just over three times as many places as are available in Reception, were applied for in the last year's round of admissions. The full team of staff, and particularly the leadership team, is committed to ensuring the school's vision and the Christian ethos remains at the forefront of all decision making. The school's vision as depicted in a short film, 'Our Vision in Action', can be viewed on the school's website.

Miss Anna Smith continues in her role as Head of School working alongside Mr Dave Rooney, Executive Principal. Mr Rooney is also Executive Principal of Lowbrook Academy, another outstanding school in the borough. Links between Holy Trinity and Lowbrook are well cemented with excellent practice being shared across both schools through the regular coming together of staff. Mr Martin Gosling, Deputy Head teacher at Holy Trinity, from September 2019, took on the role of Deputy across both schools, sharing his time between sites. This further strengthened links. Staffing at Holy Trinity remains stable with highly effective teaching and support staff in place across the school.

Since Holy Trinity's Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) in October 2016 Holy Trinity has continued to build on the 'outstanding' judgement it received in all areas. The school's agreed values of 'love', 'friendship', 'forgiveness', 'courage', 'sharing' and 'hope' are at the core and their positive impact on the school's Christian distinctiveness is felt throughout. Significant importance is given to the teaching of religious education and collective worship which continues to have a noticeable impact on the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all pupils. This is led by a committed senior leadership team and a strong governing body and supported by the local clergy.

The links between school and church remain strong. Weekly acts of Collective Worship are led by members of the clergy and the school visits Holy Trinity Church at least once a term for specific celebrations in the church's calendar. Fr David Joynes, along with a second Foundation Governor,

Mr Chris Harris, sit on the school's governing body. Mrs Yasmin Thorn-Davis is the school's Chair of Governors and Dr Huw Thomas, the vice-chair.

To ensure the school continues on its path of success, the Executive Principal and Head of School produce a focused and comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan which identifies key priority areas and how they are to be tackled. Work on these has resulted in consistently high results for the past six years, demonstrating that the pupils are performing significantly better than pupils nationally. Holy Trinity has been amongst the top five schools in the local authority for performance for six years running and was the highest performing school along with Lowbrook Academy in the borough last academic year. In the Telegraph list of best performing schools, results from summer 2019 placed Holy Trinity as the fourth best performing school in the country. The school has in place robust systems for monitoring lessons, assessing the children's progress and attainment, scrutinizing marking, moderating teacher judgements and observing behaviour. All staff are mindful of the importance of inspiring the children with a sense of awe and wonder by connecting into their interests and making learning 'real' when planning and delivering lessons. A number of themed weeks, notably 'Maths Week', 'Science Week', 'Book Week', 'Arts and Culture Week' and 'Sports Week', continue to be timetabled throughout the academic year when speakers and workshop providers provide highly motivational and stimulating sessions for the children. The school is currently working on further developing and enriching the curriculum to ensure coherent links are evident across all subjects. Enhancing pupils' learning by using the latest technology and taking education beyond the classroom with trips to places of interest remains high on the agenda as does extending links with the local community. Staff are committed to working with the local community and using resources on the school's doorstep to enhance the learning experience of all pupils. For instance, an annual Service of Remembrance is held at the War Memorial in the village, regular trips to the Stanley Spencer Gallery are timetabled, sports' teams participate in borough and wider borough events, the school choirs performed at Christmas time in the Riverside Nursing Home and are regular performers on the stage at the annual Rotary's 'Maidenhead's Got Talent'. Both the arts and sport have a high profile in the school with children offered a range of activities and events to participate in. The Daily Mile was introduced three years ago and the development of a large wildlife area has provided the children with excellent opportunities to engage in outdoor learning. Extra-curricular activities are many and varied.

The children are taught citizenship and given an insight into key British values through carefully devised programmes of study and they learn the importance of moral conduct through the school's charity work. Links with charities including Partners for Change Ethiopia, MacMillan Cancer Support, Comic Relief, Children in Need, SmileTrain, Maidenhead Food Share and The Royal British Legion remain strong; all these charities have benefited from fund raising events in school in the last year. In September 2019 the school was awarded Green Flag status for its environmental work. The Eco-Council, made up of children from each class, steers the school in a range of environmental projects.

For news of what is happening at Holy Trinity C of E Primary School the school website www.holytrinitysch.co.uk, where weekly newsletters can be found, has a wealth of information and school news is published monthly in the Cookham Parish Magazine.

Anna Smith
Head of School