

# **PCC of the United Parishes of Newnham w Nately Scures w Mapledurwell w Up Nately w Greywell.**

## **Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2017**

*Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community*

### **Introduction**

The context of this report and the reports given verbally at the APCM is the call of Bishop Tim, the Bishop of Winchester, to be a church that lives the mission of Jesus. Within that context, and mindful of the move for mission across the whole church, we have explored the four diocesan strategic priorities, as set at the Diocesan Conference held in September 2013, and we have made our contribution to the Deanery Mission Action Plan (dMap) that was completed in 2014. In 2015 we worked as a team to write our Parish Mission Action Plan (pMap) making these priorities part of our life within this United Parish of five small villages and five small churches. This year the North Hampshire Downs Benefice has been asked to be one of three Benefices piloting the “Rural Benefice of the Future” project, one of the Archdeacons’ key priorities. As the strategy for the project unfolds in 2018, it will become clear how we will need to amend our pMAP to work in line with the project deliverables.

The House for Duty Priest based in the United Parish retired in early July 2016. While the parish was in vacancy, Linda Scard, Curate licensed to the Benefice but serving her curacy in the United Parish worked with the churchwardens and other PCC members to keep the life of the parish and our churches going. She was confirmed into the post as Associate Minister on 3 September 2017.

The United Parish welcomed the arrival of our Benefice Youth Pastor, Helen Chatfield, in November and committed a substantial sum to ensure this role for a period of three years, after which there will be a review.

### **Administrative Information**

The United Parish comprises five villages: Newnham w Nately Scures w Mapledurwell w Up Nately w Greywell within the North Hampshire Downs Benefice. It will be referred to as the UP in this document. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is:

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is exempted by order from registering with the Charity Commission.

## **Benefice Ministry Team Staffing**

There were some changes in the benefice leadership team in 2017. Revd. Linda Scard became Associate Minister in the United Parish, Revd Mary-Beth Hawrish joined the clergy team in May in the House for Duty post covering Long Sutton and South Warnborough, and Helen Chatfield was appointed Benefice Youth Pastor. The new team is as follows:

Revd Simon Butler: Benefice Rector

Revd Alison Brown: Associate Rector and Vicar of Odiham

Revd Linda Scard: Associate Minister in the United Parish of Newnham etc.

Revd Mary-Beth Hawrish: House for Duty priest in Long Sutton and South Warnborough

Mrs Jill Lestrille: Reader

Mr Peter Moore: Reader

Mr. Alan Hoar: Reader

Mr Chris Dudgeon, Ordinand

Ms Helen O'Sullivan will join the team as curate post ordination as Deacon in July 2018

Mrs Sian Taylor: Odiham parish administrator

Mrs Sonja Smedley: Administrator for the Rector

There are also a number of lay worship leaders who lead worship notably in Mapledurwell and Greywell.

Members of the leadership team meet on weekdays for Morning Prayer, meets for a "business" catch up every Wednesday after prayers, and the whole team meets once a month for a longer leadership meeting. The team met for two 'away days' early in the year to begin to plan the strategy for the Benefice of the Future project, and uses the Wednesday catch up meetings to ensure we are on track with progress against plan.

## **The United Parish of Newnham etc.**

During 2017 the serving members of the PCC were as follows:

### **Parish Priest and Chairman**

Mr. Michael van der Gucht, Senior Churchwarden chaired meetings until September 2017 when Revd. Linda Scard was licenced as Associate Minister who chaired meetings from then onwards.

### **Associate Minister**

Revd Linda Scard

### **Church Wardens**

Newnham

Mr. Richard Fouracre

Nately Scures

Mrs. Monica Wardrop and Dr. Maureen Ashworth

Mapledurwell

Mr. R. Price

Up Nately

Mr. M. van der Gucht

Greywell

Mrs. Libbie Bromfield

**Elected and ex-officio members: (Village Treasures and Safeguarding Officers attend by invitation)**

<b>Benefice Rector</b>	Revd. Simon Butler
<b>Newnham</b>	Mr. Jeff Ford (also Treasurer) Mr. H. Wardrop (Safeguarding Officer)
<b>Nately Scures</b>	Mr. Patrick Whelan (Treasurer) Mr. H. Wardrop (Safeguarding Officer)
<b>Mapledurwell</b>	Mr. Paul Viney (Treasurer) Mrs. Sara Paterson Mr. Nick Paterson (Safeguarding Officer)
<b>Up Nately</b>	Mr. H. Cubitt (Treasurer) Mrs. Juliet Wauchope Mrs. Angela Williams (Safeguarding Officer)
<b>Greywell</b>	Mr. D. Cooksey (Treasurer) Mrs. Lyn Boswell Mrs. R. Blagden (Safeguarding Officer)
<b>For the whole parish</b>	Mrs. P. Stubbs (Deanery Synod Rep.) Mrs. Monica Wardrop (Deanery Synod Rep.) Mrs. Juliet Wauchope (Deanery Synod Rep.) Mrs. J. Roberts (PCC Secretary) Mr. J. Webster (PCC Treasurer)

**Aims and Organisation**

The PCC of the UP has the responsibility of cooperation with the Parish Priest in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of Christ's Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

**Membership**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. There are two Churchwardens allowed for each church, elected at the Annual Meeting, taking into account the recommendations from the village committees. All Churchwardens are legally churchwardens of the whole UP. Other members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Meeting.

**Committees**

Village Church Committees (VCCs). There is a VCC in each village and it is responsible for caring for the fabric and other matters particular to the parish church in that village. The committee is also responsible for the finances its church.

Treasurers' Committee. This consists of all the treasurers. Their responsibility is to keep under review the UP's financial situation and to inform the PCC of all financial matters affecting the UP.

## Review of the year.

- **The PCC** met 4 times during 2017, in the Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall, with an average attendance of 12 members. Financial, Deanery Synod and VCC reports were given at meetings where appropriate and any actions deemed necessary were discussed. The activities of the North Hampshire Downs Benefice were also reported.
- **Reports** from all of the five UP churches will be presented at the Annual Meeting and copies of these are available on request from the secretary.
- **Revd Linda Scard** was licensed as Associate Minister of the United Parish in September 2017.
- The Help Hoima charity continues to be supported by several of the benefices of the deanery.
- In **Lent 2017** the Diocesan Lent Course followed a book called 'Turning to Christ' and forms part of the Pilgrim Course. There were two groups running in the Benefice and both were well supported.
- **Lent lunches** were held in each village, and donations were given to Help Hoima. A total of £795 was raised.
- **Collections of foodstuffs** were made in Lent and at harvest for the Camrose Centre for the homeless in Basingstoke. Throughout the rest of the year donations of foodstuffs and toiletries are given to the Basingstoke Foodbank.
- There was a parish **Quiet Day** to Alton Abbey during Lent.
- **Bishop Timothy Dakin, the Bishop of Winchester**, visited the United Parish on Palm Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Members of the congregation walked in procession, led by a donkey, from the Village Hall to St. Mary's church, Mapledurwell, where Bishop Tim was waiting to greet them for a special Palm Sunday service.
- We have 3 Residential **Nursing Homes** in the UP. Revd Linda and the team have continued to provide pastoral care for their residents and staff.
- The clergy continue to visit two of the three **nursery schools** in the parish, plus a pre-school in Herriard.
- Our **Benefice Quiz Night** returned and was won by a team from Long Sutton and South Warnborough.
- **Home Groups** continued to meet in Greywell (daytime) and Mapledurwell (evening)

## Worship

- There have been some changes to the worship pattern across the five churches with 3 monthly services in Greywell, 4 in Mapledurwell, and 2 in each of the churches in Up Nately, Nately Scures and Newnham.
- The BCP services of Holy Communion and Matins continue as well as Common Worship services of Holy Communion and Morning Service. A lay led informal team introduced a new informal service 'For All at 4' on the fourth Sunday of the month in Mapledurwell and has got off to a very encouraging start.
- The 'Fifth Sunday' United Parish services continue to be quite well supported.
- A very successful Plough Sunday service for the United Parish was held early in January at St Swithun's, Nately Scures. Tractors, ploughs and soil were all blessed at the start of the year. In spite of the heavy rain, this was well supported, and local farming families joined us for this short act of worship followed by a delicious lunch in the barn next door.

- Three of the five churches have a Family Service one Sunday a month, and Up Nately combines this with Holy Communion which seems to suit the needs of that congregation.
- There have also been three United Parish evening services, one Evensong and a Choral Evensong in Nately Scures and a Summer Songs of Praise in Newnham. There was also an afternoon Songs of Praise celebrating mothers held in Up Nately on Mothering Sunday.
- Two Pet Services were held this year, one in Mapledurwell and one in Greywell.
- Up Nately hosted 'In Loving Memory' for the whole parish and Mapledurwell hosted the Service of Remembrance.
- Services for Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Mothering Sunday and Christingle were all well attended.
- At least once a month, and especially when our five churches worship as one, our worship has been enhanced by SingUp, our parish choir. The choir has also sung at weddings and other occasional services including a lovely Choral Evensong. This has been made possible through the commitment of Monica Wardrop, who administers the choir, and Nick Willmer the musical director. We are very grateful to them.
- During the year we supported families for 14 funerals, 4 burials of ashes, 4 weddings and 9 baptisms.
- The UP took part in the North Hampshire Downs Benefice joint services on the Sunday after Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Ascension Day.
- There were three 'Messy Church' days in April, August and December in the main school holidays and these continue to be very popular. The Messy Church Team also organised a procession on Palm Sunday led by a donkey from Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall to a Family Service at St. Mary's, Mapledurwell where they were met by Bishop Tim.

#### **Fabric**

- During the year, and after an extensive fundraising programme led by churchwarden Monica Wardrop, the funds were raised (£35,000) to re-point St Swithun's, Nately Scures.
- Plans were progressed to replace the roof tiles and the wooden cladding on the tower at St Mary's, Mapledurwell, as well as to install a composting toilet and redo the church paths.
- The project to fix the heating at St Mary's, Greywell was completed, but unfortunately continues to let us down from time to time and work will continue into the new year to resolve the issues.

#### **Electoral Roll and church Attendance.**

As of April 2017, there were 157 parishioners on the Electoral Roll. 124 of these are resident within the UP.

## **Review of Financial Affairs**

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending December 2017 covers these affairs and the document is available from the Treasurer on request.

This report was approved by the PCC at their meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.