

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 2019

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 the North Hampshire Downs Benefice, of which the United Parish is a part, was asked to be one of three Benefices piloting the “Rural Benefice of the Future” project, one of the Archdeacon’s key priorities. The project was formally launched in January 2018 and over the last two years the United Parish, along with the other churches in the Benefice have been working on a plan to further our mission and ministry in our communities.

During 2019 Rev. Linda Scard stepped back from her role in the United Parish to take on wider Benefice responsibilities although we are very grateful for her continued involvement in worship and pastoral care. As Assistant Curate Rev. Helen O’Sullivan stepped up into leadership of the United Parish and was ordained priest in July 2019.

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 2019. 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
Revd Chris Dudgeon: Curate assisting primarily in Odiham and Herriard
Revd Helen O’Sullivan: Curate assisting primarily in the United Parish

Mr Peter Moore: Licensed Lay Minister
Mr. Alan Hoar: Licensed Lay Minister
Mrs Helen Chatfield: Youth Pastor
Mrs. Maddie Davies: Benefice Office Administrator
Ms Ginny Young: Benefice Communications Administrator

Members of the leadership team meet on Tuesday and Wednesday for Morning Prayer, and the team meets for a “business” catch up every Wednesday after prayers, followed by a session specifically planning for and reviewing our progress with the Benefice of the Future initiatives.

The United Parish of Newnham etc.

During 2019 the serving members of the PCC were as follows:

Rev. Helen O’Sullivan

Church Wardens

Newnham	Mr. Richard Fouracre
Nately Scures	Mrs. Monica Wardrop
Mapledurwell	Mrs. Julie Viney
Up Nately	Mr. M. van der Gucht
Greywell	Mrs. Libbie Bromfield

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

Benefice Rector	Revd. Simon Butler
Newnham	Mr. Jeff Ford (also Treasurer)
Nately Scures	Mr. Patrick Whelon (Treasurer) Mrs Nicky King-Fretts
Mapledurwell	Mr. Paul Viney (Treasurer)
Up Nately	Mr. H. Cubitt (Treasurer) Mrs. Angela Williams
Greywell	Mr. D. Cooksey (Treasurer) Mrs. Lyn Boswell
For the whole parish	Mrs. P. Stubbs (Deanery Synod Rep.) Mrs. Monica Wardrop (Deanery Synod Rep.) Mrs. R. Blagden (Safeguarding Officer) Mr. J. Webster (PCC Treasurer) Mrs. J. Roberts (PCC Secretary)

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 of 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 5 times during 2019, in the Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall, with an average attendance of 11 members. Deanery Synod and VCC reports were circulated by email before the meetings and any actions deemed necessary were discussed at the meetings. The Financial report was given at the meetings. The activities of the North Hampshire Downs Benefice were also reported.
- **Reports** from all of the five UP churches were circulated online before the meeting and a briefly presented at the Annual Meeting. Copies of these are available on request from the secretary.
- In **Lent 2019** the Diocesan Lent Course was based on the book recommended to us by Archbishop Justin Welby entitled 'Reconciliation' by Muthuraj Swamy. This course commenced in February and continued for 5 weeks with small groups meeting on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday afternoons.
- **Lent lunches** were held in each village, and donations were given to the *Mustard Seed Orphanage in Hoima* this year.
- A course entitled **Explore: theology** was run by Peter Moore and Helen O'Sullivan which delved deeper into the Scriptures and theology. The sessions were held every Tuesday for 5 weeks in February, March and April.
- The **Electoral Roll** has to be completely renewed every 6 years and this was the year that it was undertaken once again, very ably, by Jeff Ford.
- **Rev. Helen O'Sullivan and Rev. Chris Dudgeon** were ordained at Winchester Cathedral at the end of June.
- **Collections of foodstuffs** were made in Lent, at Harvest and at Christmas 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.
- We have 3 Residential **Nursing Homes** in the UP. Rev. Linda, Rev. Helen 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.

Worship

- Services scheduled for Nately Scures were held in Newnham whilst St. Swithun's church was closed due to ceiling repairs being carried out. A celebratory service was held at the end of July to mark the re-opening of the church.
- In September a section of one of the ceiling panels in St. Stephen's, Up Nately, came down. While this was being repaired, services were held in St. Swithun's, Nately Scures, and the Harvest Festival service was held outside in the churchyard.
- During August there was a slightly different pattern of services to take advantage of the summer evenings. There was one 10 am service held in the United Parish each Sunday morning and one evening service held each Sunday evening. These evening services included 'Hymns and Pimms', Holy Communion (BCP), Evensong (BCP) and a Tiazé service.
- The BCP services of Holy Communion and Matins continued as well as Common Worship services of Holy Communion and Morning Service.
- The 'Fifth Sunday' Benefice services continued to be quite well supported from the United Parish.
- A very successful Plough Sunday service for the United Parish was held in January at St Mary's Mapledurwell. Tractors, ploughs and soil were all blessed during the service. This was well supported and was followed by refreshments.
- Three of the five churches had a Family Service one Sunday a month.
- There has been an evening Informal Worship Gathering with communion held at Newnham and a United Parish Evensong held at Newnham to welcome the Rev. Helen O'Sullivan to the United Parish.
- There were four Mothering Sunday services held in the United Parish one of which was an afternoon Songs of Praise, celebrating mothers, held in Up Nately.
- On Palm Sunday we walked from Nately Scures to St. Nicholas', Newnham accompanied by our Palm Sunday donkey.
- Three Pet Services were held this year, in Mapledurwell, Greywell and Newnham.
- Newnham hosted 'In Loving Memory' for the whole parish and Nately Scures hosted the Service of Remembrance.
- Services for Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Mothering Sunday and Christingle were all well attended.
- Our worship has been enhanced by SingUp, our parish choir, especially when our five churches worship as one. The choir has also sung at weddings and other occasional services. 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 11 funerals, 4 burials of ashes, 2 weddings and 3 baptisms.
- The UP participated in the joint Benefice services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Ascension Day and the Sunday after Christmas.
- There was two 'Messy Church' day held in the UP. Generally speaking, these continue to be popular. Calamity Creek Holiday Club was a Benefice Summer Holiday Club held for 4 days during the first week of August and was very well attended.

Fabric

At the beginning of the year St. Swithun's church was closed due to ceiling repairs being carried out, *and refurbishment and rehangng of the bells*. These were completed by June.

In September, a section of the ceiling panels in St. Stephen's church, Up Natley, came down. This has now been repaired.

Refurbishment of some windows in St. Nicholas', Newnham, has taken place and secondary glazing has been installed.

Decoration has been carried out in St. Mary's Greywell, *and repairs arising from the Quinquennial*.

Electoral Roll and church Attendance.

As of April 2019, there were 128 parishioners on the Electoral Roll. 111 of these are resident within the UP and 17 non-residents.

Review of Financial Affairs

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending December 2019 covers these affairs and the document is available from the Treasurer on request.

This report was approved by the PCC at their meeting on 29th January 2020, subject to some alterations which are shown above in italics.