

Parish Profile



Welcome to the Joint Benefice of



All Saints Church
Catherington

and

St James Church
Clanfield

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Welcome to our Parish Profile for the Joint Benefice of the adjoining Parishes of All Saints Church, Catherington and St James Church, Clanfield.

In this document we set out a description of our churches, our parishes and our mission.

We hope this will form a good basis for helping you to discern if this is the right spiritual home for you.

We promise you the warmest of welcomes and our enthusiastic support.

We worship together in our local communities, seeking to bring people of all ages to Christ through our work and witness, strengthened by our faith, using our care, skills and time.

We are keen to explore a collaborative relationship for shared ministry with our neighbouring four parishes led by the recently licensed incumbent Revd Vickie Morgan. Together you will be able to recruit a house for duty minister to join the team across the six parishes. Please see further details of this towards the end of this profile.

Working together with the Parishes of Blendworth, Chalton & Idsworth, & Rowlands Castle

The churchwardens of the six parishes, with guidance from their PCCs, have worked with the Area Deans and Diocesan Mission Development Officer to look at possible ways by which the parishes would be open to exploring working together with their new clergy team when in post. The following list has been agreed as a good start in thinking about what shared ministry could like across four different areas.

<p><i>Shared Mission Opportunities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A co-ordinated approach to schools work • A marriage preparation programme • Marriage enrichment courses • Baptism preparation • Confirmation classes • The joining of young people together at times to form a critical mass • A co-ordinated approach to welcoming people moving into new housing estates • Sharing Messy Church expertise • Joint enquirer's/discipleship courses such as Alpha/Christianity Explored/Emmaus • Generally sharing good practice in mission and learning with each other 	<p><i>Shared Worship Opportunities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working together to ensure a sensible and varied choice of worship style across the 6 parishes • Look at weekday service provision together • Licensing the new clergy team across the parishes and extending the invitation to all other current licensed ministers and readers to be licensed across the parishes should they desire. This will lead to greater liaison regarding resources in this area • Combined evening praise services • This year we have a joint Ascension Day service and hope to attend the Thy Kingdom Come event at Portchester Castle on Pentecost Sunday 9 June together
<p><i>Shared Pastoral Opportunities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extending the bereavement listening programme • Extension of the 'Here to listen' pastoral group and phone line • Home Communion • Care homes – sharing good practice, plotting our presence and praying together for this ministry • Joint Lent courses 	<p><i>Shared Admin and Operations Opportunities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCI are already coordinated as one administratively. We will need to look longer term as to how Rowlands Castle fits with this system • Openness to exploring an appropriate centralised administrative base for shared working • Could there be greater collaboration with resourcing funerals?

The parishes and the diocese would be looking for the successful applicants to work together to continue this process developing the shared ministry that has already started to grow. The Area Deans and Mission Development Officer would be available to support in this process should that be helpful.

Our Location



Our two villages lie approximately 12 miles north of Portsmouth on the borders of the South Downs National park, which is an area of outstanding natural beauty.

They lie:

- 20/25 minutes' drive from Portsmouth and the Diocesan Office
- 15 minutes' drive from the market town of Petersfield, which has a direct train line to London Waterloo (70 mins)

There are a number of small local shops, with a number of supermarkets within a 1-6 mile radius. Each village has a pub, along with a number of good country pubs within a 3 mile radius.

For our new Priest in Charge and their family, there is a lot to do, to explore, to share and to be involved in within both villages, and beyond.

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All Saints Church, Catherington

Rural Catherington has clusters of houses among fields and woodland away from main roads. The total population of the village is about 4,000, mainly due to increased housebuilding in the past 5 years. All Saints Church currently has 100 on its Electoral roll.

Historically Catherington was dominated by agriculture, but increasingly those in business, medical and other professions are making their homes here and working in the South Downs area, commuting to London or working from home several days a week.

Within a mile, good regular bus services provide transport to and from Waterlooville, Havant, Portsmouth and Petersfield, with connections to a number of other larger towns and cities, such as Chichester, Winchester and Southampton.



This is a desirable location and house prices tend to reflect this. The population, therefore is a mix of long standing residents, many of whom are retired, together with younger working people and young families.

Beyond Catherington there are several small estates peppered throughout the wider area, which successfully combine private, social, council and affordable contemporary housing.

With a choice of Church of England churches fairly close by, our congregation is drawn from a wider area than just the parish boundary. The parish population is mainly middle and working class.

All Saints Church, Catherington



The Church: the building and resources

This attractive early 12th century Norman church, Grade II* listed, is built with flint walls and stone columns and has evolved through the centuries to become a popular landmark. Standing on high ground, its original features (subject to some Victorian change) have remained intact.

Currently the church has an annual deficit due to low congregation numbers. However we are blessed with a legacy with which we are progressing building repairs, and these alterations need to attract a larger congregation and, thereby, increased income.



With its picturesque and attractive location, the church is a popular choice for weddings and marriage blessings. Baptism services are held once per month, or occasionally within our 9.30am Sunday service.

With an adjacent cemetery, the church is often the choice for a busy schedule of funerals.



The church building condition today : our plan for its future

Currently we are resolving the subsidence issue of the Lady Chapel wall. We have a possible solution under consideration.

Further to this work, we will be spending our legacy on restoration of the main church building resolving rising damp issues, heating, and decoration.

Stewardship:

The Parish Giving Scheme is in operation

Building usage and its future:

We believe All Saints' Church has a future. There is a great opportunity now to improve our building, making it more suitable for all users and to provide increased comfort to modern standards. This will encourage new attendance, and turn around the decline in numbers. The PCC and congregation will fully support the new minister in this challenge.



Bell Tower: At All Saints, the 8 church bells, operated by a loyal and regular independent team, are rung at most 0930 Sunday services and festival services, and weddings (if requested).



Hand Bells: All Saints have a small team of hand bell ringers who meet regularly each week, and who delight the congregation by

playing within some of the services and at special festivals throughout the year.

Fundraising

A number of fund-raising events are held in the church each year in support of church funds, major among these is the annual Flower, Crafts and Produce Show, the Hymns and Desserts evening, and most recently a Christmas Sing-along.

All events are well publicised and open to the public - our aim is to encourage people to come and enjoy being in the church and aware of what we offer.

In addition there are a number of social events in our calendar, usually including a good meal!!



School Services:

Both our local church schools and the local private school hold end of term services in the church. The church junior school has held an annual Year 3 Christianity Awareness Day at the church just before Easter for the last 8 years, which is a joint venture with the church



Church Services and our style of Worship:

At All Saints Church we practise a mid-traditional approach to common worship, seeking to involve ourselves and others in spiritual and community fellowship.

The congregation is made up of mostly long-standing members with some young families who participate in the children's Sunday Club, who meet approximately fortnightly during school term time, with the children joining our 0930 service at the time of the Peace.

With an average Sunday congregation of 50 worshippers, we see ourselves as open and very

welcoming to all but needing some inspirational leadership from a new minister. We believe we are at a point of change spiritually, physically and structurally, as we seek to rejuvenate our faith and church building to attract new members, particularly families, to our congregation.

Annual and Festival Services:

(held in each church or as a joint service)

Advent Carol Service, Christingle, Carol Services, Crib Services, Christmas Eve Midnight Communion, Christmas Day, Epiphany, Baptism of Christ, Candlemas, Ash Wednesday, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday – The Last Hour, Easter Eve Vigil, Easter Sunday, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance Sunday, plus Patronal Festivals (St James in July and All Saints in November)

Special Events for Children and their families

There are special events organised for children and their families during the year e.g. fortnightly Sunday Club at All Saints and monthly Messy Church, held at St James on behalf of both churches.

There is also a weekly Baby Group (up to 1 year of age), and Toddle On (1-5 years of age).

Ministry Team and Community Links

The church is well cared for by a dedicated team of parishioners and the wider village who provide cleaning, flower arranging, bell ringing, churchyard maintenance and coffee after the services. Our church places a high priority on welcoming newcomers and nurturing and supporting existing worshippers – our spiritual family.

We have two Churchwardens, a team of servers, lay chalice assistants, intercessors and lesson readers. The Parochial Church Council (PCC), has a full complement of members, and all comply with current Data Protection and Safeguarding procedures, with the Finance & Standing Committee and PCC meeting on a regular basis.

The Churchwardens head a large number of dedicated volunteers. As well as leading church services, our associated clergy staff offer visits to local care homes for pastoral care and communion. One of our Associated Priests keeps in touch with anyone who is sick or unwell in the village or anyone requiring pastoral care.

The Vicar's spiritual ministry will be supported significantly by two Associate Priests and by two Lay Readers across the Joint Benefice. We also have a house group which meets regularly.

Foundation Governors: At the local Junior School we have two Foundation Governors, one being one of our Lay Readers and the other a member of the congregation. At Catherington Infant School, one of our congregation has been a Foundation Governor for the past four years and has been asked by the Governing Board to continue. Our retired Vicar was also a Foundation Governor at the Infant School, and we would be looking for our new resident vicar to take on this role in this wonderful school, in its Victorian building. All Foundation Governors have been fully involved with the life of each school.

Catherington Village Residents Association support both village life and the work of their local church.



Outreach

The Joint Benefice website, weekly pew sheet and monthly Parish Magazine publicise our programme of services, social and fundraising events being held and our news, as well as that from other local organisations. To maintain communication links, the Parish Magazine always includes a 'Letter from our Clergy Team', as well as an information article 'from the desk of the All Saints Churchwardens'. Our website is currently under redevelopment, moving towards a more effective use of social media, i.e. Facebook, Twitter etc.

Weekly Activities

All Saints Church offers weekly outreach facilities to families such as a Baby Group (for children up to 1 year of age with their parents / carers), and Toddle On (for children from 1 – 5 years of age). A weekly Scrabble Group also meet where a small number of parishioners pit their wits and spelling prowess against each other!

Monthly Activities

Bereavement Coffee mornings (which are a Joint Benefice event) take place on the 3rd Saturday of each month at All Saints Church, bringing together those now finding themselves on their own for a morning of friendly chat and social interaction. It also acts as a

follow-up to funerals and is open to all in the community. A Bereavement Service is held twice-yearly at All Saints Church, which is followed by coffee and fellowship.

Messy Church (held at St James but as a joint venture with All Saints) is also held during the afternoon of the 3rd Saturday of each month. This is a highly popular monthly event with many families attending for an afternoon of craft, cookery and friendly worship.

'The All Saints Monday Club (TASMC)' meet on the 2nd Monday of each month, discussing a number of topics over a welcome drink, or going on walks, visiting local areas or places of interest, or taking part in a host of varied activities. The annual Christmas Dinner is one of the main highlights of the year, and the invitation list has grown substantially over the years.



Outreach

All Saints Churchyard Working Party has a strong contingent of members of the congregation and from the community who regularly meet up to undertake maintenance issues within the churchyard, and sometimes within the church and church hall.

At the end of the morning (usually on the last Saturday of each month) members meet up in the church hall for a shared lunch provided by members of the group. And not forgetting the annual Christmas Get Together following the churchyard working party on the last Saturday of December and the bi-annual Garden Party!

Annual Events:

Hymns & Desserts: Now in its 13th year, this is a very popular event at All Saints which attracts many visitors from not just within the church community but also a wider audience. Sponsored favourite hymns are sung in church on a Sunday evening at the beginning of June, followed by a wide selection of delicious desserts (provided by the All Saints Congregation), together with a glass (or two) of wine or maybe a fruit juice or cordial. It's a free event, but generous donations are made by those attending.

Christmas Sing-a-long: This event was held for the first time early in December 2018, and received much acclaim and requests for it to become an annual event, which is particularly pleasing as the event attracted a number of people whom we cannot recall seeing in our church before. Attendees were guided through popular (non carol) Christmas songs (as usually heard on the radio etc) and invited to sing-a-long. During the interval attendees were able to enjoy refreshments provided by members of the All Saints congregation, and also provided an opportunity for all to chat with everyone who came along.



Catherington Church of England Infant School



*Growing together
in God's love*

Catherington Infant School is a popular small village school making a big difference, which currently has 89 pupils on roll (maximum 90) aged 4 to 7 years. It's situated close to All Saints Church, and is housed in a lovely Victorian building with some more modern adaptations and a great school field with a variety of play equipment, including a mud kitchen, suitable for all enquiring minds!



The school has an excellent reputation within the community with its catchment area including the neighbouring villages and was recently judged as 'Good' during an Ofsted inspection in November 2018, with a very positive report from the Inspector. The school is due to undergo its SIAMS inspection during the summer of 2019.



The school and parents regularly visit All Saints Church for a variety of services and events including end of term services, and staff and the children use the church and its grounds to support their learning as part of the curriculum. They have also provided displays situated inside the church for particular festivals, including Remembrance Day.



The School's values seek to underpin the Christian belief that we are all God's people and that we all matter. It endeavours to nurture excellence in all that they do: both in their learning and through citizenship. The school believes that everyone within the school community should be valued and treated with love and respect and that everyone has a right to grow and become the best they can be. With these values and its belief that it has a responsibility to give its best in all it does, the children are helped to prepare for their life-long journey of learning.



Horndean Church of England Junior School



The school is proud of their high standards the children achieve, not only in their academic study and behaviour, but also in music and sport. This large school has strong Christian foundations and every child is valued and supported in aspiring to excellence. Horndean Junior School is a good school, providing an outstanding Church School education. Its core Christian Values of Thinking with Thanksgiving, Learning with Love and Caring with Compassion underpin all that it does and defines the school ethos.

Our Vision: Through the school's Christian Values of Thinking with Thanksgiving, Learning with Love and Caring with Compassion, the school creates an achievement culture for all, pursuing high expectations and promoting positive attitudes to learning. Through its engaging curriculum they aim to develop the whole child, meeting the needs of each individual to prepare them for their future.

Christian Values

Thinking with Thanksgiving

Appreciating and considering our gifts as a blessing from God, we will try to:

Use our gifts wisely

See the good in ourselves and others

Think beyond the obvious

Learning with Love

Discovering and developing attitudes to give us hope for the future, we will try to:

Learn from our mistakes

Forgive ourselves and others

Love learning together

Caring with Compassion

Following Jesus' example, respecting and valuing differences in our community, we will try to:

Be a good friend

Respect and look after the environment

Seek opportunity to help those in need



The Havant Deanery

All Saints Church is part of the Havant Deanery, one of eight Deaneries in the Diocese of Portsmouth. Our patron is The Rt Rev Christopher Foster, Bishop of Portsmouth. The Deanery comprises of 16 parishes and the Deanery Synod meets 4 times annually with regular chapter meetings and shared events.

During recent years we've run a 'Leading your Church into Growth' (LyCiG) local course which was attended by PCC members and other parishioners across from both churches.

Support to charities

We support many charities and donate regularly as agreed by each PCC. Both our churches generously contributes to The Horndean Food Bank in line with their wish list. We hold regular collections for the Children's Society and for any world-wide disasters which may unfortunately occur.



Each year we support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal including members of the congregation and community selling poppies in local stores. Both churches hold a Remembrance Service and our (now retired) Vicar would also attend, and sometimes lead, the Remembrance Service held in Horndean village.

The Lychgate at All Saints is a WW1 Memorial. The churchyard is a Site of Historical Importance as it includes 5 WW1 graves, and also the Coronel Monument, the only monument in the United Kingdom to commemorate the WW1 Battle of Coronel. The church is also under the auspices of the War Graves Commission.



The Wider Church

In our area Churches Together connects other local different faiths, holding some joint events. Occasionally other faiths make use of the church building for their services.

All Saints Church : Our Vision

In preparing this profile, we find that our parishes of Catherington and Clanfield have much in common and we always hope to look forward and work together.

There are countless opportunities for us to grow and develop while recognising and respecting the core beliefs with which we are familiar. The members of our congregation are, at the moment, mostly middle-aged and elderly except at major festivals when the church is busy. We long to see our church grow across all ages, and we're looking for a Priest who will move us forward with energy, keeping our church central in the life of the village and rising to the challenges that this presents. We hope and pray that the Priest will strengthen our congregation in worship and will especially deepen our spiritual lives. We see great potential for God's work in our parish and we look for leadership and encouragement to use the enthusiasm already present in our congregation and community. There are great social changes in the way that people spend their weekends which of course affects their pattern of living. We are only too aware that this may be one of the biggest challenges for our new Priest. We need to work with these changes and review our work going forward - both in terms of our mission, timings, pattern of services and content. That is not to say we should abandon our existing preference for traditional worship, but we do need to communicate with, understand, respect and provide for the needs of a

younger generation as well. Technology, social media, music and art may all have a big part to play.

OUR PRIEST:

We pray our new Priest will ...

- Bring spiritual depth, inspiration and leadership to the parish.
- Grow and encourage our existing ministry team to develop new and pro-active pathways which will be effective across all ages.
- Nurture and develop the full range of worship, music and liturgy expressed in our church, being sensitive to the mix of services and our balance of tradition, to bring others alongside.
- Able to recognise and harness the gifts of others.
- Be someone with proven leadership skills for mission.
- Engage with the financial issues we all face and be prepared to consider initiatives to address these with the wider community as well as with the congregation.
- Work with our schools to inspire children and support young families in their faith journeys.

We offer:

- Our support and encouragement, through prayer and action together.
- A willingness to be receptive to new ideas.
- Social opportunities and engagement with a proactive community.
- A comfortable home in a rural peaceful setting.

All Saints Church : The Vicarage & Church Hall

The Vicarage

As part of the Six Parishes Cluster (of Catherington & Clanfield, Blendworth, Chalton & Idsworth, and Rowlands Castle), All Saints Church has a vicarage for the Priest in Charge. (There is also a 'House for Duty' in Blendworth).

The vicarage at All Saints Church is beautifully situated beside All Saints Church. It is a good, spacious adaptable family home with five bedrooms and one bathroom and a cloakroom, kitchen, dining room and double-aspect lounge. The property is currently undergoing some areas of redecoration and refurbishment. There is a large established garden.

An anterior room inside the porch (together with a cloakroom) has been used to provide accommodation for the Parish Office, although this is currently in situ in a portakabin in the church hall car park.

The Church Hall

There are a variety of community users of the church hall at various times throughout the week, including Pilates, Zumba, Scrabble, Hand-Bell Ringers, Dance School, Southdown Ladies Choir, Air Scouts, to name but a few.

The hall is also available for private hire for parties and weddings, and also used for the many varied social events put on by members of the All Saints congregation.

The church and church hall benefit from a large gritted car park, with disabled parking available.



St James, Clanfield

A spiritual welcoming and healing community, seeking wholeness for all in the name of Christ



Who are we?

We are a semi-rural Anglican church in Clanfield, based close to Portsmouth in Hampshire, made up on average, of 30 regular Sunday worshippers. We are a very sociable, welcoming church, inclusive to all and value our close sense of community.

St James is a church with willing volunteers, nearly everybody in the congregation wears many hats. We are prepared to help in any situation when needed and we don't worry when things don't go as smoothly as planned.

Where we are in our journey?

Over the years we have enjoyed strong Bible-based teaching and preaching from our clergy, lay readers and members of our congregation and have well established, supportive House Groups. We are a mature congregation and are eager to attract all newcomers, in particular, families from the new housing developments in our village. We embrace all forms of worship to suit and encourage all ages and preferences.

What are our Priorities and Operational Focus?

To help us achieve our mission statement the key areas for us are:

- Discipleship
- Children & Youth
- Community Outreach

Where do we go from here?

We are keen to see and eager to develop further growth. We want to see growth in numbers as well as depth of personal discipleship. We want to achieve this while maintaining our strong sense of community and close relationships which we value so highly in this semi-rural setting.

What are our greatest challenges?

We are a mature, small, committed and capable congregation, keen to take on tough challenges. We need encouragement, teaching, practical guidance and leadership to enable us to listen to God more often and intently to be able to discern His will and purpose for our Church, our talents and the needs of our community.

What do we need from our new vicar?

We are looking for a vicar who will build on what we have already achieved, help us meet our challenges and lead us into the next phase of our journey. He or she needs to be a person of strong personal faith and leadership skills and have a love and passion for our community. He or she also needs to be a collaborative team player who is able to nurture, motivate and affirm the talents and contributions of others. It is also critical that he or she has a real gift for preaching and teaching and are able to relate the Bible to our contemporary and ever changing life style.

Our new vicar?

Desires and comments collected from the congregation.

A spiritual
'people' person

Someone who is keen to create a strong presence in the community and actively encourage and support evangelism in our community

Helps, acknowledges and encourages people to see and use their gifts

A friendly, understanding, confident person who looks after their flock

Encourages everyone to get involved in some way with church life

Charismatic

Supports and attends the various church groups and social events

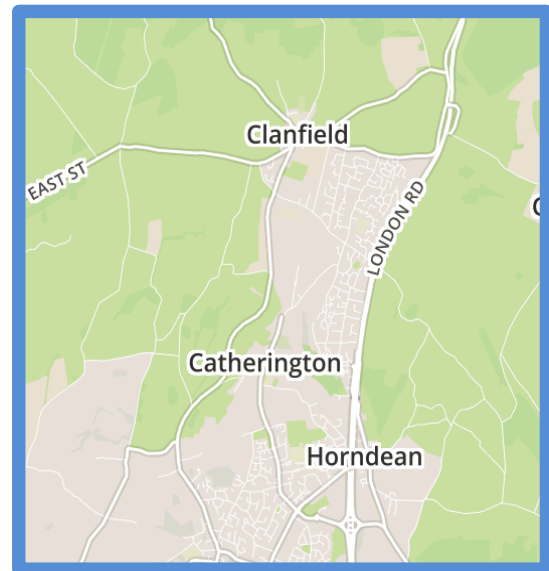
Someone who is passionate for ecumenical activity

A priest who is visible in the parish and cares for their parish's well-being and spiritual development

Someone who is comfortable with both formal and informal services so that we can enjoy a variety of services at both churches

Our Parish

St James belongs to the Joint Benefice of All Saints Catherington and St James Clanfield. The Joint Benefice parishes are attractively located in a long strip running parallel to the A3M in Hampshire, bordering the South Downs National Park. Although originally small villages, Catherington and Clanfield have become small 'commuter towns' as families take advantage of their rural setting with easy access both to the South Coast towns and London. New housing is gradually filling gaps between the two parishes and Horndean, leading towards one eventual Horndean village.



Although part of a Joint Benefice, St James has its own Churchwardens and own PCC. We hold joint services with All Saints, to celebrate special occasions together such as our patronal festivals, and also smaller services and mid-week services. We also support each other in various joint mission and fund raising events.

Our Parish History

The name Clanfield is derived from the Old English and means "field clean of weeds". Clanfield began as a small settlement in the Middle Ages. It was historically a small farming community centered about the church of St James that dates from 1305 and was rebuilt in 1875. The first rector was John de Clanfield. The current Church was built in brick with an external facing of flint and wrought stone and consists of chancel with vestry, nave with south porch and west bell turret. The two bells in the turret are both medieval, the work of Roger Landon. The baptism font and west window also date back to the 14th century.

During the Second World War when Portsmouth was heavily bombed some people built shacks using old railway carriages in Clanfield, where they could shelter at night. In the mid-20th century Clanfield began to grow rapidly and by 1959 the village was growing so fast some people feared that Clanfield would cease to be a village. However Clanfield has managed to keep its village charm.

In December 2007 the vestry and chancel in St James Church were badly damaged by a fire but were lovingly restored to its former glory with generous support from the community.

Today Clanfield is a flourishing village.

The population of Clanfield is about 4,500 (estimated 2002).



Our Church Buildings



The history of St James Church tells a story about how people have been worshipping and praying in this place since medieval times.



The church has become a holy space where people at all stages in their spiritual journey can come and find God. Our church is therefore more than just a quaint, picture postcard of bricks and mortar; rather its foundations are based on the generations of Christian people who have found and continue to find God in Jesus Christ.



The church building, a Grade II listed building, is in good condition and we diligently maintain it in accordance with the recommendations in our Quinquennial report, last one in 2015.

We have a mixture of pews and chairs, so the seating arrangements are quite flexible and allow for different kinds of worship, groups and meetings. The worship area can seat around 120 people.



The church hall is extensively used throughout the week by numerous groups including the local Nursery School, Brownie Group meetings, Windmill Players (a local dramatic society), a Ukulele group and Quilters. The hall is fitted with a small kitchen which is regularly used for serving church meals after special services and other activities like Sunday Afternoon Teas and Messy Church.



Our Church Community:

Ministry Team

Our Ministry Team consists of two, self-supporting associate priests (SSM) and two readers, who are licensed to the Joint Benefice.

Support Teams

We have a very strong support system, comprising of a dedicated PCC, Healing Prayer Team and Prayer Ministry Team.

Pastoral support teams include Baptism Preparation, Marriage Preparation, Bereavement Group together with general Pastoral support.

Worship Team

At St James we use a wide range of music and enjoy different styles of worship at our main 11 am service, ranging from traditional communion with the organ and choir, to informal communion with the church band.



We have a monthly non-communion service and special non-communion services at other times such as Mothering Sunday and Harvest Festival.

We have an 8 am service of said communion twice a month, occasional healing services, monthly Messy Church on a Saturday, and Café Church with the church band, also on a Saturday, on alternate months.

Sometimes we also have evening services of different styles, from traditional evensong to Celtic and some discussion sessions.



Service in the Meadow – Queen’s Jubilee



Café Church

Spiritual development

We have two well established House Groups who meet informally either weekly or fortnightly to explore their faith and support spiritual growth, through Bible study, discussion and prayer.

Once a month we have a Prayer Breakfast hosted by one of our SSMs. We run yearly adult baptism and all age confirmation courses, when appropriate.

Also, as part of the New Wine Network, we use their material to run other courses such as 'Learning to hear the voice of God' and 'Learning to heal'. The courses are well attended and the hope is that this will lead into a growing and well-founded prayer and healing prayer ministry.

Mission



As well as our regular traditional and informal communion services, we also hold an outdoor Pet service, biannually, which is generally very well attended and enjoyed by the community.

We run several activities outside of our normal services which are aimed at reaching the wider parish. There are the Summer Sunday Afternoon Teas which have people returning year after year as our reputation for good cakes and friendly atmosphere has spread.

Then there are the Winter Tea Time Together afternoons which are by invitation to generally older people in need of a little company. These take place once a month, to spread a little joy and fellowship.

There are monthly Bereavement Coffee Mornings where people can share their stories with others and spend some time with people in similar circumstances.



We welcome everybody into our church and try to make new people welcome, including those at Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals. However we don't tend to have many Weddings or Funerals as we only have room for between 100 to 140 people – and that's a squash for big occasions!

We also have a thriving [Joint Mothers' Union Branch](#) with over 20 members who meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, except August, normally in St James Church Hall. Projects include the weekly Baby Group and Toddle-On, both at All Saints Church Hall.

St James and All Saints are represented at Horndean and Clanfield [Churches Together](#) Forum, which consists of other representatives from local Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and Catholic Churches. They meet four times a year and organise some joint ventures for example the printing of the communal Christmas card containing details of all the Church Christmas Services which is distributed to all houses in Horndean, Clanfield and Catherington The Walk of Witness each Good Friday, where a wooden cross is carried from one church to another, with stopping points for hymns, prayer or meditation is also jointly organised. A joint service is held during the week for Christian Unity each January. At the meetings information and invitations are given for events at the different churches. The Forum also supports Open the Book group that goes into Hart Plain Infants School Cowplain and Berewood School Waterlooville.

Children's Work

Our outreach and ministry to children and their families is very important to us.

Mothers' Union Baby Group , has been running for 10 years on a Wednesday morning between 10.30 and 12 noon on behalf of Catherington and Clanfield Mothers' Union. It is primarily for first time mothers with babies up to the age of 1 year or until the baby starts to walk. Baby gyms for the tiny babies and toys for those who can sit or crawl are available and for the mothers there is tea, coffee and biscuits. The aim of the group is to provide a safe and welcoming environment for mothers to make friends and discuss their problems among themselves.

Toddle-on is a long standing, well known and highly valued group in the community. It is held on a Friday morning at All Saints Church Hall on behalf of Catherington and Clanfield Mothers' Union. The group meets for 50 weeks of the year and is open to all children under 5 and their parents or carers. We offer a varied choice of activities and an outside play area in the good weather. The session runs from 10.00 until 12.00 and includes a healthy snack of fresh fruit and toast. The group, which is run by church volunteers, aims to provide play opportunities in a safe environment and an opportunity for parents and carers to enjoy some time to socialise.

Messy Church has been enormously successful and is regularly attended by up to 40 children and their families. It is a resource-intensive, monthly event but regarded as a worshipping congregation in its own right and not a stepping stone to Sunday Church.



Schools

We were invited into the local state Infant School in Clanfield in 2014 and we have been leading assemblies every half term ever since. In 2018 we were invited into Clanfield's Junior School to start leading assemblies there. One of our SSM's was also invited to become a governor in the Infant School and has just completed her first years' service as governor.

Social

Of course there are also the inevitable fundraising activities such as our Christmas Fair, May Fair, Quiz night, or sometimes a Murder Mystery evening, Travelling supper or concert.



Not to forget our Joint Benefice Skittle Evening, where a hotly contested trophy is presented to the winning church.



For large events, we make use of our local Parish Council Memorial Hall, which is in walking distance from St James.

Community Links



Clanfield-On-Line

With the growth of our village over the last couple of years, new initiatives have started to grow within the village and the church is finding a role within these initiatives. We are part of the Clanfield-On-Line community base. Clanfield-On-Line has come about by the local businesses wanting to promote not only their service to the community but have invited village community groups to join them and share their service to the village. This has enabled the church to have a visible presence in the community other than that of weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Clanfield Celebrations

This again is a new community action group who have got together to hold a yearly celebration event on the village field. The church has been involved with this from the beginning and the event is growing each year. The church band was invited to open the 2018 event and have been booked for the 2019 event.



We also have links with the Royal British Legion who we support each year with the Village Remembrance Service held in the local Memorial Hall.

Useful Links

Church Website	www.allsaintsandstjames.weebly.com
Twitter	@assjchurches
Facebook	www.facebook.com/sjclanfield
Clanfield-On-line	http://www.clanfieldonline.com/

Appendices

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Sunday Attendance

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Electoral Roll	46	49	47	46	42
Adults	28	31	33* (31)**	29* (25)**	28*
Children			3* (1)**	3* (1)**	0*

* Taken during the month of October

** Normal Sunday numbers

Yearly number of other services

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Baptisms	19	19	11	12	13
Weddings	2	4	0	3	4
Funerals	2	3	6	4	6

Census and Deprivation Data (Clanfield)

3 745 population	4.3%	Age	0 – 4 yrs
1 509 households	16%		5 – 17 yrs
1.8 sq. miles	9.4%		18 -29 yrs
2 056 people per sq. mile	16.2%		30 – 44 yrs
	33.6%		45 - 64 yrs
98.2% White ethnicity	20.5%		65+ yrs

Appendix 2: Church Finances

St James manages to hold its own financially, and the Parish Share has been able to be paid in full each year. A significant proportion of our income is via the parish giving scheme and the various fund raising events held each year. We maintain and operate several funds – General fund, Churchyard fund, Garden of Remembrance fund, Baptism fund, Messy Church fund, Special Projects funds and Sequestration Account. We budget 5% of our annual unrestricted income for charitable giving.

As at 31 Dec 2018:

Income for the year	=	£55,040
Expenditure for the year	=	£53,634
Balance for the year	=	£1,406

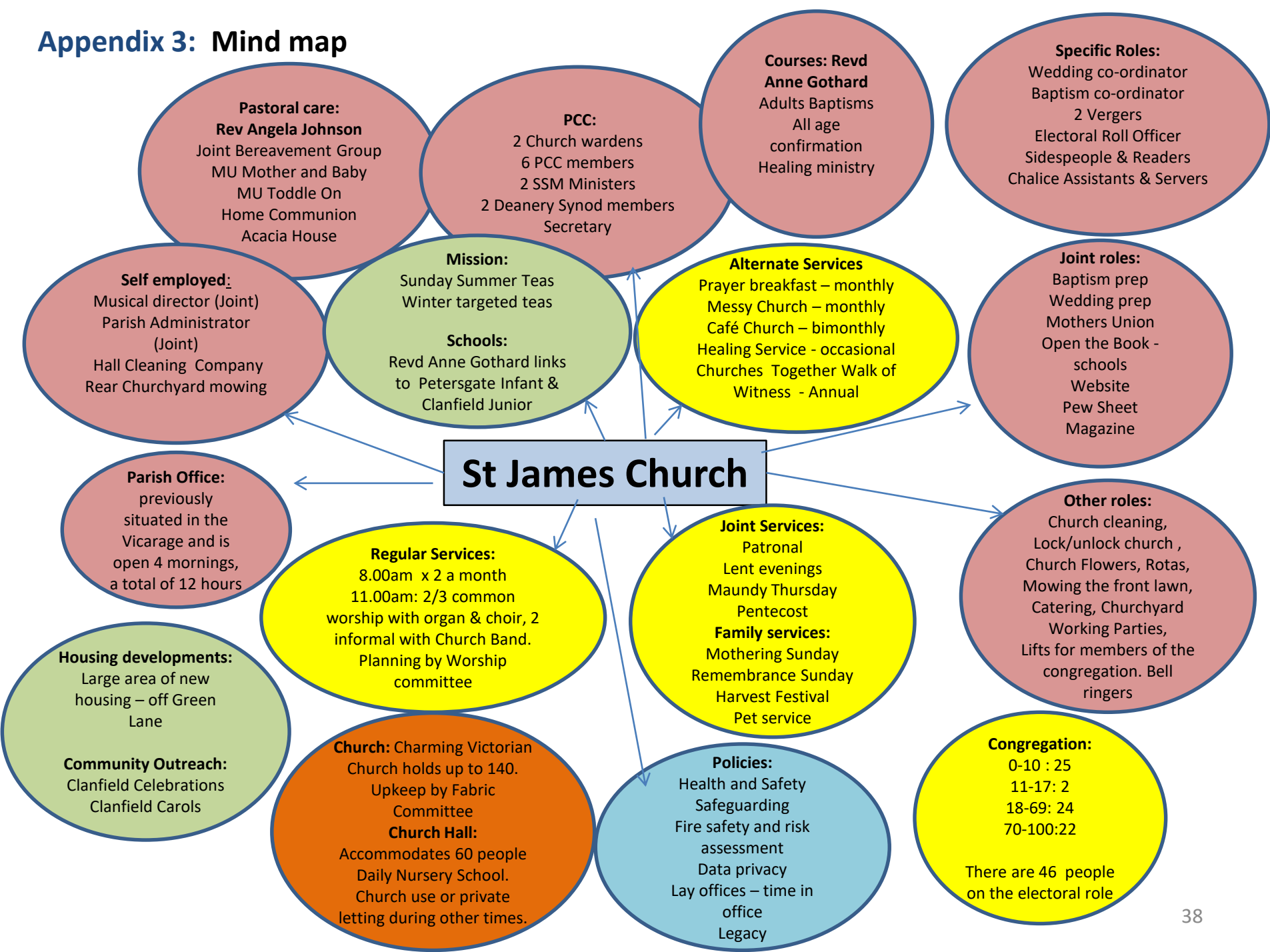
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Budget for 2019:

	2019 Budget	2018 Estimate	2018 Estimate Basis (Sept 2018 month end)	Notes
RECEIPTS				
Incoming resources from donors				
Collections/Donations	3,500	3,564	to Sept X 4/3	
Gift Aid Income	19,000	19,417	to Sept X 4/3	
Income Tax Recovered (Gift Aid)	4,750	5,713	to Sept + expected	2019 use 25% 2019 budgeted Income
Non-Gift Aid Income	2,500	2,628	to Sept X 4/3	
Other voluntary incoming resources		31,322		Total Giving estimate 2018
Income from operating activities to further the work of the Church				
Magazine	65	0	No longer in budget	
Weddings/Funerals	3,500	4,000	to Sept + 2 Fun's & Wed	
Hall Income	6,500	7,648	(to Sept - 1 off) X 4/3	3 terms
Income from operating activities to generate funds				
Fundraising - Church	3,000	3,000	Inc. Fair - still to happen	
Sundries				
Income from Investments				
Interest Income	20	25	Actual + expected	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	42,835			
PAYMENTS				
Grants to further the work of the Church				
	1,566	1,650	PCC allocation + expected	5% total giving estimate for 2018
Church Activities				
Diocesan Payments	25,000	24,288	Actual	Actual + inflation
Staff Expenses	250	450	2 Clergy + 2 Readers.	No cost during vacancy.
Church Insurance	770	747	Actual	2018 + inflation
Gas,elect,rates,water,etc	1,000	795	to Sept X 4/3	
Fabric,Repairs,Churchyd	2,000	2,600	to Sept + expected	
Organist/Music	1,600	1,510	to Sept + expected	Salary + Licences + Occasional + Music
Altar,wine,candles etc	160	147	(to Sept - 1 off) X 4/3	
Youth & Children's Work	50			
Sundries				
Church Management & Administration				
Deanery Capitation Fee	20	10	Actual	Increase forecast
Hall Costs	6,000	5,920	(to Sept - 1 off) X 4/3	
Photocopies	650	636	to Sept X 4/3	
Faculty				
Admin Expenses	2,500	2,313	to Sept X 4/3	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	41,566			
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	1,269			

I Have not allowed for potential Hall improvements:
These will be paid from the designated fund.

Appendix 3: Mind map



Appendix 4: 2017 Annual Report – available on request