

# **A Rector for The Benefice of Upper Itchen**

Beauworth, Bramdean, Cheriton, Hinton Ampner,  
Kilmeston and Tichborne



**Father God, Creator God, Source of life,  
enable our benefice to be an effective channel of your love  
Amen**

## **Benefice Profile September 2018**



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Welcome to this Benefice Profile and Role Description...and welcome to the Diocese of Winchester!

At the heart of our life here is the desire to be always **Living the Mission of Jesus**. We are engaged in a strategic process to deliver a mission-shaped Diocese, in which parochial, pastoral and new forms of pioneering and radical ministry all flourish. Infused with God's missionary Spirit we want three character traits to be clearly visible in how we live:

- Passionate personal spirituality;
- Pioneering faith communities;
- Prophetic global citizens.



The Diocese of Winchester is an exciting place to be right now. With a grant of £4.3m from the Strategic Development Fund, we are investing in missional projects across the diocese which are aimed at **strategic growth for the common good**. We pray that, if God is calling you to join us in his mission here, he will reveal this to you clearly as you consider this post.

“From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.” (John 1:16)

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**Alresford Deanery** Close to the historic Cathedral city of Winchester we are a very rural deanery of five benefices and twenty-six churches with a rich diversity of tradition. In each of the benefices there is a move to engage in new ways of being Church, and our Deanery Mission Action Plan (dMAP) has identified strategic areas in which the Deanery wants to move forward, including working more closely with neighbouring benefices.



**The Reverend David Chattell,**  
**Acting Area Dean of Alresford**

The Deanery has a vibrant mix of stipendiary clergy, SSMS, LLMS and those who hold a Bishop's Commission for Mission. Alresford Deanery Chapter is a place of warmth, support and friendship. We are currently beginning the process of working together with the neighbouring deanery of Alton, exploring joint chapter and synod meetings. You, and the parishes, are in my prayers at this time of discernment.

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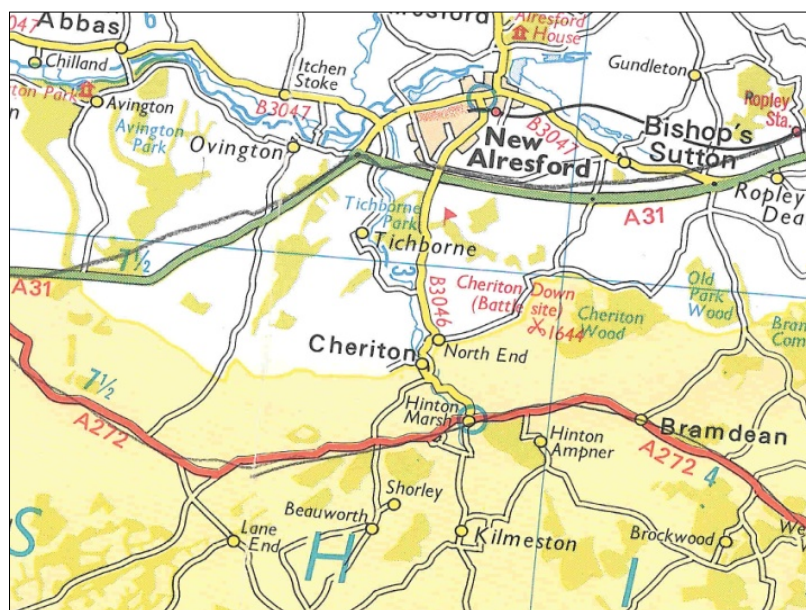
# An Introduction to the Upper Itchen Benefice

In our Benefice Profile we have endeavoured to explain something about who we are, the things we do, the challenges we face and, of course, the person we are seeking to attract as our new Rector. We look forward to welcoming the right person to our community.

## About the benefice

The Upper Itchen Benefice sits astride the A272 a few miles to the east of Winchester and twelve miles to the west of Petersfield. The benefice is within the Deanery of Alresford and the Diocese of Winchester and consists of the six parishes of Beauworth, Bramdean, Cheriton, Hinton Ampner, Kilmeston and Tichborne. It is within an area designated as being of outstanding natural beauty in the South Downs National Park.

In all the villages there is a mix of families who have lived in the area for many years, often working on the land or in local trades, and families who have settled more recently and who either commute or work from home. (See Appendix A for more information.)



# Who we are seeking (Role Description)

We are looking for a priest to join us in developing and deepening our faith collectively and individually and in living out Christ's love in our lives. We seek a priest who is friendly and approachable, who is comfortable engaging with parishioners and community and who:

## Spirituality

- ❖ Is prayerful and secure in God's Love and able to express that in loving others and ministering to their needs.
- ❖ Attends to their own spiritual development and that of their parishioners.

## Worship and Preaching

- ❖ Is a good communicator and whose preaching is rooted in the Gospel.
- ❖ Is guided by the Spirit to seek patterns of worship both traditional and modern to encourage existing and new members.

## Leadership and Collaboration

- ❖ Has an aptitude for motivating, encouraging and inspiring others to work collaboratively.
- ❖ Will lead us strategically and collaboratively to discern the needs and aspirations of the benefice and its parishes.
- ❖ Will continue to build closer fellowship within the benefice.

## Discipleship, Learning and Nurture

- ❖ Actively encourages the creation and growth of study groups and other forms of spiritual development, providing guidance as necessary.
- ❖ Will encourage vocations to diverse ministries.
- ❖ Able to discern and develop the gifts of others and to encourage their ministry.

## Evangelism

- ❖ Is committed to growth and outreach, and capable of developing appropriate strategies for both.
- ❖ Is willing and able to engage effectively with children and young people, to build on our involvement with the local school, and to perform a representative role in being a school governor.
- ❖ Will provide flexible thinking about how the Church should engage with the non-Church going community.

## Pastoral Care

- ❖ Will respond actively and sensitively to the varied pastoral needs of the community.

## Stewardship and Parish Organisation

- ❖ Engages in but is not dominated by administration, allowing lay people to deal with most of the PCC work thereby ensuring that pastoral and spiritual care is given priority.

## Ecumenism and links with other bodies

- ❖ Will work with the benefice as a responsible and collaborative partner with the Diocese in relation to possible Deanery changes.
- ❖ Will fully participate in and contribute to the life of the deanery (including synod and chapter) and diocese.

**A good sense of humour is essential!**

The role description should always be read in conjunction with the Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of the Clergy.

## **Our vision**

We want 'The Church' in the Upper Itchen to be at the heart of our community, growing and vibrant, so that it can reach all generations and promote Christ's message of love and hope. Our mission is to know and show God's love.

### **Our medium-term priorities**

- To enable all parishioners to feel wanted and loved by the church, and the church community;
- To identify a service pattern which will encourage church worship, especially in the young, but which embraces everyone and leads them to a vibrant and living faith;
- To build up and enrich our individual and collective prayer lives;
- To reach out to the wider community and beyond in a way which shows church to be relevant, attractive and with something meaningful to offer;
- To continue to build fellowship within the benefice;
- To encourage individuals who may be interested in any form of spiritual vocation;
- To be a responsible and collaborative partner with the Diocese in relation to possible Deanery changes.

### **Our short-term objectives**

- To ensure the new Rector is supported and settles into benefice life as quickly as possible;
  - To assist the new Rector in discerning the needs and aspirations of the benefice and of the individual parishes and the people in the parishes;
  - To discuss and determine the future pattern of services with the Benefice Forum;
  - To develop further opportunities for people from different parishes to work together for bible teaching and fellowship;
  - To maintain and encourage diversity of worship in all the Benefice churches.
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## Living in the benefice

The Rectory is in Cheriton. It is a well maintained 1950s house with three double bedrooms and one single. Downstairs there is a study and a sitting room, the latter leading to the dining room. It has a good-sized kitchen and a utility room (see Appendix E). The mature garden is about half an acre.

It is conveniently situated, being within a stone's throw of St Michael and All Angels Church, the Flower Pots public house, which has its own prize-winning brewery, the village green and shop and the recreation ground where there are tennis courts and a cricket pitch. It is within walking distance of the primary school. A bus service operates to the local secondary school in Alresford.

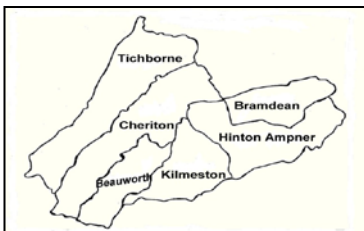


*The Rectory, Cheriton*

There is a bus service to Winchester, New Alresford and Petersfield, with a stop close to The Rectory. Winchester and Petersfield are on main rail routes, between London and Weymouth and London and Portsmouth, respectively. The M3 is about seven miles away, giving easy access to the A34, M27 and M25. The River Itchen rises in Kilmeston and flows through the village green at Cheriton, on to Tichborne and then to Winchester and the sea. The surrounding countryside is a patchwork of cultivated fields, water meadows, downland and woods. There is an abundance of footpaths and bridleways – ideal for walking, cycling and horse riding.

## Our recent history and governance

The Benefice was formed in 2001; in 2005 the six parishes voted to establish a Benefice Council which has many of the functions of a Single PCC. Since then there have been two proposals to turn the six parishes into a Single Parish, most recently in 2011 but, despite considerable support, the Bishop judged that the level of opposition would result in any submission being turned down by the Church Commissioners. The issue itself and the way it was handled created a degree of disharmony within the Benefice. During his ministry here, the previous Rector was able to restore harmony so that the benefice is now working well and is much more contented. In particular he streamlined the governance and administration of the Benefice by establishing a Benefice Forum which combined quarterly Benefice Council meetings and Parochial Church Council meetings. As a result, the Forum meets together under one roof four times a year.



We consider that there is scope for building on the success of the Benefice Forum so that it becomes a fertile place for the exchange of ideas and an exemplar of good fellowship, to enable us all the more, to meet the aspirations which we expressed as “our vision”. We hope that the new Rector would be ready to embrace this view.

## Benefice Life

*Sunday services* – There are several services each month held across the Benefice which offer both traditional and contemporary styles of worship. We are indeed a broad church, but we have a unified desire to fill our churches and to develop our Christian faith with guidance and leadership from our Rector. Normally there is a service in Cheriton church every week and one or two services a month in each of the other five churches. Communion is offered at least once a week somewhere across the Benefice.

A *Benefice All Age Worship* service is held in Cheriton church on the first Sunday of every month and adopts a more informal style, with a shorter liturgy and more opportunity for the younger generation to be involved through participation and activities. The service is prepared by the Children's Ministry Team and the Rector who oversee music, worship, prayer and teaching suitable for all ages.

The rota of services in the six churches is published in Church and Village (Appendix B). In the summer months there is a seventh, in the Church in the Wood on Bramdean Common. Lay volunteers take, prepare and lead themed services in all the churches.



*Rogation service, May 2018*

The pattern of services devotes considerable attention to the agricultural festivals of the year, Plough, Rogation, Lammas and Harvest. In addition, there is an All Souls remembrance service, a Taizé Service on Good Friday and a popular Dawn Service on Easter Day. A Lent course is run annually.

In addition to Sunday services a weekly bible study group has been meeting for many years on Monday mornings to pray and to study God's word. We are keen to see this reinvigorated, numbers having dwindled in recent times and indeed we are eager to support the Rector in efforts to build up our prayer life more generally.

To this end, during the Autumn, a number from the Benefice will be exploring a new initiative run by the Diocese, The Prayer Gym, which is designed to help participants grow in the practices of prayer and in the integration of prayer and action.



## Outreach/serving the community

There is a wide range of pastoral activities carried out in the Benefice by teams of volunteers, working under the auspices of the Church. It is recognised that outreach into the community is a very important part of our Christian mission. Whilst we live in a relatively affluent part of the country, we recognize that there are many instances of need on our doorstep. Significant numbers of our congregation are committed to making a difference through the following initiatives:

**Café on the Green** - Every Thursday morning the Café on the Green provides a warm and welcoming environment for all to meet for a chat and refreshment at Cheriton Village Hall. This is a tri-partite initiative established several years ago by the Church, the Village Hall and the village shop. It is staffed by volunteers from across the six villages. We regularly see 40 or more and, in a fantastic show of community spirit earlier this year, 113 attended on one of the villager's 90th birthday.

**Parish Visitors** - We have a team of 8 Parish Visitors who cover the Benefice. They meet two to three times a year and report back on visits made. They offer friendship and support on behalf of the local churches and are happy to visit people at home or in hospital. The team welcomes newcomers to the benefice and can offer advice about most church related issues.

**School** - There is a good working relationship between the Church and Cheriton Primary School and we see this relationship as one of considerable opportunity. The last Rector was a member of the governing body of the school and like the previous incumbent took regular assemblies. We very much hope that the new Rector will continue to lead bi-weekly assemblies and inspire the children with the Christian message while adhering to the county guidelines on collective worship in schools.

Cheriton church hosts school services during the year including the school's harvest festival, carol and leavers' services. In November, the older children also run their own Remembrance Service, with two minutes silence being observed at the Cheriton war memorial.

The school also enjoys visiting the churchyard in support of curriculum areas such as history, geography and art. Opportunities are also taken to invite the rector to contribute to work in RE; for example, talking about symbolism in Christianity.

**Voluntary Care Group** – There are 19 volunteers from across the Benefice who offer lifts, mostly to medical appointments. There is a mobile phone for clients to contact and this is passed around some of the volunteers on, usually, a fortnightly rota.

**Winchester Churches Night Shelter** - A team of twenty-four people from the benefice cook and serve a meal for twenty in the WCNS once a fortnight throughout the year.

### **Weddings, Baptisms and Confirmations**

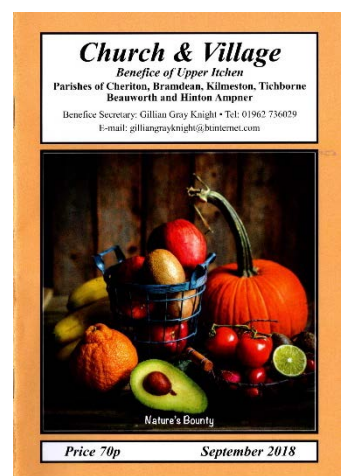
The churches provide a beautiful setting for weddings. On average, there are six a year across the six churches. Marriage preparation courses are run as a Deanery collaboration. There has also been a considerable number of confirmations, of both children and adults, in recent years, as well as regular requests for baptisms.

### **Parish Magazine**

There is a monthly magazine, Church and Village (Appendix B) which serves all the villages. The Rector provides the main message at the beginning of each month's issue. Between 450 and 500 households currently subscribe.

### **Charities supported**

Each PCC has its own choice of charities which it supports.



## This is the team the Benefice Rector will lead



The Rev. Jan Brookshaw is an SSM and lives near Winchester. Jan has been supporting the Benefice since 2014 although was formally licensed to the Benefice in 2016. She takes services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and additional services if needed.



The Rev. Caroline Strudwick is another SSM. She has spent her curacy in UIB after ordination in 2015. Rather than move away afterwards, Caroline has decided to stay on to support UIB during the Interregnum. She currently takes services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month as well as taking funerals, baptisms and pastoral visiting where needed. Caroline lives with her husband in Ropley.



The Rev. Jenni Black is an SSM who spends some of her time in Scotland and some here. She leads services where needed and is offering quite a considerable amount of time during the Interregnum.



Bruce Newson has been an active Reader/Licensed Minister in the Benefice for the past 20 years. He preaches and leads services across the Benefice but most particularly in Bramdean, Hinton Ampner and Kilmeston. Bruce began his career in the Navy as a Weapons Engineer Officer, but in 1992 he retired and set himself up as a self-employed cabinet maker - the lectern and psalm board in Bramdean church are examples of his work. He has lived in Bramdean with his wife Anne for 36 years.



Gillian Gray Knight is the salaried administrator for the Benefice, she works flexible hours, on average a half day per week. She is also Lay Chair for the Deanery Synod and DMPC. She leads services in Cheriton as a BCM Worship Leader, having been commissioned in 2017, and is Choir Mistress of Cheriton Church. Outside of the church Gillian owns and runs a local farm; the village shop and a private music teaching practice!



Sarah Gill completed her BCM Worship Leading Course in March and will be commissioned at Winchester Cathedral in November. She leads and assists with services in Kilmeston and during the interregnum will help across the Benefice. She feels a calling to serve the children and families within the community through drama and music. Sarah is a French teacher and has lived in Kilmeston with her partner Ben for 11 years.



Brenda Sims has recently joined the Parish Visitors Team having completed a Level 2 Listening Skills Course in July 2018. She feels a clear calling to help people within the community and on completion of her BCM Pastoral Course, which she starts in September, Brenda plans to take her Level 3 Counselling Course. Brenda spent 20 years running an engineering business with her husband but now works in the community as a 'helping hand'. She has lived in Cheriton for 18 years.



The Children's Ministry Team - a group representing all six villages of the Benefice who organise a monthly all-age family friendly Benefice service and other family themed services, such as Christingle and the Christmas Crib Service.

*L-R: Annabel Peters, Dorothy France, Alex Hardie, Liz Brett Sarah McWhirter and Sarah Noble (not pictured).*

## Deanery

Over the past year the focus for the Deanery Synod has been the revision and approval of the Deanery Mission Action Plan (dMAP), (see Appendix F). The aim is to look forward and prepare for a changing church over the next 10 years with a focus on maximising the deployment of Clergy, LLMs and BCMs across the Deanery - one initiative under consideration is the possibility of UIB and Ropley Benefice working together in a Group Ministry.

Other objectives of the dMAP include introducing Parish Partner Programmes with lesser resourced churches; encouraging Rule of Life engagement through prayers groups and workshops; exploring 'Focal Ministry' across the Deanery; and responding to the 'Who Cares?' initiative by offering a variety of relationship courses. Throughout 2018 the Deanery will progress with the implementation of these objectives and the dMAP will influence the revision process of the Benefice Plan (bMAP) beginning in the Autumn.



*View of the River Itchen from Cheriton*



# The Parish of Beauworth



*The church of St James, Beauworth*

## The Village

There are in Beauworth some 40 dwellings, the church, a village hall next to the church and a pub. The nearest shop and school are in Cheriton, two miles away. Most of the parish acreage is farm land.

Beauworth has no civic Parish Council but has a representative who speaks for the residents about village matters and chairs an annual village meeting. As well as the PCC there is a village hall committee. The appointments tend to be interrelated with some people doing more than one job and thus bringing different parts of the community together.

## The Church and the Services

St James' Church is relatively modern (1837), although there was a chapel in the village mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086. The modern east window, given by a former resident, includes depictions of the church and some of the houses in the village.

BCP Holy Communion services are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. These are usually attended by the older members of the community. When there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, a special service is held, and, in an effort made to make it attractive to all ages, refreshments are served afterwards in the village hall. These are well attended, as are those at Christmas and Easter. There is a village prayer chain. Most church maintenance is done by volunteers. All church officer posts are filled.

## The People and what they do

Of the population of about 110, 30 are children under 16; and 22 are of retirement age. The church electoral roll of 21 includes three non-residents.

A number of non-church and members of other faiths support the church financially and in other ways. Beauworth parishioners are involved across the benefice in such jobs as:

- maintaining The Church in the Wood
- organising the cooking and helping serve meals at the Winchester Churches Night Shelter on a regular basis
- organising a monthly coffee morning for anyone who likes to come
- coordinating the parish visitors



*A Beauworth Village gathering*



# The Parish of Bramdean



*St Simon and St Jude, Bramdean*

Bramdean is a rural village situated to the east of the Benefice with a population of approximately 550. The village is a mix of retired and fully employed residents, some with local roots going back several generations, others having settled here, attracted by employment opportunities, the ease of commuting to London and the pleasant local countryside. The mix of skills and incomes is wide as reflected in the diversity of housing. There is no shop but a very helpful and well-respected garage and a pub, The Fox Inn. The villagers are very community minded and incredibly supportive of the church and its financial needs. The challenge now is to encourage those supporters to become more involved with the spiritual life of the church.

## The Church of St Simon and St Jude

The church building is Grade II\* listed and can seat about 120 people. It was built in the 12th century, but with many subsequent additions, particularly in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Unfortunately, these additions, over time, have resulted in damage to the east wall which now requires considerable repair work, at a cost of £200,000. The Heritage Lottery Fund has offered a substantial grant and combined with a grant from the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust donation and the PCC's reserves the budgeted costs are covered. The east wall is currently supported by scaffolding; work is programmed to start in spring 2019. At the same time, repairs to the roof, the installation of a new heating system and re-positioning of the organ will take place. The funding for this additional work is not yet secured and an appeal for £50,000 has recently been launched.

Visitors to the church enjoy the Victorian stained-glass windows and two modern tapestries; one depicts 'The Tree of Life' which lists all children christened in the village and the other, a 'Village Collage', includes significant buildings and views around the village. Two services are held every month: Holy Communion on the second and a Worship Service on the fourth Sunday. Fundraising events for the church act as a useful catalyst for engagement with the village and the wider local community. Regular events include the annual fete, harvest supper and quiz, safari supper, bridge tea and fundraising talks by outside speakers.



*Bramdean Fete, May 2018, in the gardens of Bramdean House*

## The Church in the Wood



In a letter to the Hampshire Chronicle on October 25<sup>th</sup> 1883 the rector of Bramdean, the Rev AC Bishop wrote of the need to 'abridge the distance between 'the common' and Bramdean Church for those who worked there. What he did to 'abridge the distance' was to build this church in which the first service was held on 21st October 1883. Ninety people attended the little building which had seating for 50. The need for the church has clearly changed, but it continues to attract some who probably would not attend a more formal church service. Last year 12 people were baptised; there was a wedding blessing and 11 evensong services. The picture is of the annual 'Hymns in the Wood' service

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# The Parish of Cheriton



## Our Village

The village of Cheriton, situated 7 miles east of Winchester is a classic Hampshire village. A warm and thriving community nestling amongst rolling farmland it has a post office/shop, pub, primary school and recreation ground. The population is approximately 630 people in nearly 300 dwellings.

## Our Community

The village hall, which was acquired from the church in June this year, is home to a wealth of activities. The village has a thriving tennis club, complete with floodlit hard courts and an attractive recreation ground with a cricket pitch and pavilion and a soon to be revised children's play area. The village also hosts Cheriton

Singers and The Cheriton Players who frequently hold concerts and productions which are well supported. For several years St Michael's has hosted a series of talks held in February & March as a fund-raising activity. These extremely well attended talks have attracted some very high-profile speakers. The planning for the 2019 talks is already underway. The popular church fete is held every other year in early May.



*The Church of St Michael and All Angels, Cheriton*

## Our Church

St Michael and All Angels was built during the 1100's. It is situated on a small hill, almost certainly a prehistoric burial ground. The Church is the largest in the benefice with a seating capacity in excess of 200. There are 69 people on the Parish electoral roll and the regular congregation at Sunday communion averages 35 people, mainly adults. The broader congregation encompasses all ages including young professionals with families, the early retired and the elderly. St Michael's has a small but enthusiastic choir, a permanent organist and a peel of 6 bells which attract bell-ringing groups from around Hampshire.

The fabric of the church is in good condition and we are currently working through the items highlighted for repair in our most recent Quinquennial report. In January of this year a new audio-visual system was installed which has helped to provide exciting new opportunities for both services and other events. We are currently debating how best to use the proceeds from the sale of the village hall, some £72k, to further improve the interior of the church and make it a more welcoming and flexible space. There is a rota of volunteers to regularly mow the grass in the summer and in the autumn and spring working parties come to clear the churchyard. We have a good relationship with the local Cubs group who for the last two years have helped with the churchyard clear up and, with the help of the churchwardens, have conducted a Teddy Bear Jump from St Michael's tower.

## Our Devotion and Down-time

Our Services are a mix of traditional and contemporary worship. There is a real emphasis on rural life with regular services including Rogationtide, Plough Sunday, Lammastide and Harvest Festival. In addition, we celebrate St Cecilia with great enthusiasm and have our well supported choir affiliated to the RSCM led by Gillian Gray-Knight, our choir mistress. We are very fortunate to have Michael Seymour as our organist. Michael and Gillian help to make St Michael's a special place to worship.



# The Parish of Hinton Ampner



## Hinton Ampner Church: Unique Church, Unique opportunities.

Situated within the grounds of Hinton Ampner House, a National Trust property with over 140,000 visitors a year, the church has many visitors itself. The Visitors Book includes comments from around the world on the peaceful, prayerful and reflective atmosphere of All Saints. This gives the opportunity for outreach and evangelism, trying to communicate the faith in different ways. Historically, it is a Grade II listed building going back to Saxon times. The church was rebuilt in the 13th century and again in the 19th century.

Visitors enjoy seeing two beautiful stained-glass windows, by Patrick Reyntiens, which were installed in 1970. Also of interest are the twin lights which represent the "Pillar of Cloud" and the "Pillar of Fire" from chapter 13 in the book of Exodus, and the Priest's stall, by The Edward Barnsley Workshop.

## Unique Services

Once a month we have a *Prayer and Praise* service which is a spirit filled service of teaching and worship. About 40 people attend from all parishes, with Worship songs with keyboard and flute, and congregation-led prayers. Benefice communion is held once a quarter.

Harvest festival encourages locals into church and the service is followed by a lunch at The Rose paddocks open to all. An All Souls Service and a Christmas Midnight Mass Service are held annually for the benefice. We are a very small and committed group of volunteers and PCC with an electoral role of 17 but the church provides a prayerful atmosphere for the whole benefice and its many visitors.



*Outreach* has included:

- ✚ Christmas Nativity scene
- ✚ Angel tree for visitors to write prayers (over 500),
- ✚ Display of booklets, crackers, advent calendar. Easter display with full size cross for prayer crosses. Easter Garden and painted eggs on a tree.
- ✚ Christian wedding display.
- ✚ Candles and prayer card requests, which are included in the next service.
- ✚ Booklets, prayer cards and activity sheets for children.
- ✚ All Saints Christmas cards.

Outreach and evangelism to the Trust include:

- ✚ Service of Carol Singing when the House is open and decorated for Christmas
- ✚ Songs of Praise service
- ✚ Christian books and literature are on offer.



*Harvest Lunch at the Rose Paddock*



# The Parish of Kilmeston



*The Church of St Andrew, Kilmeston*

## The Village

Kilmeston is a small village due south of Cheriton and the A272. It has a total population of about 200 spread between New Cheriton (half of which falls within the parish of Kilmeston) and Kilmeston itself. It has a balanced demographic between parents with young children, those with teenage children and retired people. The village is small enough to be quite intimate, but without being intrusive. It welcomes newcomers. In addition to the church, there is a village hall and together these provide the two social focuses of the village.

Every June the village hall and the church pool resources to put on the Kilmeston Village Fete in the beautiful gardens of Dean House. This special event each year really brings the whole village together - in

addition to providing helpful income for both the church and village hall. We also hold, annually, a cricket match and a quiz night against Longwood (a neighbouring village).

## The Church Building and Services

St. Andrew's is listed Grade II and was built in 1772 on the foundations of an earlier church, mentioned in the Domesday Book, and probably of Saxon or Norman origin. It was restored in 1865 and then again in 1875 and 1898. Little of the original Norman features are visible. It has seating capacity for 100. There are 42 people on the church electoral roll and we have a regular attendance of between 15 and 24 at the two monthly services - a Family Service and a Communion Service. At Christmas, we hold a Christingle and Carol Service, which is very popular with children and adults and this is now led by our newly qualified BCM, who is working to improve family attendance at festivals. The Christmas Day service is always very well attended.

A piece of land was donated to the church for a churchyard extension and this has recently had two archaeological investigations prior to planning permission being granted for it to become included as part of the existing graveyard. This area now needs to be tidied up and consecrated.

## The Friends of St. Andrew's

We are fortunate to have within the village people who want to help finance the maintenance of the church building and the churchyard, even though some of them are not churchgoers. It is for this group that the Friends of St. Andrew's was founded. The Friends hold two quizzes a year and a Christmas Bazaar. Funds raised go towards projects which help maintain the church building and keep it as a valued village resource, fundraising is well supported by the community. We have also run a sewing group to replace some of the kneelers in the church.



*Kilmeston Village Fete*

## The Church Community

Kilmeston has a range of families and retired village members who attend church. In the past, the village has hosted beneficent wide teaching and bible study initiatives and we hope to reintroduce these and also encourage more families to come to special services, with the help of the BCM. People often remark on the warm inclusive feeling they get when they come to a service in Kilmeston. The PCC is hoping to build on this, with the help of the new rector, and has a vision of Kilmeston where Christianity is alive and well and reaching out to the whole community.

# The Parish of Tichborne



*St Andrews Tichborne*

Tichborne (Itchen Bourne) is an ancient village which straddles the River Itchen as it passes on its way from Kilmeston through Cheriton towards Winchester. The parish today stretches from the outskirts of Alresford through the water meadows and pastureland that surround the village, up over Gander Down and southwest down to Longwood where it abuts Owslebury. The long shape of the parish includes water meadow, pasture, woodland, downland and open sheep grazing. Effectively it comprises the home village and 3 hamlets: Ladycroft, Sevington and Longwood.

The village has a flourishing pub, the Tichborne Arms, and a cricket club. It remains significantly agricultural; the centre being dominated by the farm of the Tichborne Estate. In recent years others have made

their home here, including a significant number of families with children and young people. The pub is on friendly terms with the church which is perched on a hill above the village. Village functions tend to take place either in the pub or in the church. The local agricultural show is held in Tichborne Park in early September. A church fete is normally held at one or other of the houses in the village. In March there is an annual ceremony, the Tichborne Dole, when the Tichborne family provides flour to villagers in memory of the sacrifice made by Lady Mabella Tichborne on their behalf in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. To celebrate the Millennium, the Parish Council published '*Tichborne 2000*' which gives a brief history of the village, and records people then living in the village.

## St Andrew's Church and Services

There are some 170 people living in the parish, 38 of whom are on the electoral roll. Church attendance has undoubtedly dropped in recent years, although several of the young families have shown an interest in the church. The present pattern of services in most months is a Sunday Service (either Holy Communion or a family type service) on the second Sunday and Evensong on the fourth Sunday at 9.00 am and 6.00pm respectively. Average attendance at these services in 2017 was 11. An exciting development in the last few years has been a Taizé service on Good Friday. 24 attended last year. On significant Sundays and Holy Days, the congregations are quite large: 23 on Easter Day, 36 at Harvest Festival, 43 at the Carol Service, 16 on Christmas Day.



*The Chantry Chapel, St Andrews*

St Andrew's is a Grade I listed building which was founded in the mid-11<sup>th</sup> century. The Tichborne family, which has held the Tichborne estate since at least 1135, came to be closely associated with St Andrew's, adding a chantry chapel and crypt in the north aisle in the early 14<sup>th</sup> Century. In 1621 King James I permitted Sir Benjamin the privilege of retaining this chapel as a mortuary chapel in recognition of his help in securing Hampshire at his accession in 1603. It remains consecrated to the Roman Catholic Communion (notwithstanding the Privy Council's decision to sack it during the Popish Plot in circa 1681) and is thought to be one of only three Roman Catholic chapels still in use in an Anglican church. A mass to pray for the souls of the Tichborne family is held every year in September. Today it

represents a significant ecumenical opportunity for worship with the local Roman Catholic community; an ecumenical service is held in the autumn in most years. At the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century a tower was added at the west end of the nave, and a ring of 6 bells hangs within it, the frame of which was recently restored. There is no resident team of ringers in the village now, but it has usually been possible to find a team for special occasions, and visiting teams are frequent. The church is well looked after and solvent.

## Appendix A

### Winchester City Council Census Data 2011

The results of the 2011 population census  
Church electoral rolls and average church attendances have been updated in this table

	Homes	Pop	0-17	18-64	65+	Ch Elect roll	Av Church Attendance at regular services
Beauworth	40	110	30	69	23	26	10
Bramdean and Hinton Ampner	199-	629	132-	350-	74-	58 17	15 12-100
Cheriton	288	746	181	414	173	69	35
Kilmeston	116	276	55	144	52	37	20
Tichborne	74	167	53	123	51	39	14
Church in the Wood							17
	<b>478</b>	<b>1925</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>86</b>

## APPENDIX B - BENEFICE OF UPPER ITCHEN September 2018 Leaders

<p><b>September</b>  <b>fourteenth Sunday</b>  <b>after Trinity</b>  <i>1st of Solomon 2 : 8 - 13</i>  <i>Psalm 45 : 1 - 2, 7 - 10</i>  <i>James 1 : 17 - 27</i>  <i>1st Peter : 1 - 8, 14 -15, 21 -23</i></p>	<p>10.15 am   9.45 a.m. Hymn Practice</p>	<p><b>Benefice All Age Holy Communion Service</b>  <b>CHERITON</b>  <i>(Bishop David, BN &amp; YML)</i></p> <p><b>BANNS</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Theme : Salt and Light</i>  <i>Reading : Matthew 5 . 1 - 16</i></p>				
<p><b>September</b>  <b>The Fifteenth</b>  <b>Sunday after</b>  <b>Trinity</b>  <i>Matthew 22 : 1 - 2, 8 - 9, 22 - 23</i>  <i>Psalm 125</i>  <i>1st Peter : 1 - 10, [11 - 13], 14 - 17</i>  <i>Mark 7 : 24 - 37</i></p>	<p>9.30   9.30</p>	<p><b>CHERITON</b>  Matins  Theme : Healing  (Traditional) (GGK)</p> <p><b>BRAMDEAN</b>  Holy Communion  (Traditional ) (CS)  <b>BANNS</b></p>	<p>9.30   11.00</p>	<p><b>TICHBORNE</b>  Holy Communion  (Contemporary) (JBr)</p> <p><b>KILMESTON</b>  Morning Worship (BN &amp; SG)</p>	<p>3.00   </p>	<p><b>CHURCH in the WOOD</b>  Evensong  (Traditional) (CS)</p>
<p><b>September</b>  <b>The Sixteenth</b>  <b>Sunday after</b>  <b>Trinity</b>  <i>Proverbs 1 : 20 - 33</i>  <i>Psalm 19</i>  <i>James 3 : 1 - 12</i>  <i>Mark 8 : 27 - 38</i></p>	<p>8.30</p>	<p><b>BEAUWORTH</b>  Holy Communion  (Traditional - said)  <i>(Canon David Isaac)</i></p>	<p>9.30</p>	<p><b>CHERITON</b>  Holy Communion  (Contemporary) (JBr)</p>	<p>11.00</p>	<p><b>HINTON AMPNER</b>  Prayer &amp; Praise  (BN)</p>
<p><b>September</b>  <b>The Seventeenth</b>  <b>Sunday after</b>  <b>Trinity</b>  <i>Proverbs 31 : 10 - 31</i>  <i>Psalm 1</i>  <i>3rd John : 13 - 4 : 3, 7 - 8a</i>  <i>Mark 9 : 30 - 37</i></p>	<p>9.30   </p>	<p><b>CHERITON</b>  Holy Communion  (Traditional) (Peter Crick)</p> <p><b>BEAUWORTH</b>  Harvest Festival  (Traditional) (CW)</p>	<p>11.00   </p>	<p><b>KILMESTON</b>  Holy Communion  (Contemporary) (Peter Crick &amp; SG)</p> <p><b>BRAMDEAN</b>  Morning Worship (BN)</p>	<p>3.00   6.00</p>	<p><b>CHURCH in the WOOD</b>  Harvest Festival  (SG &amp; CW)</p> <p><b>TICHBORNE</b>  Evensong  (Traditional) (BN)</p>
<p><b>September</b>  <b>The Eighteenth</b>  <b>Sunday after</b>  <b>Trinity</b></p>	<p>9.30</p>	<p><b>CHERITON</b>  Benefice Holy Communion  <b>St. Michael and All Angels</b>  (Contemporary) (JBr &amp; GGK)</p>	<p><b>Readings for Michaelmas</b>  <i>Genesis 28:10-17 or Revelation</i>  <i>Psalm 103:19-22</i></p>	<p><b>Readings for Harvest Festivals</b>  <i>Joel 2 : 21 - 27</i>  <i>Psalm 126</i>  <i>1 Timothy 2 : 1 - 7 or 6 : 6 - 10</i>  <i>Matthew 6 : 25 - 33</i></p>		



## Appendix C

### Benefice Council Functions

The present situation is that the following functions are delegated to the Benefice Council (Joint PCC):

1. the formulation and (in conjunction with the Parochial Church Councils) the implementation of policies for mission and church growth.
2. consulting with the Incumbent of the benefice on the formulation and the implementation of policies with respect to licensed, accredited and authorised ministry.
3. work with children and young people including the operation of a benefice-wide Child Protection Policy.
4. matters relating to benefice services;
5. agreement on the pattern of Sunday services, following consultation with each Parochial Church Council.
6. the selection and support of benefice mission partners;
7. discussion of parochial church share allocation.
8. the formulation and implementation of baptism and marriage policies in consultation with incumbent of the benefice.
9. oversight of benefice communications, such as *Church & Village*, any benefice website, and Christmas service cards.

Functions that cannot be delegated to the Benefice Council (but which the PCC of a single parish would have) are:

1. functions of an interested party under the Pastoral Measure 1983 Part I; *this measure gives PCC's the right to be consulted before any Scheme is made*
  2. functions of a Parochial Church Council under Section 3 of the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1993; *this measure says that each PCC can refuse to have a female incumbent/female celebrant of HC*
  3. functions of each Parochial Church Council under Part II of the Patronage (benefices) Measure 1986; *this says what the secretary of each PCC must do when notified by the patronage office. It also gives PCC's the right to appoint representatives to take part in interviewing of candidates*
  4. functions concerned with the holding of real property and other matters for which separate legal personality is required. *A Joint PCC (Benefice Council) like ours cannot hold money or property. To get around this Cheriton PCC holds the Benefice Council money.*
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## Appendix D

### Summary of Parish Accounts (figures in £K)

	Beauworth		Bramdean		Cheriton		Hinton Ampner		Kilmeston		Tichborne	
£K	31.12.2016	31.12.2017	31.12.2016	31.12.2017	31.12.2016	31.12.2017	31.12.2016	31.12.2017	31.12.2016	31.12.2017	31.12.2016	31.12.2017
<b>General a/c</b>												
Total income	22.9	9.0	27.8	34.9	60.4	48.8	17.3	18.4	29.0	20.8	23.6	12.6
Expenditure	10.4	9.9	32.4	33.6	47.3	45.5	15.7	12.6	16.6	16.7	13.8	13.4
<b>Surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Reserves</b>												
General		27.3	36.0	15.6	24.3	13.3	16.6	22.3	22.1	26.2	27.8	26.9
Capital and restricted		18.0	0.6	32.5	11.3	26.0	39.4	39.5	-	-	1.3	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>35.6</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>27.4</b>

# Appendix E

## Rectory floor plans

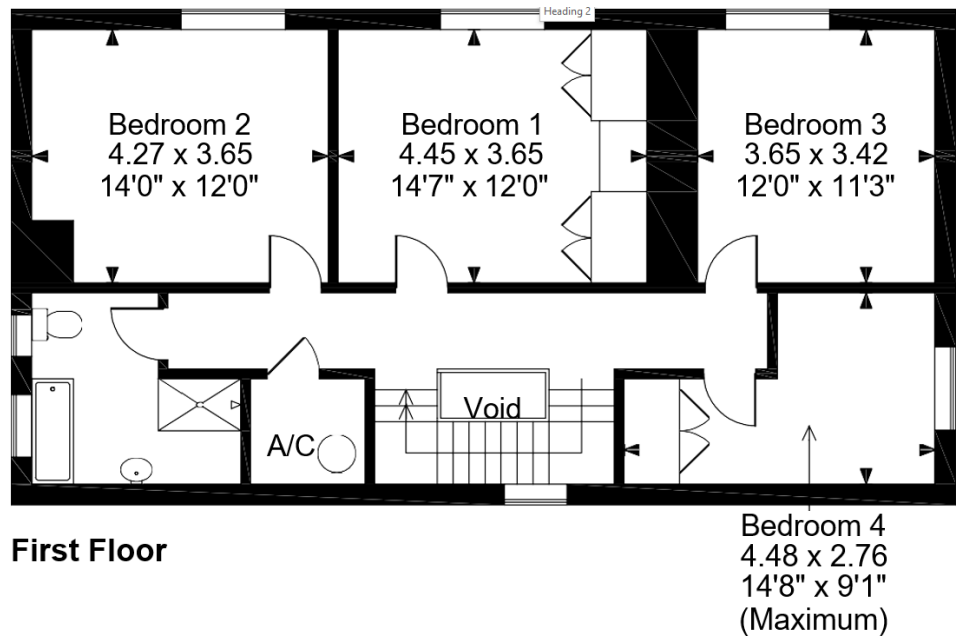
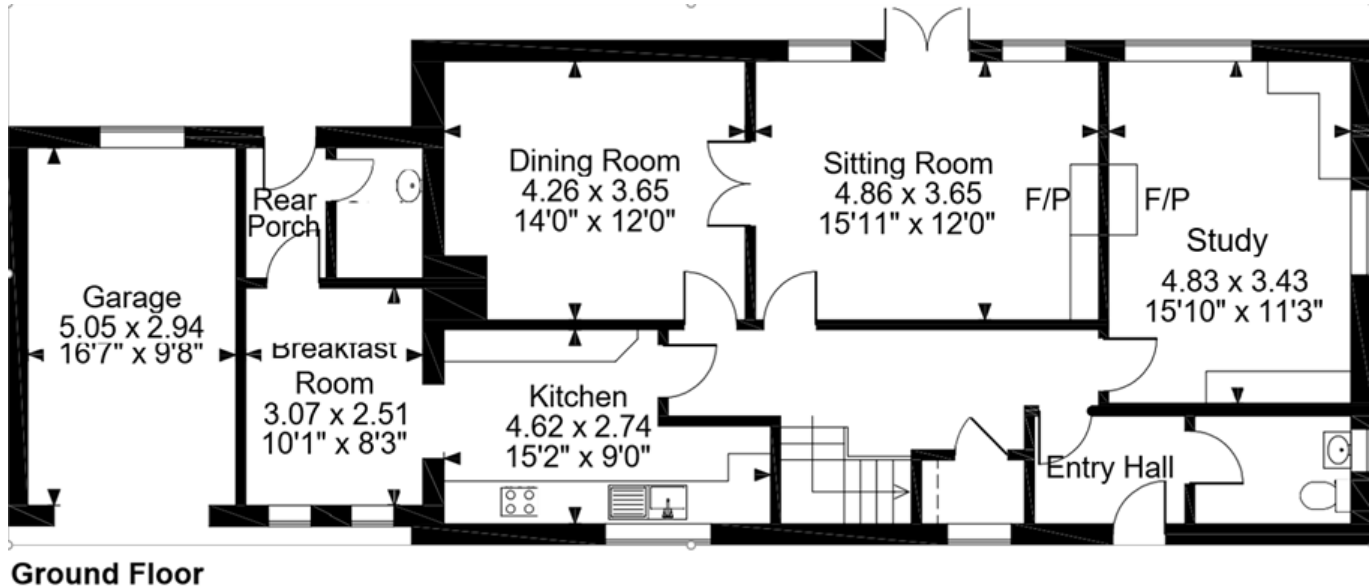
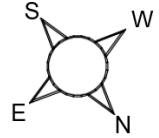
### The Rectory, Cheriton, Alresford

Approximate Gross Internal Area

Main House = 1,972 sq ft / 183 sq m

Garage = 160 sq ft / 15 sq m

Total = 2,132 sq ft / 198 sq m



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The position & size of doors, windows, appliances and other features are approximate only.

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## Appendix F

### Deanery dMap – See PDF File

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*The Cheriton and Bramdean contingent which took part in the Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride event in September 2016. One of the many groups around the villages!*