



Vicar

The Parish of Nursling with Rownhams

In the deanery of Romsey



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WELCOME

Welcome to this parish profile and role description and welcome to the Diocese of Winchester!

At the heart of our life here is a 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 at the moment. We wait with eager anticipation to see how this process will unfold. We pray that, if God is calling you to join us in his mission in this part of the world, he will make his will abundantly clear to you.

'As the Father sent me so I send you ... Receive the Spirit.' John 20:21

Read more about [Winchester Mission Action Planning](#) here.



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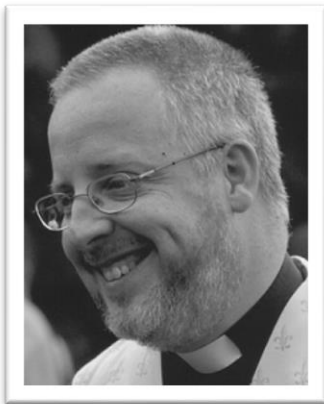
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ROMSEY DEANERY

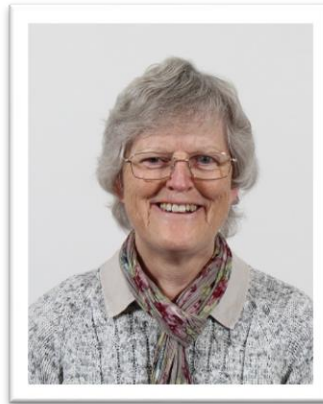
Romsey Deanery is in the Bournemouth Archdeaconry. The Deanery connects the Southampton area with the Andover area and runs along the Test Valley, which includes the Waitrose farms, trout farming, mixed farming and a brewery! The Deanery mainly comprises multi-parish rural benefices, with one suburban parish (on the outskirts of Southampton) and the market town of Romsey with its historic Abbey.

We are a friendly and active Deanery! The clergy meet monthly for prayer and discussion. We have strong overseas links – especially in South Rwenzori and Burundi. Synod and Chapter work together and are galvanised around delivering the Diocesan Strategy – working together where we can with each other and supporting each other. We run courses together, for all the Deanery. You can find out a bit more from our developing website www.romseydeanery.org

James Pitkin
Area Dean



Sarah Boothman
Lay Chair



INTRODUCTION

We are seeking a Vicar for the Parish of Nursling with Rownhams in the Romsey Deanery.

The parish is situated on the north western side of the City of Southampton at the most southerly end of the Test Valley, with the market town of Romsey 4 miles to the north and the Southampton City Centre 5 miles to the south. A united parish was created from the villages of Nursling and Rownhams in 1955 resulting in two churches within the new boundary – St Boniface Church, Nursling and St John the Evangelist, Rownhams, which are about 2 miles apart. Both churches are active, with one PCC serving both.

Nursling and Rownhams were traditional rural villages until the 1950s. Housing development has occurred in most decades since, with the M27 being built in the 1970s. Although adjacent to the city boundary, the parish is still semi-rural to the north. The population is around 5,400 but is expected to increase significantly. A development of 326 new dwellings on the west side of the parish is well progressed and planning permission has been granted for 320 new dwellings and a 60 bed nursing home on the east side.



A broad cross section of people live in the parish. Good schools in the area attract families and the more mature continue to occupy the older properties in Nursling and a permanent mobile home park. The good road infrastructure makes the area attractive to commuters. Local major employers include Southampton General Hospital, the Universities, Hampshire County Council, IBM, P&O and Ordnance Survey.

<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/assets/attach/5326/Nursling%20and%20Rownhams%20Ward%20Profile.pdf>

<http://ww2.nrweb.org.uk/>

<https://nandrhistorygroup.wixsite.com/nurslingandrownhams>



OUR VISION

Within our church family we aim to 'Live the Mission of Jesus' and be an active partner in the wider community of which we are part. We hear God's call to pass on the good news of his love in Christ to a needy world.

Our objectives are:

- to encourage everyone to grow to be more like Jesus, following him at all stages of their lives
- to be open to being church in new ways and new places, while affirming and strengthening the old where it is still serving us well
- to follow the example of Jesus, to bear witness to the God in whom we believe by serving in our working, social and community lives
- to strive to make the best use of all that God has given us to build up his Kingdom

The PCC is currently developing its mission action plan. We appreciate:

- that the way we live is dynamic with people becoming busier and less formal
- that the population in our parish is expanding significantly
- with advances in technology we need to review how we communicate

Our plans for the future include:

- making and growing disciples with a view to increasing the congregation size
- encouraging more people to serve in the church community
- developing our growing youth, children and families work
- being more prominent within the local community including in our schools
- showing that we care about the environment
- revamping our website



OUR CHURCH LIFE



Our verse of 2019: 'Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.'
Colossians 3:17

Our churches are welcoming, evangelical and provide a variety of worship styles to cater for all. We offer a range of services, from BCP through to Parish Communion, Morning/Evening Prayer and Praise services (based on Common Worship), All Age Worship and occasional contemporary services such as Taize. Musical accompaniment is varied and is provided by piano, digital hymn player, organ or/and a worship group.

The priorities identified in Our Vision are central to the worship and life of the parish, and discipleship, serving and integrating into our community, and youth and families work are key. We are blessed with a part time paid Youth and Children's Minister, Parish Administrator and a number of volunteers who support our ministry. See 'our team' on pages 10-12.

Discipleship and Spiritual Development

Small groups provide a place where people can share their lives and support each other, grow as disciples and encourage each other through their Christian lives. We have four home groups including one for parents with pre-school children. A number of home groups have folded over the last few years and this is an area of church life that needs nurturing. Members of St Boniface Church meet on a Friday morning and a prayer group meets at 7am on a Wednesday at St John's. Vestry vigils and Men's Breakfasts are held monthly on different Saturdays. Members are encouraged to visit Lee Abbey Conference Centre and attend Christian teaching and worship events such as New Wine and Spring Harvest.



Prayer ministry is offered at the 10.00am and 6.30pm services; more trained volunteers would allow us to expand this further. Healing services are held occasionally.

Other opportunities to pray in small groups exist including a prayer breakfast with other churches in the SO16 postcode area. <https://www.lordshillchurch.net/so16-churches>

Serving and integrating into our community

Regular services are held in St John's Nursing Home and occasionally at Grove Place, the nearby retirement village. Holy Communion is offered to the 'house bound' and some home visiting takes place.

The annual service for those who have been bereaved is appreciated and the 'Carols by Candlelight' at St Boniface and 'Carols and Mince Pies' on Christmas Eve at St John's are extremely popular with the local community.

We support the Helping Hands group, offering practical help to those in the community, particularly by providing lifts to medical appointments. Church members donate to, and help run 'Basics Bank', a food bank which is based in a neighbouring parish.

'Coffee Break' is held twice a month for those looking for company and for dementia sufferers and their carers. A relatively new initiative is a monthly litter pick, which is now being extended to conservation work in a local wood. These activities are attended by many not in the church.

There are several joint initiatives within the SO16 group of churches including witness at Lord's Hill shopping precinct.

We work with the Probation Service to provide sites (mainly our churchyards) for recently sentenced Community Payback workers to carry out the practical side of the Safety Induction training. There is an opportunity for outreach with participants being offered a Bible, and we gain from the practical assistance in keeping our churchyards tidy.



We participate in the Village May Fair and we welcome the community into our church buildings for concerts, talks, quiz nights etc.

Youth and families work

On Sundays, youth and children's groups are offered at the 10am service at St John's; crèche for the under 3's, Sunday Club for primary school children and Ichthians for those at secondary school. During the week there are a range of activities on offer – NET for KS2 children and MORE for those at secondary school. A cell group for older teenagers used to meet occasionally, but this has not met recently. 'Messy Church' meets once a month in the local Scout HQ, and appeals to those with young families. A Summer Holiday Club is offered for the 5 – 11s. Teaching, fun and activities take place over 3 days. Shows put on by the in-house puppet ministry team are popular.



There are two Church of England primary schools and the vicar is a foundation governor at both, along with others appointed by the PCC. The vicar leads some school assemblies.

A weekly lunchtime 'Explorers'

club is offered at Rownhams School but unfortunately we are not able to offer anything similar at Nursling School at the moment.

Services are hosted, usually at St John's, for the local pre-schools, toddler group and primary schools at major festivals. Classes from both schools visit St John's for special activity days as they start and end their time at primary school; the Year 6 children visit (Nursling School children to St Boniface and Rownhams School children to St John's) for leaver services as they prepare to move on to secondary school.

<https://www.nurslingprimary.co.uk/>

<https://www.rownhams.hants.sch.uk/>

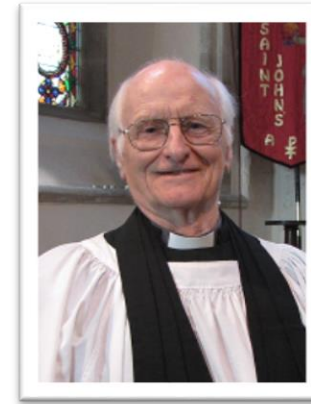


OUR TEAM

Here are some of the team of mostly lay people who are willing to use their time and skills in the ministry of our church.

Jim Stanley-Smith *Honorary Curate (retired clergy)*

I enjoy taking a few services each month in our two churches as well as home communions (and the odd funeral). I value a monthly lunch with Marion and Graham Swinerd, where we can discuss the services rota, and wider issues. I also enjoy friendly tennis and Classic FM music.



Jean Wylde *LLM*

I have served as LLM in this Parish since 1998, having been Sunday School Leader, involved in training Parish Visitors and leading a Home Group. Currently I serve mainly at St. Boniface Church in Nursling with pastoral responsibility to the Vicar.



Christine Owen

I am a member of the Prayer Ministry Team; lead a Homegroup and am currently participating in the Bishop's Permission to Preach Programme. I love preaching and seeing lives being changed by the Word of God.



John Holden *Churchwarden*

I am a retired university lecturer and I moved to Rownhams 11 years ago from Nottingham. I do greatly appreciate the fellowship at St. John's and it is a privilege to serve as churchwarden with such a committed group of people.

Ken Journeaux *Deputy Churchwarden*

I have been a regular attender at St. Boniface since 2003. When you attend this church over a period of time you fall in love with it! It's a peace haven, I think that affects all who attend this church regularly. A highlight of the week is the Friday gang who meet to prepare the church for Sundays and do maintenance work.

Claire Thompson *Parish Administrator & PCC secretary*

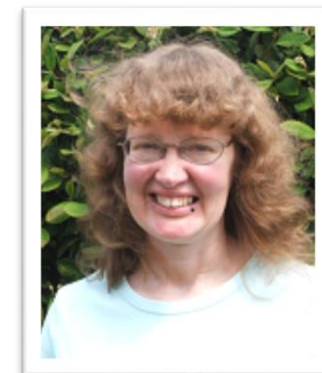
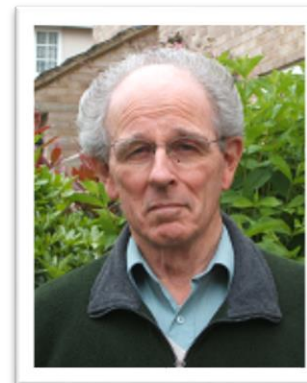
I wear a number of 'hats' in church but the main one is that of Parish Administrator. I enjoy my work and am always learning new things. I also organise Messy Church which I think is a wonderful outreach tool.

Andy Ball *Youth Minister*

As someone who came to faith in his early 20s and has worked in industry for nearly 30 years my heart is very much for God's love to be known and experienced by those who haven't heard it yet and enjoyed to the full by those who have heard and received it.

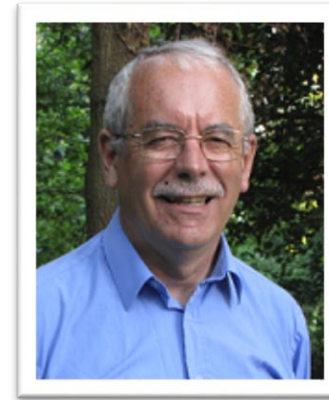
Marion Swinerd *Worship leader*

Church services should not be boring. I want congregations to feel they have met with God, have learnt something and want to return. I love to sing and to serve as a Voluntary Pastoral Helper at Lee Abbey.



Mike Bunce *Organist*

I have been a member of St. John's church since the late 1980s. My faith and commitment to Jesus has grown through the fellowship and worship in our two churches, regular visits to conferences and service to our local community, which includes a monthly Street Pastor patrol in Southampton.



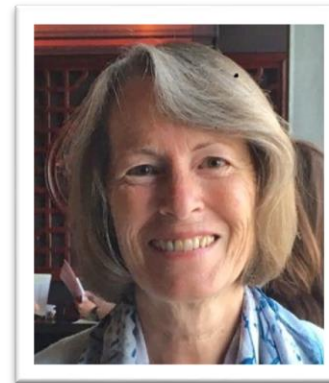
Graham Swinerd *Worship leader*

As well as leading services, I feel called to prayer ministry and pastoral work, that I undertake both here and at Lee Abbey, Devon. I also love sung worship, and sing in the church band and singers. I also speak at various venues (Lee Abbey, Scargill House, local churches) on the issues of science and faith.



Liz Roles *Worship leader*

I am a retired Teacher of the Deaf and have a heart for the Social Gospel and environmental issues. I'm more of a contemplative person and am a member of the New Monastic Community of Aidan and Hilda. I have led all styles of worship in the parish as well as Celtic and Taize services.



Linda Purkess *Treasurer*

I have lived in the Parish and worshipped at St John's for the last 30 years. Engaging with the primary school aged children in Sunday Club is a real privilege, and a complete change from my day job. I value the fellowship and opportunity to pray with others before going to work on a Wednesday morning.



OUR ORGANISATION

Governance

Governance is provided by the PCC, which meets four or five times a year. There are also a number of sub-groups that report into the PCC. These cover the following areas of our life and mission; Discipleship, Worship and Growth, Wider Community, Buildings, Finance and Fundraising.

There are 186 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, of which 31% live outside the parish. In 2018 the average Sunday attendance was 114 adults and 19 children (under sixteen), but this number increases at festivals. As well as our regular services we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. In 2018 there were 13 weddings, 13 baptisms and 15 funerals.

The church magazine 'Twin Spires News' is published monthly. The print run is 200 of which 20 copies are complimentary and are left in local hotels. A double page feature, showing service details and other useful information is included in 'Village News' each month, the local community magazine which is delivered to every house in the parish. There is a church website and Facebook page, and email is used where we can.

<https://www.twinspires.org.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/347628745326643/>



Finances

Honour the Lord with your wealth with the first fruits of your crops'

Prov 3:9

In 2018 the unrestricted funds had income of £144,180 and expenditure of £141,108 giving a surplus of income over expenditure of £3,072. We pay our contribution to the Common Mission Fund in full. Our commitment for 2019 is £99,441.

Planned giving, including any gift aid recoverable, was £82,593 in 2018. This was given either by direct debit through the Parish Giving Scheme (17 people), by standing order (43 people) or weekly envelopes (33 people).

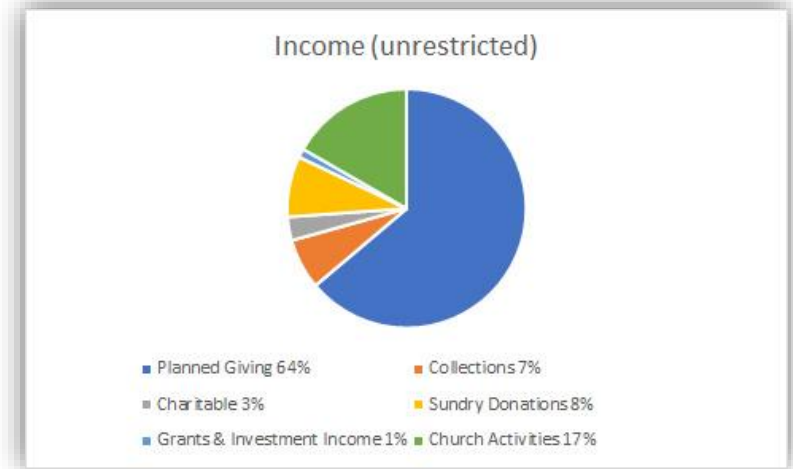
Income received by the restricted funds in 2018 included sizeable grants from the Barker-Mill Foundation for the refurbishment of the Mill monument at St Boniface Church.

The PCC actively supports a number of charitable causes, which cover a wide range of overseas and home missions, both financially and by raising awareness of the work done. The financial support comes either from a retiring collection for the designated charity for each month or from general funds for good causes that the PCC has agreed to support.

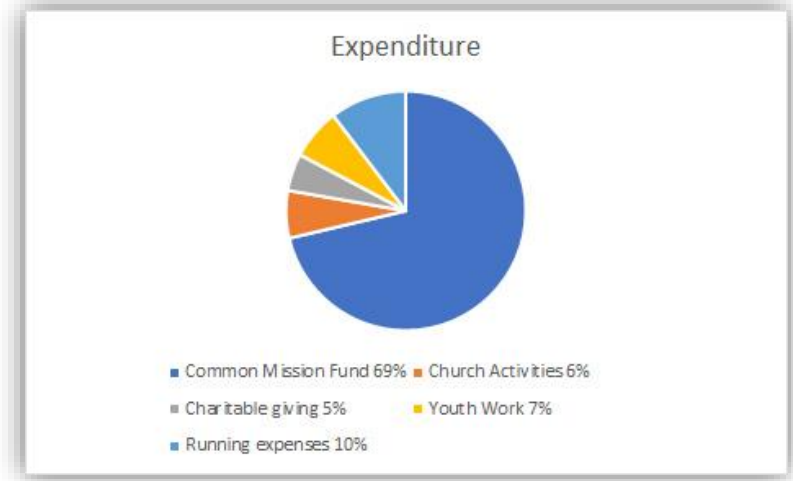
The PCC has agreed a reserve policy sufficient to cover the imminent payments to the Common Mission Fund, pay salaries and to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time including urgent building repairs. The reserves at 31 December 2018 were £81,544 in the unrestricted funds and £43,582 in the restricted funds.



Spending of unrestricted funds in 2018:



This was funded from:



THE HOUSE & THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

The vicarage, built in 1968, is situated next to St John's Church.

The accommodation, which has been decorated recently, consists of:

- Ground floor: entrance hall, study, wc and cloakroom, sitting room (with an open fireplace), dining room which opens on to the garden, fitted kitchen and utility room
- First floor: four bedrooms, family bathroom, separate wc/shower
- Double garage with ample parking
- Attractive garden, mainly laid to lawn

Transport Links:

- Travel connections are excellent with easy access to the M27, M271 and M3 motorways, a short drive/bus journey to Southampton Central Station with direct trains to London Waterloo (80 minutes) and easy access to Southampton airport
- Situated on the main public bus route between Romsey and Southampton

Schools:

The catchment schools are:

- Rownhams St John's CofE Primary School (7 minute walk) <https://www.rownhams.hants.sch.uk/> and
- The Mountbatten School in Romsey <https://mountbatten.hants.sch.uk/> for secondary education.

Both schools are rated 'good'.

There are sixth form colleges in the surrounding area and two local pre-schools.



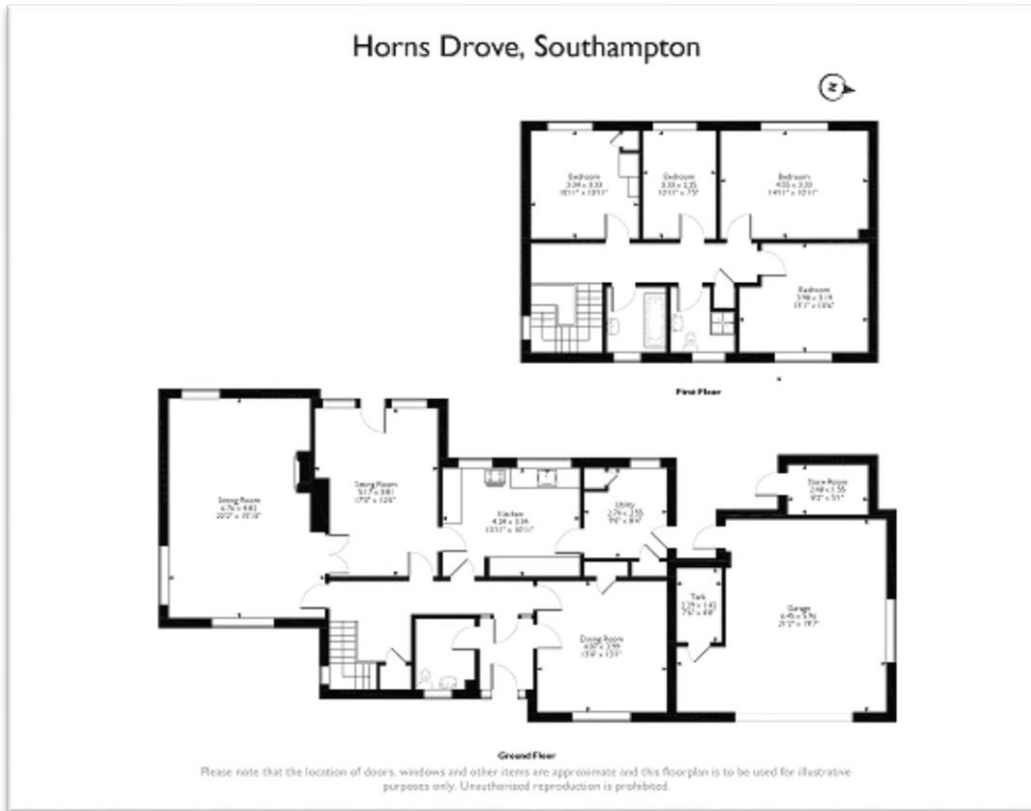
Shops

There is a convenience store, post office, hair dresser and Chinese takeaway/fish bar in Nursling Street, along with two pubs and two budget hotels in the vicinity. Many shops are located at Lord's Hill Centre (15 minute walk/short drive) where you can find a large supermarket with petrol station, pharmacy, post office, doctors' surgery and NHS dentist.

Rest and recreation

The New Forest and South Coast are easily accessible. Locally there is a David Lloyd leisure club, a golf club and a community swimming pool.

Details of local community groups can be found at <http://ww2.nrweb.org.uk/>



ROLE DESCRIPTION

This Role Description should be read in conjunction with the Profile document for the parish and the Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of the Clergy which apply to all in ordained office.

We are praying for a confident Christian leader who has a faith that is rooted in prayer and in the Bible; who is open to the leading and power of the Holy Spirit, and who will challenge us to do God's work. We need someone who loves the Lord wholeheartedly and who will embrace the rich variety of opportunities here with enthusiasm and energy.

Spirituality

- Is a passionate follower of Jesus who is committed to prayer and consciously seeks the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in their ministry
- Follows an ordered rhythm of life that integrates personal Bible study and prayer, spiritual director or accompanier, retreat and reflection, and focused ongoing learning, appropriate priority to personal life, friendships and family

Worship & Preaching

- Is biblically focused in their preaching and teaching, displaying creativity and clarity that inspire and engage with contemporary life and its challenges
- Displays understanding of the value of breadth in worship across the churches, leading worship confidently with groups of all ages in the variety of settings and styles

Leadership & Collaboration

- Actively and evidently seeks the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all things; consulting and collaborating deeply in developing plans, and seeking broad-based commitment across churches and traditions, yet being decisive when this is required to keep momentum in pursuing our commitments
- Approaches teamwork prayerfully and humbly, and will share significant areas of leadership, without losing the authority needed for good oversight
- Understands the importance of great communication and uses their skills to set forth our vision in a way that inspires our churches and communities



Discipleship, learning & nurture

- Proactively enables others to discern their gifts for ministry, and is committed to supporting them in developing and using these in worship and outreach
- Has a longing and active commitment to developing faithful discipleship in people of all ages, including through small groups e.g. prayer and home groups
- Will share their own knowledge, experience, and gifts with others; tactful and respectful when challenging others, and open to such challenge themselves

Evangelism & concern for Social Justice

- Is a persuasive yet sensitive evangelist, presenting the Gospel clearly and confidently and helping us learn to do so too
- Prioritises and actively develops our existing outreach with children, families and young people, and takes the initiative in developing relationships with and serving the needs of our local schools
- Will lead us in exploring creative outreach that seeks to build faith and participation with those who are not used to “traditional church”
- Will be an active, visible and accessible local Christian leader, building positive relationships within local communities



Pastoral Care

- Will actively support and deepen the provision of pastoral care through oversight and development of existing pastoral care ministry
- Demonstrates the mercy and love of Christ through sensitive yet practical pastoral care, not only to worshippers and their families, but also to members of the wider community
- Will actively pray for the church family and wider community

Stewardship, Finances and Parish Organisation

- Evidences generous discipleship and encourages it in others in the offering of time, talents and money
- In their daily living is committed to the importance of Christian Stewardship respecting the natural environment
- An experienced chair of meetings, who ensures that good listening is perceived as a gift, voices are heard, discussions crystallised, and decisions reached and implemented



- An effective manager of their own time and a competent delegator, making good use of the lay and ordained, paid and voluntary team, providing competent people management, and showing tangible appreciation for the contributions of others

The wider Diocese, ecumenism & links with other bodies

- Will play an active role in the life of deanery and diocese, and help us sustain and develop our sense of belonging within this wider family
- Committed to collaboration with other local churches including those within the SO16 network
- Appreciates the way that involvement with others pursuing God's mission in very different contexts can bring life and learning to the local church, and will encourage support for, and learning from, our mission partners

The role description should always be read in conjunction with the [Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of the Clergy](#).

HOW TO APPLY

A full application pack, along with Terms & Conditions, is available from the Diocesan website, [here](#).

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Appendix A



St Boniface Church, Nursling

St Boniface Church (mainly 14th century) is situated on the north side of the M27 in an isolated rural area at the end of a cul de sac with a few houses nearby. The Test Way, a long distance walk, passes by. The church is active with a morning service held every Sunday and also a United Parish evening service once a month in the summer.

The congregation is predominantly older preferring BCP services, with an average attendance of 22. The opening of Grove Place, a retirement village nearby, has helped to increase numbers. A good sized group gathers on a Friday morning for fellowship and to carry out practical tasks to keep the buildings and grounds in good order.

The church building is listed (Grade II starred) and seats approximately 100. The church yard is open for burials.

The church has much history attached to it. Winfrith (who became St Boniface) was born in Crediton, Devon and came to Nursling Monastic School to study. Later Pope Gregory II commissioned him as a missionary to Germany and he was given the name Boniface. We welcome pilgrims from Germany on a fairly regular basis.

<https://www.creditonparishchurch.org.uk/history/saint-boniface/>

The church building also houses the memorial for the Mill family, local land owners.

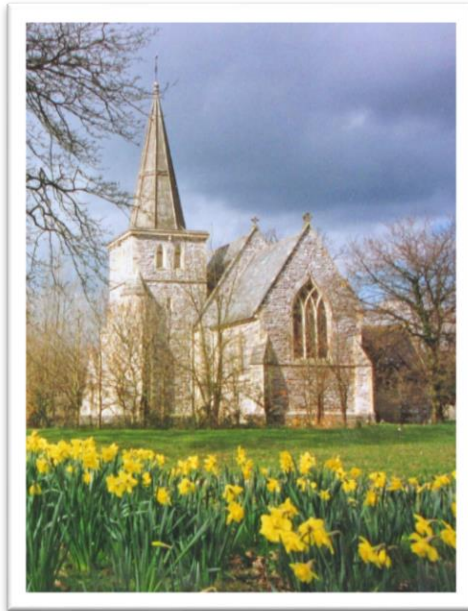
<https://barkermillfoundation.com/about-us/our-founders-family/>

The family, via their charitable trust, spent a significant sum in 2018 refurbishing the memorial and funding the reordering of the vestry. More work is planned as funds become available.

The nearby church hall has been used by a local operatic society to store their scenery, having recently given up their tenancy. We have yet to decide on the best way forward, although options are being discussed.



Appendix B



St John the Evangelist Church, Rownhams

St John's Church was built in the 1850s, funded by the village squire. It occupies a central position surrounded by housing developments and is located to the south and east of the motorways. The building is listed (Grade II) and seats up to 150 people. The churchyard is open for burials. The Church Office is based in the vestry and we try to have the church open for two hours each weekday morning, staffed by volunteers.

The church is very active and the congregation includes many young families as well as older people, and all ages in between. Styles of service range from the traditional to informal.

Most of the parish weddings take place here. Residents of nearby Lord's Hill and Lordswood can also choose to get married at St John's Church, with the vicar of Lord's Hill Church conducting the service.

At St John's we are proud to have achieved the Diocesan gold environmental award and are working towards the gold 'eco-church' award. Our young people's groups look after a community allotment and the Bible Garden in the churchyard. There is also a weekly walking group.

The church hall is well used by the community – the pre-school uses it during the day, with the Brownies, table tennis and a dancing school using it after school and into the evenings. Some church youth groups meet there and it is also let out for private hire for children's parties etc.



Appendix C

Pattern of Church Services

St John's

Sunday	8.00am	10.00am	6.30pm	Wed 11.00am
1 st	Holy Communion	All Age Worship	United Communion (October – March)	Holy Communion
2 nd	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Praise	Holy Communion
3 rd	Holy Communion	Morning Praise	Evening Prayer	Holy Communion
4 th	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Evening Praise	Holy Communion
5 th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer	Holy Communion
Usual Attendance	7-12	65-85 & 20 children	20-30	5-10

St Boniface

Sunday	10.45am	6.30pm
1 st	Morning Prayer	United Communion (April – September)
2 nd	Morning Prayer	No Service
3 rd	Holy Communion	No Service
4 th	Morning Prayer	No Service
5 th	Morning Prayer	No Service
Usual Attendance	20-25	20-30





‘From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.’
John 1:16

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