



## **ALMONDBURY WITH FARNLEY TYAS TEAM PARISH**

### **Our purpose is:**

- *to grow in faith as the family of God*
- *to celebrate and share the love of Christ*
- *to show his love by our witness and service in the community.*

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Almondbury with Farnley Tyas Parish to be Held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 11am at St. Lucius Church, Farnley Tyas**

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##### **All Hallows' Churchwardens' Report APCM April 2022**

#### **Roles and responsibilities**

Since the last report, we have been pleased to welcome the Revd Felicity Cowling-Green as Rector of All Hallows with Farnley Tyas Parish, and her husband, Revd Sam Cowling-Green. In February of this year, Revd Prof Jessica Malay was licensed as associate Priest of the Parish. The Parish Team, Clergy, Reader and Churchwardens, continue to work closely together as we emerge from the pandemic and discussions include the development of all aspects of the life and ministry at All Hallows.

Thanks go to all members of the DCC who play a key role in planning and decision making at All Hallows, including, amongst other matters, finance, social events, community involvement and Fabric.

#### **Worship**

We have fewer regular services than previously as we re-assess what forms of worship and service patterns would best serve our members and the wider community. A weekly Sunday Eucharist forms the core of our worship, together with a sung Evensong. The latter is held monthly, alternating the venue with St Lucius. These are underpinned with Morning Prayer five days a week. A significant number of members are unable come to services, even so attendance at the Eucharist is above pre-Covid levels. At Christmas, a Christingle service at the church was planned, but due to rising levels of Covid-19 locally this was changed to a Zoom service, indicative of the need to be flexible in these times. We have benefitted from closer links with the Methodist church and its new minister, Revd Peter Catford

Occasional services continue, with many baptisms taking place since these were previously not permitted and there is now a waiting list. We mourned the loss of Elaine Pygott, Donald Bates and Janet Howatson, long-standing members of All Hallows.

#### **Social and community**

Representatives from local schools gathered with us at the War Memorial on Remembrance Day and All Hallows' Primary School has returned for its services recently, including Lent and Easter. Revd Felicity leads assemblies at our local church schools and members have been involved with Hand to Mouth, a charity which supports schools in their presentation of the Christian faith to pupils. Sue Edwards, Chair of

Governors, has kept the PCC informed about the school and the pressures faced by the Head and her staff during the pandemic. We congratulate them for their success in the Ofsted inspection in November.

A limited number of social events have been held to include the wider community; An 'Easter Eggstravaganza' in conjunction with the Methodists, involved local businesses and the public and was well attended.

Linda Smith and Jenny Hinchliffe

### **All Hallows' Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric, Goods & Ornaments 2021**

#### **Routine work during the year:**

- Churchwardens' routine visual inspection of the church and grounds.
- Maintenance of the church logbook and inventory.
- Maintenance of the church lighting.
- Inspection, maintenance of the fire and safety equipment.
- Testing of the lightning conductor.
- Annual maintenance of the boiler.

#### **Additional:**

- Two new cupboards have been built in the church hall, for the storage of equipment used by community groups.
- A Parish Office has been built within the existing church lounge and equipped for the Parish administrator
- Windows in the Kaye chapel have been cleaned, restored and replaced
- The clock has been replaced following repairs to the tower

#### **Other projects at initial stages include:**

- The church hall roof has been repaired (Completed 2022)
- Relacing the protection on the hall windows
- Replacement of the hall outer door
- Decoration of the church hall
- Re-instatement of the sundial
- Repair and decoration of the church ceiling

We would like to thank all members of the Fabric Team who have served this year, the gardening team and all other volunteers who freely give of their time and talents.

Jenny Hinchliffe and Linda Smith  
Churchwardens

## **St Lucius' Church - 2021 Churchwardens Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments**

In 2021 parish church services were held on zoom from January 3<sup>rd</sup> to March 28<sup>th</sup>, this was due to the lockdown. On Easter Sunday we celebrated communion in church, led by the Rev Jenny Barnes.

### **Works carried out.**

- Churchwardens' routine visual inspection of the church and grounds.
- Maintenance of the church log book and inventory.
- Maintenance of the church lighting.
- Maintenance of the church tower and the bells.
- Inspection of the tower and clock.
- Inspection, maintenance of the fire and safety equipment.
- Testing of the lightning conductor.
- Annual maintenance of the boiler.
- Annual gutter clearing, and visual roof inspection.

During the covid lockdown there was no church or social activity.

However, it was an opportunity for a large amount of work to be done to the fabric of the building. We now have a really good serviceable extended kitchen which will make catering much simpler, which compliments the work undertaken on the new toilet extension.

We also have storage space in the cupboards made from the pews which were removed to extend the social area at the west end of church.

All development work carried out under the supervision of the church architect- Stuart Beaumont. All permissions and the necessary faculty obtained.

### **Additional:-**

St Lucius started working with the ARocha award scheme which equips your church to express your care of God's world in worship, looking after the church building, the community, global campaigns and the personal lifestyles of the congregation .By choosing the right actions we are working towards the church being 'net zero carbon' by 2030 as is the call from General Synod.

We would also like to thank: -

- Those who care for the church linen.
- The gardening team and all other volunteers.

Thank you for the donation of new hymn books which will augment our praise and worship.

Two wooden candle holders were also donated to the church in memory of a former church member.

Thank you to those who freely give of their time and talents to make St Lucius' the place it is today.

Monica Wells and Catherine Ball  
March 2022  
Churchwardens

## **(vi) Deanery Synod Report 2021**

Five meetings were held during the year, February, April, June, September, December.

All were held by Zoom or Hybrid and in conjunction with Huddersfield Deanery.

In March all Deanery members were encouraged to vote for members of the General Synod for the coming three year term and were sent CV's of all candidates. The local Candidate Catherine Stephenson from New Mill was successful and has since sent reports of the General Synod meeting which made fascinating reading.

Christopher Thompson was elected to the Anglian Diocese of Leeds Synod and is now a director/trustee of the Board of Finance for a three year term All reports of meetings can be accessed on the Leeds Diocesan website

C Ball

C Mallinson

## **(vii) Almondbury with Farnley Tyas Parish Safeguarding Report April 2022**

The PCC is guided by Section 5 of the Safeguarding Clergy and Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). As required annually, the PCC will ratify the 'Parish Statement on Safeguarding' drawn up by Leeds Diocese; dated copies are on church noticeboards and on the website. The fuller national policy, "Promoting a Safer Church," is available on the Parish website. In addition, a poster emphasising the key points of the House of Bishops' Policy on Safeguarding is displayed in each church; names and contact details need to be updated.

Since the last meeting, priority has been given to the required DBS checks on parish workers for Little Hallows at the Enhanced level. Six members have been ratified in accordance with regulations. Additional online training by the PCC has been undertaken in 2022 to ensure continued compliance and effective good practice.

Linda Smith

## **(viii) Secretary of PCC Report to the APCM January to December 2021**

The PCC met six times in 2021 with an average percentage attendance of 87%.

### **PCC Members 2021:**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Incumbent:             | The Reverend Felicity Cowling-Green (from May 2021)   |
| Associate Priest:      | The Reverend Jessica Malay  |
| Churchwardens:         | Mrs Catherine Ball<br>Mrs Jane Dutton<br>Mrs Jennifer Hinchliffe<br>Mrs Elizabeth Rawlinson (to July 2021)*<br>Mrs Linda Smith (PCC Lay Chair)<br>Mrs Monica Wells  |
| Diocesan Synod Member: | Mr Christopher Thompson (from August 2021)  |
| Deanery Synod Members: | Mrs Catherine Ball<br>Mrs Marian Beckles (from August 2021)<br>Mrs Charlotte Mallinson<br>Mrs Hilary Pollard (from August 2021)   |
| Elected Members:       | Mrs Marian Beckles (to August 2021)<br>Mrs Sue Edwards<br>Mrs Corinne Lord (Parish Electoral Roll Officer)<br>Mr Eric Lord<br>Mr Brian Mallinson<br>Mrs Helen Marshall<br>Mr Andrew Wilkinson (PCC Treasurer) |

\*Sadly, Mrs Elizabeth Rawlinson died in July 2021.

### **Important items discussed by the PCC since the last APCM have included:**

- The on-going COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on church opening, services and events.
- Team Ministry matters including worship, service planning, life event services, the vacancy and appointment updates.
- Mission planning and opportunities for outreach within the Parish, including the setup of a Food Share at St. Michael & St. Helen, the PCC & DCC Away Day held in October at Wakefield Cathedral, the setup of a new Parish website and the proposed creation of a Friends of All Hallows Scheme.
- Financial planning, including the sharing of Parish expenses, payment of the Parish Share and purchase of a new Parish printer/photocopier.
- Planning and discussion regarding repairs and building works at each of the three churches, the Rectory and the Parish Office, and the application for Faculties for works where necessary.
- Reports and updates from schools within the Parish including the appointment of School Governors at the local church schools and the Ofsted Inspection at All Hallows Primary School.
- Reports and updates from the Deanery Synod.
- Ecumenical matters including joint working with the Methodist Church.
- Health and Safety, including awareness of and adherence to current COVID-19 regulations.

- Safeguarding and Data Protection.
- Administrative matters including discussions on the Team Parish Constitution.
- Management and maintenance of the Rectory Garden.

**Services held regularly at the three churches include:**

| <b>Church</b>         | <b>Services Held Regularly</b>  | <b>Average Number Attending Main Sunday Service</b> |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| All Hallows           | Sunday Eucharist Service<br>Sunday Baptism Services<br>Midweek Morning Prayer:<br>Wednesday to Friday | 51  |
| St Lucius             | Sunday Eucharist Service<br>Tuesday Morning Prayer  | 23  |
| St Michael & St Helen | Sunday Eucharist Service<br>Sunday Service of the Word<br>Café Church (Half-Termly)                   | 16  |
| Alternating Churches  | Whole Parish Sunday<br>Eucharist Service<br>(Every 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>& Festival Events)       | 58  |
| Online by Zoom        | Monday Morning Prayer<br>Streamed Service<br><br>Sunday Streamed Services<br>(Held during Lockdowns)  | --  |

Anadelle Robinson  
PCC Secretary

**(ix) Reports from Church Organisations**

**Mothers' Union – Secretary's Report 2021**

We have had another strange Zooming year. We did not meet until March but as Mildred was unable to be present we talked generally.

In April Margaret Fossey gave a talk about Mary Secole and then in May Maureen Browell spoke about Julian of Norwich. June saw a presentation by Hilary on Florence Li Tim-Oi who was not someone we had heard of. She was the first woman Priest. In July Chris talked about Dame Cicely Saunders who pioneered the modern Hospice movement. In September because Jessica could not be there Hilary talked (via phone from Filey!) about Elizabeth Fry. October saw Jill telling us about Edith Cavell and coincidentally this day was her memorial day too. All these meetings were via Zoom. In November a slight breakthrough – we met in the Lounge and Hilary talked about Margery Kempe. We also listened to a talk by Tony McPherson. The theme for this year was Building Hope and Confidence and all these talks were about women who had done this.

Unfortunately, COVID overtook us again and our Christmas Lunch had to be cancelled.

We did however host the children to the War Memorial on 11/11/2021 giving them carefully arranged biscuits and a drink in church. We also helped at the coffee morning which was held the weekend of the Patronal Festival, but this has been the extent of our involvement with the Church this year.

However, we have continued to make bags for emergency care in hospital, and women's refuge. We have also tried to keep in touch with members who are not able to Zoom.

As I said last year, this has been another strange year, but we must go forward with hope into 2022.

Chris Carpenter  
Secretary  
Almondbury Mothers' Union

### **Ringing Report April 2021–2022: All Hallows, Almondbury**

It has been a very positive year for the bell ringers of All Hallows, after a very difficult start to the year for everyone.

After the lockdown in the first part of 2021 we had a very successful restart with a dedicated group of people happy to get stuck in and get back to learning. We still depend on ringers from other areas of Huddersfield in order to get numbers for services and practices, but at least they seem committed. We did have an Almondbury resident begin learning but, due to other commitments and an injury, she is not intending to return to ringing. Meanwhile, one of our older members remains self-isolating.

Very sadly, Barry Sullivan passed away in 2021 – having been the Tower Captain for 40 years – on and off. We rang for the funeral service, and later a peal was rung in his honour. His ashes are under a stone in the garden of remembrance. Edna continues to be well and spent 10 weeks in Sydney, over Christmas 21, with her son and his family.

Hilda returned to ringing, but has since had a problem with one of her eyes, which means that she cannot ring at the moment, but she hopes to return eventually.

We tolled for the death of Prince Philip and rang a quarter peal in his honour. Unnervingly, I've become very familiar with 'Operation London Bridge', which is the code for the organisation of events in the death of the Monarch; I now know when and what to ring and am prepared – sufficient muffles for all the bells.

We recently had the Spring Peal – and a joy it was! The Autumn Peal is already booked for the first Saturday in September. We have also had a number of visits from ringing groups from other areas, as our bells are so well regarded.

There were some weddings last year where the bells were requested and the ringing was very successful. Stephen also rang the Carillon at some weddings and other events, including the Christingle service.

Following the re-start, we had a good old clean up – getting scaffolding up the stairs to that we could clean the ceiling and upper walls of the ringing chamber. It was surprising how much dirt came off! While we were up there, we installed a 'spider' – not the insect kind, but the kind over which all the bell ropes can be hooped to keep them out of the way and in good order. It works on a pulley system and it is very exiting every time the 'spider' is raised!

And speaking of spiders, we've finally had the insects in the bell chamber dealt with – sad for the insects, but good for the ringers, where were being bothered by them. This has led to a great deal more cleaning as we shift the piles of insect remains. This cleaning job is ongoing.

We had an open tower event in August, which was enormously over-subscribed (and the free, inscribed pens went down well too!). The intention is there to do the same again in 2022 – but it is yet to organise. We also took part in Heritage Open Weekend, which was again so busy that we had to stay open an extra hour!

It has been wonderful having the clock back working, after the work on the lintels. The response of the people of Almondbury to the clock, the resumption of ringing and the peals and visiting ringing has been universally positive.

And, of course, we rang to celebrate the arrival of Felicity to our community – she has already been very supportive of our ringing efforts and it has been a pleasure to get to know her (the cakes at the garden party were very nice too!). We similarly rang for Jessica – well done on your promotion! It has also been a pleasure for me to get to further know the people involved in the Church and their role – thank you for the inside information Anadelle!

In the near future, we are hosting the AGM of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, and it includes a service in Church. Plus, having installed the 'spider' and had a good clean up, I've also added a bookcase for storage, bought more ringing t-shirts, and have just taken delivery of a large noticeboard for the ringing room – onward and upwards!

Ruth Elliott  
Tower Captain