



St. Andrew's Church

Hampton

Within the Benefice of Bengeworth, Hampton,
Sedgeberrow & Hinton on the Green,
Asum South Group Ministry.

Annual Report

2024

Introduction

Since 2018 St. Andrew's Church has been within the Benefice of Asum South. Consisting now of Great & Little Hampton along with the Church of Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow and the two St. Peter's Churches, in Bengeworth and Hinton on the Green. St Peter's Church, Bengeworth became a Resourcing Church in April 2021 and operates separately from other churches in the Benefice.

Reverend Mark Binney is now recognised as Rector of these Parishes until the end of May 2024, then the Benefice will be in Interregnum while the Diocese decides on its future.

Our Benefice is a member of the Asum Group, with the Churches of All Saints, Evesham and St. Egwin, Norton & Lenchwick.

We are in the Pershore and Evesham Deanery, of the Worcester Archdeaconry, in the Diocese of Worcester.

Our Patrons are the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford (Hampton) and the Dean and Chapter of Worcester (Sedgeberrow), Laslett's Hinton Charity (Hinton) and The Bishop of Worcester (Bengeworth).

Constitutional Matters

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for the

- Management of the church
- Care and maintenance of the church buildings
- Safeguarding of all other assets
- Finances and accounting records, which must disclose with reasonable accuracy the PCC's financial position.

The PCC is of the opinion that in preparing the financial statement for 2023 the appropriate accounting procedures have been followed.

Members of the PCC are elected at the Annual Church Meeting for a term of three years. They may stand for re-election at the end of this period. All members on the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to vote and to stand for election.

The election of two Churchwardens is carried out each year at the Annual Meeting of parishioners. All parishioners are entitled to vote. Churchwardens may be elected up to a maximum of six years and cannot be elected again for a period of two years.

John Martin's Charity

We again offer our grateful thanks to the Trustees of the John Martin Charity for the financial support they give us every year. Their help and generosity, ensures our church is open for worship and available to the local community for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and Confirmations.

Ministry Share.

Every year we are expected to pay a contribution towards the Pershore and Evesham Deanery Share which is due to the Diocese of Worcester. Following the changes to the Deanery's there are now 69 Churches within the Deanery and the amount that each church is expected to pay is now based on the benefice they fall under and the number of worshippers who attend Sunday services, averaged over 5 years. The contribution requested for St. Andrew's in 2023 was £ and following grant payments and energy cost contributions we paid **£14,000**.

This is money we have to find for ourselves. The John Martin Charity is not allowed to help us with this as it falls outside their remit. In previous years we have had to dip into our savings to pay the full amount. In 2024 we will have to pay as a Benefice and the total amount requested is £63,382 to be shared between Hampton, Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green, Bengeworth's contribution is separate from the other parishes in the Benefice.

Clergy, Lay Ministers, PCC Members and Advisers 2023

Priest in Charge:	Reverend Mark Binney	
Honorary Assistant Priests:	Reverend Patrick Wooster Reverend Canon Nick Wright	
Licensed Lay Ministers:	Mrs Elaine Major Mr Robin Hillman Mrs Laura Hillman	
Authorised Lay Ministers:	Mrs Helen Black	
Churchwardens:	Mrs Margaret Thomson (2016) Mrs Carolyn Jenkins (2017)	
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mrs Gabrielle Falkiner (2020) Mrs Sally Keane (2020)	
Parish Administrator:	Ms Caryl Mills	
Treasurer:	Mrs Carolyn Jenkins (2017)	
PCC Secretary: Minute taker:	Vacant. Sheeraden Murphy	
PCC Members:	Mrs Jane Wisniewski (2017) Mrs Pippa Henly (2016) Mr Duncan Savory (2016) Mr Robin Hillman (2020) Mrs Laura Hillman (2020) Mrs Helen Black (2020) Mrs Sally Keane (2022)	
Electoral Roll Officer:	Mr Michael Hunter	
Independent Examiner:	Mr C. N. Boyd, Boyd Chartered Accountants 20, Sansome Walk Worcester WR1 1LR	
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank plc 19, High Street, Evesham WR11 4DQ	
	Churches, Charities, Local Authorities (CCLA) Investment Management Ltd 80, Cheapside London, EC2V 6DZ	

Surveyors/ Architect:
(Diocesan Advisory Committee):

Poole Phillips (from April 2022)
John Poole Arts and Study Centre
Main Street
Bishampton
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Web Site Provider:

Simon Fletcher
Spacestream.com Ltd

Web Site Administrator:

Mr Michael Hunter

Review 2023

Clergy, Lay Ministers & Services.

We acknowledge and understand that Reverend Mark Binney is limited with time with three Churches to minister to. With the new Service times he is able to preside at each Church for their main Service at least twice a month. We thank him for the time and effort he puts into the Church Services and other activities at St. Andrews, they are much appreciated.

We also thank Charlie for supporting Mark in his Ministry and Communion.

Reverend Patrick Wooster continues to help us with the continuity of our Services; presiding at the Sunday 8.00am and 10am Wednesday services of Holy Communion as well as Festival Services. The PCC offer their grateful thanks for his ministry to us and thank him for his continuing support of our Church.

We wish to thank Elaine Major LLM and Helen Black ALM for taking on the responsibility of the Morning Praise Services which are offered on the first and third Sunday of the month. They have been instrumental in getting Open The Book restarting at St Andrew's School and children have also had services in the church on a regular basis. Tots Group has been meeting regularly and the number of regular attendees is growing. We would also like to thank Robin and Laura Hillman who have been an essential part of the Lay Minister Team even through Robin's health issues. Robin's death on 27th March leaves a big hole not only in everyone's hearts but also in the team and we are so grateful for any help that Laura still feels able to provide.

With Mark and Patrick our Licenced Lay Ministers are continuing to offer their services and we have been able to continue offering a regular and varied pattern of worship. Plans are being drawn up to offer as many services as possible during the interregnum or until we have confirmation of what the Diocese intends to do with the Benefice.

In normal circumstances Holy Communion is available every Sunday at 8am and Wednesdays at 10am plus the second and fourth Sundays at 10.00am. On the 5th Sunday of the month Communion was held in one of the Benefice Churches at **10am**. In the interregnum it is anticipated that each church will have a monthly Eucharist and regular Morning Praise services. More regular benefice services may have to be held.

Non communion Services currently on the first and third Sundays again at 10.00am and are more geared towards children and families. These services are well attended; with children and their parents now in regular attendance. Special Services for Festivals are also covered. Rev Mark Binney and Elaine Major regularly offered Communion to those who are ill or housebound. This is a very important part of our outreach and very much appreciated by those who receive.

The Care Home team have kept in touch with Cavendish Park and Austen Court and have started services at Cavendish Park on a regular basis. We wish to thank those ministering to residents and those in the community who are unable to attend

services. We especially thank Cath Lattimer for her 'goodie bags' and kindness to those in need.

We also thank Diana Scorse for her devotion to her post as Organist and Choir Mistress. She has been a dedicated member of the Church for many years and covers most Services at St. Andrews. We realise how lucky we are to have this continuity as many churches struggle to find an organist. We also thank Charlie for covering for Diana when the need arises.

The Bell-Ringing team call us to worship most Sundays and offer their services for weddings etc. There was an issue with bees in the Tower during the previous summers which we hope has been resolved. The commitment of the Captain and ringers to St. Andrews is much appreciated. The towers are open again and ringers from Evesham Bell Tower will continue to join with St. Andrews and other teams have come to ring special peals during the year.

St. Andrew's Parish Church Electoral Roll

Report of the Electoral Roll Officer –

The revision of the roll was completed in March 2024 in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

There have been few changes this year.

Number of names added to the roll:	1
Number of names removed from the roll:	1
Number of Names on the Roll:	76
Number who live outside the parish:	13

Michael Hunter

Building and Land.

On 15th April 2023 The Peace Garden for formally opened by Rev Binney. Sandra Capaldi from Evesham Round Table has been working with the Churchwardens to bring this area to life as a wildlife community garden. The Men in Sheds made a Peace Pole which was set into the garden and the local school children have made bug hotels and planted wild flower seeds. Shirley Lynch has given a tree in memory of John Lynch which has also been planted in the area. The next project is to provide seating for people when using the garden.

Vestry Project

The Faculty was granted in September 2023 and work has begun on clearing the vestry. The first job that needs to be tackled is the floor in the vestry and grants have been applied for.

Church Wardens Report 2023

The year started with the final visitation with Robert Jones as Arch Deacon. We discussed plans for Hampton once Mark Binney has retired. He introduced us to Sarah Dangerfield, the Area Dean, and she promised us her support in this process. He also said he felt that Andrew Spurr, Vicar of Evesham, would also support us.

We attended Pershore Abbey Church for our admission Service and Mark accompanied us.

We hosted the John Martin Commemoration Service again this year, another of Mark's last services.

The vestry project has continued to be the main focus of our work this year. Some items have already been cleared from the vestry and buyers have been found for items not related to the church. As the office will also have to be moved, when Mark leaves the vicarage we have archived any relevant documents and disposed of items found in the loft – all proceeds to the vestry fund.

In September we had the faculty granted, for the alterations and repairs to the vestry. The first job of laying pipework for the toilet is due to begin shortly. Grants are being applied for to fund other parts of the project.

It is hoped that a large percentage of the funds will be met by the sale of Fairfield Hall, the Elim Church wish to purchase this building and presently rent it from us, through the Fairfield Hall Committee. Unfortunately, they have had problems selling their existing property in Evesham town.

As we approach the interregnum and Mark's retirement, we are making plans with the lay readers and retired vicars and Caryl our administrator to ensure we have regular church services and that Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms continue. We are in regular contact with Sarah Dangerfield and the new Arch Deacon, Mark Badger as it appears that we will not be having much support from the Vicar of Evesham.

Margaret Thomson and Carolyn Jenkins.

St Andrew's Church Centre

2023 was another quiet year for the church centre. During term time Alphabet House continued to provide high quality pre-school care.

The Evesham Elim Church continued to meet in the church centre throughout the year. Some progress has been made on the sale of the centre to Elim Church. The building has now been registered with the Land Registry and Elim Church have made progress with the sale of their present building. We are confident that the sale will be completed during 2024.

There were a few children's parties held at the centre.

Following a leak in the roof some remedial work was carried out to repair it. The roofing specialist reported that the roof was still in good condition and he didn't expect any further work would be required for some time.

We record our thanks to Alphabet House and Elim Church for their continuing contribution to the Centre; to Alisa and Dave Shortell who look after the Centre and ensure that it runs smoothly; and to the members of the Management Committee for their continued dedication to the Centre and its facilities.

Michael Hunter

Chairman of St Andrew's Church Centre Management Committee

Herald

The Herald is still a good source of information for our Parishioners. We print & distribute 140 copies every month for the Hampton Parish, with another 20 copies each being distributed to Hinton & Sedgeberrow. This number has remained static in the last year. The Herald is also available as a download on the Hampton Website. We do appreciate the time and effort taken by Jane Wisniewski and her band of volunteers who take the magazines to their customers and thank Liz Rodway for putting the magazine together. Any articles and suggestions are always welcome.

St Andrews Tots Annual Report

Another exciting year at St Andrews Tots. Our parents report back to us how much they value this resource. And we welcome new parents regularly.

We continue to encourage our children to use Signalong alongside their speech and parents and carers report that this is assisting children with their speech and language development.

Our arts and crafts table continues to be a favourite among the children and parents, and we have made beautiful items that have been taken home and have helped to decorate our church.

We have lovely toys like our roller coaster and ride on toys that develop physical skills. A home corner and garage which help our children to learn to interact with each other.

We have had some lovely services in the church and the children have entertained Elaine with their singing.

Elaine and Margaret attended the 'Care for the Family' conference in Milton Keynes and came back with resources to use in the group.

All the volunteers have developed skills to talk to parents about their concerns etc showing that we are not just a place for the children to play but a safe place where parents, grandparents and carers can feel free to talk.

We are eternally grateful for the help Jane gives us with setting up in the morning we welcome more volunteers if you are free on a Tuesday morning to join the regular team! Especially as Helen has had to step back a bit this year to work on her LLM training.

Margaret, Pippa, Jenny and Janet.

Margaret Thomson

Annual Report For 2C's Afternoon Teas for the Lonely and Bereaved

We are now into our 12th year and the Teas go from strength to strength, now averaging 18 – 20 every month. The ladies and gentlemen appear to enjoy themselves and certainly have fun solving the quiz questions that they are given between the savoury and sweet course.

Elaine Major

Bell Tower Report

No report has been submitted.

If there is anyone who would like to learn to ring or even come and watch to see how ringing is done, please let John Smith know. (01386 443157)

Bible study report

During the last year we have continued to meet regularly to learn more about Jesus and learn more of the Bible. We are currently studying the book of James, where shortly we will learn that controlling the tongue is one of the hardest things to do. We have studied the book of Daniel, where we saw that God is faithful to those who love him, and how Daniel and his friends continued to serve God even when they had been taken away from their community. We learned how no one except Daniel could interpret the king's dreams. Through the writing on the wall, we saw how King Belshazzar had been judged and found wanting.

Recently we dipped into the book of Galatians where Paul urges his people to look at the things Jesus said and did and not follow the Law – since the Law pointed to Jesus in the first place. He also warns us against believing in false prophets and to see if what they are saying fits in with the things Jesus said.

Bible study will continue in its present format - a prayer from Pippa, a short video, and questions - although after May it will move into the church building.

It has been my absolute pleasure to welcome Bible students nearly every week for the last ten years, and I am going to miss you so much! Monday mornings will never be the same.

Charlie Binney

Care Home Ministry

The Care Home Ministry team is made up of volunteer Church Members from Hampton, Hinton and Bengeworth, providing a monthly Songs of Praise/Communion for residents at Cavendish Park and The Hawthorns.

On a monthly basis I take homemade cards with poems (decorated and laminated) which I give to the Activities Coordinator to pass on to the residents of their choice at Cavendish Park, The Hawthorns and Austen Court.

At the moment Austen Court have only shown interest in having a few visits on special occasions.

Cath Lattimer

Home Care Ministry

I make monthly visits to 17 homes taking 'goodie bags' containing fruit, sweets, homemade cake and a homemade card with poems/ decorated- smiling face, big hug and a chat.

Each person has my telephone number and can contact me anytime if they need anything.

Cath Lattimer

Home Communion

Elaine, Helen and Cath make up the team who provide Home Communion for anyone who is unable to attend Church for health reasons.

Home Communion is an important part of our mission and we are visiting three people at the moment on a monthly basis. One lady joins us at her friend's home; while the other has it on her own. We are available for other house bound communicants if needed.

Cath Lattimer and Elaine Major

Open the Book

Margaret, Helen, Cath and myself are still visiting St. Andrews School on a weekly basis to deliver Bible stories to the children, with some helping with acting the principle parts. It is always well received by children and staff. Since September we are also visiting Bengeworth Academy Key stage 2 site in Kings Road and they too are enjoying the experience.

Elaine Major

School Services

Most Services now have to be held in school due to the number of children now at the school. Myself, Helen and Cath make a point of being there if this is the case. However, we do have a potted version of our Sunday Morning Praise Service every half term when one year will come to Church. This is proving popular and the children are learning hymns, rather than the worship songs they have in School.

I would like to thank my small team of Margaret, Helen, Cath, Jane, Bev & Chris for their enthusiasm in our outreach Ministry. None of these could take part if not for their help. And I really appreciate all they do. If anyone else would like to join us please see me, you would be welcomed with open arms....

Elaine Major

Safeguarding Report

Dashboard

The Diocese provide every PSL with an on line dashboard, this is a RAG rating system that ensures that every church follows the criteria laid out by the diocese. It includes the following:

The policies and action plans

Procedures

Roles

Training

Displaying of information

Reviews and reports

Church activities (risk assessments etc)

Non church activities

This dashboard can only be seen by the PSL, the DBS admin and the incumbent (namely Myself, Caryl and Mark).

This year.

There have been no serious Safeguarding issues this year. The diocese safeguarding team has been on hand to support me if I have made enquiries. I have attended regular safeguarding meetings on Zoom which include training updates. Thanks, and congratulations to those who have completed safeguarding training this year.

COVID 19

I continue to keep in contact with the diocese on any recommendations and information regarding Covid. Please continue to inform me of your worries,

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. I am willing to continue in my role as PSL for the next year.

Margaret Thomson