

## APCM REPORT



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Here are some of the highlights from the business we covered.

Following the retirement of Sheila Holliday (a maximum of 6 years are allowed for the post of Church warden), our four **church wardens** for 2017/18 are Jim Palmer & Maurice Shergold at St Columba and Paul Leece and (new to post) Judi Bushell at Holy Trinity.

Our **Deanery reps** for the next three years are:  
Sue Craft, Alison Jacobs, Jane Whiteley & Jim Palmer

The full list of **PCC elected members** for 2017/18 will be on display in both churches soon, following the election of Daphne Armstrong and Jane Whiteley for a first term, plus the re-election of Peter Hallam for his second term.



Judi Bushell, who has been our very efficient **PCC Secretary** for a number of years has stood down and her place is now been taken by Daphne Armstrong.

The full details of the APCM business will be on display once the next PCC meeting has approved the draft minutes.

# PCC Update from 28<sup>th</sup> March meeting

## **Health & Safety**

The PCC asked that this Bulletin specifically mentions the need to complete and sign an entry in the Accident Book, if any injury or accident occurs when our premises are being used.

The Accident Book at Holy Trinity is with the First Aid box in the kitchen (by the hatch to the lounge). At St Columba you'll find the Accident Book with the First Aid box on a dedicated hook near the Church entrance.



Any accident or need for first aid (including minor injuries) should also be reported to the H & S officer at the relevant church (Mike Craft at Holy Trinity and Jim Palmer at St Columba). They are responsible for then removing the completed and signed



page from the Accident Book, for safe storage by the Parish Office staff. This allows for future reference to the details, if a need arises.

## **Finances**

Sue Marshall (Treasurer) who leads our team of parish finance volunteers, provided details of the annual accounts which were duly presented to the APCM last month. Whilst we have been able to 'balance the books' over 2016, this was due in the main, to delayed maintenance work. 2017 will see remedial work commencing at both our churches.



Whilst the change in our Parish giving Scheme has happily resulted in many individuals increasing their giving; loose plate and other sources of income (eg. investments and interest earnings) have dropped. The coming year will require careful expenditure management and some income initiatives.

# Our friend Kate Hancock



It was a full congregation that met together on 7<sup>th</sup> April to give thanks for the life of Kate Hancock - wife, mother, sister and friend. Her son Jack read a eulogy which mentioned the strokes that had debilitated her in the last five years and her Type 1 diabetes, diagnosed in her early teens. Yet the most prominent words said of Kate since her death are “courage”, “tough” and “fighter”. Jack spoke movingly of Kate’s tenacity and determination to live life on her own terms.

Kate trained as an educational psychologist and she enjoyed many voluntary roles with young people too, including leading junior choir and Sunday school. As Jack said, Kate was a good ‘do-er’. She played in the scout band and sang in Fareham Philharmonic and Holy Trinity choirs. Kate even composed music - two lovely pieces being included in her thanksgiving service. Kate raised funds for choir robes, made costumes for the Three Churches Touring Company and did her fair share for High Time fundraising. In addition to the socials and harvest suppers she helped with; Kate helped individuals, giving lifts and continuing to visit people who needed some company - even when it meant doing so on her mobility scooter.

Despite being outnumbered at home by her husband and two sons, Jack described Kate as the family matriarch, who imbued in her sons a ‘can do’ attitude and solid Christian values.

Later in the service, Rev. Garry said that in knowing Kate, there was much to be thankful for. A life well lived, with all the challenges that it brought. Life for Kate was never boring as she faced it with determination and selflessness.

Jack finished his eulogy by saying that if he could lead half as good a life as his Mother had done, then he would pass from this earth a happy and contented man. Amen to that.

# Safeguarding or Health & Safety?



A few queries have arisen recently which suggests some confusion exists regarding these two important areas of our church life.



Allison Sturt for St Columba and (new to post) Sheila Clark for Holy Trinity, take the lead on Safeguarding. They provide advice and support in the implementation of the Diocesan Policy for the ‘Safeguarding of Children and Adults’ in all parishes. The Policy is a document which annually commits the PCC to the “support, nurture, protection & safeguarding of all, especially the young and vulnerable”.

This policy includes:

- DBS checks & safe selection and recruitment of volunteers
- Training, support & supervision of those working with vulnerable groups
- Responding to concerns for a child, young person or adult who is at risk from harm.
- Cooperating with the Diocese during any investigation of abuse.



In contrast, the Church Health & Safety Policy is to “provide & maintain safe and healthy working conditions, equipment and systems... and provide information, training & supervision as needed”. In addition, the H & S Policy “endeavours to ensure the health, safety & welfare of all members of the congregation, contractors & visitors to the churches, church land and any associated buildings”.

## Health & Safety



Our H&S officers (Mike Craft at Holy Trinity and Jim Palmer at St Columba) look after all sorts of practical issues from fire evacuation procedures & food handling training, to loose paving, unsafe electrics or rickety tables.

# The Rainbow Centre

([www.rainbowcentre.org](http://www.rainbowcentre.org))

The Bradbury Building,  
Palmerston Drive, Fareham.



This month our Parish is focusing upon the Rainbow Centre where they inspire and support children with Cerebral Palsy and adults with a stroke, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's, adult Cerebral Palsy and head injuries. The support extends to their families too. Through a system of Conductive Education, the Rainbow Centre staff encourage and teach participants to take an active role in their own development. They learn new ways to become active and happy individuals, who are proud of their own achievements and ready to face life's challenges. Each child or adult is inspired to reach their full potential by focusing upon what they CAN DO.

Here is some feedback from individuals who have benefitted from the Centre's professional and caring approach:

*"I am a strong person because Conductive Education has given me ways to adapt movement to be safe and strong within my capabilities. Rainbow has changed my existence in so many brilliant and positive ways. Thank you "* – Paula, MS Group

*"Theo has shown improvements in all areas since attending and we as his parents have developed a better understanding of cerebral palsy"* – Aloysia, Theo's Mum.

To support the important work of the Rainbow centre, log onto their website & take part in one of their fundraising events, or donate to/shop at one of their three charity shops (West St Fareham, West End Southampton or Milton in Portsmouth).



# CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14-20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017

Would you like to support the work of Christian Aid this year?

Collections at Fareham Train Station 7am to 9am and 4pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday, to make giving easier for those busy commuters. An information stall in Fareham shopping centre Mon-Sat 10am to 5pm.

For those who prefer a walk whilst collecting, there is a house-to-house collection throughout the week.

Of course, for personal giving, there will be Christian Aid envelopes available in both our churches

*Please consider sharing some time with other volunteers from churches across the town. Together we raise funds for the important long-term support Christian Aid gives to so many desperate and disadvantaged families and communities across God's globe.*

Look for a spare slot in a rota placed in each church or contact our two coordinators – Maurice at St Columba (01329 288916) or Katherine at Holy Trinity (01329 310138). Thank you.

## ***New Ladies Group***

Calling you good women of the Parish!  
Come and join a new Ladies Group for an informal breakfast in the Parish Centre on

**Saturday, 27th May from 9.45am**

For more dates and details, contact Becky on 07783 034995

or email [Becky200383@hotmail.com](mailto:Becky200383@hotmail.com)



# Holy Trinity May Fayre



Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 from 11.00am to 2.00pm.

Lots of stalls PLUS small-animal petting farm, lunchtime organ recital, music & dance, BBQ and a beer tent!

We'll need stall helpers, tea makers, welcomers, clearing-uppers.....

Start to help now: Collect books, toys, crafts, jewellery

Take cuttings for the plant stall

Donate a fab prize for the raffle or tombola

Bake a cake or make some preserves (cleaned jars but new lids)

*Get in touch now with Angela Foley, Alison Jacobs, Jules Docherty, Sheila Holliday or Revd Sally.*



## St Columba Mid-Summer Fair



*Saturday 24th June*

*10:30am – 2pm*

Lots of different stalls, some being run by community groups:

**Plants Toys Cakes Tombola Bric-a-brac Refreshments**

Then there's the games:

**Hoopla Skittles Catch-a-duck Treasure hunt**

Want to help?

Can you make a donation?

More ideas welcome.....

Contact Jane on 01329 668388



We can join in a global wave of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost this year. Parishes will be joining a ten-day prayer movement that unites Christians around the world called -

## Thy Kingdom Come

In 2017, *Thy Kingdom Come* aims to be a worldwide, ecumenical movement to prompt even more people to pray for others to know the love of Jesus. Worshippers from our diocese will be inspired to pray in a variety of ways between May 25 and June 4. People are invited to pray individually and in small groups, using formal liturgies and innovative prayer installations, at home, at work and in church.

*Look out for more details in our newsheets in the coming weeks.*

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### **So, what about the Vicarage?**

As reported to the last PCC meeting, whilst there is a vacancy at St Columba, the vicarage is to be commercially rented-out, using a local property management firm.



### **and the Holy Trinity Notice boards?**

Also reported to the last PCC meeting, Dr Margaret Collins gave a generous legacy to the Parish. It has been agreed that some of the money which has been apportioned to Holy Trinity (in line with Dr Collins' wishes) will be used to partly-fund new notice boards outside Holy Trinity church. It is hoped that by investing in a new weather-proof design, the impression we give to the thousands who pass by, will be substantially improved.