

Marian Williams
Churchwarden of St Nicholas, Compton,
Down Hollow, Down Lane,
Compton GU3 1DQ

March 2018

Dear Friends,

I commend to you the annual report on the past year in the Parish of Compton and thank all those who have contributed to it, especially the Finance Committee and the PCC secretary, Margaret Davies.

The second part of the year April 2017-2018 has been a testing one for our Benefice as Caroline Burnett, our Rector, has been on extended sick leave since October 2017. However we have been greatly supported and carefully guided by the three Clergy who have been taking, and will continue to take, our services: Jenny Lee, Hugh Dawes and Julian Hubbard. We are indebted to them for all that they do and we are all working well together as a Benefice to maintain the patterns of worship and fellowship in our parishes.

We are also being supported by Archdeacon Paul Davies and are very grateful to him for the help that he is giving us.

We have tried to keep "business as usual" in Compton, and everyone pulling together has brought us all closer in our determination to maintain our parish life.

We hope that we will soon be able to welcome Caroline back and in the meantime our thoughts and prayers are with her.

With every good wish,

Marian

PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, COMPTON
Agendas for Meetings to be held at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 22nd April 2018

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. To appoint a Chairman for these meetings.
2. Opening prayers.
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Minutes of the last Meeting (these will be available in Church for inspection before the Meeting).
5. Election of two Churchwardens for the year 2018/2019.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting (these will be available in Church for inspection before the Meeting and also attached).
3. Report of Electoral Roll Officer.
4. Report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council 2017/2018 (attached – Page 9).
5. (a) Financial Review and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2017 (accounts – separate document).
(b) Magazine Accounts 2017 (attached – Page 14).
6. Report of the Churchwarden including report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Church (below).
7. Deanery Synod - Report on activities in 2017/2018 (below).
8. To elect three lay members to the PCC for a period of three years
9. Election of Sidespersons (current list below – Page 21).
10. Appointment of Communion Assistants.
11. Appointment of Independent Examiner.
13. Any Other Business - to be notified to the Chairman before the Meeting.

At a **Meeting of Parishioners** held in Church on Sunday 23rd April 2017 at 10.45 a.m.

Rev Caroline Burnett, Priest in Charge, in the Chair.

There were 38 attendees.

1) Prayers

The meeting opened with prayers.

2) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from 18 persons.

3) Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 10th April 2016, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and duly signed.

4) Election of Churchwardens

The Chairman informed the meeting that there had only been one nomination received for Churchwarden, Mrs Marian Williams, which had been proposed by Mrs Linda Chastell and seconded by Lady Stella May. Mrs Marian Williams was duly elected as Churchwarden for 2017/18 she having been validly nominated and having consented to her nomination.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Williams and Mrs Williams responded by saying that the new team of Duty Wardens was working well.

The meeting concluded at 10.50am

PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, COMPTON
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON
SUNDAY 23rd APRIL 2017 IN CHURCH AT 10.50 A.M.

Thirty eight persons attended and the Priest in Charge was in the Chair.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr and Mrs Peter Jeffs, Mrs Bidy Geffen, Mrs Sheila Dobson, Mr and Mrs William Upcott, Mr Andy Webb, Mrs Sally Olsen, Sir Anthony May, Mrs Susan More-Molyneux, Mr Phil Gorton, Mr Robert Dudgeon, Mr and Mrs Nick Eyles, Mr Roger Musson, and Mr Peter Bagley.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 10th April 2016, copies of which had been previously circulated and made available at the back of the church prior to the Meeting, were confirmed and signed as a true and correct record by the Chairman.

There were no matters arising.

3. Report of the Electoral Roll Officer

This year it can be reported that there are now 117 on the Roll with 66 being non-resident. Last year we had 123 people on the roll with 69 non-resident.

The names taken off the roll this year are Huw and Nicola Worthington who now attend another Church. Peter Williams, Steve Cooke, Martyn Segar and Geoffrey Mayhew passed away during the year and are very much missed by all in the congregation.

Mrs Linda Chastell also reported that she had in the last few days received four new requests to be added to the Roll.

4. Report on the Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council

The meeting had previously received and considered a report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council in 2015/16 (copy in the Minute Book) presented by the Secretary, Mrs Sarah Baskerville. There were no questions.

Rev

Burnett thanked the Secretary for her work over the last 4 years as PCC Secretary, and 10 years on PCC, and presented her with a token of the PCC's appreciation and confirmed that Mrs Margaret Davies (see item 8) had offered to take over as Secretary which will be confirmed at the PCC Meeting to be held on 3rd May 2017. Rev Caroline Burnett thanked Mrs Margaret Davies for coming forward and said she looked forward to working with her.

Mrs Marian Williams presented Mrs Sarah Baskerville with a bouquet of flowers.

Mrs Sarah Baskerville as Safeguarding Officer confirmed that she would continue in this role and reported that earlier in the week she had received new documentation from the Diocese regarding the changes to the Diocesan Safeguarding Policies and Procedures and that she would prepare a report for the next PCC meeting.

5. Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

a) Financial Review and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2016.

The meeting received and considered the PCC Accounts, having been previously circulated and displayed in church, and were presented by Mr Michael Chastell, Chair of the Finance Committee, who summarised the accounts as follows:

- The accounts presented to the meeting were healthy for a parish of our size
- Regular Giving had remained at a good level
- The General Fund showed a surplus of £84k and the Fabric Fund £39k
- The overall surplus was £5,663 which was in part due to monies (£13k) received from extra events such as the Flower Festival, Gift Day and a donation from the Compton Village Association Fete. There had also been a legacy that had come in which had helped. Without these extra donations the account would have shown a deficit of approx. £8k.
- He reminded the meeting that legacies cannot be relied on as an income source.
- The north Chancel Roof repairs (expected to cost £22k) will deplete the Fabric Fund to approximately £17k and that although grants are being sought for this work the Fabric Fund could be left rather depleted.
- The Finance Committee are looking at ways to encourage more Regular Giving which will be discussed at forthcoming PCC meetings.
- The Parish Share alone, payable to the Diocese, is £48k which is just under £1k per week alone which is expenditure that is not under our

control.

Mr Michael Chastell paid particular thanks to the Treasurer Mrs Linda Chastell for the superb and efficient job she continues to do and to the Finance Committee and, in particular Mr Peter Bagley, for all their contributions and support.

There were no questions.

The Priest in Charge replied by saying that we need to be careful not to over worry about income and that we had a lively congregation and lively worship which was important.

b) Magazine Accounts

The Magazine Accounts, which were previously circulated prior to the meeting, were in line with previous years and had a surplus. There were no questions.

The Priest in Charge commented that Christopher Bell, the magazine editor, had indicated he felt that a new Editor was needed and that it was Compton's turn. This had already been discussed at PCC meetings and will continue to be followed up.

6. Report of the Churchwarden including report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Church.

The Report of the Churchwarden had been circulated prior to the meeting and there were no questions.

The Priest in Charge commented that it was a most thorough report and she thanked Mrs Marian Williams for her diligence.

7.a Deanery Synod Report

The Report had been previously circulated, there were no questions. The Priest in Charge thanked Mrs Rosalind Lawson for her time spent on The Deanery Standing Committee and for her work as a Deanery Synod Representative and confirmed that she was standing down.

7.b Election of Deanery Synod Representatives – three years 2017 – 2020

Nominations for the two Deanery Synod representatives were as follows:-

- i) Mr Michael Chastell proposed by Mrs Marian Williams and seconded by Lady Stella May
- ii) Mrs Marian Williams proposed by Mr Michael Chastell and seconded by Lady Stella May

The above were duly elected as Deanery Synod Representatives for 2017/2020 they having been validly nominated and having consented to their nominations.

The motion was carried unanimously.

8. To elect four lay members to the PCC

The Priest in Charge reported that there were now four vacancies on the PCC.

Mrs Sarah Baskerville was standing down. Mr Mark Wilson was due for election for a first period of three years have served two years. Mrs Rosalind Lawson, having been Deanery Synod Representative and therefore an ex-officio member, had agreed to stand for a first period of three years. Mrs Margaret Davies had offered to serve as PCC Secretary and to serve on the PCC.

Nominations had been received by the Priest in Charge as follows:-

Mr Mark Wilson proposed by Mrs Rosalind Lawson and seconded by Mr David Baskerville

Mrs Rosalind Lawson proposed by Mrs Sarah Baskerville and seconded by Mrs Marian Williams

Mrs Margaret Davies proposed by Mrs Sarah Baskerville and seconded by Mrs Rosalind Lawson.

The above were duly elected to the Parochial Church Council for three years 2017/2020 they having been validly nominated and having consented to their nominations.

The motion was carried unanimously.

9. Election of Sidespersons

It was resolved that the Sidespersons be elected for the year 2017/2018 as set out in the list forming Appendix 1 (below) to these Minutes.

10. Appointment of Communion Assistants

It was resolved that the following be appointed Communion Assistants for the coming year:-

Mr Peter Bagley

Mrs Sarah Baskerville

Mr Tim Burnett

Mr Michael Chastell

Mr Robert Dudgeon

Mr Charles Funke

Mrs Judith Green

Mrs Pamela Hemelryk

Ms Jill Sandham

The Priest in Charge added that Mr Richard Dunning had now come forward as a Home Communion Assistant joining Mrs Sarah Baskerville and Mrs Judith Green.

11. Appointment of Independent Examiners

Mr Michael Chastell confirmed that Roffe Swayne had agreed to be the independent auditor for the accounts. This was approved.

12. Priest in Charge's Report

The Priest in Charge's report had been previously circulated and there were no questions.

13. Other Business

The Priest in Charge concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for all their support over the last year and expressed extreme gratitude. She particularly thanked Mrs Linda Chastell for paying all the bills and Mrs Sarah Baskerville and the flower team for all that they do.

There was general discussion about parking restrictions at Eastbury Manor and the Priest in Charge confirmed that the matter was in hand.

Mrs Joanna Howse recorded a vote of thanks to The Priest in Charge for all her hard work and dedication to the life of our parish.

The meeting concluded with The Grace at 11.18 a.m.

Chairman

**REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 2017/2018**

Agenda item 4

1. **Membership of the Parochial Church Council**

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. In addition, co-opted members may be appointed from time to time.

Membership during 2017/2018 as follows:-

<u>Priest in Charge:</u>	+ The Reverend Caroline Burnett
<u>Churchwardens:</u>	+* Mrs Marian Williams Vacancy
<u>Secretary:</u>	Mrs Margaret Davies
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Mrs Linda Chastell */Mr Michael Chastell (Deputy Churchwarden) Miss Margaret Arnold Mrs Alexia Cupit Mrs Cax du Pon Mrs Judith Green Mrs Joanna Howse Mrs Rosalind Lawson Lady May (Stella) (Deputy Churchwarden) Mr Michael More-Molyneux Mr Andy Webb Mr Mark Wilson

+ex-officio members

* Lay Deanery Synod Representatives

/ Diocesan Synod Representative

2. Parochial Church Council Meetings

The PCC has met on six occasions since the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

3. Committees and Other Appointments

The PCC has appointed the following four committees

Standing Committee	Fabric Committee
Finance Committee	Social Committee

Their pattern of meetings has been variable. Some have met on a regular basis, others as and when necessary. The 2017/18 Committees and their membership are listed at the end of this report for information.

4. The Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults

Mrs Sarah Baskerville has confirmed she will continue in the role of Safeguarding Representative.

The Safeguarding Policies & Procedures have been updated by the Diocese. All members of the PCC are required to complete Core0 Training which is an online basic training course to raise awareness of safeguarding issues. Training is being completed with the help of Sarah and all documentation is currently displayed in the porch.

5. Matters Considered by the PCC during the Year 2017/18

The PCC has met bi-monthly this year in the Church, and at the Dykeries, Eastbury Lane. The following agenda items have been discussed. Much of the work covered by the PCC is noted in the various attached reports for this meeting. It is now practice for those submitting reports to the PCC to have them circulated prior to the meeting and copies then attached to the Minutes of the meeting.

Role of the PCC

Ms Jill Sandham led this discussion at the May Meeting of the PCC, based around **A Handbook for PCC members**. Duties and responsibilities of PCC members were investigated and discussed and some practical suggestions were made as to reaching out to the congregation and beyond. Caroline Burnett thanked Ms Sandham for her time and input. This discussion formed a good basis for the PCC for their Away Day on June 3rd at Alton Abbey, the day again being led by Ms Jill Sandham. Points and ideas discussed were publicised afterwards on Notice Boards placed in the Church. Caroline Burnett expressed her gratitude to Jill for leading such a worthwhile day.

The July PCC opened with a prayer that Caroline Burnett wrote at the end of the Away Day:

God, our loving Creator, we thank you for the sacred space that is the Church of St Nicholas, Compton and the rich life of faith that our worship inspires us

to carry into the community. Help us to create a place of welcome, peace, love and inclusiveness in our broken world. Make us a grateful, considerate, compassionate people, ready to embrace all those who come to us seeking You. And as we seek to discern your will, allow us the gift of realism that our strivings should be within our limits. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Caroline Burnett said that she wanted it to be our Prayer, for the Church building and the community and to reflect what we are and what we do.

At the July PCC Michael Chastell temporarily took the Chair and explained to members of the PCC:

- The background of Reverend Caroline Burnett's appointment as Priest in Charge in May 2012 and that the suspension of the living to the benefice of Compton, Shackleford and Peper Harow came to an end of 14th May 2017.
- The Bishop had now given notice of his intention, subject to agreement of the Patron and the PCC, to admit Caroline Burnett as incumbent of the benefice.

Michael Chastell proposed that the PCC for St Nicholas Compton agree that the suspension should not be renewed and that the Reverend Burnett should be admitted as incumbent of the benefice and subject to all rules as Rector. This was seconded by Rosalind Lawson and Stella May and carried unanimously. The PCC then welcomed the Rector back to the Chair.

Gift Day Oct 2017

When the Gift Boxes were collected in over the year the generous donations amounted to almost £1,150.00. Gift Boxes will again be distributed at the APCM for collection in October 2018.

Altar Frontal

This project has now been completed and the new Frontal was dedicated at the Advent Carol Service on December 3rd 2017.

Monthly Giving

The programme of Monthly Charity Giving has continued with a wide range of ten charities (nominated by the congregation), both home and overseas, benefiting.

Advent and Lent Study Groups

These have continued again this year with good attendance. The Benefice Lent Lunch in 2017 was held at Peper Harow and in February 2018 it was held in Compton Village Hall. The occasions were enjoyed by all who attended and grateful thanks go to the organisers.

North Chancel Roof

The re-roofing of the north slope of the chancel roof has been completed. The hand-made ridge tiles look magnificent and the dormer window (into the Upper Sanctuary) has been repainted and re-varnished and new guttering has been put

up. 40 ridge tiles were paid for by donors and a list was cemented under one of the tiles. £3,200 was raised by the sponsorship, over the minimum suggested contribution of £50.00. £23,183.52 was paid out, with £20,000 to the contractor and £3,200 in fees. There is expected to be a rebate of VAT, and donations have amounted to £5,415.00 including from the Village Association. 300 old tiles are left and can be sold.

Work continues on the vegetation in the churchyard and the car park, with thanks to all volunteer gardeners.

Health & Safety

There have been no incidents reported in the last year.

Other Matters

In addition to the matters specifically referred to in this report, the PCC and the various Committees have dealt with and responded to other matters relating to the life and work of the Church within the Diocese, Deanery and Parish. These are referred to elsewhere in the Agenda and other reports.

Margaret Davies Secretary
Compton Parochial Church Council March 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS 2017/18

Standing Committee

Reverend Caroline Burnett
Churchwarden and Deputies
PCC Secretary
PCC Treasurer

Finance Committee

Michael Chastell (Chairman)
Peter Bagley
Linda Chastell
Geraldine Dewar
Judith Green
Stella May

Communion Servers and Chalice Assistants

Peter Bagley	Sarah Baskerville
Michael Chastell	Robert Dudgeon
Charles Funke	Judith Green
Pamela Hemelryk (assist)	Jill Sandham (assist)
Tim Burnett (assist)	

Guildford Diocesan Synod
Deanery Synod)

Godalming Deanery Synod

Lay Representative

Clergy

Lay Representatives

Fabric Committee

Rosalind Lawson (Chairman)
Michael Chastell
Robert Dudgeon
Stella May
Michael More-Molyneux
Andy Webb
Mark Wilson
H&S Mark Burnsten-Wilson

Social Committee

Margaret Arnold (Chairman)
Sarah Baskerville
Linda Chastell
Cax du Pon
Gaye Elvidge
Rosalind Lawson
Ruth Lewis
Sally Olsen
Marian Williams

Michael Chastell (appointed by Godalming

Reverend Caroline Burnett
Michael Chastell
Marian Williams

<u>Benefice Administrators</u>	Liza Gane/Stephanie Wilson
<u>Bible Reading Notes</u>	Ruth Lewis
<u>Bishop of Guildford's Foundation (Parish Link)</u>	Church Office
<u>Children's Safeguarding Representative for the Parish</u>	Sarah Baskerville
<u>DBS Validator for Benefice</u>	Sarah Baskerville
<u>Christian Aid Representative</u>	Joanna Howse
<u>Churches Together In Godalming Representative</u>	Joanna Howse
<u>Coffee Rota</u>	Margaret Arnold
<u>Compton Book Stall</u>	Margaret Arnold
<u>Electoral Roll Officer</u>	Linda Chastell
<u>Flower Arrangements Organiser</u>	Sarah Baskerville
<u>Gift Aid Secretary</u>	Linda Chastell
<u>Health and Safety Representative</u>	Mark Burnsten-Wilson
<u>Home Communions</u>	Sarah Baskerville/Richard Dunning/Judith Green
<u>Magazine Distribution</u>	Stella May/Joanna Howse/Cax du Pon
<u>Magazine Editor</u>	Christopher Bell
<u>Magazine Treasurer</u>	Ian & Katie Wattridge
<u>Parish Link with The Cathedral</u>	Sarah Baskerville
<u>Pastoral Care Contacts</u>	Janet Burnsten-Wilson/ Jan Prince/Ruth Lewis
<u>Verger</u>	Joanna Howse
<u>Village Hall Representative</u>	Gaye Elvidge

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

Agenda Item 5a

The Financial Accounts are attached as a separate document. They will also be displayed in church.

These were approved at a PCC meeting held on 7th March 2018.

The above accounts will be displayed in church.

A Financial Review is included on Page 21 of this document.

PARISH MAGAZINE ACCOUNTS

Agenda Item 5b

COMPTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL – MAGAZINE ACCOUNT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017 (PARISH MAGAZINE of
COMPTON, SHACKLEFORD AND PEPPER HAROW)

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
ADVERTISING REVENUE	4067	3424
SUBSCRIPTIONS	1749	1736
DONATIONS	-	52
TOTAL INCOME	<u>5816</u>	<u>5212</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
PRINTING COSTS	3423	3785
ADMINISTRATION COSTS	12	72
POSTAGE	198	323
DONATIONS	1600	
SUNDRIES	-	31
MAGAZINE FORMATING	810	300
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>6043</u>	<u>4511</u>
<u>DEFICIT/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>227</u>	<u>701</u>
<u>STATEMENT OF FUNDS</u>		
BALANCE AT 1 ST JANUARY 2017	6969	6268
DEFICIT/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	227	701
BALANCE AT 31 ST DECEMBER 2017	<u>6742</u>	<u>6969</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>		
HSBC BANK ACCOUNT AT 31 ST DECEMBER 2017	6742	6969
	<u>6742</u>	<u>6969</u>

AUDITORS REPORT

I have examined the above Magazine Income and Expenditure Account of Compton Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2017 and confirm that It is in accordance with the records, information and explanations provided.


 Geraldine A Dewar FCCA

14 MARCH 2018.

Caroline Burnett, our Rector, has been on sick leave for some five months and there is therefore no report from her: however I will attempt to incorporate that which she might have covered in this churchwarden's report.

Clergy officiating in Caroline's absence

We continue to be indebted to the three Clergy, Jenny Lee, Hugh Dawes and Julian Hubbard who have been taking the services in our Benefice during Caroline's absence. They have led our services and held the spiritual life of our parish together. They have given unstintingly of their time to ensure that our worshipping life not only continues but thrives and we are deeply grateful.

Two special Visits

We welcomed two new members of the Diocesan Team to our church this year. Archdeacon Paul Davies came to preside at our Carol Service on December 17th when he had only been in office for a week! And Bishop Jo of Dorking came to preach and preside in January: we were most grateful for her support in coming to visit us. Archdeacon Paul continues to give us and the Clergy support in Caroline's absence. He is also helping and supporting her.

Welcomers, duty wardens and others

Our system of one duty warden and two welcomers at each service is working well. It is heartening to see so many people involved in running the services and yet more involved as readers, choir members and flower arrangers. We are very grateful to Jill Sandham who has the unenviable task of creating rotas for wardens, welcomers and readers but who is endlessly patient.

Our thanks to the rota of Servers who play such an important part in our services of Eucharist.

Sarah Baskerville organises the rota of flower arrangers and we enjoy lovely flowers in Church. Margaret Arnold continues to arrange coffee after the Sunday morning services, a time which is greatly valued for its fellowship. She is also chairman of the church social committee which provides refreshments at various times in the year. We are indebted to them all.

Margaret Arnold retires from the PCC this April having served off, but mostly on, for 40 years. We thank her for her long, valuable and dedicated service.

Music

Our Choir under the dedicated leadership of our organist, Stephen Salmon, continue to inspire our services. And we have had new choir members during the year. The Carol Services for Advent and Christmas were especially lovely and the music enhances our worship. We thank them, and also the team of bell ringers under the leadership of bell captain Phil Gorton. The bells are also rung at many of the weddings held in the church, and the choir often sings as well.

The Crib Service

On Christmas eve this service was overflowing with adults and children to the extent that we are considering holding two services next year; both on Christmas Eve. This year the service was enhanced by the beautiful new costumes which were made for us by Sandra Rowles. We are so grateful to her. Stuart White played the organ for us and both he and his wife Camilla played for and led respectively, the service on Christmas Day.

Home Communion

Home communion is taken to those in the Parishes who find it difficult to attend church regularly, if at all. The home communion team are Caroline, Sarah Baskerville, Judith Green and Richard Dunning. We thank them for this important ministry.

Pastoral Contacts

For several years now Janet Burnsten Wilson and Jan Prince have played a very important part in our community as Pastoral Contacts. Quietly they support people in times of need with warm and loving care. We thank them for this really important role so unobtrusively carried out.

Weddings and Baptisms

Caroline conducted several weddings in our Church in the year to April 2017 and this year we have had considerably more. The joy is how many couples return to services once they are married. Last year Caroline wrote that she was afraid her absences might have brought things to a “stand still” rather than “inching forward” as she had hoped. I think, on the contrary, she should be heartened by the numbers of couples who come, not only to the Carol service and other festivals but also to regular Sunday worship. There were also several Baptisms in our church during the year and often people brought their children to be baptised because their parents, grandparents and even great grandparents had been married in Compton Church.

New Altar Frontal

This was completed by Fay Maxwell and dedicated in the Advent Carol service in the presence of Fay and Gwyneth Craske. Given as a memorial to Stephen Craske it is a striking and beautiful piece of work. We enjoyed it in Advent 2017 and Lent 2018.

The north Chancel Roof

Rosalind Lawson and the fabric committee oversaw the retiling of the north chancel roof last autumn. This had been identified by the church architect, John Bailey, as needing attention at the last Quinquennial inspection. It now looks excellent and Rosalind arranged that the specially made ridge tiles be sold individually and the donor's names put inside them. Our thanks to the fabric committee for their considerable and often unsung, work. We are due to have another Quinquennial at the end of April 2018.

Bridge Drive

In November 2017 we organised a Bridge Drive in the Village Hall in aid of the chancel roof. 56 people came in fours with cards and tables and a happy afternoon was held. Our thanks to Sue Gower of Elstead who organised the bridge part of the afternoon and to the Social committee and many others who helped to provide an excellent afternoon tea. We raised £780 towards the roof repairs.

The PCC

The members of the PCC are to be thanked for their many and various contributions to church life. Stella May and Michael Chastell are stalwart deputy wardens; they are a great support and fount of wisdom and they do much unsung and unseen work. I personally thank them for their help. As our treasurer, Linda Chastell works tirelessly to keep our finances in good shape and we thank her and the finance committee for all that they do for us. Jo Howse carries out her duties as verger with great dedication and is always ready to help. Each member of the PCC has an important part to play in our Church life. And we could not function without Margaret Davies our Secretary who holds all the administration together so well and is so unflappable. Thank you, Margaret.

In June 2017 we held a **PCC away day** at Alton Abbey. The day was led by Jill Sandham and was enjoyable but also made us think. Through the practical task of making bread we explored our parish life; watching the bread transforming, we looked at how we might reach out to others in our community and beyond and make a difference to their lives. We had all taken some lunch to share and afterwards were able to go into the sunshine in the beautiful Abbey grounds and continue our thoughtful discussions. Thank you Jill: the considerable hard work that you put into our day was much appreciated. Several of the PCC have done a safeguarding course during the year and many of them, with others in the Benefice, have attended a Red Cross training day.

The Parish Office

The office at Down Hollow, Down Lane is running very well. It is warm and cosy and a hub of activity. The months of Caroline's absence are testing for Liza Gane and

Stephanie Wilson and we are indebted to them for their patience, perseverance and good humour.

Lent 2018

Compton hosted the **Benefice lent lunch** this year and 37 people within an age range of 1 year to 93 years came to the Village Hall. It was a splendid occasion with bowls of various homemade soups and delicious breads, cheeses and fruits. The lunch was held in aid of the Bishop's Lent Charity and raised some £200. However it was the joy of fellowship which so many people commented on. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the event such a success. Jenny Lee is also leading a **Lent Discussion Group** in her home again this year and after the first week she has had to reprint the course leaflets as so many people came. Her theme is Ransomed, Healed, Restored, Forgiven. The evening ends with Compline.

Time has been set aside between the preparation of this report and the ACPM for the formal checking of the goods and ornaments by Michael Chastell, as deputy church Warden, and myself. Any further report found necessary will be made at the meeting. In the meantime I can confirm that their security and maintenance are part of my ongoing duties.

FINALLY

Our thoughts are with Caroline. She has had a wretched few months and we wish her very well indeed and look forward to welcoming her back in the near future. We hope that we have kept everything going along well for you, Caroline and it will be good to have you among us again.

Marian Williams March 2018

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Agenda Item 7

The Godalming Deanery, of which Compton forms part, consists of fifteen parishes in South West Surrey stretching from Puttenham, Seal and Wanborough and Compton in the north, and from Elstead to Witley in the west and east. Each parish is represented on the Synod and Compton's appointed representatives have been the Rector (Reverend Caroline Burnett), Michael Chastell and Marian Williams. It normally meets three times a year and its Chairman is the Area Dean, the Reverend Clive Potter. The appointed representatives normally report back to the PCC on those matters of concern or interest that have been considered at Synod meetings. In the last twelve months some of the more important matters considered include the following:-

- How the Church would need to be able to meet the needs generated by the considerable new housing developments that will be carried out in the Deanery area
- Consideration of the likely effect of papers entitled "Setting God's People Free" which contain proposals for facing up to how the future roles of the clergy and laity will evolve. There is already a shortage of clergy and this is likely to become more acute in the coming decade as large numbers of clergy retire. The debate at Synod highlighted the need for a much clearer understanding of the respective roles of clergy and the laity, with the possibility of much enhanced roles for the laity and larger grouping of churches to maximise the available resources and the development of discipleship.
- A feature of the Synod at recent meetings has been the "open microphone" sessions during which parishes can share their challenges and successes. These sessions have been helpful and also reassuring when one hears of the problems being experienced by fellow parishes and how we can all help each other.
- The tortuous progress and implementation of the review of Parish Share has been reported upon and discussed, particularly having regard to the difficulties likely to be faced by some parishes when the new system is introduced in 2019.

At the Synod meeting in November Bishop Jo Wells, Bishop of Dorking, gave an inspiring and challenging address. Her topic was goal 7 of "Transforming Church, Transforming Lives" which she developed into how we must all develop discipleship in its broadest sense, internationally, nationally and locally. The Bishop's address was followed by a plenary session which was very constructive and revealed understanding of the need to meet the challenges that the Church is facing and to recognise that everyone has a role to play.

The Synod also receives regular reports on matters considered at the Diocesan Synod to which it appoints representatives, and also receives reports on and deals with other matters concerning the Deanery.

Michael Chastell

Membership of the Parochial Church Council

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Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. In addition, co-opted members may be appointed from time to time.

Membership during 2017/2018 was as follows:-

Rector: + The Reverend Caroline Burnett

Churchwardens: +* Mrs Marian Williams
Vacancy

Secretary: Mrs Margaret Davies
Treasurer: Mrs Linda Chastell
*/Mr Michael Chastell (Deputy Churchwarden)
Miss Margaret Arnold
Mrs Alexia Cupit
Mrs Cax du Pon
Mrs Judith Green
Mrs Joanna Howse
Mrs Rosalind Lawson
Lady May (Stella) (Deputy Churchwarden)
Mr Michael More-Molyneux
Mr Andy Webb
Mr Mark Wilson

+ex-officio members

* Lay Deanery Synod Representatives

/ Diocesan Synod Representative

Appendix 1

St Nicholas Compton – Sidespersons 2018/2019

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The following is the current list of formally appointed Sidespersons

Miss M ARNOLD, 4 Puttocks Cottages, Withies Lane, Compton, Guildford
Mr C BARHAM CARTER, Broom Close, Mark Way, Godalming
Mrs J BARHAM CARTER, Broom Close, Mark Way, Godalming
Mr D BASKERVILLE, Broadstone Cottage, Withies Lane, Compton
Mrs S BASKERVILLE, Broadstone Cottage, Withies Lane, Compton
Mrs J BURNSTEN-WILSON, Little Spinney, 18 Marshall Road, Godalming
Mr M BURNSTEN-WILSON, Little Spinney, 18 Marshall Road, Godalming
Mrs L CHASTELL, 12A Broadwater Rise, Guildford
Mr M CHASTELL, 12A Broadwater Rise, Guildford
Mrs C du PON, The Dykeries, Eastbury Lane, Compton, Guildford
Mrs G ELVIDGE, Lynehams, The Street, Compton, Surrey
Mrs J GREEN, 1 Old Corn Mews, Fern Road, Farncombe, Godalming
Mrs A HARRIS, 2 The Grange, Frensham Road, Frensham, Farnham
Mrs P HEMELRYK, 68 Manor Way, Onslow Village, Guildford,
Mrs J HOWSE, 13 Sol Y Vista, Frith Hill Road, Farncombe, Godalming
Mrs R LEWIS, One Oak, Knoll Road, Godalming
Mr M MORE-MOLYNEUX, Loseley Park, Littleton, Guildford
Mr R MUSSON, Hollowfield, Littleton, Guildford
Mrs R MUSSON, Hollowfield, Littleton, Guildford
Mrs J PRINCE, Beechdown Place, Hurtmore Road, Godalming
Ms J F SANDHAM, 8 The Wells, Lower Street, Haslemere
Mrs G TASKER, 1 Yew Tree Cottage, The Street, Compton, Guildford
Mrs D UPCOTT, Foxhow, Ballfield Road, Godalming
Mr W UPCOTT, Foxhow, Ballfield Road, Godalming
Mr A F WEBB, 2 Albury Mews, Charterhouse Road, Godalming
Mr M WILSON, Sunny View, Buffbeards Lane, Haslemere
Mrs M. WILLIAMS, Down Hollow, Down Lane, Compton

Additional Sidespersons are always welcome and if any member of the congregation wishes to be added to the list please let the Rector or Churchwarden know before the meeting.

Duty Wardens

Marian Williams
Sarah Baskerville
Jan Prince
Janet Burnsten-Wilson
Jo Howse
Michael Chastell
Stella May

Financial Review 2017

Income and expenditure for the day to day running of the church is included in the General Fund. Total General Fund income was down £8,800 on the previous year

due to a similar reduction in donations as there were fewer one-off receipts. Recurring donations were at similar levels to the prior year and there was a £1,500 increase in wedding and funeral fees.

Total expenditure was down £1,500, but 2017 included one-off costs of £4,500 and there was a £1,000 decrease in the quota payable to the Diocese, so other underlying expenditure has increased by £4,000. This is primarily due to an increase in administration costs with greater secretarial and photocopying costs. There has also been an increase in Church running and maintenance expenditure with increased repairs and utility costs. The PCC are reviewing ways to reduce these costs in 2018.

A deficit of £1,600 on the General Fund account was significantly offset by unrealised gains on the investment units. The 2017 budget is showing a significant deficit and there is a need to increase regular funding, for example by increasing planned giving.

Income and expenditure to maintain the fabric of the church building is included in the Fabric Fund. The main activity during the year was the replacement of the northern section of the Chancel roof which has cost a total of £20,000 in 2016 and 2017 (net of VAT recoverable). £7,000 of donations (including gift aid), £2,000 legacy and £2,500 grant has offset the costs leaving a £6,800 deficit which is charged to existing reserves. Of the £27,800 remaining in Fabric Fund reserves at the year end, £7,600 is restricted for use on the fabric. The remainder has been designated as fabric funding by the PCC. While there has been significant investment in the fabric in recent years a Quinquennial inspection is due in 2018 which may identify further needed work.

The School Fund has a closing balance of some £3,000 which is restricted for educational purposes.

Reserves policy

At 31 December 2017 total reserves were £167,000 with £122,000 General Fund, £42,000 Fabric Fund and £3,000 School Fund. At 170% of annual expenditure the General Fund reserves may appear generous, even given the existing underlying deficit. However, the costs of upkeep of the fabric over the past 15 years amount to almost £200,000 and, in this context, the £42,000 Fabric Fund balance appears limited. The PCC consider the current level of overall reserves appropriate but are considering re-designating a portion of the General Fund to the Fabric Fund.