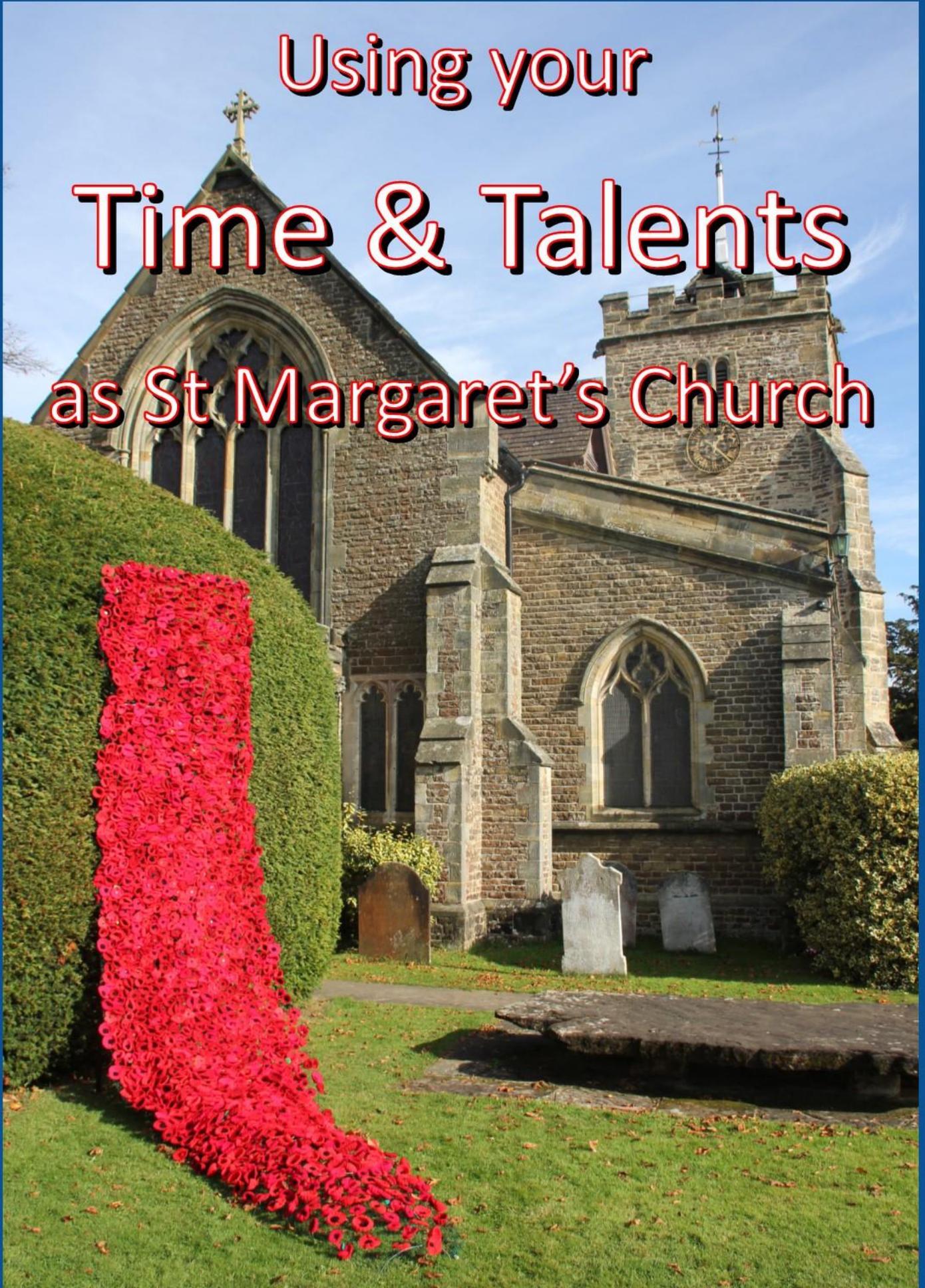


Using your Time & Talents as St Margaret's Church





Welcome to St. Margaret's, Warnham and this compilation of our activities, which we have entitled 'Time and Talents'.

As God's church in this place, we exist to worship Him and to share his goodness with the whole community. We do this by using the gifts and abilities that He has given us in a myriad ways: in offering services and all that goes in to them; in being 'good neighbours' and friends, supporting young and old alike in partnership; in teaching and learning; in maintaining the buildings as a shared amenity and place of meeting, sanctuary and prayer.

All is given freely and generously, and it is the goodwill, energy and loyalty of our hundreds of volunteers that enables the church to function. We are thankful for each person and their contribution, whatever it may be, in sustaining and growing St. Margaret's – and in working towards the coming of God's kingdom.

You will find on the following pages some of the ways in which together we serve God and one another; using our particular abilities for the benefit of all. I hope you enjoy reading, and if you feel called to join in, please contact the person indicated, or talk to me .

'Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.' 1 Peter 4:10

With thanks and all best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jules A. Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a long, thin horizontal stroke.

Revd Jules A. Barnes
Priest in Charge, St Margaret's Warnham

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BELL RINGING

Church bell ringing in the English style is an art and science, which has its origins in the 16th Century. The art of handling a bell has remained the same since that time; the science has gradually expanded and continues to do so – as engineering has improved, so has the ease with which bells can be rung.

Bell ringing is open to anyone in reasonable health, as ringing requires skill rather than strength, so people of all ages can learn. Children should be at least 10 years old, but height rather than age is the determining factor.

The new recruit first learns to control the bell with the rope. Having accomplished this, he/she learns to ring the bell in time with others (Rounds). When this can be done well, the next step is to ring in set patterns (Call Changes and Method Ringing).

What do we do?

The main purpose of ringing church bells is to ring for services on Sundays and major festivals. Bells are also rung for weddings and national or local events. You do not have to be there every time the bells are rung but as often as you can. This is because you are part of a team (band) and bell ringing is teamwork.

What would be expected of you?

The minimum time is 9.15 to 10.00am for Sunday services and 7.30 to 9.30pm on Thursday for practice (but an earlier finish for children).

Bell ringing is done in a friendly atmosphere and is addictive enough for it to become an absorbing interest continuing well into old age.

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CHOIR

What do we do?

There are currently 4 sopranos, 6 girl / boy trebles, 2 altos, 2 tenors and 3 basses in the choir. Some members of the congregation are willing to help out when we have music that requires extra forces, but we urgently need more children and adults, especially men, to sing regularly.

Not all members of the choir are confident sight-readers. Being a friendly group we help each other out, and socialise together as well. Choir members have the opportunity to follow the 'Voice for Life' scheme, a lifelong learning programme that helps the singer to progress in singing technique and understanding written music. A coloured ribbon and medal is earned at each stage completed.

What would be expected of you?

Every Friday evening – choir practice 7.00-8.00pm (juniors 6.30-7.30pm)
2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays – Parish Communion 10.00am
2nd and 3rd Sundays – Evensong 6.30pm (over 16s only)
Occasional weekday services on feast days at 7.30pm

The choir also sings at six to twelve weddings per year, mostly on Saturday afternoons.

If you are interested in joining the choir or just exploring the possibilities, please get in touch. We welcome all comers, regardless of experience.

Who can I contact?:

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INTERCESSORS

What do we do?

Several people help to lead worship in church by writing and leading prayers of intercession. This usually happens at Parish Communion and on festivals. It is always good to hear different 'voices' leading prayers, and we encourage people to write prayers in their own style. Guidance can be given if required.

Revd Jules A. Barnes, Priest in Charge, will give help and guidance with preparing the intercessions, if this is required.

What would be expected of you?

At present intercessors are only needed on two Sundays per month and on major festivals so your 'turn' will not come around too often!

Who can I contact?:

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READERS

What do we do?

Good readers are needed at all services to read the Bible passages. If you enjoy reading aloud and can bring a passage to life, this could be an important task you could do.

What would be expected of you?

We have a group of volunteers who read the lessons at the 8.00am Holy Communion Service, 10.00am Parish Communion and 6.30pm Evensong. 8.00am and Evensong both need more volunteers. There are also opportunities to read at special mid-week services.

Who can I contact?:

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SIDESPEOPLE / WELCOMERS

What do we do?

Sidespeople are the first contacts that people attending services have with the church and consequently perform a vital role. Their practical duties are giving out books, helping people find places to sit, taking the collection, clearing up after the service and counting the collection. They also have an important pastoral role in giving a warm, friendly welcome to people as they arrive and particularly spotting and looking after newcomers and visitors. To help us do this better, at the 10.00am service, which is the most crowded, we provide an extra sidesman to be a welcomer. This person has no practical duties and is purely there to chat to people and help newcomers feel at home. It is a sensitive task, as not everybody wants to be effusively welcomed when they first come, so knowing when tactfully to allow somebody space to be quiet is an important part of the job.

Not all sidespeople serve as welcomers and not all welcomers are sidespeople – but the two jobs have an obvious overlap.

Who can I contact?:

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WORSHIP BAND

What do we do?

The worship band plays for the Family Communion service and occasionally for other services, for example the Open-air and Holiday Club services. We currently have a bass guitar, drums, keyboards and saxes, and always welcome anyone wanting to join in, whatever your instrument. A standard of Grade 3 or above is needed and you will have to do some sight-reading, but don't worry, we're here to help!

The band currently consists of younger people but we would like to recruit players of all ages. Melody instruments such as oboe, flute or violin and a guitarist would be especially welcome,.

What would be expected of you?

One rehearsal a month (usually 3rd Saturday at 5.00pm) and playing at Family Communion on the third Sunday of the month at 10.00am.

Support:

The band works as a team and members help each other. Help with practice is available if needed.

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ICHTHUS

What do we do?

The Ichthus Youth Group is for young people aged 11 to 18 (Year 7 and up) and meets twice a month in the parish room. Activities include games, craft, drama, sport, discussions, cookery and worship. In addition to the regular meetings the group participates in Cafe Connect, a café church for young people, at Holy Trinity church in Horsham once a month and one away weekend is usually organised each year. The group also takes part in two Christian camps each year, one over the late May Bank Holiday weekend and the other over a week in the summer holidays.

Leaders need to be committed to Christ and enthusiastic about sharing their faith. They need to enjoy being with young people and interested in the challenges they face. An enhanced DBS check is required.

What would be expected of you?

Sunday evenings twice a month (1st and 4th Sundays), availability for the away weekend and late May Bank Holiday Camp and/or the Summer Holiday Camp. Occasional attendance at CafeConnect (2nd Sunday evening each month).

Support needed:

Additional adult leaders.

Who can I contact?:

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JaM CLUB – Jesus and Me

What do we do? JaM club is for children aged 3 years and up, usually until they are about 11 years old.

We meet in the Parish room from 10.00 until 11.00am, most Sundays except the 3rd Sunday of the month when there is the family service. We do not meet during school holidays.

The week's activities are based on a bible story which is read in a fun way with lots of opportunities to talk about what that might mean to us today. We have a short prayer time before we start on an activity linked to that day's story. At each session there is a teacher responsible for leading the session and one helper who supports the teacher.

What would be expected of you?

There are three planning meetings per year, one each term, usually at the beginning of a new term. The team is arranged so that no one person has to be at the club every Sunday, most people do 2 or 3 Sundays per term.

At JaM Club we strive to create a safe but fun environment for both us and the children. We keep a register so we know who the children are in our care each week and we ask anyone wishing to become involved as a teacher or helper that they complete a DBS check.

Support

The club is run by Elaine Lambie, who leads the planning and organises the weekly rota and other annual events. There are three teachers and four helpers who will give new volunteers plenty of support.

Who can I contact?

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MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church meets twice each school term at Warnham Primary School and provides an opportunity for all the family to explore the Christian faith together, through crafts, stories and songs. Refreshments are provided at the beginning of each session.

We are always looking for volunteers to join the existing enthusiastic, dynamic and committed team. Many hands make light work and provide a high degree of flexibility allowing volunteers to dip in and out as their other responsibilities allow. Messy Church calls for people with a wide range of different skills and talents.

Jobs to do:

To help prepare for each Messy Church

- Craft ideas / Craft preparers (cutting out stuff etc) / Craft procurers (buying craft materials)
- Cake bakers – to bake cakes at home
- Publicists – to write articles, promote activities etc
- People to put up posters / Admin people

At each Messy Church

- People to set up
- Welcomers / Registration people
- People to serve refreshments
- Craft table leaders
- Techies – to set up sound equipment, laptop, screen etc
- Celebration leaders / Musicians – to lead worship
- People to tidy up



What would be expected of you?

Messy Church runs about 6 times a year, usually on a Friday between 3.15 and 4.45pm at Warnham Primary School. We hold team meetings three times a year in the evening to discuss ideas and generally catch up. There is an annual team social event to simply enjoy each other's company!

The way the team is set up allows people to get involved in a wide variety of ways and to commit their time as they choose. You do not have to turn up to each Messy Church or be involved in helping prepare each one. Our aim is flexibility, but we need a large team of willing people to help achieve this.

Who can I contact?:

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WARNHAM BAMBIES

This is a small friendly group that meets on Wednesday mornings from 9.00 to Midday (11.00 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month) in the Parish Room next to the church during school term time.

Children from birth to 3 years of age are welcome and this gives parents/carers a chance to get to know one another and have a chat over a cup of tea/coffee whilst the children play with a good selection of toys.

Once a month we go into church and spend time with the vicar who leads us in prayers, action songs or hymns and stories – much enjoyed by all. During the spring we organise an outing, usually to Holmbush Farm, and at Christmas we have a visit from Father Christmas at our festive party.

There is no charge for our group, but a suggested donation of £1 per family per session is gratefully received towards expenses. Come and join us, you will be most welcome.

Who can I contact?

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PRAYER GROUPS

What do we do?

We have a prayer group which meets to specifically pray for the life and ministry of St Margaret's.

What would be expected?

The group meets fortnightly on Tuesday evenings in 20 Wyvern Place, Warnham and is informal in style.

Who can I contact?

Linda & Richard Smillie

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PRIVATE INTERCESSIONS

What do we do?

Pray regularly for individuals who request private prayer and sometimes the work of the church. A confidential list is issued to members of the private intercessions network, generally on a monthly basis (with updates by letter or telephone as required).

What would be expected of you?

Regular prayer for those on the list and, occasionally, a meeting to pray with others.

Support

George Francis co-ordinates the prayer list, circulates the information and arranges periodic meetings of the members of behalf of the Vicar.

Who can I contact?

George Francis 📞 01403 261618

STUDY GROUP

What do we do?

Meet to learn more about the Christian faith, through study, discussion and prayer. The meeting time varies, but will usually be 19.00 -20.30 on Monday or Wednesday evenings. Throughout the church year there is generally a Lent course, a focus for Advent and other themes for study, ranging across Biblical, ethical, environmental and doctrinal topics.

What would be expected?

Most courses last four to six weeks. You can sign up for one course during the year, or for them all, depending upon your interests and available time. We aim to learn together and from one another, and the intention is to encourage discussion and to make us think new thoughts. Each course will be advertised in advance during services and on the website.

Who should I contact for more information?

There will be a sign up sheet for each individual course. For general enquiries please contact Revd Jules A. Barnes, Priest in Charge.

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CHURCH CLEANING

What do we do?

Our church is cleaned twice a month by two groups of volunteers. One group cleans on the first Monday of the month and the second group, operating on a rota basis, cleans during the third week, on a day convenient to themselves.

This is a lovely way of getting to know the church better, and it's amazing what you notice when you are dusting the carvings, etc.

New volunteers for either group will always be welcome.

Who can I contact?

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Gytha Hodgson (3rd week of the month)

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CHURCH FLOWERS

What do we do?

Our church is very fortunate to have a dedicated core team of flower arrangers who take their turns throughout the year and turn out in force for major festivals.

What would be expected of you?

These volunteers are on a rota where they provide and arrange flowers in a simple and straightforward way on the main altar and in the Caryll Chapel for two consecutive weeks during the year. Usually the flowers, if regularly watered, survive for the two weeks and do not need to be renewed.

Most of these people, together with a few others, rally round and assist at the main festivals – Christmas, Easter and Harvest. On these occasions everyone is allocated a specific spot, say a window ledge, bookcase, font etc. Mostly people keep these places for some time and so get to know the requirements of their own space.

Support

Although the finished effect is very professional, it is put together by people with a variety of talents. We are always in need of more help, particularly on the fortnightly rota. Please don't be put off by thinking that it is too difficult. If you would like to try your hand at this skill, do please come along. If you are unsure of yourself you will not be given the pulpit or a pedestal to start with!

Even if you have never done any flower arranging before but would like to have a go, we would love to include you and will offer guidance if you need it - you will learn a huge amount as the years go by. And the preparations for the major festivals are very sociable and enjoyable occasions. Just give Sue Overton a ring to find out more.

Who can I contact?

Sue Overton 📞 01403 253679

CHURCHYARD

We are blessed with a beautiful churchyard; lying within the conservation area it is a haven of peace for all who have time to sit awhile in its tranquil surroundings. The churchyard has a famous yew arch, a lawned area, flower and shrub borders, two Gardens of Remembrance, as well as trees, hedges, rough grass and undisturbed areas which provides ideal habitat for wildlife. However, this attractive and environmental resource, which benefits the church and village alike, requires regular maintenance. We are no longer able to rely, as we have in the past, on one or two dedicated volunteers to maintain the churchyard. We have to turn to occasional working parties arranged two or three times a year, for which we need lots of help to keep on top of the many tasks that are required to keep the churchyard looking tidy and attractive.

We need to increase the number of people who would be willing to help on an occasional basis at our working parties. Gardening expertise is not required, merely an enthusiasm to maintain the churchyard in its accepted beautiful state. As an alternative, it may be that people would be willing to take on a small portion of the churchyard such as the original memorial garden.

There are all sorts of ways in which help can be provided but we do need to swell the ranks rather than leave the tasks to the same few individuals who give their time so willingly.

Who can I contact?

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PARISH ROOM CLEANING

What do we do?

Many church groups and others use the Parish Room. Most groups are very good and ensure that it is clean and tidy when they have finished. However a small group of us clean it thoroughly once a week just to make sure that it is a pleasant experience for all users.

What would be expected of you?

We would greatly welcome more helpers who feel able to join us. It is not an arduous task!

- Pay is modest (there isn't any) but working conditions are excellent:
- Each person is responsible for cleaning the Room once a quarter – just four times a year
- The work can be done at a time and on a day that suits you during that week
- All cleaning materials are provided

Do get your application in early – there's bound to be a rush.

Who can I contact?

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CHRISTIAN AID

Each year a Christian Aid collection takes place during May. Collection envelopes, publicity and supporting materials are ordered during February and March by the local organiser. Collection envelopes are then distributed to voluntary street collectors in Warnham about a week before the collection week commences in May. These envelopes are delivered by volunteers to each property in their assigned areas and collected by them a few days later. During the week following the street collections, the envelopes are collected from the volunteers and the contents counted and checked. The total monies are then banked and the necessary formalities required by Christian Aid completed.

More volunteers to help with street collections are always welcome to support the existing band of dedicated collectors. If you would like to help, please.

Who can I contact?

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FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

What do we do?

This Diocesan charity supports a small network of social workers in Brighton, Hastings and other parts of Sussex. Its flagship enterprise is a country house, Garton House, where families and children in difficulty can go for much-needed holidays and respite. The charity is funded by local committees. At present there is no Warnham representative on the Horsham committee and it would be great to be able to find someone to take this on.

What would be expected of you?

There are four committee meetings a year and four or five fund-raising events, which recently have included a garden party, a concert and a bridge drive.

Support

The other members of the committee are friendly and competent, and the money raised does go to a very good cause, supporting some of the most vulnerable families in our diocese. Please contact me if you are interested in helping.

Who can I contact?

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FRIDAY FORUM

Friday Forum meets on the fourth Friday of each month (except December) in the Parish Room. We are a group of senior citizens who meet together for friendship and a cup of tea. We have a programme of events including outings, visiting speakers, quizzes and self-entertainment.

The group falls under the umbrella of St Margaret's Church but is open to anyone in the village. If you are interested in learning more about us, do get in touch.

Who can I contact?

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HORSHAM CHURCHES TOGETHER

Horsham Churches Together (HCT) is a grouping of 32 churches across the Horsham area set up to work for the good of the local community. On the basis that faith without the works that demonstrate God's love is of little value, HCT liaises with the District and County Councils, Health services and other statutory bodies providing a youth support team, a debt advice service and addressing homelessness. They also work in partnership with a number of charities to support those facing issues including drug and alcohol struggles, unplanned pregnancy and pregnancy loss due to abortion or miscarriage. HCT coordinates joint Christian activities in the town, including a Good Friday Service and a Christmas Celebration and Carol Service – all in the open air. Quarterly meetings are held with delegates from all the Deanery churches to share ideas and work together, thus maintaining the cohesive strength of Christian witness in our area.

In addition, HCT has established the social enterprise 'Horsham Matters' which is committed to supporting those unable to help themselves for a wide variety of reasons. With a new charity Superstore opening in January 2017, Horsham Matters is able to allocate funds generated from sales of donated goods towards many different community projects, whilst providing basic households goods to anyone struggling through financial hardship. They always need volunteers so visit www.horsham-matters.org.uk to find out more about how you can help.

Who can I contact?

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HORSHAM NIGHT SHELTER

Homelessness can happen to a person or family within a short period of time. A large proportion of homeless people suffer problems with mental health and addiction but there are also people who find themselves homeless through relationship breakdown, redundancy, financial crisis and a number of people who try to hold down employment whilst being homeless. Single women are particularly at risk.

Horsham Churches Night Shelter is a local response to the problem and a practical demonstration of the love of God intended to make a permanent change for good in the lives of our guests. The goal is to provide safe emergency accommodation, food and companionship and to assist in improving our guests' long term situation.

The Shelter provides beds for 10 men or women and will run from 28 November to mid-March 2017. A different church hosts the shelter each night of the week, run by a team of volunteers. Guests receive a hot meal eaten around a table with the volunteers who spend time with guests after the meal when a variety of activities may be offered. After a good breakfast, the guests leave for the day.

St Margaret's has played an active part in the Night Shelter since its inception in 2011. There are plenty of different jobs that need doing, sleeping overnight being only one. It's a very rewarding experience, much less challenging than one might imagine and a good way of meeting people from our sister churches in Horsham.

Who can I contact?

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ORCHARD LODGE

What do we do?

Orchard Lodge is a residential home for adults with severe disabilities. It is on the A24 about half a mile north of Warnham. Most of the residents are unable to communicate in any conventional way. We run a monthly service at Orchard Lodge, half an hour of simple songs, stories and prayers.

What would be expected of you?

The service is held at 3.00pm on the third Sunday of each month. Members of the group meet to plan the services, and take part by singing, leading parts of the service and offering friendship and smiles to the residents and the staff, many of whom are from overseas working a long way from their own homes and families. Working with people as severely disabled as these is not right for everybody, but if you have the right gifts, then you will find it an immensely rewarding and moving experience to pray with people who are largely forgotten by the mainstream of society.

Because the work involves building relationships with vulnerable adults, all volunteers must be CRB checked in accordance with our Parish Safeguarding policy.

Support

Other team members and the staff of Orchard Lodge.

Who can I contact?

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PASTORAL TEAM

What do we do?

To support members of the parish who have long-term needs, we have a team of parish visitors who volunteer to keep in touch with those who appreciate regular home visits. Often these will be elderly or housebound people, those convalescing after illness or surgery, or bereaved people with limited support from their own families. We also support people of any age who are facing a difficult time in life. The visitors are commissioned by the church and make their visits in the name of the church community. They have regular support meetings.

What would be expected?

Most visitors only take on responsibility for visiting one or two people.

Support

Revd. Linda Smillie and other members of the Pastoral Team.

Who can I contact?

Revd. Linda Smillie, who co-ordinates the group. She will be happy either to talk to people who want to explore becoming visitors, or to receive requests for visits.

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WARNHAM WARBLER

The Warbler management team consists of an editor (Mark Browse), a subscriptions and distribution manager (Ann Lloyd), a proof reader (Angela Rogers), an advertising manager (Glenda Wickersham), and one other committee member (Sue Overton). The PCC Treasurer (Steve Lambie) also attends meetings and advises on financial matters.

Articles and contributions for each month's edition of the magazine are sent to the Editor around the middle of the previous month. The magazine is typeset professionally by Little Frog Design of Horsham and then checked by the proof reader before being sent to the printers. Approximately 340 copies of the magazine are sold each month, either to regular subscribers or through sales in Warnham Village Stores and the Church.

The price of the magazine (currently 70p) is not enough to cover the costs of producing it. Advertising from local businesses is a vital part of financing the Warbler, and the role of the advertising manager is indispensable in finding new advertisers and ensuring that money is collected from existing ones.

There are about 800 households in the parish of Warnham, more than half of which do not regularly read the Warbler! The magazine is emphatically not aimed only at church people, and aspires to be of use and interest to all sections of our community. An increase in circulation would therefore be most welcome. Does your next-door neighbour take the Warbler?

Who can I contact?

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To subscribe – Ann Lloyd m.annlloyd@btinternet.com ☎ 01403 267513

WARBLER PROOF READING AND COLLECTION

In October/November the deadline and publication dates for the Warbler are worked out for the following calendar year. This timetable is given to the Editor, Vicar and Delivery Co-ordinator.

What do we do?

The monthly commitment is as follows:

The proof copy is sent to the proof reader by e-mail on the Tuesday after the deadline. There is a 24-hour turn-around for the corrected version. The finished magazines are collected from the typesetter the following Tuesday afternoon (i.e. 10 days after the Saturday deadline). They are taken to the church that afternoon.

The standby team consists of two proof readers and one collector. This is generally sufficient if the usual person is unavailable.

Who can I contact?

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CHURCH BAZAAR

What do we do?

The St Margaret's Church Bazaar is an annual fundraising event for the church, but so much more than that. It is one of the big social gatherings of the year for the village. We have lots of different stalls and I can proudly say that everything in the room is given including the hire of the hall.

We set up on the Friday afternoon and the Bazaar runs on the first Saturday of December.

What would be expected of you?

There is a wide variety of tasks including setting up, running or helping with stalls, catering and clearing up at the end. We all work as a team and it is great fun to be involved.

We would love any help towards the bazaar whether it be giving or whether you feel you can help on the Friday or the Saturday. If you are at all interested, please get in touch.

Who can I contact?

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COFFEE / TEA AFTER CHURCH

What do we do?

After the 10.00am Sunday Service, in the Parish Room, tea and coffee are provided which is enjoyed by many of the congregation as part of church life. For several years teams of two helpers have served these refreshments on a monthly rota.

What would be expected of you?

It would be much appreciated if new volunteers would be willing to help on a regular or an occasional basis to give the long-term regular helpers a break. If you would like to help in this important part of church fellowship please get in touch.

Who can I contact?:

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LENT LUNCHES

What do we do?

The Lent Lunches take place on all the Fridays in Lent except Good Friday. The lunches are held in the Parish Room from 12noon to 2.00pm during which a simple meal of soup, bread and cheese is served. We nominate a charity every year to support, usually alternating between a local and a national charity. All the money we charge for the lunches goes to the chosen charity for that year. For example, in 2016 we raised over £500 for the Flood Victims of Cumbria.

What would be expected of you?

A team of three or four people arrive at 11.00am and bring with them their homemade soup, bread and cheese etc, and then set up the tables before serving the lunches.

We would appreciate any help with making soup and serving at lunches.

Who can I contact?

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LUNCH CLUB

What do we do?

The lunch club meets on the second Wednesday of each month, with a break during Lent when Lent lunches are available. A main course, dessert and tea/coffee are served where members can meet their friends, relax and chat.

What would be expected of you?

There are a number of ways in which people can help:

- cooking either the main course or the dessert for about 30 in their own kitchen
- bringing and returning members who need transport

We are entirely dependent on our voluntary helpers and all expenses are paid. The aim is to ask each individual for help no more than twice a year. To achieve this we need more helpers. If you feel you can help in any way please get in touch.

Who can I contact?

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

What do we do?

The purpose of the Social Committee is to have a team in place who are willing to mastermind any social event for the church, be it welcoming newcomers, providing mince pies after the Nine Lessons and Carols, or making arrangements for a visit from the Bishop. Whatever the event we will gather a team to produce the food (cooked at home or bought), to serve and to wash up.

We welcome any new help using the skills best suited to you. The larger the team, the less frequently we will be called upon!

Who can I contact?

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FINAL NOTE: If you would like further information about any of the things detailed in this booklet or want to volunteer for something, please contact the person listed in the relevant section.

Thank you for your support.