All Saints, Turvey

Newsletter

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FOR THE URGENT ATTENTION

OF THE CONGREGATION OF

ALL SAINTS', TURVEY

Following a meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Tuesday it was felt that the congregation of All Saints' church should be made aware of our concern about our present financial crisis.

In his Financial Report to be presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April, our Treasurer, William Littler highlights the following issues:

"A budget prepared for 2018, based on current receipts and payments levels, is showing a forecast cash deficit of over £6,000 by May and £7,000 by the year end, unless our financial giving increases."

The PCC has therefore made the decision to decrease its Parish Share payment to St Albans from £1,809 per month to £809 per month and this is the first time that Turvey will have been unable to meet its Parish share obligation since 2011.

As you will no doubt realise from the above, we find ourselves in a very difficult financial situation and the bishop has made it clear that wherever it is evident that a parish cannot cover its full parish share, the viability of every full time parochial post (clergy) will have to be considered very carefully.

The financial responsibility for the ministry and mission of our Church is a shared responsibility and as such, the clergy and Parochial Church Council felt that you should all be made aware of this situation as soon as possible, and given the opportunity to respond.

Full details of the financial state of our Parish will be made available at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

A **Stewardship Campaign** is planned to take place in all of the churches of the Chellington Team in July this year, but it was felt that knowledge of our present

crisis needed to be shared with the members of All Saints' before then.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Rev Jacqueline Curtis, Rev Peter Turnbull
The Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Church, Turvey

Thoughts from your Clergy

There is only one person in the parish who has information about the regular giving at All Saints' and we have asked Chris Knell to give details of this without revealing any names.

Without going into too much detail, there are:

* 42 People who give regularly, (weekly, monthly or other) either by envelope or standing order.

* If each increased their giving by £3 per week, this financial crisis could be solved.

We recognise that this amount could well be impossible for some, but others might feel they are able to offer even more than £3 extra per week. All we ask is that each person prayerfully considers their present level of regular Sunday giving.

When faced with financial difficulties the Church, as with all aspects of life, has to cut its cloth according to its budget.
The Bishop has placed Jacqueline and Peter in the parishes of the Chellington Team, and in July will be sending a curate to work with them, trusting that the parishes will support their ministry and the Mission of the wider Church.

Because many of the parishes (including All Saints') have not had to support stipendiary clergy for many years, the diocese has given us (The Chellington Team Ministry) a generous grant of £52,500 spread over three years to help us to gradually bear the cost of supporting full time ministry. At the end of the three years we will be expected to pay our Parish Share in full without the support of the grant.

We feel very blessed to be sharing our ministry with you all. We hope and pray that our time together will be long and fruitful in living the Gospel of our Lord. God bless you all.

Jacqueline and Peter.

EVENTS:

All events are correct at time of going to press – please check the new activity notice boards in church and the website. Visit us at: www.allsaintsturvey.org.uk for the latest news, services and events....

Cream Teas in Church

Mon 2nd April

3.00pm - 5.30pm

Cantamus

Chamber Choir

'Spring, the Sweet Spring'

At

All Saints Church, Turvey

On

Saturday 28th April 2018

At 7:30 p.m.

Music By: Britten, Paul Edwards, Farrar, Ireland, Moeran,

Conductor: Gary Mudd,

Organist: Paul Edwards

Tickets: £8:00 (including Refreshments)

Tickets from Rod Petty 01234 881619 or on the night.

Sunday 15th April

Annual Vestry Meeting at 12.15pm

Parochial Church Meeting at 12.30pm

Followed by a bring and share Lunch.

The Vestry meeting will take place immediately after the Church service on Sunday 15th April. This meeting - immediately prior to the APCM - is **specifically for the Election of Church Wardens**.

Rod Petty and Cindy Woods are standing for re-election, but, Rod has declared that, if elected this year, he will stand down in 2019 which will create a vacancy. To prepare for that eventuality it is essential that we appoint a deputy to 'shadow' the elected Churchwardens during the next year with a view to becoming Churchwarden in 2019. If you would be interested in the role please speak to Rod who will be happy to discuss what the role entails.

If you are on the Electoral Roll you are welcome to attend both meetings. If you are not on the electoral roll you may attend the Vestry Meeting only. We look forward to seeing you.

Existing P.C.C. members are invited to stand again for another year where applicable and to confirm their willingness to do so prior to the APCM. We are looking for new P.C.C. members to join us.

Vacancies: there are a **Secretary and Deanery Synod representative** vacancies. (Note the Secretary position is *not including* the Administrator position and the role has the full support of the Church Administrator).

There are also vacancies on the **Parochial Church Council.** Anyone on the electoral roll is invited to join the P.C.C. or to express an interest in one of the positions. Please contact one of the Church Wardens or Heather Whelbourn ideally before 9th April.

Bring and Share Lunch

This will follow the APCM as usual and a list for food donations will be put up in Church closer to the event. We hope you will join us for the APCM and the Lunch – always a very enjoyable social event with great food.

Coffee Morning

April coffee morning is 10.30 a.m - 12 noon on **Saturday 21st April** at 2 Norfolk Road, Turvey by kind invitation of Mike and Margaret Marshall. Come along for good company, coffee, tea, cakes and raffle plus a bring and buy stall - all contributions are gratefully received.

Last month's coffee morning raised a magnificent £215 towards Church funds.

A big thank you to Malcolm and Christine Watson for hosting it and to all those who helped and supported the event .The church is proving to be a popular venue for our coffee mornings (and so was the raffle!). We all had a very enjoyable time.

Lunch Club

April's Lunch Club will take place on **Friday 13th April** at the usual time of 12.30pm in the Village Hall. **May Lunch Club 11th May.**

Turvey Bible Study Group

We will start Bible study again on **April 17th** at the Monastery, fortnightly, 2 pm to 3.30pm

Church Flowers

Huge thanks to our flowers team who always make the church look so wonderful, but in particular at Easter - and to those who donated in memory of loved ones.

CHARITY

COFFEE MORNING
In aid of THE CINNAMON TRUST
on Saturday 28th April,
10.30. a.m. - 12 noon
at 7, Elmwood, Turvey.
Free admission and coffee.
Bring and buy, Raffle.
Contact: Dawn Riddle (01234 881761)

ALL SAINT'S CHOSEN CHARITY:

The winner of the charity vote is **Bedford Daycare Centre,** Linden Road, Bedford. They will be our nominated charity for the forthcoming year following the APCM.

Established in 1992, the Hospice has a highly respected history of providing high quality specialist, palliative and end of life care, from the point of diagnosis. They have provided care and support to many hundreds of people, their relatives, families, carers and healthcare professionals.

As an independent charity they are responsible for our own fundraising and currently receive little statutory funding, they rely heavily on the work of their fundraising team and volunteers.

'We aim to provide incredible hospice care in a unique day care only way. We do all we can to help and support our patients and their loved ones at the most difficult time of their lives. The staff and volunteers take the time to assist the patients to live the fullest life they can. In 2014 we received The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service'.

http://www.bedforddaycarehospice.org.uk

Please see the leaflet on the Charity notice board in church

Services at All Saints for April

Date Colour	Calendar	Celebrant	Sunday	Service	Time
1st April Gold	**Easter Day**	**Revd. P. Turnbull**	**1st**	**Parish Eucharist**	**11.00**
8th April White	**2nd Sunday of Easter**	**Revd. P. Turnbull**	**2nd**	**Parish Eucharist**	**11.00**
15th April White	**3rd Sunday of Easter**	**Revd. J. Curtis**	**3rd**	**Parish Eucharist**	**11.00**
22nd April White	**4th Sunday of Easter**	**Revd. P. Turnbull**	**4th**	**Parish Eucharist**	**11.00**
29th April	**5th Sunday of Easter**		**5th**	**Joint Service at Odell**	**11.00**

Please join us for Coffee after the service.

Service @4 (for all) 6th May

On Sunday the 6th May 2018 at 4pm, an informal service for everyone.
Please join us at 4pm and bring a friend or two.
These services take place on the first Sunday of each month.

Turvey Abbey

The Benedictine nuns and monks of Turvey Abbey always welcome visitors to the daily Eucharist and the Divine Office. For times of services please refer to the website: www.turveyabbey.org.uk