



## VICAR'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2019

Matthew 28:16-20

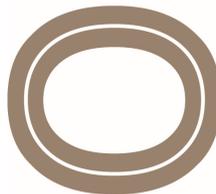
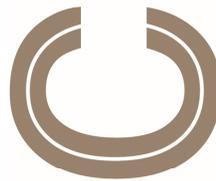
*Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Him, they worshipped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'*

As Jesus is about to leave His disciples and ascend into heaven after His resurrection, these are the words that He left them with. It is called, The Great Commission. These words from Jesus contain our *modus operandi*: the reason for our existence as Christ's church. We are all called to go and make disciples of all nations, we are called to baptize, and we are called to teach and share and obey everything that Jesus commanded.

In the last year how have we done that? How have we gone out and shown our community the Good News of Jesus? How have we come alongside people and shown them what we know about our wonderful loving God? How have we helped others to encounter our living God through His wonderful son Jesus and by His Holy Spirit?

As we read through the pages of our APCM I can only marvel at all the different things we do and how each bit of what we do brings Christ's Great Commission just that one step nearer to being achieved. The thing that unites our activity is a desire to see people come in some way into the presence of God and experience meeting our most amazing Saviour and His most incredible love for us. It is obvious that we have a passion, a love, and a desire to share with others, both inside and outside the church all that we have in Jesus. The word "church" means community. The variety and scope of the ministries that are done in and through our

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community are exceptional as is the passion, dedication and love shown by so many people to see God's Kingdom advance in Marple and beyond. You truly are a remarkable bunch of people. Your love of the Lord and love of each other is shown in so many significant ways to so many people that I can only rejoice that I have the privilege of being Vicar here.

**At this our APCM let us remind ourselves ...**

## **“Why Church? - Our Vision - Our Purpose”**

Everything we do at All Saints' Marple, is centred around three core purposes: we want all people to encounter Jesus; we want all people to follow Him in their daily lives and we want all people to have the confidence to share their lives of faith in Jesus with others. (Put simply in 3 words: Up, In and Out)

Our core purposes shape our thinking, our praying and our expression of faith. So, whether we are praying for people on the streets doing H.O.T.S., cleaning the church to get it ready for Sunday or serving someone a brew at Connect, our motivation is the same. We give our lives to God and His purposes. We understand that we are Christ's ambassadors to the world. We are sons and daughters of the living God and we carry His light into every conversation and every situation we find ourselves in. It is my prayer that, when people come into contact with us, they will see the amazing light of Christ in us and will want to know Jesus for themselves. With this in mind it is important that we remind ourselves of our values:

## **Meeting God**

Our primary purpose in all that we do is to connect with the presence of God. This is why in our Sunday worship we want to provide people with opportunity to encounter God through our sung worship, Bible teaching and prayer ministry. We depend on the Word of God, the ministry of the Holy Spirit and strong fellowship with each other. A lot of our teaching this year has centred around God's great big story of salvation and we have wanted to give an understanding of the overarching story of salvation that runs through the whole Bible as well as a focus on Jesus' life as seen through Matthew's Gospel.

This year we have launched a rather different evening service called “ENGAGE” to enable everyone to encounter, follow and share Jesus in a creative, fun and interactive way - where stories are shared, and God gets the glory!

It has been a joy to see people meet with Jesus on the ALPHA Course and this year we have really seen significant breakthrough for some as they discover faith in Jesus.

It has also been wonderful to see how people have engaged corporately and individually with prayer. Our “Hundred Days of Prayer” and “Dawn Raid Prayer Vigils” have been wonderful times of engagement as has our fortnightly “Listening Hour” in the Prayer Room at CONNECT.

## **We Value Living Life**

One of the key ways in which we encourage people to “live life” together is through LifeGroups. I myself have been encouraged enormously in my faith and fellowship by being part of a vibrant LifeGroup. LifeGroups are vital for people to live Christ centred lives. They continue to be places where strong relationships are developed, where people are cared for, and where we are encouraged to explore how we can live boldly by faith.

Part of living life together is recognising that life can be hard. So ... I want to thank the Prayer Ministry Team who, at the end of every Sunday Service, are willing to pray and seek God's answers for people. This, as well as the Pastoral Prayer Team, who offer more time to individuals for prayer. I also want to thank Gordon and Denny Haynes for their dedicated leadership of "Celebrate Recovery" which has had a significant impact on people's lives.

Furthermore, I am so thankful for the Meals for Mums Team, Fix-it Team, Bereavement Team and Home Communion Team for all their dedicated support of our community.

## **We Value Growing Community**

So much of what we do is about growing community; both inside and outside the church. It has been a joy to see how the kids' communities such as *PlayAway*, *Playtime@CONNECT*, *Little Ark* and *Who Let the Dad's Out* have grown this year. We regularly come into contact with over 100+ children a week! I want to thank Sarah Holton and her dedicated team for all their hard work, love and support.

The work of CONNECT continues to provide a space and an opportunity for people to connect with God and with community and I am encouraged to see how CONNECT continues to be a practical place of support with The Pantry, Job Club, CONNECT-Help and CAP all being offered. I can only thank Penny Saunders, Steve Corbett, Sheila Wenham, Joan Brown, Iain Kirkpatrick and others for their leadership and presence there.

## **Staff Team, PCC and Leadership across the Parish**

I would like to personally thank all the members of the staff team. They are an amazing group of people to work with. Last September, we appointed Dave Hill to become the All Saints' Youth Worker and he has been a great addition to the team. Lesley, in addition to her role as Associate Minister here, has been appointed as Rural Dean for the Chadkirk Deanery.

I want to thank Kate Zijlstra, Hej Alston and Karen Bluff who in particular took on extra duties to cover whilst David Waterston was on sabbatical.

The opportunity to renew our building continues and I would like to thank both staff team and members of the PCC who have continued to work for the development of the building. We are so thankful for the upgrade to the kitchen and we are very close for work to start on the visuals of the church. In particular a big thank you needs to go out to the Capital Projects Team, Kate Zijlstra, Nev Phillips, Peter Greenwood, David Waterston and Hej Alston, for their continued hard work to see these plans come to fruition.

A special thanks needs to go to Keith Frost who, last September, was installed as Reader-in-Charge of St Paul's, Strines, and who, in partnership with myself, has become responsible for the pastoral and spiritual oversight of that faith community.

Also, a special thank you needs to go to Gill Hale who is stepping down as Church Warden. Gill has been a wonderful member of the Staff Team and has worked so humbly, diligently and effectively. She is one of those who I can only describe as an unsung hero for all her work behind the scenes. A warden's term is usually six years but Gill has done nine! It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you Gill!

I am so thankful for the Staff Team, the PCC, Preaching and Leading Team, Worship Group Leaders, LifeGroup leaders, and many others who exercise Godly leadership in this church. I pray that God will continue to be bless and envision us to do immeasurably more for His glory than we even might dream.

## Looking Ahead

This coming year we want to take more seriously Christ's commission to go and make disciples of all nations. We are able to meet lots of different people through our various community groups but we long to give them opportunity to take steps towards following Christ for themselves. We therefore see it as important to continue to run ALPHA Courses, and also this coming term we want to consider what it means to be living as a disciple here at All Saints'. We will be focusing on this in our first sermon series. Over the coming couple of years, we want to develop teaching and groups that will help all of us become mature followers of Christ.

In the parish this year we have absorbed the geographical area of our church plant GLO. Our challenge ahead is to continue to resource the mission and ministry of our three centres of worship at All Saints', St Paul's and GLO.

As Phil Harris' curacy comes to an end in 2019, we will employ Phil as Associate Vicar to take on the leadership of GLO in the short term. The challenge for us in the coming year will be to raise up new, sustainable leadership for GLO in the future.

Money continues to be a challenge as we look to continue staffing our core ministries. I can only thank the people of All Saints' for their generosity and ask that we continue to be generous in our planned giving in the coming year.

Our year ahead is full of opportunity. Jeb Beatty, our new Curate will be ordained on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and will be joining us from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. I myself will be away on holiday and Sabbatical from the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in July to the beginning of November and Lesley, along with the Staff Team, will continue leadership during that time. Please do continue to hold all of us in your prayers. My prayer is that we will continue to listen for where the Holy Spirit is directing, and that we continue to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

Every blessing in Christ,

*Daniel Currie*

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Monday 6th and 20th May 2019

12.30pm in the Prayer Room at CONNECT

A time of silence together with the collective intention of listening for what God is saying to us personally and for the community. After the silence there will be a short time of sharing and praying together.

# All Saints' Church - Marple

Wednesday	1	7.00pm	PROSPECTS in the Foyer
Thursday	2	2.30pm	EVERGREEN SERVICE in Church
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>5</b>	8.30am 10.15am 6.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) Preacher: <i>Lesley Currie</i> HOLY COMMUNION Preacher: <i>Lesley Currie</i> ENGAGE SERVICE
Monday	6	12.30pm	THE LISTENING HOUR at CONNECT
Tuesday	7	8.00pm	“CELEBRATE RECOVERY” at CONNECT
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12</b>	8.30am 10.15am 4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION (CW) Preacher: <i>Daniel Currie</i> MORNING WORSHIP Preacher: <i>Daniel Currie</i> STANDING COMMITTEE in the Vicarage (NO EVENING SERVICE)
Tuesday	14	8.00pm	“CELEBRATE RECOVERY” at CONNECT
Thursday	16	12.45pm	12.45 LUNCH in the Bowyer Hall
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>19</b>	8.30am 10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) Preacher: <i>Daniel Currie</i> HOLY COMMUNION Preacher: <i>Daniel Currie</i> (NO EVENING SERVICE)
Monday	20	12.30pm	THE LISTENING HOUR at CONNECT
Wednesday	22	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION in the Prayer Room followed by Home Communion
Thursday	23	2.30pm 7.30pm	EVERGREEN SERVICE in Church PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING in the Foyer
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>26</b>	8.30am 10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (CW) Preacher: <i>David Hughes</i> MORNING WORSHIP Preacher: <i>David Hughes</i> (NO EVENING SERVICE)

(BCP = Book of Common Prayer / CW = Common Worship)

# St Paul's Church - Strines

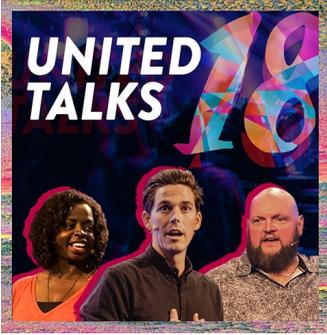
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5</b>	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION including the Annual General Meeting Preacher: <i>Daniel Currie</i>
Tuesday	7	2.00pm	BOOK GROUP
Wednesday	8	2.00pm	REFLECTIONS
Saturday	11	10.30am	“THE BIG BREKKIE” in support of Christian Aid
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12</b>	10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP Preacher: <i>Keith Frost</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19</b>	10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP Preacher: <i>Keith Frost</i>
Wednesday	22	2.00pm	REFLECTIONS
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26</b>	10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP Preacher: <i>Lesley Currie</i>
Tuesday	28	2.00pm	KNIT & NATTER

## WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays ... 2.00pm GUITAR GROUP

Thursdays ... 10.30am “POP IN” for coffee and chat until 12Noon





A varying selection of talks from New Wine 2018 will be available on the church website over the next 10 months. These talks will be changed approximately once a month.

We have purchased just one copy of each talk from New Wine and have been given permission to share within our church so we ask that you please do not share them with other people.

To access the talks you will need to go to the resource section of the website ([allsaintsmarple.co.uk](http://allsaintsmarple.co.uk)). You will be asked for a password to access the talks. If you would like the password please speak to Hej Alston or email/text her via [hejalston@gmail.com](mailto:hejalston@gmail.com) or 07851773272.

## MAY TALKS - "CHAMPION"

### **Leading with Vision – Eve Ridgeway & Ian Parkinson**

*Exploring why vision matters and the critical role of the leader as a catalyst, curator and communicator of vision.*

### **Re-imagining the Church – Archbishop Justin Welby**

*How do we re-imagine the Church so we might see God's kingdom come?*

### **Pioneering in Rural Areas – Stephen Mawditt**

*Key principals and learning points from planting and pioneering in a rural area.*

### **Leading with Confidence – Bishop Rachel Treweek & Ian Parkinson**

*This seminar aims to help us develop proper confidence as we grow in knowledge of our calling, our identity in Christ and of how we might use our God-given competences and gifts.*

### **Reformation is Still Relevant – Alister McGrath**

*This seminar looks at some of the great themes of Reformation, and asks how these can enrich our personal faith and strengthen the witness of the church in today's culture.*

### **Pioneering Fresh Expressions – Paul Bradbury**

*How might we pioneer new forms of church for new forms of culture while remaining true to the gospel?*

### **Messy Church – Lucy Moore**

*Hear about how Messy Church makes disciples.*

### **5Q: Activating the Body of Christ 1 – Alan Hirsch**

*Part 1 - Understand the significance, meaning and practice of the fivefold/APEST typology of ministry articulated in Ephesians 4.*

### **5Q: Activating the Body of Christ 2 – Alan Hirsch**

*Part 2 - Understand the significance, meaning and practice of the fivefold/APEST typology of ministry articulated in Ephesians 4.*

### **5Q: Activating the Body of Christ 3 – Alan Hirsch**

*Part 3 - Understand the significance, meaning and practice of the fivefold/APEST typology of ministry articulated in Ephesians 4.*

### **Developing Strategy – Mark Melliush & Sally Jones-Evans**

*How do we make God-given visions a reality? Experiences shared from both business and church.*

### **New Wine Pioneer and Planting – Gareth & Lizzy Robinson**

*What lessons can we learn from the past years of planting churches and how is New Wine planning to support this into the next decade and beyond?*

### **Training and Sending Pioneers and Planters – John McGinley**

*How can we prepare and support the pioneers who are planting new communities of faith?*

### **Leading with Others – Mark Melliush & Stu Plumb**

*How to raise up other leaders and release potential within your church or organisation.*

### **When the Rubber Hits the Road – Panel**

*A discussion panel.*

### **Pioneering in Urban Areas – Ben & Amy Woodfield**

*A seminar to share experience of planting church on council estates.*

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