



# Vicar

## River Mude Benefice

In the deanery of Christchurch

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## WELCOME TO WINCHESTER DIOCESE

Thank you for your interest in coming to work in the Diocese of Winchester where we are committed to serving people and communities across Hampshire and East Dorset. Our vision is to 'Live the Mission of Jesus' and in doing so we want to make a difference and see lives transformed through the love of God.

We serve a range of diverse communities, from rural to urban, with our Cathedral being sited in the historic city of Winchester. From Bournemouth to Andover, Southampton to our many villages, ministry takes place through our churches, chaplaincies and schools and we are delighted to encourage lay ministry in all its varied forms.

We are committed to being a truly representative diocese and we recognise our need to develop in diversity. We welcome applications from all.

The Diocese of Winchester is an exciting place to be and we look forward to receiving your application.



*Debbie Sellin*

*Acting Bishop of Winchester*

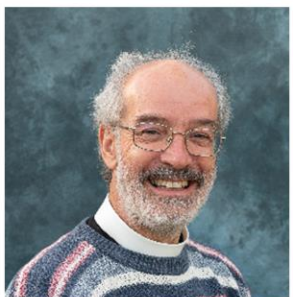
## CHRISTCHURCH DEANERY

We are a very mixed deanery with 7 benefices and 26 churches. These range from suburban, through small town and large village to tiny hamlets. There is a variety of theology, spirituality and ways of being Church and we value and respect this.

The Synod is active and focussed on supporting the mission of the Parishes. And the Chapter is friendly and supportive. A Deanery Mission Action Plan is in place and we will shortly review and enhance it. We encourage all of our clergy to play an active role in the life of the Deanery.

We know that Christchurch Deanery is a great place to live and minister as together we seek to join with our Bishop in 'Living the mission of Jesus'.

Revd Canon Gary Philbrick  
Area Dean



Revd Canon Charles Stewart  
Assistant Area Dean



Susan Lyonette  
Lay Chair





## INTRODUCTION

We are looking for a Vicar for the River Mude Benefice in Christchurch Deanery. The Benefice will be newly created from two parishes.

**Burton** is a semi-rural community, parts of the village date back to the early 18th century, with expansion especially in the 1970s. The parish boundary has been extended to incorporate a new housing development of 875 properties and facilities. It is an exciting new outreach for the new Benefice

St Luke's Church was built 1874-1876, is a Grade II listed building and a notable local landmark. Music is an essential part of St Luke's ethos and we have an active choir. The organ was replaced in 2013. A single bell tower also has an electronic bell system installed. Inside, the layout is open plan with the war memorial on the west wall. Parking is available in the church grounds and Salisbury Road. The building is generally in good repair with a Quinquennial inspection due. The churchyard remains in use and the Church Hall, built in 1993, is well used by the local community.

**Mudford** was originally a fishing village but has now largely become a popular holiday and retirement destination. The Parish of Mudford has two churches – All Saints Church was built as a fisherman's chapel in 1869, seating about 120. Sadly, on 14th July 2022 a massive fire broke out in the church which destroyed most of the church and the hall. Work is now under way to rebuild the church and the hall and working parties have been set up to work with the Architect. Until 2006 All Saints Church was a daughter church of the Priory in Christchurch. In that year the Parish of Mudford was created and in 2008 boundary changes were made and Somerford was added. Currently we are worshipping in Stanpit Village Hall on Sunday mornings. High Cross Church was built by the United Reformed Church (URC) in 2005 on land owned by the Church of England and It is jointly managed by the two churches under a "Sharing agreement". Today all Sunday services are conducted by the URC, with All Saints Church managing some activities during the week. The church has excellent facilities all on one level and with good parking.



*Blessing of the Waters Rogation*



*Christchurch Priory from Hengisbury Head*

We hope that making the appointment now will enable the PCCs and new incumbent to concentrate on discerning the shape of mission and ministry to the people of Burton and Mudeford. The proposed pastoral re-organisation is in process; it is envisaged that the appointee will be the Vicar-designate of the united Benefice when the scheme comes into force. This is an exciting time for a new incumbent with this significant opportunity to revitalise mission and outreach using the resources of the united parish. The congregation are outward-focussed and eager to work with a new incumbent to reach the community they are called to serve with the love of God.

Once appointed, the new Incumbent will be part of the appointment process for a new House-for-Duty Associate Priest, with the post holder living in the Vicarage in the Parish of Burton. The Associate Priest will support the Incumbent in the ministry of the whole Benefice, working collaboratively with the Incumbent and the lay people of the Churches, to support the life, mission and outreach of the Benefice.

There are many possibilities to explore, and we are praying for someone with a heart for local mission and the imagination and creativity to discern God's kingdom in this part of Christchurch. In the event that an appointment is made before the scheme completes for joining the parishes, the successful candidate will be Priest in Charge of Burton and Priest in Charge of Mudeford.



*Christmas Fayre, Stanpit Village Hall*



*Messy Church*



*Tea party for Queen's Platinum celebration*

## OUR VISION

We are praying for a Vicar who can lead us as we establish the life of our new Benefice, in collaboration with both Parish teams, identifying the opportunities offered by the new Benefice and the diversity of its activities. Our new Vicar will need to lead us as we prayerfully consider how we work together to become united Benefice, whilst understanding each church and each worshipping community has a unique role, contributing to the mission of the whole Benefice. We see both our church communities as places of welcome and acceptance, where all can find encouragement and support to be God's people. We are warm hearted and friendly congregations, keen to work with someone who will help us discover the way forward in a collaborative and open way. We also know that we are a relatively small group of people, and we need to work alongside others to meet the needs of our community. We are eager to move forward and to look to the future. Both parishes have a mission action plan (pMAP) that documents the planned activities that they will lead. We look forward to preparing a Benefice map led by our new Vicar. We would like to concentrate on:

- Making our churches more relevant to daily life through involvement in and with our wider communities, including through Eco-church
- Helping to deepen the study and prayer life of our congregation
- Developing further the pastoral care and outreach in our community
- Working more closely with neighbouring parishes and local community groups
- Developing, encouraging, and embracing the gifts that people can give – time, practical skills, money, expertise, lay ministry. Learning from one another and other local parishes and community groups





## OUR CHURCH LIFE

The churchmanship of both All Saints Mudeford and St Luke's Burton has largely been traditional, and in both parishes the eucharist is central to our weekly worship using Common Worship for our main services. We mark festivals and holy days with special services (Ascension, Lent, Holy Week, Advent) and at Mudeford have a monthly Fresh Expressions service "In the Round". The laity are involved in taking part in services, reading, and lead intercessions alongside clergy. We are proud of our history and traditions, but we are excited to work alongside an encouraging and prayerful priest to discover what God has in store for us and to explore new ways of worshipping.

The following paragraphs describe the worship and activities in the present individual parishes and churches.

### All Saints Church, Mudeford

Since the time of the fire in July, we have been overwhelmed by the generosity and support of local churches and organisations in providing accommodation for us in the short term. As a result, we have been able to continue almost all our activities. We are a very happy bunch of committed Christians here in Mudeford. Happy because we all share the love that Jesus shows us and we want to share that love with more and more people in Mudeford, Somerford and beyond. Sharing and caring for others is at the heart of our church community. Whilst being proud of our church tradition, we warmly welcome new ideas. Folk join us from a wide variety of both Anglican and non-Anglican traditions and this rich variety of approaches is helping to shape our worship and outreach. We are very keen to find new ways of attracting and retaining more young people and families.

- **Sunday worship** takes place in the local village hall, (70 to 80 people usually attend). and on occasion we join with our friends at St. Luke's Church, Burton.
- The **midweek service** is held at St. John's Mission Church in Purewell. (30 to 40 people usually attend).
- We hold a monthly **lay led informal service**, with a music group, on Sunday afternoon called 'Church in the Round' at High Cross Church, Somerford.



*Away day at Branksome Dean Chime*



- The majority of our church members are retired.
- We also hold special services in the community, on Good Friday, Blessing of the Waters at Rogation time, and Songs of Praise in the Mudeford Lifeboat station. We would like to expand our services in the community.
- **We employ, on a part time basis, a Families and Children's worker.** He leads our two Messy Church services each month, one is held in Mudeford, the other in Somerford.
- We have close contact with our uniformed organisations. Our links with the **Infant school** in Mudeford are strong and we are developing a new initiative for the young mums "Walk and Talk".
- We run two weekly **mother and toddler clubs**, one at High Cross Church, Somerford and the other in Mudeford.
- We hold **two weekly study groups**; one called WWJD (What Would Jesus Do) and the other a Bible Study group.
- The **Mothers Union** group meets weekly for prayer, and they hold a meeting once a month.
- We hold a monthly service for the residents of **Avon Reach Care Home**.
- Other groups that are associated with the Church are a monthly art group, a monthly book club, Mainly Men, and CAMEO (a Group for widows).
- The social committee organises monthly social activities, as well as the weekly coffee mornings after church. Other events include a Christmas fair, a summer fair and the
- Church takes a major role in the Mudeford Arts Festival held at the end of July. We would like to expand our community activities with a community hub when the restored church is complete.
- Traditionally, the church has been a popular venue for weddings, baptisms, and funerals. Parish Baptisms are continuing at St Luke's Church, Burton.



*Walk of Witness – Good Friday*

## St Luke's Burton

St Luke's has a long tradition of reaching out to and caring for our local community in worship and pastoral care. Occasional Offices are appreciated by the families who come to us, and there is a tradition of working well with Burton C of E Primary School.

We believe that St. Luke's is a place of fellowship offering a warm welcome to all. More than being the focus of Sunday services our buildings offer space for a range of activities for Church and community.

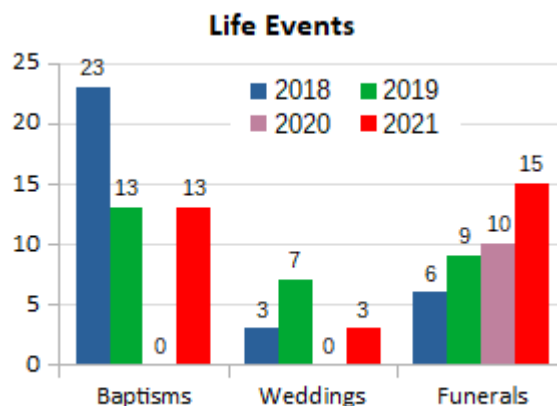
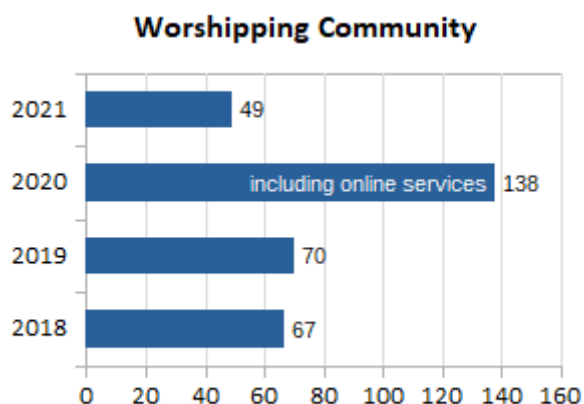
Currently our Sunday service time is at 9:30 am.

**Sunday Services** At present, each month we hold at least two Eucharists, one service with a visiting LLM and a local lay-led service. The latter have included Fairtrade and Climate Sunday themes.

When practical we hold joint services at St Luke's with All Saints', Mudeford.

We are about to trial AV recording of services. This will enable to better reach out to our community.

During the vacancy we have not held our 9:00am Wednesday said communion service and wish to re-establish these weekly services as soon as practicable.



**Messy Church** Prior to the pandemic Messy Church services were held monthly funded by coffee mornings and toy sales. In September (2021) we started 'Packs in the Porch'. Although this was well supported, we aim to develop this into a full family/children's service.

**'Open the Book'** (OtB) St Luke's enjoys a good relationship with the United Reformed Church on Burton Green, and we work together at Burton Primary School:

- Both churches now contribute at least one a Foundation Governor (in addition to the automatic appointment of St Luke's Priest-in-Charge)
- We jointly present dramatised Bible stories, as part of Collective Worship.

The OtB team are invited into the school as part of their overall worship rota, which is planned to involve the children, wherever practicable. The Worship leader then guides the children to understand how the story relates to their core values.

We judge the success of our efforts through feedback from the school, and occasionally the children recognising us outside school, telling their families about the stories they've remembered and enjoyed most.



*Open the Book – Somerford Primary School*



## OUR TEAM

### All Saints Mudeford

#### **Chris**, Churchwarden.

My husband Alf & I moved to Dorset from Surrey when we retired in 2012. We settled into All Saints Church after receiving such a warm welcome. In 2018 I became churchwarden and have enjoyed this role for the last four years, being part of a friendly and hardworking PCC and a warm, helpful, and happy congregation has made my role easier. Despite the setback of a catastrophic fire in July our church has continued to grow and flourish in various venues. We have many organised activities in Mudeford which is well supported by the local community. We are now in the final stages of forming a benefice with St Luke's and have formed a good relationship with them and enjoy joint services.



#### **Tony**, Churchwarden

My wife, Judy, and I moved to Mudeford in 2010 to be near our daughters who live in Bournemouth. We quickly settled into All Saints Church where we were made to feel very welcome from our very first visit. I became Churchwarden on the retirement of Anthea Bell in 2013 and served in that role until 2020. Unfortunately, my successor became ill shortly after taking office and I was asked if I would support Chris as we were in an interregnum and in the process of being formed into a new Benefice with St. Luke's Church. Since then, we have had a devastating fire in the church and hall which has added to the workload. However, All Saints has a wonderfully active Church community, which in spite of all the challenges, continues to grow and develop. My wife also takes an important role in the church too, looking after the social committee, coordinating Messy Church, and running Little Stars parent and toddler group.



### **Rona, LLM**

I initially trained as a Reader, precursor title to LLM nearly thirty years ago in Southwark Diocese. I moved to Mudeford fifteen years ago and I joined All Saints Church and have been active in the parish ever since.

At present I would describe my roles as:

1. looking after the liturgy each week during our interregnum and conducting jointly a service of the word once a month and other non eucharistic services as required.
2. IT – looking after the website, and Facebook and taking my turn filming, editing and uploading the main service each week. I, before the fire was responsible for the AV system we had in the church.



### **Maggie, PCC Secretary & Admin**

I have been at All Saints Church, Mudeford for about 15 years. Shortly after joining I became PCC secretary. I was then Churchwarden for 3 years. Some of this time was during an interregnum. I remained PCC secretary and have taken on more responsibilities over the years. These are concerned mainly with communication which has been vital during the pandemic and since we have been without a church building.

I produce:

- weekly notice sheet which is sent out by email as well as hard copies.
- weekly Hymn sheet (currently we have no books or AV system).
- Service sheets for special times of the year.
- Church Rotas for services.
- Statistics for the Diocese.

On a weekly basis I support the Ministry team in any way I can. It is a privilege to be part of such an energetic and creative team and good fun too.



**Andy** LLW, Children & Family Minister (employed part time)

I have been employed in the Parish for over 3 years now and am part of the ministry Team. I have experience of working with children and young people in many different areas of church life.

Areas of input as Children and Families minister are

- Local Schools - Lessons, Assemblies & other inputs
- Uniformed Groups - Visits to the church, Remembrance Service & Carol Service, attending events or doing an input at one of their evenings
- Meet with other Children & Family workers in the area
- Support church teams involved in Little Stars and Little Saints
- Help run the Messy churches we run in Mudeford & Somerford
- Co-lead the monthly Morning Worship Service (non-Eucharistic)
- Am on the rota to plan and run Church in the Round
- Continue to develop new areas of ministry with volunteers supporting the nurture and discipleship of children and families we are growing contact with.
- Since the fire we are looking to start events such as “Walk and Talk”, Breakfast Church and drop-in times for parents to be supported and given a place to unwind around the parish.



## **Burton**

**Bernie**, Churchwarden

My wife and I moved to the village of Bransgore, some 2½ miles from Burton, 30 years ago. We joined St Luke's about 5 years ago, after being asked to augment St Luke's church choir. As we received such a warm welcome and made to feel so much at home there, we made St Luke's 'our church'. I have been Churchwarden for four years now, the role made much easier with the support of an active and committed PCC.

I have developed two databases to manage our services and the Churchyard at St Luke's. Also, as our organist has some health issues and is only able to play occasionally, I also play the organ for some of our services





**Judy, PCC Treasurer and former Churchwarden**

I have been a part of St Luke's since moving to the village in 1966. I became church warden in 2008 for a period of fourteen years, retiring in May this year. This was a role I really enjoyed, in a wonderful church community with a lovely, helpful, and happy congregation. I am still helping Bernie wherever I can.

I am happy to continue as treasurer, a position I have held since 2011.

I also assist with some admin and help with various church activities and events.



**Karen, PCC Secretary and Deanery Representative**

Re-locating to Burton in 1990, I quickly realised that St Luke's was the centre of village life, and I made really good friends there, even after moving to New Milton in 2001. Believing deeply that the world should be greener and fairer, I'm also passionate about climate justice. Although I'm living outside the Parish, I love worshipping at St Luke's. When I took early retirement in 2016, it was time to give back, so I joined the PCC and have become

- Part of the team of intercession leaders.
- lead Open the Book
- assist with lay services
- am Christian Aid representative at St Luke's
- am a member of the Deanery's Kinkiizi Action Group



**Tricia, LLW**

I was a commissioned Lay Minister in the Diocese of London after training for Lay Pastoral Ministry and Lay Hospital Chaplaincy but in 2015, after retiring from education, we moved to Mudeford and in 2020 I completed a Diploma in Theology, Ministry and Mission with Winchester Diocese (Durham University) after being commissioned as an LLW. I also have a Diploma in Person-Centred Counselling (Middlesex University).

My church placement took me to St Luke's where I now serve. I definitely feel called to St. Luke's to serve its community and I have great joy in doing so. St Luke's is a caring, welcoming, and committed community and it's a privilege to get to know and work alongside its members.

My main role has been

- organising and leading our once-a-month lay-led service of the word,
- organising the liturgy and leading a small team in the planning and delivery of this.

In my church life I have always been involved with children's ministry, pastoral work, and liturgy.



# OUR ORGANISATION

## All Saints Mudeford

### PCC

There are 19 PCC members including 2 churchwardens, secretary, treasurer, 3 Deanery Synod reps. and 2 co-opted members. We usually meet 6 times a year, but since the fire we have increased the number of meetings to take account of the number of decisions that need to be taken during the rebuilding work. Discussions at the meetings include spiritual and pastoral development, finance, repairs and maintenance, mission and outreach, safeguarding issues, work of the various church groups and planning of future events. The secretary to the PCC also carries out other administrative duties within the Parish.

### Finance

The PCC has been able to meet its Common Mission Fund each year. The majority of members now contribute to the work of the church through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) and this has been a great help to us during 2020/2021. We have 3 paid members – the Children and Families worker, the Organist and the Accountant. The accountant supports the Church Treasurer and produces a monthly financial summary. The church has been able to give 10% of its income to charities at home and overseas. Each month the “Mission Pot” is used to remind members that supporting those less well-off is part of our Christian teaching.

### Website

In April 2021 a new Audio Visual (AV) system was installed in the church and the 10am service was live streamed on Facebook and U-tube. At present the Sunday services are recorded and edited and sent out during the week. In this way we have been able to keep in touch with those members who are not able to attend church. The church has a website which is being improved and updated as time and resources allow.

Our pMap is on the website under Church information. [www.allsaintsmudeford.org](http://www.allsaintsmudeford.org)

We produce a weekly newsletter which is distributed by email as well as delivered to those who do not have access to email. The Parish Magazine –The Anchor magazine is produced 10 times a



year and includes a wide variety of articles, mostly contributed by Church members. It is produced in colour and is printed in house. 120 copies are produced each month and it is available online.

### St. Luke's Burton

#### **PCC**

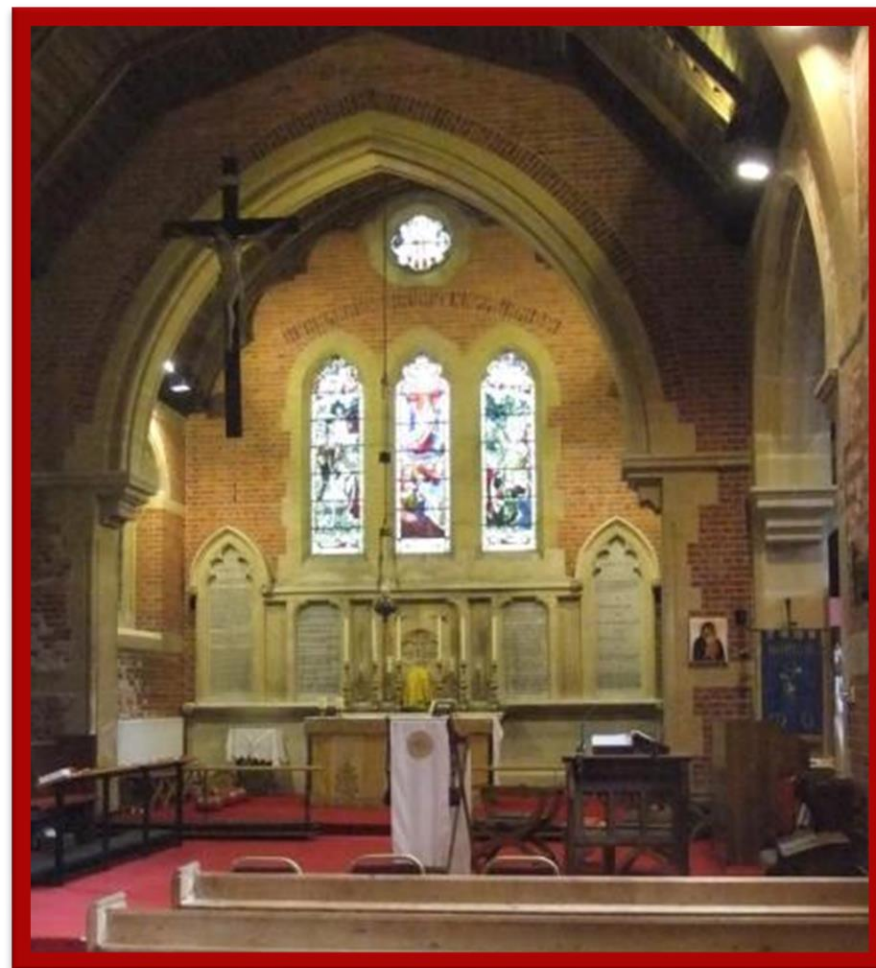
There are twelve PCC members, including Churchwarden, Treasurer, a LLW, a BPP licensed in late 2022, two Deanery Synod representatives (one of whom is also PCC Secretary and one part-time Foundation Governor (increasing to two full-time in 2023):

The PCC usually meets monthly, averaging over 70% attendance in 2022 to date. Meetings aim to focus on strategic issues and mission, delegating events and fundraising to separate gatherings of willing helpers.

All church attendees are strongly encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. More members of the congregation are offering to serve, and there has been a steady turnover of PCC members over the last few years, balanced with more experienced members either being retained or at least being available for advice

#### **Finances**

We successfully paid our Common Mission Fund contribution until 2019. In 2020, due to the impact of the pandemic and unexpected vacancy, we paid just under half that requested in 2020 and 65% in 2021. We support various charities, the main ones being: Christian Aid, Deanery links with Kinkiizi (Uganda), Christchurch Foodbank, and the Children's Society. St Luke's also benefits from 9 small charitable trusts.



*St Luke's Altar*



## Communications

Our website is currently <https://www.burtonsopley.com> where our current pMAP is included.

A weekly newsletter is available with our Sunday services and distributed locally. A magazine was distributed quarterly prior to the pandemic, and we are looking to restart this. We regularly post on the Burton community Facebook page. Our WhatsApp group, set up to maintain friendship and mutual support during the pandemic, continues to be used.

## Administration

St Luke's uses two bespoke databases to manage church services and the churchyard.



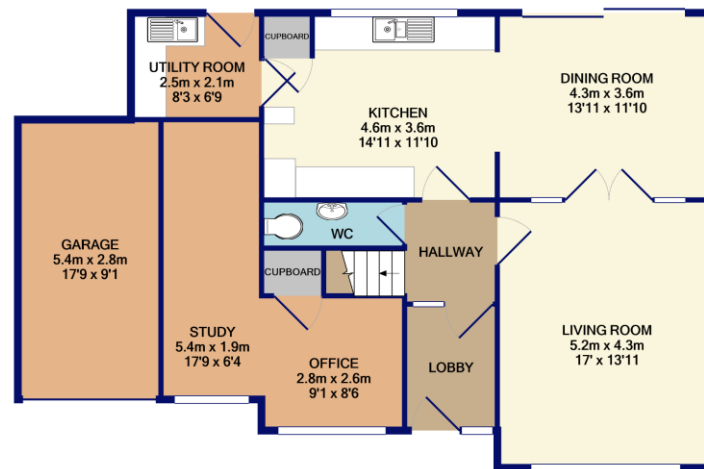
# THE HOUSE

A well presented 4 bedroom detached house in Mudeford.

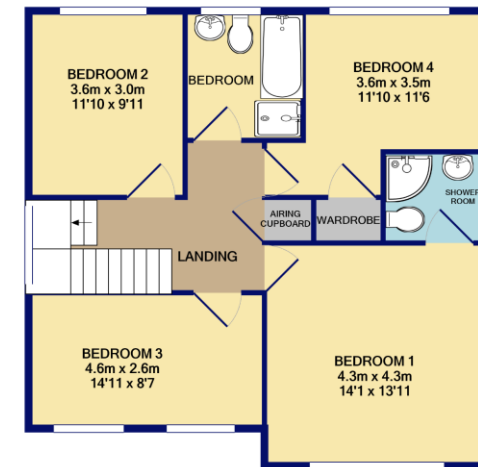
Entrance hall with cloakroom, door to the study. The sitting room has a gas fireplace and double doors to the dining room which has double doors to the garden and open plan to the kitchen. Beyond the kitchen is a utility room.

Upstairs the principal bedroom is to the front of the property with ensuite shower room. There are 3 further double rooms and a family bathroom with a bath and shower. Three of the four bedrooms have built in wardrobes.

There are gardens to the front and rear, a drive with parking for a number of cars and a single garage.



GROUND FLOOR  
APPROX. FLOOR  
AREA 104.6 SQ.M.  
(1126 SQ.FT.)



1ST FLOOR  
APPROX. FLOOR  
AREA 74.0 SQ.M.  
(796 SQ.FT.)

TOTAL APPROX. FLOOR AREA 178.5 SQ.M. (1922 SQ.FT.)

Whilst every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the floor plan contained here, measurements of doors, windows, rooms and any other items are approximate and no responsibility is taken for any error, omission, or mis-statement. This plan is for illustrative purposes only and should be used as such by any prospective purchaser. The services, systems and appliances shown have not been tested and no guarantee as to their operability or efficiency can be given.  
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## ROLE DESCRIPTION

This Role Description should be read in conjunction with the vision, aims and priorities set out in this profile. The role is for a priest who will lead, support and nurture the inhabitants of these diverse parishes and build on recent achievements to develop the mission of the Church in the community and ensure pastoral needs are met. It is for an experienced leader who will carry significant oversight and strategic development responsibilities. We are praying for a Vicar who can lead us as we establish the life of our new Benefice, in collaboration with both Parish teams, identifying the opportunities offered by the new Benefice and the diversity of its activities. Our new Vicar will need to lead us as we prayerfully consider how we work together to become united Benefice, whilst understanding each church and each worshipping community has a unique role, contributing to the mission of the whole Benefice. We see both our church communities as places of welcome and acceptance, where all can find encouragement and support to be God's people. We are warm hearted and friendly congregations, keen to work with someone who will help us discover the way forward in a collaborative and open way. We also know that we are a relatively small group of people, and we need to work alongside others to meet the needs of our community. We are eager to move forward and to look to the future. We look forward to preparing a Benefice map led by our new Vicar. We would like to concentrate on:

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*Songs of Praise – Life Boat Station*



### **Spirituality**

- Follows an ordered personal, spiritual life of daily prayer and Bible study and shares the fruits of their own discipleship with others.
- Seeks to follow the example given us by Jesus Christ of active ministry and time out for reflection and prayer in quiet days and retreats.
- Balances time with family and friends with the demands of parish life.

### **Worship and Preaching**

- Is comfortable leading and participating in the current diversity of our parish services and will enrich them.
- Supports and encourages the ministry of lay people in leading services.
- In preaching and other communication, presents and interprets the Christian message in relevant and inspiring ways that encourage us to live and witness as Christians in the 21st century.

### **Leadership and Collaboration**

- Is a servant leader and proven team player, committed to working collaboratively with the House for Duty priest (once appointed), as appropriate.
- Is an effective delegator and decision maker, able to manage their workload and capable under pressure.
- Is an effective chair of meetings who will ensure that voices are heard and valued, and clear decisions are reached and implemented.

### **Discipleship, Learning and Nurture**

- Is open and creative in their approach to Christian discipleship and spiritual growth, strongly committed to seeing God's people grow and mature in faith and use their gifts in God's service.
- Is prepared to lead or co-lead discipleship, nurture courses and is committed to the growth of small groups.

### **Evangelism and engagement with social justice**

- Is a visible and approachable presence in both our communities, building good relationships with others, pursuing the common good, and displaying a Gospel shaped life
- Understands the imperative and breadth of parish outreach and mission, and will work and encourage others in mission, fair trade and outreach activities.
- Is experienced in working with schools and is committed to further develop our relationships with local schools and with young people beyond schools.

### **Pastoral Care**

- Is approachable and sensitive to varied pastoral needs of our church family and wider community and willing to share pastoral care with our team.

### **Stewardship and Parish Organisation**

- Exhibits and proactively encourages and enables generosity in the discipleship of church members, in the giving of their time, talents and money.
- Brings and displays the proven ability to plan, organise, manage, chair meetings, and communicate effectively with the clergy team, Churchwardens.

### **Ecumenism and Links with other bodies**

- Is committed to working with local churches, in our community, and encouraging others to do so.
- Actively encourages the support of our mission partners.
- Plays an active part in Deanery (through chapter and synod) and Diocesan life.

The role description should always be read in conjunction with the [Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of the Clergy](#).

## **HOW TO APPLY**

A full application pack, along with Terms & Conditions, is available from the Diocesan website, [here](#).

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*Left top: All Saint's after and before the fire  
Bottom left and above: The Sanctuary*

# Appendix

## **All Saints Church, Mudeford**

Pattern of Worship – Worship is at the heart of our life in Mudeford. On Sundays the service takes place at 10am in Stanpit Village Hall and for three Sundays out of four (or five), we celebrate with a Sung Eucharist. On the third Sunday of the month, we hold a Service of the Word, which is led by our LLM, Rona and our LLW, Andy (70 to 80 attend). For special services we join our friends at St. Luke's. On the first Sunday afternoon in the month, we hold an informal service called Church in the Round at High Cross Church. This service is lay led by a team of volunteers and the music is provided by a music group. This service has proved to be popular and attracts people who do not join us for the more traditional services (30 to 40 attend).

On Wednesday at 10am we meet at St. John's Mission Church in Purewell for a said communion service (30 to 40 attend).

Finance – in 2021 our income was about £107,000. which covered our expenses. We have been blessed with some legacies amounting to about £125,000 which are used for projects to develop our mission and outreach and for improvements to the church building. The Church Treasurer has the help of an accountant, Ann Mace, and she produces a monthly income and expenditure statement. The majority of our church members support the work of the church through the Parish Giving Scheme. Additional income is raised through social events, an annual Gift Day and the letting of the hall for community use. The PCC donates about 10% of personal giving to mission and outreach both at home and overseas.

Work in Schools – There is one infant and one junior school and two primary schools in the parish (one of which is Roman Catholic) and one high school. Our Children and Families Worker, Andy Saunders has established good working relations with the schools particularly Mudeford Infant school. The children visit the church on a regular basis. In addition, Andy has established good relations with the Uniformed organisations in Mudeford and they take part in some of the services. We had developed Open the Book assemblies with some of the schools, but this has now been put on hold.

Restoration of All Saints Church – The Church is insured by Ecclesiastical Insurance and is fully insured. Work has now been completed to make the structure safe, and the main stone and brickwork of the walls is now stable. Working teams have helped to identify all the items lost in the fire. A working group carried out interviews to select the most suitable Architect to produce plans for the restoration of the



church and hall. A working group has been appointed to liaise with the Architect throughout the project. A visit has been made to three churches that have been destroyed by fire and have now been rebuilt. This visit proved very valuable in learning from others and hopefully not encountering the same problems. The work is expected to take 2 to 3 years.

### **St Luke's Burton**

Burton is a semi-rural community with a working farm. It has good road and rail connections via Christchurch, and a local bus service. The population includes a variety of social mix, ages and housing, with further developments planned. Parts of the village date back to the early 18th century, with expansion especially in the 1970s to more than 1,800 dwellings. The village green is the focal point where St Luke's, the URC, convenience store and Post Office, medical centre and pharmacy can be found. It is also a centre for community events. A recreation ground also provides a meeting place for the Scouts and football clubs. Burton CE Primary VC School is ¼ mile away and the community is well served by secondary schools. There are two residential nursing homes nearby.

The average age in Burton is 43. 72% are economically active and 68% of the total population identified as Christian in the latest available census, so there is a clear challenge to bring Christ into busy family lives - an important opportunity.

The parish boundary has been extended to incorporate a new housing development of 875 properties (35% affordable) and facilities. A detailed application for pre-build infrastructure work and Phase 1 (50 houses) was submitted in November 2022. It is an exciting new outreach for the new Benefice. For more details, see <https://www.taylorwimpey.co.uk/new-homes/christchurch/roeshot-grange>

Our first PMAP was based on the Diocese's four Strategic Priorities, with congregational input from 'brainstorming' sessions as part of our APCMs. Regular reviews (traffic light system) determined that over 40% of actions were Green, none were Red. We recently developed a new, better focused PMAP incorporating our local priorities:

- Serving our community
- Healing & nurturing our church
- Learning & encouraging each other
- Our future as a new Benefice - in particular, lessons learned from the pandemic and how we can most effectively work as a Benefice.

More information about our pMAP is available on our website.

### **St. Luke's – Burton Church of England VC Primary School**

The spiritual and moral life of pupils benefit considerably from the strong partnership that has been forged with St Luke's and the support of the previous incumbent. This helps enable staff and governors to work towards our aim of ensuring our school is a caring Christian

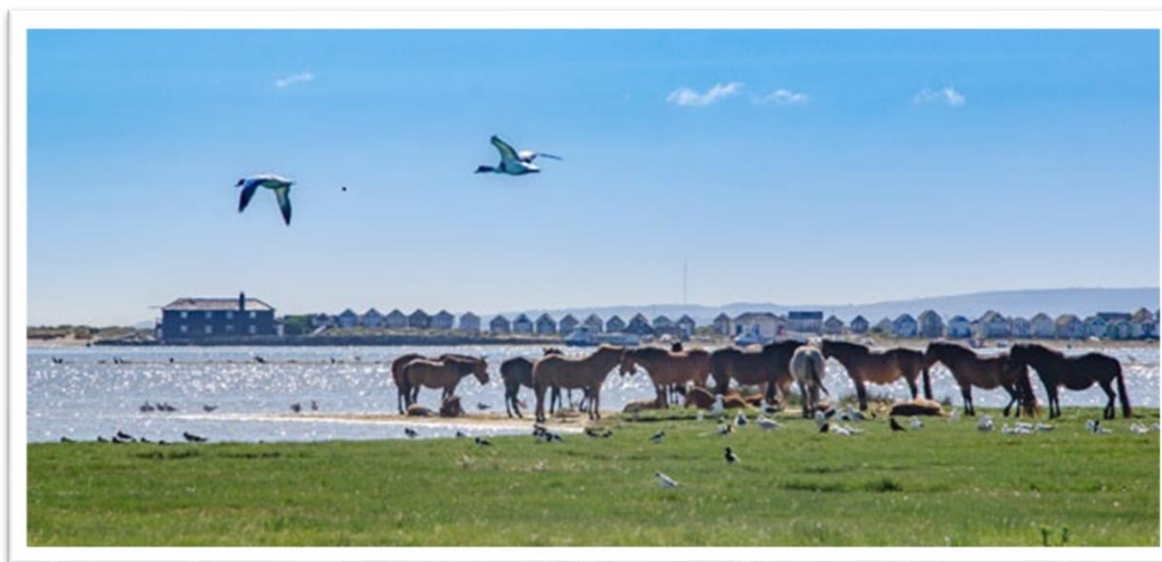
community where our core values of *'Reverence, Compassion and Friendship'* are evident in all aspects of the school's work. The positive effect on pupils is clearly acknowledged in the Key Findings of the 2020 SIAMS report.

The school's Collective Act of Worship leader works closely with the incumbent and Foundation Governors to foster the spiritual life of the school. The collective act of worship is an important feature of the school day and benefitted from the regular participation of the previous incumbent. During Covid restrictions arrangements were made for all children to participate, including when working at home. Governors are very proud of the school's Spirituality Champions who regularly lead prayers and arrange and lead services, including for special occasions such as the Carol Service.

Pupils regularly visit the church for special services, to celebrate church festivals and for important milestones in school life, such as our Leavers' Service. Occasions such as the Christingle and Crib services are very well attended by village children and their parents, as is the annual Remembrance Day service. General church services are often enriched by the school children's displays, such as decorated Christmas Trees or Easter Gardens. As part of their Christian life children are also encouraged to show their commitment to *'Compassion'* and *'Friendship'* in a range of ways, notably through the links Burton school has with a school in Uganda.

#### The Christmas Tree Festivals

In 2021, St Luke's held a third very successful Christmas Tree Festival. This is becoming a biennial village tradition, drawing in a wide range of community groups, each decorating a tree. We plan to end each festival with 'Nine Lessons & Carols'.



*Ponies on Stanpit Marsh*

‘From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.’  
John 1:16

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