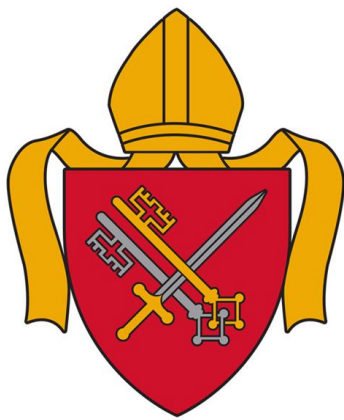


Maybush Benefice Parish Profile



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Thank you for your interest in this role.

In this Diocese, we serve a whole range of diverse communities, from the historic city of Winchester with our glorious Cathedral, to the great port city of Southampton, the burgeoning boroughs of Basingstoke, Bournemouth and Christchurch, thriving market towns such as Andover, Alton, Alresford and Romsey, and innumerable picture-perfect Hampshire villages. In all that there is much wealth – but there is also significant deprivation too, especially in our large urban conurbations where our churches are supporting some of the diocese's poorest communities.

In every context, we are committed to the making the love and life of Jesus Christ known, through our churches, schools and chaplaincies, in a way that makes a tangible difference to those communities and their people.

In parish ministry we seek people who are aware of the challenges that we face, but who are motivated above all by faith, hope and love in addressing them. We welcome those who are committed to help God's church to be the very best it can be, in the power of the Spirit, releasing all God's people into the mission and ministry to which they are called. And we recognise too our need to develop in diversity.

We are excited by the opportunities before us and warmly invite applications from those who want to join us in addressing them.

With the assurance of my prayers as you seek God's best next step for you.

+ *Philip*



*The Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen,
The Bishop of Winchester*





Our Vision

This is an exciting time to come to Maybush. Across the benefice we are seeing encouraging evidence of God doing a **new thing**. We believe that our churches share the love of Jesus by becoming an integral part of the **community** that we serve. We have engaged with our community and asked what they want (see below). Our churches and halls are well-placed to be gathering places for our community. We believe that this involves living out Belong, Believe, Become values by meeting people where they are at.

July 2025 Community engagement event feedback



Belong

We have spent the last eighteen months building **relationships** throughout the local community including statutory and local organisations. This has meant going out of the buildings to meet people but also working out ways to invite the community into our churches and halls. This has caused us to rethink how we are the body of Christ serving this community. We have started activities which serve God by creating **safe spaces in our buildings**. In order to continue to develop and grow further, our premises require repair and refurbishment.



Believe

We believe that the worshipping community should be **Inclusive** and **Intergenerational**. We believe that God is calling us to faith-filled growth as we are seeing increasing interest in our community activities and in the enquiries for occasional offices. As a result of recent community outreach, we have completed a Start! **Discipleship** group and are sharing this material with the entire congregation and community in September 2025. We will continue to develop discipleship through our activities, church services and prayer group.

Become

We believe that with the increase in interest from the community through the activities and by providing a discipleship programme God will provide us with resources we need to repair and refurbish our current gathering spaces. The vision includes growing an additional worshipping community to the north of the benefice as well as developing the links at the southern end. The aim of all this work is to **grow the community of disciples across Maybush benefice**.





St Peter's Church is the Parish church, built in 1958. There is a church hall which is available for letting.

Sunday service is a weekly Eucharist. The style is traditional. Although regarded as a service for 'older people' over the last 12 months several young families have joined and attend regularly.

Weekly attendance is approximately 15-20 adults and 3-7 children.

The majority of occasional offices take place here and the many of the community view it as their family church.

This congregation has a strong link with the neighbouring assisted living complex (Potters Court) which we visit monthly. Civic services take place here as well as school Harvest assemblies, Christingle and carol services.

From September 2025 we also host the weekly rehearsal for Nursling and Rownham's Community Wind Band.



St Peter's Church Hall is currently not used by the church but is a source of income with long term lets. The hall building needs some refurbishment and as part of our long-term vision we are considering options regarding its future use.

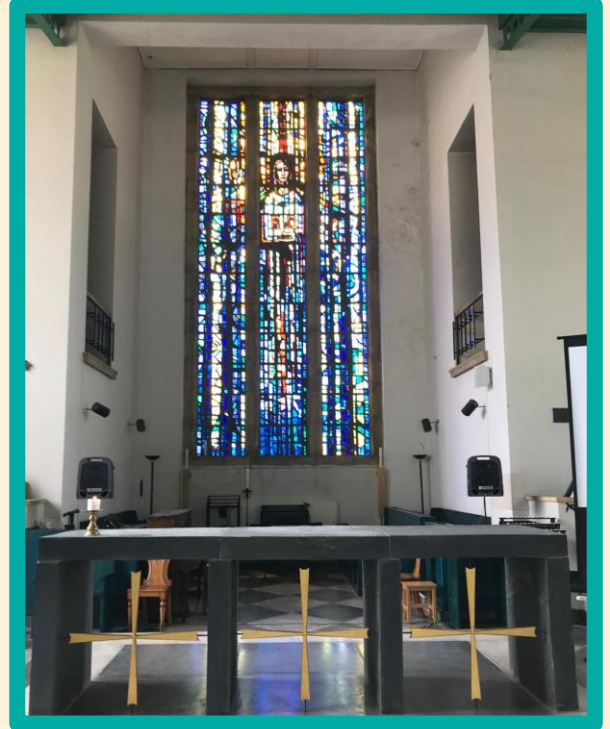


All Saints

The Church was built in 1964. The adjoining church hall was built in 2005. Sunday service is a weekly gathering mainly for primary age school children (7 adults and 3-7 children).

The All Saints' site hosts the parish office, hall and rooms for letting. The hall is hired out regularly to the community for parties. There are long-term rentals for community partnerships and charities.

A weekly community pantry is hosted on this site (SCM Millbrook Marketplace).



We are currently fundraising to replace the leaking roof and refurbish All Saints' church. We plan to develop the site as All Saints Church and Community Centre.



What we do

Across the Parish we have a number of Sunday Services and Midweek activities where our aim is to connect with our congregation and a community

St Peter's church

Sunday

**St Peter's Service
(11:00-12:00)**

Tuesday

**Potter's Court Tea
and Chat (monthly
2:00-3:30)**

Thursday

**St Peter's Tea and
Chat (2:30-4:00)**

All Saints Church & Hall

Sunday

All Saints Service 9am

Monday

**Tots and Toddlers (term time
only, (9:30-11:00)**

Tuesday

**Crafty Café (10:00-12:00)
Connect prayer and bible-study
(7:15-8:45 pm)**

Wednesday

**SCM Marketplace (10:00-12:45)
Comfort Café (Monthly 1:30-3:30)**

Community Engagement:

Collaborative work with Violence Reduction Unit (Police) for Halloween Event.
Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings

Multi-agency working with:

Southampton City Mission, Council Community Engagement Team, Youth Options, Oasis City Farm, Colne Avenue Baptist Church, SO16 Church Leaders, Library, Potters Court, local pubs x3, Social Prescribers, Mountbatten Hospice. Online local history group, Pickles Coppice-family hub, local primary schools (Shirley Warren, Mason Moor, Redbridge Primary, Newlands).



Our Team



Ali Vicar

I have been vicar since April 2024. I share the vicarage with Ian and our dog Monty. I enjoy music and being outside. I am passionate about developing everyone's God given gifts.



Sarah Buildings Admin/Safeguarding Officer

I have been employed as an administrator for All Saints and St Peters since September 2019. Here I am involved in supporting Marketplace and hiring out our halls. I am also the safeguarding officer and a member of PCC.



Daniela Interim Associate Minister (May25-Jan26)

I joined the team in May 2025 for a season, to support Ali and the team in mission and ministry. It's a joy to be part of this journey and it's exciting to see what God will be doing next here in Maybush.



Marta Parish Office Administrator

I support the daily running of the office with specific responsibility for social media and helping with the administration of occasional offices, particularly Baptism and Marriage.



Phil

Church Warden/Treasurer

I moved to Maybush in 2022. I have been a Deanery Synod member for over 10 years, and more recently become finance chair. In my day job I am a Quality Engineer; and when not up a ladder, or on the church roof, I can usually be found walking our cockapoo Digby!



Sheree

Assistant Church Warden

I have been recently elected to the position of Assistant Church Warden. I'm married to Jez and we have a 13-year-old daughter. We have been involved with the parish since 2020.



Jez

Ordinand part-time

I am training for ordination at CMS on the Pioneer Mission training pathway. I am married to Sheree.



Kay
PCC



Elise
PCC



Ian
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Sharon
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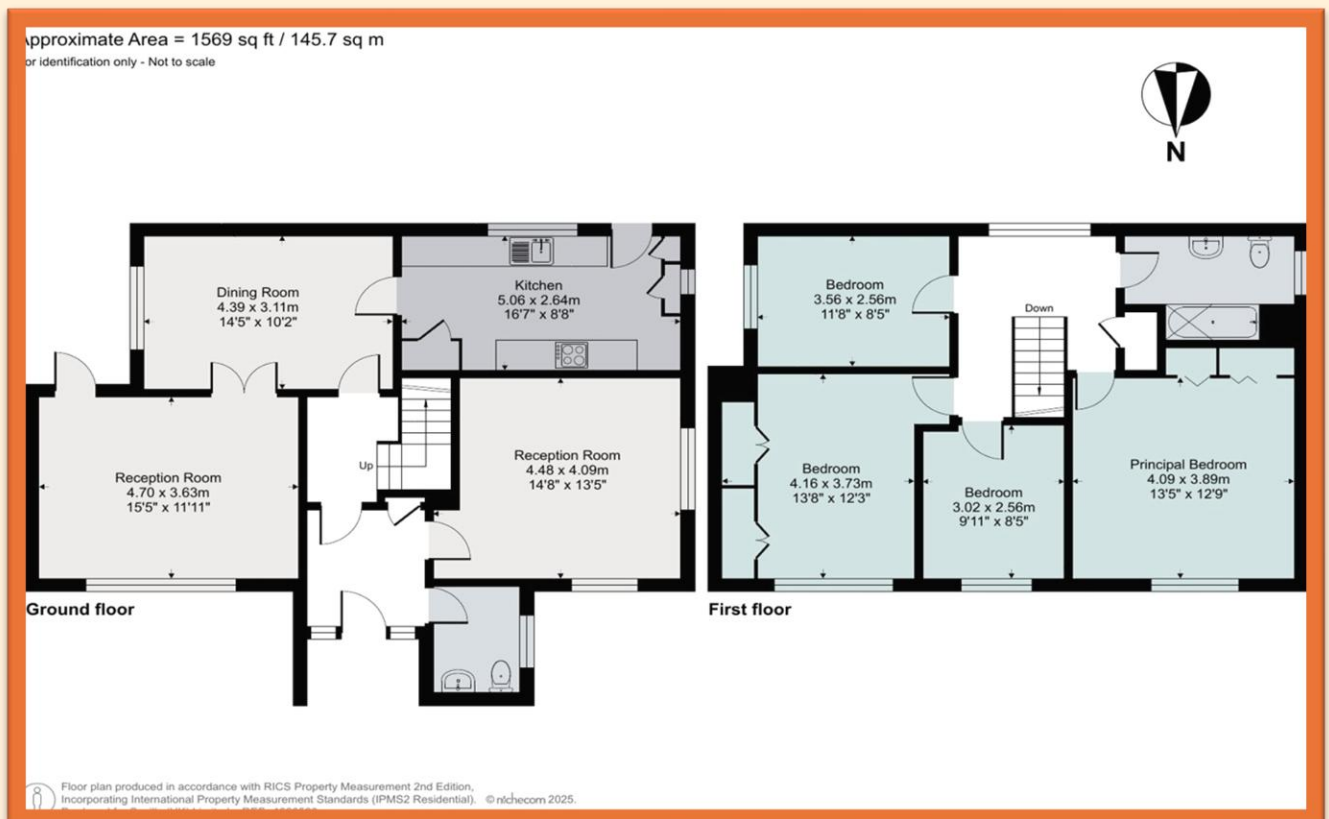
Julian
Organist/Pianist

Ria
PCC



The Vicarage – St Peters house

St Peter's House is a traditional brick-built detached four-bedroom dwelling located in the residential area of Maybush, Southampton. The property enjoys a setback setting within the bounds of St Peter's Church and is close to local amenities, schools, and green spaces. With excellent transport links via the M3 and M27, Southampton center, Winchester, and surrounding areas are easily accessible.





Southampton Deanery

Recent news:

Southampton Deanery is currently in the process of submitting a bid for a substantial project across the deanery, called 'Believing in Southampton'. This will involve all our parishes working much more closely together (with extra resource) and will be an exciting opportunity for Maybush congregation members to contribute to and benefit from some wider city-wide missional momentum.



Background information:

Southampton is an exciting and growing city and the Deanery of 19 parishes looks forward to welcoming you into our Chapter and Synod. The city itself is growing in population and in diversity. There are many new developments of housing as well as commercial and cultural spaces adding to an already rich offer of theatres, concert halls, parks, and museums. Major employers in the city include the two universities, a large regional teaching hospital (within Maybush Benefice) as well as the passenger and cargo ports which keep Southampton Water busy with some of the largest ships in the world. Our city also has its challenges, and some of our parishes are amongst the most deprived in the Diocese and in the country. Churches in our Deanery are committed to sharing the love of God in practical action in mission to the people we serve.

Our Deanery Chapter alternates between meeting as a whole chapter (normally with a speaker or topic for discussion) and as two half-chapters (for prayer and mutual encouragement). You would be warmly welcomed into the west-side half-chapter. Two of the other parishes on this side of the city have recently entered a new phase of their life and ministry, so you would be joining at a time when others around are also discerning fresh vision from God for what mission and ministry looks like in this part of Southampton.



Simon Robertson
(Area Dean)



Su Brakewell
(Lay Chair)



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