



## Annual Parochial Church Meeting Report

May 2021



**St PETER'S  
& St PAUL'S**

HEXTABLE & SWANLEY VILLAGE

## Report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to the APCM, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

### 1. This Report

It is our pleasure as the PCC, accountable to the annual meeting, to present this report of our activities during the 2020 calendar year. It also refers to any significant changes up to our PCC meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 when the text was agreed.

The last annual meeting was to have taken place on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020 but, as a result of the Covid19 pandemic, was rescheduled, on order of the Bishop, and took place on the 18th October 2020. 38 people attended in person with 16 households (including several doubles) participating via Zoom. As then, it is necessary to conduct May's APCM largely 'online' with people also participating, suitably socially distanced, in the St Peter's church building. These special arrangements are in line with 'hybrid' format for APCMs agreed by the Bishop.

### 2. The powers and duties of PCCs

For those who are new to the church, PCCs are longstanding, created by Parliament as the governing body of the local (Anglican) church. The prime duty of the PCC is '*to co-operate with the Vicar in promoting the whole mission (of the church) - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical*'. PCCs are recognised as charitable bodies by the Charity Commission and members therefore have all the duties and responsibilities of charity trustees. Although administrative business must be undertaken, we are required to consider everything with the primary task of mission in mind. One of the requirements under the Rules is for the PCC to make an annual report on its activities to the APCM.

### 3. Membership

The PCC consists of some members by virtue of their office (ex officio), those elected at the APCM and co-opted members. Serving members for 2020 -21 were:

**Ex officio:** Revd Johnny Douglas – Vicar (PCC Chair), Sue Haward and John Wigginton – Churchwardens; and Julie Douglas, Andy Lawrence (to March 2020) and David Pearson (Secretary) - Deanery representatives.

**Elected:** Martin Andrews (from October 2020), Barbara Ball, Andy Birmingham (from October 2020), Ian Carpenter (to March 2020), Angela Chapman, Mike Connold, Anna Culliford (to October 2020), Jane Gay, Karen Ledger (from October 2020), Chris Redmond (to October 2020), Kevin Swift and Kevin Wren (to October 2020).

**Co-opted by the PCC (ie with voting rights):** Chris Redmond (Treasurer).

Based on a resolution passed at the last (October 2020) APCM, a limit of 2 x 3-year terms applies for elected PCC members from this year.

Churchwardens, who have lead responsibilities for the day-to-day functioning of the parish, are a much older institution than PCCs (dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> Century!) which is why they are elected, annually, under different legal provisions - the Churchwardens Measure 2001. The election of Churchwardens is, therefore, technically a different meeting from the APCM. Their term of office is one year, and they may serve for up to nine consecutive terms of office as agreed at our APCM in 2019. Both Wardens are eligible to stand for re-election this year.

As charity trustees, all PCC members are required to sign a declaration that they are willing and eligible to act as trustees (ie not legally disqualified), that they understand their charity's

purposes and have passed any checks required if the charity works with children or vulnerable people (we, of course, do).

In March 2019, the PCC approved a pack for prospective members and Wardens providing information on the legal requirements and expectations and within the context of St Peter's and St Paul's and the work plan for 2019 – 2022. All PCC members are expected to comply with their legal responsibilities as trustees of the Church and abide by the codes set out in the pack supplied, with nomination forms or otherwise available from the Secretary.

#### **4. Our meetings**

During 2020 there were nine ordinary meetings of the PCC (ie each month except April, August and December), for rather more than 2 hours at a time. Special meetings were held in August (on staffing matters) and December (re the annexe). From March 2020 all were via Zoom). Other matters were agreed by correspondence between meetings. All meetings were conducted with most members present. Minutes of meetings are available on request from the PCC Secretary once they have been agreed at the next PCC meeting.

Each meeting is planned, providing members with full briefing notes on the range of matters on the agenda. The Revd Johnny Douglas also shares his thoughts, encouragements, challenges and vision. Johnny's thoughts and plans are laid before members and he expects them to be scrutinised and approved (or varied) as appropriate by the meeting. The PCC and the staff group each routinely review our activities and services as soon as possible after the event to ensure any lessons learned are applied for the future.

As PCC members, we each seek to exercise both our spiritual and legal responsibilities seriously and in love, working together as a team to best serve Christ, our church fellowship and community. We have a very busy programme, and it is always a challenge to get through the business. Within the agenda we ensure enough time is allowed for items that need a full discussion to achieve the best outcome or matters on which it is known there will be different views. We often stop to pray about decisions and sometimes matters will be deferred to a future meeting to allow more time for prayer and reflection, as we are very conscious of our need to know God's mind and guidance in all that we decide and do. Through prayer and discussion, we are able so often to reach a common mind, but on occasions where a majority vote is needed, this has not affected our fellowship or strong feeling of togetherness. There is respect by all for a majority decision and each other when that happens.

#### **5. An overview of the year**

From March 2020 to the time of writing this report a year later, the pandemic has totally impacted the activities of the church and the daily lives of the whole community.

At our February PCC meeting when we had no idea what lay ahead, we spent time considering what we believed God was saying to us as a church for the new season. Amongst the pictures and thoughts shared in that meeting was of God moving ahead and holding out His hand saying, '*are you coming with Me?*' and of '*breaking down walls that were getting old e.g., the hoardings; a sense of there being a prison and we needed to break out*'. As we mediated on these, little did we realise the changes that would happen the following month which would take us out of our four walls into uncharted territory for the next year. Though there has been, and remains, much sadness with the loss of lives, jobs, freedom to meet with those outside our households and much else, we have as a PCC and church felt the Lord's hand leading us forward, breaking down barriers and enabling us to engage with and serve our community as never before. This has included serving people on their doorsteps and several 'online' services and gatherings through each week, enabling us to engage with many who would ordinarily not have darkened the doors

of the church. We thank God for all we have been able to serve and particularly for those who have come to faith or been strengthened in their Christian walk through these means, during this time. Despite the challenges, there was significant progress over the year in building alterations and the Annexe development plans at St Peter's.

The PCC would like to acknowledge and thank our Vicar, Johnny Douglas, and Julie for their leadership over this exceptionally demanding year. The demands on them in leading the church during this time of national crisis, supporting many in the parish affected by Covid19 cannot be underestimated – it has been very significant with much unseen. In addition to maintaining all his busy duties as a parish priest in these new circumstances, with an increased number of funerals and other demands, Johnny has acted as area volunteer lead for Sevenoaks District Council during the pandemic. At the same time, he has spent considerable time advancing plans for the Annexe and associated fundraising. Thank you, Johnny and Julie, for your love, commitment and exceptional hard work for the parish. The PCC is confident that despite all that the church has faced over the past year we are, with God's help, emerging as a stronger people, ready to face the new challenges ahead.

## **6. Public Worship and 'Online' church**

The pandemic resulted in church buildings being closed by order of the government during a national lockdown from the third week of March 2020 when, like many other churches across the country, St Peter's and St Paul's became an 'on-line' church. This included recorded services on Facebook and YouTube and live informal 'Zoom' meetings each Sunday morning 'after church' and through our Life Group programme. Additionally, over the last year, Johnny has presented an online, almost daily, midday bible study of about 20 minutes. Some 21 households unable to access the internet have been supplied with weekly DVDs and print material and the weekly church e-news material.

After March 2020, weddings (when permitted), and funerals, continued at St Paul's in line with government restrictions on numbers. In July 2020, a survey of households who had been regular attenders at morning worship prior to the pandemic, indicated that 89 of the 104 respondents did not want to go back to our buildings until everyone could regather normally. During the first week in August 2020, St Paul's was re-opened for an hour a week, for private prayer. The St Peter's building remained closed until both buildings opened for public worship (with special socially distanced measures in place) on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Some of the congregation returned to both church buildings for Sunday morning worship. The 'online' presence was continued and continues for those who, understandably, have not yet, or cannot return, and others who have become part of our online congregation who have not previously been church attenders. It was hoped to hold services 'in person' over Christmas, both in our buildings and outside on the Hextable Village Green, but in the event neither happened because of rising Covid numbers and all services were streamed 'online'. Both buildings were again closed by decision of the PCC on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020, following the Prime Minister's statement on national measures to counter new threats posed by the increased infectivity of the new strain of Covid19 (first seen in Kent) and placing the county in tier 4 status (the highest). Our parish Covid rates were particularly high at that time. On the 24<sup>th</sup> December the PCC decided to formalise the closure by recommending that the Bishop agree to the suspension of church services; this was immediately granted by Bishop James.

At the PCC Meeting on Monday 18th January 2021, members reviewed matters. They agreed that given the worsening situation locally and that online, DVD and print material continued to serve people well, to recommend that the Bishop extend the suspension of 'in person' services. The Bishop extended authority to suspend to the 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, subject to any government or

diocesan recommended revisions. With a considerable improvement in the situation both locally and nationally and with most vulnerable people having had one vaccination, no further extension was sought, and public worship resumed in both buildings on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021, on a socially distanced basis, in compliance with all current regulations and guidance. Our 'online' offerings continue to provide opportunity for much fruitful engagement with people beyond our church walls.

## **7. Working groups/Committees/Teams**

The church and charity rules under which we operate allow for the appointment of working groups (or, in our terms, 'teams') to discuss certain subjects thoroughly in detail and they may co-opt members from beyond the PCC. It is a charity law requirement that all such 'Committees' are required to report to the PCC, who retain the legal responsibility for decision-making. There is also a requirement that the Incumbent (Vicar) is an ex-officio member of each. The current teams are:

- Vicar and Churchwardens (coordinated by Johnny Douglas)
- Annexe development (coordinated by Johnny Douglas)
- HR and staffing (coordinated by Di Birmingham)
- Pastoral care (coordinated by Pauline Pearson)
- Safeguarding (coordinated by Andy Birmingham)
- Welcome team (coordinated by Di Birmingham)
- Worship team (coordinated by Adam Graver)

It is proposed to establish new teams to lead our work in in three other areas in due course.

**Sides-people.** Historically 'sidesmen' had been elected at the APCM. With the new Church Rules, applicable from January 2020, we were reminded by the Diocese that they were correctly PCC appointments, not an APCM responsibility. When this was considered by the PCC, Mick Drewry and John King's ministry, which the PCC honoured, had ceased due to their untimely deaths and Tim Jacobs had decided to stand down due to age and fragility. In considering the way forward, the PCC decided to incorporate the role into the Welcome Team following Covid and present rota-ed provision. A letter of thanks was sent to those who had been serving. The new Welcome Team will be formalised in due course as we begin again to gather as church.

### **Women's ministry (Shine)**

In October 2020 Jenny Waddington and Maggie Carpenter resigned from this ministry which they had led since 2013. The PCC expressed their thanks to both them and others who had served alongside in this significant activity over the years. Johnny and the PCC felt it was important to continue the ministry and inter-church annual conference in some form, post pandemic and hope that leaders will emerge to take on this valuable work in due course.

### **Seniors' ministry**

Though outside the reporting period, John and Lorna Kahan resigned their leadership of Thursday Fellowship and from the church in January 2021. The PCC expressed their appreciation for their significant ministry to seniors and in other capacities over many years. The PCC will be reviewing the future direction of the seniors' ministry and appointing new leaders in due course.

In addition to these appointed Teams, which have a visionary mandate, many other valuable non-decision-making working groups exist in the church, undertaking and coordinating a variety of essential activities, for which the PCC are also very grateful. Several 'teams' and other groups have provided reports for the APCM.

## **8. Staffing and Volunteers**

### **Emma-Jane Manning - Children's and Youth Mission Leader.**

We were pleased to welcome Emma-Jane Manning, Children's and Youth Mission Leader and her husband Harry, at the beginning of September 2019. After an excellent start in work amongst children in church and local schools, unfortunately, the pandemic meant that Emma-Jane was unable to continue any face-to-face work in the church or schools from March 2020. This led to the PCC placing her 'on furlough' under the government scheme. A working sub-group of PCC members was then established to consider the future of the Emma-Jane's post, as it became clear that it would likely be many months before the full range of duties of the post could be resumed. Following a report from the sub-group and a full PCC discussion on the options, it was agreed for Emma-Jane to come off furlough and be offered a 15-hour contract from 1st July 2020 (with modified responsibilities reflecting what was possible at the time), which she accepted. However, Emma-Jane obtained a full-time classroom assistant post and left the following month which was understandable given the situation. The PCC very much appreciate Emma-Jane's contribution to church and school life in the few months she was able to work with our children and are sorry that the circumstances ended her activities so abruptly and that it was not possible to continue the role to which she was originally appointed.

### **b. Future of Children's and Youth Mission post – proposed appointment of an Associate Pastor**

In considering the future of the post, a questionnaire was sent to key leaders and families of children and youth in the church. Of the 19 responses received, 16 stated that they wouldn't wish a temporary like-for-like replacement, namely a postholder for another year (assumed to be the period before we could operate 'normally'), preferring a more permanent appointment. The PCC considered this within the wider context of staffing needs and decided instead to pursue an Associate Pastor role with responsibility for Children and Youth, with wider responsibilities too, given that we had not been successful in obtaining a curate from the Diocese. A job description has been agreed and we hope to begin a recruitment process later this year, subject to available finance.

### **c. Adam Graver**

Adam Graver, joined us over the summer 2019 having helpfully assisted us in musical ministry on several occasions the previous year. He was appointed as a Pastoral Intern (an unpaid role), with emphasis on worship and wider ministry. Following a recruitment process in the summer of 2020, Adam was offered and accepted a new Worship and Online Ministry Leader, 15hr post, taking up the position from September 2020

### **d. Noah Douglas**

Noah Douglas was appointed Intern - Media and Communication (an unpaid role), from the 1<sup>st</sup> July, working circa 21 hours per week, alongside his OU studies, for six months during the pandemic.

**e. Peter Gower**

We are incredibly grateful to Peter Gower, a professional Civil Engineer, who volunteered his services in May 2020 and has been working since then with Johnny on the construction elements of the Annexe.

**f. Our thanks**

The PCC would like to record their thanks to all who have given of their time to serve the church at St Paul's and St Peter's in so many capacities. We are blessed with many who freely volunteer in leadership roles, worship, outreach, administration and in the many 'unseen' but essential activities. We could not operate without the whole body working together!

**9. Safeguarding**

As a PCC we are responsible for ensuring compliance with national safeguarding requirements set for charities and organisations working with children and adults at risk and those of the Church of England and the Diocese. The Parish Safeguarding Officer, Andy Birmingham with safeguarding team have continued to monitor and develop policies and best practice for the PCC and ensure, so far as they are able, safer recruitment of workers and practice, and appropriate responses when concerns have been raised.

Under Part 9 of the Church Representation Rules (2020), the PCC are required in this annual report to the APCM to confirm that we have complied with our duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. This we are happy to do. There have been no serious incidents that have required reporting in the past year. Whilst we cannot afford to be complacent in such matters, we believe we are in a good place in terms of the procedures we are following. We would like to record our thanks to our hardworking safeguarding team and the leaders of activities with children and older people, all of whom, without exception, have cooperated fully in the safeguarding arrangements.

**10. Missions**

In 2018 we commenced a review of our missions giving. Until then some 80% of our missions' budget was allocated to one organisation. At the end of 2019, the PCC discussed at some length the strategy for 2020 onwards. Taking account of the fact, as a part of our parish share, monies were also donated to the Diocese for 'mission' both at home and overseas, we decided, having paid the Diocese, to allocate 10% of the remaining non-designated income of the church to mission. This is based a 'thirds' approach ie to local (parish), regional & national and international causes. Priority is given to funding individuals, missions and causes known to the church and therefore given in the context of loving and prayerful support.

In 2020 we funded people in need locally through the Community Compassion Fund, specific church outreach projects through our 'refresh' fund, Christian Resources in Bexley Schools (CRIBS – who also work in Swanley schools), Release International, Home for Good International Justice Mission, New Wine, Interserve, Chris White (Spain) and Dan Wren (OM). The amount to be allocated in 2021 (based on our 2020 income) is £25,000.

11. **Alterations to the existing St Peter's building.**

In January 2020, the PCC agreed proposals for a new entrance and alterations to the lounge area, creating two small meeting rooms with full electrics, heating, flooring and decoration. Work to break and remodel the stage area, involving the removal of the vestry storage space, making good, with parquet flooring to match and decoration, was also agreed. The unexpected building closure facilitated the carrying out of this work as one operation during the first lockdown, rather than in parts working around services and other use of the premises, which would otherwise have been necessary. This followed earlier work renewing and refreshing of the back hall and youth and children's rooms with new windows, replacing the heating and decorating. Proposals to re-equip the worship area with quality chairs and for lounge seating was also agreed for 2021.

12. **Construction of the new Church Annexe - Next Door Hextable**

For those who might not be familiar with the history, 'Next Door Hextable' has been many years in the planning and the project has occupied a large proportion of our time in PCC meetings over the year as we seek at long last to bring the vision to fruition. The Annexe, known as 'Next Door Hextable', is a £1.6million project. Phase 1 began in 2015 with the construction of the shell (foundations, walls, roofing, windows etc) at a cost of £914k; this has been completed and paid for primarily by the church family, totalling £860K. The remainder needs to be raised to finish and furnish the interior, including the mechanical and electrical works and fixtures and fittings, so that the two-storey building can provide a large community café, a large function venue, a kitchenette, an accessible toilet, a lift for easy access by all and a small chapel-cum-quiet space to replace the current chapel, which will become a full industrial-size catering kitchen. The interior work and fitting out to be completed presents the church with a considerable financial and logistical challenge.

We appointed a fundraiser on a no win, no fee, basis. Sadly, their initial optimism in early 2020 about achieving a positive outcome via grants and legacies, by repositioning the project, did not bear fruit. The PCC have prayerfully considered the option of a significant loan and we have an offer from a finance organisation, though we are seeking to fund the project if possible, on donations, with local patrons and grants. The work to raise support is now largely being undertaken by Johnny. We are grateful to Martin Andrews for his financial advice on the project.

In November 2020, having obtained competitive bids, we appointed an Architect to finalise plans for final permissions and tendering purposes. The position in April 2021 is that builders' tenders have been received and they are being assessed with a view to the PCC deciding on who should be appointed to undertake the work. It is hoped to commence the work later in 2021 with around 26 weeks to complete.

Alongside the building and financial developments, work has also been progressed on the business aspects. A Coffee Shop consultant is working with us to help develop a comprehensive business plan and we have taken advice from a VAT consultant and are currently (April 2021) exploring governance aspects of the business with specialist charity trading and ecclesiastical lawyers.

As Johnny informed the church in his January 2020 in his pastoral letter, the challenge of completing the annexe and the opening of 'Next Door Hextable' remained a priority for the PCC. Faith, favour and finance are key themes in our prayers and discussions together. 'The harder it gets, the more God will get the glory, is the truth we hold firm to.



Sue Haward in her talk on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021, helpfully summarised the challenges of the project over time, particularly during the last three years of 'waiting'. Referring to pictures in PCC and other meetings and our Nehemiah studies, Sue highlighted that having obeyed God's command to 'wait', the annexe will be a greater success story. In the three years of waiting, we have seen the tide of public opinion change. Those locally who were vehemently opposed to the project are now working with us 'on the wall'. This time has, though, been challenging. It has been full of 'uphill boulders' and there has been much effort 'in clearing the field of stones', but the waiting is being rewarded. The 'logjam' is moving and there is a renewed strength and momentum that has only come from the Lord, putting the right people and the right things in the right place at the right time. His timing is perfect.

### **The year ahead**

Despite the pandemic, we remain on course. Our goal as a PCC continues as increasingly one of developing the spiritual leadership of the church; one that is less and less operational and management, and more directional and oversight. The four priorities for the PCC remain to:

1. Get our house in order, in culture and consistency
2. Attend to the finance and finish the annexe
3. Establish healthy leaders and build flourishing teams, and
4. Increase the resources to extend the mission of the Kingdom.

For much of 2020 and up to the present, we have become a church 'without walls'. Circumstances are now beginning to change as we begin opening our buildings, though certain restrictions will clearly continue to apply for some time to come. We face a real challenge in deciding the way forward, what we seek to retain from these times and what we do differently. We all need to remain flexible and open to Lord's leading as clearly whatever lay before us will not be the same as pre-pandemic times or now. Without doubt, the pandemic has given us the opportunity to reach many more people both 'online', on people's doorsteps and in the streets, serving, practically and spiritually, our villages in more ways than we might have dreamed of.

We look forward to moving together with God in 2021-22, extending His kingdom in Hextable, Swanley Village and beyond. Thanks be to God for his goodness to us!

David Pearson  
PCC Secretary

Agreed by the PCC, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## **Report from the Pastoral Care Team for the APCM 23.05.21**

The Pastoral Care Team for the Parish of Swanley Village and Hextable have been very busy over the past year, providing prayer-support, advice, help with travel and shopping, home-visits, phone-calls and cards to those in need, those who are recovering from domestic abuse, those who mourn, the lonely and the sick. The delivery of DVDs, containing Sunday services, plus weekly news-sheets and bible notes, have been warmly welcomed by those parishioners who lack access to the internet and have been unable to attend services when the church was open. Seeing the children who took part, those adults who shared their faith journey, the bible messages and the music/singing, have relieved their loneliness and encouraged them in their faith.

Little gift bags and boxes, filled with goodies at Christmas and Easter, and the flowers, card and chocolates on Mothering Sunday, were prepared and delivered by team members and other volunteers from Life Groups. "You've made my day!" was the response from a number of recipients on their door-steps. Thank you, PCT for all you have done in the name of Jesus to help so many!

The Pastoral Care Team members, who wear a badge to identify themselves, are in attendance at both St Peter's and St Paul's services and can be contacted there. Alternatively, you can phone or text on 07586 423928 and speak to Pauline, or contact the Church Office on 01322 662320.

I'd like to thank those who have helped the PCT on an occasional basis and some who help us regularly. Your kindness to both strangers and those of our congregation is so appreciated.

PAULINE PEARSON - Pastoral Care Team Co-ordinator

### Worship Team

The past year has necessitated our church family expressing corporate worship in a completely different way. We have journeyed from singing heartily in person to worshipping separately in our homes facilitated by our online/DVD provision, to navigating worshipping in church with our masks on and in silence. Throughout these crazy and unpredictable times, it has been a joy to see the worship team step up to the challenges that have faced us - spiritually, emotionally, technically - and to see significant growth in each team member. It has also been a blessing to see the church family as a whole stepping up to worship and minister to the Lord, in the silence (perhaps the occasional hum!) but with hands raised and hearts focussed. Going forward, we look forward to a time in the near future where we can sing and worship together freely - perhaps you could partner with us in that by signing up to volunteer for sound, visuals or worship?

Thank you, Adam.



We are thankful for Jane England and Mike Connold in their service in our PCC life:

"I would like to thank each and every one of you for your company, dedication, commitment, support, prayers and laughs along the way! Our church is in very safe hands and the future is very exciting and I'm so proud of how far we have come!"

Jane England

"At the close of the six years I'm thankful for the privilege to serve with others for the honour of Jesus in this parish. There's a fantastic grace in our PCC team life together as we serve the mission of God! Something that mattered greatly to me is discerning the importance of serving in the church because God only does certain things through the church. Blessings and thankfulness for all I've been able to share in."

Mike Connold



One of the new possible PCC team additions standing in this Sunday's APCM is James who with his wife, Maria, moved to Hextable in September 2020, having engaged with the St Peter's online offerings throughout Lockdown #1, after realising we can actually walk to our church building for the first time ever! Married for nearly 30 years they have three lovely adult children - Naomi, Eve and Paul. We've lived out God's borderless church in our different areas - married and then worshipping in Baptist churches, fellowship in AOG and, most recently an Elim church in Chelmsford - so CofE is all new to us! James became a Christian at the grand old age of 12, and have served Jesus as a street pastor since 2008 - now on the

sacred ground of Bexleyheath. They're loving getting to know us and will cherish the opportunity to be a tiny cog in God's exciting plans for Hextable.

Sally writes, "I'm married to Brian. Our oldest son is Dan married to Sam, grandchildren Ella & Oliver, who light up my life. My younger son Steven was born with Miller Dieker syndrome and I cared for him during his 14 years. My Christian journey began with Steven's arrival. After Steven's passing, I later got involved with children's work and spent 18 years at Hextable Kindergarten, where I was Senco for several years. I enjoy walking, especially beneficial during these last 18 months, and I love music and movement and continue to belong to 'Dance On' a group that ranges between 55-75 years young I've been worshipping at St. Peter's Hextable just about 40 years and have been involved with various ministries over the years including Home Groups/Life Groups and children's ministry.

I'm excited for the next phase of church life as the plans and actions come together for the Annexe and the opportunities this will bring in opening up more into the community. I hope to bring a positive dimension, as we seek to reach out together."

