



# The Parochial Church Council of Horne, St Mary the Virgin

## The Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for 2022-2023

### General Functions of the Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council of Horne, St Mary the Virgin (PCC) co-operates and consults with the Rector and liaises with other members of the Windmill United Benefice in promoting the whole mission of the Church in the ecclesiastical parish of Horne and the Windmill United Benefice.

### Meetings of the Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council met on five occasions during this year.

### Members of the Parochial Church Council

The PCC consists of the Rector (Chair) and a maximum of twelve representatives including ex officio members made up of churchwardens and deanery synod representatives.

During the year 2022-2023 the following have served as members of the PCC:

Nicholas Calver	Rector and Chair
Barbara Verco	Treasurer and Deanery Synod Representative
Susan Wates	Churchwarden and Secretary to the PCC
David Spruce	Deanery Synod Representative
Andrew Goudie	Churchwarden and Safeguarding Officer
Liam Harvey	Elected Representative
Michael Harvey	Elected Representative
Peter Hill	Elected Representative
Veronica Hill	Elected Representative
Lauma Kazusa	Elected Representative
Steve Robinson	Elected Representative

### Events

I am pleased to report the events listed below that took place during the year.

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Plant sale
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Barn Dance
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2022	Christmas Café
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Fairtrade Fortnight event.
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> & Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	St Mary's Church spring clean.

### Eco Church

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023, St Mary's Eco Church team held a Fairtrade event during Fairtrade Fortnight to support our ongoing commitment to Fairtrade by spreading the simple message that people can help by making a small switch and change to Fairtrade produce that supports producers in protecting the future of some of our most-loved food and the planet.

The event included a display about the work of Fairtrade, why Fairtrade is important and places locally where a wide range of Fairtrade products are available. We read that coffee, bananas and chocolate could become much less available to buy as climate change is making crops like these harder to grow. Combined with deeply unfair trading terms communities growing these crops are being pushed to the edge of survival. But we can do something to help that situation if more people choose to buy Fairtrade as that means extra income, power and support for vulnerable communities. By making the small switch to Fairtrade, we can all support producers in protecting the future of some of our most-loved food and the planet. Nicholas' talk that day included a reference to Fairtrade with an invitation to be open to and respond positively to the wind of change by supporting Fairtrade. St Mary's Eco Church team continues the journey towards an Eco Church Silver Award and looks forward to welcoming new members to join the team. If you are interested, please ask Sue Wates, Lauma Kazusa, Gill Robinson or Steve Robinson for information and chat with them about how you could help. ... and please do visit the Windmill Benefice website Eco Church page to read about Eco Church at St Mary's.

### **Windmill United Benefice Occasions**

St Mary, Horne has joined with St Bartholomew, Burstow and St John, Outwood to celebrate Benefice occasions such as Evensong, Lammas, All Souls, Advent Carols, Christmas Eve Midnight Mass, Candlemas, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday Passover Meal and Vigil, Good Friday Liturgy, Easter Eve Vigil and Lighting of New Fire, and an Early Easter Day service on Outwood Common.

Choristers at St Mary's have delighted in the fellowship of singing regularly with choristers from St Bartholomew and St John as members of the Benefice choir under the expert direction of Ginette and Peter Nye.

St Mary, Horne church members have connected with and support other Benefice activities such as Café Church, the Community lunch and Hear Here, all of which helps to enhance our Windmill United Benefice community.

The Burstow and Smallfield News has been developed to include Horne and from April 2023, will become The Smallfield, Burstow and Horne News produced for the community by St Mary the Virgin, Horne and St Bartholomew, Burstow. From May 2023 distribution will be extended to include the Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Horne.

### **So, What Makes St Mary, Horne "Hot to Trot"?!**

This year at St Mary, Horne the PCC has continued to review and appraise fundraising events. One outcome from that was The Christmas Café which provided a festive setting for people to meet, have a good natter, listen to live seasonal music and browse the stalls.

The Plant Sale was a very successful fundraiser and a happy meeting place.

Many had generously grown an impressive range of plants for the sale and many came along to buy them.

Regular attention to detail by the cleaning team and a structured cleaning routine is proving most beneficial. A two-day spring clean in the Church in March was enthusiastically supported.

Many have joined the teams that clean inside the Church, tidy, mow, strim and trim outside and make a much-valued contribution to the life of St Mary's.

The PCC is grateful to everyone who contributes to the work and success of these events and activities ... we appreciate your energy and commitment to St Mary, Horne.