

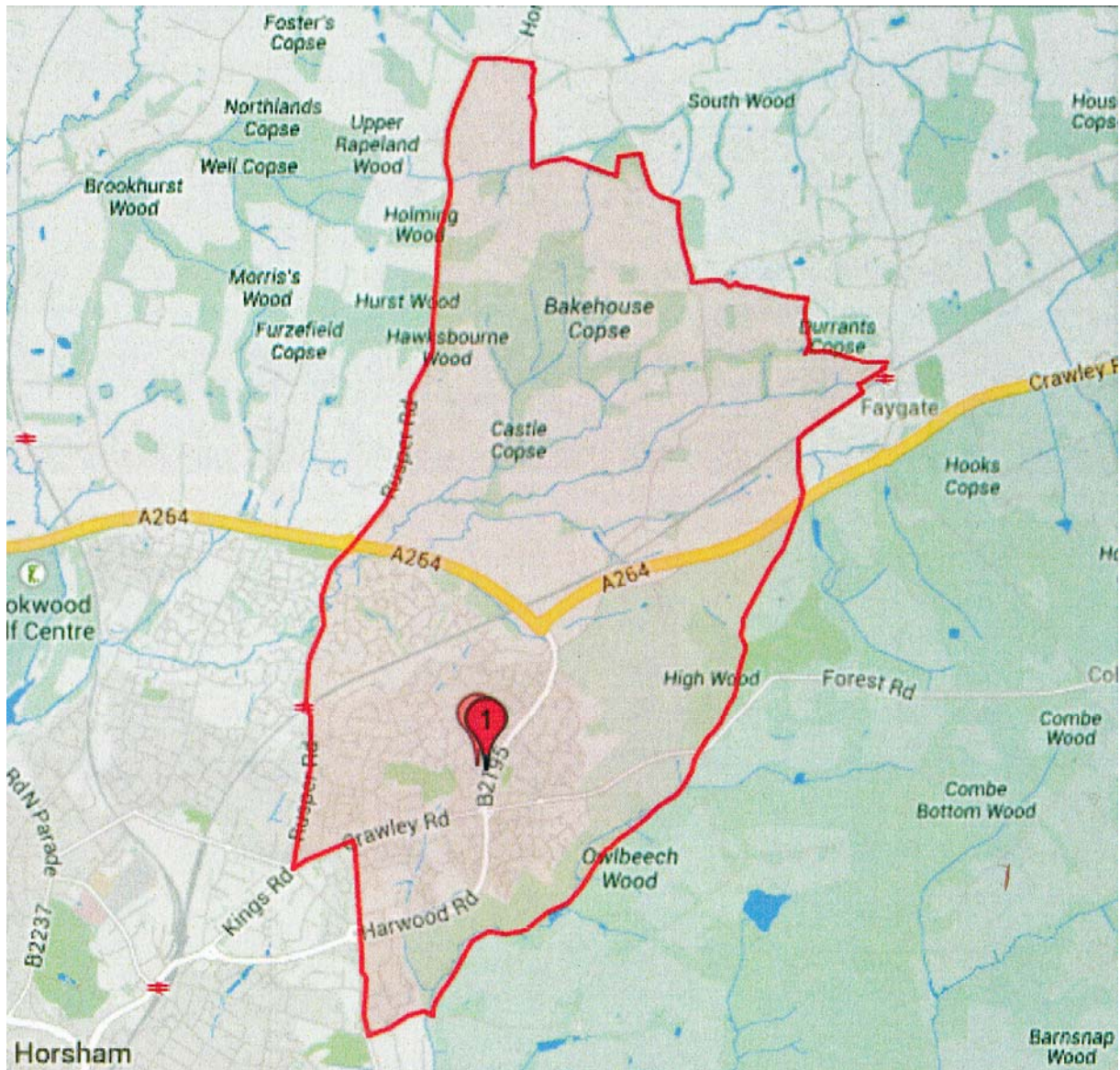
Parish Profile 2014



The Parish Church of All Saints, Roffey

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Statement of Requirements

We are looking and praying for a new Parish Priest who will be a true disciple of Christ, an effective communicator, a strategic thinker and an experienced and empathetic manager.

True Disciple of Christ

- * A priest of strong faith, whose life is rooted in prayer and the Eucharist.
- * A priest who is warm, self-aware, personable, assertive and confident.

Effective communicator

- * A priest who will enthuse the whole Church with its vision, and enable its development.
- * A priest who is a good public communicator, able to present the Gospel clearly and enthusiastically, and who is able to be the public face of All Saints Church in the community.
- * A priest who has the ability to develop supportive relationships.

Strategic thinker

- * A priest who can embrace our varied styles of Eucharistic-centred worship, and can lead us to new pastures.
- * A priest who is a clear thinker, with the ability to be innovative and creative within a strategic framework.

Experienced manager

- * A priest who is a good team leader.
- * A priest who has the ability to build, encourage and motivate all to use their skills and talents in the service of God.
- * A priest who is a good organiser, with the ability to delegate responsibilities.



Looking to the future ...

- * Bring to fruition the vision for building and developing a new Parish Centre, with the intention of providing the community with an inclusive focus for the Church's social and pastoral mission.
- * To build on the considerable growth we have seen in our ministry to young people and young families, including the further development of our strong relationship with the four primary schools in the parish (which includes our own All Saints CE (Voluntary Aided) Primary School).
- * To participate fully in the Church's involvement in bringing the Gospel to the many new houses being developed in the parish, and in the whole Horsham area.

Our Church

Worship

All Saints, Roffey is a modern catholic parish which places the Eucharist at the centre of its worshipping life. All Eucharistic services are celebrated using Common Worship Order One. Our worship is at the heart of our mission to the whole community.



On Sundays there are three services:

- * A said Mass;
- * A Family Eucharist – this service lasts approximately 45 minutes and provides an opportunity for families to worship together. Whilst the dignity of the Eucharist is maintained the atmosphere is described by those who attend as ‘child friendly’. This service attracts a strong congregation from which there have been a significant number of baptisms and confirmations in recent years.
- * A Sung Parish Mass.

There is a tradition of offering the Mass several times during the week. Festival days are always marked with a celebration of the Mass. Once a year we hold a Service of Light & Remembrance. This service offers those who have lost a loved one a chance to rest in the presence of the Lord and to seek his peace and consolation.

During term time there is a weekly Mother & Toddlers’ Service called ‘Noah’s Ark’. This busy service provides the opportunity for fellowship and play as well as a short time of reflection.

Our annual Christmas services are attended by over one thousand people in just twenty-four hours.

The Incumbent has had a regular involvement with All Saints CE Primary School. This has included leading collective worship on a weekly basis, celebrating the Eucharist, and leading services for the school community in the church.



Worship Support

The Incumbent is currently supported by an NSM Title Curate.

There is both a Sacristan and a Verger who support the worship of the church, ably dealing with the administrative functions associated with effective worship.

There is a team of six lay ministers of communion. This team is also trained and experienced at administering communion to the housebound. The lay ministers also take the Sacrament to the nursing homes and sheltered housing in the parish.

There is a committed and experienced team of servers ensuring that there is always a crucifer, acolytes, thurifer and M.C. as required.



There is an organist and a small, but dedicated, choir who provide music for the Sung Parish Mass, Festival services, and other, non-Eucharistic, services throughout the year.

The church has a team of lay people who enhance the worship of the church in various ministries – sidespersons, readers, intercessors and flower arrangers.

Church Life

As well as our principal Eucharistic services, there are a significant number of pastoral services throughout the year. All Saints Church often welcomes back several generations of the same family for Baptisms and Weddings.



Although the church does not have its own churchyard, there is a municipal cemetery situated opposite the church. All Saints Church often serves as an unofficial chapel for that cemetery, thereby offering a very specific ministry of pastoral support for families in the local community.

The clergy prepare candidates for Confirmation and younger members of the congregation for Communion before Confirmation.

There is a successful 'Nurturing the Faith' group. This well-attended group meets at different times throughout the year to explore topics drawn from the Emmaus teaching material.

Our Church

The church offers a monthly Bereavement Support session, providing support for those who are struggling to cope with the loss of a loved one. The All Saints community also has a small branch of the Mothers' Union.

Every Thursday morning there is an Open Door group which offers a time of companionship and support for elderly residents of the parish. This group has been involved in charitable fund-raising activities and it has occasional outings.

There are four primary schools in the parish, including our own All Saints School. All four schools (including the Roman Catholic school) use the church for occasional services, concerts and educational visits. From time to time, the clergy are invited into the schools to support the delivery of the Religious Education curriculum.



There is an annual parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham. By sharing this weekend with another parish, approximately forty pilgrims embark on this spiritual journey each year.

Church Governance

With a current electoral role of 170, All Saints has an elected PCC of nine members of which three are elected every year to serve for a term of three years. In addition, we have the usual ex-officio members, i.e. Incumbent, Curate, Churchwardens, three Deanery Synod representatives and our Licensed Pastoral Worker. Currently, one of our representatives is the Lay Chair of the Horsham Deanery Synod. The PCC is supported by a number of sub-committees including Finance and a Project Management Team looking after the Parish Centre Project. However, for the duration of the interregnum, the committee structure has been rationalised.

Although church finance is the ultimate responsibility of the PCC, day-to-day finances are managed by the Treasurer and the Planned Giving Secretary supported by the Churchwardens in the Finance Committee. Being a growing church, All Saints has struggled to meet its financial obligations to the Diocese over the years. We have just started a process to address this; not only for the short term, but also to bring in a new way of thinking of itself as a "Giving Church". In this we recognise that giving is not just the congregation financially supporting our life as a Parish Church, but also bringing in our responsibilities towards the wider church family and other charitable institutions. Equally, giving is not just financial, but also of our time and talents. This is especially important in the light of our plans to expand our work through our Parish Centre Project.

Church history

All Saints Parish Church was consecrated by the Bishop of Chichester on 1st November 1878, finally giving Roffey its own church and replacing a temporary iron structure built in 1856 on the site of the current Cherry Tree Pub. It was designed by the Victorian architect G. F. Bloomfield who was responsible for a number of churches built in the gothic style during that period.

The entire cost of the church was met by the recently widowed Gertrude Martyn, who built All Saints in memory of her late husband Cecil Edward Martyn who died on military service in Algiers at the age of 33. She continued to worship there until her death in 1927.

The building is constructed from sandstone dug from St Leonard's Forest with dressings of Bath stone inside and out. The floors of the nave, aisle and transept are formed of White's wood blocks and the floor of the chancel is of mosaic tiles by Godwin of Hereford. The final cost of the project came to between £4,000 and £5,000. The organ is a two-manual Walker organ and was installed in 1880. It is considered an excellent instrument and was the first organ in the UK to be restored with a grant from the lottery fund.

Gertrude Martyn clearly saw the need of an ever expanding community for a place of worship; she gave them a beautiful Parish Church.



The Parish Centre Project

Although the then Bishop of Horsham encouraged us to look at ways of replacing the parish room back in 1998, it took us until the end of 2009 to seriously look at the options available to us. At that point, an architect, acting as a volunteer, sketched out some initial ideas which finally led the PCC to pursue the matter seriously. We then embarked on a search for a suitable architect to carry the project forward; we finally succeeded in making this appointment at the end of 2010. This was the start of the Parish Centre Project.

The Parish Centre Project will enable All Saints Church to reach out into the community in new and exciting ways. It will replace the existing Parish Room which was built in 1958. The new building will allow us not only to grow our services and ministry to the parish overall, but specifically provide a focal point to the social and other housing in the vicinity of the church. It will equip us with the following:

- A well designed building giving the necessary facilities that have been discerned through prayer and consultation with members of the church community. This will complement the existing church and will be easily accessible from the Crawley Road
- A Welcome Area and Coffee Shop
- Parish Office
- Meeting Room
- Toilets
- Hall with modern kitchen facilities
- Prayer/Counselling Room
- A narthex providing a link between the Parish Centre and existing church building allowing disabled access, and also give visual access to the nave and high altar when the church itself is locked for security reasons.
- Car parking for the disabled
- Unloading facility avoiding the main Crawley Road
Secure parking of bicycles and push chairs



It will finally be possible to accommodate many of the demands of our parishioners, as well as to reach out to our neighbours. We are looking to provide drop-in facilities with a coffee shop for young mothers and their children, the socially disadvantaged, those seeking a quiet place to relax or find a listening ear, the elderly to interact with their peers, as well as the possibility of being able to operate a range of other activities for various age groups. This will become one of the focal points of our outreach and mission to the community.

Obtaining planning consent has been something of a marathon despite strong support from local councillors and the planning officers. Neighbours expressed their concerns about the impact on parking and the County Highways department had reservations about site access. However, after 18 months, we finally received full planning permission at the end of 2013.



We are currently initiating the process of obtaining the necessary faculty from the Chancellor of the Diocese. In this we are very fortunate to have the full support of the Bishops of Chichester and Horsham as well as the DAC, who have been involved in the project since its inception and provided encouragement throughout the design phase . We are waiting for the formal launch of the project to the wider community until the faculty is granted and a new incumbent has been appointed.

The internal launch of the project was on Easter Sunday 2011 following a Vision Day in January at which initial designs were presented to the congregation and input was sought from all. We are very fortunate to have found a church architect in Ralph Allen Associates who fully understand our vision for a Parish Centre and

led us in developing a beautiful design not only from a technical perspective, but also in understanding from the underlying Christian ethos and objectives.

We realise that the necessary fundraising will be hard, especially in these times of economic stagnation, but we have confidence that we will achieve our objectives by a combination of sacrificial giving of the congregation and external contributions. The project has been underpinned by prayer from the beginning and we are sure that it will succeed. Our first appeal to the congregation was for seed money to take the project through to the external launch. The congregation and other supporters have managed to raise in excess of £76,000 so far. Currently the Parish Centre Fund has reserves of £35,000. We also have access to £8,150 in interest free loans made to the project by members of the congregation.

The Parish of Roffey

About Roffey

Although part of North Horsham, Roffey has a distinct identity and character that reflects its development from a small village to the community we know today. Roffey was described as a hamlet in the thirteenth century, and in 1867 as consisting of a few farmhouses and cottages, although it did have an iron church capable of accommodating 80 people.



The spelling has varied over the years, Roughey being quite common until early twentieth century when Roffey seems to have become accepted spelling. Those families that have their roots in Roffey have a great sense of community and commitment to their heritage. Nowadays, Roffey has grown in size and many of the residents are “incomers” to the area.

The parish is made up of two parts, the old village, and the new developments in the area of Tylden Way, Gateford Drive and Lemmington Way which are beyond the old boundary of Roffey.



Socio-economically the area is diverse and reflects the extreme ends of the spectrum, with areas of defined deprivation alongside an affluent commuter element. Housing is a mixture of old and new, with social housing, new developments and some larger private housing as well as nursing homes and sheltered housing. A significant part of the parish retains its rural nature and includes a small number of working farms.

Crawley Road, one of the main roads running through Roffey, has always been important, and much of the older housing can be found there. There is a small parade of shops which includes a supermarket, a bank and a post office, as well as a chemist, a pet shop and several takeaway food outlets. There are a number of small businesses throughout the parish, some of which are family firms which have been in existence for several generations.

Amenities include the Roffey Institute (a village hall) and the Millennium Hall, both of which are hired out for private functions and other regular activities, such as exercise classes and children's groups. There is a cricket club, a Sports and Social Club, with a football pitch, and three public houses, each attracting different types of clientele. There is easy access to several walking trails within a few hundred yards of the parish.



The population has seen significant growth in recent years, but ethnicity remains predominantly white British, with 5% coming from minority ethnic backgrounds. In 2011, lone parent households accounted for 18% of all households with children. Unemployment figures from 2012 indicate that 6% of the working age population were in receipt of a key out-of-work benefit.

All Saints School

All Saints School opened as a new school in 2001 to serve the growing community. As a one form entry primary school it has 210 pupils on roll from Reception to Year 6. Over the years it has established itself as a popular school.

The school's mission statement, "*Seeking God in all we do*", underpins the school's relationships and its approach to life and learning. Christian values are embedded and pupils are able to talk about them with confidence, showing how they influence their lives. Collective Worship, and a creative approach to RE, have a high profile in school. A Eucharist is held in school to mark significant points in the church calendar, and the children lead worship both in school and at church to celebrate Christian festivals. The school works closely with the diocese to promote Christian distinctiveness in church schools.

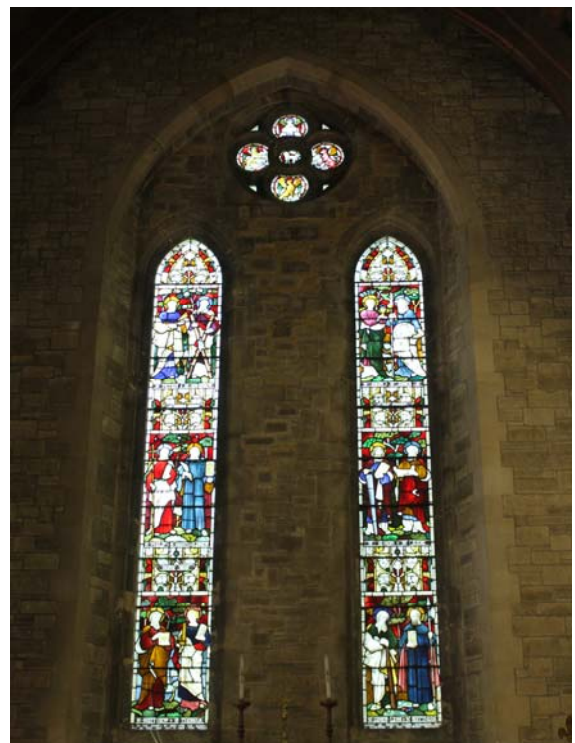


The Deanery of Horsham

Horsham Deanery is made up of twelve parishes covering both the town of Horsham itself and surrounding rural areas. The newly appointed Archdeacon of Horsham, Canon Fiona Windsor, will be taking up her post shortly. The Rural Dean is Canon Guy Bridgewater, who is Rector of Horsham Team Ministry. There are full meetings of the Deanery Synod three times a year with the Standing Committee meeting in between; the Clergy have regular Chapter Meetings.

Deanery Synod Meetings are usually well attended by both clergy and laity and take place at different churches throughout the Deanery. As well as enabling members to appreciate the range of new and historic buildings, this provides an opportunity to become aware of the different activities taking place in other churches.

Two of the main concerns being addressed by the Deanery currently are how best to share resources between parishes whilst maintaining our individual identities and mission plans, and how to address the challenges presented by the immense amount of new housing being proposed and built throughout the Deanery. The Deanery is also fully involved in the consultation process that is informing the new Diocesan Strategy for 2015-2020.



The Vicarage



Roffey Vicarage is a four bedroom family house built in the late sixties. Situated at the corner of Crawley Road and Shepherds Way it has a large, enclosed garden at the back which borders the Church grounds. There is a well appointed kitchen and separate dining room and living room. Although a reasonable size the facilities are somewhat dated. It is recognised that the current Vicarage has some unacceptable features, such as the study being accessed through the front door of the house. The Diocese is addressing the problem, and has a refurbishment plan in place. They intend to completely refurbish the house and build a new entrance to the study with a separate toilet allowing this area to be self-contained. We expect this work to be done during the interregnum.

Although we are still waiting for the final plans we understand they include rewiring of the house and installation of improved bathroom facilities as well as better insulation. There is adequate off road parking and a double length, brick built, garage.

About Horsham

Horsham is an historic market town. It is situated in the heart of the Sussex Weald and has a population of 126,000. The town has a rich history and an impressive architectural heritage.

There is outstanding parkland and beautiful countryside, a good selection of schools, great facilities and entertainment which complement modern living.

Horsham has appeared in a list of the ten best places to live in the UK and has been a winner of the Britain in Bloom competition.

The town has excellent road links via the A24, A23 and M23 (which links to the M25). Fast train services run into London Victoria and London Bridge. Horsham is in easy travelling distance of Gatwick Airport.



Family friendly

Horsham is a thriving, family-friendly town with an award-winning park. There are several well-appointed play areas, and there is an extensive riverside walk surrounding the whole of the town, providing a wildlife corridor and natural habitats.

Market town

The town's open market takes place every Thursday and Saturday. Stalls sell a wide range of arts & crafts products, while the produce market every Saturday sells fresh local and regional food. The town has a free event programme throughout the year, including bands, concerts and fun activities for children.



Entertainment

The Capitol Arts Centre is a theatre, cinema and gallery complex with a busy schedule of films, shows, concerts, musicals and ballets. In addition, it shows satellite screenings from the Metropolitan Opera, New York, and the National Theatre. Popular exhibitions can also be seen at the Horsham Museum and Art gallery.

Horsham offers a contemporary lifestyle, with many of its restaurants and cafes catering for al fresco dining. It has an eclectic mix of small independent shops as well as larger outlets and supermarkets.



Education

There are many good nursery, primary and secondary schools in Horsham, providing a high standard of education.

Green space

Warnham Nature Reserve includes a 17 acre millpond, meadows, reed beds, woodland and hedges. To the east of Roffey lies the ancient St Leonard's Forest, part of which is classed as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Downs Link long-distance bridleway and cycle route follows the old Horsham-Guildford and Horsham-Shoreham railway lines. Southwater Country Park is a free 90 acre site offering a selection of outdoor activities including a lake, a beach for picnics, an adventure playground, canoeing, sailing and windsurfing. Buchan Country Park, near Crawley, has 170 acres of woodland, heath and meadow. The South Downs National Park (the UK's newest National Park) is open to walkers, riders, cyclists and extreme sports fans. The South Downs chalk hills are one of the most important chalk landscapes in the country.

The National Trust has a number of properties nearby: Petworth Park, Nymans, Slindon Estate and Wakehurst Place.

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