

REPORT TO THE PCC BY THE WORSHIP & PRAYER TEAM – JANUARY 2019

Team members – Vicar (in vacancy), Jonathan Andrew (Acting Chair), Sue Gray, Deborah Lock, Adela Foddy, Lynn Skrzynecka, Nemone Wyatt, Katherine Ind, Sheila Samuels

Frequency of meetings – Four times a year

1. The team continues to oversee the provision of **worship and prayer resources** for the Parish, acting as a sounding board to the Ministry Team in the design of services and providing feedback when appropriate.
2. During the **vacancy** Jonathan is Acting Chair of the team.
3. Our last report was in September 2018 and so this report covers a large part of the vacancy period.
4. We are pleased to report that the Ministry Team has been able to maintain our established **pattern of worship** without interruption during the vacancy. Subject to any changes in the shape of our worship that Jackie Richardson might propose, the service rota is fully mapped out up to the end of 2019 and staffed up to the end of April. Although the absence of a vicar has placed additional burdens on our remaining Ministry Team, they are finding this manageable with very limited need to call on external resources.
5. The **Christmas services** were again very well-attended and showed no overall reduction in numbers compared to 2017. Highlights included:
 - The near-faultless Carol Service with an excellent ‘scratch choir’ and outstanding readers, including several new voices.
 - For the first time, a special carol service in Church for the children of Bell Farm School and their parents. The school were delighted with how well everything went and have asked that this should become an annual event.
6. The next major event will be the **Induction Service** for Jackie Richardson. The Induction Service (or, more formally, ‘Service of Collation, Induction and Installation’) will take place at St Peter’s starting at 7:30pm on Wednesday 20 March and will be led by the Right Reverend Jo Wells, Bishop of Dorking. It will be a wonderful event, full of rich symbolism, as we welcome Jackie, as she promises to lead us faithfully within the Diocese of Guildford and the Church of England, and as she takes up her legal rights and responsibilities. We, as the family of St Peter’s, will also make promises to grow with her in discipleship, mission and worship. We will be inviting guests from the wider community, but it is particularly important that all regular worshipping members of St Peter’s (and particularly all PCC members) make it a priority to be present to show our support for Jackie and our church at this important milestone in the life of our parish.
7. We have two **visiting speakers** scheduled in the run-up to the Induction. On Sunday 24 February our worship will be led by the Revd Danny Wignall, our Diocesan Mission Advisor who most of us met at the Vision Day at the start of the vacancy. On 10 March, our speaker will be Dave MacLellan, who will bring us up to date with developments at Casa Re-om.