

St Andrew's, Frimley Green & Mytchett

Parish Profile

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‘Preaching God’s Word to our Community’

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Welcome to St Andrew's Church, Frimley Green & Mytchett, in beautiful Surrey.

Thank you for taking the time to read through our Parish Profile. We hope it will give you a good picture of us as a church and will be helpful in prayerfully considering whether to apply for the role as our next Vicar.

We seek to humbly and faithfully follow the Lord Jesus in everything we do as a church, and our deep longing is that those in our local community and beyond will have many further opportunities to experience the riches of God's love made known to us through his Son in his saving death on the Cross.

Whilst we are in Vacancy, we would love you to join with us in praying:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, giver of every good gift: please hear our prayers and send to us as the next Minister of St. Andrew's, a man after your own heart who will faithfully and wisely exercise the care of your sheep, to the good of the Church and the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Geoff Silk & Josh Hayles (Parish Representatives & Churchwardens) on behalf of St Andrew's PCC

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Foreword by the Bishop of Dorking

It is a great privilege to live and serve in the Diocese of Guildford. Our part of Surrey and Hampshire (including a parish in London and Sussex) combines the stunning beauty of the North Downs with close proximity to central London. This makes it a highly desirable place to live. It has seen a considerable increase in population in recent years which continues to rise with extensive building of new houses.



We are a very friendly diocese with strong relationships across parishes, schools and chaplaincies. In the last five years, we have invested significantly in clergy wellbeing. We launched the wellbeing covenant in 2021 and, since then, we offer spiritual direction, clergy mentoring and pastoral supervision. We also provide clergy counselling when needed. As bishop, I take the love and care of clergy very seriously.

The Diocese has a strong vision rooted in *Transforming Church, Transforming Lives*. This was the result of considerable consultation in 2015 and was updated in 2023 when we discerned three priorities: *Growing Discipleship, Growing Diversity, and Growing Community*. Each parish is asked to consider what this overarching vision might mean in its local context and express it in a Church Development Plan.

There is significant support of parishes through the central team in Church House Guildford. In 2020, we launched the Parish Needs Process. This is our unique support system which recognizes that each parish in the diocese is different and it seeks to journey alongside each one of them, supporting in a way that is rooted in particular needs - whilst seeking to build a supportive learning community across the diocese.

Building on training provision that has existed for some time in the Diocese of Guildford, in 2026 we launched St Martha's College. This seeks to support our parishes in equipping leaders for all sorts of ministries (including ordained ministry). Its most exciting recent venture has been the two-year *Foundations in Ministry Programme* which has seen over 120 people explore calling and formation.

Whilst we have seen considerable growth in many parts of the diocese over recent years, our greatest challenge since the pandemic has been recovery of ministry to children and young people. We are in the process of prioritizing these areas – as we currently rewrite our children's strategy and have launched the Youth Catalyst Programme which is providing an exciting platform for young people to explore faith.

We are therefore always looking for clergy with a proven ability - or at least the clearest potential – in leading change, fostering a vocational culture and growing the church younger, so that our vision of a *Transforming Church, Transforming Lives* might be more fully realised.

The diocese has been blessed with very able leadership for the last decade through the ministry of Bishop Andrew Watson, whose untimely death in March 2026 caused considerable grief for us as a diocesan family. Inspired by his example, however, we are committed to continue to 'run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith'.

Wishing you every blessing in your discernment – and please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of the archdeacons if we can help in any way.

The Rt Revd Paul Davies, Bishop of Dorking & Acting Bishop of Guildford

Foreword by the Bishop of Ebbsfleet



The church community at St Andrew's is a joyful testimony to the fruitfulness of biblically faithful, gospel-centred, inter-generational Anglican ministry - committed to sacrificially serving their community, nurturing people in their discipleship and reaching out to those who don't know Christ by faith.

The varied contexts which the church serves will require a leader of particular character and experience: one able to build confidence across the diversity of church members through clear biblical preaching and vision; able to lead and develop the various existing teams to equip and enable their flourishing; able to build bridges of service and care to the local community and beyond, demonstrating and sharing the love of Christ; and able to support the pastoral needs of the church community through a time of great challenge and change in the church, the nation, and the Church of England, while seeking to uphold a historic, biblical faith.

As the Bishop giving some extended episcopal care to churches in accordance with the House of Bishops' Declaration, I am delighted to support St Andrew's in discerning the person God is calling to this next chapter in their story of God's grace in Frimley Green and Mytchett, and to stand with them and their new Vicar in continuing to uphold and proclaim the life-transforming truths of the gospel.

The Rt Revd Rob Munro, Bishop of Ebbsfleet

1. Our Beliefs

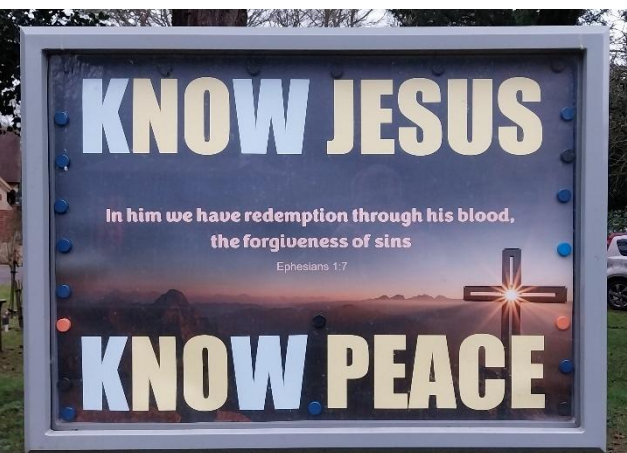
The purpose we are engaged in together rests on some essential Biblical beliefs about God, Jesus and us. The minister we seek to lead the team here at St Andrew's will need to share these core beliefs. They are as follows:

- We believe wholeheartedly in the perfect and glorious God who made the entire universe, who sustains our lives, giving us meaning and purpose, and who speaks to us in his Word, the Bible.
- We trust entirely in God's Word, the Bible, because it is the authority, power and truth from God to save us and bring us into a new and right relationship with Him through Jesus Christ.
- We rely humbly on Jesus Christ, the perfect Son of God who became a man and, in perfect obedience, died as our penal substitute on the cross to turn aside God's righteous anger and bring us forgiveness and salvation. By the cross of Christ, we live.
- We depend joyfully on the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead as the promise of our own resurrection and eternal life with Him in God's new creation.
- We know with certainty that we are saved by God's free and undeserved gift, and we receive this gift by believing and trusting in Jesus.
- We acknowledge readily that we are undeserving sinners saved only by God's grace, and together we strive by the power of his Spirit to live godly lives in service of Him and love for one another while we wait with anticipation for the return of Jesus Christ.
- We serve each other willingly, convinced that every Christian has a part to play and that



we are called together to see the gospel grow as people come to be saved and forgiven, and as Christians grow in maturity and Christ-likeness.

- We are committed prayerfully to the truth that God has given all Christians a mission to go into all the world and make disciples of Jesus by actively sharing the good news of the gospel.
- We believe in the complementarian nature of men and women in creation (and as such we enjoy extended oversight from the Bishop of Ebbsfleet).



The PCC is committed to the orthodox doctrine of marriage and has confirmed that it does not wish the *Prayers of Love and Faith* to be used by any of our clergy or within our church building.

2. Our Journey and Vision

At St Andrew's, our aim is to '**Preach God's Word to our Community**'. Our church has benefitted greatly over the last decade and a half from a clear expository evangelical ministry under each of our two previous vicars. The Bible is central to church life, and we have steadily but surely been growing in Christian maturity as a body of believers. Since 2022 we have experienced the blessing of being able to employ a Youth & Children's Worker full time, whose ministry is shared in and supported by a wide range of adult volunteers of all ages from across the church family.

Our most recent **Church Development Plan** (2024) outlines 3 priorities: 1. Teaching & Discipleship; 2. Developing an appropriate suite of formal and informal midweek activities across the church family; and 3. Developing ministry to children, family & youth. These all come under our three-pronged vision of **Loving God, Loving One Another, Reaching the Lost**.

We hope that as you read through our parish profile it will give an accurate perspective on how we are seeking to fulfil each of these priorities in the Lord's strength and for His glory.

1. Teaching & Discipleship

- Ensure the Bible is faithfully preached at services; proclaiming God's Word to our community, casting the three-pronged vision - *Loving God, Loving One Another, Reaching the Lost*
- Ensure that the Bible is faithfully taught in Bible Study Fellowship Groups and that there is a commitment to seeing each member grow in spiritual maturity & commitment to the three-pronged vision described above
- Existing committed disciples to be actively making new disciples

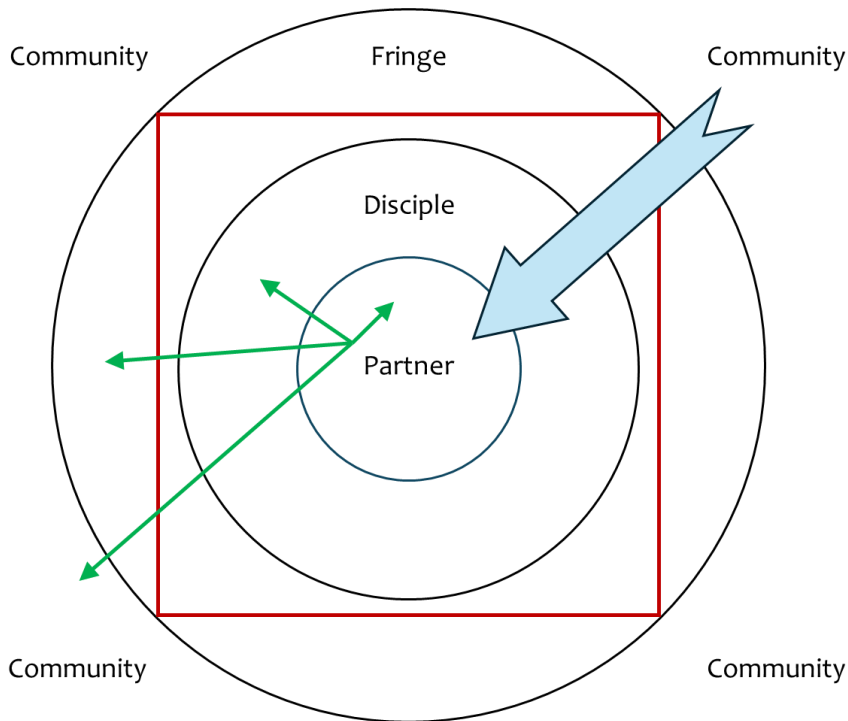
2. Developing an appropriate suite of formal & informal midweek activities across church family

- Identifying/observing the passions/callings in the church family
- Facilitating people to establish a group/activity around their passion/calling/peer group which fulfils the church's three-pronged vision (partly or fully)
- Ensuring an effective succession/leadership plan for the established (formal) mid-week ministries of the church (e.g. Ark Coffee Morning; Tiny Tots; Sunday Teas)

3. Developing ministry to children, family & youth

- Equipping our existing children and families with the heart and will to fulfil our three-pronged mission
- Developing our capacity to maximise the opportunities we have in schools
- Expanding our children & young people's ministry to develop a ministry to teenagers

Through each of these priorities our aim is, under God, to see people move from 'community'/'fringe' to 'disciples' to 'partners' as the word of the gospel takes root and God's Spirit is at work in people's hearts, minds and lives.



Fringe: not sure where they stand in relation to Jesus

Disciple: professing a living faith in Jesus

Partner: actively committed to helping St Andrew's fulfil its 3 pronged vision

Key

- St Andrew's church family
- Our aim is for people to progress from the community to the fringe, and then on to become disciples and then on to become partners
- Represents our aim for partners to be involved in discipleship in each area



As we reflect on our journey to date, there are a number of things we give thanks to God for and rejoice in, and a number of priorities the PCC have identified for the next 3-5 years:

Things we're thankful for

- We are a Bible centred church
- We hear God speak to us through his Word regularly
- Youth work engaged in Bible teaching and well-established Sunday children's groups
- Joyful, sacrificial giving from the congregation, both financially and practically
- Two Sunday services that are open and welcoming to newcomers
- Tiny Tots and The Ark (see Section 8 for more details)
- Several Bible Study Fellowship Groups attended by many of the regular adults
- A vibrant children's ministry with strong links with local primary schools
- A diverse church family which enjoys spending time and fellowship together socially across all ages
- New believers baptised and welcomed into God's family

Priorities for our future growth

- To strengthen the church family's confidence in sharing their faith
- To train & equip servant hearted leaders in Bible teaching
- Continue to develop youth work and retention, partnering with families as those currently attending the children's groups grow up
- To help us all pastor new people into the church family, and grow relationships between those already here across the congregations
- Embedding corporate prayer and affirming it at the centre of the church life
- Strengthening local gospel partnerships with other like-minded evangelical churches, both Anglican and non-Anglican
- Establishing closer links with local secondary schools

Current limitations to our mission

- A number of young families whose time to serve is limited by other commitments
- A number of older partners in the gospel whose service is limited by their age
- A committed core who are limited due to involvement in a number of concurrent ministries
- Finances which are healthy but are still a constraint as to what we would like to do!

“Something I love about St Andrew’s...” (comments from church family, May 2026)

Such a welcoming family of believers, that love Jesus and want to reach others for Christ

How friendly people are

Preaching and teaching of God’s word. Love and care.
Seeing people of all ages gather as God’s people

The Bible teaching.

Feeling at home after receiving a very warm welcome
when I first came and being helped by some very
good Bible teaching

The emphasis on
evangelism and outreach.

The fellowship is excellent

Traditional services

the passion for Children and youth work teaching the next generation about Jesus and
our faith based on the Bible

Singing traditional hymns with our church family

It’s a family! Faithful teaching of the bible. Welcoming and inclusive

all the Sunday School lessons and meeting other
people and singing praise to God

Friendliness. Cake!

Community

Having communion every week

Preaching the word faithfully without compromising to worldly standards. Mixed
congregation: ages and backgrounds. Welcoming congregation to newcomers.
Active youth work.

The friendship within the church

Years ago, we moved to Frimley Green and planned to visit all local churches to find one
we felt comfortable with. We started with St Andrew’s and loved it so much, felt so
welcome and loved the Bible focussed preaching, that we never got to visit church no. 2!

Encouraging reading from the Bible by handing
the Bible to those who come without one

Was made to feel very welcome

I love the youth group and clubs they set up at school
because it helps me learn instruments and it’s really fun

3. Our New Minister

As a church family who sit under the authority of Scripture, we are looking for a minister who has the qualities described in 1 Timothy Chapter 3 who will lead us forward in partnership to build on the foundations that have been established.

We are asking God to provide us with a conservative evangelical minister, who is committed to a complementarian pattern of ministry, who will help us to continue to grow in all areas of our vision and mission.

The PCC has for several years operated under a Resolution requesting, on the grounds of theological conviction, that arrangements be made for it in accordance with the House of Bishops' Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests. Currently that allows us to receive a degree of oversight from the Bishop of Ebbsfleet, Rob Munro, as an Honorary Assistant Bishop within the Diocese of Guildford. The PCC reaffirmed this resolution on 8th June 2026.

We are therefore looking for a male incumbent who is committed to the flourishing of women's ministry and women in ministry within a church family who have a range of convictions on how the Bible's teaching in this area should be applied.

Other essential criteria:

- A humble man of prayer and expository Bible preaching, who demonstrates a commitment to prioritising these in the life of the church
- Recognises the Bible as God's unchanging and authoritative Word and sits under its supreme authority himself
- Believes and will proclaim the substitutionary death of Jesus in the place of sinful people, taking God's wrath upon himself, as the only way we can be right with God
- Is a diligent, clear and effective communicator of God's Word, applying it in an accessible way to everyday life, and able to demonstrate a commitment to preaching the gospel both in season and out of season
- Is able to lead our church in prayerful dependence by setting an example and consistently encouraging us to pray
- A spiritually disciplined man who shows the fruit of the Spirit, generous minded, caring and humble in his relationships with others
- A team player who can also take the lead, can develop and encourage others, and delegate responsibility appropriately
- Can develop a clear strategy for the church and train and equip others in Bible teaching and gospel centred ministries

- Is personable and outward-looking, having a heart for the lost and who promotes evangelism, outreach and disciple-making through the mutual ministry of all believers
- Is committed to, and passionate about, Children's and Youth work
- Someone who will encourage every-member ministry so that all church members are able to fully use their gifts
- Contends for the truth of the gospel locally and within the Church of England more widely
- Holds orthodox views on human sexuality and gender in line with the traditional teaching of the Church of England

Desirable but not essential:

- Someone who can commit to prayerful strategic leadership of the church and seek to grow God's kingdom here over many years
- Experience ministering to diverse congregations, service styles and preferences
- Ability to effectively train junior staff members or trainees
- Someone with prior experience of primary church leadership
- Someone gifted in developing our engagement with the local community

What we can offer:

We gladly commit to loving, supporting, praying for and encouraging our new vicar and we will seek to enable him to fulfil his calling at St Andrew's. We shall commit ourselves to our responsibilities and will endeavour to bring energy and enthusiasm to the work of mission and ministry under his leadership. We are keen to support with training and development as appropriate to the candidate's needs and level of experience.





4. Our Congregation

There are currently around 140 people in our worshipping community, around 40 of whom are under 18s. On an average Sunday the attendance is likely to be around 60 adults and 25 children. Around half of our regular adults attend a midweek Bible Study Fellowship group.

We believe that church is not something we sit back and watch; it is something we are all part of. Therefore, we encourage those committed to St. Andrew's to take responsibility for our life together as a church family, hold each other to account and submit to each other.

Leadership & Staff

We understand that the Leadership Team are responsible to God for the care of His sheep, having authority to lead the life of the church in line with their biblical convictions. However, we believe biblical leadership is servant-hearted, and our church leadership is not to lord it over others, but to care for them, working always for their good, and to build them up in Christ. That means taking time to understand the needs of the congregation; listen to their concerns and questions; be open to challenge and correction by them; and to carefully explain decisions that are made.

Our leadership team & staff currently consist of:

- A full-time Senior Minister (the current vacancy)
- Two Churchwardens; one of whom is retired but is also a primary carer for an elderly family member and the other who works full time.
- A full-time Children & Youth Worker, who has been employed by the PCC since 2022
- A part-time Administrator on 6 hours per week.

PCC

There are currently 83 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, with 8 members of the church family making up the PCC. All of the PCC are deeply involved in church life whether leading one or more areas of ministry in the church, leading a Bible Study Fellowship Group, or teaching in the youth and children's groups. All are encouraged to be fully engaged in works of service.

The current PCC has been a huge support and encouragement to the Churchwardens and outgoing Incumbent, and their wisdom and insight is invaluable in working through all sorts of practical and financial matters.

The PCC typically meets 6 times a year, approximately every two months.

Church Office

The church office is staffed by a paid Administrator who works two mornings a week – Tuesdays and Fridays, 9.30am – 12.30pm. His knowledge and experience is priceless and his responsibilities include, among other things: managing hall bookings and general enquiries, coordinating the Sunday rotas, settling bills, managing photocopying and office supplies, administering the memorial garden/rose plots.

Current Practice for Occasional Offices & Communion

- **Baptisms** – adults who have decided to put their faith in Christ are encouraged to be baptised and are expected to be a regular part of the church family (attending regularly for at least 6 months). For child baptisms, at least one parent must be committed to personally follow Christ within the context of regular St Andrew's attendance (i.e. for at least 6 months). In recent years we have had the joy of witnessing a small but steady number of adults and children being baptised.
- **Marriages** – re-marriage after divorce currently takes place under certain circumstances, as outlined in the House of Bishops guidelines.
- **Funerals** – services can be held at St Andrew's but no burials are permitted. Most cremations are conducted at a local crematorium (mainly Aldershot). Ashes can be interred in the memorial garden.
- **Holy Communion/the Lord's Supper** – we welcome all who know and love the Lord Jesus to the table.

“Something I love about St Andrew’s...” (more comments from church family, May ’26)

The people. Their kindness. Their faithfulness to the Word

Friendliness, welcome, good bible teaching, nice music

The church family seeing the children enjoying Sunday School

True to God’s Word. Inspirational music. Also Kid’s music, encourages other kids. Church family and fellowship

Fellowship with friends and a chance to worship and serve the Lord with biblical teaching

The relaxed friendship

The friendly and supportive people making up our church working to strengthen our faith

Solid Bible based teaching

Kids faithful engaging ministry

All ages + Backgrounds

That no matter the trials we face as individuals or congregation, God’s purpose will be known

The Sunday school teachers are very kind and caring

Youth Group because it’s very fun

People always happy, Beautiful rose gardens, Prayers are strong.





5. Our Parish

The parish is on the Surrey-Hampshire border, close to both Camberley and Farnborough. It comprises the villages of Frimley Green and Mytchett, with a total population of c. 11,000. The neighbouring village of Deepcut which borders the parish, is nearing completion of a very large housing development (Mindenhurst).



Infrastructure

The church site is situated directly between the two villages of Frimley Green and Mytchett. The vicarage is next door to the church building, and on the other side is Frimley Lodge Park, a popular large recreational area, with excellent facilities for all ages. It hosts a café, the very popular Saturday morning 'Parkrun', various sports activities, a miniature railway, and a children's play area. A brand new housing development (c. 150 homes) is currently being built opposite the church giving an exciting opportunity to feel even more well connected with the local community.

The A331, which forms the western boundary of the parish, provides rapid access to major roads to both north and south, including the M3 and A31. Frequent trains operate from Farnborough and Ash Vale to London with a journey time of about 40 minutes, as well as Farnborough North and North Camp to Reading and Guildford. The area to the east of the Basingstoke Canal is much less populated and largely consists of military ranges.





Both Frimley Green and Mytchett have a modest range of local shops, pubs and restaurants, with much larger facilities in the nearby towns of Camberley and Farnborough which are each around a 10 minute drive away. Guildford is only 20 minutes away by car or train. Other community facilities include: the Mytchett Community Centre, the Basingstoke Canal Centre, Mytchett and Frimley Green Recreational Grounds, Frimley Village Hall and the Frimley Green Youth Centre.



Significant Institutions

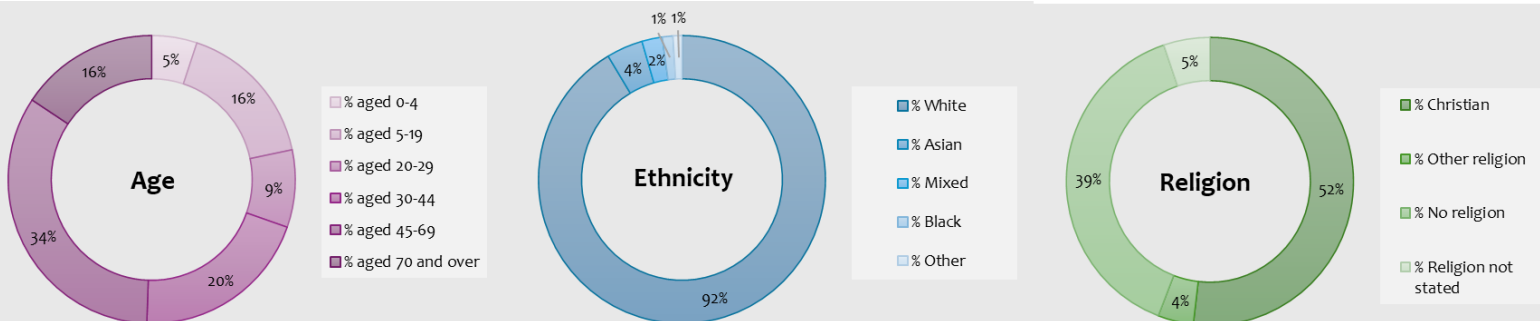
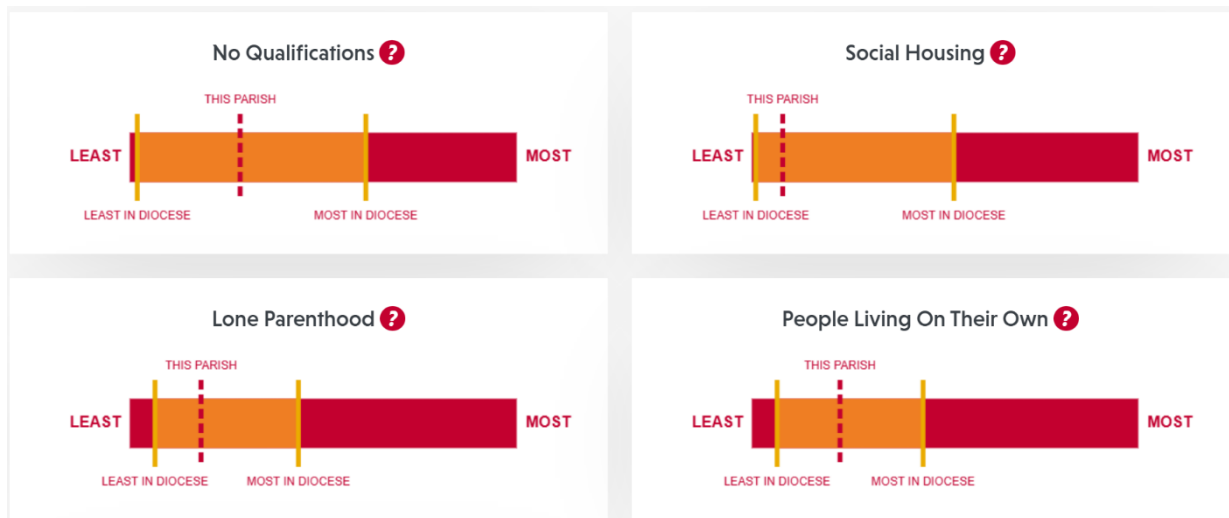
There are four schools in the parish – Frimley Church of England Junior School, Mytchett Primary School, Cross Farm Infant Academy, and Sandringham Infant & Nursery Academy, as well as a number of privately run nurseries. There are no secondary schools in the parish, but there are several good ones in Frimley, Camberley, Farnborough and Guildford.

Two members of the church family are Foundation Governors at Frimley Church of England Junior School, where our Youth & Children's Worker runs assemblies and other activities several times a week, supported by other volunteers from the church family (see Section 9). Our Youth & Children's Worker also leads assemblies regularly at Mytchett Primary School.

Frimley Green has a library, a comprehensive medical centre and a dental practice. The excellent Frimley Park Hospital lies just to the North of the parish. There is sheltered accommodation at Cranmore Court, Bowling Green Court, Brook Court and Mytchett Heath.

Demographics

The population has increased in the last few decades, with significant housing infill, so forming a more or less continuous semi-urban development with a wide range of housing types. For example, 9% of dwellings in Mytchett are Council Tax Band A. There are several recent housing estates within the parish, predominately middle class, with a high proportion of families with younger children. The parish is listed in the 'least deprived' category on the 'ArcGIS' website and at the Church Urban Fund, with low levels of poverty and social housing. It lies broadly mid-range for the Diocese among most other demographic measures listed (<http://www2.cuf.org.uk/parish/170113#data>).



Parish Demographics (retrieved from [ArcGIS.com](https://www.arcgis.com) May 2026)

Our church family is significantly more ethnically diverse than the local area, which is a wonderful blessing.

There is only a small amount of industrial or commercial employment within the parish, although the surrounding towns of Camberley, Farnborough and Frimley have large scale industrial and commercial areas. Many residents commute to London or Guildford, as well as other locations.



6. Our Services

Sundays

The usual pattern on Sundays is to hold two separate and different services, with tea and coffee available after both:

- A **9.30am traditional service of Holy Communion** using Common Worship (Order One – Prayer C). Music: organ and a small but enthusiastic robed choir. Average attendance: 25 adults.
- An **11.00am contemporary family service**, with children's groups – Scramblers (0-3), Climbers (4-7) and Explorers (8-14) and the Lord's Supper once a month. Average attendance: 45 adults + 25 children. Older teenagers are encouraged to remain in the service or may help out in one of the children's groups.
- Our preaching programme is expository teaching through books of the Bible, with those leading/speaking tending to wear smart casual clothes at both services.
- Once a month both congregations combine for a 10am service which is a hybrid of both service styles.
- During the Vacancy we are meeting as one 10am combined service each week.



Occasional Services

In addition, we hold certain annual, one-off or special services during the year:

- A Good Friday Service with children's activities beforehand (March/April)
- An Annual Memorial Service including Act of Remembrance (November). The local war memorial is in the church grounds.
- A candlelit service of Lessons and Carols (the Sunday before Christmas)
- A popular Crib Service (Christmas Eve)
- A midnight 'Carols & Communion'
- A Christmas Day Family Praise service



Occasional Offices

There are a number of enquiries for both baptism and marriage each year. These tend to come from people living within the parish themselves, or from people whose parents live within the parish but have a special affinity towards the church building e.g. they were baptised here or their parents were married here.

Those being baptised are expected to be a regular part of the church family (attending regularly for at least 6 months) and, if a child, then at least one parent having committed to personally follow Christ within the context of regular St Andrew's attendance.

This results in the following:

- Baptisms: c.5 per year
- Weddings: c.5 per year
- Funerals: c.8 per year





7. Safeguarding

St Andrew's Church is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. We regard it as everyone's responsibility and encourage as many people as possible to undertake the basic safeguarding awareness courses.

The parish is currently on Level 3 of the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard.

Safeguarding underpins all our church groups and activities, and we follow clear safer recruitment processes, whilst our Parish Safeguarding Officer works with leaders and volunteers to ensure that national and diocesan requirements are understood and implemented.

Safeguarding always features on our PCC agenda, and activity risks are embedded within our Risk Assessment processes.

For our new Vicar, maintaining and promoting safeguarding in our church will be a priority and he should lead by example to ensure best safeguarding practice.

8. Our ministry activities

We are thankful to God for a wide variety of church activities which serve to further God's kingdom by connecting with many folks who would not (yet) attend on a Sunday. These are run and supported by a large number of volunteers within the church family.



Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots seeks to reach out to the local community, specifically to serve babies, toddlers and their carers. It features toys, playtime, craft, songs and Bible teaching, and is popular with many parents and grandparents in the local area.

It meets on Monday mornings during term time in the church

hall from 10:00-11:30 and has grown to be a popular and well-established group; weekly attendance is typically 15 adults and 20 children. The small but dedicated team of volunteers are committed to regular attendance in order to serve and build relationships with those who come and there have been several fruitful conversations and opportunities for follow up over recent years.

The Ark Coffee Morning

The Ark is a weekly coffee morning each Friday aimed at welcoming those outside the church family and building relationships with a view to them engaging with the gospel – whether on Sunday or another occasion. The Ark is served by a team of regular volunteers and generally attracts retired members of the community, some of which have come to attend regularly on Sundays or joined in other evangelistic events run by the church.



Women's Breakfasts

Women's breakfasts are held bimonthly on Saturday mornings throughout the year with around 15-20 typically attending and a cross section of ages and stages of the Christian life represented. The format usually includes a short talk on an area of Christian discipleship, often following chapters of a Christian book for



women, followed by discussion and an opportunity to pray with, and for, each other. It serves to strengthen relationships among women in the church family as well as build relationships with some who are on the fringe of church life, or are invited along as guests. At certain points during the year (especially Christmas and the Cornhill Mission weekend) the breakfasts have a more explicit evangelistic focus with a particular opportunity to reach guests from outside the church family.

Men's Curry and Poker Nights

We hold regular social events specifically for men, which over the last couple of years have centred around curry nights in some of the local restaurants, and poker nights (no actual cash involved) in our church hall. The aim is to build relationships among the men in our congregations and provide an environment where friends from outside the church can get to know us.

Songs of Praise

Every quarter, for one hour on the last Sunday afternoon of January/April/July/October, 'Songs of Praise' is led by our organist (and warden) Josh and attracts around 30 to 40 people, not all of whom are from our usual congregations. Those attending simply request their favourite hymns from 'Mission Praise' and choose whether it's played on the pipe organ or keyboard. A similar 'Piano Praise' is currently also being trialled in the Hall around the piano. Both events are very informal and seem to be much appreciated by those who come.



Cornhill Mission Weekend

For a number of years we have been blessed to partner with Bible students on the Cornhill Training Scheme over 4-5 days in early February, as part of our St Andrew's 'Introducing Jesus' weekends.

Each year between 3 and 5 different students have joined us, hosted by church family members, to support us in delivering an intensive weekend of different evangelistic events for church family and guests.

These have been hugely encouraging as we've heard super talks and testimonies from a wide cultural spectrum of Bible students, which has strengthened the faith of many church family members, encouraged us in practical ways to engage others with the gospel, and brought several enquirers to consider Jesus more closely.

As such, the weekend is a real highlight of our church year and we are very keen for this partnership to continue into the future.





Other events

Other periodic or one-off events we enjoy or have enjoyed as a church over the last couple of years include:

- Monthly afternoon teas for elderly residents
- Church family picnics
- ‘The Chosen’ Film Nights
- ‘Cornhole’ evening
- Church tidy up mornings
- Church family canal cruise
- Church family playdates
- Carol singing in the community
- Easter Community Fair on church grounds
- Halloween alternative Light Party / outreach on the Green

Bible Study Fellowship Groups

There are currently five groups meeting on Tuesday morning, Wednesday afternoon, Wednesday evening (x 2) and Thursday evening – comprising approximately half of the adult church family. These either meet in homes around the parish or in the church hall with the aim of listening carefully and humbly to God in his Word, discussing how it should shape our thinking and living as Christians, and praying and caring for one another. Often the format is to work through a book of the Bible from start to finish, while other times groups may focus on discipleship training courses or systematic studies.

These fellowship groups are a huge blessing and foundational to our church family life. By God’s grace we have seen many individuals growing in love and knowledge of the Lord and deepening their trust in Him. We typically use material from the Good Book Company, and groups have recently been working through studies in Acts, 1 Corinthians and Ephesians, as well as video series from God’s Big Picture and evangelism training material from A Passion for Life 2026.

Approximately every 2 months the whole church family meets together midweek at St Andrew’s Central for teaching, prayer and fellowship all together.



9. Children & Youth

We believe firmly in the power of God's Word to shape and transform the lives of our children and youth, and place a strong emphasis on ensuring teaching in children's groups is Biblical, engaging and age-appropriate. We typically use material from Faith in Kids and the Good Book Company. Aside from regular Sunday groups, we are blessed to enjoy a wide range of other regular weekly, monthly and one-off events (e.g. during our annual Mission Week in February, Easter, Halloween and Christmas). All are aimed at building up our children and youth in the faith, strengthening church family relationships, and very importantly reaching out to families in our community with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Youth Group

Meeting once a month during school term-time, our Youth Group offers children aged 8-15 years the opportunity to build relationships in an edifying environment around fun indoor and outdoor activities. The last half hour is always spent discussing a topic relating to living in this world as a Christian, which has presented good opportunities for children from non-Christian families to ask questions. Currently, we have around 20 regular 8-11 year-olds, almost half of whom are unchurched friends of our church children.



Youth Worship Band

We're thankful for the musical gifts that God has blessed many of our children with. We meet on Fridays straight after school to learn and practise a different Christian song on drums, keyboard, guitar, bass guitar and microphone each week. Many of the children have learned to play their instrument from scratch. Our Youth Worship Band then lead the congregation in that song during Sunday service, after the All Age Spot.



Kids Basketball

Following on straight after Youth Worship Band practice, our Kids Basketball club runs on a Friday during term-time in our church car park. We practice some basic drills and then play a match. We have around 12-15 children ranging from 4-11 years from week to week. Parents stay to supervise their children, which provides the perfect opportunity to build relationships and have intentional conversations, and providing another pool of families that we can invite to our Gospel-centred events throughout the year.





Holiday Club

Once a year, we draw around 50 primary-school-aged children to attend our one-day summer holiday club. A big undertaking, a big team of volunteers put on a fully structured day of learning a Bible story through front-led drama, memory verse and song, and then teaching, craft and fun in smaller groups. We invite the families of the children who attended to join us

on the Sunday for worship service, where they get to find out about all what their children learnt on the day.

'Woolie 3'

Woolhampton 3 (aka Woolie 3) is an annual, week-long Gospel-centred summer holiday camp run by CPAS at a school near Reading for children aged 11-14 years. Each year, a few of our teens attend the camp and several adults from among the church family serve on the camp in different capacities.



Local schools work

We're blessed to be able to go in to two schools that lie in our parish; one is a 3-form entry, Church of England junior school for around 360 7-11 year-olds and the other is smaller, single-form entry, non-church primary school. Our Children and Youth Worker leads regular Gospel-centred assemblies in both schools and in the junior school, 3 lunch clubs are run on different days during the week (Worship Music Club, Christian Club and Chess Club). Several volunteers from the church family accompany our Children and Youth Worker to run these clubs.



We are proud to have a positive and supportive relationship with St Andrew's Church, which plays an important role in the life of our school. Rohan leads weekly acts of worship for the whole school, which are always thoughtfully planned. In addition, Rohan and other volunteers from the church give generously of their time to run a range of lunchtime clubs, including music worship, Christian club and chess club. These opportunities are greatly valued by our pupils and help to strengthen the meaningful connection between the church and our school community. (Headteacher, Frimley CoE Junior)





10. Our Buildings and Grounds

St Andrew's church building is grade II listed, having been built in 1912 and is constructed of mellow red brick with stone surrounds to doors and windows. The large, tiled roof, containing dormer windows, slopes to within eight feet of the ground and is topped by an ornamental wooden bell cote housing a single bell.

An extension to one side of the building houses a multi-purpose hall, an office, toilets and kitchen. As well as the main entrance, there is covered access to the multipurpose hall from the front of the building and access to the hall directly from the car park at the rear enabling use of these facilities without the need to use the main church building. Both the church building and church hall have been reroofed in recent years.



The interior is laid out with traditional oak pews in the nave facing the chancel, with its choir stalls and pipe organ. Beyond this is the chancel table and in front of the chancel is a large oak pulpit. The pews seat c.180 people, but by opening the semi-soundproof folding screen between the main building and hall, a further 100 people can be seated. There is a small vestry next to the chancel.

The church grounds are well-kept with trees, shrubs and lawns. There is no graveyard, but there is a memorial garden in which ashes may be interred following cremation. To the rear of the church building is a cedar wood building (the 'Church Room', used as a meeting room and for children/youth groups) plus a wooden shed and gardener's shed giving valuable storage space. There is also a medium sized lawn and car park with space for 25 cars (the neighbouring Frimley Lodge car park provides additional parking).





The Vicarage

The vicarage is adjacent to the church, with direct access to the church grounds both from the vicarage garden and at the side of the house. The original building was constructed in the early 19th century, with a large extension added in the early 20th century. It is fully double-glazed, with two rear doors into the garden. Upstairs, the master bedroom has an en-suite basin and shower. There are also four further bedrooms, a toilet and a bathroom.

Downstairs are two large reception rooms, a family kitchen with space for a large table, a generous hall, an entrance hall and toilet. The toilet and one of the reception rooms is accessible directly from the entrance hall.



There is a good-sized and well-kept garden to the rear and a large, grassed area at the front, with some bushes and trees. Parking space exists for three cars as well as a semi-circular driveway immediately in front of the house. The vicarage has been very well maintained during the recent incumbency, with regular maintenance carried out by the diocese.



11. Our Partnerships



Local

Rather than speak of membership, we would love those committed to encouraging other followers of Jesus at St Andrew's, and to sharing the good news to the people of Frimley Green & Mytchett, to join with us in partnership. To that end, we encourage those who share our beliefs to partner with us by doing the following (Phil 1:3-6 / Heb 10:23-25):

- Meet regularly with the rest of us for mutual encouragement, on Sundays and in a smaller group during the week
- Join our efforts to bring the gospel of Christ crucified as an atoning substitute for sinners to the world, by their prayers, words and actions
- Help out as they are able with the nuts and bolts of regular church life
- Cheerfully and generously contribute towards the church's financial needs.

The **Surrey Gospel Partnership** is an organisation of local churches who seek to *'bring the gospel to all in Surrey and North-East Hampshire through local gospel churches committed to healthy gospel growth in active gospel partnership.'* We partner in prayer and in various events. We also benefit from involvement in **Guildford Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship**.



National

We subscribe (financially and doctrinally) to the **Church of England Evangelical Council** as well as benefitting from close links with **Church Society** and **ReNew**. Every year we partner with the **Proclamation Trust** Cornhill Training Course by welcoming Bible students to support us in running several gospel outreach events which is a great joy.

International

We have particular links with Jomo and Ann Nderitu in Marsabit Diocese, Kenya (prayer and financial support) and Daniel Odhiambo (Mission to Seafarers, Rotterdam).



Jomo and Ann serve in northern Kenya with their two children, where Jomo is the Marsabit Diocese Youth Worker responsible for serving over 50 churches, through discipling and training Sunday School and youth leaders and preaching widely across what is a huge geographical area.



Daniel and Javellah serve in the Netherlands with their two children, where Daniel is Chaplain to the Port of Rotterdam in partnership with the Mission to Seafarers. He has great opportunities to minister to different crew members who dock in the port for short periods of time whilst training a small team of fellow chaplaincy workers.



We have also for many years partnered with Mark and Jane Oden in Naples, who have recently moved to Edinburgh earlier this year.

12. Our Finances

St Andrew's is a registered charity (number [1183470](#)) and significant financial decisions are taken by the PCC. Our Treasurer monitors and presents the financial position to the PCC on a regular basis for discussion and approval.

Income

Our income in 2025 was £157k (2024: £154k). The regular giving from our generous and committed members accounts for around 85% of our income through monthly or one-off standing orders (with associated gift aid), or cash collections. The remainder of income derives from a variety of church trading activities such as church hall rental, weddings & other events, and interest etc., occasionally supplemented by small grants for specific projects.

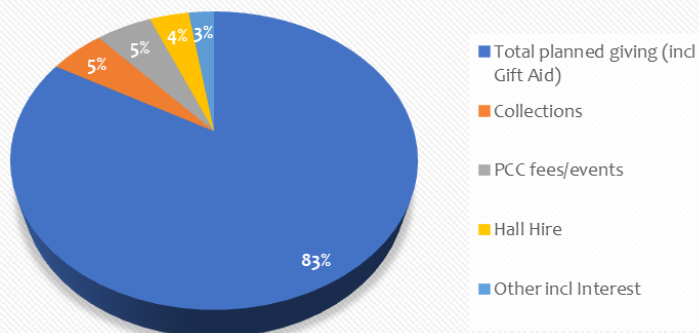
Expenditure

Expenditure is carefully managed and stewarded by our Treasurer and PCC. Our total expenditure in 2025 was £125k (2024: £150k, which included £25k to re-roof the church hall). Our main costs in 2025 were our parish share contribution (56%) and staff costs (29%) with the remainder going towards utility costs, administration, insurance, maintenance, and financial support for one of our mission partners.

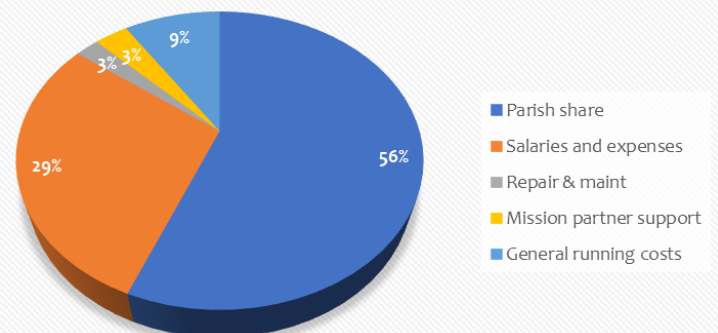
Due to the House of Bishops' decision in 2023 to authorise the Prayers of Love and Faith, since 2024 our PCC had been only prepared to pay a reduced parish share to cover our clergy costs plus an amount towards central funds for safeguarding and certain other services. The PCC has committed to pay our full Parish Share request in 2026 and are in discussions as to how to ensure this will be used towards orthodox Biblical ministry within the diocese via the Ephesian Fund.

All funds are managed via two bank accounts under the shared control of different appointed office holders.

Income 2025 £157k



Expenditure 2025 £125k



Reserves

Our reserves are relatively healthy, standing at £154k in 2025. Over recent years our church family has been setting aside funds for a new high quality wooden cabin building which we hope to install within the church grounds in due course, with c. £30k set aside for this purpose. Our next Quinquennial Inspection will also take place in 2027 which we anticipate may identify areas requiring further capital spending.

It is PCC policy to invest funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

A copy of our latest financial report and accounts is available on request.

13. Appendix

Surrey Heath Deanery

St Andrew's currently has 3 members on the Surrey Heath Deanery Synod, and we welcome and value the positive and collaborative relationships we have with those in our deanery. However, the PCC feels currently that due to major theological differences, especially regarding support for and use of the *Prayers of Love and Faith*, we are unable to engage in any form of spiritual partnership at the deanery level. We remain committed to partnering with individual Anglican churches who share our orthodox convictions based on the Bible's clear teaching regarding sexuality and other essential doctrines.

A Message from our Area Dean & Lay Chair

St Andrew's is part of Surrey Heath Deanery, with a total of 13 parishes stretching from Frimley Green and Camberley across to Chobham. Here you will find a supportive group of colleagues who enjoy one another's company and encourage one another's ministry, whilst holding a range of theological and ecclesiological viewpoints and ministering in varied contexts. A core aim of the deanery is to come together as distinctive churches in shared mission, prayer, collaboration and mutual support across parish boundaries, whether that is in sharing ideas or co-hosting events like Alpha. We meet monthly as Chapter to share news, reflect, and pray together, and last year enjoyed an overnight retreat together; Deanery Synod meets 3-4 times per year. We look forward to welcoming a new colleague at St Andrew's!

Ellen Turtle (Area Dean) and Howard Mason (Lay Chair)



Thank you for taking the time to read our parish profile. We will be praying for all those who apply and asking the Lord to help all involved in the selection process.

Please get in touch

Please feel free to get in touch with the Churchwardens with any questions, large or small: geoff@st-andrewschurch.org.uk and josh@st-andrewschurch.org.uk

You can also get a good picture of our church by visiting our Facebook page and website:

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