

St Paul's Church, Woking – Parish Profile 2025

St Paul's, Woking



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A Letter from the Bishop of Guildford

The Diocese of Guildford is a warm and friendly place to be, with a strong cohort of gifted and passionate laity and clergy, some excellent church schools, and plenty of beautiful countryside to enjoy on a day off!

Our vision as a diocese is to see lives and communities transformed through the love of Christ; and, to that end, we have recently refreshed our Diocesan Strategy *Transforming Church, Transforming Lives*, with a particular focus on Growing Disciples, Growing Diversity and Growing Community. Although our congregations are generally rather larger than average, we are all too conscious that we are only reaching a tiny proportion of our parish populations, and are particularly keen to become more effective in passing on the baton of faith to younger generations.

Our team of Mission Enablers are committed to working with every parish in fleshing out that vision in an appropriate way, going with the grain of the church's history and tradition, whilst also suggesting new ways to 'proclaim the gospel afresh in each generation'. The pandemic, while presenting many challenges, has helped to forge new relationships between many of our churches, creating a spirit of 'us and us' more than 'them and us', and opening up new approaches to partnership and inter-church collaboration.

If you share our vision for transformation, and have a track record in growing disciples, growing diversity and growing community, we'd love to hear from you!

Bishop Andrew

A Letter from Venerable Martin Breadmore The Archdeacon of Dorking



There is much to celebrate in the parish of St. Paul's Woking which includes a faithful congregation eager to grow, a commitment to ministry amongst children and families, a flourishing involvement with the local community which includes a good relationship with the local Imam, a great church building and centre and being part of a supportive Deanery.

We are seeking to appoint a full time incumbent who will prayerfully reignite evangelism and outreach in the next season, building on the recent focus of growing disciples, in order that this community of faith remains viable for years to come. The new minister should have a passion for seeing people come to a living faith in Jesus, have strong pastoral and teaching gifts, have the ability to inspire others to reach out, and have a passion for engaging with the very multicultural community, as well as bringing gifts of vision, strategy and collaboration.

This appointment is perfect timing for receiving resource and support from the wider diocese. 2024 marked the beginning of our second cycle of our Parish Needs Process, which is a brand-new way of working whereby the diocese will seek to walk alongside each parish to help them with vision and whatever needs they might have arising out of this.

I am very enthusiastic about this post. For the person that God calls, there is so much to offer here: the warmth of a great church family; the opportunity of leadership in a parish, deanery and diocese which offers considerable support and resources; the challenge of discerning with these communities what God is doing and how we might join in; the privilege of living and working in a part of the country with so many opportunities for clergy and families.

If you'd value an informal conversation about this post, I would be keen to speak with you, so please do not hesitate to be in touch with me via: archdeacon.dorking@cofeguildford.org.uk

Martin Breadmore

Who we are...



We are...a friendly, welcoming extended family of diverse backgrounds, nationalities and ages.

We love worshiping God together on Sunday mornings, followed by coffee, cake, games and activities, and catching up.

Many of us meet up in smaller groups during the week for mutual support, Bible study and prayer.

We all try to make a difference that reflects our faith as followers of Jesus in our community and in our lives: at school, at work or in our neighbourhood.

All newcomers are greeted with warmth and friendliness, making them feel instantly at home. We're a family that values connection and compassion, prayer and service to each other and our neighbours.

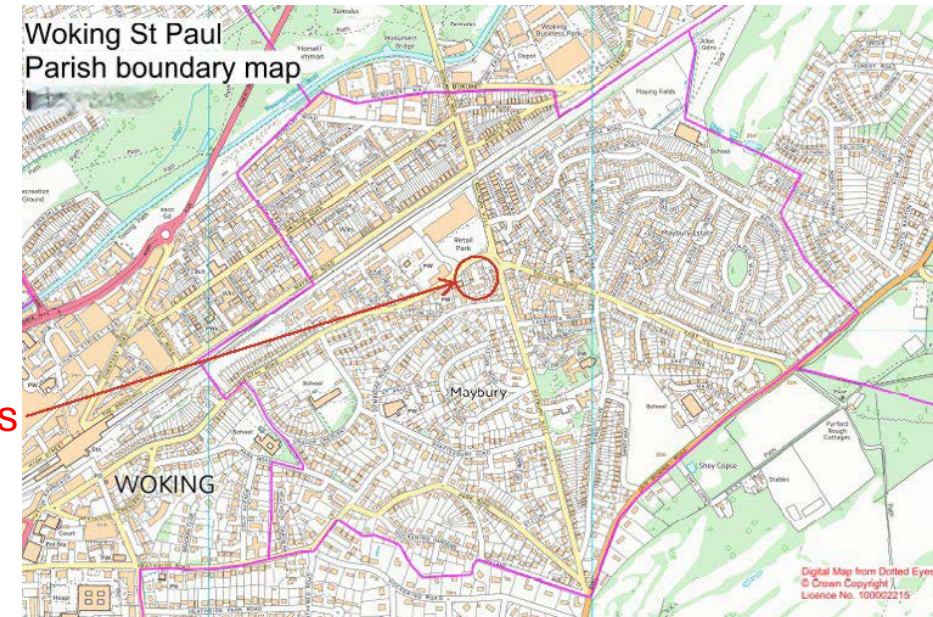


Woking and St Paul's parish

St Paul's is in Maybury on the Eastern side of Woking in Surrey - home of McLaren F1, H. G. Wells' "War of the Worlds", and Britain's oldest mosque.

Woking is a town in northwest Surrey with a population of approximately 104,000 (2021), 23 miles from central London. The busy town centre has two shopping centres, including the recently completed Victoria Square development, theatres, and cinemas. There are fast frequent trains to London, Guildford the West Country and beyond. The town centre and railway station are approximately 15 minutes' walk from the Church, and the M25 motorway is easily accessible. Despite this proximity to London, Woking is surrounded by woodland and heathland, including the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Further information is available from Woking Borough Council website (www.woking.gov.uk) and Woking entry in Wikipedia (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Woking>).

The Church is in the centre of the Parish, opposite a large Retail Park. The Parish is the most ethnically diverse in Guildford diocese, with a variety of different social and economic groups: affluent private roads as well as areas of social deprivation, and a large Muslim population. As a key commuter town for London, people come to Woking from all over the country and the world. Maybury, where we are, and Sheerwater, an adjacent parish, are often coupled together, and we work with St Michael's Sheerwater to share God's love in one of the few areas of Surrey that is amongst the 10% most deprived areas in the country. Bridging the disparities between these different social and economic groups provides both opportunities and challenges to us as a Church.



St Paul's

Our Worship

We hold weekly Holy Communion services every Sunday, with the main service at 10.30 am. On the first Sunday of the month this is an All-age service co-led by our Children and Families Minister and team, which is preceded by a shorter 9am Common Worship Order 2 Holy Communion service. We delight in taking an intergenerational approach to Church life, and the children and youth are encouraged to participate in all services, especially All-age services, for example with Bible readings, leading the intercessions, and presenting the offering. Our 10.30am services are live-streamed over the internet.

After most services, refreshments are provided in the Hall, for which many people stay. There is a strong family atmosphere: lots of catching-up, laughter, occasional serious conversation, games and activities.

Our music selection is diverse, featuring both traditional and modern songs and hymns, along with lively action songs that everyone eagerly participates in. We use live instruments on piano, guitar, and occasionally organ, together with recorded music such as Worship Lyric Videos.

We have one Occasional Worship Leader and one Occasional Preacher, as well as a retired Minister who preaches and leads from time to time when he's not supporting one of the other local Churches.

Clergy robe for festivals and occasional offices, and a cassock-alb is usually worn for 9am Holy Communion services.

Typical attendances are 40-45 adults and 10-15 children and youth.

Sermons usually last from 15-20 minutes, and the Peace is shared (very) enthusiastically by the whole congregation.



Our Lives as 24/7 Christians

Children and Families

Children and families are very much a priority for us. For at least the past 20 years, and despite occasional financial challenges, we have always employed a Children and Families Minister. We have an active programme: the first Sunday of the month is an All-age service, in which children are encouraged to actively participate; on the third Sunday of the month we hold “Family Blaze”, in which children and parents together leave the main service to participate in worship, learning and activities as families; and on the fourth Sunday of the month we hold “Sparkies” and “Illumination”: groups for younger and older children respectively, without parents. Children who have been baptised are welcome to take communion.

Prayer

Prayer is a fundamental part of who we are and what we do. Every Church meeting starts and finishes with prayer. Every Sunday, a small group meets for prayer before the main service starts, and after each main Sunday service two volunteers offer prayer ministry to anyone who would like it. There are monthly prayer meetings, with a combination of a topic for the month, time for prayer that seems relevant at the time, and for just listening to God. We also have a prayer chain on WhatsApp where we pray for each other's needs, families, friends, relatives and contacts. Many of the Church family make space for a quiet time every day, and stories abound of unlikely places or moments when a quick prayer seemed just the thing.



House Groups

House groups are important to us. We have three groups with a total of 17 members (approx. 40% of St Paul's regulars). They meet weekly or fortnightly to socialise, support each other, study the Bible, worship and pray. Each house-group has its own character and approach to suit all needs, but all of them act to build links between peoples' lives together and their lives apart.

New Wine

A group of families and individuals regularly attends the New Wine annual festival, braving occasional quagmires and tornadoes to find inspiration, enjoy the companionship and experience of New Wine, and recharge our spiritual batteries.

Outreach

MASCOT

Maybury and Sheerwater Community Trust (MASCOT) was set up by St Paul's and St Michael's in the neighbouring parish of Sheerwater as our flagship project to build community in our parishes. More details are on the MASCOT website (www.mascotwoking.org.uk) and in Appendix C. "Let's Talk" (conversational English practice) and Friendship Café take place weekly in the church halls. Further details are given in Appendix C.



Our Neighbours in Faith

Our parish has a wide variety of faiths, and none: across the road is the Shah Jahan Mosque, the oldest in England, which acts as the centre for a large Muslim population in the parish. Many of us have exchanged visits with the mosque, and members of the mosque leadership team have led open meetings at St Paul's to improve the understanding of Islam, and life as a Muslim in Woking. St Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church is down the road, with its associated primary school and a congregation of over 1,000 drawn from across Woking. We have good relations with local Christians in Woking, through "Churches Together in Woking". We have a good relationship with the nearby United Reformed Church, which like St Paul's acted as a vaccination centre during the Covid pandemic. We are a member of and mission partner to Across, an interfaith charity (see Appendix D).

Woking Homes and Bernard Sunley

We have good relationships with the two large residential homes for the elderly in the parish. Every Sunday, Woking Homes join in attending our service online (and in person from time to time), and we take Communion services in each home every month.

Outreach

Toddler group

Our very popular weekly Toddler group has been going for many years, held at St Paul's and run by Church volunteers. This is open to the general public and can have a waiting list. A number of people have become regular attendees at St Paul's. This is one of our flagship community activities.



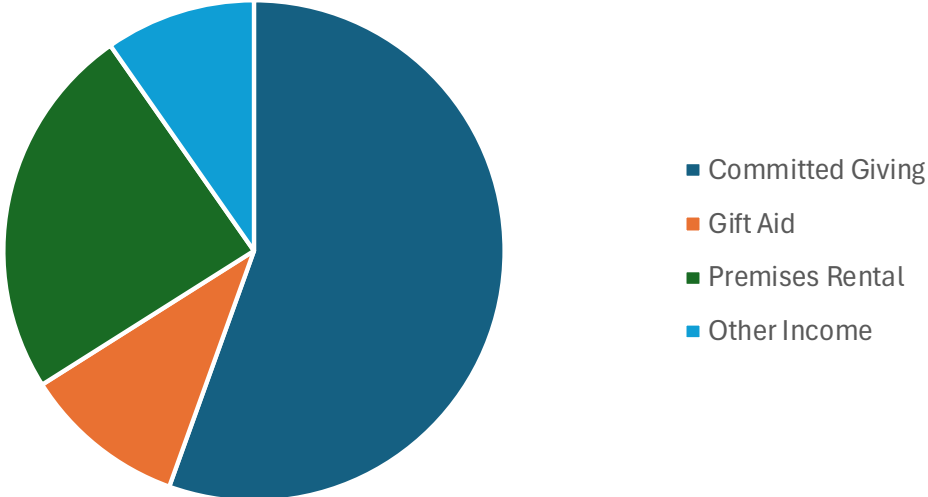
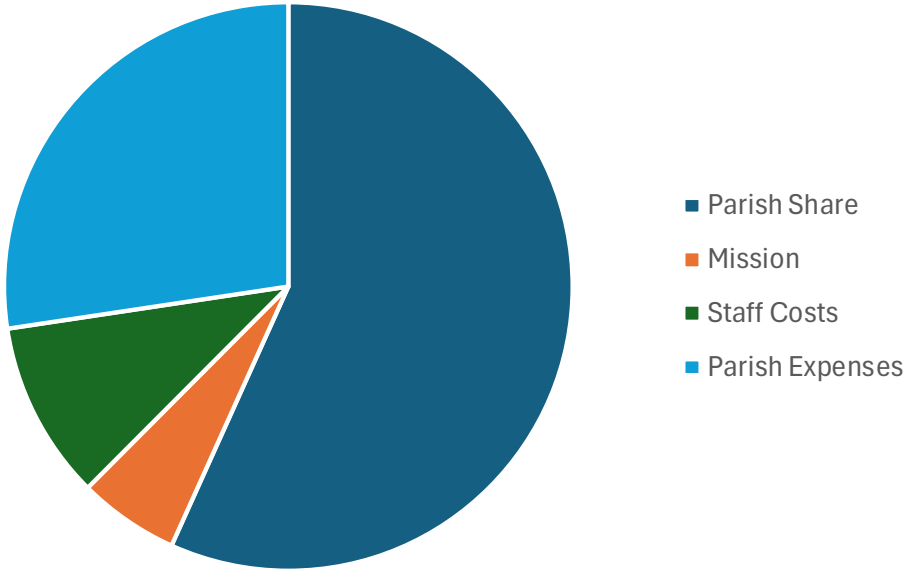
Inviting In

We have until the vacancy operated an annual cycle of invitation, where we consciously create opportunities that will appeal to those interested in the “big” questions of life, including a Start course in the summer, and an Alpha course in the autumn. We believe there is an opportunity to attract more Christians who move into the area by improving the visibility and profile of our Church, both from the street and on-line. Feedback suggests that once people engage with us they often stick, but that they may try another more visible church in the area first. Until the vacancy, Family Blaze on the third Sunday of the month was a strong growth area for us.

Schools

St Paul's has good relations with the schools in the parish, and has historically ministered to the local state primary school (New Monument School), by way of assemblies led by our Children and Families minister. However, since the Covid pandemic this has stopped. We have however recently begun engaging with the local independent school, Greenfield, and to want to re-engage with more local schools to grow our developing ministry to children and families.

Being good stewards of our resources

Our Finances		
Our finances are satisfactory without room for complacency. In 2024 we generated regular income of £121,800; and we incurred £117,936 of regular expenditure. We have unrestricted reserves of £55,940.		
Our church family are committed regular givers: the vast majority give through the Parish Giving Scheme or by standing order. The average giving is well above the average for Guildford diocese.		
Risks: Like most churches a few big givers represent a high proportion of our regular giving. The rental from our church flat, hall hire, and income from the electric vehicle charger in our car park are significant. The buildings & fittings are well maintained. By policy if our unrestricted reserves fall below £30,000 that triggers a PCC review.		
		
		Our Mission Giving
		St Pauls allocates 10% of our regular committed income from the congregation to Mission. Our Mission Partners are supported with prayer, money and time.
		Our Accounting Policies & Systems
		Our formal accounts are prepared on a cash basis, and independently examined before submission to APCM. Our management accounts are prepared on a cash basis with three adjustments: (1) to include in the year donations received within 5 days of year-end that are clearly marked as relating to the year; (2) to reflect gift
		Our Treasurer team use Quickbooks accounting package. We participate in the Parish Buying Scheme for our utility bill.

Our Church and Premises





We have three main buildings around a well-kept and attractive courtyard garden, with a light and spacious modern Welcome Area, which also leads to the Halls and Church Office.

The Church was built in 1895, as a “Chapel of Ease” to Christ Church, which is our town centre church. It is fully heated, with upholstered chairs and is carpeted throughout. Our default seating is facing east, with a central aisle, but we do occasionally change the seating to better suit a special occasion, such as at Easter. We have a modern sound and vision system, and our Sunday services are broadcast over the internet. Capacity is around 150.

The most recent Quinquennial survey was performed earlier in 2025, and the Report confirmed that the Church is well maintained with no major issues.

We sometimes celebrate special occasions by having shared meals in the Church, and the Portuguese church that holds their Saturday evening worship in our Church halls sometimes uses the Church instead. The local Gospel Choir uses the Church as a rehearsal space.

The Welcome Area and adjacent Community Halls offer a large flexible space: a large hall, and a number of small meeting rooms, and good toilets. The kitchen is certified to five stars. The Halls are regularly hired out to a variety of community groups.

We are always looking for ways in which to improve our facilities, and we have recently installed two EV charging points (super-fast charge) for public use (which we understand is a first in Guildford Diocese), in our front-of church car park, from which we obtain an income. We have an enthusiastic Eco-church working group – we currently have bronze certification, and are working towards silver.

We see our premises both as the place we gather to worship, and also as a community resource; for example, we were the local vaccination centre for Covid injections during the pandemic, with an average of 1000 vaccinations a week carried out, with members of the Church family volunteering. We have hosted free NHS events on health-care, particularly focussed on our neighbouring Asian population. Our Halls are fully-booked at present, for classes in Pilates, drama groups, Baby Sensory and other activities.

A well-maintained footpath runs alongside the Halls and the Church building, connecting a large residential area with a well-used pedestrian route to the railway station.

Above the Church Office is a flat, which is let out and provides the church with some income.

The Vicarage is an impressive, large detached house immediately adjacent to the Church, and details are given in Appendix E.

Our Leadership and Staff

We have a PCC of 10 people including two Churchwardens, the Treasurer, and the PCC Secretary. Our PCC meets 6 times a year, every other month, with occasional workshops to discuss a particular topic and/or review priorities for the next 12 months.

Our Standing Committee comprises the Incumbent, Wardens, and Treasurer, and meets as/when required. Much Standing Committee business is conducted ad hoc, electronically, e.g. by email.



Sue Waddington is our Children and Families Minister, employed for 20 hours per week. Sue has recently joined us, and she has expertise and confidence in the role from many years of working with youth and young families within the church.



Margaret Staunton-Lambert is our volunteer Church Administrator, and the hub around which all practical matters rotate.



Ros Banks is employed and manages the hiring of the Church Halls, and assists in the office, coordinating any necessary building repairs, etc.

Our Churchwardens are Annabelle Nearcou and Paul Williams, with Robert Dellner making up the wider CW team.

Prayers of Love and Faith

St Paul's is a very diverse family, with an equally diverse range of theological views. Many people within St Paul's engaged with the Living in Love and Faith materials, and the PCC has not formally adopted a position regarding the use of PLF. We would welcome a vicar who would be willing to join and lead us on this journey.

Covenant for Clergy Care and Wellbeing

The St Paul's PCC is committed to supporting our incumbent through the Covenant for Clergy Care and Wellbeing.



Safeguarding

At St. Paul's we follow the Church of England's House of Bishops' "Promoting a Safer Church" Safeguarding Policy.

We believe that God created the human race in his image: an image that should be treated with dignity, care, compassion and value.

We believe that the care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of our Church. Whilst we hold special services for Safeguarding Sunday, we endeavour to instil an attitude that safeguarding is a priority for all people throughout the year.

The Churchwardens, PCC, and congregation take responsibility for everyone, both adults and children, to feel safe when they visit us. We aim to ensure they know that there is help and advice on any issues from our church team and from the Diocese of Guildford. This helps us to develop a culture of care underpinned by God's unconditional love and welcome for all.

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Marion Paton.



Statement of Needs

Strengths...	But...
We are one church family who know and care for each other, recognising and valuing our different perspectives and strengths. No cliques.	Our size and variety can mean we struggle for 'critical mass' in any particular activity
Our volunteers are committed and hard-working	During the vacancy and while we were recently without a Children and Families Minister, our numbers dropped. We need growth in numbers to retain and expand our activities
We have a heart for worship and prayer; our teaching is strong, biblically-based and relevant to daily life	We look for the Spirit to move; we recognise the need for more variety in worship-styles and people to lead them
We have one church building in good condition, one PCC, not a multi-centre parish	We need to build our activities to be relevant beyond those we already know
We have good community facilities – halls, garden, kitchen – that are heavily used; creating both an income stream and contact-points to local community	We need to go beyond the transactional, and build a participative community that crosses between activities
Our community development programme through Mascot reaches parts of the community we otherwise struggle to reach	We need to improve awareness, and build on this as an entry-point to the unchurched
We live in a multi-ethnic area with strong connections to other faith communities	A high proportion of our parishioners are either Muslim or Catholic. We need to continue those good relationships while focusing our church growth on the other parishioners
We are solvent, have multiple income streams, pay a full parish share, with some reserves	A number of generous regular givers have recently died; we need to broaden our regular givers

Opportunity areas

We need to meet more people, build relationships, develop a habit of inviting, and a programme to attract others. While we look beyond these, we believe need to focus on three areas:

- to attract “passers-by”, both physically where our church has a prominent position opposite a Retail Park and our Halls welcome a range of users; and digitally to encourage more newcomers to the area to come and try us
- to build-up our Children and Families work (already started with the appointment of an experienced leader)
- to build-up our home-groups of “independent” younger adults without children, creating new activities that appeal to them, and hopefully others

We need to be more intentional about discipling: both to deepen faith, and to encourage participation not just spectating.

Person Specification

We hope and pray that our next Vicar will lead our church family to flourish and grow as Spirit filled disciplined individuals and as a community.

We recognise that there is potential for significant growth across all ages at St Paul's. We are looking for someone who will help us achieve that through reaching more widely into the community and through harnessing and developing God's Gifts of the Spirit within all who choose to worship here.

So, we are looking for someone who has a heart for Christ, for the Congregation and for the Community. Someone who...

- Has a demonstrable personal faith.
- Has a heart for preaching and teaching from the Bible.
- Has a passion to be led by the Holy Spirit.
- Has a desire to grow the prayer life of the Church.
- Will honour and build on the strong St Paul's traditions of a truly intergenerational Church family that looks after its members, supporting and caring for each other in our spiritual, physical and material needs.
- Can lead and empower us in being better disciples individually and together.
- Has a passion for evangelism and outreach to our community to sustain and revitalise us as a church, by:
 - Reaching out to those in our parish who do not yet know Christ, who those of no faith can relate to, with the communication skills, passion and flexibility to attract new members to the church family.
 - Building relationships beyond the four walls of the buildings; listening, pastoring, teaching in a way that respects other perspectives and help us to grow and make a greater impact in our community, attracting those using the community halls and beyond.
 - Developing our outreach through church activities, including our partnerships with Mascot, and re-engage with local schools to grow our developing ministry to children and families.
- Has an openness to new ideas and finding innovative ways of working with the community and maintaining good neighbourly relations with our sizeable Muslim community.
- Will embrace the opportunities provided by technology and digital communication methods and be appreciative and innovative with their potential to support us in doing God's work in our church and community.
- Will bring and foster laughter, enjoyment and a sense of fun.

Appendix A – Church Membership

The number of persons on the 2024 St Paul's Electoral Roll was 65.

Of these, 62% live within the parish, and 38% live outside the parish.

Of these, 62% are female, and 38% male.

In 2023 there were two funerals, and in 2024 there were three funerals. There were no weddings or marriages in 2023/2024.

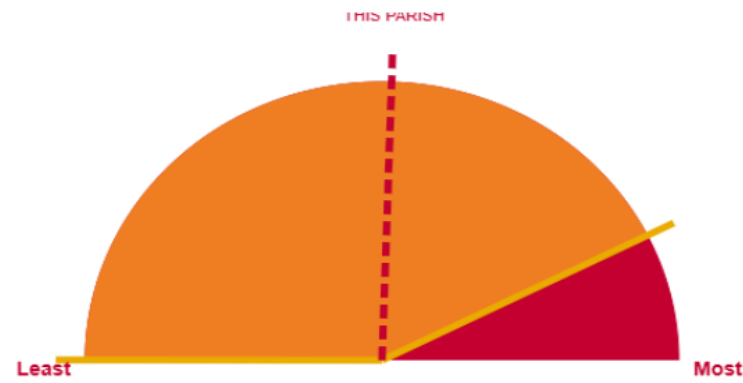
To date in 2025 there has been one wedding.

Appendix B – Parish demographics

Overall Deprivation

The population of this parish is **9112** . It ranks **5993** out of **12239** , where 1 is the most deprived parish.

This means that the parish is around average on the deprivation scale for parishes in the country.



Percentages and ranks	Least in Nation	Least in Diocese	This parish	Most in Diocese	Most in Nation
Child Poverty ?	1%	1%	12% Ranked 4539/12239	21%	58%
Pensioner Poverty ?	2%	3%	21% Ranked 1426/12239	68%	73%
Working age poverty ?	1%	2%	10% Ranked 3505/12239	20%	58%
Years	Highest in Nation	Highest in Diocese	This parish	Lowest in Diocese	Lowest in Nation
Life expectancy (boys) ?	93yrs	86yrs	79yrs	76yrs	68yrs
Life expectancy (girls) ?	95yrs	91yrs	82yrs	81yrs	75yrs
Percentages	Least in Nation	Least in Diocese	This parish	Most in Diocese	Most in Nation
No qualifications ?	0.5%	1.3%	19.9%	27.3%	44.4%
Social housing ?	0%	0%	10.4%	39.8%	76.1%
Older population ?	0.3%	1.7%	12.5%	39.9%	65.9%
Ethnic diversity ?	0%	2.1%	49.6%	49.6%	96.4%

Data from cuf.org.uk

St Paul's parish is the most ethnically diverse in Guildford diocese

Appendix C:



Let's Talk (1) is visited by our local MP; and (2) share food from home prepared by one of the participants



Mascot is a charity set up by St Paul's and St Michael's Sheerwater with the aim of strengthening our neighbouring communities, which include areas of significant deprivation, many new arrivals to Woking and single-person households. An independent charity informed by Christian values enables partnership with organisations and individuals of all faiths and none.

We have built a strong local reputation. We operate a Community Hub in Sheerwater, where around 30 residents a week come to find a listening ear, access to lap-tops, and a variety of services such as food bank, job support, and hearing aid maintenance.

In Maybury, Jasmine Kapoor oversees our activities, mainly out of the St Paul's Community Halls. "Let's Talk" - a weekly class of conversational English for those for whom English is not their first language – attracts around 40 regular attendees – most from Hong Kong, Ukraine, Colombia, Pakistan and Bangladesh. We are faithfully supported by regular volunteers, mainly drawn from local churches.

Also well-established is our Friendship Café – a regular morning where anyone can meet for coffee and cake, read a newspaper, take part in a quiz, join in with exercises, seated dance, or a sing-song – or just enjoy being in the company of others.

Jasmine has created a set of health related activities currently being converted into a more formal programme with three main elements: (1) healthy living, encouraging healthy eating, living well on a budget, physical exercise and social engagement; (2) condition awareness, a series of talks on particular health conditions given by hospital consultants or GPs to build awareness, and encourage prevention and early action; and condition detection, partnering with the NHS where they bring scanning & testing facilities (health MOTs, breast scanning, liver scanning) and we use our community links to ensure worthwhile attendance.

Mascot is in a time of substantial transition: the bankruptcy of Woking Borough Council has required us to find alternative sources of funding; the redevelopment of Sheerwater means we need to move our Hub into new premises by July 2025; and the health programme is generating excitement among both funders and those interested in preventative health care.

There remains the challenge of reaching all members of the community: ensuring that all who would participate in Mascot activities know about them; and that we become aware of other unmet needs.

www.mascotwoking.org.uk

Appendix D – Mission Giving

Our core Mission Partners are:

Woking Street Angels: helping those in need in the town centre during the evenings and early hours of Friday and Saturday nights.

Engage: holding Christian assemblies in Primary and Secondary schools in Woking, and chaplaincy in Woking High School and Woking College.

Open Doors: supporting persecuted Christians worldwide.

Other Partners are:

Across: who help Christians make friends with people of all other faiths, building bridges across the diverse communities that exist in Woking, reaching out to them with love, friendship and the Gospel.

Tearfund: which we support through the National Big Quiz Night and through donations when they send a representative to Sunday Morning Service.





Appendix E – The Vicarage

The vicarage is a lovely, large, five-bedroom (four large bedrooms and a box-room) detached home on Pembroke Road, immediately adjacent to the Church, with a substantial secluded garden (with a potting shed) and access to the Church through a private gate. There is a garage, and off-street parking for at least three cars. Downstairs there is a large sitting room, kitchen/diner, study and family room. Upstairs there are four good-sized bedrooms (master en suite) and a family bathroom. Outside there is a large lawn, seating area, and a small vegetable garden.

Appendix F – Finances

Income & Expenditure for 2023 & 2024				
		2024		2023
Income	Committed Giving	67,587		73,908
	Gift Aid	12,842		14,043
	Premises Rental	29,540		25,203
	Other Income	11,831		18,432
	Total Income	121,800		131,586
Expenditure	Parish Share	66,920		67,022
	Mission	6,759		7,391
	Staff Costs	11,973		19,181
	Parish Expenses	25,155		31,674
	Other	7,129		11,450
	Total Expenditure	117,936		136,718
Surplus / (Deficit)		3,864	-	5,132

Appendix G – Woking Deanery

“Our vision of a Transforming Church Transforming Lives is increasingly well-rooted in our parish communities, with churches, schools and community projects becoming clearer and more focused in what they believe God is calling them to do. ‘Growing disciples’ and ‘growing diversity’ and ‘growing community’ have emerged as our major priorities in the post-pandemic era.” (Bishop Andrew, Diocesan website).

These aims are reflected in the 14 benefices in Woking town centre and the surrounding villages in Woking Deanery, which is in the Archdeaconry of Dorking. Regular Chapter meetings for clergy and retired clergy and three Deanery synod meetings are held each year, for both clergy and elected representatives from parishes and benefices. Church members are usually invited to join in with the first part of Deanery synod meetings, where the above values are shared and evaluated, often with a guest speaker to bring us new inspiration. The Deanery Chapter is a friendly, supportive and prayerful set of people covering a full range of churchmanship.

Woking Churches Together gives us the opportunity to engage with what other churches in the Deanery are doing. This is especially true when the churches of the Deanery gather in the Town Square on Good Friday, to present an enactment of Christ’s passion, but we also “pull together” in other ways when the need arises.

Members of the churches of the Deanery also share in Engage, Woking Street Angels, Across, and Woking People of Faith.

Area Dean: Revd Mark Wallace

Deanery Synod Secretary: Caroline Harvey



Appendix H – Diocesan Vision

Since September 2016 the diocesan leadership and community is committed to the vision of a Transforming Church, Transforming Lives.

It is a vision of a diverse, growing, intergenerational church at the heart of each community, working alongside chaplaincies and schools in living and proclaiming the Good News of God in Jesus Christ.

Growing Disciples


- Encountering God through worship, prayers, retreat and learning
- Everyday faith – sharing and expressing faith in daily life, and exploring vocation
- Meeting with our Church family in all sorts of contexts for Christian encouragement, friendship and support.

Growing Diversity

- Increasing the amount of younger people and growing our diversity in every way to ensure we better reflect the communities we serve. It means continuing the great work our schools are doing. It means having the courage to experiment with new ways of being Church, physically and digitally.

Growing Community

- Building on the community partnerships of our parishes, chaplaincies and schools, many of which were developed throughout the pandemic. It also draws in the critical work across our communities to care for the Earth and reduce carbon emissions.



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