



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD TADWORTH

PARISH PROFILE 2026

Evolving and Growing



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A WARM WELCOME FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Hello, and on behalf of everyone at The Church of The Good Shepherd, a very warm welcome! We are so glad you have found us and are interested in finding out more about life at our church.

The Church of The Good Shepherd (affectionately known as COGS) is the parish church for Tadworth and was established in 1912. It is at the heart of the community, offering a range of services, support, events and social activities, where all are welcome. Our beautiful church is open daily, and our church hall is well-used by local groups. We are a friendly and inclusive congregation, responsive to the needs of our local neighbourhood.



We come together in worship across a range of services to suit each member of our church family. In addition to our family-friendly Sunday service, we also offer a traditional early morning Eucharist, a mid-week Communion, monthly Compline and occasional Evensong services. Our Sunday service is greatly enhanced by music from our outstanding choir and our thriving junior church, Church Explorers.

Our mission is to encourage all parts of the local community to move forward in their level of Christian understanding, behaviour, beliefs and knowledge of God, and thereby ensure that Tadworth's Christian community grows in depth and size. In this way, we hope to be of service to the local community.

We would love to build on the things that we believe we are doing well while finding ways to further evolve and ensure we remain relevant to local people. It would be wonderful to attract more people into our church and, ultimately, Christian life. Our congregation numbers have remained steady, but we believe there is great potential to grow and spread the word of The Gospel across Tadworth's local and wider communities.

Evolving and Growing

We are also approaching a period of change, as there is a proposal by our Diocese to combine Tadworth and Kingswood parishes into a joint Benefice. This would be under the wing of our new incumbent, with a House for Duty priest recruited to support Kingswood. We are excited by the possibilities that this presents, but we will need a strong, compassionate and inspiring person to lead us through this process.

We hope you enjoy finding out more about The Church of The Good Shepherd and that you would like to take the next step and come and meet us in person. You will be assured of a warm welcome.

With blessings and good wishes,



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WILL YOU BE OUR NEXT PRIEST?

We are excited to have started the search for our new priest and hope to find an inspiring leader who will help us evolve and grow our church over the coming years.

To ensure we set out on our search with clear intentions about the type of leader our church needs, we ran two professionally facilitated workshops. Over 20 members of our congregation came together to identify the skills and attributes that we all thought were most important.

Our starting point was to discuss our vision for the next two years and answer the question “what does success look like for us?” The consensus was that we wanted to be...

“... a thriving Church at the heart of our community, built on a strong foundation of Christian beliefs and celebration; a Church that understands local needs and offers a range of services, activities and support to engage and create enduring relationships across all ages and viewpoints within our parish.”

We spent some time discussing our strengths and areas for development:

STRENGTHS

- ✓ We are a strong Church with a stable congregation
- ✓ We have a great range of activities and outreach: social, parish magazine, uniformed organisations, parish lunch and Saturday café
- ✓ We have a fabulous choir and music
- ✓ Our small and committed core volunteer group
- ✓ Our caring and supportive ethos

AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Our congregation numbers dip as children move to secondary schools
- ✓ We have limited visibility and engagement with the local community
- ✓ Our core volunteer group remains static, restricting what we can achieve

... and crucially what action we need to take to achieve our vision:

- ✓ Develop further our positive foundation with energy and creativity
- ✓ Build our profile and reach across the parish
- ✓ Create enduring bonds and relationships with individuals and groups
- ✓ Provide leadership that is engaging
- ✓ Provide a wider range of offerings that meet the needs of our parish community

The ideal candidate will have the following skills and attributes:

self-aware strategic and tactical thinker
an insightful and interesting preacher
great communicator
empathetic inclusive
charismatic resilient positive
people person good leader
strong interpersonal skills collaborative
open minded shows humility and integrity
ambitious creative appreciates the value of music decisive

WHAT CAN WE OFFER OUR NEW PRIEST?

In addition to the exciting leadership role outlined above, our new incumbent will benefit from:

- ✓ An engaged PCC, dedicated to growing our Church and supporting your smooth transition into our Parish
- ✓ A variety of sub committees made up of experienced and enthusiastic people
- ✓ A friendly, diverse congregation welcoming you into our community
- ✓ Introductions to local leaders, people and groups
- ✓ A four-bedroomed Vicarage next to the Church (a full description can be found on page 32)

OUR WORSHIP

Our regular services include:

Sunday Holy Communion (BCP) at 8am.

Sunday Parish Service (CW) at 10am followed by refreshments. This is a family service with junior choir every first and third Sunday and Church Explorers (junior church) on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays. We celebrate major festivals with a processional hymn and a Gospel procession. Parade services take place once a term.

Mid-week Holy Communion (said) on Wednesdays at 10am followed by refreshments.

Compline on the second Thursday at 8:15pm has a small but dedicated worship community.

These acts of worship have been adapted to sung and spoken services whilst we are in vacancy. We look forward to resuming our pattern of worship under our new incumbent.

We have a beautiful Evensong Service three times a year.

Our Christmas Services include Advent Carols, Nine Lessons and Carols, Crib Service, Midnight Mass, Christmas Day and Epiphany Carols.

Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday, early-week Compline moving to a shared Maundy Thursday meal and Communion, Good Friday reflections and culminating in our Easter Sunday Festival Eucharist.

We frequently hold weddings, baptisms and funerals, preparing and supporting participants for these important life events.



Baptism



Wedding



Crib Service



Easter Services



Wedding

OUR MUSIC

We are blessed with a four-part choir which visiting clergy have reported to be among the very best in the Diocese. Since 2018, the choir has been led by a professional musician and, whilst modest in size (usually 10 – 16 members) continues to go from strength to strength, introducing new repertoire, and has the confidence to bring the Gospel to a congregation of diverse backgrounds through uplifting musical worship.

The organ was refurbished in 2021 and provides a thrilling foundation for hymn singing. Each week the well-kept Weber piano is used for more contemporary items.

There is a well-considered blend of traditional and modern hymns as well as worship songs (Townend, Getty, Kendrick, Matt Redman, Tim Hughes). In addition to supporting the congregation in the singing of a couple of psalms per month and a rotation of communion settings, the choir sings an anthem each week (from Tallis and Tye through to Forbes-L'Estrange, Simon Lole, Will Todd, Peter Nardone). A generous legacy has enabled the choir to invest in and learn even more repertoire to keep worship fresh and invigorating.

The choir sings three Evensongs a year. In contrast with the experience of many churches, the quality of our music making has seen Evensong flourish with extra singers attending and a sizeable growth in the congregation. Other choral services particularly cherished by our congregation are the Advent Carol Service and Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

The Junior Choristers bring much-valued energy to the choir, and we would like to continue to develop links with our two local schools.

Emphasis has been placed on the selection of music for the fortnightly family services with a view to enlivening worship. There is a great opportunity for an incumbent to further develop our all-age worship.

Music is greatly valued in our community and is a wonderful way to include others. We greatly enjoy a concert followed by afternoon tea or some relaxed music making at the summer fair.

The choir sings at Tadworth's Christmas lighting event. Our organ is featured regularly either in recital or as part of a concert and attracts visits from organisations such as East Surrey and other Organists' Association.

There is a good variety of traditional and modern in our music making at COGS, and our new incumbent will be whole-heartedly supported by the choir and musicians in shaping the next chapter of our worship.



The Choir



The Organ Console



The Organ



Overlooking the Chancel



Choir at Christmas

OUR JUNIOR CHURCH, CHURCH EXPLORERS

Church Explorers is our vibrant youth group for children aged 4 and up, offering a joyful and nurturing space to explore faith, build friendships, and grow in confidence on Sunday mornings. Attendance has grown steadily, with 10 to 12 children now joining each session, and many attending consistently - a testament to the welcoming environment and engaging format.

Sessions blend Bible-based discussion, creative crafts, and active play, all rooted in the church calendar. Children share weekly news, take part in thoughtful conversations, and enjoy activities like table tennis and crafting, before joining the main service for communion blessings. This helps them feel part of the wider church family and prepares them for full participation in worship.

Church Explorers plays a vital role in encouraging children's spiritual development and supporting their families' engagement with church life. Many children have gone on to join the Junior Choir and take part in services, including readings and the much-loved Crib Service. We've also celebrated several confirmations - including parents - showing the ripple effect of this ministry.



"I love how at Church Explorers we learn about the bible by making lots of different things." Percy

"Church Explorers has taught me a lot more about the stories from the bible and helped me understand the messages we need to learn from it. I like getting to share what I've learned in Church afterwards." Monty

Our crafts and outreach activities, from Harvest shoeboxes to Easter resurrection gardens, bring colour and kindness into the church and wider community.

Looking ahead, we're excited to build on this momentum. We're exploring ways to support older children as they transition to secondary school, with plans for tailored activities and informal gatherings for ages 11 to 16. We also aim to grow our reach through stronger links with local schools and community groups, ensuring a steady flow of new families and a lasting connection to church life.

Church Explorers is a joyful, inclusive, and faith-filled foundation for our youngest members - and a vibrant sign of hope for the future of our church.



Harvest Festival Boxes



Easter Resurrection Gardens



Crib Service Procession



Table Tennis

OUR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

There is always something going on at our vibrant church! Here is a selection of activities and groups based in our church, led by us and others.

PARISH LUNCH

We host a monthly Parish Lunch, which is a delicious home cooked meal, catering for about 70 people. It takes place after our morning service on the first Sunday of each month and has grown in popularity over recent years. In true Sunday lunch style, diners are offered an aperitif, a glass of wine with their meal, and cheese and coffee with After Eights to top it off.

It began 40 years ago at Christmas to provide lunch for members of the congregation who would otherwise eat alone. Provided by a small team of diligent cooks and helpers, the Parish Lunch is an opportunity to dine on a delicious home cooked meal with friends in a warm and sociable setting.

SATURDAY CAFE

A drop-in cafe takes place every Saturday morning with a delicious selection of homemade cakes. This is a nice way to encourage friendship and support across our parish. In September we hold a Macmillan Coffee Morning and a bring and buy sale to raise funds for this important charity.

CRAFT GROUP

We run a popular craft group that meets on the first Saturday of the month in church for all ages and abilities. Activities so far have included crocheting, knitting and cross stitching.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND FUNDRAISING

Our social committee plans varied and inclusive events throughout the year. Our aim is to encourage social interaction between existing parishioners while encouraging as many other local people to join in the fun. These events also raise much needed funds for our Church.

The pinnacle of our year is our legendary annual pantomime with a cast made up of our talented congregation and members of our local community. In addition, our current programme includes:

- ✓ Quiz and Bingo nights
- ✓ Family Gameshow night
- ✓ An International Food Event
- ✓ Barn dance
- ✓ Summer event

Other fundraising events include our annual Jumble Sale, Craft Fair, Model Railway Exhibitions and numerous Cake Sales.



Pantomime



Summer Fete



Cabaret



Treasure Hunt

CHURCH HALL USERS

Our fabulous Church Hall is hired by a range of organisations including dance schools, badminton groups, a model railway exhibition, Tadworth Horticultural shows, Amateur Drama and Operatic rehearsals, private hire and many more!

This keeps us at the heart of the community with hundreds of people passing through our doors each month - and we are keen to expand this further.

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

We are very proud of the young people who are part of our uniformed organisations. They meet in our church hall and include:

- ✓ 1st Tadworth (Invincible) Sea Scout Group
 - Beavers
 - Cubs
 - Scouts
- ✓ 1st Tadworth Rainbows
- ✓ 1st Tadworth Brownies

We encourage the uniformed youth organisations to become actively involved in the life of our Church and invite them to attend parade services.

MOTHERS' UNION

We have a very active Mothers' Union (MU) branch with 25 members who meet regularly to hear invited speakers and share worship and fellowship. Our monthly meetings have covered topics such as domestic abuse, our linked diocese of Central Zimbabwe and 'Helping Women Prisoners'. Our programme also includes monthly morning communions, Bible Study and Knit-Wits as well as Deanery meetings and services at Southwark Cathedral.

We also have outings to other MU branch events as well as our popular Ramble and Pub meal. We support MU fundraising initiatives through coffee mornings and garden parties and welcome new members and visitors to attend our events.

SCHOOLS

We have a good relationship with Tadworth Primary School and Chinthurst School who regularly use our church for services, rehearsals and concerts. We would like to see these relationships grow.

CHARITY SUPPORT

The Church has a food bank collection point, with donations going to St Matthew's Church, Redhill. There is a box for donations of toiletries to a local women's refuge and recycling points for empty computer ink cartridges, milk bottle tops and stamps.

We also administer a fund put in place to ensure there is always support available to local people who are in financial need.

Our local charities are Tadworth and Walton Overseas Aid Trust (TWOAT - formed by the COGS Men's Fellowship in 1982), Welcare and The Children's Trust. We also support national charities such as Macmillan Cancer Support, The Children's Society and the Royal British Legion.



Barn Dance



Church Parade



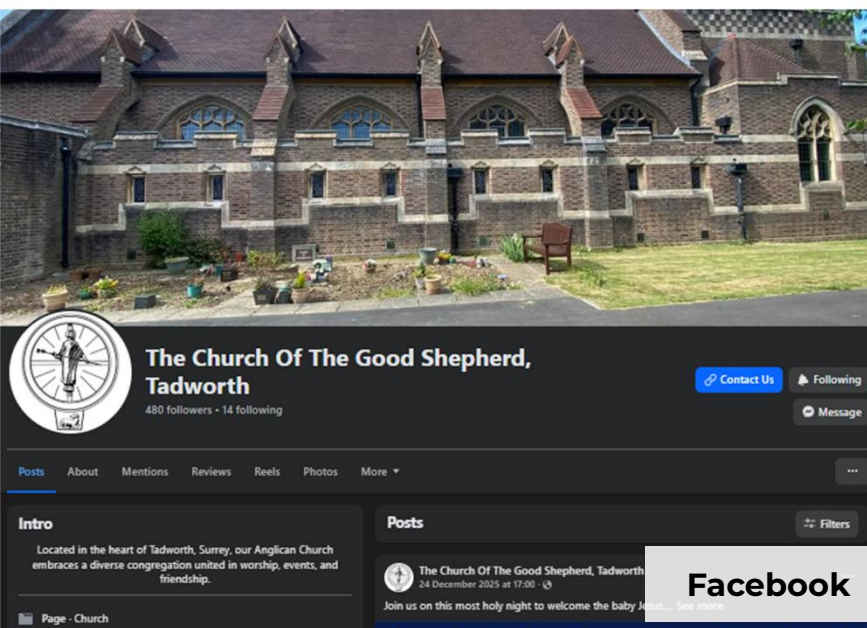
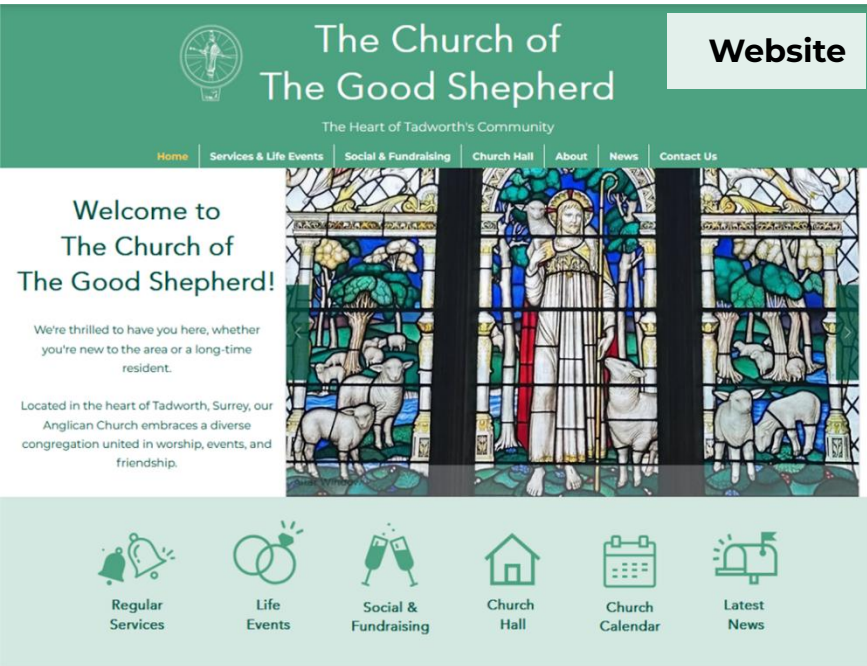
Beavers & Cubs at Harvest Festival



Stage Tech Workshop

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We produce a monthly Parish Magazine which is delivered to around 200 homes within the parish. We continue to develop our digital outreach channels, launching a new website in 2024 and increasing social media presence. Our weekly email newsletter subscriber numbers are increasing, and we now circulate news to over 250 individuals each week.



MEET OUR TEAM

We are fortunate to have a high level of engagement from our congregation with Our PCC, and subcommittees: Social Committee, Marketing and Communications Committee, Hall Committee & Standing Committee. Alongside these we have other teams of people who help organise activities and events such as our Parish Lunch Team, Jumble Sale Team, Craft Fair Team to name but a few.



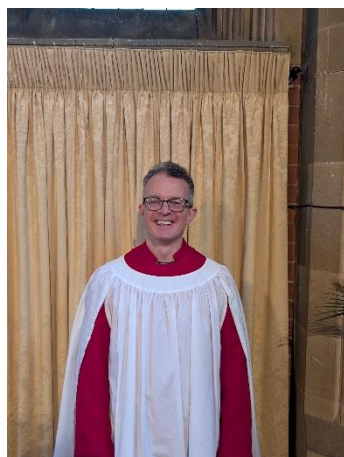
Callum Hawker
Churchwarden



Lesley Gollop
Secretary



Richard Gollop
Treasurer



Timothy Carey
Director of Music



Richard Shipman
Safeguarding Lead



Lis Tongue
Safeguarding Lead
& Church Explorers
Leader



Laura Freeman
Church Explorers
Leader

We have previously employed a Parish Administrator to support the incumbent and PCC officers. Since our former administrator left for personal reasons, the role has been covered by our PCC Secretary with the help of several volunteers. This has provided excellent support, both in managing the workload and in offering financial savings by not employing a paid administrator. However, the workload remains significant, and as we look ahead with a new incumbent, we would like to explore re-appointing an administrator, potentially shared across the proposed joint benefice.

ALL ABOUT THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Church of The Good Shepherd is the parish church of Tadworth (you can find out more about Tadworth on page 30). It has been at the heart of the community for over 100 years. As well as our regular and special services, many people visit us for private prayer and meditation or just to wander and sit quietly.

The Church has a seating capacity of 250 and for some of our special services there is standing room only!

We are always honoured to be asked to hold services marking life events such as baptisms, weddings and funerals and many of these take place throughout the year. We currently have 105 people on our Electoral Roll.

The fabric of the Church and Hall are in reasonably good condition, but like all buildings of their age they do require careful constant maintenance. We are currently undertaking projects to repair the flat rooves across the Hall, South Porch and Baptistry, and a project to re-design the lighting within the Church to reduce our energy use, carbon footprint, and improve the design.



View to the East End of the Church from Station Approach

A HISTORY OF THE CHURCH'S DEVELOPMENT

Before 1838, Tadworth was part of Banstead Parish in the Diocese of Winchester. A new parish of Kingswood was created with its St Andrew's Church and most of Tadworth being included, initially in the Diocese of Rochester and in 1905 transferring to the Diocese of Southwark.

The railway line's extension in 1900 encouraged development of Tadworth as a residential area, placing pressure on the space available in St Andrew's for both villages and land was provided for a new Church, Hall and Vicarage.

Initially only the chancel and half of the nave were to be built, and a building fund was set up accordingly. The Church was designed by a local resident and the foundation stone, at the south-east corner of the south transept, was consecrated by the Bishop of Kingston and laid in March 1911. The work was completed in 1912, and the Church was consecrated by the Bishop of Southwark in April of that year. The remainder of the Nave, the Baptistry and front porch were added in 1962 to celebrate the Church's 50th anniversary.



The West End circa 1960 (photo courtesy of The Frith Collection)

The definition of parish boundaries initially raised issues as Tadworth is at the edge of three dioceses, but these were resolved with the first Vicar of Tadworth being instituted in October 1955. We are in the Diocese of Southwark.

In 1930 a Hall Appeal was started though by 1936 it was not fully completed as the west end was finished with a temporary wooden structure. World War II postponed plans to complete both the Church and Hall.

In 1947, greater freedom was given for management, leading to a new impetus for work among young people, ultimately resulting in the formation of Youth Fellowship, Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies. With greater demand for the Hall for both Church and Community activities, an extension to the Hall, the provision of a stage and reconfiguration of certain facilities was completed in September 1957.

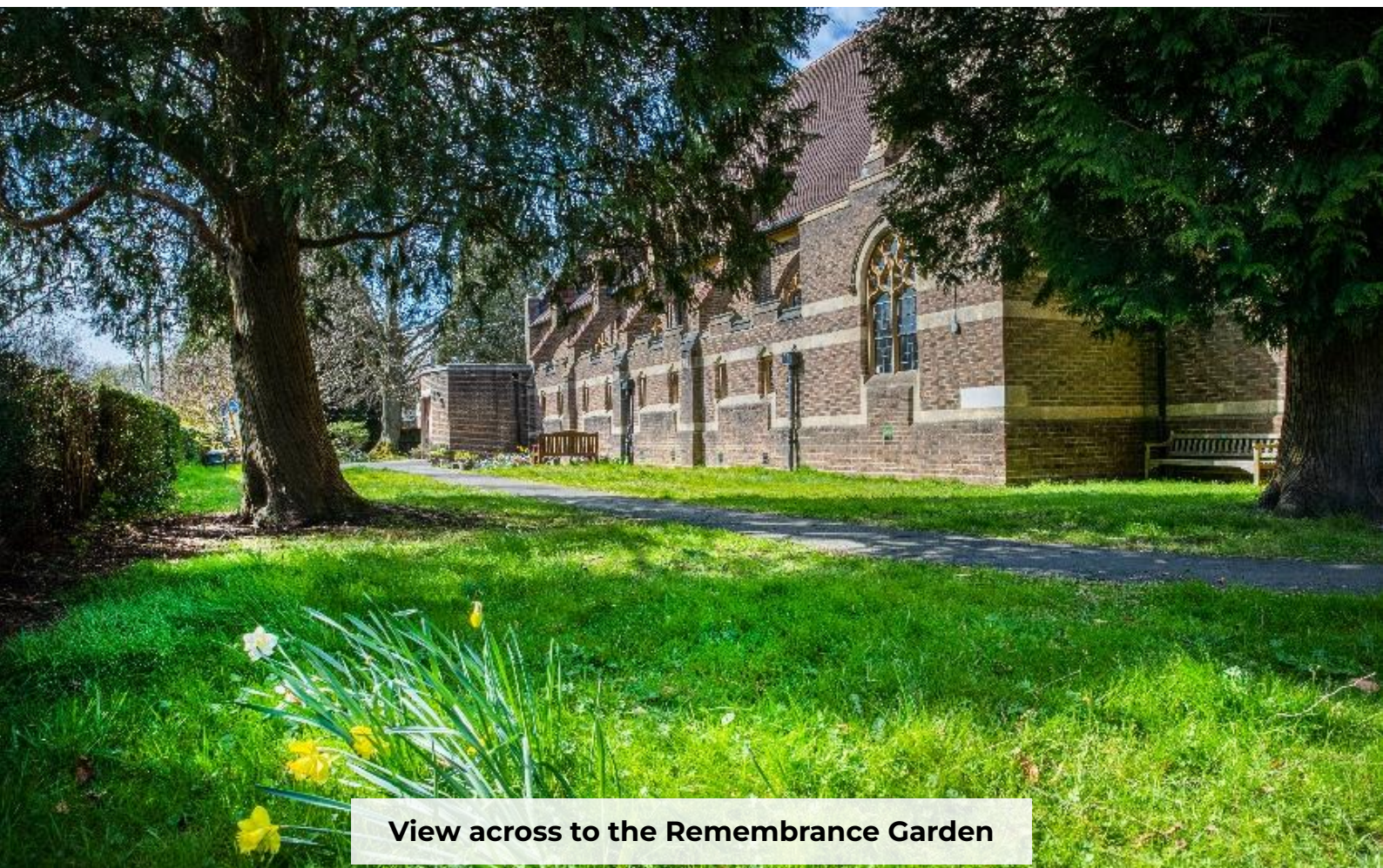
In 2010, the congregation voted to commemorate the Centenary of the Church and to confirm our faith in the future of worship at The Church of The Good Shepherd by building a new Lady Chapel.



This is on the north side of the Church and has a covered walkway with wheelchair access to all three church buildings. It is used for private prayer, small intimate services and contains the Aumbry. It is accessed from the North Porch and is positioned between the Vestry and Church Meeting Room.

To the north side of the Chancel is a passage leading to the Choir and Clergy vestries where robes and other items are held for safekeeping.

The Grounds around the church are mainly grassed, with a few flower beds and a number of mature trees. To the right of the South Porch, the main entrance, is the Garden of Remembrance. There are no graves or gravestones within the garden but the ashes of loved ones may be interred within it along with a suitable memorial plaque or stone. The southern and eastern boundaries are defined by hedges. In the north-east corner stands a telecommunications mast from which the church receives a nominal income.



View across to the Remembrance Garden

DETAILS OF INTEREST: A WALK AROUND OUR CHURCH

When you enter the Church through the South porch, above you can be seen a list of the Clergy who have served the Parish.

Much of the church's furniture, furnishings, windows and ornamentation are designed, built or sponsored in memory of past parishioners.

The Bell

In the roof space above the west end, there is a large bell, which is used to announce services.

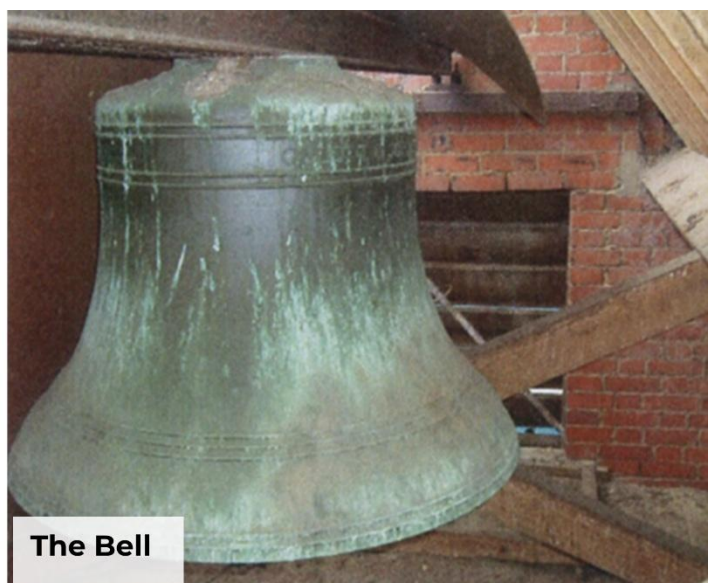
West Window

The Church is dedicated to 'The Good Shepherd' and outside the west end of the Church there is a great circular window with a large statue of Jesus Christ.

The statue has a face of peace and compassion and there is a shepherd's crook in his right hand. The figure does not appear to stand on anything, thus depicting the spiritual nature of Christ ever present. A ram, representing the sheep, (the world's people) is separate thereby symbolising their freedom to follow Christ or go their own way. The crook in Christ's hand is carried at readiness to come to the aid of the sheep, or people, at any time.



The West Window



The Bell

East Window

Above the altar is the great East Window, its theme is the sacrificing and nurturing love of God as expressed in the character of The Good Shepherd.

At the top, the crest with the red diamonds represents the Diocese of Southwark; the other is the province of Canterbury. This helps us to remember that the Parish Church is part of the diocesan family of churches and part of the worldwide Christian community.

Baptism

The painting above the font depicts the meaning of Christian Baptism by showing a dying man descending into the waters and the new, vigorous man arising from them, symbolising Jesus Christ himself, who died, rose again and who lives evermore in the resurrection. Below the painting is the font which has the design theme of the Trinity.

In 1999 a modern window was installed in the Baptistry in memory of a child who died tragically young.



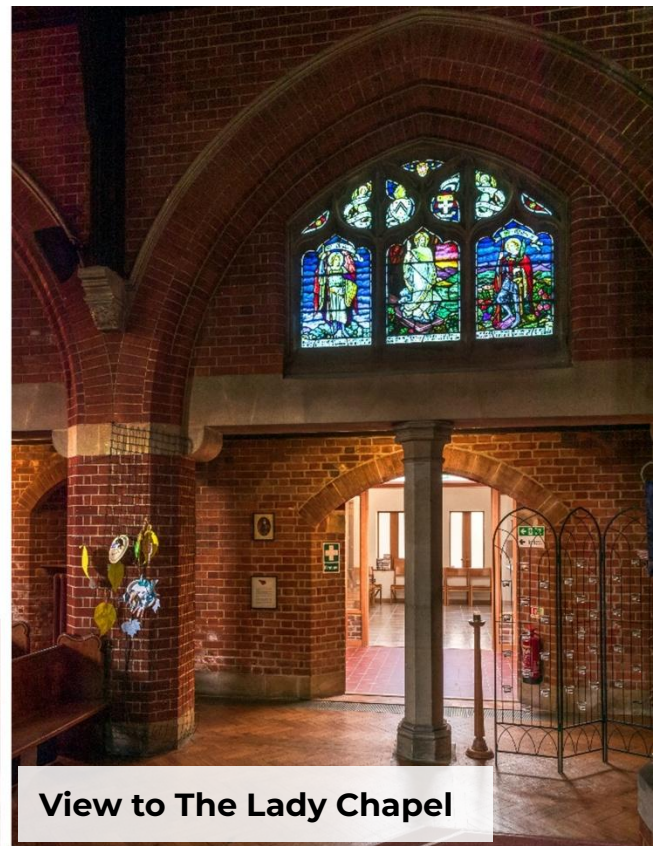
Stained Glass Windows

Each of the stained-glass windows in the Ambulatories and Clerestories tells its own story. The figures in the windows depict either Jesus Christ or a scene from his life or some of his dedicated followers through the centuries.

The more modern windows have good descriptions of what they represent displayed on the walls beside them and to whom they are dedicated.



Saints Windows



View to The Lady Chapel



Clerestory and Ambulatory Windows



Contemporary Windows

Nave, Chancel and Sanctuary

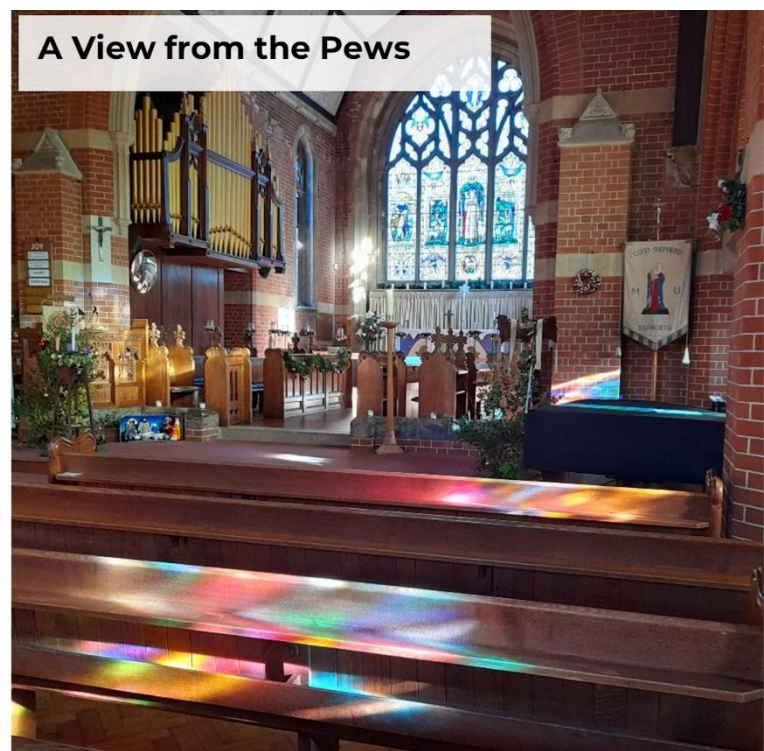
Within the Nave, halfway down the main aisle are two pews marked for the Churchwardens that have fittings at the pew end to hold their Staff of Office.

At the end of the Nave is the Book of Remembrance, recording the names of those people whose funeral services took place in the Church, or whose ashes have been interred in the Garden of Remembrance since the 1970s. We also invite our congregation to add names of their loved ones should they wish.

On its right is the ornate oak pulpit designed as part of the original Church. On the other side of the platform is the eagle shaped Lectern and behind this is kept the banner of the Mother's Union.

The Chancel area has the choir pews, seating for those conducting the services and accommodates the wonderful organ. This had a substantial refurbishment and enhancement in 2022.

Beyond and raised above the Chancel stands the Altar within the Sanctuary – the focus and centre of Church life. The altar is adorned with frontals with the original embroidery worked and subsequently restored by local needlewomen. These vary in colour according to the Church year with a special Nativity frontal for the Christmas period. On the walls either side of the altar are memorials to members of the Tadworth families who died in the two World Wars in the 20th century.



The Church Hall

The Church Hall was opened in 1936 and is undergoing a rolling programme of improvements and refurbishment. The Meeting Room was built in 1995 and hosts many smaller groups. Both facilities are regularly used by groups such as Scouting, Guiding, Badminton, Ballet and Dance Classes, Fitness Classes, Wedding Receptions, Funeral Wakes, Parties and other local residents or Church gatherings. All these groups and activities embrace outreach into the wider community of the parish and beyond. The Church Hall provides a reliable source of income for the Church.



Wedding Receptions



Jumble Sale



International Food Evening



Tadworth Olympics

Curate's House

The Church owns a three-bedroom semi-detached Curate's house, near the Church, which is currently rented out and provides an income. The PCC is responsible for the upkeep of the building.



The Curate's House

THE VILLAGE OF TADWORTH

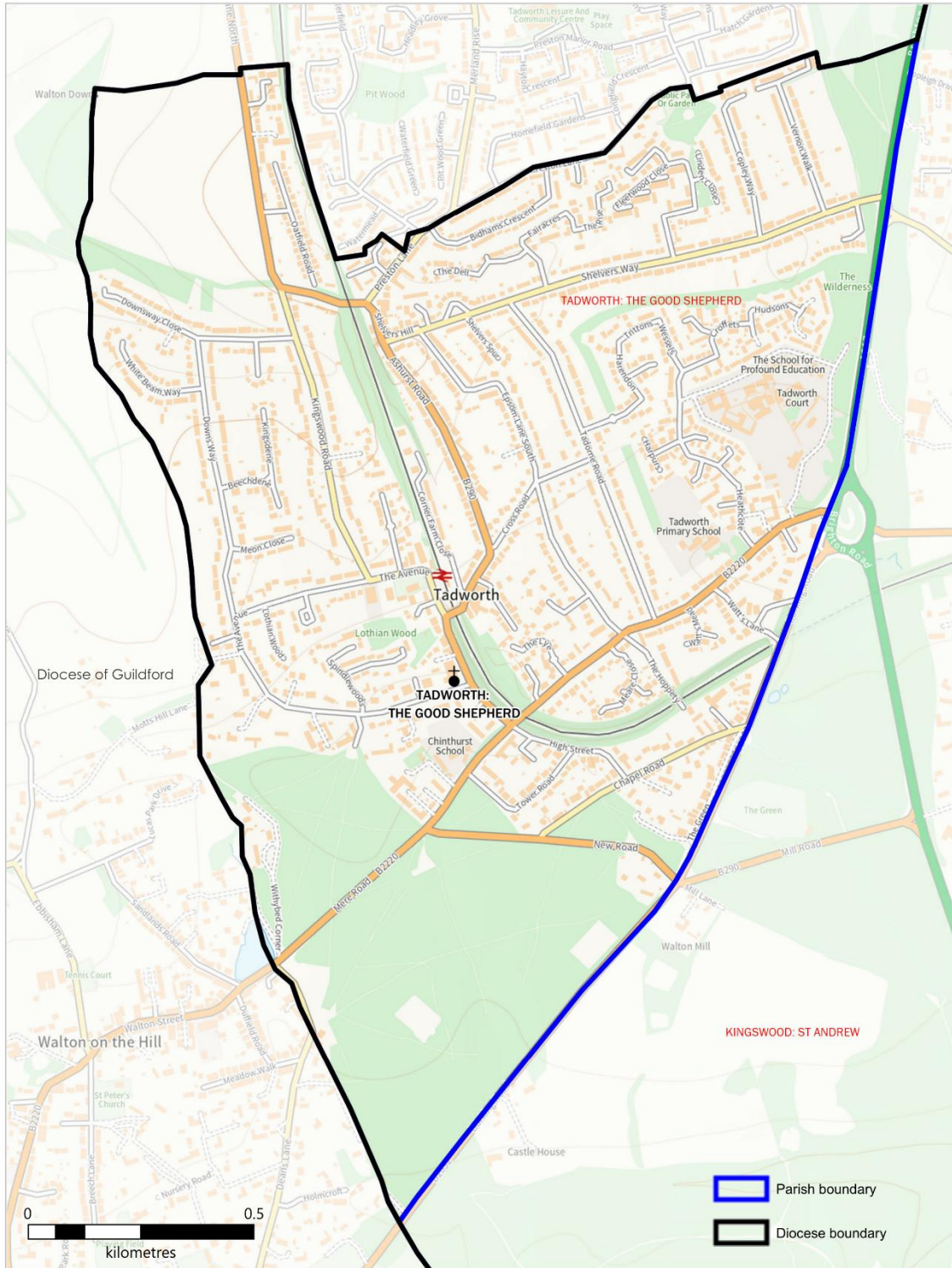


The village of Tadworth is situated on the North Downs in Surrey, 15 miles from London and just two miles from the Surrey National Landscape and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Tadworth is within the Borough of Reigate and Banstead and is a medium-sized village with a population of around 9,400. A large part of the centre of the historic village is a designated Conservation Area.

Within walking distance of the church, you will find beautiful heathland and a lively village with a range of independent shops, butcher, baker, fishmonger and pubs and restaurants. There are also two GP practices, primary schools, a leisure centre with a gym and swimming pool and a golf club.

Tadworth has its own train station with regular trains to London Bridge (zone 6). Bus routes to Epsom, Sutton, Redhill, Gatwick and Crawley also serve the village.

Parish of Tadworth, The Good Shepherd



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APPENDICES

THE VICARAGE: PROPERTY DETAILS

The Vicarage is an attractive and quietly located detached modern house built circa 1990 by Wates.

The accommodation is arranged over two storeys. The ground floor consists of a reception hall leading to a very spacious office and guest cloakroom. An inner hallway leads to the double-aspect sitting room with garden access; dining room, eat-in kitchen and utility room. Upstairs are three double bedrooms (two with wardrobes), a good-sized single/small double bedroom; bathroom and shower room. There is gas-fired central heating and the windows are double-glazed. The large loft has easy access off bedroom four and excellent storage space. The integral garage is a full-sized double, with light, power and a powered door.

Mature gardens are to the front, side and rear. The driveway provides parking for several vehicles.



The Vicarage

MISSION ACTION PLAN

Our Mission Action Plan is currently in development and is an active area of discernment for the PCC.

In 2024, the parish took part in the Church Urban Fund study course Growing Good. Through this process, five key priorities were identified:

1. Improving publicity and communications beyond the church
2. Offering a Christian Basics course
3. Clearly communicating “who does what” and “what goes on” within the church
4. Exploring new patterns of Bible study, prayer and fellowship
5. Beginning a teenager/youth group

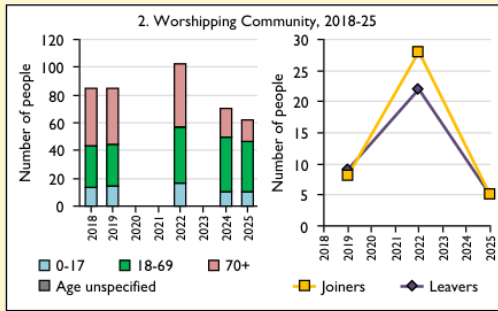
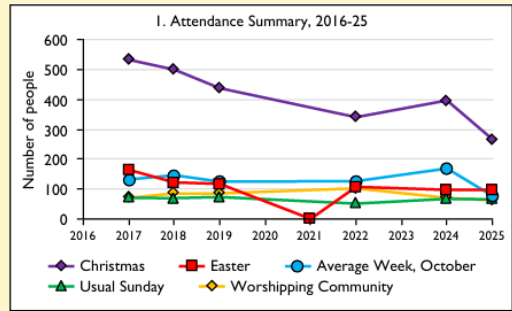
While these priorities were not developed into a formal Mission Action Plan at the time, they have provided a helpful and shared starting point for the parish’s missional direction.

In January, the PCC held a facilitated workshop, supported by the diocese, which helped to identify key current priorities. This included strengthening communication, seeking and supporting the appointment of a new incumbent, and increasing our provision for children and young people.

The PCC is committed to continuing this work at future meetings in order to formalise and implement a Mission Action Plan that reflects both our context and calling. Anyone wishing to know more about where we are in this process is welcome to contact the Churchwarden.

PARISH STATISTICS: FACTS AND FIGURES

SfM Dashboard for the Church of Tadworth: The Good Shepherd in the Deanery of REIGATE

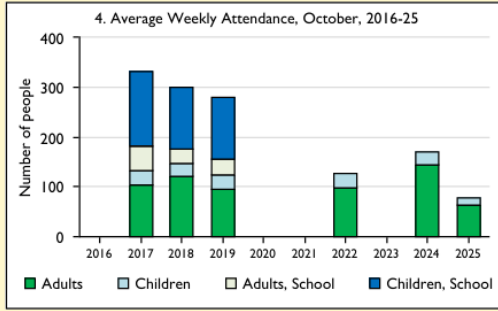
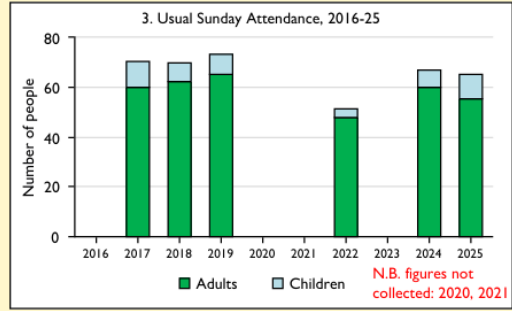


Church Census summary
Church population (2021): 5803

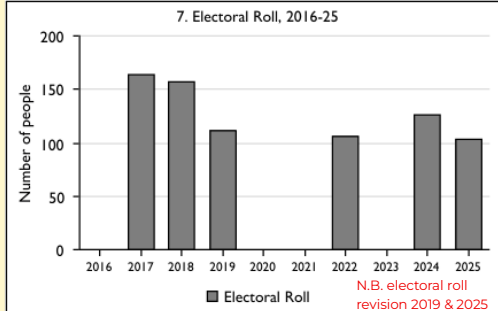
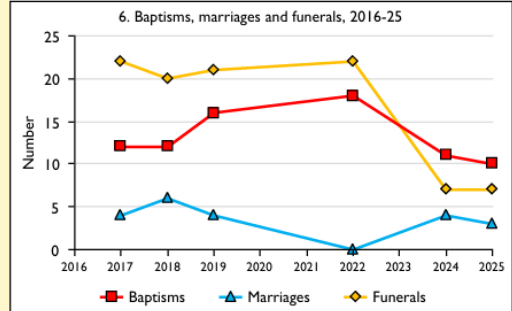
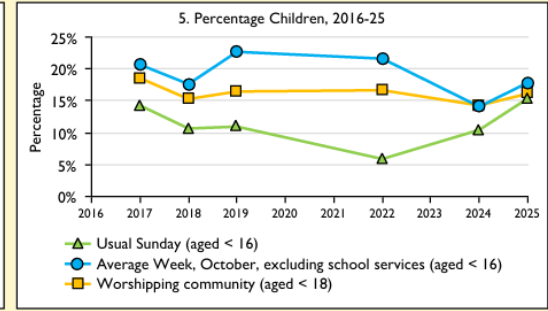
	Church	Diocese	National
% aged 0-19	21%	23%	23%
% aged 20-44	24%	41%	33%
% aged 45-69	35%	28%	31%
% aged 70 & over	19%	8%	14%
% Christian	56%	45%	46%
% non-Christian religion	5%	14%	11%

Church deprivation rank (IMD 2025): 11607
(1=most deprived parish in the Church of England, 12,154=least deprived)

For more detailed census & deprivation info: see <https://arccg.is/1WzGbO>
<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/data-services/> and
<http://www.cuf.org.uk/shinealight/>



Number of churches in parish (2025): 1 Church Code: 637180



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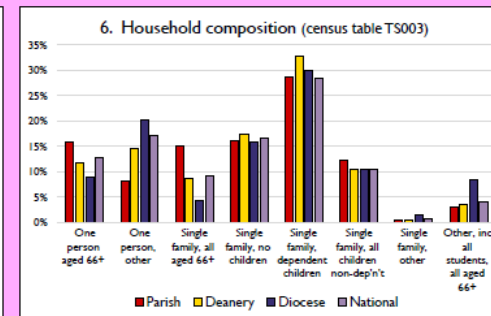
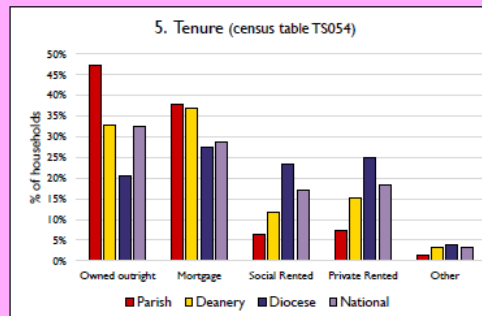
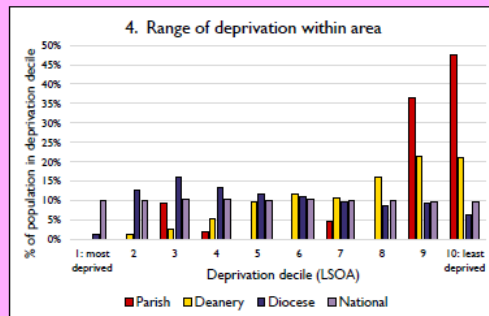
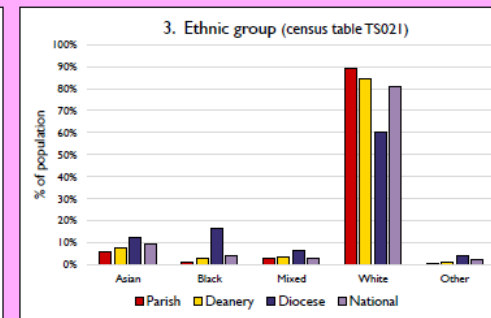
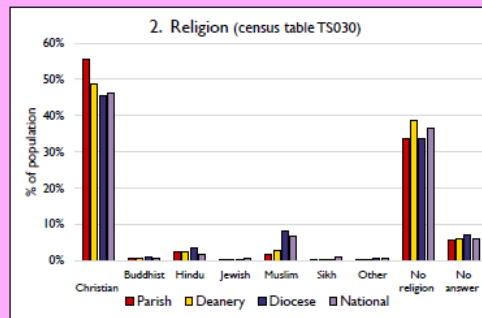
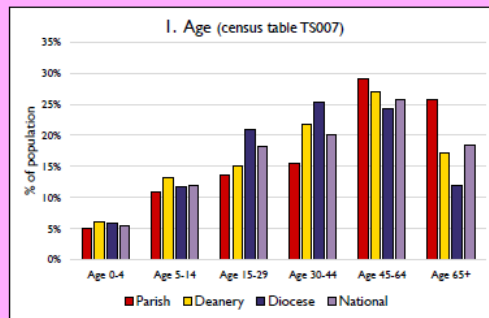
Attendance statistics: taken from annual Statistics for Mission returns.
Average weekly attendance: attendance at Sunday and midweek church services & fresh expressions in October; Figs 1 & 5 do not include attendance at services for schools.
Easter: Easter Eve & Easter Day; Christmas: Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.
Baptisms: all baptisms & thanksgivings.
Marriages: marriages and services of prayer & dedication after civil marriages.
Funerals: those held in church & at crematoria/cemeteries.
Because of pandemic-related church closures, Easter figures were not collected in 2020.

Census data: taken from the 2021 national Census.
Deprivation statistics: IMD taken from the English Indices of Deprivation, published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Oct 2025.
The above statistics have been mapped onto parish boundaries so are approximations.
For more information, see: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/data-services/>

Variations in attendance from year to year may be the result of changes in the number of churches that submitted returns, or changes in parish/benefice structure.
Number of churches included in returns: 2017 1;2018 1;2019 1;2021 1;2022 1;2024 1;2025 1.
Produced by Data Services, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ. Date of production: 07/01/2026.
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7. 2019 Deprivation Statistics

Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD), domains, and subdomains

IMD - overall deprivation 88%		
Employment 80%	Crime 46%	Health 64%
Income 73%	Education 63%	
Income: Children 66%	Children & Youth 80%	
Income: Old people 74%	Adult Skills 68%	
Housing & services 67%	Living Environ't 81%	
Local services 60%	Indoors 95%	
Affordability 29%	Outdoors 13%	

Shading shows severity of deprivation compared to other parishes, colour-coded by decile. E.g. a figure of 25% means that 25% of parishes are more deprived than this parish.

	Parish	Deanery	Diocese	National
Population	5,803	127,454	2,879,124	56,506,784
Occupied households	2,352	51,029	1,164,013	23,444,438
Living in households	5,737	125,691	2,845,651	55,542,946
Average household size	2.44	2.46	2.44	2.37
Living in communal estab'ts	66	1,763	33,473	963,838

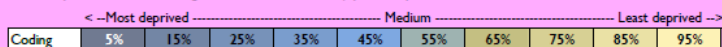
Parish, Deanery and Diocese codes

Parish 370180 The Good Shepherd Tadworth
 Deanery 37204 REIGATE
 Diocese 37 Southwark

Notes & definitions

Census and deprivation statistics have been mapped onto parish boundaries, and are therefore approximations. Census data as shown in figures 1-3, 5, & 6 are derived from the National Census 2021 produced by the Office of National Statistics (ONS). For details from ONS see: https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/sources/census_2021. Deprivation statistics are derived from the English Indices of Deprivation 2019, produced by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government. More details can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019>. Deprivation statistics are published at LSOA level. Figure 4 shows how the population of each area is split across LSOAs, categorised by LSOA deprivation decile. For more detailed parish census and deprivation information, see: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/data-services/resources-publications-and-data/#a>. For an interactive map showing parish deprivation and census statistics, see: <http://arcg.is/1RaS4CS>.

Parish deprivation statistics in figure 7 are colour-coded by parish deprivation decile:



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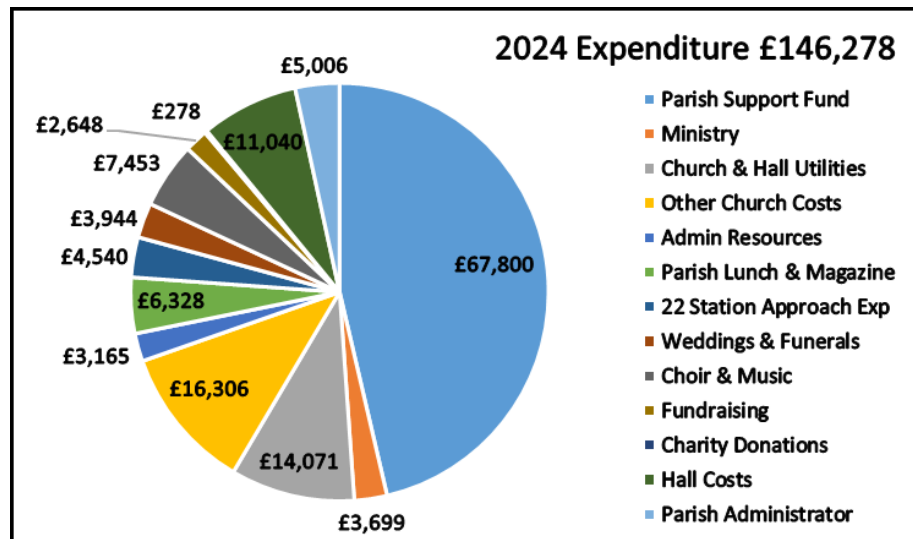
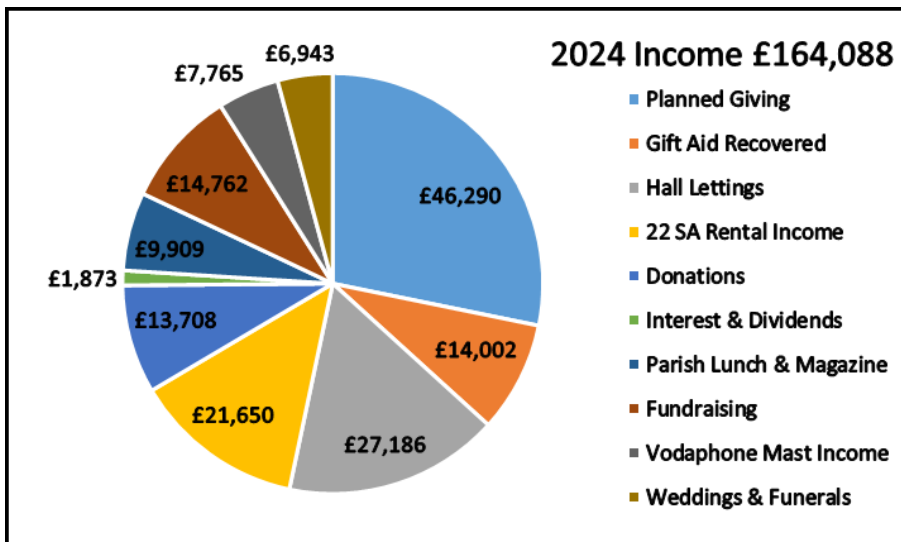
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Tadworth ended 2024 in a stronger financial position than expected, finishing the year with an in year surplus against a budget deficit at the beginning of the year.

Regular income streams such as planned giving, hall lettings, donations and rental income remained steady whilst day-to-day expenditure was managed carefully. Overall reserves and cash balances are healthy, giving the parish some flexibility however, the PCC is mindful that building and maintenance work identified in the Quinquennial Inspection will require funding in the near future, meaning the 2024 surplus will need to be drawn on and should not be viewed as a long-term pattern.



Looking ahead, the PCC is seeking an incumbent who is comfortable working within a realistic, sustainable financial framework and who

recognises the importance of careful stewardship. While any incoming clergy is not expected to manage finances directly, they will play an important role in helping set priorities, supporting the culture of generosity and working collaboratively with the Treasurer, Wardens, and PCC. Clear communication, shared planning and an understanding of how ministry priorities align with financial capacities will be central.

The parish hopes its new leader will contribute to strengthening regular giving, encouraging open conversations about resources, and helping shape decisions about future repairs and capital projects. Above all, the PCC is looking for someone who will support a balanced approach, honouring the parish's mission and pastoral commitments while ensuring the financial health required to sustain ministry for years to come.

The Parish of Tadworth Finance Dashboard:

