

St Mary's Tatsfield



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'We seek to know and share God's love as revealed in Jesus Christ'



St Mary's Tatsfield LIMPSFIELD & TATSFIELD TEAM MINISTRY



St Peter's Limpsfield



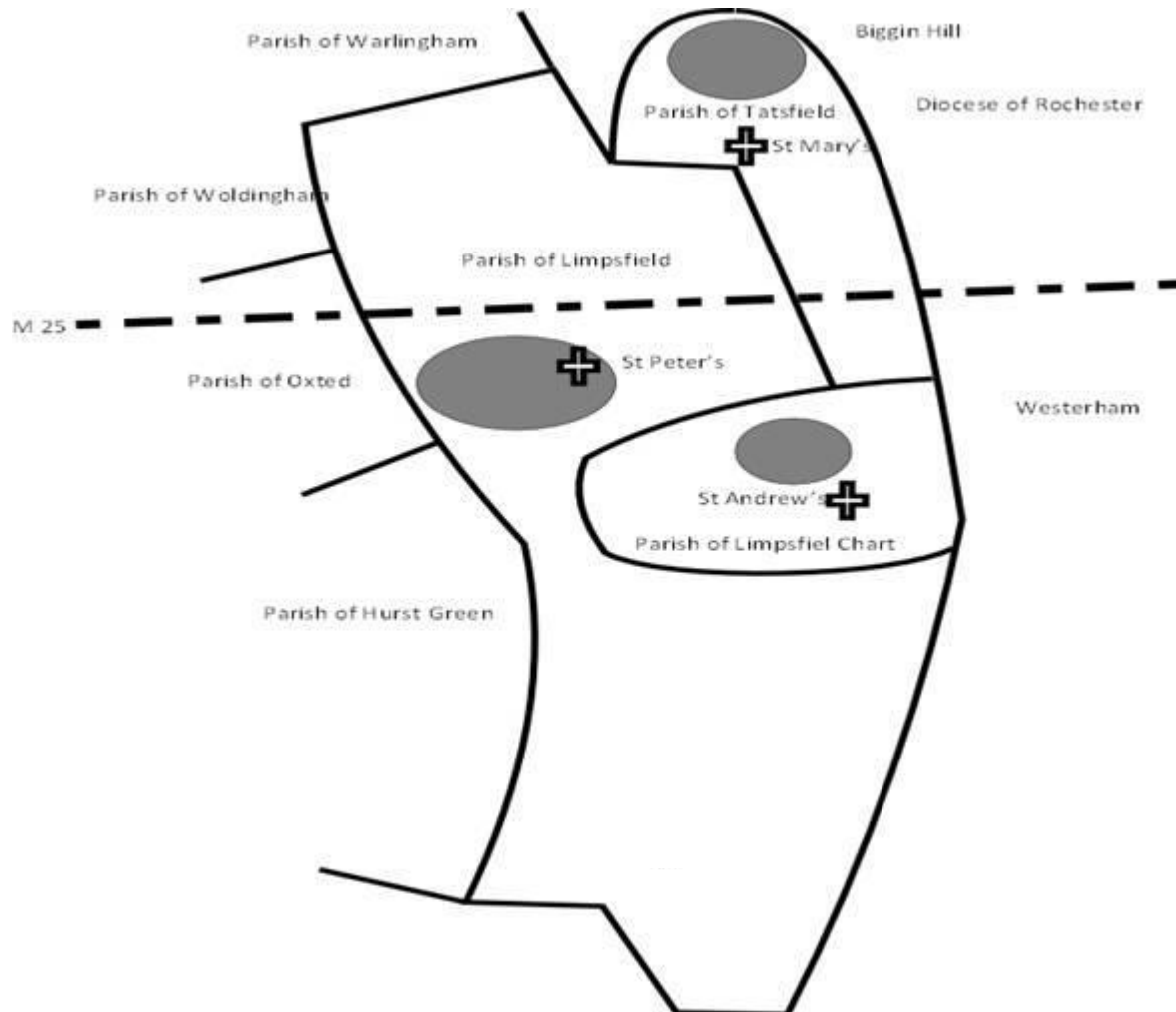
St Andrew's Limpsfield Chart

Team and Parish Profiles

June 2022

Team Vicar, Limpsfield Team (with special responsibility as Vicar, St Mary's Church and Children & Families Worker Across the Team)

Sketch Map of Limpsfield & Tatsfield Team Ministry Area



The Limpsfield & Tatsfield Team Ministry was established in 2010, when St Andrew's Limpsfield Chart became a parish in its own right, having been previously a daughter church of St Peter's Limpsfield.

Following the retirement of Revd Vince Short, the vacancy is for Parish Priest of St Mary's Tatsfield and Children and Families Minister across the team of Limpsfield and Tatsfield.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ROLE

Mission

- Work throughout the team in growing our Children and Families Ministry including leading Collective worship in our local schools
- Work with SparkFish! the schools work charity in Reigate and Redhill to bring their work into Tandridge Deanery Schools
- Become involved in the wider life of the village, enable the church to continue to be seen locally as the centre for spiritual life.
- Use effectively the ancient setting of the Pilgrim's church on the Pilgrims' Way, the stunning location of the church building and the adjacent church hall.
- Ensure that the church maintains an outward focus

Leadership and collaborative working

- Provide a vision for the future of the church: inspire, motivate and empower church members to fulfil that vision
- Provide a vision for the growth of Children and Families work throughout the team
- Work collaboratively with the Churchwardens, PCC and Rector to ensure the smooth running of the church
- Chair the PCC and Standing Committee
- Attend and contribute to Team meetings
- Ensure people feel competent and supported when taking on responsibilities

Children and Families Work

- Building and developing outreach work with children and families, including but not exclusively with those who already have contact with our churches
- To support, develop and motivate existing leaders/helpers working with the children's groups throughout the team
- To identify and encourage new leaders/helpers to join the various teams
- Help to lead the Collective worship in the four schools which fall within the parishes

Parish Work

- To plan and lead a variety of styles of worship
- To help the church maintain an outward focus and strong presence in the wider community
- Foster vocations
- Develop the vision for the church to become an Eco Church and promote and develop the commitment to take seriously the call to protect the integrity of creation
- Lead on giving pastoral care to people in the church and village.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS

Housing – The Rectory

The Rectory is a splendid and spacious late Victorian house with large garden, located on Ricketts Hill Road, TN16 2NA, with bus links to and beyond, the surrounding area and wider rail network. It comprises three reception rooms (one is the Parish Office) a large kitchen, and downstairs toilet. Upstairs there are five bedrooms and two bathrooms. Outside is a garage, with parking spaces at the front, and a large garden at the rear of the property. Its location is a short distance from the centre of the village and the church. There is adequate accommodation an upstairs room is currently used as a study for the Vicar.

The Limpsfield & Tatsfield Team Ministry

The Team Ministry has developed since its formation in 2010 to be a vibrant team of three parish churches sharing a semi-rural setting, each at quite different stages in their ministry and mission. The growing sense of Team in the parishes, and the strong mutual support between the clergy and others with ministry roles, are both real gifts.

	Team church	Post	Appointed to post
Revd Helen Cook	St Peter's, Limpsfield	Team Rector	2020
Vacant	St Mary's, Tatsfield	Team Vicar	
Rev Paul Perkin	St Andrew's, Limpsfield Chart	Minister-in-Charge (House for Duty)	2021
Dr Sue Compton	St Andrew's, Limpsfield Chart	Reader	1992
Paul Budgen	St Peter's, Limpsfield	SPA (Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary)	2015
Sarah Paxton	St Peter's, Limpsfield	Trainee Lay Minister (Reader)	2020

Team Rector at St. Peter's Limpsfield – For the Limpsfield and Tatsfield Team Ministry

We are a team ministry of three pretty, rural villages in East Surrey in the M25 area. The Team Rector is myself, Helen Cook and I am currently supported by an experienced House for Duty Priest, Paul Perkin at St. Andrew's Limpsfield. Within the team there are also two licensed Readers and one SPA (Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary)



Shared activities include worship on special days such as Ascension Day and various opportunities in education and personal growth. These have included weekly clergy support and prayer, bible study, themed courses. All the parishes of the Team are in the Tandridge Deanery which is within the Episcopal Area of Croydon and the Archdeaconry of Reigate.

Chapter meetings for clergy are held monthly and our team clergy are encouraged to attend. Deanery Synod meetings are held three times a year and usually have a speaker in addition to any business to be discussed. The Deanery provides a valuable additional source of fellowship and sharing of ideas for the clergy and those in particular ministry roles.

Mission Links

Two of our churches have links with Christ Church, Brixton Road (South London). Our Croydon episcopal area has a lively link with the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe, as part of a wider link between the whole Diocese of Southwark and the Dioceses of Zimbabwe.

Team Ministry Facts and Figures

	St Peter's	St Andrew's	St Mary's
Approx. population of Parish	2,700	850	1,900
Electoral Roll 2021	209	71	52
Diocesan Pledge 2021	£102,000	£28,000	£36,000
Typical congregation at main service	80 adults. Number of children is dependent on the service.	35 adults	Average Sunday attendance 20 adults.
Main Sunday service	10am Eucharist	10am Eucharist	10am Eucharist
Other regular Sunday services	8am Holy Communion. 3pm Monthly Messy Church		
Baptisms in 2021	20	5	1
Confirmations in 2021	6	0	0
Weddings in 2021	4	2	1
Funerals 2021	33	2	12

Introduction to Tatsfield

The village sits on the top of the North Downs on the boundaries of the administrative areas of Surrey (in which it actually is), Kent and Greater London. It is less than ten miles from the urban areas of Bromley and Croydon and less than twenty miles from the centre of London. Despite its close proximity to amenities, it still preserves a rural identity and is supported by the Green Belt policy: there is some farmland within the parish together with a golf course.



In the centre of the village there is a green and pond, together with a shop, tea room, Post Office, pub, garage, village club and a restaurant with B&B accommodation. There is also a village hall, WI hall and parish meeting room. On the edge of the village is a recreation ground and scout hall.



The local community

Tatsfield has about 740 dwellings and has a population of around 2000 inhabitants, with predominantly privately owned housing. The village has a well-balanced population. Despite an increase in homeworking many still commute to London and surrounding areas. There is also a significant number of retired people.

There are many flourishing organisations in the village which offer a variety of activities including, sports, fitness, horticultural, social club, WI, singing, art, and 'Tatsfield in Bloom'. Traditionally the church has participated in the Village Remembrance Day service and Carol Service



There is a popular Primary School situated at the edge of the village which attracts children from the village and surrounding areas. A flourishing toddler group meets in the Millennium Hall and a well subscribed pre-school runs in the village hall, this together with a day nursery which uses the old school means that the village is well populated by young families. There are active uniformed organisations including Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

The Parish Magazine is published ten times each year and is delivered free to every household. Past copies and further information about the village may be seen on: www.tatsfield.org.uk.

St Mary's Church

We enjoy a committed, warm, active congregation, supported by the churchwardens and many volunteers. Our pattern of worship includes a Sunday 10am Parish Eucharist on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday and an All-Age Service on the 1st Sunday at 10.00am with a said Holy Communion at 11.30 am. Lay participation within services includes serving, administration of communion, readings and leading the intercessions. The electoral roll number at present (2022) is 52.

Other services which draw in the wider community include, the service of Nine Lessons and Carols and All Souls.

Mid-week evening study groups are organised at regular intervals and during Lent groups are organised with other churches in the Oxted area.

St Mary's as a village church

The church building is a Grade II listed small church dating back to c.1075 set in large churchyard with magnificent views over Kent, Surrey and Sussex, and includes the very popular St Mary's Millennium Hall.

We are a church which welcomes all and seek to support and include the local community. This happens through a variety of activities which include an annual Flower Festival, concerts and Lent lunches, Harvest and Christmas celebrations and an Ascension Day breakfast.

The large churchyard is still open and is maintained, mostly by volunteers, through the PCC.

A new extension to the churchyard has been consecrated and will be developed later this year.

Our Millennium Hall includes a spacious meeting room, kitchen and toilets and is well used for church activities and by regular and occasional hirers.

St Mary's as a place for visitors

Where possible the church is open during the week and our visitors' book shows how much this is appreciated. A Pilgrim Stamp is available for those on pilgrimage to Canterbury and our summer teas on Sunday afternoons in the hall are well supported by the village and those from further afield, including the many cyclists enjoying the steep climb into the village!

St Mary's as one church amongst other local churches



Visiting singers from St Ambrose RC church, Warlingham at a 'Creation' themed service

St Mary's is a member of Churches Together in Oxted and District which comprises eleven churches of varying traditions. Under a Covenant the church has historically been shared with the local Roman Catholic community for whom it is a Mass Centre, however, a shortage of priests has restricted services in recent times. We hope to introduce joint services once or twice a year.

St Mary's as a church of the Southwark Diocese

Tatsfield is in the Diocese of Southwark, the Croydon Episcopal Area, the Archdeaconry of Reigate and the Deanery of Tandridge.

St Mary's as a church in the Anglican Communion

Via CMS, we fund and support the missional work of Lea and Petra Williams, based in a very secular city in the Czech Republic, working with a local church to bring the light of Christ to the community.

St Mary's as a church sensitive to the needs of the world

The PCC allocates an annually agreed amount to charities, runs fund-raising events and donates all of its collection from selected services to specific charities. It is also a Fairtrade church.

Locally, we collect and deliver food regularly, throughout the year, to meet the growing need to support families at both Westerham Foodbank and Christ Church, Brixton Road.

St Mary's as a church with well managed facilities and finances

In 2021 total income amounted to £77,698 of which £68,703 was General and Designated Funds and £8,995 Restricted Funds. Income received from direct giving amounted to £29,143 and tax recovered was £7,211.

There are no capital debts and there have been no arrears in parish share payments in recent years.

Parish share payments are made by monthly direct debit.

The normal running expenses of the church have varied little over past years and considerable designated and restricted reserves have accumulated, enabling improvements and maintenance of the fabric of the church to be carried out.

St Mary's is in a stable financial position and all income and expenditure for the general running of the church is carefully monitored.

There has been some Reduction in income in the past few months following the pandemic and expenditure has increased in line with the recent high rise in inflation.

Regular reviews of giving to the church are made using material supplied by the Diocese.

The PCC reimburses priest in charge for appropriate expenses of office (travel, phone and other expenses).

Social and fundraising events are organised under the PCC.

A separate charity, The Friends of St. Mary's Trust, exists to provide grants for the upkeep of the fabric.

Care and maintenance of the fabric has often been undertaken by a combination of contactors volunteers and a maintenance manager undertakes some of the routine and occasional essentials.

All work concerning the building is overseen by a Fabric Group.

The hall covers its running costs and generates some income from lettings.

St Mary's as a church looking to the future

St Mary's is well regarded in the village this is demonstrated by the practical support and interest people show, examples of this include helping with the Sunday afternoon church teas, regular flower arranging and helping with the popular Flower Festival.



Mission Priorities - 11 point Action Plan

- Ensure continuance of all 10 am Sunday Services and other services at major festivals
- Grow our provision for children and families.
- Grow our provision for those in later life, this will also include the ministry of Home Communion to the sick and the housebound.
- Continue the Lectio Divina weekly meeting and encourage others to join.
- Encourage involvement of new members in activities within the services and wider.
- Maintain good communication via the Web Site, social media, the weekly notice sheet and up to date notice boards, this will be well supported by the Parish Administrator.
- Re-establish the pastoral group and be aware of the needs in the village
- Continue to encourage support of the Saturday morning working parties in the churchyard
- Continue the development of the new burial area and construction of the area for the interment of ashes
- Re-establish the Sunday afternoon teas.
- To re-invigorate and foster ecumenical relationship with the local Roman Catholic community

St Peter's, Limpsfield

Limpsfield is a large semi-rural parish and a vibrant village church at the heart of the community, with many able and committed people. St Peter's is a beautiful Norman church building, and its people are active, both in its services, its fellowship and in the community. On a typical Sunday about 80 people will come to the 10am service with very many more at Festivals. Our tradition is liberal catholic in worship and teaching, in that we are rooted in the parish Eucharist and a regular pattern of prayer.



We also host a Messy Church on a Sunday afternoon once a month which young families from across the Team and beyond attend. The sense of a central English 'parish communion' church is evident, as is a generosity of spirit in response to the possibility of change and new gifts.

On the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays we celebrate with a 10.00am Parish Eucharist, our music worship is led an adult choir, an organ and a grand piano. The adult choir has normally around 15-20 singers each week and we benefit from an experienced Choral Director and very talented organist. There is a weekly *Junior* group for little ones. On the 1st Sunday of the month we have an All-Age Service with a short interactive talk and here the music is led by a worship band. St Peter's has a peal of 6 bells which ring out regularly across the village. Baptisms, marriages and funerals are an important and valued part of the ministry we offer locally and sometimes beyond.

Limpsfield village has a strong sense of community and there are many local social and charitable initiatives which contribute to this. Church people have often kick-started these activities, provided leadership and served at the heart of organisations, including the Memorial Stores and Post Office (run as a community business); Limpsfield in Bloom, and the Link organisation which provides hospital and other transport.

Our parish magazine is published four times a year delivered free to every house in Limpsfield – about 1200 copies. We have a team of 'Road Wardens' across the Parish. We are proud of our beautiful, tranquil churchyard, which continues to be open for burials and the interment of ashes, and is very well maintained by volunteers and managed by an active churchyard committee. The churchyard is famous for the musicians buried here including Delius, the Harrison sisters, Thomas Beecham and Norman del Mar and people come long distances to see their graves.

Limpsfield C of E Infant School has 180 pupils in six classes, with an experienced Head and Staff. The connections between the school and the Church are strong and the whole school attends special services at St Peter's at Christmas, Easter, Harvest and St Peter's Day.

The annual village fete is a most successful joint school and church event. We also have close links in the parish with Hazelwood School, and Limpsfield Grange School.

Looking outwards, we support the Food Cupboard at Christchurch North Brixton taking several car loads of provisions especially after our Harvest Festival and through the year. We choose three charities per year to benefit from our Christmas collections. We intend to give away 10% of our commercial income (through our church hall lettings), Christian Aid is particularly well supported.

You can see our Mission Action Plan (MAP) on our website <http://www.ltm.org.uk/stpeters/map2015/>. Through it we are expressing our priorities for the coming years to care for people; create spaces for people; develop our physical spaces and our communications; and use our resources well. We seek both to cherish tradition and to be open to change through the often-unexpected promptings of the Holy Spirit, as we respond to the opportunity and challenge of sharing the gospel afresh in our generation.

St Andrew's, Limpsfield Chart

The Church From its consecration in 1896 until 2010, St. Andrew's was the daughter church of St. Peter's, Limpsfield, but between 2002 and 2010 it was made a Conventional District served by the Priest in Charge based at Tatsfield. On 1st May 2010 St Andrew's became a separate parish with its own House for Duty Priest within the Team Ministry of Limpsfield and Tatsfield.

Location and History

St Andrew's Church was built on Limpsfield Chart in 1896 in the Gothic Revival style to the design of Sir Reginald Blomfield, and has a magnificent altar and reredos. Limpsfield Chart is a village in an extremely beautiful and unspoiled area of countryside, one and a half miles from Limpsfield on the Surrey / Kent border. The B269 runs through The Chart and access to the M25 is five miles away in Godstone. The church was built to serve a community, which consisted of a number of country houses (with significant numbers of living-in staff), convalescent homes and housing for agricultural workers and employees of the Titsey Estate.

Limpsfield Chart Today

Today there remain a number of older large houses on The Chart, as well as many smaller houses, individual flats, Private Home providing permanent residential accommodation for mentally handicapped adults (Champions) with whom we have warm connections, National Children's Home for severely handicapped children (Pastens).

Local Community

This rural area has a mixed population of about 900, which includes retired people of varying backgrounds, younger people, many of whom commute to London or Croydon, and families with young children.

On The Chart there is a public house, the Carpenter's Arms, golf course, cricket ground and playground. A National Trust Warden lives on The Chart and is responsible for the upkeep of the Chart Woods and Limpsfield Common which surround the church. He helps to co-ordinate a local group of retired volunteers, the 'Task Force', who meet once a week to clear the land as directed. A National Trust local committee represents the concerns of local people to the National Trust and supports the Warden. St Andrew's members support the life of the community in a number of specific ways, for example, Good Neighbour Scheme, 'Chart Newsletter', Chart Men's Dinner and Ladies' Dinner, Spring Fair and Autumn Bazaar, Quizzes and Concerts, August Teas, Flower festivals, Bridge Drives, Annual cricket match, Monthly coffee mornings.

St Andrew's Hall

The hall was built in 1960. It is an invaluable resource for the village. It belongs to the church, and is managed and well maintained by a sub-committee representing both the church and the community. Nonchurch organisations use the hall on a regular basis and it is the venue for many private functions and for the church's own fares and fund raising events.

Church Community

The majority of the St Andrew's congregation are Limpsfield Common residents but a significant number come from further afield - Edenbridge, Hurst Green, Oxted and Limpsfield Village. Children on the Chart mainly attend Limpsfield Infant School. These children often continue to St Mary's C of E School in Oxted.

St. Andrew's PCC meets every two months. They are actively working on a Mission Action Plan, in five particular areas, children and young people, community and pastoral matters, worship, fabric and wider outreach.

Sunday Services and Worship

Holy Communion at 8 am every Sunday with several members who formerly attended St Silvan's Church, Staffhurst Wood.

Parish Eucharist at 10am every Sunday morning except the first Sunday.

On first Sundays there is an All-Age Eucharist where children and families are particularly encouraged.

The average number of communicants at St Andrew's is around 40 although the regular membership amounts to 56.

There are 72 on the Electoral Roll.

A Meditation Group meets at 6 pm for quiet contemplation, led by the Minister.

Wednesday Morning Prayers with lectionary readings led by the Minister are held in the Church



Special Services drawing in a wider local congregation

Mothering Sunday, Ash Wednesday and Holy Week services. Harvest Festival is always popular in this rural part of the diocese, All Souls Sunday Evening Service in memory of those who have died.

Invitations are sent to relations of those who have had funerals at St Andrew's during the past year and many others attend too; Patronal Festival – 30th November, Christmas Carol Service (readers include members of the local community), Christmas Eve Christingle Service, Midnight Mass, Christmas morning 10 am Family-friendly Eucharist

The church's six Bells are usually rung before the Sunday services and for weddings, funerals and special occasions.

An enthusiastic Choir sing for the Parish Eucharist on Sunday mornings (this choir is supplemented for the Carol Service). Two other members of the congregation play the organ for Sunday services in addition to the Church organist.

The church and churchyard are well maintained by a devoted team of volunteers, the flower arrangements being a great feature.

St Andrew's does not have a consecrated graveyard but has a Garden of Remembrance. A nearby bench records the names of many who have died, on individual plaques. The church remains open every day for anyone wishing to spend time in peace and tranquillity.

Through the Diocese, St Andrew's is linked with the parish of St Paul's, Rimuka, in central Zimbabwe.

Finance

Many people are involved in fundraising events which help St Andrew's to offer it's Parish Pledge and meet what we have committed to. Annually there is a Spring Fair and an Autumn Bazaar, with usually at least one other event such as a concert with supper, a bridge afternoon or a Flower Festival. These events have been well supported by the local community. We have pledged to contribute £28,000 to the Diocese in the coming year.