

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
STRETTON ON DUNSMORE
WITH
ST CUTHBERT'S, PRINCETHORPE
ANNUAL REPORT
of the Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31 December 2019
to be presented to the
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING ON
SUNDAY OCTOBER 25TH 2020
AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
STRETTON ON DUNSMORE
RECTOR: VACANCY
CHURCH WARDENS
Douglas Hutchinson
Amanda Ross
TREASURER
Vicky Deasley
SECRETARY
Zena Hutchinson
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
Cathy Lisztwan
BANKERS
HSBC
Central Board of Finance**

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, STRETTON ON DUNSMORE
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**Sunday 7th April 2019 at 7.00pm in All Saints, Church, Stretton on
Dunsmore**

Present: Revd Ali Massey, Revd Gail Phillip, Douglas Hutchinson, Amanda Ross, Zena Hutchinson, Peter and Barbara Lewis, John and Janet Simmonds, Vicky Deasley, Thelma Cain, Mary Hughes, Margaret Watts, Mary Pinchen, Katie Waterworth, Irene Bird, June McGee, Kath Bellis, Geoff Lee, Arthur and Linda Farrow, Maureen and David Hinton

Apologies: Paulin and Brian Clay, Mair and David Shaw, Janice Robinson

A Holy Communion Service preceded the APCM at 6.00pm.

VESTRY MEETING

Zena Hutchinson was elected Clerk to the Meeting, proposed by Revd Ali and seconded by Barbara Lewis.

Appointment of Church Wardens:

Douglas Hutchinson and Amanda Ross were nominated by Maureen Hinton and seconded by David Hinton.

A vote of thanks was given to Douglas and Amanda for working tirelessly with the fabric of the church and the general running of the church.

Douglas and Amanda thanked everyone for their help.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. **Present:** As the Vestry Meeting
2. **Apologies:** As the Vestry Meeting

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Revd Ali Massey. Everyone was welcomed.

3. Minutes of APCM 2018 (previously circulated)

The minutes were accepted as a true record having been proposed by John Simmonds and seconded by Vicky Deasley.

4. Matters Arising from APCM minutes 2018

12c. Revd Ali apologised that a meeting had not been arranged to discuss pews/chairs and a date would be arranged for the beginning of September.

12d. Bells: Thanks were given to Peter Lewis for arranging the bells to be rung with the Bell Ringers Association. We now have a team of qualified bell ringers. Thanks were extended to everyone who is involved in this project.

12e. St. Cuthbert's: A letter has been sent to all the residents in Princethorpe outlining the future of St. Cuthbert's. The licence has now been revoked enabling us to proceed with the sale of the building. The date for our closing service is to be arranged for May/June. The proceeds from the sale of the building are to go into education and it is proposed that we erect a building in the grounds of the school which will be called the St. Cuthbert's Room. This building will also incorporate an office area, kitchenette and toilet facilities. Revd Ali has had discussions with the school who are happy for the plans to go ahead.

Barbara asked if there was any response to the letters sent out which to date Revd Ali replied that she had not received anything.

12h. Poppies: We had a wonderful display of poppies in the church and many thanks go to Janice and everyone who contributed. There were approximately 2,000 poppies.

5. Report of Electoral Roll Officer - John Simmonds

John reported having prepared a new electoral roll for this year and there are now 85 members. Many thanks to John for keeping the roll updated.

6. Presentation of Annual Report - Reports as published and issued

1. Many thanks to everyone involved in fund raising.

2. Thanks to Beverley and her team for Holiday Bible Club which will this year be on the 5th - 8th August.

3. Thanks to Vicky for producing monthly/annual accounts and to Brian for keeping the benefice accounts.

4. Many thanks to Revd Gail who has been with us since October but who will be leaving us at the end of April. Her last service will be on 28th April which is a Benefice service.

5. Douglas reported that the ceiling should be plastered May/June. The church path has been re-laid and we have purchased new hymn books. The clock is running slow at the moment but Peter continues to chase up the suppliers. Many thanks were given to Peter for pursuing this matter.

6. Revd Ali thanked everyone who is involved in the cleaning of the church and supplying flowers regularly keeping the church looking welcoming.

7. A vote of thanks was given to Paul our organist.

8. Thelma suggested that thanks should go to Revd Ali's and Amanda's husbands and Douglas's wife who continue to support them.

9. Thanks to:

Irene for all her hard work in the past with St. Cuthbert's.

Thelma for the prayer chain and Saturday morning prayers.

Barbara for the work she does for gift aid.

Janice for Safeguarding

Gilly for Good Neighbourhood Scheme

Paulin for Men's Breakfast

Matthew for putting together Pendulum

Katie for Foundation Governor

Stretton Ladies Fellowship - Good Luck with the new format.

7. Presentation of Financial Statements (previously circulated)

Proposed by Peter Lewis and seconded by Zena Hutchinson. The actual figures would not be published on the website but everyone on the electoral roll was entitled to see a copy.

8. Report on the fabric and goods (Terrier and Log Books)

Douglas presented the Terrier and Log Books which he keeps up to date. It was suggested that we have photo images for the terrier but Douglas has already done this.

9. Report on Safeguarding

Amanda read out a report from Janice in her absence which will be on the notice board at the back of the church.

10. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives

The meetings are held 3 times a year. Douglas was elected as our Deanery Synod Rep again, proposed by Amanda and seconded by Maureen. No one else came forward.

11. Election of PCC Members

John was re-elected onto the PCC proposed by Geoff Lee and seconded by Zena Hutchinson. Thelma Cain came forward as a new member proposed by Douglas Hutchinson and seconded by Amanda Ross. Two members of the PCC, Peter Lewis and Brian Clay resigned during the year. Many thanks were extended to Peter and Brian for their many years of very faithful service to the Church.

12. Appointment of Side Persons

Fourteen people are currently on the list of sidepersons and who were duly adopted.

13. Election of Independent Examiner

Cathy Lisztwan to continue as independent examiner. All in favour.

14. Any Other Business

Flowers were presented to Revd Ali for all her hard work within the church.

The meeting ended with the Grace.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2019

This report provides the necessary information required by the Charity Commissions and Church of England Canon Law for presentation at the Church's APCM and includes:

- PCC Proceedings
- Church Worship
- The Church's Fabric, Goods and Ornaments including the Churchyard
- St. Cuthbert's Church, Princethorpe

The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

All Saints PCC has the responsibility in the ecclesiastical Parish of Stretton on Dunsmore with Princethorpe for promoting the mission of the Church in matters pastoral, evangelical, economic and social concerns focusing on three priorities:

Worshipping God, Making New Disciples and Transforming Communities

During the year 2019 the following people served on the PCC:

Church Wardens:	Amanda Ross	
	Douglas Hutchinson	
Elected Members:	John Simmonds	Mair Shaw
	Janice Robinson	Vicky Deasley
	Zena Hutchinson	Thelma Cain

The PCC met 7 times during 2019 with good average attendances. The meetings dealt with matters such as organising worship, special services, finances, events/activities, and maintenance of the church building.

The PCC continued working as part of the Draycote Benefice and combined with churches in Frankton, Bourton and Birdingbury on several joint activities including special services, children's ministry and Benefice communions.

Outreach

Men's Breakfast continued to attract good attendance throughout the year and thanks go to Paulin and Zena for organising this event and in 'persuading' speakers to come forward. This has now successfully moved to the Oak & Black Dog in Stretton.

We have continued to be involved in the planning and organisation of Celebrate@4; an informal monthly Saturday afternoon service held in the village halls of Stretton & Bourton / Frankton.

As in previous years the PCC committed in giving to a number of Charities and also supported the Village Fete in June by running the bookstall for this event.

We also supported the Benefice Initiative to help 'Global Care' with their 'Shack School' Project works for refugee children overseas.

Fund Raising / Social Events

Fundraising/social events this year included the annual Pudding Club in January and the Christmas Fair and Village Lights Switch on in December. Both were well attended and enjoyable as well as financially rewarding for the church.

Our Barn Dance 'All Things Country' was held in March to raise funds for 'Global Care'. This was well attended and great fun. A Progressive Dinner in May raised funds for the same charity and provided an enjoyable evening.

Thanks to Vicky Deasley and Janice Robinson, a new initiative introduced this year was the 'Communita'. This has been held each month in the hour preceding Evening Worship and has been an enjoyable time of fellowship with tea and cake.

Children's Ministry

HBC was held again in August which proved very popular with those attending and our thanks go to Beverley Suffell for organising this week long activity at the school and all her many helpers.

Financial Activities

Special thanks are due to Vicky Deasley for undertaking the onerous role of Treasurer, to Brian Clay for organising the Benefice Office accounts and to Barbara Lewis for her work with Deeds of Covenant, Planned Giving and the Reclaiming of tax of Gift Aid Giving.

Church Worship

During the first part of the year we were ably led by Rev Ali and a number of special services were held at All Saints, including a Plough Service, Women's World Day of Prayer, and a commemoration of the centenary of the Gallipoli campaign. Gail Philip, our curate in training, left in April to take up her own parish.

Sadly, in September Rev. Ali left us and the Benefice went into vacancy once again. Thanks to retired clergy, especially Rev. David Shaw and Rev. Barbara Clutton, we were able to continue with our service pattern and hold our usual Remembering, Remembrance and Christmas Services. We are also extremely fortunate to have a group of people willing and able to lead non-Eucharistic worship and attendance at these services has remained steady.

The Home Worship Groups continued to meet throughout the year.

The 'Festival Choir', convened once again for Christmas with the skilled support of Paul Mabey on the organ. Many of its members also joined a benefice choir for an uplifting celebration of Palm Sunday in Birdingbury composed by their organist Bryan Tompkins.

The Church maintained its commitment to Knightlow Primary School with Eucharist, Harvest and Carol services being held in the church and also helping run the assembly services on Wednesdays throughout the school year.

Thanks are due to all the church laity who participate with sidesperson duties, readings, prayers, communion assistance and the serving of drinks after the morning services. Special thanks go to Paul Mabey for providing leadership of our church music and to Brian Clay and Mair Shaw who help in playing the organ in Paul's absence and to Thelma Cain who continues to organise the Saturday morning Prayer Time in Church.

Thanks also go to Peter Lewis for liaising with visiting bell ringers and for setting up our regular group of village-based bell ringers.

The Church's Fabric, Goods and Ornaments including the Churchyard

The church building has been used for regular weekly worship, church meetings and for special services including baptisms, weddings and funerals. The church's records including the Terrier and Log Book were updated and the church's goods and ornaments were kept safely with no losses during the year.

Repair works to the ceiling area adjacent to the church organ remain uncompleted due to a lack of qualified plasterers. The church clock stopped working for several months and required repairs. The PCC are grateful to the Parish Council for funding these repairs.

The Book of Remembrance in the Church continues to be updated and maintained by the Remembrance Book Group.

The PCC would like to thank Maureen Hinton for arranging the rota of church cleaners and to Kath Bellis and her helpers for providing and arranging flowers in the church.

Our thanks go to people who have worked for the church by arranging hospital visits, publication and distribution of the Pendulum, the

Neighbourhood Scheme, children's activities, Ladies Fellowship and Hope 4 collections.

The churchyard was kept in good order throughout the year and the PCC's thanks go to Stretton Parish Council for their donation towards the upkeep of the churchyard, and to Bernard Timmings for mowing and making it a pleasant and peaceful place for both churchgoers and visitors.

St. Cuthbert's, Princethorpe

A final service was held at St. Cuthbert's in June and the building was closed, cleared and put on the market. The sale has been completed and the proceeds invested in the 'Princethorpe National Schools Foundation' and will be used for Christian education and mission in the benefice. A sum has been set aside for the construction of a St. Cuthbert's Building at Knightlow School and plans are proceeding for this. It is hoped that it will be in operation by the end of 2020. In the meantime, the Parish Office has a temporary home in the School.

Conclusion

This is a picture of All Saints at the end of 2019. The Churchwardens are fully committed to keeping the Light of Christ shining in our villages throughout the forthcoming year.

Amanda Ross & Douglas Hutchinson, Churchwardens

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2019

Rugby Deanery Synod meetings were held on three occasions in the past year. At these meetings presentations were given on various aspects of the church community. The meetings give an opportunity to share events between the various churches and are a valuable opportunity for the rural and town centre churches to come together. A report of the contents of the meeting is given at our PCC meetings so offering the chance for any aspects of the Rugby Deanery to be discussed.

Douglas Hutchinson
Deanery Synod Representative

A TIME FOR PRAYER

All Saints' Church is committed to prayer so there are a number of opportunities to meet together to pray together. It is particularly important at this time of vacancy. We need to pray for those who are making decisions about our future to be listening to God and each other. We pray for our Church Wardens who carry additional work during this time and pray that we can help and encourage in any way and pray for anyone who may be considering taking on the role of leader of our parishes.

9 – 9.30am every Saturday morning is an opportunity to meet together in All Saints' church for a short act of worship followed by a short time for quiet prayer and reflection.

ALSO

Every Tuesday morning in one of the churches across the Benefice, from 9 – 9.30am, Morning Prayer is held where again there is the opportunity to pray for your own personal concerns and thanks, or for wider issues. Please check the notice sheet or in Pendulum for venue.

PRAYER CHAIN

There are a number of committed pray-ers across our Benefice who pray regularly for people who are in need e.g. the sick, both physically and mentally, those who are recently bereaved, those with long-term illnesses like dementia and physically or mental disabilities, mission etc. This is all done in a confidential manner and requests can be sent to Thelma Cain 024 7654 3256 or thelmacaian64@gmail.com. Anyone can pass on prayer requests. There is also a corner in All Saints' church set aside for quiet reflection and prayer as well as a prayer board for requests.

Thelma Cain

THE ELECTORAL ROLL

As of 30th January 2019, there were 84 names on the Electoral Roll.

John Simmonds, Electoral Roll Officer

GIFT AID REPORT

The amount received back from HMRC in 2019 reflects the donations/collections received in 2018: £5,318.

These figures on the balance sheet show a considerable increase, which is excellent news. However, this is thanks to sizeable donations for particular projects, e.g. Churchyard path, and replacement windows. Thanks to them we are able to keep our Church property in good order.

The number of parishioners contributing regularly via the Standing Order Scheme is currently 23 with 21 people giving regularly using the envelope Scheme.

We must all be vigilant and aware that any funds given freely from a U.K. taxpayer can be 'Gift Aided'. This adds an additional 25% to the amount given.

As always, I would like to encourage the younger people who attend our special family services to join one of our Planned Giving Schemes. THEY ARE OUR FUTURE.

Barbara Lewis

BELLS AND BELL RINGING

I am delighted to report that we now have a band of enthusiastic bell ringers, mainly Stretton people, who can ring before services and are available to ring at weddings.

The P.C.C. are very grateful for the dedication of these ringers. This has been achieved through instruction from the Brett and Chapman families, who have knowledge and ability to teach their skills.

The sound of bells gives a living spirit to our Church

We regularly have visiting ringers from other Church towers to ring a ¼ peal, and occasionally a full peal with a duration time of 2 ¾ hours. Many favourable comments have been received from around the village.

Anyone wishing to ‘have a go’ at Bell ringing is welcome in the tower on Tuesday evenings from 7.00 – 9.00 p.m., or contact Peter Lewis 07796196435

Peter Lewis

CHURCH CLEANING 2019

We continue to have our band of helpers cleaning the church once a fortnight and this seems to be working well. We have had new people come onto the rota as well and I really appreciate this as it means our wonderful people on the rota only have to clean our beautiful Church once in the year which spreads the load perfectly!

Maureen Hinton

CHURCHYARD

As I write this report our Churchyard flora is coming to life, with the snowdrops and crocus emerging into flower. We thank the efforts of people and organisations for the work undertaken to keep the Churchyard attractive throughout the year,

During the year a generous donation has been received to purchase and plant selective trees and shrubs to further enhance the appearance.

The long-awaited replacement of the paved footpath from Church Hill to the Church door has been a great improvement, and removes previous trip hazards. Our thanks to an anonymous donation from a parishioner towards this project.

Work continues to maintain the trees throughout the Churchyard to allow safe access at all times.

Our thanks once again to the Timmings family for the regular mowing and strimming, and to the many people who maintain and care for graves of loved ones.

Peter Lewis

CRADLE ROLL REPORT

There has been a drop in the number of children baptised at All Saints this year, with only three – half of last year's total. As most baptisms have large numbers attending, we continue to arrange private ceremonies and ask parents to bring the children to our next family worship to be welcomed into the church family.

FLOWERS AND BRASSES

We continue to have a good group of ladies who place flowers in Church on a rota basis at their own expense and clean the brasses.

The Group goes from strength to strength. If anyone would like to join the rota - it only comes around twice or three times a year - please contact me. Thank you, ladies, for making my task so easy when compiling the rota.

Kath Bellis, 02476545163

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME REPORT 2019

A meeting of the All Saints Church Good Neighbour Scheme was held on 16th November 2019 at All Saints Church. The purpose of the meeting was to re-energise the scheme and also serve as a gentle reminder to the members.

Invitations to the meeting were personally delivered to each member's home in addition to the notice in Pendulum. Ten existing members and a further two new members attended. It was a productive meeting with a useful exchange of ideas and some very welcome guidance on best practice from Thelma Cain, who originally initiated the scheme.

It was generally agreed that the scheme expand the general 'Welcome' to include an offer of contact in time of illness, difficulty, hardship, etc. Members alerted to specific problems would contact the co-ordinator, Gilly Mckenna, who would then refer the matter to the Parochial Church Council.

All members of the scheme now have a list of members' contact telephone numbers in order that they may notify one another of new arrivals to the village or of any issues arising'.

Gillian Mckenna

HOSPITAL LIFTS & VISITS

We have had a steady flow of people needing our help this year. Our service has been used by Stretton surgery but unfortunately we now have one less driver so if anyone is able to help with transporting people to their doctors or hospital appointments could you please contact Janet.

Janet Simmonds, 02476542350

HOME GROUPS REPORT

Stretton Home Groups continued meeting throughout the year for bible studies based around various study courses. The groups met every two weeks, one in the day time on a Monday and the other on a Tuesday

evening, Details of the venues are to be found in the monthly church newsletter. The groups are very friendly and everyone is welcome.

Douglas Hutchinson

HOPE 4

We continue as a parish to collect food for this very worthy charity serving the homeless in the Rugby district. The food is collected at the hairdressers and I take it either direct to the hostel itself or to Sainsburys collection point at Dunchurch. The food is always gratefully received and the hostel has just found itself a new location for its food bank.

I pick the food up on an ad hoc basis due to increased work pressures and also building work at home. Maureen has helped out as has a member of the parish collecting at Christmas. I think it would be helpful for someone else to volunteer as I have increasingly large work commitments.

I have recently contacted the hostel and they said that they are always in need of UHT milk and that they advertise on their Facebook page if they are particularly low in stock of anything. This information could be passed through the Stretton and Frankton websites as a way of helping get what is most needed. This is something I could look at doing or if there is another volunteer in the future.

The charity continues to be appreciative of local support.

Louise Jackson

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast has now settled into its new home at The Oak and Black Dog where Michelle and David have looked after us very well indeed.

Our Stretton numbers have increased, but sadly the Benefice numbers

have not. We only have 2 men from Frankton, none for Bourton or Birdingbury.

The Speakers have been varied, and very interesting: Clergy, Judge, Farmer and local historians to mention just a few. We are now putting together the 20/21 Programme that looks to be equally interesting.

Paulin Clay and Zena Hutchinson

THE PENDULUM MAGAZINE

Sadly, we have been without Matthew for the last 6 months, but Eleanor and I have managed to produce quite a creditable magazine. We have made a few mistakes but on the whole nothing to worry about.

Eleanor will now continue to produce Pendulum by herself, and I will do an editorial check before it goes to the printers. Meantime, please remember those of you who run organisations, we would like to hear about your organisations as well as printing your adverts. It is good to hear from the Surgery and the Parish Councils, as well as the School.

The Advertisement section providing a good local Trades Directory continues, and we trust this if of help to the villagers.

Paulin Clay and Eleanor Sirman

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults

The PCC is wholly committed to the safeguarding of all parishioners, and has adopted the Diocese of Coventry Safeguarding Policy ‘Promoting a Safer Church’ approved by Diocesan Synod on 17 March 2018, which is reviewed annually, alongside our processes and practices, and our commitment confirmed. The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops’ guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). We are also committed to the Diocesan policies for ‘Safer Recruitment’, the ‘Recruitment of ex-offenders’,

‘Reporting of serious incidents’ and ‘The use of Social Media’. Copies of our parish commitment to safeguarding and details of the Benefice Safeguarding Officer, presently Janice Robinson, are displayed in church, on our website (www.draycotegroup.org) and on church notice boards.

The PCC remains committed to ensuring all appropriate roles are filled by those who have been DBS checked. All PCC members have completed a basic level of safeguarding training, which must be repeated every three years; members will be invited to update their Safeguarding training when necessary. In 2019, the Rector and Parish Safeguarding Officer attended further obligatory training; 3 PCC members and 2 HBC volunteers also updated or completed appropriate training.

The PCC is committed to the use of the Diocesan Safeguarding team’s Parish Dashboard, and Action plan generated from that. The Parish is presently at Level 3 of 5.

There were no recorded incidents during 2019.

Janice Robinson, Parish Safeguarding Officer

STRETTON LADIES FELLOWSHIP

We started the year without a secretary, but with the steering group that was formed to help keep the Fellowship going, it has turned out to be a successful year. Everything has taken place as normal with the exception of one speaker who did not turn up. We enjoyed our summer BBQ. We did not have an outing this year due to lack of support and we did not host a Harvest Supper this year but we may consider putting on this event in the future.

The main change has been the new starting time of 7pm.

A full programme of speakers was arranged thanks to Gwyneth and it would be a shame for the group not to continue. All newcomers are very welcome to come along and enjoy interesting speakers and fellowship.

Steering Group

KNIGHTLOW SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNOR'S REPORT, 2019

2019 was yet another busy year at Knightlow with a full school and a packed programme of activities. The academic outcomes were excellent. The school received a letter from Nick Gibb, Minister for Education, congratulating them on being in the top 2% of schools nationally for Phonics in Year 1. The school also received a letter from Nick Gibb congratulating them on their Key Stage 2 Results. The hard work and determination of the children, and the focused, inspiring teaching that they received, meant that their results were in the top 1% in the country.

Simon Farley, from Stretton has joined the Governing Body as Foundation Governor for All Saints, replacing Katie Waterworth. Simon has a young family, one of whom is already at Knightlow.

The school received the Artsmark Gold Award during the summer. Everyone had worked very hard to show just how effective the school's learning in the Arts is. This ranges from the many sharing assemblies and musical extravaganzas, to performances at school, church and Coventry Cathedral; from the Stories4Schools book to Arts Sharing Days for colleagues and children across Warwickshire; from the range of music tuition to family art challenges and a creative learning approach. The school focuses on developing the arts and offering opportunities for the children to flourish.

"The arts can enhance education and the school experience and the pupils of Knightlow C of E Primary School showed that very clearly. I congratulate them, their teachers, the Arts Council, Artsmark and Arts Connect for all that has been achieved."
Jeremy Wright MP, visiting the school in June 2019

Douglas Hutchinson, Karen Armbrister and, until September, Revd Ali Massey were in the school every Wednesday to conduct a worship assembly with all the pupils according to a worship plan agreed with the school. In July, Year 6 attended their Retreat Day at All Saints. Revd Ali, Karen, Douglas and members of the benefice put on a special day for the

children, allowing them time to reflect and talk about their feelings and experiences as they got ready for the transition to secondary school. The Year 6 children also put on a fantastic performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' for their Leavers' production.

The school continued its programme of 'Celebration Assemblies' where, each term, each class performs on a religious theme to the whole school and that year's parents and, last January, the school's Young Voices choir went to Birmingham to sing in one of the largest choir performances in the country

We all owe a big thank you to all the staff and to Mrs Vavasour for the effort that they put in to giving the children the best education that they can.

Alec Ross
Foundation Governor for All Saints