



SHERBORNES WITH
PAMBER CHURCHES

Welcome

St Andrew's Sherborne St John | All Saints' Monk Sherborne | Pamber Priory

Thank you for visiting us! We love welcoming new people into our church community and hope that you have enjoyed your time with us. This Welcome Pack is designed to give you a flavour of who we are and what we're about, as well as some of the ways you can get more involved if you'd like to.

Vision



Our heart is to see...

Lives transformed as we **connect** with people from every generation and every part of our communities, **share** God's love, and **grow** in faith in Jesus

Connect



Reaching out
to our neighbourhoods, care homes, work-places and schools.

Inviting in
Welcoming all generations to a wide range of relevant events and services.

Share



Through our actions
offering pastoral support and care wherever it's needed.

Through our words
telling people the Good News of Jesus and encouraging repentance and faith.

Grow



As we learn
Getting to know Jesus better through God's Word.

As we respond
In worship, witness and using our gifts to serve.

... relying on the Holy Spirit to help us

Our Values

Compassion



“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him”

Luke 15 v 20

As those who have been shown compassion by our Father in heaven, we strive to show something of that compassion to others, especially to the marginalised and vulnerable.

Humility

“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus...”

Philippians 2 v 5



We seek to follow Jesus as our ultimate example of humility in all that we say, think and do.

Encouragement



“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

1 Thessalonians 5 v 11

We want everyone in our church community to feel encouraged to keep going and growing in their faith.

Honesty

“Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ”

John 1 v 17

As followers of Jesus who hold firmly to his Word of truth, we strive to live and speak in a trustworthy manner, developing a culture of honesty throughout the church community.



Generosity



“In accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us...”

Ephesians 1 v 7-8

We believe in a God who gives generously and abundantly to us, in response to which we are called to give generously to others.

What we believe

As Christians we believe in God who is Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the good news that God has revealed himself fully in the Lord Jesus Christ who died for our sins, rose again, ascended to heaven and promised to return as King and Judge of all. We believe that by faith in Jesus Christ we can be forgiven and our relationship with God can be right again, giving us peace, purpose, and the sure hope of life forever in God's Kingdom. We believe that the Holy Spirit lives in our hearts and helps us to live the life we've been saved to live.

For more see the Church of England Evangelical Council's [Basis of Faith](#)

Whether you share these beliefs or are still exploring faith, you are very welcome here.



As a diverse group of people from different backgrounds and traditions we have identified **4 Core Commitments** that we share:

1 God's Word

"Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life."

Philippians 2 v 16 - 17

We believe the Bible is our ultimate authority and the foundation upon which we seek to build our lives and the life of our church. With the help of the Holy Spirit we encounter Christ as we read and hear God's Word, getting to know him and learning to live the life he has saved us to live.

2 Prayer

"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."

Ephesians 6 v 18

We believe that the Holy Spirit gives us new life and empowers us with gifts to help us to live for Jesus and bear witness to him. Prayer is how we express our dependence on God for everything, and ask him to work in and through us for the good of all people and the glory of his name.

3 Fellowship

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13 v 35

We believe that when we put our trust in Jesus we become part of God's family, united with brothers and sisters in Christ all across the world. As an expression of God's family here in Sherbornes with Pamber we are called to share God's love with one another in a way that also invites others to come and belong too.

4 Discipleship

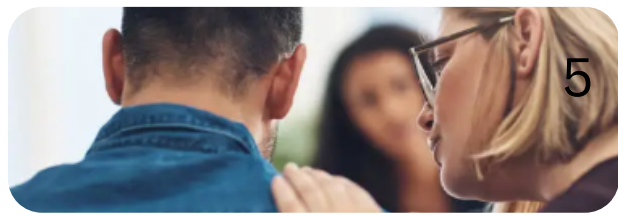
“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”

Matthew 28 v 19

We believe that we are called to be disciples of Jesus - lifelong apprentices, following him, learning from his teaching and commands, and growing in our faith. As Jesus' disciples we are also all called to make new disciples by sharing our faith in word and action, and inviting others to come and see for themselves.



Pastoral Care



Our pastoral care is rooted in and shaped by the love God shows us in Jesus who calls us to love one another as we follow him. Sharing the message of God's love in word and deed is therefore at the core of all our pastoral care. We encourage the whole church community to play their part in pastoral care for one another and more widely as we seek to love our community as God loves us.

To help us we have Pastoral Care Co-ordinators, members of our church family who have particular gifts, training and experience in this ministry. If you have any pastoral needs and would like someone from the church to get in touch with you please contact us:
pastoralcare@sherborneswithpamber.org

Some examples of the pastoral care we offer are shown below:

Prayer Praying for each other's needs is an important part of caring for one another and we encourage this to take place in lots of ways across church life. Prayer requests can also be shared with our pastoral care team by email or using the box in church.



Visiting and Support For those who need extra support due to illness, loneliness, or being house-bound, our Pastoral Care Co-ordinators arrange visiting teams and practical help.



Hospitality Sharing a cup of coffee or some food together is a really important part of our pastoral care for one another and takes place in a range of ways across our church family, including occasional church and community lunches. There are also times in life and situations that arise that make preparing food at home challenging. To help with this our Catering Team can organise a week or so of meals to be delivered to households as a gesture of love and support.



Bereavement Care We recognise that grief doesn't end once the funeral is over. As part of our ongoing care to those who have been bereaved we run a Bereavement Café twice each year. This is a relaxed and supportive space to meet with others who are living with loss, whether recent or a long time ago.



Getting Involved

There are 5 main ways you can get more involved in church life if you'd like to:



1

Come

Gathering with others for services, events and other activities is hugely important to us and a great way to get involved and become part of church life. Always feel free to invite others to join you. Below are some of our regular services and events:

Services for all ages

10.30am every Sunday at St Andrew's

(with separate groups for 0-11s during term-time)

9.30am every 2nd Sunday of the month at All Saints

11am Tuesday Communion once a month at Pamber Priory



Small Groups

Many of our church community meet fortnightly in different homes across the parish to encourage one another, study the Bible, pray and share life together. There is also a monthly Men's Bible Study and a Being Together group for older women in our community.

Families at 4

A relaxed and informal event once a month 4-5pm at St Andrew's

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Little Acorns

A stay and play time for babies, toddlers and their carers, including a Bible story and singing.

10am on Wednesdays at SSJ Village Hall during term time.

Dads & Kids

Twice a term event on a Saturday morning for male carers and their children.



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Events

We organise a variety of events through the year including Women's & Men's Breakfasts, Coffee Mornings, Community Choir, courses for those wanting to explore the Christian Faith and outreach events.

2

Go

We don't want all of your time to be taken up with church activities and events. God calls us to live out our faith in our homes, neighbourhoods, schools, workplaces and community spaces. Each of us have unique opportunities to build relationships with people in these places and make the most of every opportunity we have to share God's love with them.



3

Pray

We are in God's hands and so we rely completely on him. As well as praying on our own, in our families, and in small groups we believe it's vitally important that we pray together as a church. This happens in all our services and we also provide other opportunities during the week:



Midday Prayer

Every Wednesday during term-time 12-12.30 in one of our churches.

Prayer Weeks

Each term we organise a Week of Prayer with a variety of times and locations for people to gather for worship and prayer for our church, community, world and mission partners.

4

Serve

Using our time and gifts to serve God is a great way to grow in our own faith as well as help others to grow in theirs. There are a wide variety of ministries in church life that would love to welcome new team members. Some examples are highlighted below. You can fill in an interest form by scanning the QR code or clicking here:

[Serving Form](#)

If you are interested in a role that involves leading or teaching please get in touch with the Rector or Churchwardens who would be delighted to chat to you about opportunities and what it would involve. Their contact details are on page 9 of this booklet.





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Give

Much of what we do and hope to do couldn't happen without the generosity of people in the church community giving some of their money towards the ministry and mission of our church. You can give a one-off gift at any time which is always gratefully received. You can also give a regular amount each week which is especially helpful when it comes to planning and budgeting for the year ahead.

The easiest and most efficient way to give regularly is by standing order, using the bank details below and your name as a reference.

PCC The Sherbornes with Pamber Covenant Account
Account No: 00259539
Sort Code: 30-18-45



You can also give a one-off gift online directly to the account above. Alternatively you can make a donation by scanning the QR code above or clicking here: [Donate](#)

Gift Aid

If you are a tax payer, using Gift Aid means that an extra 25% on your donation can be reclaimed at no additional cost to you. If you've not already completed our Gift Aid Declaration Form you can complete it online here: [Gift Aid Form](#) or by scanning the QR code.



Partnerships



Get in touch

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[Welcome Form](#)



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Churchwarden



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