



GODALMING MINSTER

**An invitation to unite the parishes of
Godalming, Busbridge and Hambledon**

**Have your vote
at the EPCMs 16 October 2022
1:30pm at Hambledon
3pm at Busbridge**

Members of the Electoral Rolls are invited to the EPCMs to vote on joining the 3 parishes of Godalming, Busbridge and Hambledon.

To vote,

you need to be on the Electoral Roll!

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 23 SEPTEMBER

To check, call the church office on 01483 421267.

Got Questions?

Stay for the Q&As that will follow Sunday services on:

18 September	Busbridge 12.15 (after Classic)
25 September	Busbridge 10.45 between services
2 October	Hambledon 11am
Monday 3 Oct	Hambledon 8pm
9 October	Busbridge 10.45 and 12.15

For information on what the vote involves see

www.bhcgodalming.org/minster

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dream

We've been invited to prayerfully dream...

In a post pandemic, uncertain world, we've been asked to consider unity and generosity as members of the Church of England. [See Bishop Andrew's invitation - October 2021]

400+

Uniting members,
wider reach,
town and village

A large blue oval contains the text "Faithful presence" in a large, black, handwritten font. To its right are four black arrows pointing right, each followed by a bolded text item: "Publicly taking our place", "Sharing our story", "Worship & Discipleship", and "Leadership that underpins the mission". Below this oval is a black rounded rectangle containing the quote: "You are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27).



**Strengthened different
worship styles**

welcome

**Welcome to the
bruised and broken**
Extending and introducing new
pastoral activities for all

faith

**Energised faith
to try get involved
in new ways**



**Revitalised
witness**



**Unified approach
across Godalming**

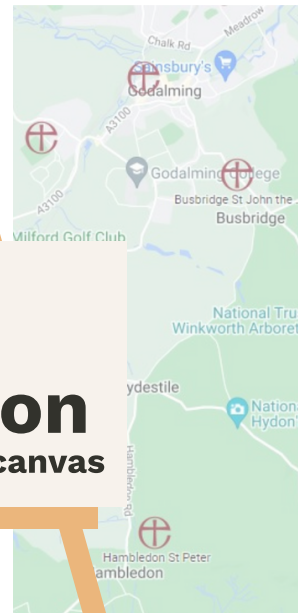
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The forming of a Minster in Godalming would attract a 6 figure sum of diocesan support

....TO BE USED EFFECTIVELY FOR MISSION GROWTH.

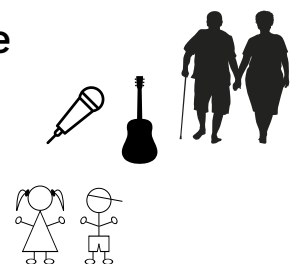
£465,000
over 5 years



Funding agreed to secure clergy at St Peter & St Paul's, St Mark's and Hambledon



Further investment for the transition process and enhancing ministries and ministry posts.



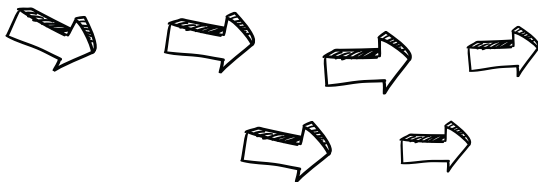


Strengthened & different worship styles

Sunday Services

FIRST 6-9 MONTHS

Services at all 4 churches remain the same



INCREASING COLLABORATION AND SOME JOINT/PILOT SERVICES

9-18 MONTHS



Contemporary Worship introduced in town



Choral Tradition maintained in town

Hambleton
keeps own service and style

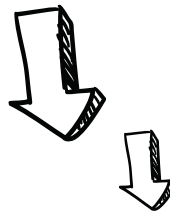
Busbridge
Classic and 6pm would stay

The Minster would have

 **a single patron**

Currently, CPAS is the patron of Hambledon Church, and shares the patronage of Busbridge church with Hambledon Church(!) and Simon Taylor (?!)... it's over complicated!

The Bishop of Guildford would give up his patronage of St Peter and St Paul's and St Mark's.



“ CPAS exists to help every person in the UK and Republic of Ireland to hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ through the ministry of local churches.”

Hambledon Church in the Minster



The vicar will
continue to live in
the village



Hambledon Church
would keep it's own
weekly service and
worship style



Graveyard
protected



Giving can be
ring fenced



a single patron

The Minster would be adopted
by Hambledon Church's patron



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How has this proposal been tested?

Considerations

Evaluated by the six working groups which fed into the Steering Group over 6 months.



Worship

Sunday Services
Locations, styles and patterns

Identifying the best pattern of services across four churches whilst still preserving individual congregational identity and worship style.



Clergy

Focusing on Mission and how a Minster could reach out in love to all in Godalming, Busbridge and Hambledon; support clergy wellbeing, pastoral care and overall resourcing.



Specific Age Ministries

How would the Minster affect youth and children's ministries across Godalming. Logistics, locations, staff, leaders and other resources.



Buildings & Property

Looked at how existing properties could be best used or leveraged to meet ministry needs



Finance & Affordability

Looked at the likely costs of joining and expanding the mission against the investment.



Operations & Admin

How would the Minster run efficiently and effectively

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Analysed by 46+ people over 12 months



1:1s

Conversations with Simon Taylor, John Harkin and David Wilkin and members of the Steering Group.

They are happy to talk to you if you have questions or comments.



Prayer

A joint team has coordinated five benefice gatherings to seek God's wisdom and guidance.



Steering Group & Working Groups

The groups included people from all 3 parishes; clergy, LLMs and laity to look at different areas.

And liaising with the diocese.



3 PCCs

The PCCs met several times to deliberate on and test the Steering Group's evaluation and proposal before voting in favour on 11 July.

This means the proposal can be presented to the members of the Electoral Rolls to vote.

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Timeline

Minster Evaluation Process 2021-2022

Led by the Minster Evaluation Steering Group

with input from the 6 working groups.

3 PCCs voted to unite 25 July

The conditions:
Funding for a minister at St Mark's secured from the Diocese (3 years)

Full time stipendiary clergy presence at Hambledon and Godalming
Patronage under CPAS

Church Member Q&As

11 Sep - Post service at St Peter & St Paul's

17 Sep -10.45 in the Yew Tree Café

EPCMs

Held by the Archdeacon Paul Davies

Members of the Electoral Roll vote on the motion to join the 3 parishes

Godalming Parish EPCM
2 October

Busbridge and Hambledon parish EPCMs 16 October

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Then what?

