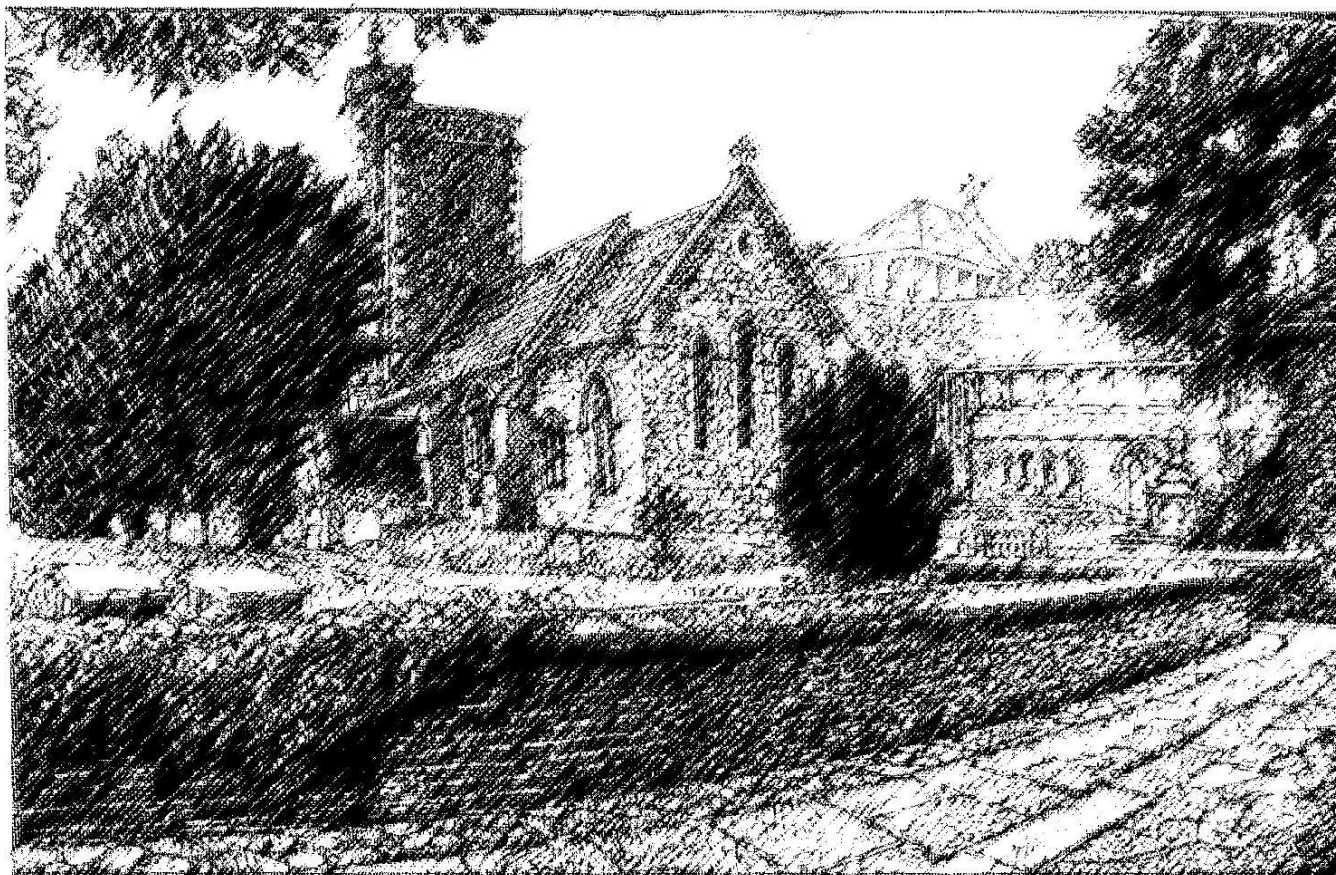


THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S

St Mary's Barnes Annual Report on 2019 & 2020



ST MARY'S BARNES
TEAM MINISTRY

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

TO BE HELD IN ST MARY'S CHURCH ON
Thursday 29th April 2021 at 7.30pm

A G E N D A

The meeting opens with prayer

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2020

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 4 April 2019
3. Report on the annual accounts

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021

A. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners 2021

for the purpose of electing two churchwardens to serve for the coming year

B. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021

1. Report on the Church Electoral Roll
2. Elections to the Parochial Church Council of five representatives to serve for two years and five representatives to serve for three years
3. Report on proceedings of the PCC
4. Report on the annual accounts
5. Appointment of an independent examiner of the accounts for 2021
6. Report on the fabric of the church, and of the church hall
7. Report on the Team Council
8. Report on Deanery Synod
9. Rector's reflection
10. Churchwardens' report
11. Any other business
12. Date of next annual meeting: Tuesday, 26 April 2022

THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

were held in St Mary's Church at 8pm on Thursday 4th April 2019
(to be signed at the APCM 2020
held on the same date as the APCM 2021 due to the pandemic)

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Peter Boyling explained that he, as Vice Chair of the PCC, would chair the meetings, as provided for under Church of England rules, in the absence of a Rector during the interregnum.

A. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners

for the purpose of electing two churchwardens to serve for the coming year:

- Phil Bladen, proposed by Judy Gowing, seconded by Paul Teverson
- Fouki Heller proposed by Claire Boyling, seconded by Helen Bladen

Both wardens were re-elected unanimously.

The chair thanked the Churchwardens very much for everything they have done and continue to do in the interregnum.

B. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Present: Peter Boyling (Chair), two Churchwardens and 30 members of the congregation. Apologies were received from Cathy Putz, Brian & Celia Cleave.

1. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 26 April 2018, were approved and signed as a true record.

2. Report on the Church Electoral Roll. The Electoral Roll Officer, Cheryl Cole, reported that the roll had just been renewed, as is required every six years. We now have 229 on the roll, compared with last year's figure of 204.

3. Elections

a) The election to the Parochial Church Council of five representatives to serve for three years;

Joan Wheeler Bennett, proposed by William Heller, seconded by Patrick Findlater

Rachel Skilbeck proposed by Phil Bladen, seconded by Helen Bladen

Christabel Gairdner proposed by Geoffrey Barnett, seconded by Paul Teverson

Steve Cox proposed by Phil Bladen, seconded by Andrew Summers.

Cate Summers proposed by Phil Bladen & seconded by Rachel Skilbeck.

All were elected unanimously.

b) The election of sidesmen for 2018/19:

Proposed were: David Barrie, Christine Butenuth, Rachel Elkington, Mark Harries, Desmond MacDermott, Jo MacDermott, Nigel Oakley, Dermot Trimble, David Blacklock, Claire Boyling, Brian Cleave, Sarah Cox, Steve Cox, Anthony Figgis, Patrick Findlater, Ken George, Tiziana George, Jonathan Iremonger, Sarah Kearney, Paul Phillips, Peter Siddall, Cilla Snowball, Andrew Summers, Joan Wheeler-Bennett, Sally Copland, Paul Teverson. Francesca Wisdom, Wendy Kyrle-Pope, Linda Read.

All sidesmen were elected unanimously. Thanks were recorded to David Blacklock for organising the sidesmen so well for another year.

4. Report on proceedings of the PCC. The written report in the Annual Review was received, without question.

5. Report on the annual accounts

Patrick Findlater, the Treasurer, reported that results for 2018 were not quite as good as 2017 but give no grounds for serious concern. Giving generally held up, with a 2% improvement in the year, but there was reduced income from fairs and similar events, and some expenses were unexpectedly increased. Overall, there was a deficit on the General Fund of £7,838, but we were able to offset this because of another record year from the Kitson Hall, where a surplus of £25,458 was achieved.

Of the above surplus, £15,000 was transferred by the PCC to the Youth Fund. Although Charlie Auton, our Youth and Children's Worker, left us at the end of March 2019, it is felt appropriate to maintain this properly funded pending the arrival of a new Rector.

The Fund was reclassified as "designated" at the beginning of 2018, so it can if necessary be switched to another purpose if the PCC so desires.

The Friends' Fund remained somewhat depleted. Although other events contributed well, the annual Charity Ball recorded a surplus of only £23,858, compared with £45,402 in the previous year. There was further expenditure on the lighting, the Tudor tower and the sound system, and the fund also contributed £15,022 to help with the cost of utilities and the maintenance of the church and churchyard. The balance available for 2019 fell to £27,742. The Bells Fund, which has only recently become active, raised enough money (over £5,000) to pay for a new set of "dumb bells", without calling either on the Friends or the General Fund.

It is inevitable, especially given the high proportion of retired people in our congregation, that there is constant attrition of regular monthly giving. We will therefore be launching a fresh appeal for new and increased standing orders during 2019. We do also seek to be able to make regular increases in our annual Parish Share, to help less fortunate parts of the diocese.

Patrick added that every year he realised how lucky he was to be supported by such an efficient team to do all the work involved in keeping St. Mary's books in order. Tiziana George was coming up to 10 years as capable bookkeeper and Treasurer's minder, Richard du Parcq continues to deal with cash and cheques in his own effective way, and Michael Murison has settled into the role of Gift Aid Secretary. We all owe them gratitude for their largely unseen contribution.

The Treasurer was asked if we still get a grant from the Workhouse Fund? He replied that a grant is given to the Rector for distribution to the poor and needy. The grant has been received and is waiting for the new incumbent.

The meeting thanked Patrick for his considerable work, and Richard du Parcq and Tiziana George for their support work, and Michael Murison for his work processing Gift Aid.

6. Appointment of an independent examiner of the accounts for 2019

On a proposal by Judy Gowing and seconded by Andrew Summers, Alastair Cameron was re-appointed the independent examiner.

7. The chair reported that the PCC was able to confirm to the annual meeting that St Mary's complies with the duty to have regard to the Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The PCC took this issue very seriously and the subject will be an item on all future PCC agendas. The meeting was referred to the safeguarding report in the Annual Review.

8. Report on the fabric of the church, and of the church hall.

The written reports in the Annual Review were received. A new Parish Architect has been appointed. A question was asked about the availability of grants for the upkeep of historic buildings. As a Grade II* listed building, we can reclaim VAT on maintenance invoices, but grants are not available. Credit was given to Cheryl Cole as Kitson Hall Bookings Manager, and William Heller as Chair of the Kitson Hall Committee for another very successful year.

9. Report on the Team Council. The written report in the Annual Review was received. There was a question about money in the Team Council account (£30,000). The income obviously fluctuates; when there is no curate, the rental from the house accumulates and is spent when a curate is appointed. Another question followed up the announcement at the last APCM that Holy Trinity wished to dispose of their share of the Boileau Road house. The Diocese is still planning to buy that share of the house, and we await a decision on the timing. Holy Trinity are still very much part of the Team Ministry.

10. Report on the Deanery Synod. Judy Gowing reported that St Mary Barnes lies within the Deanery of Richmond and Barnes, in the Archdeaconry of Wandsworth, in the diocese of Southwark. The deanery follows the south bank of the Thames from Hammersmith Bridge to Ham, covering 15 parishes. St Mary's representatives are Phil Bladen, Annie Sullivan and Judy Gowing. Tom Ridley has served for four years but has just stepped down. The Synod meets three times a year and is a conduit between the parishes and the Diocese, and up the chain of the Church of England. The meetings are interesting and open to everybody. Discussions have recently concerned communications, safeguarding, dementia and environmental issues. There are many resources available to us from the Diocese.

Brief reports of the meetings are included in the pew sheets and more details are included in the PCC minutes, which can either be viewed in the porch or on the website.

11. Comments and questions from the congregation had been taken in each section.

12. Reflection: Hayley Argles-Grant spoke about her journey to ordination. (see Appendix 1). She was warmly thanked for her reflection, and for the time last year that she had spent with St Mary's.
 13. Churchwardens' report. Fouki thanked Bishop Richard and Sister Margaret Anne, Christabel and Geoffrey for all their support with the services during the interregnum.
 14. Any other business – none
 15. Date of next annual meeting will be announced in due course.
- The meeting concluded with the Grace.

APPENDIX 1

Hayley Argles-Grant address

Thank you for inviting me to talk at your APCM. Although it has been suggested that I could talk on a topic of my choice, I have been wisely guided by Geoffrey to share some of my journey to Ordination.

Journey to Ordination

One of the questions I get asked most frequently, when people find out I am training to be a vicar is: *'Have you always wanted to be one?'*

I must put my hand on my heart and say that it was not top of my dream or vision board as I was growing up! I also have to admit that if I had had a list, it would not have made it on there. I actually wanted to be either a lollipop lady or a long-distance lorry driver and I still toy with the idea, every now and again, of taking my HGV licence. Growing up in a mixed faith house, God was ever present, an unspoken faith bound us together, but we just didn't do organised religion - even though the church was just over the road from where we lived.

Like many, my first introduction to church was through school. Our playground adjoined the church and every Friday morning we would enter the church through the side door and witness the presence of God in that place. I remember it was quite magical to watch, the brightness surrounding the altar from the gloom of the pews.

It would be a good few years and a few grey hairs before that imagery would catch up with me again. I was a bit slow on the uptake. I knew I was looking for something but couldn't quite describe to myself. It's like the search for the perfect handbag, you search continuously, you think you've found it and then it's a bit of a false start and the search starts again. And then I stumbled into St Mary's, Putney and I met our then curate. Someone you are all quite familiar with – Richard Sewell. It wasn't planned, it wasn't intentional but somehow, I stepped through the door and felt at home. The stark architecture and furniture grated - but there was something there that made me stay. Made me question which led me to confirmation at the age of 39.

I took on a number of roles to 'help out'. I became part of the DCC, PCC, was Church Warden, then Parish Warden, a sometimes Sacristan. They all followed in succession.

All-important ministries in their own way – and yet, it wasn't quite what I was looking for. And then I woke up one morning with the notion that I was called to be a vicar.

To be honest, it took me a little by surprise - I tried to ignore it for some time – quite a bit of time. Was I having a crisis? Did I need to change my job? But it was like the itch that wouldn't be scratched, it was always there, and I just had to talk to someone about it. And once I had opened up the idea, the more people I spoke to about it. One of the challenges that you are asked to undertake in your preparation for vocations interview – is how other people respond when you tell them that this is what you think you are called to do.

Although most were surprised by this idea – none so more than my husband Rob. No one laughed, no one asked if I were crazy. Some even thought it was about time I opened the door to the possibility, and it started to become a reality.

How do you become an Ordinand?

There are vocation pathways to follow and once accepted by the Diocese you are put forward to be interviewed at a week-long residential. It's fair to say that it's just like interviewing for a job and not all at the same time. You prepare for any eventuality and you really want your interviewer to like you. See the qualities that you might bring to the role. It's one of the most nerve-wracking job interviews I have ever undertaken.

And then waiting for the letter of acceptance is just like waiting for your A level results. Have I been accepted – will I get into the college of my choice? I wanted to stay and study in London for family reasons.

The Diocese supported me, and St Augustine's College offered part-time training and the last few years – like Martin - have been a mixture of work, work, college, essays, long nights, long weekends in the worst hotel in Kent (Fawlty Towers has nothing on Larkfield Priory) and one of the most spiritual places I have encountered so far with the nuns at West Malling.

What's it like being an Ordinand?

The Diocese tend to move Ordinands to training churches and being a mere stone throw away in Putney, I found myself in Barnes and St Michaels, with Judith and Fr Stephen - and transported back to the church of my childhood although this time with incense, robed choir, processing and very long candles.

I was a little bit out of my depth and extremely outside of my comfort zone. Liturgical practices I did not understand and did not readily warm to. It made me question all sorts of things. What was I doing? Could I embrace what was happening around me? Could I become a part of this? Would I at some point be found out?!! A little bit of imposter syndrome **BUT** God has always been there to guide me.

A number of practical placements follow – mission (project in a church in Wimbledon), pastoral (Kingston Hospital). All designed to give an insight to your future role in ministry as a leader within the Church to challenge you to reflect in your gifts that might serve a community in the future. And that is how I came to be here at St Mary's. You kindly offered and provided me with 10 weeks insight to working in a parish with a focus on

Children and Youth Work with Charlie - even though there was the possibility, which became an eventuality, of an interregnum.

I thought I would find a tremendous church community to come to and become part of and I wasn't wrong. The seamless way you all stepped into the breach to keep the church open and services running smoothly was so reassuring. Your complete acceptance of me being amongst you all, a stranger in your midst, the words of advice, the guidance, laughter and coffee that you have generously shared helped make this an enriching experience. Some things I will take away with me. Persistence pays off and I have learned many things over the last three years - mostly about myself as it should be. I have discovered that.

I quite like Choral Evensong and I get upset when people mess with the format of the Book of Common Prayer service.

I am proud that I haven't set fire to anyone or anything when Thurifer and I haven't tripped up, fallen over or dropped anything!

I have even realised that I like candles no matter how long or short they are. Because it's all about people – people on their journey with God. Learning to see the wonder of God working here, in all that you are and all that you do. It's been an immense privilege to have been here in Barnes and at St. Mary's.

In the book of Genesis, Jacob has a dream, and upon waking he declares:
'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' ... 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'
(Genesis 28.16-17)

I would like to echo Jacob's words "how awesome is this place!"

Rector's Address

APCM April 2021

Overview

2019 was a year of two halves, the first with the parish in vacancy and the second following my licensing as the new Vicar of St Mary's Barnes and Team Rector of the Barnes Team Ministry. An uplifting and joyful evening was led by the Rt Rev'd. Richard Cheetham, Bishop of Kingston with guest preacher Ven Dr. David Ison, Dean of St Paul's. A great team effort during the vacancy from many meant that the ministry and mission of the parish continued to flourish and enabled me to have excellent foundations on which to begin my new ministry.

The work of the parish is centred around the vision that "we exist to worship God, to build up the community of faith and to serve the people of the parish and the wider world". This is done through a Mission Action Plan (MAP) which seeks "to inspire hearts and minds to serve the mission of God".

2020 was a year like no other. Starting with Mothering Sunday the church building was closed completely during the first coronavirus lockdown, reopening first for private prayer in June and for socially distanced services in July. In the second lockdown in

November services in the church discontinued but we remained open for prayer, with services commencing again for Advent & Christmas. We have been reminded how special it is to have the church, open daily, and church garden as spaces where anyone can come and do business with God, or simply be somewhere other than stuck at home.

Almost overnight we discovered “online church”! Services were regularly recorded together with live streaming of morning prayer. The website was substantially developed to be the hub of church communication. The paper pew sheet became a weekly email, together with other direct mailings. Our social media presence significantly expanded, particularly through use of Instagram. We quickly learned to use Zoom for a whole range of meetings, both administrative and for study groups.

Along with the church building & garden, and going online, the third leg of the covid-stool was keeping the bonds of fellowship going with congregation and wider community. An expanded group of pastoral callers made phone contact with everyone on our lists during the first lockdown to check they were ok. Through these and informal contact there have been countless acts of kindness in support of one another and neighbours. The church linked up with other local agencies to provide support in the community, and many individuals volunteered for FiSH, CCP and other projects. I am very grateful to everyone who enabled the work of the church to be maintained and indeed flourish. It is impossible to name everyone, but alongside those named below particular thanks go to our PCC, churchwardens Fouki Heller and Philip Bladen, and administrator Cheryl Cole.

Worship

The pattern of Sunday and weekday worship is the heartbeat of the parish and attendance held up well during the vacancy. The Archdeacon Ven. John Kiddle led Holy Week and Easter services. There was a well organised and enjoyable Nativity Play performed at the two services on Christmas Eve afternoon, and together with the Midnight and Christmas morning services. Occasional offices are a vital part of the worship, pastoral care and outreach of the church and during 2019 there were 21 baptisms, 9 weddings and 32 funerals & interments. Other highlights included the Patronal and Harvest Festivals in September, and All Souls and Remembrance in November.

Before the pandemic struck, the highlight of worship in 2020 was the BBC Radio 4 Sunday morning service broadcast from St Mary's in February at which Bishop Richard Harries preached on caring for God's creation and with a solo from BBC Young Chorister of the Year Anna Haestrup. As noted above we have maintained a mix of services in church when possible and online throughout. Online services provide an opportunity to connect with new congregations and for people to have a look at what the church offers in an easy way. A challenge post lockdown will be maintaining a good online presence alongside being back in church. Our proposed investment in live streaming facilities will help enable this.

For obvious reasons the number of baptisms, weddings and funerals was lower than in a usual year. We had good attendances at Christmas services but social distancing restricted numbers at services to about 60 each. We started to make more use of the

churchyard for services at Remembrance and carol singing before Christmas and intend to do this more in the future, also in keeping with our environmental commitment.

Thank you to the many people who enable worship to take place, including sacristans, servers, readers, intercessors, musicians, cleaners, stewards (sidespeople), those filming and editing for online, and of course our Lay Readers Christabel Gairdner and Geoffrey Barnett, Bishop Richard Harries and Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne

Children and Young people

We said farewell in spring 2019 to part-time Children & Youth Worker Charlie Auton, who had done so much to build up the faith and fun of those at the Sunday Club and Barnes Youth Group. His departure and that of JulieAnn Sewell left a large hole, but the team of volunteers led by Cate Summers did a great job running weekly groups and maintaining links with families.

The Rector and PCC identified the urgent need to recruit a new worker and indeed committed to expanding this to a full-time role, and the start of the pandemic coincided with appointing our new part-time Children's Worker Jackie Davis and Youth Worker Julie Smith. It has been a challenging start for both as it has been impossible to meet in person with children, young people and families for much of the year. However, Jackie and Julie have done a great job in overcoming these hurdles with a mix of Zoom groups and activities such as the Nativity Trail before Christmas. Because the normal nativity play could not be performed in church Alison Macmillan worked tirelessly in leading the filming and editing of a nativity film instead. This was a great way of involving children and families, filming at home or in the hall, and the film was shown at our Christmas Eve afternoon services and of course online. We had a good confirmation group over the summer leading to five young people being confirmed at St Michael's Barnes by the Bishop of Southwark in October.

Music

Music is central to worship at St Mary's, led by Director of Music Henry Chandler. The adult and junior choirs are thriving, enhanced by our organ and choral scholars. In 2019 there were choral evensongs at the end of the Music Festival and the annual Friends evensong in October with visiting preacher Ven Sheila Watson. We were delighted at the news, revealed at the 2019 Christmas Carol service, that Anna Hastrup had been chosen as BBC Young Chorister of the Year, a magnificent achievement for Anna and reflection of the nurture given at St Mary's over the years. The lack of live music and ban on congregational singing has been a real sadness in 2020. However the Radio 4 service in February provided a great showcase for St Mary's. In between lockdowns there was also the Friends of St Mary's annual Choral Evensong also featuring performances from Barnes Young Musicians of the Year.

While it has not been possible for the choir to meet for much of the year, our very talented scholars have enabled music to continue in our online services and at services where the congregation has not been allowed to sing. St Mary's bellringers have kept in close touch during lockdown and have used the wonders of technology to keep ringing together online. We look forward to our adult and junior choirs being able to sing together again, and a return to congregational singing later in 2021.

Pastoral care, welcome and hospitality

The ministry of welcome is a responsibility for all in the church family but is led by dedicated volunteers in our teams of sides people at services, 'daily friends' welcoming visitors to the church and our hospitality teams making and serving refreshments and meals on many occasions through the year. We are blessed with a lovely and well-situated building and so it was agreed towards the end of 2019 that the church's opening hours be extended to most daylight hours. It is good to see people quietly using the space for prayer and reflection. I have already highlighted the vital work of the pastoral group. The newly formed communications group has also been behind many of the online initiatives to maintain our sense of welcome and hospitality which would otherwise have happened in person. Sadly, very few hospitality events were possible in 2020. A major event worldwide was the soul searching about how to achieve true racial equality in the light of the death of George Floyd in the USA in the summer. A group has been formed to build on the diversity of those leading and preaching at services, and to enhance an inclusive welcome in all aspects of church life.

Learning and discipleship

During the vacancy our two home groups continued to meet regularly exploring different biblical books and wider theological themes. The Rector led a series of 2019 Advent Reflections and a similar series was led by Bishop Richard Harries, our two Lay Readers and the Rector in 2020. In January 2020, the "Start" course for enquirers into the Christian faith began. Inviting others into the life of faith and growing closer to Jesus are priorities as we engage with wider society which is sceptical of religion, but hungry for a real experience of God. Two adults were confirmed at Southwark Cathedral in February 2020 and another adult at St Michael's Barnes in October. Zoom worked well as a way of getting together for study groups, and over the year we had a series on key moments in the Acts of the Apostles; the Letter to the Philippians; and on God's care for his creation. The home groups have also kept their activities going through email and other online contact.

Serving and community events

The PCC supports a number of charitable organisations and central to this are a series of innovative, well organised and enjoyable events run by the Friends of St Mary's, including notably the Charity Ball, the Barnes Music Festival and the Charity Fashion Show. Attending his first fashion show in 2019 was quite an experience for the new Rector! In addition to these direct donations members of St. Mary's have been instrumental in the annual fundraising for Christian Aid and in weekly coffee shops in support of their favourite charities. Many in the congregation served the community in 2020 by volunteering with local groups to help those in need during the pandemic. Alongside the suffering of the year it was heartening to see the generosity of response to neighbours and community in Barnes - real signs of the kingdom of God and Holy Spirit in action!

As mentioned below we have continued to support charitable activities through Under Tree Schools in Sudan, Castlenau Community Project, FiSH, Glass Door, Richmond Welfare, Age UK Barnes Green Day Centre, and through our support for Christian Aid Week and the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call. Charitable giving totalled £32,250 in 2019

and £15,967 in 2020, but the Ball raised a further corporate donation of £11,500 to be given directly to our nominated charities by the donor.

The PCC reviewed the Mission Action Plan and identified the main outstanding priority which is to enhance our care for God's creation. As a result, an Environment Group was formed and this has started work looking at our buildings and church garden, our worship, lifestyle and wider community engagement. An audit showed many actions which have already been taken, but that we have much further to go, as seek to contribute to the urgent need to combat climate change.

Rev'd James Hutchings, Rector of St Mary's Barnes

ST MARY'S STEWARDS

Our current team includes the following people:

8am Service: David Barrie, Christine Butenuth, Rachel Elkington, Mark Harries, Nigel Oakley, Dermot Trimble, Paul and Simon Atkinson, Paul Velluet, Deborah Stewartby. *Desmond and Josephine MacDermott (both retired in 2020)*

10am Service: David Blacklock, Claire Boyling, Sarah Cox, Steve Cox, Anthony Figgis, Patrick Findlater, Ken George, Tiziana George, Sarah Kearney, Paul Phillips, Peter Siddall, Cilla Snowball, Andrew Summers, Joan Wheeler-Bennett and Franck Kouamen.

11.30am Service: Sally Copland, Paul Teverson, Francesca Wisdom.

6pm Service: Wendy Kyrle-Pope.

Reserves for this service: David Blacklock, Anthony Figgis, Andrew Summers.

Thursday Noon Service: Linda Read

Head Steward: David Blacklock

ST MARY'S CHALICE ASSISTANTS

Fiona Barnett, Helen Bladen, Phil Bladen, Tim Budgen, Patty Darke, Giles Dimock, Elizabeth Dundas, Rosemary Findlater, Judy Gowing, Fouki Heller, William Heller, Lucy Hine, Katherine Passerieu, Paul Teverson

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC meets eight times a year chaired by the Rector, with Peter Boyling as Vice-Chair. During the pandemic, the Council continued to meet but virtually via Zoom.

The meetings receive reports about finance, fabric, safeguarding, Kitson Hall, Deanery Synod and Faith in Action. Since the last APCM, groups looking at Communications, Environmental issues and Welcoming have been formed and they too supply information to the PCC.

The PCC annually reconsiders our contribution to the Parish Support Fund, whether a

Stewardship campaign is required, how best to implement our Mission Action Plan, protocols for Disciplinary, Grievance and Complaints, Safeguarding and reviews staff salaries. Other business undertaken and decisions made by the PCC will be covered in other reports.

Judy Gowing, PCC Secretary

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 2019 - 2020

Clergy	The Rev'd James Hutchings (Rector) (from July 2019)
Churchwardens	Phil Bladen (Standing Committee) Fouki Heller (Standing Committee)
Deanery Synod (retire 2020)	Phil Bladen Annie Sullivan Judy Gowing (PCC secretary and Standing Committee)
Ordinary Members (retire 2020)	Jo Fraser William Heller Elisabeth Munden Michael Murison Cathy Putz
(retire 2021)	Peter Boyling (Vice Chairman and Standing Committee) Paul Teverson Sue Mackworth-Praed
(retire 2022)	Rachel Skilbeck Cate Summers Joan Wheeler-Bennett Christabel Gairdner (Reader)
Co-opted	Patrick Findlater (Hon Treasurer and Standing Committee)

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DEANERY SYNOD

St Mary's is in the Deanery of Richmond and Barnes which follows the south bank of the Thames from Hammersmith Bridge to Ham, covering 15 parishes. St Mary's lay representatives are Phil Bladen, Annie Sullivan and Judy Gowing, with Revd James in the House of Clergy. We are entitled to have 5 lay representatives. The Synod meets three times a year and is a conduit between the parishes and the Diocese, and up the chain of the Church of England.

Rev'd Peter Hart, who was the Area Dean, has moved and been succeeded by Revd Alex Barrow, the vicar of All Saints, East Sheen.

The meetings are interesting and open to everybody. Discussions over the past two years have covered communications, safeguarding, diversity and knife crime. As a deanery, it was decided to fund a Knife bin to be sited in one of the worst areas of the Diocese for knife crime. This is just one example of how the area can benefit from the churches working together as a Deanery.

Deanery Choral Evensong was held in 2019.

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THE CHURCHWARDENS REPORT

can be found in the Annual Review

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT ON 2019 (written in Spring 2020)

2019 was financially something of a year of lucky breaks for St. Mary's. In January we received a very generous anonymous grant of £10,000, and in December we found that favourable market conditions meant that our investment in the CCLA Charities Fund had grown during the year by £12,431. Without these two pieces of good fortune, we would have had a General Fund deficit of some £26,796, which is not an annual result we could sustain for very long. Giving from the congregation was almost unchanged from 2018, despite an energetic stewardship appeal. With the benefit of hindsight, it was perhaps optimistic to hope for worthwhile results during our interregnum. A further appeal is planned for Lent 2020. Expenses were well controlled by those responsible – very little is wasted at St. Mary's. An outstanding feature was the annual bicycle sale at Barnes Fair, which produced a surplus (without gift aid) of over £13,000, enabling £7,000 to be given to outside charities.

A further notable result was the record surplus of almost £30,000 from lettings at Kitson Hall, on the back of record income of £66,000. This surplus has enabled us to bolster the amounts available in the Youth Fund, so that started in 2020 with £51,594 to finance the employment of our two new youth workers – adequate for more than 18 months. This result is the fruit of some careful tending of the Hall, so it continues to be a place people want to hire. It is likely rather more money will have to be spent on it in 2020.

We now have £8,808 in our Bells Fund towards the acquisition of equipment for training new ringers; this has been a notable example of self-help, in that this money has been raised almost entirely by the efforts of the ringers themselves (with a little help from the Friends). The Friends Fund had a better year, with an improved surplus from the Charity Ball, and good results from a range of other events. There is now £47,921 in the pot to tackle capital projects in 2020, and the Friends also paid £14,934 in 2019 towards the maintenance of the church and churchyard.

Each year I pay a heartfelt tribute to the work of those who toil behind the scenes on the unglamorous functions which go to make our accounts; Tiziana George the eagle-eyed bookkeeper, Michael Murison who ensures we get £40,000 plus each year from the grasp of HMRC, and Richard du Parc who copes with ensuring that our cheques and cash get safely into our increasingly unhelpful and remote banks. I could not begin to do my job without them.

Patrick Findlater

Honorary Treasurer

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT ON 2020 (written in Spring 2021)

The Chinese have an old curse – “May you live in interesting times”. When we were struck by lockdown in March 2020, I feared that this was the case for us. Surprisingly, the year did not turn out that badly. Although we had blows from the cancellation of most of our events – Barnes Fair, Fashion Show and Christmas Bazaar – virtually no weddings, severely reduced hire of Kitson Hall and no normal full services from mid-March onwards, we somehow managed to end the year somewhat better than break-even.

As in 2019, we had several bits of luck. We were able in February to hold a very successful Charity Ball, which netted just over £21,000 after donations to charity. In 2020 we at last received a reward from our near-70% ownership of 52 Boileau Road, by way of a pay-out of £28,000-plus from accumulated rents (the first such dividend for ten years), and our holding in the CCLA Charity Investment Fund grew further, by nearly £7,000. The kindly government also handed us some £17,000 odd to support the salaries of our staff. So, it was not all bad news.

We tried to act prudently in the circumstances. Our general expenditure (apart from our Parish Share) dropped from £78,146 in 2019 to £55,821. No capital spending of any significance took place either in the church or at Kitson Hall. Despite the halving of our Kitson Hall income we were still able to record there a smaller surplus of £9,776, which has been transferred to support the Youth Fund.

Inevitably our worry is the prospect for 2021. There has been no Charity Ball this year, and the Music Festival is likely to be a limited affair. I do not believe Barnes Fair will be taking place. During 2020 there was a very encouraging upturn in monies donated by standing order, from £110,000 to £124,000, but this did not, unfortunately, compensate for the lack of income from collections and Gift Aid envelopes. We have budgeted for a considerable deficit over this year, as there are large items of a capital nature which have to be paid for, but we can only afford one year of this sort. I am afraid we need still more money from the congregation.

As always, my grateful thanks to the accounts team. As I think there will be two years' reports in this document, I do not need to repeat much, but should mention Tiziana's labours on her own to avoid us being socially undistanced during 2020. She had to rely on my being on the other end of a telephone, but we still managed to turn out accounts which bore examination.

Patrick Findlater

Honorary Treasurer

Copies of the full examined accounts for 2019 & 2020 are available from the Church office to any interested parties on the Electoral Roll.

St Mary's Barnes Annual Accounts for 2019

St Mary's PCC, Barnes

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	197,315	19,481	—	216,796	206,901
Activities for generating funds	99,194	139,617	—	238,811	218,726
Investment income	792	—	—	792	208
Incoming resources from charitable activities	17,959	—	—	17,959	24,131
Other incoming resources	—	—	—	—	—
Total incoming resources	315,260	159,098	—	474,358	449,966
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	12,636	90,113	—	102,749	97,899
Cost of generating voluntary income	—	—	—	—	231
Charitable Activities	288,131	46,891	—	335,022	362,501
Governance costs	308	—	—	308	—
Total resources used	301,076	137,004	—	438,080	460,632
Net income/(expenditure) resources before transfer	14,184	22,094	—	36,278	(10,666)
Transfers					
Gross Transfers between funds – in	29,808	5,627	—	35,435	57,904
Gross transfers between funds – out	(33,888)	(1,547)	—	(35,435)	(57,904)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	12,431	—	—	12,431	343
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	22,535	26,174	—	48,709	(10,323)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds brought forward	182,853	41,678	527,500	752,030	762,354
Total Funds carried forward	205,388	67,852	527,500	800,740	752,030

St Mary's PCC, Barnes
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2019

	31.12.19	31.12.18
Fixed Assets		
Kitson Hall	460,000	460,000
Share of 52 Boileau Road	67,500	67,500
Total Fixed Assets	527,500	527,500
Current Assets		
NatWest PCC Current Account	1,106	3,621
CAF Bank – Cash Account	38,388	32,365
CAF Bank Platinum Account	–	104,161
CAF Bank Gold Account	87,970	45,372
CAF BMF Account	741	329
Shawbrook Bank 60 days notice	100,660	–
Petty Cash	100	100
Cash Reserve	–	275
CCLA COIF Charity Investment Fund	69,862	57,431
Accounts Receivable	11,734	11,980
Prepayments	4,101	6,994
Total Current Assets	314,662	262,628
Liabilities		
Accounts payable – End of Year Creditors	4,672	7,333
Advance Receipts for next year	36,750	30,764
Total Liabilities	41,422	38,097
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	800,740	752,030
Reserves		
Excess / (deficit) for year	36,278	–
Starting balances	752,030	751,688
Gains/(losses) on investment asset	12,431	343
Total Reserves	800,740	752,030

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	118,794	123,159
Designated	86,594	59,694
Restricted	67,852	41,678
Endowment	527,500	527,500
Total	800,740	752,030

Approved by the PCC at its meeting on 17th March 2020 and signed on its behalf by

Chairman/Team Rector

Hon. Treasurer

Barnes Team Council Accounts 2019

Draft Income and Expenditure Report Year ended 31 December 2019

Income	Year to 31.12.19 £	Year to 31.12.18 £	Notes
Unrestricted Income			
Church income	0	0	
Rental Income	25,500	24,300	1
Other income	0	0	
Total unrestricted income	<u>£25,500</u>	<u>£24,300</u>	
Expenditure			
Unrestricted expenses			
Agents fees	3,978	3,791	1
Other letting costs	0	419	2
Boileau Road - Insurance	455	442	
Boileau Road - Repairs & maintenance	313	263	
Boileau Road - Council tax and services	0	95	3
Curate	0	0	
Other	0	159	
	<u>£4,746</u>	<u>£5,170</u>	
Net Income/(expenditure)	<u>£20,754</u>	<u>£19,130</u>	
Unrestricted	20,754	19,130	
Restricted			
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>£20,754</u>	<u>£19,130</u>	

Notes

- 1 Boileau Road is being let out and we receive rent after deduction of Agent's fees.
- 2 Costs of letting out property (Inventory cost, Documentation costs etc.).
- 3 Council tax and utility costs during vacant period.

Draft Balance Sheet **As at 31 Decmber 2019**

	31.12.2019	31.12.2018
	£	£
Assets		
Cash	50,339	29,585
Parish Current Accounts	0	0
Accruals	0	0
Total current Assets	<u>£50,339</u>	<u>£29,585</u>
Funds		
Unrestricted fund	(50,339)	(29,585)
Restricted fund	0	0
	<u>(£50,339)</u>	<u>(£29,585)</u>

ST MARY'S BARNES: PARISH STATISTICS

In calendar 2019

Baptisms: 21

Admission of children to Communion: 0

Confirmations: 0

Marriages: 9

Funerals: service in church: 12
service at crematorium: 12

Communicants on

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: 306

Number attending services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: 1183

Communicants on Easter Day: 270

Number attending services on Easter Day: 391

St Mary's Barnes Annual Accounts for 2020

St Mary Barnes PCC

Statement of Financial Activities

1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	182,294	9,487	-	191,781	216,796
Activities for generating funds	42,104	124,049	-	166,153	238,811
Investment income	29,233	-	-	29,233	792
Incoming resources from charitable activities	9,148	-	-	9,148	17,959
Total incoming resources	262,778	133,536	-	396,314	474,358
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	7,079	87,707	-	94,787	102,749
Cost of generating voluntary income	710	-	-	710	-
Charitable activities	265,620	34,025	-	299,645	335,022
Governance costs	-	944	-	944	308
Total resources used	273,409	122,676	-	396,086	438,080
Net Income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(10,631)	10,860	-	228	36,278
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds – in	9,776	-	-	9,776	35,435
Gross transfers between funds – out	(9,776)	-	-	(9,776)	(35,435)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses in investment assets	6,837	-	-	6,837	12,431
Net movement of funds	(3,794)	10,860	-	7,066	48,709
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	205,388	67,852	527,500	800,740	752,030
Total funds carried forward	201,594	78,712	527,500	807,805	800,740

St Mary Barnes PCC
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

		31/12/2020	31/12/2019
Fixed assets			
	Kitson Hall	460,000	460,000
	Share of 52 Boileau Road	67,500	67,500
	Total Fixed assets	527,500	527,500
Current assets			
	NatWest PCC current account	2,263	1,106
	CAF Bank - Cash Account	36,521	38,388
	CAF Bank Gold Account	80,042	87,970
	CAF BMF Account	84	741
	Shawbrook Bank 60 days notice	101,469	100,660
	Petty Cash, Church	254	100
	Cash Reserve	300	—
	CCLA COIF Charity Investment Fund	76,699	69,862
	Accounts Receivable	9,170	11,734
	Prepayments	564	4,101
	Total Current assets	307,366	314,662
Liabilities			
	Accounts payable - End of Year Creditors	6,906	4,672
	Advance Receipts for next year	20,154	36,750
	Total Liabilities	27,060	41,422
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	807,805	800,740
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	228	—
	Starting balances	800,740	788,308
	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	6,837	12,431
	Total Reserves	807,805	800,740

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	117,861	118,794
Designated	83,732	86,594
Restricted	78,712	67,852
Endowment	527,500	527,500
Total	807,805	800,740

Approved by the PCC at its meeting on the 23rd March 2021 and signed on its behalf by

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Chairman/Team Rector

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Treasurer

Barnes Team Council Annual Accounts for 2020

Income and Expenditure Report Year ended 31 December 2020

Income	Year to 31.12.2020 £	Year to 31.12.2019 £	Notes
Unrestricted Income			
Church income	0	0	
Rental Income	16,736	25,500	1
Other income	0	0	
Total unrestricted income	<u>£16,736</u>	<u>£25,500</u>	
Expenditure			
Unrestricted expenses			
Payments to Parishes	40,955	0	1
Agents fees	2,611	3,978	2
Other letting costs	673	0	3
Boileau Road - Insurance	458	455	
Boileau Road - Repairs & maintenance	5,165	313	4
Boileau Road - Council tax and services	721	0	5
Curate	0	0	
Other	0	0	
	<u>£50,582</u>	<u>£4,746</u>	
Net Income/(expenditure)	<u>(£33,846)</u>	<u>£20,754</u>	
Unrestricted	(33,846)	20,754	
Restricted			
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>(£33,846)</u>	<u>£20,754</u>	

Notes

- 1 Boileau Road is being let out and we receive rent after deduction of Agent's fees.
- 2 Excess funds were distributed to the member [arishes during the year.
- 3 Costs of letting out property (Inventory cost, Documentation costs etc.).
- 4 The house were painted, cleaned and general refreshed between tenancies.
- 5 Council tax and utility costs during vacant period.

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Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2020

	31.12.2020 £	31.12.2019 £
Assets		
Cash	16,493	50,339
Parish Current Accounts	0	0
Accruals	0	0
Total current Assets	<u>£16,493</u>	<u>£50,339</u>
Funds		
Unrestricted fund	(16,493)	(50,339)
Restricted fund	0	0
	<u>(£16,493)</u>	<u>(£50,339)</u>

ST MARY'S BARNES: PARISH STATISTICS

In calendar 2020

Baptisms: 12

Admission of children to Communion: 0

Confirmations: 7

Marriages: 4

Funerals: service in church: 3

service at crematorium: 3

Communicants on

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: 162

Number attending services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: 330

Communicants on Easter Day: 0

Number attending services on Easter Day: 0

**REPORT ON THE FABRIC OF THE CHURCH, REPORT ON THE CHURCH HALL
& REPORT ON THE BARNES TEAM MINISTRY
can be found in the Annual Review**

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