



**PARISH OF PUTNEY  
ST MARY'S AND ALL SAINTS'**

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

**APRIL 2016- APRIL 2017**

**Including Financial Accounts  
January 2016- December 2017**

**and**

**Minutes of the APCM 2016**

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners  
And  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 St Mary's Church at 7.30pm**

**AGENDAS**

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Election of Churchwardens
5. Any Other Business

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Approval of Accounts
5. Appointment of Auditor
6. Presentation of the Electoral Rolls
7. Report of PCC business for 2016/17
8. Report of membership of the PCC for 2016/17
9. Parish Charities Report
10. Report on Deanery Synod
11. Admission of Children to Communion before Confirmation
12. Safeguarding
13. Parish Action
14. Magazine
15. Website and social media
16. Theology in the Pub
17. Churches Together in Putney and Roehampton
18. Team Rector's Report
19. AOB

**Parish of Putney  
St Mary's and All Saints  
St Mary's Church**

## **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners 27 April 2016**

Present: Ailsa Newby, Chris Eyden, John Andrew, Martin Watts, Richard Holman, Iain Cox, Andrew Simon, Mike Bull, Angela Holman, Angela Attah, Carolyn Biddick, Mike Biddick, Ian Yearsley, Nigel Wright, Cherry Steward, Simon Merrett, Catherine Dando, Vanessa Lowndes, Paul Jessop, Peter Tuppen, Andrew Grocott, James Roche, Mark Leadley, Jane Morley, Andrew Blunden, Nick Pleydell-Bouverie, Gemma Duncan, Anthea Brazier, Kristian Wentzel & Sarah Brearley.

**Apologies:** Carrie Myers, Clemency Gordon-Martin, Paul Donnelly, Kate Innes, Adam Daniels & Hayley Argyles-Grant.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the Annual Parishioner Meeting held on 27 April 2015 were approved and seconded by Mike and Carolyn Biddick. There were no matters arising.

### **Election of Church Wardens**

All Saints': Clemency Gordon-Martin proposed by Jane Turner and seconded by Matthew Salisbury.

St Mary's: Paul Donnelly proposed by Angela Attah, seconded by Martin Watts.

They were elected unopposed.

Ailsa Newby thanked both profoundly for all their diligent work.

### **AOB**

There were no AOB items.

## **Minutes of the APCM meeting 25 April 2016**

Present: As above

Apologies: As above

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 27 April 2015 were approved. There was a minor amendment relating to the Church Mouse.

### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **Approval of the Accounts**

Good news! There is a surplus of £11,000, 2% of turnover. Quite an improvement on last year. There has been an increase in giving, especially at AS. There has been marginally less tax recovered, although more tax is being recovered through the yellow envelope scheme, especially at AS. It would still be preferable if people set up standing orders instead, as it's considerably less work.

Investment income down on '13/'14. One of our investments matured in March 2015. Decision made to invest £100,000 in purchase of Hayward Gdns.

Kenilworth Court has had costs associated with the property, the tenant paid no rent from the end of October until the beginning of March. We retain her £2700 deposit towards the cost of refurbishment and legal proceedings will start shortly to try to recover the rent.

The lettings at SM are very healthy thanks to Bernie. It's a buzzy space.

Wedding and funeral fees are constant.

Expenses are down a little.

Fairer shares – the new Parish Support Fund is voluntary, although the payment is the same, if not more. It will go up again in 2016. This is how we support the diocese with clergy salaries, accommodation, central services and other less financially secure parishes across the diocese.

Maintenance costs were lower than in 2014 because in that year AS completely refurbished its garden.

There has been a reduction in costs of utilities. SM's changed all the light bulbs, an outlay but with associated lower electricity bills.

There were some costs associated with Hayward Gardens.

Residential property has been a sound investment, Kenilworth Court and Hayward Gdns have increased in value since purchase.

The trust associated with the café at church has settled its debt to the parish.

We have net assets of over £2 million. We are a fortunate parish.

There are restricted funds – £70,000 Parish Action money and a Friends of AS church fund earmarked for music.

The café is successful. Issa has worked hard for two years and produces good quality food.

The café is welcoming and buzzy and works well in a pastoral capacity too.

AN thanked RH, John Andrew, Andrew Sternberg and Andrew Grocott for all their work with the parish finances. They are a splendid financial team and we are very grateful.

### **Approval of the accounts**

Proposed Mark Leadley, Seconded by Andrew Grocott.

### **Approval of the auditor**

The auditors, CN Wilkins FCCA, was re-appointed. Proposed by Simon Merrett, seconded by Angela Attah.

### **Electoral Roll**

AH confirmed SM 376, AS 257

### **PCC**

AN reminded everyone that it was open to anyone to come along to meetings. Next meeting is 25 May. The basic term is three years, so there is always continuity and fresh blood. Thank you to those who have finished their term and thank you to those who have recently joined.

### **Parish charities**

The property in Deodar Rd is not owned by the Parish. It is owned by St Mary's CofE Charity. The trustees are the Rector and Parish Wardens. It is let to the Parish of Fulham and occupied by one of their clergy. They are good tenants, who pay on time and make relatively few demands.

The Charity also owns the freehold of 120 Putney Bridge Road, which is leased to Hurlingham School as an art centre. The lease still has 66 years to run, but the first rent increase, to £200 p.a., came through in 2015.

### **Deanery Synod**

Thank you to AS for the report

**Safeguarding**

Keeping up-to-date with the administration attached to the DBS forms is a big job for Margaret Exelby. The diocese runs the structure of safeguarding which is good for the parish as it means the parish does not have to buy from a contractor.

**Parish Action**

£70,000 was raised this year. AN congratulated the team on another great year.

**Parish magazine**

We have reduced the magazine to three editions a year, to reflect that Silvia, the editor, is now teaching full time. Many thanks to her and the team for a very high quality production.

**Website**

Thank you to Lee Barnes and Charles Roberts for their hard work.

**Theology in the pub**

NW reported there was a hard core of 20-30 people and typically 6-12 attend. It's a drop-in group with a wide variety of speakers.

**New social group**

A group has just been launched aimed at single parent families, or those with a partner who travels. It is a Sunday get together, an opportunity for children to play and a pub lunch for the adults.

**Churches Together**

AS made a plea that we need more representatives, preferably two from SM and two from AS. The commitment isn't arduous, just four meetings a year.

**Team Rector Report**

AN read. Laura will return to work 2/3 capacity until the baby is one and then she will be full time.

Huge thanks to the church wardens who do a fantastically good job.

**AOB**

SiM questioned the connection with Holy Trinity at the top of Putney Hill. Apparently Christmas cards are exchanged. A discussion ensued about SM, AS and St Margaret's churches; five years ago a team ministry was dismissed, however, a group ministry is in place. Formalising the work with St Margaret's is a good idea.

General discussion about whether our society is instinctively less Christian.

AN & CE complimented each other on their mutual support and valuable working relationship and friendship.

The meeting ended with the grace.

**PARISH OF PUTNEY – Accounts 2016 (excluding Restricted Funds)**

	Notes	2016	2015	Change
<u>Income</u>				
		<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	
Giving by the congregations	2	285	282	+1%
Tax recoveries		66	64	+3%
Legacies		0	3	∞
Other grants and donations	3	96	71	+35%
Investment income	4	30	30	-
Church lettings		47	41	+15%
Fees		23	14	+64%
Other income		9	9	-
		<u>556</u>	<u>514</u>	<u>+8%</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Diocese	5	314	309	+2%
Clergy accommodation and expenses		10	12	-17%
Lay staff		50	52	-4%
Maintenance	6	21	24	-12%
Utilities, insurance, cleaning	6	39	26	+50%
Music and service costs		37	28	+32%
Other costs	7	45	52	-13%
		<u>516</u>	<u>503</u>	<u>+3%</u>
Net surplus	1	£40	£11	+263%

**NOTES**

1. The best financial result for the Parish for several years. Total giving was static, but income from other sources increased by 24%. Costs rose by £13,000, including an additional £5,000 paid to the Diocese (see note 5 below) and a 50% jump in utilities, partly due to higher waste collection charges.
2. There was a very small increase in total giving. Regular giving by standing order was virtually unchanged at St Mary's and rose by 5.8% at All Saints.
3. Other grants and donations include a £19,000 (2015: £10,500) contribution to Parish finances from Parish Action - £12,000 for 2016 and an additional £7,000 for 2015. This helped to underwrite the substantial support that we provide to poorer parishes in the diocese. The annual grant from the Brewer Trust was £3,200 higher than in 2015 and the Parish received a one-off grant of £5,000 towards the salary of the Pastoral Assistant from the Putney United Gospel Temperance Society. The Vicar & Wardens Charity contributed £25,600 (2014: £13,100) being the net rental income from 8 Deodar Road.
4. Investment income, mainly from an investment property and an equity fund, was unchanged at £30,000. There was a gain on revaluation of quoted funds at the year end of £10,600 (2015: loss £5,000), which is not included above.
5. Our payment to the diocese includes stipends, NIC and pensions for our clergy, accommodation for the Rector and for the Vicar of All Saints, central diocesan services and a substantial contribution to other parishes in less wealthy parts of the diocese.
6. There were no major maintenance costs in 2016. St Mary's spent £10,000 and All Saints' £11,000 (building £4.6K + gardens £6.4K). All Saints' received £5,000 in garden sponsorship from Parkgate Estate Agents, which is included in Grants and Donations. St

Mary's expenditure on lighting, heating, water and waste collection doubled to £24,000, some of which may be recharged in 2017 to the Parish Trust, which operates the commercial parts of the complex.

7. Other costs include office expenses of £12,400 (2014: £11,600) with the largest element being photocopying. Audit fees were £9,000 and Stewarding for church lettings rose from £2,700 to £4,500, which was more than offset by the additional £5,000 of letting income.

<b>BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY</b>		<u>Notes</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<u>Assets</u>	Furniture & Equipment (at net book value)	1	18	28
	Residential property (at valuation)	2	1,183	1,174
	Investments (at market value)	3	449	437
	Money due to the Parish	4	73	63
	Bank accounts	5	329	317
<u>Liabilities</u>	Amounts due for payment	6	(31)	(47)
	Net Assets		<u>2,021</u>	<u>1,972</u>
<u>Represented</u>				
<u>by</u>	Unrestricted Funds	7	1,695	1,657
	Restricted Funds	8	238	235
	Designated Funds	9	88	80
			<u>2,021</u>	<u>1,972</u>

## NOTES

- Furniture and Equipment includes seating at St Mary's, the Godly Play Room, the organ at All Saints' and all office equipment. The figure reflects the cost less the cumulative provision for depreciation.
- The Parish owns two residential properties, one primarily for investment purposes and the other as accommodation for the curate. The former is shown at 31 Dec 2014 value and the latter at cost.
- The main investment (£430,000) is in the Newton Real Return Fund, which produced an income of £10,200 and increased in value by £7,000 in 2016.
- Money due to the Parish mainly includes outstanding Gift aid tax claims (£19,600), the 2016 grant from the Brewer Trust (£29,400) and expenses recoverable from St Mary's Parish Trust (£14,500), which operates the Brewer Building at St Mary's.
- Bank accounts include monies held for Restricted Fund purposes (see note 8 below). The Parish's main central account is with Barclays and the churches hold accounts at CAF Bank.
- Amounts due for payment are primarily routine bills, such as utilities, PAYE/NIC, maintenance and audit costs, as well as wedding and funeral fees due to the Diocese.
- Unrestricted Funds can be used entirely at the discretion of the PCC.
- Restricted Funds can only be used for the purposes for which they were given. The principal restricted funds are Parish Action (£74,000), Friends of All Saints Church (£56,000), welfare funds (£22,000) and St Mary's Development (£36,000).
- Designated Funds are amounts earmarked by the PCC or one of the District Church Councils for a particular purpose. Such designations can be removed. The main funds are for fabric maintenance (£38,000), for future costs of ministry at All Saints' (£20,000) and for the future provision of office accommodation for All Saints' (£10,000).

The figures in this report are subject to audit.

*A copy of the full statutory accounts can be obtained, once the audit has been completed, from the Parish Office at St Mary's Church, Putney High Street, London SW15 1SN (parish.admin@parishofputney.co.uk)*

## **The Parish of Putney St Mary's with All Saints**

### **Parish Electoral Roll for ratification at the APCM 24th April 2017**

The Parish Electoral Roll has been updated/revised prior to the APCM on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Those church members on the Parish Electoral Roll at the closing date of 9th April 2017 numbered as follows:

St Mary's Church	404
All Saints Church	271

The Parish Electoral Roll numbers will be ratified at the APCM. Any new forms received after the closing date, will be added to the E Roll after the APCM.

The figures below detail the changes that have taken place since the APCM in April 2016.

#### **St. Mary's Church Electoral Roll at APCM 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017**                      **FINAL TOTAL 404**

New Additions during the year	=	32
Includes Transferred <u>from</u> All Saints	=	1
Removed from the list	=	3
(deceased = 1; moved from Parish = 2)		

#### **All Saints Church Electoral Roll at APCM 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017**                      **FINAL TOTAL 271**

New Additions during the year	=	22
Includes Transferred <u>to</u> St Mary's	=	1
Removed from the list	=	10
(Moved away from Parish = 8; transferred to St Mary's = 1; deceased = 1)		

### **Parochial Church Council Report 2016/17**

The PCC met in April, May, September, November 2016 and January 2017.

The main areas of discussion over this last year included:

- The PCC had a presentation from Tim Marwood on the subject of ‘Churches Together,’ on creating a more formal group, to include St Margaret’s, St Mary’s & All Saints’, in order to share our gifts within the parish. He explained how this model worked for them in Richmond. Ailsa & Anne have drawn up a paper on how Group Ministry will work and the current arrangement is to be codified.
- Laura was welcomed back from maternity leave in August and ordained in September.
- The monies owing from the missed rent at Kenilworth Court were written off as bad debts.
- Margaret Exelby’s contract was terminated. Julie Craig took over as administrator.
- Governors of SM & AS schools, Sally McGeachie and Charles Roberts gave a presentation on the progress of the schools. We are fortunate to have two highly successful and oversubscribed primary schools.
- The annual presentation on safeguarding was given by Mari Watson at AS & Libbet at SM’s. There have been no significant concerns over the past year.
- Various ideas to build links with the community were discussed.
- Gerald Allison gave the PCC a presentation on the Southwark Diocesan Board of Finance. The good news is that parish pledges have been generous.
- Progress has been made with youth work, thanks largely to Tom and Laura.

**PCC Members - Financial Year January- December 2016**

	<b>2016 - 2017</b>	<b>2017 - 2018</b>
<b>Clergy Ex-officio</b>	Rev'd Chris Eyden  Rev'd Ailsa Newby	Rev'd Chris Eyden  Rev'd Ailsa Newby
<b>PCC members</b>	<p><b>St Mary's Church</b> Julian Lee Simon Upton Pamela Smith Richard Holman (Treasurer) Sarah Brearley (Secretary) Rachel Brett</p> <p><b>All Saints Church</b> John Andrew (Treasurer) Chantry Westwell Richard Smith Catherine Dando Sarah Thomas Adam Daniels</p>	<p><b>St Mary's Church</b> Mark Leadley Zoe Coakley Christopher Garnett Tangwena Nelson Sarah Brearley (Secretary) Rachel Brett</p> <p><b>All Saints Church</b> Chantry Westwell Catherine Dando Sarah Thomas Adam Daniels Matthew Watts Rosie Taylor Davies</p>
<b>Wardens Ex-officio</b>	<p><b>St Mary's Church</b> Paul Donnelly Martin Watts Angela Attah</p> <p><b>All Saints Church</b> Clemancy Gordon-Martin Iain Cox Kate Innes</p>	<p><b>St Mary's Church</b> Paul Donnelly Angela Attah Andrew Grocott</p> <p><b>All Saints Church</b> Clemancy Gordon-Martin Iain Cox Kate Innes</p>
<b>Deanery Synod Ex-officio</b>	<p><b>St Mary's Church</b> Carrie Myers Kate Gibson Andrew Simon Gerald Allison</p> <p><b>All Saints Church</b> Jane Turner Jason Hughes Jane Middleton</p>	<p><b>St Mary's Church</b> Richard Holman (Treasurer) Kate Gibson Alexis Chapman Maggie Wentzel Jeremy Donne Jane Morley</p> <p><b>All Saints Church</b> Jane Turner Matthew Watts Rosie Taylor-Davies Gemma Duncan Faith Sutherland</p>
<b>General Synod Ex- officio</b>	Carrie Myers	Carrie Myers

**THE PARISH OF PUTNEY**  
**Parish Charities**  
**(Trustees: The Vicar and Churchwardens)**

**Report to the APCM 2017**  
**For the Year ended 31 December 2016**

St Mary's Church of England Charity (unregistered)

This is an ecclesiastical charity, so its funds may be used to support any of the work of the Parish. It comprises mainly the several bequests of Sir William Lancaster and his wife, to which we have added, with the approval of the Charity Commission, the Bowling Green House Estate Charity and the Churchwardens of Putney Parish Fund. The Trustees are the Rector and Parish Wardens.

The trust is the owner of 8 Deodar Road and the freehold of 120 Putney Bridge Road. The Deodar Road house is currently let to the Parish of Fulham at an annual rent (from 01.01.16) of £26,700. The Putney Bridge Road Hall was let for 99 years from 05.01.82 and the current lessee is Hurlingham School Ltd. The ground rent for 2016 was £200.

Because the income of this charity is now known to be above £5,000 steps are being taken to register it formally with the Charity Commission.

**Statement of Financial Activity - Year ended 31.12.16**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<u>Income:</u>		
Rent - 8 Deodar Road	26,625	25,800
Ground rent - 120 Putney Bridge Road	200	100
Dividends and Interest	1,406	1,379
	28,231	27,279
<u>Expenditure:</u>		
Expenses - 8 Deodar Road	(1,014)	(12,735)
Grant to Parish	(25,811)	(13,165)
	(26,825)	(25,900)
Net income	1,406	1,379
Unrealised Gains / (Losses) on investments	3,654	448
Net increase in Funds	5,060	1,827

**Balance Sheet at 31.12.16**

<u>Investments:</u>	Freehold Property - 8 Deodar Road (revaluation at 31.12.14)	1,150,000	1,150,000
	Reversionary interest - 120 Putney Bridge Road	Not valued	Not valued
	COIF Charities Investment Fund - income units	41,814	38,160
<u>Bank</u>	Deposit account	1,528	1,520

Current account	6,589	5,191
	<u>1,199,931</u>	<u>1,194,871</u>

### **Parish Charities - Report to the APCM for the year ended 31.12.16 (continued)**

#### The Biggs-Wymondesold Trust (registered no: 254376)

This is a 'relief of need' charity, so it can be used to assist those in any type of need, but not for ecclesiastical purposes. It consists of seven old charity funds – Rookery Close, T Kennett, J Powell, Benjamin Hunt Biggs, William Wymondesold, Elizabeth Offley and the Fulham Bridge Charity.

During the year the income amounted to £231 (2015: £221), also from dividends and bank interest, and the investments increased by £596 (2015: £109). Payments made in the year amounted to £160 (2015: £150).

At 31 December 2016 the assets of the Trust were:		<u>2015</u>
Cash at Barclays Bank	(322)	(550)
Cash at the Central Board of Finance	698	695
Investment – COIF units	<u>6,821</u>	<u>6,225</u>
	7,197	6,370
Liabilities - Reimbursement of grants	<u>(310)</u>	<u>(150)</u>
	<u>£6,887</u>	<u>£6,220</u>

#### Holding account for Dawes Cottages

The Charities account is also used to hold funds given by local grant making bodies for the benefit of the residents of the Sir Abraham Dawes Cottages in Putney Bridge Road.

During the year grants received amounted to £Nil (2015: Nil). No payments were made during 2016 (2015: £Nil).

At the end of 2016 the money held on behalf of Dawes Cottages was £5,100 (2015: £5,100). This is to be applied for the benefit of the residents of the Cottages.

*Ailsa Newby (Revd)*  
*Team Rector*

*Paul Donnelly*  
*Churchwarden*

*Clemancy Gordon-Martin*  
*Churchwarden*

### **Deanery Synod - Report to 2016 Annual Parochial Meeting**

The Parish of Putney is within the Deanery of Wandsworth, and the Deanery Synod is made up from 10 parishes in Earlsfield, Putney, Roehampton, Southfields and Wandsworth. Made up of clergy and (mainly elected) laity from each parish, the Deanery Synod meets three times a year. Our parish has 11 lay reps, including me!

The agenda typically include a time of prayer together, updates from Diocesan and General Synods, accounts, news from around the deanery and speakers on topics from Children and Youth Ministry to our Diocesan Link with Zimbabwe.

It is one of Bishop Christopher's priorities to 'breathe new life into Deaneries' and make these Synods more central to the life of the Diocese, so it's an exciting time to get involved, as we support the mission and ministry of the Church. Lay Deanery Synod members also elect the House of Laity for the (national) General Synod.

The next meeting is on Monday 22 May, when we look forward to welcoming new reps.

Carrie Myers

### **Admission of Children to Communion before Confirmation**

As happens every year, we've prepared a large number of our children around the age of 8-9 to be admitted to Communion. This year 24 children, alongside their parents, attended classes through January and were admitted to communion in a lovely packed-out service at All Saints on Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>. Huge thanks go to Caroline Donne who helps the clergy run the course and to Kate Caseley and Kath Diamond who run Godly Play sessions for the course. It is wonderful to see so many of our children wanting to take this step and our next challenge is to work on schemes to bring those young people to Confirmation in their last years of schooling.

Ailsa Newby

### **Safeguarding**

The Parish has a team of 2 Safeguarding Officers for each church. They are, for St Mary's, Isobel Vass and Elizabeth (Libbit) Osborne and for All Saints April Munday and Mari Watson.

The Diocese organises Disclosure and Barring Service checks for all staff and volunteers. All members of staff have DBS clearance as have all volunteers who have supervision of children. Presently we have over 150 volunteers across both churches with valid DBS clearance.

The PCC treats the safeguarding of vulnerable adults and children as being of prime importance and operate under the Diocesan Safeguarding policies (copies of which are on both churches' notice boards) and their Safeguarding Manual. The safeguarding officers are always available if members of the congregations have any concerns about an individual or about how events are run which they wish to raise.

## **Parish Action Report 2016**

### **Background**

Parish Action was launched at the start of 2006. It set out its purpose to:

“Ensure that we in the parish are aware of the social issues locally and globally and that we take practical action to help address these issues.”

Its objectives are to:

- make things happen in church and in the wider parish to address the social issues we identify
- raise awareness of social issues in the church and in the wider parish
- raise money to help tackle these social issues
- take practical action to tackle these social issues
- work through charities and other groups who are already addressing issues of concern
- inspire people in the parish to undertake their own actions
- coordinate and focus work currently taking place

## **Activities in 2016**

The Parish Action group met approximately every 6 weeks in 2016 to plan and coordinate the fundraising and volunteering activities.

2016 has been Parish Action's second year of its current three year cycle (2015-2017), supporting six main charities and promoting social awareness and action in the parish.

- **Glass Door (formerly West London Churches Homeless Concern) Jan-March**

This project involves opening St Mary's Church on a Monday night to feed and house homeless people for the night.

Due to the dedication and hard work of Clemancy and her team, the Night Shelter was once again a huge success and a large number of people volunteered.

- **Bishop's Lent Appeal March-April**

Parish Action ran a fundraising campaign to make a donation to the annual Bishop's Lent Appeal.

Lent brunches provided a good opportunity for the communities to come together at both churches and raised funds and awareness about the appeal.

- **Christian Aid May**

Alexis Chapman and her team arranged street collections and fundraising events and awareness raising for CA.

This involved a successful awareness raising project at St Mary's School and a fundraising Car Wash at All Saints'.

- **Vulindlela Guardians June/July**

Pays the school fees for AIDS orphans in Zimbabwe.

In 2016, their main fundraising and awareness raising event was the Parish Picnic in July which was a great success. In total, over £16k has been raised for VG in 2016. The money raised will continue to support current and future pupils.

- **Home Start Wandsworth September**

Provides volunteers to give practical support to families in the borough who are in need of additional help at home.

Harvest lunches at both churches were in aid of HSW.

- **Hestia Wandsworth Women's Aid November-December**

Runs three refuges in Wandsworth Borough for women and children fleeing from domestic violence.

The Parish Christmas Fair held at St Mary's Church in November raised over £3000 for Hestia. Kate Innes continues to offer great support to the charity, women and children throughout the year providing days out, Christmas events and donations of clothes etc.

## Fundraising

**The 8<sup>th</sup> Putney Parish Ball** took place in November with a Strictly Come Dancing themed night of fun and raised about £33k for the Parish Action charities and the church. We were delighted with this continuing success. A huge thank you goes to Linda Hayllar and her fabulous team.

There were regular deliveries of in-kind donations throughout the year (e.g. Easter eggs, Harvest, Toy Service) to Hestia, Glass Door, Homestart, Newpin, and Wandsworth Social Services.

The committee aims to raise 10% of the church's total income for us to donate to our chosen charities and other charities. In addition, any funds raised over 10% will continue to be raised for the charities and the church. In 2016 we were able to give the church £12k, as a means of helping some of the neediest parishioners in our Diocese.

Parish Action also continues to fund a Thrive garden project in the All Saints' grounds.

Finally Parish Action will maintain 3% of funds raised to make a donation to any emergency appeals which the parish would like to support.

We are thrilled that in 2016 our accounts show that **Parish Action has raised over £70k**, which is testament to the commitment and hard work of the Committee.

## Parish Action Committee

The Parish Action Committee current membership is shown below:

	NAME		Parish Action role
1	Clemancy	<b>Gordon-Martin</b>	Glass Door, All Saints'
2	Dianne	<b>Bilton</b>	Communications, St Mary's
3	Kate	<b>Innes</b>	Hestia, All Saints'
4	Zoe	<b>Sherbrooke</b>	Chair, All Saints'
5	Choong	<b>Kwan</b>	Bishop's Lent Appeal, St Mary's
6	Ivo	<b>Belohoubek-Raine</b>	Vulindlela Guardians, St Mary's
7	Richard	<b>Phipps</b>	Finance, St Mary's
8	Samantha	<b>Williams</b>	(on maternity leave) All Saints'
9	Harriet	<b>Pleydell-Bouverie</b>	Bishop's Lent Appeal, All Saints'
10	Linda	<b>Hayllar</b>	Parish Ball, All Saints'
11	Nell	<b>Pearce-</b>	Glass Door, St

		<b>Higgins</b>	Mary's
12	Jamie	<b>Martin</b>	Bishop's Lent Appeal, St Mary's
13	Jackie	<b>Davies</b>	Homestart, All Saints'
14	Ang	<b>Dales</b>	Vulindlela Guardians, All Saints'
15	Alexis	<b>Chapman</b>	Christian Aid, St Mary's

A huge thank you is owed to all the members of the committee for their amazing dedication in 2016 and to all those across the Parish who have given money, volunteered and helped in many ways.

**Zoe Sherbrooke**  
**February 2017**

### **The Parish Magazine**

The Parish magazine, our free, tri- annual publication, is widely read among the congregation and within the wider Putney community.

Its glossy and colourful pages can be produced thanks to the magazine's corporate sponsors and advertisers in the community. The magazine is thus completely self-funded and not a cost on church funds.

Each issue includes a list of upcoming services and events, but it also focuses on a particular theme, and contains articles approaching that theme from different angles. Examples of themes include roots, waiting, faith, community, friendship, education, compromise.

The articles are written by members of the congregation and the permanent editorial team.

If you are interested in joining the editorial team or in writing a one off article, please contact the editor, Silvia Macchia Riley ([silvia\\_macchia@hotmail.com](mailto:silvia_macchia@hotmail.com)).

**Silvia Macchia Riley**

### **Parish Websites and social media**

The Parish is steadily growing its social media presence, improving awareness and increasing attendance for events across the parish. We welcome suggestions or comments about any of the above social platforms! Let the parish office know; pick your format!

**Twitter @StMarysPutney and @AllSaintsPutney**

Combined we now have over 830 followers including our Archdeacon who regularly retweets our tweets.

**Instagram @PutneyPilgrim**

Each week a different parishioner manages our account and publishes a daily photo showing why they are thankful. If you are interested in doing this please contact Laura.

Website [www.stmarys.parishofputney.com](http://www.stmarys.parishofputney.com) and [www.allsaints.parishofputney.com](http://www.allsaints.parishofputney.com)

These show details of news at both churches and give parishioners and other interested readers the chance to listen again to sermons or to re-read weekly service sheets and newsletters.

Emails [thechurchmouse@parishofputney.co.uk](mailto:thechurchmouse@parishofputney.co.uk)

Churchmouse provides regular, targeted, email communications from the church. To sign up click on the Church mouse logo on the webpages or email the above email address.

**Julie Craig**

### **Theology in the Pub**

Theology in the Pub (TITP) regularly meets in The Bricklayers Arms on a Monday evening (8-8.15pm) and has had a speaker talk on a subject of their choosing, addressing a wide spectrum of theological and moral topics/issues ranging from:

Paul and Timothy on Faith and Vocation (Timothy Chapter 10 v1:20)  
An Evangelical perspective from the Inside  
The Black Watch and Religion  
The Just shall live by Faith (Luther on Romans 17)  
When does Human Life Commence? – The 14 day rule revisited

The group like many of its kind has a wide membership with the normal ebb and flow of its members, some not being able to make sessions, others moving and others joining a new. Great fun.

In the life of all such groups there comes a time for new leadership/direction and after five years I think it timely to pass the baton on. Ailsa and I are looking for someone to take on the running of the group. This change won't happen overnight and hopefully this will have been resolved by the autumn.

**Nigel Wright, February 2017**

### **Churches Together in Putney & Roehampton**

Churches Together in Putney and Roehampton embraces the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Methodist churches in Putney and Roehampton. The Committee continues to meet regularly through the year and organises a number of services and joint projects. Christian Aid Week in May is always a focus for co-operation in collecting across the area and this year (as last) a series of play readings for Lent was organised. We all join together in a programme of morning and evening prayer across the area in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January, each church taking one slot and the Parish has hosted the annual Advent Carol Service on Advent Sunday this year as in previous years.

Ailsa Newby

## **Team Rector's Report**

^This is the seventh and last time I'll report to you at the APCM. During Passiontide and Easter I've been thinking and praying about our life together and about how the Christian community deals with change.

Easter is – on a superficial level – a time of leave-taking as the disciples adjust to the absence of the human, mortal Christ. But Easter is also – on a deeper level – a time of a new, fresh and exciting start. A dynamic, transformative new beginning in the power of the Spirit in the company of the risen Christ.

With that Easter change and letting-go comes the promise of new life. So change is not, of itself, something to regret. Vicars come and go as those of you who've been around here for decades know. Congregation members, too, come and go. We are all the successors of past generations of worshippers in this Parish and that line of worshippers will, I am sure, stretch long into the future. All of us are but a small piece of that great ecclesial jigsaw of the people of God in this place.

I know the superficial leave-taking aspect of my moving on is a challenge for me as you have been the most tremendous group of people to work with. So very talented, so very mature and so willing to give of time and talents. And it has been FUN. Dick and I will miss Putney life, and I'll miss our wonderful buildings which so enhance our worship. But most of all, and most importantly, I'll miss you.

It is you, the people here, that make this parish a great place to be. The thanks I have to give could go on all evening. Chief among them is Chris who has been the most loyal and stimulating colleague over the last 7 years. Gilly and Richard have added greatly to the team in their different ways and it has been a joy to have Laura with us over the last period bringing fresh perspectives on our ministry. I know I leave you in good hands, and when I've finished speaking tonight, we will explain rather more about how we'll sustain the ministry here whilst my successor is chosen.

We also have a splendid staff team now, with Berni, Julie, Tom and, although it is hard to have to part (professionally at least) with Carolyn, Lottie is clearly going to be an excellent addition to the team. And of course we have wonderful musician teams at both churches to enhance our worship.

No staff team works without the church members working alongside. We are truly blessed with our wonderful warden and treasurer teams: Paul and Clemancy; Iain and Kate at All Saints and Angela now with Andrew here. And, on the financial side, Richard on Parish finance working alongside the church treasurers, John and Andrew. They all do so much more than most of us would ever imagine, out of sight, to keep our churches running smoothly. Above all I think what I have most valued is their collective wisdom and vision for this place which makes the lay and clergy leadership team truly collaborative.

We literally cannot count all the people who contribute in volunteering in our churches though you'll all realise we couldn't do half of what we do without all the time members so willingly give. So huge thanks for all the skills, time and wisdom you contribute here.

This all works not just because we are an efficiently organised community group with practical organised volunteers (though we are). It works because a Christian community is rooted first

and foremost in Christ. That is what we have to offer the wider community. That is our USP (if you like) and, moving forward, I urge you to remember this rootedness in Christ.

I have in my mind one of my favourite verses in the bible. It's from the Great Discourses of John's gospel, where Jesus, at the Last Supper as recorded by John, talks and prays with his disciples. In the last verse in Ch. 17, Jesus prays to the Father:

'I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

I always think it is one of the most under-rated verses in the Bible. It summarises what God in Jesus does for us: through knowing Jesus, we are able to know something of God. I hope that is the experience of all of us here. The result is two-fold.

First result is that we are loved with the intense love of the Trinity: Jesus says the Father loves us – you and me – as much as he loves Jesus. We are loved by God not just as creatures, but with the same love as God has for God– the love of the Trinity. Amazing.

And second, because we are loved with the same love that God has for Godself, Jesus dwells in us.

That is the mojo for our community whatever we are doing: whether it is in generous welcome of newcomers, divine music-making or sorting the St Mary's drains! (and if you've never heard about the St Mary's drains problems, don't even ask!)

Notice this, however. The dwelling of Jesus in us happens because Jesus has made God known to us: people need to know God in Jesus to receive this incredible gift of indwelling love. And most people DON'T know God.

Some have a woefully distorted view of God: a God of wrath and punishment.

Some think that we worship three Gods.

And some simply have no clue at all: they haven't heard the simplest stories of Jesus' life or heard his sayings. Haven't been touched by the power of prayer, or experienced the quiet joyful peace that follows a good Sunday service.

This was brought home to me by something that happened last summer in St Mary's. (Members of St Mary's who heard this at the Annual Meeting at St Mary's will need to bear with me here, but it is so iconic of the lack of knowledge of Christianity that I want to repeat it).

In the school holidays we had a summer holiday 'Film School' running here for young teenagers. The young British film graduates running it came into the office one day to ask if it was OK to do some filming 'in, you know, that large space with all the chairs off the café' They meant THE CHURCH – but they didn't even have the vocabulary to know it is called A CHURCH.

There is really a piece of work to be done to dispel mistaken understandings of Christianity. A piece of work to be done to explain how we grasp towards the vastness of God through Jesus Christ.

Whether each of us comes or goes, through the generations of Christians worshipping and serving here as congregation, lay-leadership and clergy, that Christian story needs to be told. But it needs to be told to us too, to all who call this church home. God in Christ Jesus loves us

unconditionally as we are but also for what we can become: Jesus calls us to move forward and to grow into life in all its fullness. That is work in progress for all of us: to grow in relationship with God, in prayer and in understanding.

And I think that is the key point for me to flag up for you looking forward. It will take up to a year to appoint my successor (and we'll explain how immediately after this) but I think as you look to the future I'd want you to not to lose sight of what is most important. We analysed way back in 2012 4 key areas to work on. Those areas were work with young people, welcome of newcomers, growth of community and enrichment of discipleship. It is the last of those, enrichment of discipleship, that needs prayerful attention. We've improved our welcome, we work on building community and good things are emerging from Toms' work this year with our youngsters.

To work on discipleship involves prayerful thought but also work and cost. Now is probably the time for thought more than anything and putting things into practice will be a joint decision of you all with the renewed clergy team. But the principle throws up the importance of changing, developing and moving forward. It shows too the importance both of volunteering and of giving. If the mission of this church is to develop it means that (as ever) we need you to volunteer your talents and we need always to be promoting planned giving. That is not just because we can always use the money well on mission but because of itself being in planned church giving is part of responsible discipleship. As our diocese moves forward to a much more realistic approach to funding we will, over time, be able to retain more to spend on our own ministry as we need to support poorer parishes less and development of ministry will be possible.

It is a great future. So move forward with confidence in the God who loves us as much as himself. Move forward in the power of the Spirit given us by our risen Lord to tell our story of faith even to those who don't know a church when they see one, grow in love of the Lord and each other and the Lord be with you. Amen.

Ailsa Newby  
April 2017