



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

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

**For  
2019**

**Including Financial Accounts  
January 2019- December 2019**

**and**

**Minutes of the APCM 2019**

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners  
and  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 St Mary's Church at 7.30pm**

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# Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## Apologies for absence

**Present:** Clemency Gordon-Martin, Paul Donnelly, Anne Tuppen, Peter Tuppen, Michael Biddick, Arian Weed, Matt Watts, Richard Quesnel, Mark Leadley, Angela Holman, Richard Holman, Helen Whittaker, Iain Cox, James Hoenich, Natasha Klukach, Cherry Steward, Rosie Taylor-Davies, Rosemary Hadfield, Jane Morley, Alison Price, Lisa Sutherland, Sophie Holdcroft, Alex Lowe, Celia Blake, John Blake, Charles Roberts, Paul Jessop, John Andrew, John Whittaker, Chris Eyden & Sarah Brearley.

**Apologies:** Jane Turner, Caroline Donne, Michael Bull, Angela Attah, Kate Innes, Andrew Grocott, Chantry Westwell & Carolyn Biddick.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

**Minutes** of the Annual Parishioners Meeting April 2018 were approved, with no amendments. JW signed the minutes.

**Matters arising from the minutes.** None.

## Election of Church Wardens

All Saints' – Clemency Gordon-Martin

St Mary's – Paul Donnelly

There were no other nominations and both were elected unopposed. JW thanked both for their work.

## AOB

There were no AOB items.

# Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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## Accounts

RH explained overall it had been a rather disappointing year. Last year there had been a healthy surplus, but this year giving has dropped at SM's. The SM Parish Trust has done very well, this is the commercial areas; Busy Bees, Putney Pantry. Bernie keeps the church very full which gives an income to the trust of nearly 100K from lettings. The trust picks up the maintenance costs too.

Giving is down by 2%, there were no legacies, grants and donations are down a bit too. Investment income is up quite a bit, mainly due to the value in property we own.

65% of our income comes from the congregation. Our largest outgoing is what we pay to the diocese, we get some of this back in terms of stipend and costs of housing for the clergy and we help subsidise the less wealthy parishes of the diocese.

Our lay staff costs were slightly higher as we had two pastoral assistants last year. There is a specialist childrens' worker at AS, SM has just followed suit.

There were large costs associated with the heating problems at SM. We have large reserves – 2 million in assets, mostly property and investments, however, an income appeal will be launched at SMs in May, as we don't want to be the generation that depletes the reserves for the future.

A highlight of the new campaign will be the need for donors to complete the yellow envelopes in order to maximize gift aid recovery.

RH proposed we approved the accounts, subject to the independent examination (technically, as opposed to an audit) and that Chris Wilkens of Wilkens & Southworth in Barnes remains our auditor. All voted in favour, there were no abstentions.

## Electoral Roll

AH reported that the new electoral roll now had 506 members. Thank you to CR for his help with GDPR and the emailing of parishioners.

JW thanked AH & CR.

## PCC

There were two elections to the PCC, Rosie Taylor-Davies (proposed by Anne Tuppen, seconded by Jane Morley) and Samantha Hoskin (proposed by Lea Dixon, seconded by Anne Burfitt). John Andrew and Andrew Sternberg are co-opted on to the PCC. Carrie Myers can no longer be on the PCC as she is now an employee of CE National Church. SH will take over from SB as PCC Secretary. SB was delighted to be presented with a beautiful bouquet from the PCC.

## Parish Charities

The new curate, Jono, will be living at 8 Deodar Rd. The charity provides accommodation to clergy or the property is let. There was little income from the property in 2018 as Laura and family moved in, with associated costs.

### **Admission of Children to communion**

JW thanked CE, Caroline Donne, Kath Diamond and team for their joyful work.

### **Parish Action**

RT-D commented that parish action is inclusive across age groups, it has been reinvigorated and there have been new initiatives in the form of the Food Bank collection and the Boat Race family fund-raising day. Not only has money been raised, there is a joy in giving and it has been a good way to introduce people to the community of the church. Huge thanks to RT-D and team from JW & CE.

### **Magazine**

It is on its way to a new birth in the summer. It just needs an editor! Lee Barnes will soon start work on a new website. RT-D requested that parish action should be more visible with an option to donate online.

### **Staffing**

JW thanked Elizabeth Morse for her priestly ministry and welcomed Helen Whittaker who will be working across the parish.

### **AOB**

AP thanked RT-D for her work at AS on the floor renovation.

CE assured everyone that the Putney ship will keep sailing, he is sad to leave as he has so many friends and has experienced so much love from the parish.

Sri Lankan British Association are hosting a concert on Sunday 5/5 at 4pm.

CE thanked JW for his first APCM and for bringing such a lot of energy and a big heart to the parish. We are being left in such capable hands. JW hit the ground running. PD & CG-M concurred. JW replied he had never before landed in a parish and felt so at home.

The meeting ended with the grace at 8.10.

## Approval of accounts

### PARISH OF PUTNEY – Accounts 2019 (Unrestricted Funds)

	Notes	2019	2018	Change
<u>Income</u>				
		£000	£000	
Giving by the congregations	2	296	298	-1%
Tax recoveries		70	71	-1%
Other grants and donations	3	36	29	+24%
Investment income	4	67	66	+2%
Church lettings		62	52	+19%
Fees		15	14	+7%
Other income	5	23	9	+156%
		<u>569</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>+6%</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Diocese	7	318	316	+1%
Clergy accommodation and expenses		15	16	-6%
Lay staff		69	66	+5%
Maintenance	8	59	30	+97%
Utilities, insurance, cleaning	9	33	29	+14%
Music and service costs		36	39	-8%
Other costs	10	56	54	+4%
		<u>586</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>+7%</u>
Net deficit	1	<u>(£17)</u>	<u>(£11)</u>	<u>+55%</u>

## NOTES

- The deficit in 2019 was primarily due to £20K of exceptional maintenance work on the roof and masonry at St Mary's. Without that one-off cost the Parish accounts would have shown a small surplus.
- There was a small increase in regular giving by standing order, mainly at St Mary's, and plate collections in services also rose. Tax recoveries through Gift Aid were very similar to 2018. They represented a very valuable 12.3% of total income. However, there was no donation from Parish Action in 2019 because the group was not able to organize a Parish Ball.
- The annual grant from the Brewer Trust increased by £2.7K to £32.2K. The £3.5K bank balance held by The Putney Parish Development Trust, which has been dormant for some years, was transferred to the Parish.
- Investment income increased by £1.0K to £67K. Of this total £45K was rental income (before expenses) of two residential properties, £10K was paid as ground rent by St Mary's Parish Trust, a separate charity which runs the Brewer Building at St Mary's, and £12K was from stock market investments.
- Other income includes £10K from Tideway Tunnel as a fee and compensation for lost income due to work that they had to carry out in one of the arches of Putney Bridge, which we normally use for church activities and for letting. £3K of costs which we incurred in relation to this work are included in Maintenance.
- There was a gain of £43K on revaluation of quoted funds at the year-end (2018: loss £11K), which is not included above. In the first six months of 2020 the value of those investments fell by £14K.
- 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.

8. Maintenance costs include £19.6K of routine repairs and £19.7K of exceptional work at St Mary's and £10K of maintenance and £5.5K for upkeep of the grounds at All Saints. All Saints' received £4.5K in garden sponsorship from Parkgate Estate Agents, which is included in Other Income.

9. The utilities, insurance and cleaning total comprise light and heat £20K, insurance £8K and cleaning £5K. The increase in 2019 related to light and heat.

10. Other costs include office expenses of £15.9K (2018: £14.4K) with the largest element being photocopying and printing. Accounts examination fees were almost unchanged at £6.7K and church letting costs (mainly stewarding) were £500 higher at £6.0K. Donations amounted to £6.1K (2018: £5.3K).

## RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Notes	2019	2018	Change
		£000	£000	
<b>Income</b>				
Donations		36	40	-41%
Donations for St Mary's heating and roof repairs	4	-	26	∞
Fund raising events	5	4	36	-14%
		<u>40</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>-7%</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Costs of fundraising events	5	1	22	-12%
Charitable giving	6	25	64	+36%
Grant to Parish		-	12	+20%
St Mary's heating repairs	4	2	24	∞
Other expenses		1	3	+50%
		<u>29</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>+49%</u>
Net surplus / (deficit)	2	11	(23)	∞
Restricted funds brought forward		<u>244</u>	<u>267</u>	+11%
Restricted funds carried forward	1	<u>255</u>	<u>244</u>	-9%

## NOTES

1. Restricted funds are monies received for a specific purpose, which can only be applied to that purpose. The constituents of the 31.12.19 balance of £255,200 are:

- Parish Action 110,200 Grants to external charities
- Friends of All Saints Church 47,000 Maintenance of All Saints' Church
- St Mary's Development 36,000 Maintenance of St Mary's Church
- Welfare Fund 23,100 Supporting people in need
- Emily Peter Fund 13,800 Training
- Others below £10,000 25,100 Several different purposes

2. The 'surplus' of £11,000 arose almost entirely due to the timing of grant payments by Parish Action, which is building up a reserve to enable it to continue to support Vulindlela Guardians, a charity which provides food and education to orphaned children in Zimbabwe, in the longer term.

3. Charitable giving consists largely of grants made by Parish Action to its nominated charities but it also includes £1,600 of support for the Glass Door facility for the homeless which ran through the 2018/19 winter.

**PARISH OF PUTNEY – Accounts 2019**

<b>BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY</b>		<u>Notes</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>Assets</u>	Furniture & Equipment (at net book value)	1	14	17
	Residential property (at valuation)	2	1,253	1,253
	Investments (at market value)	3	483	440
	Money due to the Parish	4	104	85
	Bank accounts	5	335	350
<u>Liabilities</u>	Amounts due for payment	6	(43)	(38)
	Net Assets		£2,146	£2,107
<u>Represented by</u>	Unrestricted Funds	7	1,799	1,776
	Restricted Funds	8	255	244
	Designated Funds	9	92	87
			£2,146	£2,107

**NOTES**

1. 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.
2. The Parish owns two residential properties, both currently used for investment purposes. One is shown at a 31 Dec 2016 valuation (£900K) and the other, which was purchased in 2015, at cost (£353K).
3. The main investment (£460K) is in the Newton Real Return Fund, which produced an income of £10.1K and increased in value by £41K (9.8%) in 2019.
4. Money due to the Parish mainly includes outstanding Gift aid tax claims (£20.1K), the 2019 grant from the Brewer Trust (£32.2K) and expenses recoverable from St Mary's Parish Trust (£31.4K).
5. Bank accounts include £255K of 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.
6. 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.
7. Unrestricted Funds can be used entirely at the discretion of the PCC.
8. Restricted Funds can only be used for the purposes for which they were given. The principal restricted funds are Parish Action (£110K), Friends of All Saints Church (£47K), welfare funds (£23K) and St Mary's Development (£36K).
9. 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 (£47K), for future costs of ministry at All Saints' (£20K), for the future provision of office accommodation for All Saints' (£10K) and for welfare (£15K).

The figures in this report are taken from the statutory accounts of the Parish which have been independently examined by C N Wilkins FCA.

*A copy of the full statutory accounts can be obtained from the Parish Office at St Mary's Church, Putney High Street, London SW15 1SN ([julie.craig@parishofputney.co.uk](mailto:julie.craig@parishofputney.co.uk)) or from the Parish Treasurer, Richard Holman ([rholman@ministryofsound.com](mailto:rholman@ministryofsound.com)).*

## **Presentation of the Parish Electoral Rolls**

Although we had revised our Electoral Rolls prior to the Covid-19 lockdown we have been advised by the Diocese that they have to be revised again as such revisions should not be done more than 28 days before the APCM. For this reason, Angela Holman, our Electoral Roll Officer, will be unable to present a written report for the APCM. She will give a verbal report on the day

### **Report of PCC business 2019/20**

The PCC met in 2019: 5th February, (April APCM), 18th June, 24th September, 26th November.

Some main items were:

- Discussion of Parish Action work and when consideration of new charities is needed
- Safeguarding issues as appropriate
- The series on Inclusive church for All Saints' and St. Mary's
- Welcoming Jarel Robinson Brown - Parish Assistant, September 2019
- Ongoing recruitment for Team Vicar for All Saints' and farewells to Chris

## Report of membership of the PCC for 2019/20

	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020
<b>Clergy Ex-officio</b>	<b>Rev'd Chris Eyden</b>	Rev'd John Whittaker Rev'd Chris Eyden Rev'd Jono Haynes (from 29 June 2019)
<b>PCC members</b>	<p><b>St Mary's Church</b> Mark Leadley Sarah Brearley (Secretary) Christopher Garnett Tangwena Nelson Richard Quesnel Zoe Coakley</p> <p><b>All Saints' Church</b> Chantry Westwell Simon Upton Simon Killick Rosie Taylor-Davies Matthew Watts Marianne Coates</p>	<p><b>St Mary's Church</b> Mark Leadley Samantha Hoskin (Secretary) Christopher Garnett Tangwena Nelson Richard Quesnel Zoe Coakley (to July 2019)</p> <p><b>All Saints' Church</b> Chantry Westwell Simon Upton Simon Killick Rosie Taylor-Davies Matthew Watts Marianne Coates</p>
<b>Wardens Ex-officio</b>	<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>	<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> 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>	<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 (ceased in year)

**Parish Charities**  
**(Trustees: The Vicar and Churchwardens)**  
**Report to the APCM 2020 For the Year ended 31 December 2019**

St Mary's Church of England Charity (registered no: 1173135)

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 was vacant until the arrival of the curate, the Revd Jono Haynes, in May 2019. The Putney Bridge Road Hall was let for 99 years from 5 January 1982 and the current lessee is Hurlingham School Ltd. The ground rent for 2019 was £200.

This charity was formally registered with the Charity Commission on 22 May 2017.

**Statement of Financial Activity - Year ended 31.12.19**

		<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<u>Income:</u>	Rent - 8 Deodar Road	-	-
	Ground rent - 120 Putney Bridge Road	200	200
	Dividends and Interest	1,584	1,549
		<u>1,784</u>	<u>1,749</u>
<u>Expenditure:</u>	Expenses - 8 Deodar Road	(2,995)	(6,194)
	Grant to Parish	-	-
		<u>(2,995)</u>	<u>(6,194)</u>
Net income		(1,211)	4,445
Unrealised Gains / (Losses) on investments		7,934	(1,256)
	Net increase / (decrease) in Funds	<u>6,723</u>	<u>(5,701)</u>

**Balance Sheet at 31.12.19**

<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	52,255	44,321
<u>Bank</u>	Deposit account	1,551	1,539
	Current account	5,419	9,841
		<u>1,209,225</u>	<u>1,205,701</u>
<u>Current liabilities</u>		(2,995)	(6,193)
		<u>1,206,230</u>	<u>1,199,508</u>
<u>Funds</u>	Unrestricted	<u>1,206,230</u>	<u>1,199,508</u>

### 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 £262 (2018: £255), also from dividends and bank interest, and the value of investments increased by £1,294 (2018: decrease £205). Payments made in the year amounted to £Nil (2018: £Nil).

At 31 December 2019 the assets of the Trust were: 2018

Cash at Barclays Bank	122	175		
Cash at the Central Board of Finance			709	704
Investment – COIF				
units	8,524	7,230	9,355	8,109
Liabilities - Reimbursement of grants			-	(310)
			<u>£9,355</u>	<u>£7,799</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 (2018: Nil). No payments were made during 2019 (2018: £Nil).

At the end of 2019 the money held on behalf of Dawes Cottages was £5,100 (2018: £5,100). This is to be applied for the benefit of the residents of the Cottages.

*Paul Donnelly*                      *Clemancy Gordon-Martin*  
*Churchwardens*

## **Deanery Synod Report to 2020 Annual Parochial Meeting**

### **15 May 2019, All Saints', Putney**

Rev'd John Whittaker Chair (Rev Ian Tattum on sabbatical). The meeting opened in prayer and reflection.

**Glass Door** Clemancy Gordon-Martin gave a very informative talk about the development of the Glass Door initiative and activities, leading to a discussion of how Parishes might best support this initiative and how the wider community might become more engaged.

**Adoption of new Rules for Deanery Synods** After a brief explanation, these New Rules were adopted together with the Guidance notes.

**Secretary** Ruth Lampard was appointed as Secretary to the Synod, with much acclamation by all present.

### **26 November 2019, Holy Trinity, Wandsworth**

Rev'd Ian Tattum Chair. The meeting opened with prayer and reflection.

**Mission of God** Chair opened the meeting by introducing the theme for the coming year; being the Mission of God in Wandsworth. He explained how the hope was to encourage one another to engage with Mission, using the 5 Marks of Mission identified by the Anglican Communion.

**Presentation** Rev'd Brutus Green spoke concerning starting a project with action or by reflection. A text was circulated. It was felt that this was a helpful background for those charged to conduct such events.

**Treasurer's Report** Current balance was £663.30. The bank mandate was in the process of being changed allowing the account signatories to be updated. At that time, it was not clear whether the Area Dean Grant would be paid.

**Listening to Parishes** Parishes were asked to make a short report on the impact of one of the Deanery Mission matters; Glass Door, Eco Church or Discipleship had on their Parish.

## **12 February 2020, St Michael & All Angels**

Rev Ian Tattum (Chair) The meeting opened with prayer.

**The Mission of God in Wandsworth** Several Parishes gave a short presentation on the impact felt by their Parish. It was noteworthy that these varied widely.

**No Clergy Moves.**

**Reports and Notices** The Diocesan Board of Education and Synod Report were tabled and noted.

**Deanery Synod Cycle** Parishes are represented in line with their current Electoral Roll numbers. Changes in the numbers reported may change the number of Parish Deanery Synod representatives. (Putney has been reduced by 2 persons.)

**Future Meetings and Events** (Post meeting Note) All meetings and events were cancelled due to the Corona Virus Shutdown.

Graham Shaw

### **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 27 children, alongside their parents, attended classes through January and were admitted to communion in a lovely packed-out service at St Mary's on Sunday 2nd February. 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.

### **Safeguarding: Adults and Children**

#### **St Mary's**

Safeguarding at St Mary's continues with the same team, Isobel Vass and Libbit Osborne. We have good, clear and confidential communication with John at all times and other members of the clergy, as necessary.

Training for all volunteers has continued to alert all workers to signs of abuse and the dangers of turning a blind eye. Each is reminded that no matter is too small to share with the designated safeguarding officers.

With John at the helm we have navigated our way through ongoing and one-off issues. We have sought and been given valuable, experienced support from the Diocesan Safeguarding Office. We have also taken advice from other agencies when necessary, with permission from anyone at the centre of a concern.

We carried out the annual diocesan audit as advised which, as ever, revealed one or two 'works in progress' but fortunately no glaring gaps. Currently files are password protected on a laptop to which only one member of the team has access. As yet access to the church's locked files is not yet well established and this process is a high priority to rectify.

*Isobel Vass, St Mary's Safeguarding Officer for adults*  
*Libbit Osborne, St Mary's Safeguarding Officer for children*

### **All Saints'**

All Saints' Church continues to be proactive in the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults, both in regards to identifying and responding to concerns appropriately, and also in regards to making Safeguarding an integral part of the Church community ethos.

All Saints' Church strives to be a safe and accessible place for all. The Safeguarding Officers for All Saints' Church, Putney, continue to be Mari Watson (Young People and Vulnerable Adults) and Jackie Davis (Children).

The Safeguarding Officers are at hand to give support and advice to any member of the church community regarding issues relating to the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. They also provide a link between the church team and any parishioner who may wish to raise a safeguarding query or concern. The officers work to ensure provision of a confidential and neutral space in which a concern or query can be raised.

The Safeguarding Officers can be contacted directly via parish email accounts to ensure that any matters raised can be addressed in a timely, safe and confidential manner. These email addresses are available on the Parish website and within the church. Details of the Diocese Safeguarding Team are also available in these locations.

When a concern is raised, it will be addressed in an appropriate manner and in consultation with the Diocese (and other professionals where appropriate) in order to minimise risks or concerns. All Saints' Church will seek to ensure that the best interests of all involved in such cases are kept at the heart of any action, but within the remit of the Safeguarding of the vulnerable person being the priority.

The provision of the C1 safeguarding training is provided in the Parish throughout the year and is engrained in our safer recruitment procedures, along with DBS checks and the taking up of references. We are now in the position that a majority of Church volunteers, as well as those in paid and unpaid positions, have attended. There is therefore an increased awareness of safeguarding and responding to concerns amongst those who volunteer or work in a wide range of roles within our Church community.

In this past year, in addition to responding to any concerns arising, the Safeguarding Officers have also completed a review of historical cases with All Saints', as requested by The Church of England. The purpose of this review was to further ensure that places of worship remain a safe environment for all who access them and check that the procedures in place for reporting safeguarding concerns are rigorous and effective.

In September there was a re-establishment of Parish Safeguarding and Pastoral Meetings. These meetings, which are made up of the clergy team, pastoral leads and safeguarding officers from both All Saints' and St Mary's Church, take place quarterly. They are an excellent opportunity to share good safeguarding practice and thinking, reflect upon how we best respond to circumstances that might arise and further demonstrate how this Parish prioritises and views the importance of safeguarding and places it at the heart of all we do.

The Safeguarding Officers and Pastoral Team continue to be mindful and vigilant in regards to safeguarding issues. We encourage members of the congregation to feel able to raise any concern or query, however small, to ensure that the Church continues to be a safe, supportive and nurturing environment.

*Mari Watson and Jackie Davis*

## **Parish Action Report 2019**

### **Overview**

Our focus is to raise parish awareness in social issues relating to health, justice, poverty, education and refuge both locally and globally by providing a platform for event ideas that support our nominated charities both financially and in partnership by promoting their work. Selection of our 6 charities is made in consultation with the congregation via a parish-wide survey every three years, the next one will be collated in the autumn this year. Each chosen charity is assisted for a period of three consecutive years at which point they can tender for one further period of tenure alongside new suggestions. Charities where volunteering opportunities are possible are particularly encouraged because we are equally interested in our journey and community as well as the funds that we raise. We welcome the promotion of new charities within the parish and if anyone would like to propose a new charity that is close to their hearts please do let us know.

The Parish Action committee ideally has two representatives for each charity, one based at each church, however, we currently have vacancies at both ends of the parish. Heartfelt thanks to the members of the committee and to all those who have kindly given money, time, donations in-kind and volunteered and helped in numerous unsung ways.

### **The Charities**

**Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2019** supported projects that provided an income for the Dioceses as well as helping with education, food security and healthcare. One such project abroad was with the work of the Leprosy mission in Northern Sri Lanka and another with the Church Army Africa's Carlisle College in Nairobi. Projects in the local Diocese included the Sutton Women's Centre, the Salmon Centre and Christian CARE in Merton. Funds for the Lent Call are raised in our parish via the Lent Brunches at All Saints' and St Mary's.

**Christian Aid** works globally to eradicate poverty and provides practical and effective assistance to tackle the causes and effects of it. The charity works pre-emptively in areas identified as being in great need to try to avert emergencies but also reactively during traumatic times and offering longer term support and help to find solutions for the local people in the aftermath. Christian Aid believes in life before death and is part of a global movement for change. Our parish works together with churches of all denominations in Putney to support this charity with a door-to-door envelope drop. The events to promote this charity are the All Saints' car wash, collection buckets at tube stations and our church schools and a very successful new initiative, a sponsored walk in central London.

**Diocese of Southwark Parish Support Fund** supports churches and communities in deprived areas of South London. This enables every parish to have clergy when they might not otherwise be able to finance them. The greatest proportion of money raised for this charity is through stewardship in our

churches, but in 2019 Parish Action started a new initiative in The Boat Race Family Day which was designed to provide an oasis near the start line for families especially with small children to be able to enjoy the iconic sporting event in a relaxed environment. Big screens were installed in the church to watch the BBC live coverage alongside boat-race themed games and stalls to please all age groups. Although a seed event it proved very popular and is being continued and augmented along similar lines this year.

**Glass Door** is London's largest emergency shelter and provides a safe, warm place to sleep for more than 100 homeless people per night every winter in local churches, including St Marys' and other venues. Glass door also provides longer term assistance to help guests build more stable futures giving them time and space to develop relationships and trust. The charity promotes respect, dignity and the ethos that all people have value. The bonfire and firework display at All Saints' and the annual sleep out on the streets of London provide funds for this cause.

**Regenerate** is a local youth and community-based charity that fosters positive transformation in the lives of young people, 8-25 years, and their families. It supports people who may be experiencing financial hardship, behavioural or educational difficulties, unemployment, antisocial behaviour or being at risk of involvement with gangs and crime. The people who run this organisation are from within the Putney and Roehampton community that they are now supporting. Our dedicated event for this charity is the Christmas Fair which the young people help to run.

**Vulindlela Guardians** is a charity based in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe and cares for the orphans of AIDS victims and children who have nobody to pay their school fees. The money we raise goes to pay their school fees and to finance a feeding scheme for the children at the Vulindlela Centre in Bulawayo. The Parish Picnic is the main additional event that supports this charity, but individuals may also sponsor an orphan via an online giving page through the parish website. The parish started to support this charity in 2007 and they are in their last cycle of tenure to end in 2020 but it will still be possible to support the charity online.

**Wandsworth Foodbank** is within the Trussell Trust national network of foodbanks providing three-day packages of emergency food and support to local people, and assistance to resolve the underlying causes of their crisis. Foodbank also campaigns for structural change at a local and national level to help end hunger and poverty in the UK. Our parish has partnered directly with the foodbank in Tildesley Road. This year we started a scheme which makes shopping bags from the Edinburgh Fringe crowd barrier jackets that would otherwise go into landfill. The congregation can buy into the scheme for £5, then bring their groceries in to church in one bag and collect a replacement for the next month – this scheme is being trialled at All Saints'. Foodbank was chosen by the All Saints' DCC as one of our Christmas charities this year, and through a link with Westminster Abbey Choir School we were also able to raise £300 in cash which converted to £570 worth of groceries when bought through our Booker cash and carry account. However, our main donation is through a collection of specifically requested groceries on the second Sunday of every month. This charity does not follow the tenure process but has been established as a permanent part of our parish outreach.

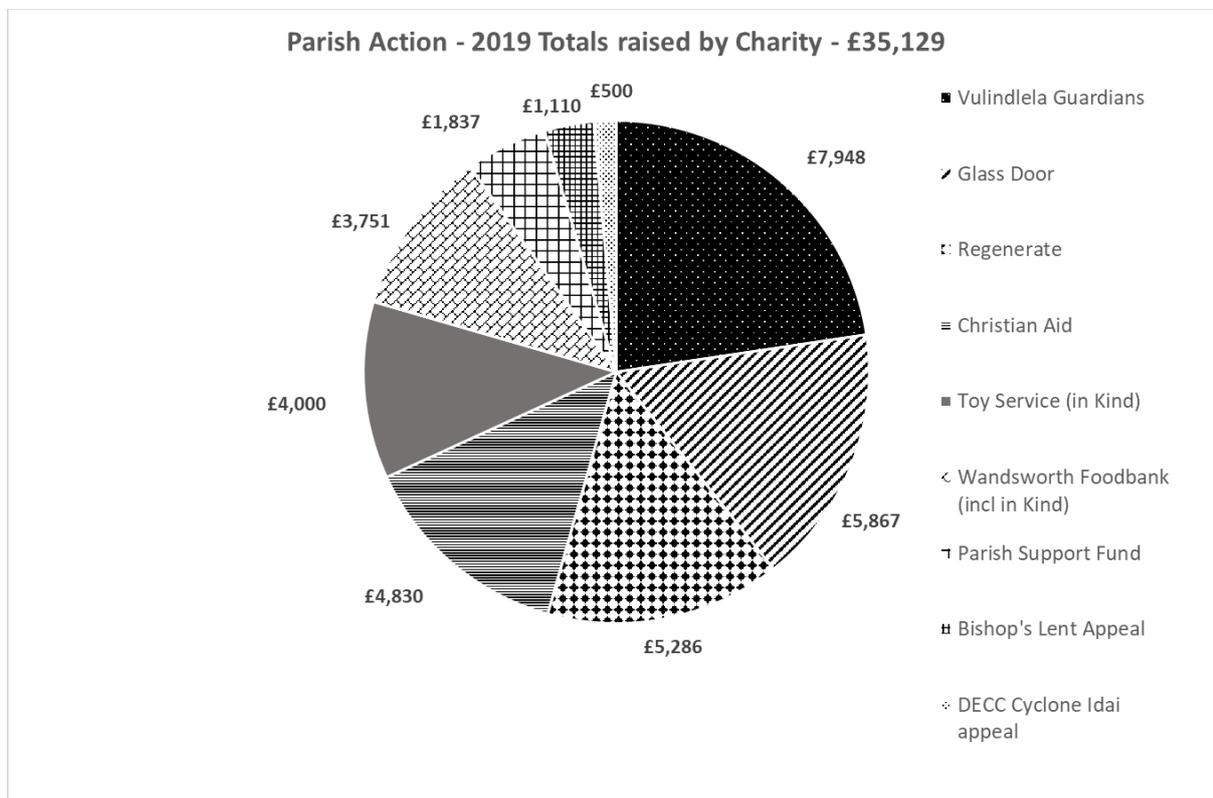
## **Fundraising and Finance**

After ten consecutive years of running a charity ball, Parish Action paused to reconsider the style of this major fund-raising event and what direction we would like to take in the future. We are also looking for a major sponsor to partner our next function. It has been decided that we will run an event in February 2021, and we are looking for enthusiastic people to come to join this new committee.

Despite the lack of income from the Parish Ball, funds were still raised from a wide range of events through online and offline appeals. The purchase of a contactless payment machine has improved the ease with which people can donate.

There have been a number of congregation initiatives with an amazing ultramarathon by one parishioner, a table-top sale by another and various external parties who gave concerts and kindly donated proceeds to the Parish Action coffers. Another principal 'in-kind' donation alongside the Foodbank donations comes from the parish Toy Service and we also ran a successful collection for clothing to help those being released from Wandsworth prison.

The 2019 total raised is significant with most events raising more than their equivalent in previous years. Grateful thanks to everyone for helping with our practice-based mission.



**Rosie Taylor-Davies, Chair and Richard Phipps (Treasurer)**

### **The Parish Magazine**

The Parish of Putney has had a parish magazine for over 100 years. It has always been popular and eagerly read by people in the parish and outside it. It has always had a lot to talk about. Over the years, the magazine has appeared in various shapes, sizes and numbers of pages. Since 2010 it was in the capable hands of editor Silvia Macchia, graphic designer Lee Barnes and a supporting team of contributors, advertising managers and others. The magazine was called 'Parish' and it addressed everything that went on in the parish and many wider issues.

Producing a quality parish magazine is a rewarding job. It is also hard work and time consuming. After around 10 devoted years, Silvia, Lee and the team felt it was time to step down from the cut and thrust of the inky trade and take a well-deserved rest. This brought 'Parish' to a close. May we offer our sincere thanks for all their excellent work.

However, the show must go on. At the end of last year, a heartfelt appeal went out across the parish for a new team to keep the century old tradition of Putney's parish magazine alive and well. After many meetings and discussions, the new team came together. This keen and eager squad consists of editor Miriam Boursiquot, graphic designer Will Fazackerley, contributor Madeleine Neave (the magazine's

interviewing ace), advertising manager Bethany Laney and others. Richard Holman and I acted in an advisory capacity as we have a lot of experience on previous versions of the magazine.

The new parish magazine is called 'Bridge & Common' which is a clever tribute to the locations of both churches. The name communicates the churches' individuality and their togetherness. The new magazine will be published every two months and has eight pages. It has a entirely new look and is beautifully designed. As before, it carries advertising, so it is free. The magazine went into production at the end of 2019 and the first edition was December/January. It has been flying off the shelves of both churches since then.

Regular features are an article by a member of the clergy, an engaging interview with a parishioner (the current issue interviews the bell ringers) and articles about whatever else is going on. We are very grateful to the new team for all the effort and skill they are pouring into Bridge & Common. We're confident that the Parish of Putney's magazine is all set to go on for another 100 years.

### **The Parish Magazine Bridge & Common A phoenix from the ashes**

*The new parish magazine 'Bridge & Common' was launched at the end of 2019. The magazine's new look, clever name and wide-ranging content was instantly popular and it flew off the shelves. Then Covid-19 came along, affecting all parts of our lives. The parish magazine, like many things, ground to a halt. The main reason was that as church services were suspended, there was no way for parishioners to receive the magazine.*

*However, the keen and eager team of editor Miriam Boursiquot, graphic designer Will Fazackerley, contributor Madeleine Neave (the magazine's interviewing ace), advertising manager Bethany Laney and others would not let Covid-19 stand in their way. They were determined to revive the magazine and, with dedication and hard work, they got the show on the road. Richard Holman and I, once again, acted in an advisory capacity. The latest edition of 'Bridge & Common' is in production and will be available soon.*

*Regular features, as before, are an article by a member of the clergy, an engaging interview (the upcoming issue interviews Daniel Trott, new Team Vicar at All Saints') and articles about whatever else is going on. We are very grateful to the new team for bringing 'Bridge & Common' back to life under very difficult circumstances. Look out for the latest 'Bridge & Common' at St Mary's and All Saints' soon.*

**Paul Donnelly**

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

Both churches continue to increase their social media presence with the aim of improving awareness and increasing attendance for events across the parish. We always welcome suggestions or comments about any of the above social platforms. Let the parish office know; pick your format!

#### **Twitter:**

**@StMarysPutney** We now have over 945 followers. **@AllSaintsPutney** We now have 669 followers

You can also follow the clergy team separately:

Rev'd John Whittaker	<b>@PutneyPriest</b>
Rev'd Jono Haynes	<b>@CurateJono</b>
Jarel Robinson-Brown	<b>@JarelRB</b>

**Instagram: @PutneyPilgrim** When this was first established we used to have a different parishioner manage our account each week and they would publish a daily photo showing why they were thankful and or where they pray. If you are interested in having a go please contact Rev'd Jono Haynes [Jonathan.Haynes@parishofputney.co.uk](mailto:Jonathan.Haynes@parishofputney.co.uk)

**Websites: [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 gives readers the chance to listen again to sermons or to re-read weekly service sheets and newsletters. St Mary's website was updated this year and All Saints' will follow once the new Team Vicar is installed!

**Emails: [thechurchmouse@parishofputney.co.uk](mailto:thechurchmouse@parishofputney.co.uk)** The Church Mouse and Church Directory were upgraded last year to make our communications more focused and GDPR compliant. We are trying to send fewer emails by grouping messages together and sending, where we can, on Fridays. To sign up to emails please register at:

<https://theparishofputney.formstack.com/forms/parishdirectory>

**Julie Craig**

### **Theology in the Pub**

Theology in the Pub (TITP) has met in The Bricklayers Arms on a Monday evening (8-8.15pm) for most of the year ; speaker talks on a subject of their choosing, addressing a wide spectrum of theological and moral topics/issues In the past year these have included:

We have enjoyed the very significant /invaluable input from both Yin-An and Rev'd Jonathan Haynes who introduced many of their contacts to speak to the group on a wide range of topics. The group ranges from between 6-15 people

Disability; Poverty; Mental Health; Interfaith; Ethnicity; Migrants; Sexuality; Windows into men's souls: Queen Elizabeth I and her bishops; The Biblical Interpretations; A Zimbabwean Tale. I was born a White Supremacist; Godly Play- The Exploration of Pentecost; John Wesley's contribution to Christian understanding; What is lay ministry?; How to Read the Old Testament; Anglo Catholicism; Being A Vicar; Why bother with the Anglican Community; Newman & Manning: Theology & Loving-Care; Church music & community; "How can a loving God allow suffering?"; C17th theology in the UK; Theatre, God and Peter Brook; Godly Plays : The Ark and the Tent which explores the pre Temple period in Judaism; Learning from the Church in Zimbabwe'; The Plight of Refugees; Meeting Money from Within; Experiences in Palestine & his recent Play Ali & Dahliaby Samuel French; Coptic Christianity; The Messianic Miracles; Coptic Christianity; Liberating Women in Ministry; Church Symbolism: the meaning of Blue; The World at War and the Theology of Karl Barth'; Trinitarian Theology & the work of Katherine Sonderegger; Canon Law: An instrument of salvation?; The Christian Ethics of finance

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 on and others joining us. Great fun and we look forwards to welcoming new participants

**Nigel Wright, March 2020**

### **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. 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.

### **Team Rector's Report**

*To be Delivered Verbally*

**John Whittaker, Team Rector, Parish of Putney**