



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

**ANNUAL REPORTS  
For  
2022**

**Including Financial Accounts  
January 2022 - December 2022**

**and**

**Minutes of the APCM 2022**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Manual Room near All Saints' at 7.30pm**

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

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Copies of the AGM reports can be found on both church websites.*

*Other reports will be presented at the APCM report. Following the APCM this report  
will be updated, emailed out again and uploaded onto both church websites.*

# Annual Meeting of Parishioners

## 1. Apologies

*This report will be updated post meeting with apologies given.*

## 2. Minutes of the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022, All Saints', at 7.30pm

Welcome from Rev'd John Whittaker

The meeting was opened in prayer by Rev'd Dr Daniel Trott at 19.32

### 1. Apologies

Gemma Duncan, Rev'd Jono Haynes, Andrew Grocott, Tom Willoughby, Rev'd Jane Andrews, Mark Leadbury, Richard Holman, Carolyn Biddick, Mike Biddick

16 individuals in attendance.

### 2. Minutes of the meeting

Approval of Minutes from last meeting - Approved. No matters arising from the minutes.

### 3. Election of Church Wardens

Sarah Thomas and Andrew Grocott elected as church (parish)wardens.

Alison Fleming, Kate Innes, Linda O'Riordan, and Christiaan de Lange have been elected district wardens at the two AGMs

#### *All Saints'*

Clemancy Gordon-Martin steps down as Parish Warden

Sarah Thomas – standing for Parish Warden

Alison Fleming – standing for District warden – elected at AGM

Kate Innes – standing for District Warden – elected at AGM

#### *St Mary's*

Andrew Grocott steps down as Parish Warden

Linda O'Riordan – standing for District Warden- elected at AGM

Christiaan De Lange – standing for District Warden – elected at AGM

Vote: Unanimous in favour. No abstentions.

Rev'd John Whittaker gave thanks to Clemancy Gordon-Martin for her contribution over many years.

### 4. Any Other Business

No other business arising.

Meeting closed.

## 3. Election of Churchwardens

## 4. Any Other Business

# Annual Parochial Church Meeting

## 1. Apologies for absence

*This report will be updated post meeting with apologies given.*

## 2. Minutes of the meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Meeting starts at 19.41pm, directly after Annual Meeting of Parishioners

16 people in attendance (including 2 clergy and secretary)

### 1. Apologies for absence:

Gemma Duncan, Rev'd Jono Haynes, Andrew Grocott, Tom Willoughby, Rev'd Jane Andrews, Mark Leadbury, Richard Holman, Carolyn Biddick, Mike Biddick

18 individuals in attendance.

### 2. Minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Minutes approved. No matters arising.

### 3. Election of PCC Members

The following information is based on elections from the AGM meeting at each church:

#### All Saints'

Shelagh Harrison steps down as PCC member

Janet Simpson elected to PCC.

Gemma Duncan stepped down and is joining as DCC/ PCC member

Clemancy Gordon Martin elected.

#### St Mary's

Angela Atah stepped down as District Warden

Linda O Riordan

Mark Leadley has re-joined PCC

Jeff Dale has joined as DCC / PCC member

Alex Lowe stood as DCC / PCC member

Tang Nelson left the PCC as moved from the Parish

### 4. Election of Deanery Synod members

No election this year

### 5. Presentation of Accounts

Rev'd John Whittaker notes thanks to Richard Holman for all accounts and clarity of them.

Rev'd John Whittaker gives overview based on financial reports for AGM for each church.

All accounts available online.

Questions –

Rev'd Daniel Trott asks if accounts have been approved?

Rev'd John Whittaker explained that this is ideally done at the PCC meeting prior to APCM; however, discussed this difficult with this timing due to practicalities; it has not been achievable in this Parish

Catherine Collyer raised cost of photocopying. Accounts show it has increased considerably, adding there is also a concern about waste.

Rev'd John Whittaker discussed revamp after Covid requiring new info. Colour copying more expensive therefore wherever possible black and white is being used.

Rev'd Daniel Trott added the same for All Saints'; regarding reason for increase and measures to reduce.

## 6. Presentation of the Electoral Rolls

Angela Holman gives detail of the Electoral Roll:

There has been revision of Electoral Roll in accordance with rules. This includes adding and removing persons.

### St Mary's

300 people on Electoral Roll

8 new and 2 transferred from All Saints'.

21 names removed (12 moved out of parish, 4 transferred to All Saints, 5 deceased)

### All Saints'

202 people on Electoral Roll–

17 new and 4 transferred from St Mary's

31 names removed (2 moved to St Mary's, 27 moved out of Parish, 2 deceased).

Angela Holman thanked for her work on this.

Minute of silence and reflection for those who had died. Rev'd John Whittaker led in prayer.

## 7. Report of PCC business for 2021/22

Jackie Davis (PCC Secretary) provides overview of PCC business.

Copy of overview available with ACPM documentation.

Rosie Taylor Davies noted that along with Citizens UK, that had been mentioned, there was another new PA charity; the Charlie Waller Trust

Jackie Davis apologised and noted that Citizens UK was noted due to financial contribution, but that all Mission Partners selected by PCC were noted in PCC meeting minutes.

## 8. Report of membership of the PCC for 2021/22

As previously discussed, nothing more to add.

## 9. Parish Charities Report

Rev'd John Whittaker discussed, referring to the APCM documentation.  
No questions regarding this.

## 10. Report on Deanery Synod

Feedback provided by Graham Shaw.

There had been much concern about meeting Net Zero. Diocese knows it will be a big problem. Considerable work will be required to address this.

Meetings have much focus on finance. Graham Shaw gave overview of C of E finances based on information provided in meetings. Issue with Clergy pensions has been addressed. Finances not as bad as might have been, although there is a deficit. A strategy is in place and hoped that this will be resolved by 23/24.

Deanery situation as above – hoped to be fully corrected at end of 2023, start of 2024. Finances depend upon parish keeping promises on what they make available to Diocese. Most parishes were able to keep commitment to contributions. Expected parishes will have to use reserves to balance the books.

Thank you to Graham.

Items 12 – 18.

These have been covered at AGM.

Rev'd John Whittaker wanted to highlight agenda item 14– PAC

Huge thanks expressed to Rosie Taylor Davies for her leadership and work. Gifts given.

Also, thanks to Catherine Dando, Sarah Baron, Rebecca Locke and Richard Phipps who have also stepped down (or are due to do so) from the committee.

Rev'd John Whittaker discussed that there are new members, including an individual who has expressed that she will consider being chair.

Charlie Renwick accepted role of treasurer (when Richard steps down).

Rev'd John Whittaker is to be lead minister with Parish Action  
Rev'd Daniel Trott to be lead with Citizens UK

Rosie Taylor Davies agreed to handover to new chair.

Graham Shaw noted that PAC has done a huge amount and that this is not always widely recognised.

No questions

## 19. Team Rector's and Team Vicar's Reports

Rev'd John Whittaker gave brief overview, noting that both churches presented detailed reports from Clergy at recent AGMs and that their reports were online.

- Thanks to wardens. (Parish and District)
  - Positivity of worship and music starting again
  - Reestablishment of Children's worship
  - Appreciation of support from Putney Trust to help cover deficits.
  - With regard to Parish Action – trying to call charities we support and work with Mission Partners
  - Sadness regarding Glassdoor not being in building because of Covid – unclear if / when this will return
  - Wandsworth Council have not introduced real living wage. First things we did as members was to lobby hustings before vote, so positive start. More campaigns to come
  - Many staff changes within both churches.
- Looking Parish wide - thanks to Joshua Harris, Caroline Dunn, Carrie Myers, Jane Andrews – and looking forward, a farewell to Jono Haynes.

No questions.

## 20. Any Other Business

### a) Change to Pastoral Scheme

Rev'd Daniel Trott gave detail of history and church rules. We are out of line with them.

We have large PCC and want to reduce for more consistency and functionality. Full details in report provided in APCM documentation.

Numbers on DCC same and numbers on PCC reduce.

This needs to be voted upon.

Changes would come into place at next ACPM.

No questions

Rev'd John Whittaker proposes, Charles Roberts seconds. All present unanimous in favour of change,

- b) Rev'd John Whittaker highlighted new logo for each church – thank you Tom Willoughby for work on this.

Thank you and meeting closed with The Grace at 20.22pm

## **3. Election of PCC Members – as nominated at the church AGMs.**

*Details of this will be available at the meeting.*

## **4. Election of Deanery Synod Members**

There are three candidates from each church.

## 5. Approval of accounts

### PARISH OF PUTNEY – Accounts 2022 (Unrestricted Funds)

	Notes	2022	2021	Change
<u>Income</u>				
		<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	
Giving by the congregations	2	276	274	+1%
Tax recoveries	2	67	62	+8%
Grants and donations	3	42	52	-38%
All Saints Maintenance donations	4	23	-	n/a
Investment income	5	70	64	+10%
Church lettings	6	70	42	+67%
Fees		13	12	+8%
Other income	7	13	12	+8%
		<u>574</u>	<u>518</u>	<u>+11%</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Diocese	8	320	320	0%
Clergy accommodation and expenses	9	30	21	+43%
Lay staff	10	98	84	+17%
Maintenance	11	59	37	+59%
Utilities, insurance, cleaning	12	48	26	+85%
Music and service costs		16	17	-6%
Investment property costs		10	11	-9%
Other costs	13	44	36	+22%
		<u>625</u>	<u>552</u>	<u>+13%</u>
Net deficit	1	<u>(£51)</u>	<u>(£34)</u>	<u>+50%</u>

#### NOTES

##### Income

1. The increased deficit in 2022 was due principally to the £18.5K of additional energy costs, together with £6.2K of one-off expenses relating to clergy accommodation, additional lay staff salaries (£14K) and the absence of Covid furlough scheme income, which amounted to £8.5K in 2021. Helping to offset these negative factors was a £28K rise in church letting revenue.

Although the Parish's reserves are able to absorb the £51K deficit the current trend is concerning. Our primary source of income, congregational giving, only increased by 1% but total costs went up by 13%. There will be further inflationary rises in expenditure in 2023.

2. Regular giving by standing order or through the Parish Giving Scheme fell by £3K (1%) because new donors were outnumbered by those who stopped giving – see the table below. However loose plate collections almost doubled to £31K. Gift Aid tax increased by £4K as a result of greater use of yellow envelopes and the continuing recovery of plate collections.

Number of donors	St Mary's	All Saints'	Total
At 01.01.22	186	114	300
New	17	13	30
Ceased	(36)	(16)	(52)



At 31.12.22	167	111	278
Increased	33	8	41
Reduced	8	6	14

Although the Parish has multiple sources of revenues we still rely on the church congregations for almost two-thirds of the total. We know that many people are feeling the impact of the sharp rise in the cost of living and we are hugely appreciative of the commitment of our many donors. However, it is clear that we need to be adding steadily to the number of donors, as well as asking those who give to consider prayerfully regular increases to offset the now significant impact of inflation.

3. In 2021 the Parish received a one-off grant of £25,000 from the trustees of St Mary's Parish Trust, which operates the Brewer Building at St Mary's, to help to offset the impact of the pandemic. The annual grant from the Nora & Olive Brewer Memorial Trust (an external charity) rose from £27K to £32K.

4. The exceptional maintenance work at All Saints' (see note 11 below) was part funded by two very generous donors, with the remainder of the cost being covered out of the church's Maintenance Reserve Fund.

5. Investment income rose by £6K to £70K. Of this total £50K (2021: £44K) was rental income (before expenses) of two residential properties, £10K (2021: £10K) was paid as ground rent by St Mary's Parish Trust and £10K (2021: £10K) was from stock market investments.

6. Church lettings (St Mary's £51K; All Saints' £19K) rose by two-thirds, thanks largely to the efforts of the Premises Manager, Berni Griffiths.

7. Other income was derived mainly from events at All Saints, including the first 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert, a Quiz Night, Barn Dance and Fireworks. Event costs of £9K are included in the financial summary under Other costs. In 2021 Other income included £8.5K received from the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme which terminated in September 2021.

## Expenditure

8. Our payment to the diocese includes stipends, NIC and pensions for our clergy, accommodation for the Rector and for the Vicar of All Saints, training and other ministry support and the provision of central diocesan services. For 2022, when we had two incumbents, two curates for half the year and one for the final six months, the indicative value of these was £264K. The additional £56K represented a contribution to other parishes in less wealthy parts of the diocese.

9. The £9K increase in Clergy accommodation and expenses was due to there being two months' more of commercially rented accommodation for the pioneer curate than in 2021, the refreshing of 8 Deodar Road prior to her move there and also her removal costs.

10. Lay staff costs rose by £14K due to increased letting activity at St Mary's, a full music team for the year and normal annual pay increases for all staff.

11. Major repairs were carried out at on All Saints' roof at a cost of £37.4K. Other, mainly routine, maintenance at All Saints' came to £6K and at St Mary's to £16.5K.

12. The utilities, insurance and cleaning total comprises light and heat £33.0K, more than double the 2021 cost of £14.5K, insurance £8.4K (2021: £7.8K), cleaning and waste disposal £4.2K (2021: £2.4K) and water £2.7K (2021: £1.6K).

13. Other costs include administration expenses of £16.1K (2021: £15.1K) with the largest element being photocopying and printing. Accounts examination fees were £6.7K (2021: £7.1K) and event costs (see note 7 above) came to £9.5K. This total also includes the cost of church services, flowers, the Parish magazine and depreciation of equipment and furniture.

## Investments

14. There was a loss of £47K (2021: gain £31K) on revaluation of quoted funds at the year-end which is not included above.

## Unrestricted fund summary

	2021	2021
Net deficit for the year	(51)	(34)
Unrealised losses on investments	(47)	30
Total fund at 01.01.22	1,896	1,900
Total fund at 31.12.22	1,798	1,896

## RESTRICTED FUNDS

1. Restricted funds are monies received for a specific purpose, which can only be applied to that purpose. The principal restricted funds are:

- Parish Action 99,400 Grants to external charities. Income £39K, expenditure £52K in 2022.
- St Mary's Development 36,000 Maintenance of St Mary's Church. No movement in 2022.
- All Saints' Music Fund 39,800 Support for music events at All Saints.

Net expenditure £4,700 in 2022.

- Welfare Fund 24,700 Supporting people in need. Income £2K, expenditure £1K in 2022.
- Emily Peter Fund 13,800 Training. No movement in 2022.
- Others below £10,000 32,400 Several different purposes

2. Parish Action is holding a substantial 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.

Charitable giving consists largely of grants made by Parish Action to its nominated charities.

<b>BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY</b>		Notes	2022	2021
<u>Assets</u>	Furniture & Equipment (at net book value)	1	12	15
	Residential property (at valuation)	2	1,253	1,253
	Investments (at market value)	3	501	547
	Money due to the Parish and prepaid expenses	4	48	55
	Bank accounts	5	268	328
<u>Liabilities</u>	Amounts due for payment	6	(38)	(35)
	Net Assets		<u>£2,044</u>	<u>£2,163</u>
<u>Represented by</u>	Unrestricted Funds		1,732	1,812
	Restricted Funds		246	268
	Designated Funds	7	66	83
			<u>£2,044</u>	<u>£2,163</u>

## 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). Local estate agents have confirmed that these figures represent conservative market values for both properties.
3. The main investment, of £461K (2021: £505K) is in the Newton Real Return Fund, which produced an income of £8.3K (2021: £9.0K) and dropped in value by £44K (9%) in 2022.
4. Money due to the Parish includes outstanding Gift aid tax claims (£18.6K) and expenses recoverable from St Mary's Parish Trust (£22.1K).
5. Bank accounts include £243K of monies held for Restricted Fund purposes (see Restricted Funds note above). 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.
7. Designated Funds are amounts earmarked by the PCC or one of the District Church Councils for a particular purpose. Such designations can be removed and any movements during the year are therefore included in unrestricted fund totals. The funds are held for fabric maintenance £39.6K (2021: £54.7K), for future costs of ministry at All Saints' £6.8K (2021: £13.4K) and for welfare £15.3K (2021: £15.3K).

The figures in this report are subject to completion of the independent examination of the accounts.

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

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

*Reports on the Parish Electoral Rolls to be given by Angela Holman.*

### **7. Report of PCC business 2022/23**

*This report will be presented at the meeting.*

### **8. Report of membership of the PCC for 2022/23**

*Details of this report will be reported at the APCM, following the nominations at the respective church AGMs.*

### **9. Parish Charities Report (Trustees: The Vicar and Churchwardens) For the Year ended 31 December 2022**

#### 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 has been occupied rent free by a curate since 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 due for 2022 was £200.

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

## Statement of Financial Activity - Year ended 31.12.22

		2022 £	2021 £
<u>Income:</u>	Rent - 8 Deodar Road	-	-
	Ground rent - 120 Putney Bridge Road	200	400
	Dividends and Interest	1,700	1,637
		<u>1,900</u>	<u>2,037</u>
<u>Expenditure:</u>	Deposit on new windows	(1,850)	(1,000)
	Grant to Parish	(-)	(-)
		<u>(1,850)</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>
Net income		50	1,037
Unrealised Gains / (Losses) on investments		(7,307)	7,181
	Net (decrease)/increase in Funds	<u>(7,257)</u>	<u>8,218</u>

## Balance Sheet at 31.12.22

<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	56,228	63,535
<u>Bank</u>	Deposit account	1,579	1,558
	Current account	(453)	(282)
<u>Debtor</u>	Parish	200	-
		<u>1,207,554</u>	<u>1,214,811</u>
<u>Current liabilities</u>		(-)	(-)
		<u>1,207,554</u>	<u>1,214,811</u>
<u>Funds</u>	Unrestricted	<u>1,207,554</u>	<u>1,214,811</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 £284 (2021: £267) from dividends and bank interest, and the value of investments fell by £1,192 (2021: increase £1,171). Payments made in the year amounted to £Nil (2021: £Nil).

At 31 December 2022 the assets of the Trust were:

	2022	2021
Cash at Barclays Bank	925	651
Cash at the Central Board of Finance	722	712
Investment – COIF units	9,172	10,364
	<b>10,819</b>	<b>11,727</b>

### 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 (2021: Nil). No payments were made during 2022 (2021: £Nil).

At the end of 2022 the money held on behalf of Dawes Cottages was £5,100 (2021: £5,100). This is to be applied for the benefit of the residents of the Cottages.

*Andrew Grocott and Sarah Thomas, Churchwardens*

### **10. Fabric of the churches**

*Reports on the fabric of both churches were reported at the respective church AGMs.*

### **11. Report on Deanery Synod**

Wandsworth Deanery Synod meets three times a year. We rotate our meetings around the fourteen churches of the Deanery.

St Mary's and All Saints' are represented by seven lay representatives at Deanery Synod. Deanery Synod members Neil Vass and Graham Shaw also represent the Deanery at Diocesan Synod. Deanery Synod Member Carl Hughes also sits on General Synod. All three regularly report to the Deanery on matters discussed at Diocesan Synod and General Synod.

In February 2023 the Revd John Whittaker replaced the Revd Ian Tattum as Area Dean.

Various topics have been discussed at Deanery Synod meetings over the past 12 months and we have been visited by outside speakers who gave very interesting talks. These include:

- Fleur Anderson MP joined our Summer Social to share a meal with us and give a short talk on her faith and development work including working for Christian Aid in Bosnia, and joined in a discussion on local issues including homelessness, housing and the cost of living crisis.
- Revd Johnny Sertin gave a talk about his leadership in Pioneer Ministry within Church Missionary Society and opened up insights into and conversations about Pioneer Ministry.
- Bishop Rob Gillion gave a talk about Arts in Mission and the vital need for welcome, distinctive, creative and story-rich churches.
- Continuing our focus on environmental issues, discussions were had on solar panels and heat pumps for Church buildings.

Gemma Duncan, Deanery Synod Lay Chair

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

*This was discussed at the churches' AGMs. These reports can be found on their websites.*

### **13. Safeguarding: Adults and Children**

*Reports from St Mary's and All Saints' can be found in the respective churches' AGM reports.*

### **14. Parish Action Report**

*The Parish Action report was presented at both church AGMs.*

### **15. The Parish Magazine, Bridge & Common: Continuing a 100-year-old Tradition**

Bridge & Common, in its present form, was launched at the end of 2019. It is the latest incarnation of the Parish of Putney's parish magazine. The Parish has had a magazine for over

100 years. It has always been popular and eagerly read by people in the parish and outside it. Editor Miriam Boursiquot, graphic designer Will Fazackerley, interviewer Madeleine Neave and others keep *Bridge & Common* in fine fettle. The team, with Richard Holman and I acting in an advisory capacity, find interesting and relevant things to report about the Parish of Putney. There are regular articles by members of the clergy, an engaging interview carried out by Madeleine and articles about whatever is going on in the parish. We are very grateful to the team for maintaining *Bridge & Common's* valued place in the life of the Parish of Putney. The current issue has an article by the Rev'd John Whittaker, Team Rector, on the subject of Lent. Another article introduces the new Bishop of Kingston, the Rev'd Canon Martin Gainsborough. And there's more. Look out for the latest *Bridge & Common* at St Mary's and All Saints'.

**Paul Donnelly**

## **15. Youth Initiatives including Camino, Youth Group, Study Space and YMIC**

I write this surrounded by teenagers preparing for their summer exams. As a Pioneer I make connections with people who don't come to church by serving them and building community. *Study Space* is an initiative to provide a quiet and structured environment for revision by opening up St Mary's every afternoon for a week in the school Easter holidays. This project is worthwhile simply as a way of serving our local community. It also gives me lots of new relationships with young people, some of whom may be interested in other things that the church is doing.

*Study Space* also exemplifies another dimension of pioneering – teamwork. I try to share initiatives with as many people as possible and so generate energy and purpose far broader and more embedded in our church life than anything I could do by myself. *Study Space* volunteers have found tutors, applied for sponsorship, looked after the young people, publicised the event, helped with paperwork and baked cakes.

This time last year I was in the middle of a listening exercise finding out what you value about church and faith and who you want to share that with. Based on that report the PCC asked me to pioneer with teenagers. *Study Space* is part of this pioneering and so is *Camino*. *Camino* is a youth group that meets for conversation, games, crafts, cooking, and faith-related discussion. We have enjoyed making Valentines cards for Regenerate Rise, a local charity working with isolated elderly people, and baking Christmas cookies for St Paul's Pantry, a community foodbank. One of the young people described what they like about *Camino* as follows: "*It's nice to have a safe space to talk about faith where there are people who know a lot about it but without pressure to become more Christian than you are.*" Another described the delights this way: "*Cheese toasties*".

A second finding of the Listening Project was that we/you are interested in supporting older people. I've been trying to do some of this too as an occasional volunteer at Regenerate Rise and by leading a congregation that meets at Mount Court, semi-sheltered house just off Putney High Street. My next project is to begin offering regular services at the Platt Centre for Regenerate Rise. If all goes well, I will be talking about it in next year's report.

I continue also to learn all the regular skills of parish ministry.

In September my priesting (delayed by Covid) finally took place. The combined choirs of St Mary's and All Saints' sang beautifully, Rev'd Daniel orchestrated an elegant liturgy, Rev'd John supported me with typical generosity and I smiled for about 95% of the service. Thank you all for helping me reach this moment.

**Rev'd Jane Andrews**

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

Churches Together functioned as normal in 2022, with regular meetings of the main group, consisting of lay and clergy representatives from all the churches: St Mary's, All Saints', St Margaret's, Holy Trinity, St Simon's (RC), St Joseph's (RC), and Putney and Roehampton Methodists. The clergy also met separately several times.

The churches came together to celebrate the World Day of Prayer in March, holding the daytime service at All Saints', and marked the start of Advent with an Advent Carol Service at St Simon's.

*The Rev'd Dr Daniel Trott, Team Vicar*

## **18. Team Rector's and Team Vicar's Report**

*To be delivered verbally.*

## **19. Any Other Business**