



Parish of Woodford Green: Saint Barnabas

(Parish Code: 07.20; Registered Charity 1132761)

Snakes Lane East, Woodford Green, Essex, IG8 7HX



PAPERS FOR

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

together with

THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2020

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
under the Bishop's Instrument (2021 No.1)
Pentecost Sunday, 23 May 2021



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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Under the Bishop's Instrument (2021 No.1) due to COVID-19 pandemic.

**Pentecost Sunday, 23 May 2021
immediately following the 9:30 am Mass**

AGENDA

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

1. Approve the Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held on 13th September 2020.
2. Elect Churchwardens
3. Appoint Deputy Churchwardens

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Approve the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 13th September 2020.
3. Elect Parochial representatives to the Parochial Church Council = 9 representatives.
4. Elect Parochial representatives the Deanery Synod = 2 representatives.
5. Appoint Sides-persons.
6. Adopt the Revised Electoral Roll.
7. Receive the Annual Report of the proceedings of the parochial church council for 2020.
8. Receive the independently examined and approved Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending on the 31st of December 2020.
9. Appoint Independent Examiner.
10. Receive the Report on the fabric, goods, and ornaments of the church.
11. Receive Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod and other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

(This agenda is in accordance with the Church Representation Rules and Synodical Government Measure 1969 – revised 2004).

NOTE: There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Parochial Church Council immediately after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the purpose of electing officers of the Council.

ST BARNABAS WOODFORD GREEN PCC
Registered Charity 1132761

REPORTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
for the year ended 31 December 2020.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St Barnabas Church Woodford Green is a parish church of the Church of England and is situated in Snakes Lane East, Woodford Green, Essex. The parish itself is within the Deanery of Redbridge and the Diocese of Chelmsford. The correspondence address is St Barnabas Vicarage, 127 Snakes Lane East, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 7HX

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is, with effect from 17th November 2009, a registered charity in its own right. Prior to that date, it was designated as an 'Excepted Charity' under the rules of the Charity Commission.

The business of the parish church is dealt with by the Parochial Church Council (PCC), or the Standing Committee on their behalf, and the day-to-day business is addressed by the Vicar, Churchwardens and Treasurers. During 2020 the PCC met ten times, eight of which were via Zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions. The 2020 Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on 13 September 2020 under the Bishop's Instrument (2020. No.1) due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The PCC members who have served from 1 January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent</i>	Fr William Obedoza SSC	Chair (ex officio)
<i>Churchwardens:</i>	Mr Peter Farrier Mrs Jane Davies Mr Trelton Wilson Mrs Patricia Obedoza	To APCM 2020 (from 2018) To APCM 2020 (from 2014) To APCM 2021 (from 2020) To APCM 2021 (from 2020)
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod:</i>	Mr Keith Lloyd Mr Gerard Stubbert (died 27 Dec 2020) Mrs Patricia Obedoza Fr William Obedoza SSC	To APCM 2022 (from 2019) To APCM 2021 (from 2018) To APCM 2021 (from 2018) House of Clergy (ex officio)
<i>Elected members:</i>	Mr. William Layzell-Smith (Minute Secretary) Mr. Michael Pritchett Mrs. Serene Martin Mr. Tony Oliver Mrs. Diana Russell (Deputy Treasurer) Mrs. Jane Davies MBE Mr. Peter Farrier (resigned for health reasons)	To APCM 2022 (from 2019) To APCM 2022 (from 2019) To APCM 2021 (from 2018) To APCM 2021 (from 2018) To APCM 2021 (from 2018) To APCM 2023 (from 2020) To APCM 2023 (from 2020)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Barnabas Woodford Green PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, in promoting the whole mission of the Church in respect of its pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical needs within the ecclesiastical parish. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church building, the Parish Community Hall, and the Scout Hut

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST

The church and its premises at the heart of the community and serves as a witness of God's love, and a beacon of hope, stability, and cohesion in an ever-changing society.

Public prayers and worship are held in the church daily and are open to all. The church is used by the Associated Board of Royal School of Music for music exams. The church is also open to schools for their Religious Education. The uniformed organisations use the Scout Hut for the weekly scouting activities. The Parish Community Hall is used throughout the week by several groups from the community. The church and the halls are also available for appropriate functions such as concerts, recitals, seminars, and training conferences.

The work of the Parish church includes visiting the sick and the bereaved, teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, small care groups, outreach to senior citizens, parents and toddlers, young people, other special needs groups, and supporting other charities in the UK and Overseas.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Revision of Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll (as of 31st December 2020) stands at 109 (104 in 2019) parishioners, of whom 50 (51 in 2019) are resident within the parish and 59 (53 in 2019) are resident outside the parish.

Church Attendance During 2020

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have mandated that from 24 March 2020 all church buildings must be closed for public and private worship. All the appointed Prayers and Masses were celebrated in the Vicarage which were streamed live on www.facebook.com/stbarnabaswg in order to provide pastoral care to parishioners and members of the congregation.

On 4 July 2020, church buildings were allowed to reopen for public worship. Prayers and the Mass resumed in the church building. Majority of the congregation, especially the elderly chose to remain at home for their protection. The average weekly/Sunday attendance in person was 3/3 (4/62 in 2019). Attendance at the principal Easter Vigil was 3 in person and 333 online, Easter Day was 3 in person and 185 online; Christmas Midnight Mass/ Christmas Day services was 18 and 13 respectively (101 and 104 in 2019).

Reserves Policy

It is PCC Policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds of £5,000.00, to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet both known and any unexpected situations that may arise from time to time.

It is our policy where practical to invest our fund balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund except for the Investment assets as described in the accounts.



Approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by Fr William Obedoza SSC (Chairman).

ST BARNABAS WOODFORD GREEN PCC
Registered Charity 1132761

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND

REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31ST DECEMBER 2020

(Registered charity number 1132761)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St. Barnabas, Woodford Green

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on the attached sheets.

Respective responsibilities of the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) and examiner.

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



22 February 2021

Martin Charlesworth
Retired Bank Manager
65 Rous Road, Buckhurst Hill,
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Woodford Green St Barnabas
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
Gift Aid - Bank		14,758.57	14,606.00
Gift Aid - Envelopes		8,976.93	13,427.98
Other planned giving		426.10	708.88
Loose plate collections (GASDS)		2,277.47	4,394.86
Loose plate collections (Non GASDS)		160.00	—
Regular gift days		—	3,459.46
One-off Gift Aid gifts		4,730.00	2,776.22
Donations appeals etc		1,446.67	2,101.81
Donations - Candles		503.12	954.57
Donations - Altar supplies		100.00	369.00
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		8,159.16	8,466.87
GASDS - Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme		1,516.13	1,626.56
Legacies		10,010.00	—
Other funds generated		8.00	1,383.91
	<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	53,072.15	54,276.12
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>			
Donations - Sunday coffee/tea		94.67	536.64
Parish magazine sales		107.16	308.97
	<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>	201.83	845.61
<i>Investment income</i>			
Dividends		4,048.86	3,958.59
Bank and building society interest		6.76	27.19
Curate's House		13,967.00	13,447.00
	<i>Total Investment income</i>	18,022.62	17,432.78
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
Fees for weddings and funerals		773.00	892.00
Church lettings		579.00	—
Church hall lettings		5,035.00	15,380.00
	<i>Total Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>	6,387.00	16,272.00
Other incoming resources			
ABRSM Exam Fees		4,769.25	10,004.30
Insurance claims		130.00	—
	<i>Total Other incoming resources</i>	4,899.25	10,004.30
Total receipts		82,582.85	98,830.81
Payments			
Cost of generating funds			
<i>Cost of generating voluntary income</i>			
Costs of stewardship campaign		96.62	—
	<i>Total Cost of generating voluntary income</i>	96.62	—
Charitable activities			
Charitable giving		12.95	417.83
Ministry parish share etc		43,985.50	66,169.00
Organists		1,015.00	3,680.00
Working expenses of incumbent		903.63	1,979.76
Parish training and mission		50.00	—

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Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
ScoutHut - Scout Hut Fund (Restricted) Fund			
		238,496.00	238,496.00
Brought forward balance			
Total carried forward balance		238,496.00	238,496.00
MMF - Mercy Ministry Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
Wall safe		59.09	83.65
GASDS - Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme		21.62	—
Recurring grants		—	785.00
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>		<i>80.71</i>	<i>868.65</i>
Total receipts		80.71	868.65
Payments			
Charitable activities			
Charitable giving		—	395.00
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>		<i>—</i>	<i>395.00</i>
Total payments		—	395.00
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		80.71	473.65
Brought forward balance		1,162.31	688.66
Total carried forward balance		1,243.02	1,162.31
Fabric - Fabric Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
Donations appeals etc		—	1,000.00
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		250.00	—
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>		<i>250.00</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>
<i>Investment income</i>			
Bank and building society interest		74.93	243.73
<i>Total Investment income</i>		<i>74.93</i>	<i>243.73</i>
Total receipts		324.93	1,243.73
Payments			
Charitable activities			
Church maintenance		—	428.64
Church major repairs - structure		15,000.00	6,810.00
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>		<i>15,000.00</i>	<i>7,238.64</i>
Total payments		15,000.00	7,238.64
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		(14,675.07)	(5,994.91)
Brought forward balance		33,348.69	39,343.60
Total carried forward balance		18,673.62	33,348.69

Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
Hallfabric - Hall Fabric (Restricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Investment income</i>			
Bank and building society interest		25.03	48.93
<i>Total Investment income</i>		<u>25.03</u>	<u>48.93</u>
Total receipts		25.03	48.93
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		<u>25.03</u>	<u>48.93</u>
Brought forward balance		7,500.85	6,281.92
Transfers to/(from)		—	1,170.00
Total carried forward balance		7,525.88	7,500.85
Organ - Organ Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Investment income</i>			
Bank and building society interest		11.04	19.38
<i>Total Investment income</i>		<u>11.04</u>	<u>19.38</u>
Total receipts		11.04	19.38
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		<u>11.04</u>	<u>19.38</u>
Brought forward balance		2,618.01	2,598.63
Total carried forward balance		2,629.05	2,618.01
Choir - Choir Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Investment income</i>			
Bank and building society interest		0.24	0.40
<i>Total Investment income</i>		<u>0.24</u>	<u>0.40</u>
Total receipts		0.24	0.40
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		<u>0.24</u>	<u>0.40</u>
Brought forward balance		125.47	125.07
Total carried forward balance		125.71	125.47

Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
Phase2appl - Phase 2 Appeal (Restricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		—	37.50
Hall Appeal - Fundraising		—	160.00
	<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	—	197.50
<i>Investment income</i>			
Bank and building society interest		133.11	230.43
	<i>Total Investment income</i>	133.11	230.43
Total receipts		133.11	427.93
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		133.11	427.93
Brought forward balance		37,600.87	36,372.54
Transfers to/(from)		—	800.40
Total carried forward balance		37,733.98	37,600.87

MissionCha - Missions & Charities (Restricted) Fund

Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
One-off Gift Aid gifts		100.00	—
Donations appeals etc		5.45	—
Donations - Romanian Bucket		—	3.89
Donations - Haven House		187.01	41.83
	<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	292.46	45.72
Total receipts		292.46	45.72
Payments			
Charitable activities			
Charitable giving		181.30	188.48
	<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	181.30	188.48
Total payments		181.30	188.48
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		111.16	(142.76)
Brought forward balance		42.05	337.90
Transfers to/(from)		—	(153.09)
Total carried forward balance		153.21	42.05

Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
YouthClub - Youth Club (Restricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Investment income</i>			
Bank and building society interest		1.35	2.37
	<i>Total Investment income</i>	<u>1.35</u>	<u>2.37</u>
Total receipts		1.35	2.37
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		1.35	2.37
Brought forward balance		318.71	316.34
Total carried forward balance		320.06	318.71
Equipment - Equipment Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		—	—
Flowers - Flower Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Investment income</i>			
Bank and building society interest		5.80	10.20
	<i>Total Investment income</i>	<u>5.80</u>	<u>10.20</u>
Total receipts		5.80	10.20
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		5.80	10.20
Brought forward balance		365.37	355.17
Total carried forward balance		371.17	365.37
Furnishing - Furnishings & Fittings (Restricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Investment income</i>			
Bank and building society interest		11.39	20.01
	<i>Total Investment income</i>	<u>11.39</u>	<u>20.01</u>
Total receipts		11.39	20.01
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		11.39	20.01
Brought forward balance		2,682.90	2,662.89
Total carried forward balance		2,694.29	2,682.90

Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
Music - Music Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Investment income</i>			
Bank and building society interest		0.48	0.86
	<i>Total Investment income</i>	<u>0.48</u>	<u>0.86</u>
Total receipts		0.48	0.86
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		0.48	0.86
Brought forward balance		114.63	113.77
Total carried forward balance		115.11	114.63
Servers - Servers Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Investment income</i>			
Bank and building society interest		1.73	3.05
	<i>Total Investment income</i>	<u>1.73</u>	<u>3.05</u>
Total receipts		1.73	3.05
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		1.73	3.05
Brought forward balance		409.13	406.08
Total carried forward balance		410.86	409.13
WorkMusic - Work Music Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Investment income</i>			
Bank and building society interest		24.01	42.20
	<i>Total Investment income</i>	<u>24.01</u>	<u>42.20</u>
Total receipts		24.01	42.20
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		24.01	42.20
Brought forward balance		5,655.85	5,613.65
Total carried forward balance		5,679.86	5,655.85

Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
StGeorge - St Georges Hall (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		132,993.72	112,610.56
Gains & losses		8,676.95	20,383.16
Total carried forward balance		141,670.67	132,993.72
Johnson - Andrew Johnson Fund (Endowment) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Investment income</i>			
Bank and building society interest		4.70	8.26
	<i>Total Investment income</i>	4.70	8.26
Total receipts		4.70	8.26
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		4.70	8.26
Brought forward balance		1,105.75	1,097.49
Total carried forward balance		1,110.45	1,105.75
Humphreys - Humphreys Flower Fund (Endowment) Fund			
Brought forward balance		1,000.00	1,000.00
Total carried forward balance		1,000.00	1,000.00

Woodford Green St Barnabas
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)
As at: 31 December 2020

		Balance	Previous balance
Investments			
6440: Sale St George Mission Hall CBIFS 1351 - Asset			
St Georges Hall	Restricted	38,024.43	35,577.85
		38,024.43	35,577.85
6445: Sale St George Mission Hall COIF 001T - Asset			
St Georges Hall	Restricted	103,646.24	97,415.87
		103,646.24	97,415.87
	Investments	141,670.67	132,993.72
Tangible assets			
6430: Church hall - Building & Contents - Asset			
Church Hall - Buildings & Contents Fund	Restricted	517,964.00	517,964.00
		517,964.00	517,964.00
6431: Scout hut - Asset			
Scout Hut Fund	Restricted	238,496.00	238,496.00
		238,496.00	238,496.00
6432: Curates House - Asset			
Curates House Fund	Restricted	153,685.00	153,685.00
		153,685.00	153,685.00
	Tangible assets	910,145.00	910,145.00
Cash at bank and in hand			
6501: Barclays 205274 40829404 - Asset			
General fund	Unrestricted	6,601.25	16,760.10
Mercy Ministry Fund	Restricted	1,243.02	1,162.31
Fabric Fund	Restricted	10,499.71	4,672.71
Hall Fabric	Restricted	3,000.00	—
Organ Fund	Restricted	20.00	20.00
Choir Fund	Restricted	70.00	70.00
Phase 2 Appeal	Restricted	37.50	37.50
Missions & Charities	Restricted	153.21	42.05
		21,624.69	22,764.67
6502: Barclays 205274 40829412 BP - Asset			
General fund	Unrestricted	11,801.91	8,320.08
		11,801.91	8,320.08
6504: Barclays 205274 40196622 Hall Appeal - Asset			
Phase 2 Appeal	Restricted	3,032.48	3,032.48
		3,032.48	3,032.48

			Balance	Previous balance
6505: Barclays 205274 90958913 Hall Appeal BSA - Asset				
Phase 2 Appeal	Restricted		4,564.77	4,558.93
			<u>4,564.77</u>	<u>4,558.93</u>
6510: CCLA 608410001D Fabric - Asset				
Fabric Fund	Restricted		8,173.91	28,675.98
			<u>8,173.91</u>	<u>28,675.98</u>
6511: CCLA 608410002D Hall Appeal - Asset				
Phase 2 Appeal	Restricted		30,099.23	29,971.96
			<u>30,099.23</u>	<u>29,971.96</u>
6512: CCLA 608410003D Youth Club - Asset				
Youth Club	Restricted		320.06	318.71
			<u>320.06</u>	<u>318.71</u>
6513: CCLA 608410004D Choir - Asset				
Choir Fund	Restricted		55.71	55.47
			<u>55.71</u>	<u>55.47</u>
6514: CCLA 608410005D Flower - Asset				
Flower Fund	Restricted		371.17	365.37
			<u>371.17</u>	<u>365.37</u>
6515: CCLA 608410006D Humphries - Asset				
Humphreys Flower Fund	Endowment		1,000.00	1,000.00
			<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
6516: CCLA 608410007D Work Music - Asset				
Work Music Fund	Restricted		5,679.86	5,655.85
			<u>5,679.86</u>	<u>5,655.85</u>
6517: CCLA 608410008D Music - Asset				
Music Fund	Restricted		115.11	114.63
			<u>115.11</u>	<u>114.63</u>
6518: CCLA 608410009D Servers - Asset				
Servers Fund	Restricted		410.86	409.13
			<u>410.86</u>	<u>409.13</u>
6519: CCLA 608410010D Organ - Asset				
Organ Fund	Restricted		2,609.05	2,598.01
			<u>2,609.05</u>	<u>2,598.01</u>
6520: CCLA 608410011D Furnishings - Asset				
Furnishings & Fittings	Restricted		2,694.29	2,682.90
			<u>2,694.29</u>	<u>2,682.90</u>
6522: CCLA 608410012D Hall Fabric - Asset				
Hall Fabric	Restricted		4,525.88	7,500.85
			<u>4,525.88</u>	<u>7,500.85</u>

	Balance	Previous balance
6531: CCLA 108001337D Andrew Johnson Legacy - Asset		
Andrew Johnson Fund Endowment	1,110.45	1,105.75
	<u>1,110.45</u>	<u>1,105.75</u>
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>98,189.43</u>	<u>119,130.77</u>
Grand Total	<u><u>1,150,005.10</u></u>	<u><u>1,162,269.49</u></u>

Woodford Green St Barnabas
Statement of Financial Activities - summary
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Total income	82,582.85	—	912.28	4.70	83,499.83	101,572.50
Total expenditure	89,259.87	—	15,181.30	—	104,441.17	117,879.37
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(6,677.02)	—	(14,269.02)	4.70	(20,941.34)	(16,306.87)
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—	2,123.49
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—	(2,123.49)
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	8,676.95	—	8,676.95	20,383.16
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(6,677.02)	—	(5,592.07)	4.70	(12,264.39)	4,076.29
Total funds brought forward	25,080.18	—	1,135,083.56	2,105.75	1,162,269.49	1,158,193.20
Total funds carried forward	18,403.16	—	1,129,491.49	2,110.45	1,150,005.10	1,162,269.49
Unrestricted						
General fund	18,403.16	—	—	—	18,403.16	25,080.18
Restricted						
Choir Fund	—	—	125.71	—	125.71	125.47
Church Hall - Buildings & Contents Fund	—	—	517,964.00	—	517,964.00	517,964.00
Curates House Fund	—	—	153,685.00	—	153,685.00	153,685.00
Equipment Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fabric Fund	—	—	18,673.62	—	18,673.62	33,348.69
Flower Fund	—	—	371.17	—	371.17	365.37
Furnishings & Fittings	—	—	2,694.29	—	2,694.29	2,682.90
Hall Fabric	—	—	7,525.88	—	7,525.88	7,500.85
Mercy Ministry Fund	—	—	1,243.02	—	1,243.02	1,162.31
Missions & Charities	—	—	153.21	—	153.21	42.05
Music Fund	—	—	115.11	—	115.11	114.63
Organ Fund	—	—	2,629.05	—	2,629.05	2,618.01
Phase 2 Appeal	—	—	37,733.98	—	37,733.98	37,600.87
Scout Hut Fund	—	—	238,496.00	—	238,496.00	238,496.00
Servers Fund	—	—	410.86	—	410.86	409.13
St Georges Hall	—	—	141,670.67	—	141,670.67	132,993.72
Work Music Fund	—	—	5,679.86	—	5,679.86	5,655.85
Youth Club	—	—	320.06	—	320.06	318.71
Endowment						
Andrew Johnson Fund	—	—	—	1,110.45	1,110.45	1,105.75
Humphreys Flower Fund	—	—	—	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

Parish of Woodford Green: St Barnabas
Parish Code: 07.20

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING
held on Sunday, 13th September 2020 in the Church Hall.

The meeting commenced at 10.45am with prayers, and a moment of silence to remember the souls of past benefactors, priests, and members of the church, particularly Ernest Allum, Audrey Layzell-Smith, Helen Reed, Flo Bassington, Peter Luscombe, and Fr Alan Cross.

Father William welcomed all to the meeting.

1. Minutes of the AVM.

1) As the Minutes of the 2019 meeting had already been circulated in the 2020 APCM pack Fr. William asked that they should be taken as read. Proposed by Bebe Stubbart and seconded Gerard Stubbart and were unanimously agreed. The Minutes were duly signed by Fr. William.

2) Election of Churchwardens.

Fr. William announced that two nominations only were received namely Patricia Obedoza and Trelton Wilson who were both elected unopposed to serve this coming year. They will be admitted into office by the Vicar as laid down by the Archdeacon due to the COVID-19 pandemic at a date yet to be determined.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.50 am.

MINUTES OF THE APCM
held on Sunday 13th. September 2020 in the Church Hall

Present 24 Parishioners, including Fr. William Obedoza who welcomed all to the meeting at 10.55 am.

Item 3) Apologies for Absence from Kate Reeve, Vera Martin, Mary Berry, Malcolm Papes, Rupert Hunt, and Keith Lloyd.

Item 4) Minutes of the APCM held on the 14th. April 2019. Having been circulated with the APCM pack they were proposed for acceptance by Michael Pritchett and seconded by Diana Russell and were then carried by a majority vote.

Item 5) Matters Arising. There were none at this stage which could not be covered in the following Agenda items.

Item 6) REPORTS. Chairman's, Churchwarden's, Deputy Treasurer's, and Minute Secretary's Reports, and the Financial Statements and Reports for the year ending 31st December 2019.

Fr. William first gave grateful thanks to our two retiring Churchwardens for all their hard work in office. Peter Farrier then addressed the Accounts and thanked all for their financial support. The full report is attached, and Peter mentioned, amongst other items: The water ingress solved, Ground maintenance, The Church paths recovered and some cracks appearing. In touch with the Contractors. The Quiet Garden current situation, Church fabric in particular the Sacristy Doors which will be replaced from a legacy from Helen Reed and will be named the "Helen Reed Entrance" in her memory, The Parish Share, and that we have to

continue to build our funds and attract new members, Jane had considerably increased the Hall lets which became a large source of revenue, The Scouts had increased their contribution and we have a better co-operation with them now, several donations this year which helped our position. He finally warned of a difficult year ahead and congratulated our two new Churchwardens. He then took questions. Wendy Wilson mentioned our income and thanked Fr. William for all his work to applause from the congregation. Julie Crean pointed out that we were not alone as all Churches will be in the same situation due to the Covid 19 problem and we should not worry if we cannot meet our full Parish Share this year. Gaynair Thorpe enquired on how we can gain new members especially as we are an elderly congregation and no youngsters present. She also enquired as to why our Confirmation candidates disappeared after Confirmation. A general discussion ensued, and it was generally agreed that our goal this year must be to obtain new members. Finally, the Accounts were proposed for acceptance by Gaynair Thorpe and seconded by Gerard Stubbart and carried.

All the other Reports which were in the APCM Pack, previously distributed to the congregation, were then proposed for acceptance by Patricia Obedoza and seconded by Julie Crean. These were all agreed.

Item 7) Adoption of the Electoral Roll. Complete renewal of the Roll takes place every 6 years and this year it was revised. Fr William advised that the Roll, displayed in Church, now consist of 109 Parishioners of which 50 reside within the Parish boundaries and 59 outside. Overall, this is slightly up on the previous year of 104 members and apart from losses due to moving or passing to higher glories there are some new members on the Roll. It still entitles us to 12 seats on the PCC. Acceptance was proposed by Serene Martin and seconded by Wendy Wilson and agreed. Fr William thanked Audrey and Bill Layzell-Smith for all their work in revising the Roll.

Item 8) Election of Parochial Church Council Members. Fr. William confirmed that we are allowed 12 members of the PCC, who serve for 3years and one third retire or are re-elected. So far, we have 5 existing members and with the new appointees the number is now 11 as follows: -
Patricia Obedoza, Diana Russell, Jane Davies, Serene Martin, Peter Farrier, Trelton Wilson, Michael Pritchett, Keith Lloyd, Gerard Stubbart, William Layzell-Smith, and Father William who is the Chairman.

Item 9) Independent Examiner. Mr. Martin Charlesworth, having satisfactorily served us previously, has accepted to serve another year. Proposed by Peter Farrier and seconded by Patricia Obedoza and he was voted for unanimously.

Item 10) Appointment of Sides-people. Fr. William read out the names of the sides-people who were elected and appointed in 2019 as follows: -
Stacey Gould, Josephine MacCarthy, Stanley Jones, Bill Layzell-Smith, T-J Flaxton, Serene Martin, Vera Martin, Diana Russell, Juliet Smith, Bebe Stubbart and Gaynair Thorpe.

Fr. William asked if those named willing to continue and if there are others who wish to become sides-people. Diana Russell proposed that these are nominated and appointed en bloc for 2020-2021. Seconded by Tim Crean, and was voted unanimously.

Item 11) AOB. Stuart Chillingworth asked for the names of the PCC members which was read out as above. Morris Hickey suggested to have a Requiem Mass here at St Barnabas for Fr Alan Cross simultaneously with his funeral Mass. Julie Crean suggested that we should contact those known people who had left and try to get them back. Wendy Wilson expressed her concern about changes in the Services, particularly the variations of the Lord's Prayer.

Morris Hickey suggested that the variations are lost on most people and would like to see us go back to the Book of Common Prayer. Wendy asked if we should kneel or stand for the Lord's Prayer. Patricia Obedoza thought that kneeling or standing has the same respect although Morris thought that kneeling is more of a sign of humility or contrition. Gaynair Thorpe agreed with Wendy Wilson and thought that we are heading more towards the Roman Catholic Service than our High Anglican. Julie Crean asked if we could return to the red Mass booklet at the 9.30am Mass as this would not only save time for Father but also save paper and ink and we could wear gloves if necessary. Bebe Stubbert thought that consistency across all 3 of the Sunday Services is preferable to 3 different systems for each. A Straw Poll taken on the red Mass booklet voted in favour of its use. Patricia suggested that a single pew sheet with the readings only could be retained and this was agreed.

12) Fr. William's Address concluded with quotes from Exodus 17: verses 8-16 and Ephesians 6: verses 12-18 with particular reference to the fact that we are fighting a real battle not just against flesh and blood but also against the Devil and that we should all be kind and considerate to others as they are also struggling.

There being no further business and following Prayers the meeting adjourned at 11.50 am to be followed by a brief new PCC meeting.

Signed: Fr. William Obedoza SSC
Chairman

William Layzell-Smith
Minute Secretary

St Barnabas Church, Woodford Green

PCC meeting held on Sunday 13th. September 2020 in the Hall
Following the adjournment of the APCM.

Present: - Fr. William Obedoza Chairman, Patricia Obedoza and Trelton Wilson
Churchwardens, Diane Russell Deputy Treasurer, Jane Davies, Serene Martin, Peter Farrier,
Michael Pritchett, Gerard Stubbert, Bill Layzell-Smith.

The meeting opened at 1150 am and decided that future dates for PCC meetings should remain on the second Wednesday of each month which was generally agreed to be workable.

The existing Officers of the PCC all agreed to continue in their respective positions.
There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.55 am.

Fr William Obedoza SSC
Chairman

Mr. William Layzell-Smith
Minute Secretary

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REPORTS 2020/2021

I. REDBRIDGE DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2020-2021

Every parish church is required to elect at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting lay representatives to the Deanery Synod and together with the Vicar they attend the deanery meetings. Three synods were held all via Zoom.

On Wednesday, 18 November 2020, the Deanery Synod tackled the following items: The Deanery Officers and Standing Committee consisting of the Lay Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and other standing committee members (3 lay, 3 ordained). Each member of the Committee shared to the synod their role.

It was announced that the Lay Chair is stepping down. It was agreed that Nominations to be submitted by Friday 15th January to the Deanery Secretary and Elections and Synod on Monday 25th January 2021.

The Deanery Treasurer presented his report which included the Diocesan budget. The Redbridge Deanery has paid 63% of the total Parish Share in 2020, compared to 72% in 2019. This is expected due to Covid-19 which affected the giving in parish churches. In that meeting, all parish churches are encouraged to pay 100% of their Parish Share in 2021, and to use at the right time the material “Generous God – Generous Disciples.” The major cost is clergy stipends, so the Diocese is looking at how to reduce stipendiary posts. The 2025 target has been brought forward and Archdeacons are working with the Area Deans to Red Amber Green (RAG) rate parishes to identify a means by which to cut the number of Full Time Equivalent posts in each deanery.

All parish churches are also encouraged to join in the efforts of the General Synod on Carbon Neutrality towards net-zero carbon emissions. Each Parochial Church Council in the Diocese of Chelmsford are requested to engage with the A Rocha Eco Church scheme, aiming for at least a bronze award.

On Monday, 25 January 2021 the Deanery Synod was held on Zoom. Clarifications was sought and assurances were given about the episcopal oversight by the Bishop of Maidstone given the appointment of a female Bishop of Chelmsford. There was also a discussion on the affordability of the stipendiary ministry.

The Treasurer reported that the role of the Treasurer can be divided into two areas: Control of the Deanery budget, and Liaison between parishes and the Diocese. The Deanery budget (Fund) is in turn split between the general purposes budget (balance £1,147,01) and a designated fund for Youth work (£792.83). There was no activity during 2020 except for £10.00 left over from 2019. The £3m Diocesan shortfall is postulated on a collection rate of 80-85%. Redbridge contributions are lagging behind both Waltham Forest and Newham deaneries. The Area Dean Martyn Hawkes made it clear that he sees 2021 as the year to make best efforts to reach the share target.

The Deanery Synod on Thursday, 20 May 2021 was again held via Zoom. Reports were received from the Diocesan Synod, the Treasurer, the Education/Scrutiny, and the Vocations.

Patricia Obedoza, Keith Lloyd, Fr William Obedoza SSC
Deanery Representatives

II. PCC MINUTE SECRETARY REPORT 2020-2021

Attendance records and main topics of discussion at the PCC meetings in the year April 2020/2021 are as follows:

AVM and APCM (AGM) - Sunday 13th September 2020

(Postponed from the 29th. March 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions.) 24 Adults

PCC meetings

12 th . February 2020		8/11	
11 th March 2020		10/11	Plus one non-voting visitor.
8 th . July 2020	Z	10/11	
12 th . August 2020	Z	10/11	
14 th . October 2020	Z	10/11	
25 th . November 2020	Z	8/11	
16 th . December 2020	Z	8/11	
13 th . January 2021	Z	8/10	
10 th . March 2021	Z	7/10	
14 th . April 2021		<u>6/10</u>	Plus one non-voting visitor.
Total		85/107	Approx. 79% attendance.

The drop from a full complement of 11 PCC members to 10 reflects the sad passing of one of its members.

The one visitor in each case was Bebe Stubbart who was invited to update the PCC with the Quiet Garden situation.

STANDING COMMITTEE

Due to Covid-19 this Committee met only twice in this period, once by Face-to-Face contact and once by Zoom.

10 th . June 2020	Z	5/7	
3 rd . November	F to F	6/7	
		11/14	Approx. 79% attendance

This last year has been a very disruptive and unpredictable time with a very delayed APCM due to Covid 19 restrictions. However, Father William has managed to keep the Church open throughout the year, subject to strict Covid/Diocese/Government guidelines and has also live streamed all Services for those unable to attend in person.

Main topics of PCC discussion and decision.

Feb 2020 Meeting:

Calendar of events, Liturgical dates, Quiet Garden, Covid 19 administration of Communion, Finance and Accounts, Paths and Roads, Funeral collections, Lighting.

March 2020 meeting:

Finance and Accounts, Quiet Garden, Church Loop System, Electoral Roll, Sacristy Doors, Final preparations for AVM and APCM on the 29th. March 2020 (Subsequently amended and delayed due to Lockdown.)

July 2020 meeting:

Finance, Hall update, Insurance, Covid 19 regulations, Parish Share, Church Microphones, Diocese reduction of Parish Priests.

August 2020 meeting:

Parish Share, Helen Reed's donation, Quiet Garden, Loss of senior Parish members.

November 2020 meeting:

Finance and Fabric Fund, Fund Raising, Pew Sheets, Website, Christmas Dinner.
(Subsequently postponed due to Lockdown)

December 2020 meeting:

Zoom meetings and Licence, Music Exams, Fabric Fund, Sacristy Doors, Quiet Garden, Car Park.

January 2021 meeting:

Liturgy dates, Confirmation, Zoom meetings with congregation, Software, Finance.

March 2021 meeting:

Finance, Parish Share, Broadband, Neighbours Trees and Church grounds, Quiet Garden.

April 2021 meeting:

Fabric, Church grounds and Lawns, Hall Extension donations, Scout Hut, Electoral Roll, Auditor, Neighbours Trees.

The above are some of the main topics covered. There were many other items discussed, both important and less so, too many to list here. It will be seen that some items require several meetings of discussion prior to a decision being reached. This can be mainly due to perhaps the amount of money required to fulfil them and its source or the complexity of the issue.

I think that I can safely record that the PCC had another busy and productive year despite all the restrictions. Not everyone realises the amount of work involved in running a successful Church. Our Church Officers and Officials put in a great deal of effort and energy into their work.

With the prospect of Covid and Lockdown restrictions gradually being eased we look forward to a successful, enjoyable, and productive year ahead for St. Barnabas Church and hope that its work in the Community will be recognised and appreciated by all.

William (Bill) Layzell-Smith
Minute Secretary

III. DEPUTY TREASURER'S REPORT 2020-2021

The year, 2020 has been a very difficult one for us in terms of finances as far as the Church and Hall being closed as part of the Government's lockdown measures relating to the Coronavirus. However, we have managed to survive although not without juggling our finances and taking care of the most urgent matters first.

Our gratitude and thanks to all who continued to contribute faithfully whether through their Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Planned-Giving, and Gift Aid envelopes, not forgetting the members of our Congregation who managed to attend some of the services - when possible - and contributing to the Plate mainly on Sundays, your help made it much easier for us to survive.

We pray that 2021 will be a much better year for the Churches in general and that all our regulars will return to worship with us and hopefully we will attract some new members.

Thanks again and kind regards,

Diana Russell
Deputy Treasurer

IV. TREASURER AND CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT 2020- 2021

The Covid-19 pandemic carried on in 2020 and has made unprecedented challenges. The same as last year, we aimed to (a) encourage parishioners to attend church, (b) serve the parish the best way we can, (c) manage church expenditures and raise the level of church incomes, and (d) ensure our actions are always open and transparent.

Since September last year, I was appointed Treasurer and was voted as Churchwarden together with Trelton Wilson. Our predecessors Jane Davies and Peter Farrier stepped down from the role of Churchwardens with Jane concentrating on the management of the hall and Peter, being also the Treasurer, facilitating the handover of responsibilities and continuing professional training to all incoming officers. During their tenure they have achieved a lot. For example, we are now enjoying a smoother and asphalted ground surface around our church, and we now have a Churchwarden's Manual, to name two. There are a lot more, in fact so many to enumerate here, given our desire to economize on paper and photocopier ink.

In the Treasury department, I share responsibilities with Diana Russell, in cash counting, weekly banking, Planned Giving management, Gift Aid management, reporting to parish Accounts Service, preparing annual financial reports for the Archdeacon's visit, and preparing annual reports for the external auditor's inspection.

Church Finances Appraisal **The Parish Share**

Whereas the previous year (2019) we were able to pay our Parish Share in full, in 2020, although our Parish Share was increased by 3%, we only managed to pay £43,985.50 in total. Given that we are under a pandemic, this is still inspiring. The PCC therefore especially thank the congregation of St Barnabas Woodford. Truly, their commitment, dedication and loyalty to the church have no price.

The Parish Community Hall

The church hall was mostly closed because of the pandemic. However, it did not post Zero earnings, as it received £5,035.00 total in lettings in 2020. We appreciate its manager, Jane Davies, and everyone involved in the upkeep, sanitizing (anti-bacterial) and maintenance of the church hall in these trying times.

The Curates House

As a result of the Curates House rental increases achieved during 2019 negotiations, the rental income increased from £13,447.00 to £13,967.00, thanks again to Peter Farrier and Jane Davies for their successful handling of this matter.

Music Exams

The ABRSM which is organized by Tim and Julie Crean provided £4,769.25 total income in 2020. That is an awesome amount to raise, given our current Covid-19 restrictions, and is a big help in providing the church with a reliable income stream.

Scouts Hut

We are now currently enjoying a good relationship and cooperation with the Scouts. This year, they paid a total of £2,600.00 for their insurance for 2020. In the past years, the church pays half of this amount. We are looking forward to having regular meetings with them and welcome them more in our church and church activities.

Donations, Income and Expenditure

The state of the finances of our church is, in general, sturdy. Even through three national lockdowns have been imposed on us in the UK, you all faithfully continued to give your freewill offerings, your planned giving obligations, and supported our Gift Aid scheme, and the different charities endorsed by the Church namely: Haven House, Additional Curates' Society, Mercy Ministries, RBL Poppy Appeal, and Romanian Bucket.

In 2020, our tax recoverable on Gift Aid totaled £8,159.16 and the year before was £8,466.87- a very little difference.

The loose plate collection was halved due to the pandemic, from £4,394.86 to £2,277.47, but the One-off Gift Aid gifts doubled, from £2,776.22 in 2019 to £4,730.00 in 2020.

Therefore, even though the finances are not hugely rosy, we can say they are alright.

Attached to this report are receipts and payments during the period 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020, please browse into them as comparisons are made between 2019 and 2020 and we can see how the pandemic affected the state of our finances in the whole year of 2020.

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT 2020-2021

Introduction.

The following report highlights the main activities carried out on the St Barnabas Church estate from October 2020 to date.

Activities

Asphalt Pathway. Kenson Contractors (Bennington) Ltd were called back in October 2020 to remedy cracks which began to appear in the pathway, West and East end of the Church. Work to install 'Over banding strips' to cover the cracks was completed in Dec 2020 and this action seems to have corrected the problem.

Scout Hut. Emergency work to reconnect the Scout Hut to the main gas supply commenced on Mon 16th Nov 2020. This activity involved excavation of the sub soil on the estate, to locate the service pipe feeding the Church and running a new branch to the Scout Hut. There was no disruption to the music examinations which was taking place at the same time.

Church Organ. Ray Chandler continues to act as the go-between for the Parish on matters relating to maintenance of the Organ, with specialist Tuning and Servicing companies. Ray has looked over the Organ periodically throughout 'Lockdown' and has not encountered any 'major' issues, despite the long duration the instrument has been out of use.

Church Hall. There were no activities in the Church Hall up to 12th April, when changes to the Government's guidelines were issued. There are three groups currently using the Hall. Jane Davis – Hall Manager, has informed me that there is a lot to do to prepare the hall for normal operation, before a formal decision on an opening date can be made.

Sacristy Door Replacement. Wessex Joinery Ltd completed fabrication and installation of both doors on 13th May. These doors were classified as priority 2 items in the last Quinquennial Report and required us to take corrective action.

Information Technology. Access to the Internet via BT Broadband is now available at the Church. Work to install the HIVE system to enable remote control of the boilers in the Church and Hall can now commence.

Quite Garden (QG) – Agreement to remove the Tarmac to soil depth and relay the area with topsoil and turf, was reached at the April PCC. This is a temporary solution and will not obstruct plans for completion of the hall extension. Bebe Stubbart is contacting contractors for quotes.

Trel Wilson
Churchwarden
and
Patricia Obedoza
Churchwarden and Treasurer

V. VICAR / PCC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020-2021

Our Bishop, the Rt Revd Norman Banks SSC, visited our Parish on **15 March 2020, Third Sunday of Lent** and conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation to four adults. It turned out that we were the last church he visited before the first national lockdown due to Covid-19 pandemic.

From 19 March 2020 the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have suspended all public worship in church. I started streaming live on **www.facebook.com/stbarnabaswg** our church services held in the church. What followed was the closure of all places of worship. All Church services were then transferred to the Vicarage and we continued to make them available online.

Church Ministries and Activities during the Lockdown.

When the government eased the first lockdown and allowed places of worship to reopen, we did risk assessments, and prepared the church building for people to be able to observe the government guidelines on handwashing, face covering, social distancing, and ventilation ("Hands, Face, Space, and Fresh Air).

We found ways to continue with our church ministries in a different way as follows:

1. Weekly Updates and Pew sheets were sent via email to our church members. The Sunday Pew Sheets contain the Mass Prayers and the Bible references used in our daily Morning and Evening Prayers and daily Mass. These were dropped to the mailboxes of members who do not have Internet access.

2. The Church Services were streamed live daily at the scheduled time on www.facebook.com/stbarnabaswg :

8:00 am Morning Prayer; 8:45 am Holy Rosary

9:30 am HOLY MASS; 6:00 pm Evening Prayers

Fr Reg Bushau SSC faithfully assisted me in offering the prayers and the Mass. He covered Monday and some Sundays. We streamed live the church services using our mobile phones. What originally intended for the benefit of church members who could not attend church, became a global ministry – people from other countries were watching our services.

3. Lent, Holy Week and Easter celebrated online. During the first lockdown, all services were conducted and streamed online from the Vicarage. That included the Lenten Bible Study, Holy Week and Easter Services.

5. Mercy Ministry – Food Bank. With a team of 5 volunteers, we have delivered food parcels to needy families. The food parcels were donations-in-kind brought to the Vicarage. Needy individuals who come knocking at the Vicarage were given food parcels and occasionally emergency money to help them with emergency gas, electricity, and travel.

6. Christmas Services in Person and online. We opened the Church to the public on the Second Sunday of Advent, 6 December 2020 for our 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 12:00 noon Sunday Masses. On Christmas Eve, we gave away individualised DIY take away Christingle at the 5:00 pm Crib Service, and we celebrated the 11:30 pm Midnight Mass. We also had the 10:00 am Christmas Day Mass. The usual Traditional Christmas Lunch was cancelled due to Covid-19 Restrictions. Our Nine Lessons and Carols was held on the Feast of the Holy Family. 27 December, Sunday.

7. Online Meetings done via Zoom

We bought an annual subscription on Zoom which allow us to have our PCC Meetings, Standing Committee Meetings, and Bible Studies online. We even started having the Friday Coffee Fellowship via Zoom and some attended through telephone.

8. New Members were prepared for Confirmation.

I have prepared 7 adults and 4 children through Catechism (i.e. Instructions to be learned before they be brought to the Bishop for Confirmation). Bishop Norman will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Corpus Christi, 3 June 2021 to Brian Andrews, Kyle Basit, Tracie Goodfellow, Helen Hopkins, Klaudijus Kadisa, Emily Manning, James Manning, Yumei-Xiarrah Elizabeth Obedoza, Romeo Romaeo, Joanna Walker, Niki Victor Wardell.

9. Wedding in the Church on 26 June 2021.

I have been preparing a young European couple Klaudijus Kadisa and Justina Kaminskaite for marriage on 6 February 2021, but the lockdown impacted their preparations, thereby postponing it for 26 June 2021. Klaudijus will be confirmed by Bishop Norman Banks.

10. Sunday 12 noon Mass ceased allowing me to celebrate Mass in St Albans Ilford

The Archdeacon of West Ham, The Ven Elwin Cockett communicated to me by email on 11 February 2021 followed by a Zoom meeting on 18 February 2021 about the future of ordained ministry at St Barnabas Woodford in the light of the Diocesan Synod's decision to cut the number of stipendiary posts in this diocese. He explained that the principal reason for the Diocesan Synod's decision is the need to return the diocese to financial viability. At the moment, the diocese is paying out more in stipends than receiving parish shares.

The reduction in posts will happen in a number of ways. In some cases, clergy who leave or retire will not be replaced, and their parishes will come under the care of clergy who are serving in other parishes locally. The other side of that coin is that some parishes will find that the priest who has been serving their parish will be asked to take on a second parish, spreading the cost across both.

The post of Vicar of St Barnabas Woodford has been designated as one where it is anticipated that, in future, the incumbent will not be full-time in that parish alone. One way of achieving that would be for the current Vicar or his successor to take on responsibility for a second parish, and maybe even a third, as is common in rural areas. With the departure of Fr Stuart Halstead as Parish Priest, St Alban's, Ilford is currently undergoing a 3-month consultation period in order for them to consider the option of linking up with St Barnabas Woodford.

In consultation with Bishop Norman Banks SSC, I signified my willingness to work toward this plan, and this was discussed in the PCC. Hence, our 12 noon Sunday Mass has ceased from 18 April 2021, and attendees were requested to attend the 9:30 am Mass. That allows me to celebrate the 11:15 am Sunday Mass in St Alban's Great Ilford.

The Archdeacon has noted that your generous giving has enabled us to meet rather higher parish share commitments compared to the other two Society parishes in the Archdeaconry of West Ham. Your willingness to give regularly and generously to the work of the parish, as disciples of Christ, is key to this. May God bless you all.

Fr. William Obedoza SSC

Vicar / Parish Priest, Chairman of the PCC

VI. OTHER REPORTS 2020-2021

A. SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2020- 2021

The Parish Safeguarding Officer has been appointed by the PCC and is responsible for dealing with safeguarding issues concerning children and young people, including allegation of abuse and issues of concern relating to vulnerable adults. It is important to remember however, that we all have a duty to help protect children and vulnerable adults.

So, should you have any Safeguarding concerns, regardless of how minor, **please contact me on 07949 509 435** or the Diocese Safeguarding Team (DST - whose job is to offer advice, guidance, and support in all situations in which a child or vulnerable adult may be at risk.

Contact: Duty Safeguarding Officer (including out of hours)

Tel: 01245 294444

Email: safeguarding@chelmsford.anglican.org

Contact: For general enquiries –

Lynda Saunders - Safeguarding Assistant Tel: 01245 294490 (weekdays, 9-5pm) or

Laura Tyler – Safeguarding Administrator Tel: 01245 294438 Tuesday 9.30am-3pm & Friday 9.30am-3pm) Email: safeguarding@chelmsford.anglican.org

However, If you think someone is in immediate danger or risk of harm phone the police immediately on 999. To contact your local police station for a non-emergency or to report a crime please call 101.

St Barnabas has formally adopted the Diocese of Chelmsford Safeguarding Policy 2014 and has also developed an Action Plan to ensure the Church continue to adhere to the Policy at all times. Both copies are kept in the Narthex (entrance) of the Church. A copy of the Diocese Policy can be found on the Chelmsford's website www.chelmsford.anglican.org/safeguarding.

The Church will continue to ensure that all those authorised to work with children and vulnerable adults are:

- appropriately recruited according to safer recruitment practice and are adequately supported. This includes ensuring that DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks are carried out for anyone who has formal contact with children and young people and vulnerable adults.
- trained appropriately for their role including Diocesan Safeguarding Training. An online Basic Awareness Safeguarding Training Course for all Church members is available at <http://www.cofelearning.org/index.html> or for more information on the training you may e-mail cptraining@chelmsford.anglican.org

Wendy Wilson

Parish Safeguarding Officer - 07949 509 435

B. SACRISTAN'S REPORT 2020/2021

I must first refer to the Covid pandemic, started in March 2020 and has taken its' toll on many of us least not the Church. In many ways we have strived to carry on the duties and works of Sacristan and Head Server, but it has been a struggle. However, on a more optimistic note, we are beginning to recruit some new servers, Romeo, and Daniel, and it is hoped that I will again be able to call upon Priests and Bishops to come and Preach at our 9.30am Mass on a Sunday and on feast days and anniversary days.

St. Barnabas continue to support the work of GSS (Guild of Servers of the Sanctuary) and the next meeting of the Guild at our church is on Monday 12th July at 7.30pm. to which all are welcome.

I mentioned in a previous Report that we had a lot of spare cassocks in one form or another. In the past couple of years we were able to donate some to the Parish of St. Johns, Brunswick, New South Wales, Australia and its Vicar, The Rt. Rev. Lindsay Urwin SSC, former Bishop of Horsham, who kindly came to celebrate Mass one morning and collect the said cassocks on his way to Walsingham and a meeting with Bishops. However, there are still a few 'usable' ones but in need of repair. Any volunteers to do this?

It is with great sadness that I have to report the deaths of Peter Luscombe (12 June 2020) and Gerard Stubbert (27 December 2020), two very valued and hardworking Servers. I shall miss them enormously, but their charity and good works will not be forgotten. R.I.P.

2021 must see us raise money, that is without question. There are numerous repairs of a major nature to be done, quite unexpected, but nevertheless must be attended to. We must look to some outdoor and indoor events as in past years to help put our finances back on track.

With that in mind I am pleased to say that – all things being equal – we shall be having an event on Saturday 11th. September (in anticipation of the 110th. Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church) at which the Bishop of Richborough, The Rt. Revd. Norman Banks SSC, will preside. The days' events will start with Solemn Pontifical High Mass at 12.00 noon followed by a Luncheon at approx. 1.30pm and closing with the Official Blessing and Opening of The Quiet Garden at 3.00pm and an outdoor Reception (weather permitting). There will be a raffle (tickets available hopefully by July) and I am collecting prizes at the moment. The days' events and preparations are well in hand and we look to the congregation and beyond to support this not only in attending but also in giving. Please put the date in your diaries now!

I am optimistic about the year ahead; I will recruit and aim to keep more younger Servers. I am 70yrs old today, there is no doubt my body does not physically operate the way it used to and whilst I am willing, I do find myself unable to do certain things. Hence the need to recruit.

I am grateful to Terry for his loyalty and support as a Server and hope it continues. I trust that I will be enabled to carry on as Sacristan as I there is always more to do, and I want to do it!

Keith Lloyd
Sacristan

C. DATA PROTECTION AND PASTORAL FOLLOW-UP REPORT 2020-2021

On behalf of the PCC, steps have been taken, to the best of my knowledge, to address the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

With regards to the privacy of members of St Barnabas, Woodford Green, we will only hold and use private data for those who have given consent to communicate with them in relation to activities and services offered by the church, only.

The PCC has processes in place to ensure all private information is secure and up to date. To date pastoral follow-up is done by telephone and social media.

Serene Martin

D. CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (CBS) 2020-2021

Ward of St Anthony

The objects of the CBS are to honour Jesus Christ our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of his Body and Blood, to pray for one another at the Eucharist, and to observe and promote careful preparation for Holy Communion, including the Eucharistic fast.

Our Ward of St Anthony has existed in this parish since 1942. We have met in the last year for Mass, and we shall continue to meet periodically during the coming year, now jointly with our Cell of our Lady of Walsingham.

Fr. William is our Ward Superior and there are 11 lay members of our Ward, including one who is a postal member (a former parishioner). There is now one member assigned to our Ward from another parish and nine are church members. We hope that others will feel they would like to join CBS. You can always speak to Fr William or me regarding membership.

Stuart Chillingworth
Ward Secretary

E. ABRSM MUSIC EXAMS REPORT 2020-2021

Although the March/April 2020 music exams were cancelled part way through, and the June/July 2020 exams did not take place due to the pandemic, we were fortunate to be able to do the Nov/Dec 2020 exams, albeit under strict rules, with face coverings, sanitising and distancing. They ran very well thanks to the stewards and examiners. Again March/April 2021 exams were cancelled, but we are now looking forward to the upcoming exams in June/July 2021.

Julie Crean

F. LUNCHEON CLUB (Senior Citizens Luncheon Club) 2020-2021

Luncheon club has now been on hold for 14 months. We are hoping to get back up and running in September, if everything to do with the pandemic goes to plan. I hope we will get enough helpers to make this possible, and any new blood is always welcome. Please speak to me if you can be of help. The attendees really appreciate a hot meal and conversation with other people.

Julie Crean

G. REPORTS FROM THE UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS 2020-2021 **46th Epping Forest Scouts St Barnabas**

1. BEAVERS SECTION

We started back on 4 May, but during lock down we managed a weekly Zoom meeting with several of the beavers. We covered a few badges including First Aid, they learnt to do CPR to the tune of Baby Shark! Which was amazing. We played bingo, had quizzes and a musical evening learning Waltzing Matilda towards our international badge!

Looking ahead we want to cover our Faith badge/visiting a place of worship. We asked Father William if it would be possible to bring the Beavers into church one Tuesday and have a look round and listen to a few words from him.

Lynne Lowman, Beavers Colony Leader

2. CUB SCOUTS

I have to report that we have survived the last year in pretty good health. The Beavers continued to run in an online form for much of lockdown and Zoom provided a great tool for Emma and Lynne, the leaders, and welcome respite for the parents. The older sections were not really practical to run online. We managed to do some maintenance on the hut in the downtime.

All sections have now been back to face-to-face meeting on 4 May, for past 2 weeks, and we have 52 children altogether. We are surprised and delighted that so many young people are so keen to continue (or for some, to start) their adventure in Scouting. We have, of course, undertaken rigorous risk assessments and have instituted clear social distancing protocols, which the children have kept to.

We held an Executive meeting last week and the Committee are all in good health. We have a group camp coming up at Gilwell on 2nd July and then our AGM on 6th July, as long as the rules allow. We are planning a fundraising and social event hopefully for Autumn. That is the extent of our plans currently until things are a bit clearer on what we are allowed to do.

We wish Father William and all parishioners the very best of health.

All our best wishes.

John Bradley, Chairman
46th Epping Forest South Scout Group

H. THE SOCIETY OF ST WILFRID AND ST HILDA (The Society) 2020-2021

The Society is an ecclesial body, led by a Council of Bishops consisting of Diocesan and suffragan bishops of the Church of England who agree with the Society's objects.

The bishops consult from time to time with those bishops of the Society who are retired. Five of the eight members of the Council of Bishops are members of the Council of Forward in Faith, which includes elected representatives of the clergy and laity of the Catholic Movement and also leading members of the Catholic Group in General Synod and the principal catholic societies.

The purposes of The Society are to:

- Promote and maintain catholic teaching and practice within the Church of England.
- Provide episcopal oversight to which churches, institutions and individuals will freely submit themselves.
- Guarantee a ministry in the historic apostolic succession in which they can have confidence.

The parishes of The Society enjoy a relationship of full communion not only with the relevant bishop of The Society but also with all the other parishes of The Society.

The Society is not a membership organization. It is supported and financed by Forward in Faith and administered by its Director. Those who support the aims of The Society are asked to support its work by joining Forward in Faith.

St Barnabas Woodford is affiliated to The Society and is registered as a Forward in Faith parish. And because of that, our Parish can be represented in the National Assembly and receive discounts on advertising. In 2019, Stuart Chillingworth and I represented our Parish in the National Assembly as delegates. The 2020 National Assembly was cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Society parishes are asked to encourage members of the congregation to support The Society by joining Forward in Faith (the membership organization which supports, administers, and pays for its work).

Fr William Obedoza SSC