

# **Annual Review 2020**



## **APCM**

**Saturday, 29th May 2021**

Dear Parishioners,

*'I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.'*  
*Psalms 89:1-2*

2020 will be an unforgettable year and unfortunately not for a good reason. It was the year when we and the whole world had our lives turned upside down and changed forever. It was a year lived in fear and uncertainty, a year of unimaginable losses as by the end of 2020 nearly 2 million people had died from the coronavirus Covid-19. The impact of those deaths will be felt for many years to come. We saw airports closing down globally and travel restrictions implemented in most countries. Shops, restaurants, gyms, cinema, theatre and churches were closed for the most part of 2020. 2020 was also a year when we were forced to change habits for the sake of others and for our own. We became more aware of the important work of those in the caring profession, nurses, carers, doctors, supporting staff, teachers and those who continued to work so that we could have our food stuff. We also turned our attention to scientist and medical researchers realising the importance of their work.

So, how can we properly assess a year such as the last one? Perhaps we will only be able to do it properly in the future, many years from now, when we can look back and count the loss and appreciate the lessons learnt.

However, we still can make an assessment, even if limited, of what has happened. We have learnt a lot about ourselves and about others as well, and I believe that the main lesson we have learnt is that life is both precious and fragile. Even in the midst of chaos, pain and death, we can find a renewed way of living our lives, more humbly, more wholly and more appreciatively of others.

Indeed, this time has been a real learning curve for us not just as individuals but also as a church. At St Barnabas, we closed the church building, our cherished place of worship, three times following the government guidelines, but we did not stop. We found ways of continuing to be church, sharing God's love, gathering together for worship and caring for one another. It meant that we had to be creative and challenge ourselves to venture into a new world of virtual services. By doing that we have been able to meet the spiritual needs of our parishioners and to reach out to people beyond our parish as we have worshippers from outside London and even from other countries. It was also during these strange times that we had the privilege of having Gary Carpenter doing a placement at St Barnabas for three months as part of his training to be a Lay Reader in the Church of England. Gary, very quickly, became a part of our community and we have benefitted from having him working with us.

The challenging times in which we have been living have also created opportunities for new talents to come forward and we now have more people engaged and doing more in our church. This past troublous year challenged us and we, with God's help, have been able to transform this challenge in an opportunity for growth, personal and communal.

God is good and we put our faith and trust in him. Therefore, as the Psalmist said, we can sing of his steadfast love and proclaim his faithfulness to all generations. Well done, St Barnabas, for sticking together through thick and thin!

I would like to express my thanks to the faithful members of our congregation who kept their commitment and dedication going during this difficult year. There are a number of people to whom I am very grateful as well, and I will name a few: The churchwardens, Johnson Ayibiowu and Diane Cooper and their deputies, Nii Armar and David Waluube, for their hard work making sure that the newly refurbished church building was

kept in pristine conditions. Thank you also to our curate, the Revd Trudy Payne, who has very quickly adapted to the new context of virtual services making the necessary adjustments to preside and preach from home as well. Revd Trudy has also been acting as the PCC secretary since last year.

2020 was also a hard year for the church finances, but our treasurer Bernadette Nicholas, has been efficient in keeping us well informed on the state of our finances and aware of areas where we need improving. Our parish administrator, Delise Anderson, has been working mainly from home keeping the church admin up to speed. We have relied on Cristina Monzo to keep the church clean and sanitised, something which she has done with great care and commitment.

My thanks also goes to our organist, Chris Cook, who even though has not been playing in church due to the covid restrictions, continues to assist us especially with the printing of the parish magazine. We are planning an overhaul of the pipe organ and our hope is that when the restrictions are lifted, Chris will resume playing by then the newly refurbished organ.

We have had a great deal of help in our online services, readers, intercessors, those doing the responses and singers. We have had three ladies singing regularly on Sundays making our virtual services even more special, Avril Shipton, Sarah Minns and Cathy Cheeseman. I am very grateful to them.

Godwyns Onwuchekwa, our choir conductor, has taken upon himself to support the church with his IT skills and has been of tremendous help with our online services and assisting parishioners to connect online as well. Godwyns has also revamped the church website and it is now updated, looking better and more accessible. Thank you, Godwyns, for your commitment and dedication and for the sacrifices you have made to help us.

Many thanks to Junior Black, who is our Junior Church coordinator. I We appreciate how difficult it has been for our young people and Junior with his team of youth leaders have managed to keep our young people together making provisions for them to continue to be engaged with the church. I am also grateful to Carol Phillips who has been doing a great job as our Safeguarding Officer and has also undertaken the role of flower arranger giving an extra touch of beauty to our church and services.

Finally, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to our invisible contributors and anonymous donors (you know who you are!). It is the commitment of people such as yourselves that help us make the church the place it is. St Barnabas has an attentive, warm, caring and friendly congregation which I enjoy being part of. So, I want to make sure that your presence and participation, physical and virtual, are very much appreciated.

We will be having our Annual Parochial Church Meeting during Pentecost, which is a season for thanksgiving and renewal of our trust in the promises of God as the Holy Spirit descend again on us. God has given us the Holy Spirit so that we have the ability to dream again, to speak of good things and act in a generous and transformative way. My dream is to see the old and the young, men and women of St Barnabas dreaming about good and higher things for their own life and for our community.

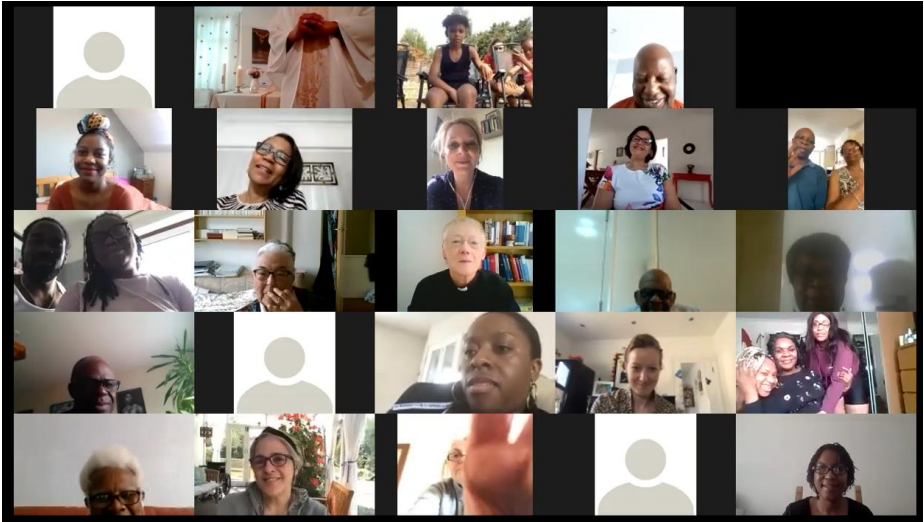
This weird, difficult time we are going through now will most certainly pass. The uncertainty and pain which experience now will soon give place to new life and we will be singing for joy even more.

May the Lord continue to bless us richly.

Fr Joabe

*'I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.'* Romans 8.18-19.

EASTER 2020 ON ZOOM (12.04.2020)





## ON ZOOM AND FACEBOOK





## **PREACHING ON ZOOM**



## **PRESIDING ON ZOOM**




## **A NEW SERVER: BAILEY**







# THE VIRTUAL BUT VERY REAL CHURCH


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## **REPORT ON THE FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH**

As we wished each other A HAPPY NEW YEAR on New Year's Eve 2019 we looked forward to celebrating the coming year in our beautiful Church which had been greatly renovated in 2019, little did we know what was to come. Initially we planned events which would take place during the year. January passed and as we entered February we heard of Covid 19 but was not aware of the impact it was to have on our lives. In February we celebrated Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and the first of the Lent Courses. Then due to the rapid spread of the Covid 19 virus the country was ordered to completely lockdown on 23rd March. We were not allowed out except for shopping and one or two other necessary appointments, but more importantly for us the Church had to close, not even the Incumbent was allowed to enter the Church.

At this point, Father Joabe, attended a meeting on Zoom and thought that this could work for us as a way to celebrate a Service together, albeit remotely, he enlisted the help of Godwyns for help with the technology and so our Online Sunday Service came into being. We were able to celebrate Palm Sunday, and all of the Holy Week Services, including Easter Sunday on Zoom. At the same time we streamlined on Facebook. Initially, there were difficulties, persuading people to join with the technology, also for some who did not have a computer, encouraging them that they could use their phones. We had to come to terms with the access online not always being straightforward, sometimes lines would be frozen and sometimes some could not access the service at all. Father Joabe produced a bespoke booklet for each service, either for us to print off, or it was sent through as a link so that we were able to access each service by sight. Each booklet had pictures and hymns chosen to reflect the readings of each particular Sunday and the Liturgy was tweaked to make it more applicable to the times which we were going through. Father Joabe made the table in his dining room to serve as the Altar, and the Paraments were

changed according to the Church season and Father Joabe always wore the relevant colour vestments. It was, as though the Church had been picked up and transferred to the Vicarage. It was very special.

The Sunday Service went from strength to strength, we were joined by people from other countries Brazil, Africa, Italy, Switzerland and America and also by many people from the UK, some of whom were not members of our Church. We also streamlined on Facebook. A great deal of help was given by Godwyns during these services, who was always there with technical support and general assistance. At the same time as we were having our Sunday Services on Zoom, we also had Meditation and Compline on Wednesday evenings again on Zoom.

In July came the news which we had been waiting for, we could open the Church with the following instructions. All chairs had to be socially distanced, entry had to be made from one door and exit from another, hand sanitizer had to be widely available, face masks had to be worn at all times and names and contact details of all attending had to be taken on entry and kept. No books were to be used and no singing. Father Joabe in consultation with Johnson and I decided that we would not open the Church at that time but we would review our decision each month, however, our services continued on Zoom.

After the Church was thoroughly cleaned, we eventually opened the Church on Sunday 6th September, and what a wonderful service it proved to be. There were about 35 of us and we were overjoyed to see each other, we were not allowed to stand and chat and the Service although short and only spoken was beautiful and simple. We were allowed to go to the Altar for Communion, which could only be the bread, as we were not allowed to share the Communion Cup. On Sunday 13th September we had a Baptism of our newest member of the Church, which was Jimmy Howarth, it was very moving and very special, that we were able to celebrate it in Church.

During this time, we had the Service in Church at 10am and then Father Joabe would go straight back to the Vicarage to start the Zoom service at 11.15am. He continued to preach at both services through October. Then in November, we again had to close the Church due to a rapid rise in people contracting the new variant of the Covid virus. We did manage to celebrate Advent in Church and we decided that our last service before we closed the Church again would be on Christmas Day. We had about 40 people in Church that day, it really felt like Christmas, with the Christmas Tree decorated and alight, the Advent candles all burning and the choir stalls also lit with candles, the Church looked truly beautiful. The rest of the Christmas Services, even the New Year's Watchnight Service was done on Zoom and were well attended.

We were very fortunate that the services could continue on Zoom. We averaged about 65 people and sometimes more, and the numbers remained constant. Thank you to Godwyns for all his technical support and assistance.

During the year we have kept the Church grounds well taken care of. Lee has been coming each month to take care of the grass and to keep the bushes trimmed. Also Johnson has come into the Church each week to run the taps as instructed by the diocese, this is to stop any virus, such as Legionnaires disease building up due to the water system not being used. But a tremendous thank you to Father Joabe for all his hard work, the research and effort that went into producing the bespoke booklets for every service and the way he worked so hard at keeping the Church going during this difficult year. It is very much down to his persistence, his self sacrifice and the excellent way that he encouraged all those on the Zoom to take part in each service, but above all his attention to detail that has made it a very special year in spite of all the difficulties of the Pandemic.

Diane Cooper and Johnson Ayibiowu (Churchwardens)

# **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD**

## **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

The financial year ending 31st December 2020 has been the most challenging and difficult year we have ever experienced, nonetheless, at St Barnabas we have prevailed through the challenges with God's help and the continued support of our members.

### **1. Income**

Our voluntary receipts down on 2019 by over £8,000.00, and due to the pandemic we have had very little income from church activities. We have however, been fortunate to receive a legacy of just over £60,000.00 and a further £57,703.00 refund from VAT payments which has helped to boost our income significantly.

The Building Fund has been showing a decrease in income for the past year, and with the difficulties we have had this year things have not improved, there were no donations in 2020 and with all fundraising activities cancelled the only income we received were the dividends from our investments. With the uncertainties we are still facing it is difficult to make plans for boosting our income generally, but with prayer and patience I believe things will get better.

We continue to receive an annual income of £14,300 from NET (Shared Access), and monthly dividends from investments with CAF.

## **2. Expenditure**

As expected our expenditure is down on last year, due in part to the pandemic, but mainly because we had completed most of the payments for the refurbishment work in church by year end 2019, there were some payments outstanding which were cleared by year end 2020. Church running expenses and other costs, down on last year by just over £9,000.00. Our highest payment remains our contribution to the Parish Support fund, which at £47,000.00 vastly exceeds our voluntary income which was only £37,990.49.

Bernadette Nicholas (Treasurer)

### **THE DEANERY SYNOD**

The Deanery Synod is the body which reflects on issues wider than the routine business of a PCC and seeks to bring the local Anglican churches in the Diocese of Southwark closer together to consider matters concerning the Church of England. It brings together the views of the parishes of the Synod on common problems, the discussion and formulation of common policies on those problems. Ours is the Merton Deanery.

The Synod is made up of members of the clergy priests and three parish representatives from each parish who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting. It meets at least three times each year and are held in different parishes, hosted by the Vicar of that parish. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the Deanery Synod meetings over the past year have been held on Zoom.

At the last meeting held in January the Model Rules for Deaneries had to be adopted. It was explained that the hope behind the Model Rules was that the Deaneries will become models of Centre of mission; that the Deanery will be a place where mission across the Deanery will take place. This had already been accepted by the Diocesan Synod.

The meeting was also asked to move into Zoom break out groups for twenty minutes to discuss the following:

- What happened over Christmas in your Church?
- What resources are you now using/can you recommend/would you like?
- Has your Church made plans for Lent?
- Any suggestions for how to nurture your spirituality during lockdown, individually and as a Church?

The general observations made were that:

- Some Churches planned lots of events but cancelled most things in late December due to the infection rates and increasing local concern.
- Many had limited numbers in Church at a time.
- People felt that this was all virgin territory; that we were making things up as we went along, and we just had to try and keep being inventive to find new ways of doing things.
- The awareness of limited liability of remote access for some congregation members.
- Using a mixture of Zoom, Facebook and YouTube making the greater participation of congregation members as people can be contributing remotely and safely.

The Deanery Synod Representatives for St Barnabas are Bernadette Nicholas, Carol Phillips and Alex Okonkwo.

Carol Phillips (Deanery Synod Representative)



## **THE PASTORAL COMMITTEE 2020**

During 2020 because we were in Lockdown due to the Pandemic of Covid 19, we did not have many meetings. Eventually, we learned to use Zoom which gave us an ability to be able to meet virtually and at least discuss any Pastoral issues. We were delighted to welcome Lesley to the committee which is going to be very helpful to us, as she has been working with Christian Care and so is used to dealing with vulnerable people. We have been able keep in touch with various members of the Church by phone, text or Email. We have not been able to visit due to not being allowed to have face to face meetings. However, we have managed to cope reasonably well. We are hoping that things will improve during 2021.

Diane Cooper (Pastoral Committee Coordinator)

## **YOUNG PEOPLE @ST. BARNABAS CHURCH**

At St. Barnabas Church, we welcome and provide an active and varied programme for young people. Children and young people are an integral part of our church community, included and central to our activities. During normal circumstances, we would offer a wide range of fun and interactive sessions, provided in a safe and supportive environment, giving them freedom to worship together and develop their faith.

### **Introducing a New Programme during the Pandemic**

As the impact of the COVID-19, caused the closure of the church building and limitations on face-to-face worship, the Junior Church leaders created a new programme to help reignite and engage our young people.

### ***It's a new day! It's a new time! Zoom Church is here***

Held every 2 weeks on Saturday afternoons, these hourly sessions (2-3pm) offer an opportunity for our young people to come together virtually via Zoom. Activities will include:

- Bible reading
- Prayers
- Music
- Discussions
- Presentations and public speaking
- Leadership skills
- Arts and crafts
- Games
- And lots of fun

We are currently on week 9 and have covered The Story of Naomi & Ruth, The Easter Story, Baby Moses, The Resurrection and Pentecost. The children have led creative sessions including Pizza Making and Origami, which had helped developed their leadership skills. Our young people also regularly read, sing and pray together.

Whilst we navigate the path of our faith during these challenging times, we have grown the group welcoming new members from outside our local parish and look forward to the opportunities that our growing community provides.

### **The Future post-Pandemic**

The leadership team eagerly await the opportunity to return to our face-to-face programme in the coming months ahead. As we prepare for this time, and continue to navigate through the virtual programme, our focus will expand on **recruitment** of more volunteers to spread the responsibilities. We urge any willing members, to contact us to explore the opportunities available. No skills required just a willing heart!

## **Young people programme**

Prior to the pandemic, we had consulted with our older young people (11-17) on how the church could help fulfil their spiritual needs with some very useful ideas and tips collated. Whilst these have been placed on hold, we will begin planning these when government restrictions allow.

## **Junior church programme**

As space and resources continue to be a challenge for our community, we will seek to establish additional opportunities for our Key stage 2 children whilst continuing the current programme online.

## **Pre-Pandemic Programmes**

### **Diddy Disciples**

For young children in Key stage 1 (infants' school) aged 4-7 years old. Held every Sunday during the morning Eucharist at 10am. Using movement, repetition & singing, Diddy Disciples fosters spirituality, allows freedom to express emotions and learning in an age appropriate way about the Bible and church. [www.diddydisciples.org](http://www.diddydisciples.org)

### **Junior Church**

For older children in Key stage 2 (junior school) aged 8-11 years old. Older children are encouraged to participate in church services with opportunities for serving, reading, singing and welcoming our guests. We also use resources from [www.rootsontheweb.com](http://www.rootsontheweb.com).

## **Other activities:**

### **Nativity plays**

We welcome every child to take part in this fun activity helping our young people to understand and develop a clear philosophy behind the reason for Christmas, including its spiritual meanings. Every child is welcome to take part.

## **Open events**

We host open events during the year for young people. All children are welcome. This includes activities like handcraft, storytelling, public presentation & coaching, discussions about modern technology, Bible stories, dance, etc. The local police and ambulance also attend to give talks.

## **Growing in faith**

We work and walk with our young people on their spiritual journey based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, helping them to develop empathy, compassion, and reflect these on their day-to-day activities.

## **Our Junior Church Leaders**

We have a well-seasoned team of volunteers who devote their time to supporting our young people. They are all DBS-checked and follow the national Safeguarding procedures strictly. They take and see their roles as a privilege. Currently, they are:

Junior Black (Coordinator)

Donna Abberley

Sue Anthony

Godwyns Onwuchekwa.

Carol Philip is the Safeguarding Officer.

All clergy and wardens are ex-officio members of this team.

## **REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL 2021.**

The Electoral Roll is the only official register of membership within the Church of England. Although to be a member of St Barnabas is not dependent on being on the Electoral Roll, to be on the Roll means that we can play a more active part in the church as we will be entitled to vote at the APCM, to stand for the election to the Parish Church Council (the decision-making body of the church), and other synodical councils, such as the Deanery (Merton), Diocesan (Southwark) or General Synod (The Province, i.e., National Church).

Who can be on the electoral Roll? Baptised adults (over 16 years) who live in the parish, or who have worshipped regularly at St Barnabas' for at least six months and are committed to being part of the life of the local Church of England congregation.

St Barnabas continues to thrive and support all our members and others in the local community despite these difficult times we are experiencing. We encourage all members who attend service regularly, are baptised and live in the community to have their names entered on the electoral roll as this gives them the opportunity to play a more active role in the church and vote at some meetings.

Our membership has increased this year to one hundred and sixteen (116) active members; despite the possibility of some moving away from the local area.

I am very happy we are now allowed to worship in church although we must abide by some restrictions. I hope that in the near future we will be back to our normal way of worship when our membership will increase even more.

Eastlyne Douglin (Electoral Roll Officer)

## **SUMMARY OF THE PCC MEETINGS**

### **JANUARY - DECEMBER 2020**

This report will be different from its predecessors, for obvious reasons. As I type this, we are about to mark the first anniversary of lockdown, knowing that there is still a long way to go before we reach whatever the ‘new normal’ might look like. But we do it in the firm belief that the God who has guided and protected this church through World Wars, pandemics, social upheaval and financial crises is the same yesterday, today and forever. And he will guide and protect us still.

#### **January 2020**

The PCC reviewed the Christmas services and decided to set up a Christmas lunch club to enable members of the congregation to contribute towards lunch at Gino’s that year. We discussed our Finances: quite stable, the accounts were being prepared and there was no cause for concern. And there was a lot of work in the building and the grounds, under way or planned. The liquid amber tree had died and the ground had to be cleared to prepare for its replacement. It’s worth noting here that much of the planned work has been done, thanks to the efforts of Fr Joabe and the wardens. Discussions about the building are always reassuringly familiar and some things don’t change (discussion about faculties) or are still outstanding (an escape ladder from the organ loft). Always on the agenda are Health and Safety, CTIM, the Mission Action Plan and Safeguarding (where we had omitted to return a resolution about reporting serious incidents – this was immediately rectified).

#### **July 2020**

The PCC met, for the first time, on Zoom. Services were already on Zoom and were going well; we were very grateful to Godwyns for helping set the system up. There were reports on our Finances where we were grateful for the stable position with which we started the year. But we knew we would face challenges, and would be reluctant to dip into our reserves.

Fund-raising would be impacted: we had had a successful Plant Sale outdoors, but future fund-raising would have to be largely online and we made provision for supporting Christian Care both in person with Harvest gifts and online with financial donations. We had put in place other means of fund-raising too: Amazon Smile, our website and Facebook. And we decided to have the APCM in church in October. The main focus, however, was on worship and organising services. A paper proposing major changes to the Mission Action Plan, because worship would need to be the first of our priorities, was discussed and approved. We found ourselves asking; ‘What is worship? How do we do it? Who is it for?’ And what would be the right balance between online and meeting for worship in church which was now allowed? We decided on a short Eucharist in church at 10.00 followed by the main service at 11.00 on Zoom.

### **September 2020**

Finances formed an important part of our discussions. In view of our slump in income, we decided to propose to the Diocese that we keep our current Parish Support Fund payment of £47,000 during 2021. We were applying for tax reclaim from Gift Aid donations and for VAT relief under the Listed Places of Worship scheme. We were also in arrears with our charitable giving. A new initiative was reported: Godwyns and Delise were planning to update our website, and we recorded our thanks. The church had been open for worship on three Sundays; it had gone well and the time of the Zoom service had been changed to 11.15. Junior Church had been a casualty of the pandemic, but some of the young people still participated in the Zoom services once a month. The Harvest Supper would be online and donations could be given to USPG.

### **November 2020**

The first item on the agenda was welcoming the new members and reading the ‘Roles and Functions’ of Wardens and PCC members. Officers and Committee



Coordinators were appointed. As to finance, the church's outgoings exceeded its income; we were waiting for a VAT refund from the Listed Places of Worship scheme; there were issues with HMRC, not least slowness of response; and most PCC members were using monthly standing orders. We had been left a generous legacy by Linda Griffiths; we were very grateful to her. The meeting decided to use the money towards the meeting room and to name it in her memory. And we agreed to transfer the money for our outstanding payments to charity from the Building Fund to the General Fund, to be repaid when the VAT relief was received. The Toy Service would be in December with arrangements for delivering toys to Christian Care and reminding the congregation about how to donate to them. Services in church would resume on 6 December; Fr Joabe had not been willing to open earlier as he believed that places of worship should not be singled out for special treatment when so many other venues were still closed. Godwyns and Junior were working on a Nativity Play to be performed online.

There was a discussion about the Mission Action Plan because the Archdeacon had told Fr Joabe that we had not returned our MAP as required for some time and that we should be including some further specific material. Action would be taken and the revised document sent to the Diocese.

There was no planning for the Christmas services. We had begun to realise how difficult it was to plan ahead.

Revd Trudy Payne

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all blessings,  
source of all life, giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:  
for the breath that sustains life,  
for the food of this earth that nurtures life,  
for the love of family and friends  
without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:  
for the beauty that the eye can see,  
for the joy that the ear may hear,  
for the unknown  
that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder,  
for the expanse of space  
that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for setting us in communities:  
for families who nurture our becoming,  
for friends who love us by choice,  
for companions at work,  
who share our burdens and daily tasks,  
for strangers who welcome us into their midst,  
for people from other lands  
who call us to grow in understanding,  
for children who lighten our moments with delight,  
for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day:  
for life and one more day to love,  
for opportunity and one more day  
to work for justice and peace,  
for neighbors and one more person to love  
and by whom be loved,  
for your grace and one more experience of your presence,  
for your promise: to be with us,  
to be our God, and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings,  
we give you thanks, eternal, loving God,  
through Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

*Rev'd Vienna Cobb Anderson*

**St. BARNABAS PARISH CHURCH**

**MITCHAM**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**OF THE**

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

**Charity Registration No. 1180333**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2020

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE PCC OF St. BARNABAS, MITCHAM.

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 3 to 7, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the regulations'), the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and Accounting Standard FRS102.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.**

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It is my responsibility to:-

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act

To follow the procedure laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act

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**Basis of this report**

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**Independent examiner's statement**

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Signed.....  
Mr. K.P.Rose.  
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Smallfield, Surrey.

Dated 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST BARNABAS, MITCHAM

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

### Receipts & Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>					
Planned Giving		30,066.50	0.00	30,066.50	31,267.19
Plate		3,828.66	0.00	3,828.66	10,063.91
All other Giving Voluntary Receipts		2,653.19	0.00	2,653.19	2,803.32
Legacies, Grants & Loans		119,717.57	0.00	119,717.57	15,000.00
All other non recurring receipts		1,322.14	20.00	1,342.14	2,039.50
Building Fund receipts		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid Recovered		0.00	0.00	0.00	9,860.64
		<u>157,588.06</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>157,608.06</u>	<u>71,034.56</u>
<b>Activities for Generating Funds</b>					
Other Incoming Receipts		0.00	14,300.00 y	14,300.00	17,537.22
Income from Investments		859.68	0.00	859.68	2,571.74
Income from Church Activities	2a	1,405.97	0.00	1,405.97	13,686.83
Insurance Claim		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VAT Refunds		0.00	0.00	0.00	21,118.61
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<u><u>159,853.71</u></u>	<u><u>14,320.00</u></u>	<u><u>174,173.71</u></u>	<u><u>125,948.96</u></u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
<b>Church Activities</b>					
Diocesan parish contributions/arrears		47,000.00	0.00	47,000.00	69,710.81
Church Running expenses	2b	27,941.87	80.78	28,022.65	36,307.54
Mission giving and Donations	2c	260.74	0.00	260.74	1,100.00
Major Capital Expenditure Building		0.00	66,310.59	66,310.59	438,680.82
Purchase of Furniture & Equipment		1,420.25	0.00	1,420.25	8,279.13
Jesus Christ Icon		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	8,205.18
Loan Repayments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Governance		1,198.82	0.00	1,198.82	1,096.65
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<u><u>77,821.68</u></u>	<u><u>66,391.37</u></u>	<u><u>144,213.05</u></u>	<u><u>563,380.13</u></u>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>		<u><u>82,032.03</u></u>	<u><u>-52,071.37</u></u>	<u><u>29,960.66</u></u>	<u><u>-437,431.17</u></u>
<b>CASH BALANCES</b>					
		Bal B/Fwd 01.01.2020 £	Bal C/Fwd 31.12.2020 £	Net Movement £	
Cash in Barclays Bank - GF		17413.65	4351.14	-13,062.51	
Cash in Barclays Bank - BF		91203.69	134174.17	42,970.48	
Cash in CAF Account		100000.00	100000.00	0.00	
Cash in NS&I Account		632.42	632.42	0.00	
Cash in CBF Account		212.97	213.88	0.91	
Petty Cash		-0.34	65.17	65.51	
Flower Fund		57.95	44.22	-13.73	
		<u><u>209,520.34</u></u>	<u><u>239,481.00</u></u>	<u><u>29,960.66</u></u>	



**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST BARNABAS, MITCHAM**

For Year ended 31st December 2020

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**

NOTES	2020 £	2019 £
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>		
<b>Bank Current Accounts</b>		
Barclays General Fund	4351.14	17,413.65
Barclays Building Fund	134174.17	91,203.69
CAF Account	100000.00	100,000.00
NS & I	632.42	632.42
CCLA	213.88	212.97
Petty Cash	65.17	-0.34
Flower Fund	44.22	57.95
	<u>239,481.00</u>	<u>209,520.34</u>
	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>		
Gift Aid Recoverable	0.00	0.00
Debtors	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHURCH USE:</b>	<u>239,481.00</u>	<u>209,520.34</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors (confirmation collection)	0.00	313.07
	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>313.07</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<u>239,481.00</u>	<u>209,207.27</u>

This statement of Financial Activities was approved by the PCC on .....  
and signed on its behalf by:

PCC Chairperson .....

PCC Treasurer.....

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2006 using the receipts and payment basis.

The following assets are recognized but not necessarily valued in the statement of assets and liabilities: Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.

The expenses paid to the clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of endowment investment assets which are shown at market value. The financial statement includes all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

**FUNDS.**

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted funds represent funds whose income may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund for future use. Hence the Building Fund represents accumulated donations and appeals for church maintenance, which can only be spent for that purpose. Likewise, the Flower Fund represents donations from parishioners for the purchase of flowers to decorate the church in memory of loved ones.

All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

**FIXED ASSETS**

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.



**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

For year ended 31st December 2020

**2 FURTHER ANALYSES OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT**

Receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
<b>2a Income from church activities</b>				
Fees: Weddings, Funerals etc	1,405.97	0.00	1,405.97	3,900.21
Other Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,276.62
Use of Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,510.00
	<u>1,405.97</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,405.97</u>	<u>13,686.83</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>2b Church Running Expenses</b>				
Insurance, upkeep, maintenance, cleaning etc.	8,661.83	0.00	8,661.83	11,489.22
STAT/BT/EDF	4,576.28	0.00	4,576.28	4,567.96
Banners & Liturgical Expenses	776.06	0.00	776.06	1,267.26
Clergy Expenses	4,912.72	0.00	4,912.72	3,877.20
Administrator's Wages (Incl NIC)	5,294.84	0.00	5,294.84	5,318.50
Curate's Rent & Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,214.18
Verger's Fees/Wardens' Expenses	147.00	0.00	147.00	251.94
Cost of Church Flowers	0.00	80.78	80.78	555.12
Refreshments	92.95	0.00	92.95	865.85
Cost of Away day	0.00	0.00	0.00	516.96
Other Costs	3,480.19	0.00	3,480.19	6,499.34
Petty Cash Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>27,941.87</u>	<u>80.78</u>	<u>28,022.65</u>	<u>36,423.53</u>
<b>2c Mission Giving &amp; Donations</b>				
Home	260.74	0.00	260.74	1,100.00
Overseas	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>260.74</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>260.74</u>	<u>1,100.00</u>

**3 STAFF COSTS**

2020 £	2019 £
5,294.84	5,318.50
<u>5,294.84</u>	<u>5,318.50</u>

**4 LIABILITIES : AMOUNT FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals and deferred interest	0.00	0.00
Loan Parishioner B	0.00	0.00
New Loan from Diocese	0.00	0.00
Creditors (confirmation collection)	0.00	313.07
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>313.07</u>

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

For year ended 31st December 2020

**6. RESTRICTED FUNDS***(The Restricted Fund comprises the Building Fund and the Flower Fund.)*

<b><u>BUILDING FUND</u></b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
All non recurring Giving - Gift Aided	0.00	0.00
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Legacies, Grants & Loans	0.00	0.00
Donation for Children's Carpet	0.00	1,000.00
Dedication Service	0.00	0.00
VAT Refund	0.00	21,118.61
Aerial Mask Rent	14,300.00	14,300.00
	<u>14,300.00</u>	<u>36,418.61</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Architects Fees	2,173.34	415,224.91
Builder	64,137.25	23,455.91
Purchase of Furniture	0.00	0.00
Vicarage Carpet	0.00	5,600.00
Diocesan Quota Arrears - Balance repaid	0.00	23,110.81
Other Payments	0.00	120.84
	<u>66,310.59</u>	<u>467,512.47</u>
Net incoming/outgoing resources	-52,010.59	-431,093.86
Fund balance brought forward	247,677.56	678,771.42
Fund balance carried forward	<u>195,666.97</u>	<u>247,677.56</u>

<b><u>FLOWER FUND</u></b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations	20.00	335.50
Transfer from Church funds	47.05	0.00
	<u>67.05</u>	<u>335.50</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Purchases	80.78	439.13
	<u>80.78</u>	<u>439.13</u>
Net incoming resources	-13.73	-103.63
Balance brought forward	57.95	161.58
Balance carried forward	<u>44.22</u>	<u>57.95</u>
Balance represented by:		
Cash in hand	44.22	57.95
Cash in Bank	0.00	0.00
	<u>44.22</u>	<u>57.95</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2020

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