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Carol Adams

This year as Church Warden at St Albans, I have shared this post with Austen Lucas and Thomas Shrimpton. This arrangement came about as neither could commit to four Sundays each month but I like to think it has worked well. Unfortunately, Austin will be standing down at the ACM; when this occurs, as he has other commitments. Thomas will remain.

Our new LED lighting installation has been working well since installation. The flat roof area roofing has been replaced with new felt and the contractor appears to have made a good job of this. We are looking into providing a disabled toilet and possibly a defibrillator but of course our financial well-being comes into this.

We have had one Christening and some of us were involved in the selection process of a new Team Vicar – Bethany Lewis.

We have had two fairs, several lunches, dinners, coffee mornings and bazaars, quiz night as well as a Pancake evening.

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has helped us this year, Sides People, Tea Ladies, Flower Arrangers, Sunday School Team, Readers and Intercessors and Ian for the amazing dinners and all helpers. You are all such an asset to our lovely, friendly barn church and much appreciated.

In 2019 we had 3 baptisms and 2 weddings. There were no funerals.

Finally, I wish to thank my husband John for all the work he does as Sacristan, Crucifer and for the six different rotas he produces,

MOTHER'S UNION – AWAY FROM IT ALL HOLIDAYS FOR FAMILIES - £250

Money raised via special Mother's Union Lunch.

MOTHER'S UNION OVERSEAS - £145

Mother's Union held Coffee Morning.

POPPY APPEAL - £50

In aid of The Royal British Legion.

SUMMER FAIR - £850 (raised for the church)

SUTTON NIGHT WATCH – Harvest donations.

Dried goods, tins, etc and cash donations for those in need in Sutton.

TEAR FUND - £500

Money raised via coffee morning and bring and buy sale.

The choir continues to practice on Friday evenings (at 7pm), singing mass on Sunday mornings, major festival and occasional special event. In September, the timing of the practice was brought forward to 7pm with the aim of making it more accessible to younger people. Practices now start at 8.15pm. (Previously 7.30-8.45pm).

As per the past few years choir numbers are still low, although it is encouraging to see a healthier Sunday congregation, the absence of children or adults expressing an interest makes it very difficult to grow the choir.

On Good Friday, a couple of us took part in Phil Tippin's Requiem at St. Dunstan's church. It was great to celebrate two weddings in the past year, Katie Grainger and Timothy Croucher in June, and Amy Macer and Adam in August. I was extremely thankful for several ex-church members who were able to enhance the choir for these services.

In July it was good to welcome the new Team Rectory at Peacock. In December we were joined by the other churches in the Parish for our Advent Carol service and towards the end of the month I took part in the St. Dunstan's Nine Lessons and Carols.

A few of us went out for a meal at Prezzo's in Church Sutton at the beginning of January and enjoyed 40% off our food, a very good deal!

As always, I am forever grateful for those who give up their time to sing and be part of the choir. It is a privilege to be part of St. Alban's and to worship in such a remarkable building.

Unfortunately for me since the last ACM I no longer have and Carols. While we still lack someone to accompany us on a musical instrument (volunteer and welcome!!), the group continues to grow in confidence and is reflected in the quality of their singing. I wish them all the very best and would like to thank them both again for all the help they gave me. I am still getting the help of Acolytes, Jessica and Thomas on some occasions, Thomas of course now having Church Wardens duties to attend to. A big thank you goes to both. A very big thank you goes to Ellen for serving over the last months. She has picked up the requirements so easily. Well done Ellen.

**Money raised for Charitable causes
- January 2019 to January 2020**

I now make the same plea as last year, if any mums think their children may be able to help with this duty then please have a word with me. It would be so nice to see other children getting involved in the church and we would be able to cover more Sundays of each month.

- BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL** - £15 (via envelopes)
- CHRISTMAS FAIR** - £1,568 (raised for the church)
- CHRISTMAS FAIR CHARITY STALLS** – (see below):-

A thank you of course goes to Gillian again this year for sharing the serving duties with me.

- CHILDREN IN NEED** - £100
- ST RAPHAEL'S HOSPICE** - £82
- ONE STEP AT A TIME** - £62
- TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD** - £90

A big thank you for helping me out on Eucharist Ministers duties, go to David, Gillian, Sylvia, Carol and Natalie.

- HOMESTART CHARITY**
- Weekly donations of non-perishable food gifts and to continue to be placed

Thank you to Carol for another year of laundering all linen used at the top end.

at the back of church to give to Homestart charity who provide friendship and support to young families in Sutton. Also, cash gifts from time to time to

- MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT** - £323 +
- Money raised at special Wednesday Coffee Morning at Oswald's including

We maintain close ties with the St Oswald's Pre-School and Fiona Webster visits regularly, chairing the AGM in the absence of a Team Vicar. Some of the families support our Fairs and other fund-raising activities but there is much scope for closer involvement from a team vicar. It was lovely to see all the children from Cheam Park Farm Academy Infants School come to our church to take part in a Christmas Service which Nick led. Finally, members of St Oswald's church family give generously throughout the year to Sutton – Homestart, a charity which befriends young parents with young children who are going through difficult times and are frequently extremely hard up. We provide donations of non-perishable foods and toiletries and these are very gratefully received by recipients ; the staff say they are sometimes a lifeline in a particularly difficult week.

Sing for Joy

Bryan Hopper

Our 'Sing for Joy' group (a St. Oswald's/Age UK Sutton joint venture) continues to meet fortnightly throughout the year, and remains a popular outreach to the local community. All those who come along tell us how much they enjoy and appreciate the companionship offered, as well as going home with a smile and feeling more relaxed. The average attendance has been maintained in the low 20s, and we have been pleased to welcome a number of new friends to the group. We sing a broad selection of songs 'old and new' and all enjoy the opportunity of

The Friday Drop In at St Albans continues to be a popular activity and we recently celebrated our 16th Anniversaries special Thank You prayer by Fr Derek, a small gift for those who attended and cake, all in celebration of this event. Over the past year we have been fortunate enough to have speakers, the first was Terry Howard who gave a very interesting talk on the Bridges in London – his knowledge and his Bridges was remarkable and we hope to invite Terry to return in the year to talk about Big Ben. Our second speaker was Marilyn Gordon-Jones who is the Trustees of the Sutton Lodge Day Centre who gave an interesting talk on the history of Sutton Lodge, the Grade II listed building and how it all started by Marilyn's late husband. At the Christmas Drop In we had a lovely short festive Fr Derek, hot buffet and our kitchen team and helpers awarded with a small gift of thanks for all their continued work throughout the year which as ever is much appreciated.

Flowers

June Clifton

Dear Friends, thank you all so much for the donations given for the flowers, also thank you for the kind reminders and the arrangements. We would be pleased to welcome anyone who would like to join our happy group.

If you would like flowers in church for a special occasion

A very large thank you goes to the present cleaning team over the past year, which has consisted of Margaret, Caroline, Gillian, Jim, Lesley, Susan, Sally, and Lisa Kennett. Jim unfortunately has only recently had to stand down due to health problems. He has struggled some time with these problems but would not give up until just recently. This team of cleaners are very experienced, know the requirements, and just get on and do the work. Bless them. I am however short of volunteer cleaners and would like to ask if anyone else could spare say an hour to hour and a half just once a month, normally on a Saturday but can be on a Friday, this would save me on occasions having to clean twice or sometimes three times a month, I would be so grateful.

Thanks also to my family for the many odd jobs that with, especially to my husband Michael who still generally around the hall often sweeping the hall school has left to ensure it is in a fit state for other schools etc. that follow. He also deals with the various fixes some of the small problems around the hall.

Children and families

Fiona Webster

Once again, our team of committed co-ordinators has exceeded the number of children attending Sur which is somewhat disheartening. The team spirit, is good and the fact that there are 8 of us means we can rearrange (thanks to Tracey Smee for setting up a Whatsapp group). The Roots material seems to go

Sidesmen

Carol Adams

We would like to thank our dedicated Sides Team for making themselves available on Sunday mornings throughout the year. Thanks to Marion, Phyllis, Peter, Chris, Christine, Pauline, Lesley, Kate and Margaret. All have agreed to remain for another

with the children and those who do attend are a joy and they seem very happy to be there too!

Liaison across the parish with the leaders at all churches has been good and continued to flourish augmented the St Oswald's Sunday School team members of our church family to form a cross-parish Church Planning team and have held 2 successful Meetings events this year. The most recent, on 29th February, at St Oswald's and there were 55 children and 80 adults in attendance. celebration and a tea party all based on

No major refurbishments have taken place during 2019, just the usual servicing and safety checks together with minor repairs and replacements. This included the professional cleaning and refreshing of the hard wax oil surface of the main halls and flooring, at other times it gets washed about every couple of months by my husband Michael.

Our major contract holders, Pre-School, Dancing Schools and Karate are continuing to use the hall with minor changes to the time-tables. Sarah Platt's Dancing School, The North Cheshire Academy of Dance, "Silver Swans" class is proving successful on Wednesday afternoon and now has two large classes and she is considering another class later. These organisations also use the Hall on a few occasions on a weekend for their exams. We also have a new venture just started by Katrina Reading on Monday., starting at 1pm with a Pilates class followed at 2pm by a yoga class. Our Occasional bookings, mostly children's parties and occasional Baptismal parties are up on last year's £2,017-50 taking £2,890-70.

My thanks go to Bryan for organising the requisite annual safety checks and servicing needed for our Church and Hall together with his continued help and advice with health and safety among other things. My thanks go to Paul Lowe who continues as the chairman of the Hall Committee and also to the other members of the Hall Committee, Graham Andrews, Peter Cooper, Sylvia Melham, Paul Thomas and Fiona Webster for all their help and support.

Unfortunately I have to report a decrease of £957.52 in our income from envelope giving for the year ending December 2019 as opposed to the previous year's increase, and this is despite the fact that the number of people giving by envelope has remained constant at 23.

The number of stewards donating by standing order has increased by one from 13 to 14 with a resultant slight increase of £55 in the income received. I give below a breakdown of the figures also showing the previous year's income.

	2018	2019	Difference
Envelope giving	£5,531.36	£4,573.84	-£957.52
Standing Orders	£3,749.00	£3,803.00	+£55

Total Decrease for y/e Dec 2019 - £902.52

A claim to HMRC for Gift Aid for the tax year ending April 2019 resulted in a refund of £2,661.32 – a decrease of £267.31 from 2018. This figure included giving via the open plate and donations from funerals and baptisms as well as those stewards who donate by envelope but are not UK tax payers, and therefore not eligible for Gift Aid.

The above figures therefore show that despite the number of stewards remaining constant, the actual amount of giving has declined.

Once again 2019 was a busy year for the Garden in the head of the team, I would like to thank all my helpers and volunteers, Chris and Julie Macer, Tina and Robin Pirr McGregor, Lesley Fagan and last but not least my wife who would also like to thank the ever busy Ian Gray manages the lawns surrounding the church.

As a team we managed to raise over £600 for church and a great deal of work is necessary on the run up to the time to make our fund raising possible. I would ask anyone interested in helping us to come forward and speak to me or another of our regular volunteers. New volunteers always welcome and as well as hard work, we do please join us if you can

we have also supplied cards to our friends and neighbours were unable to get cards due to the "curfew" so if you have a special card at any time please let us know and we will be happy to help.

Mothers' Union

Kathy Hutchins

We continue to meet once a month, with a program of speakers, discussions and social meetings. We have fundraising events, including a lunch raising £250 for a holiday ('Away from it All'); a coffee morning for MU Overseas, and also supporting local good causes. We thank St. Oswald's congregation for their continued support and would love to be able to welcome more members.

Fund Raising Fairs

Bryan Hopper

We held two very successful fairs this year. Our summer fairs were held in the grounds and hall in June and once again with fine weather. The Fair was very well attended by members of the local community and everybody had a most enjoyable afternoon. We raised £854 for church funds. Our Christmas Fair held in November, exceeded all our expectations and raised a magnificent total of £1566 for church funds. We are always happy to have a range of local charities to join us to raise funds for particular good causes, raising a total of some £3300 for them. While both these events raised much needed funds for our church, they also provided an ideal opportunity for

Sylvia Melham

Our coffee mornings continue to be well supported, with at least a dozen regulars. Our gatherings are a valuable outreach to the community, providing a welcoming environment for those seeking a friendly chat and good company and a way of introducing visitors into our church life. Occasionally we are joined by the local community police officers who provide valuable reassurance and advice about local crime, scams and just keeping safe. We celebrate birthdays, sometimes going out for a meal together. Once again we made up 100 shoeboxes for children overseas who would not otherwise have a Christmas gift, enjoying the knitting and collecting the 'goodies' throughout the year.

Crafty Crew

Cindy Ashwell, Pam Hallam, Kathy Hutchings, Pam Hallam, Sylvia Melham and Rosemary Robbie.

We continue to make our greetings cards which are sold in support of different causes and charities and we enjoy doing this. Due to a smaller congregation we do not raise as much as we have in past years but as Tesco says (other supermarkets are available –Ed) “every little helps”!!

Recently we raised money from the cards sales and together with donations we were able to buy a small book unit for the Mothers Union which is now at the back of the church. Ewe

In 2019 the box holders raised £397.03 for the Children's Society and £314.25 for the Leprosy Mission.

During 2019 we raised £47.78 for St Raphael's Hospice and £10.00 for the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

The Harvest Festival gifts went to the Sutton Night Watch.

Fund Raising

Carol Adams & Gillian Graystone

We held our two Annual Fairs last year in May and October.

In May Spring Fair Jim, Pauline and the gardening team pulled out all the stops, working very hard to give us some beautiful flower arrangements plus fruit and vegetables. The weather was good so most of our other stalls were also outside. We also had some lovely food, teas and coffees thanks to our ladies in the kitchen. All in all, a very good mornings work. Thanks to everyone who came to support us.

The October Autumn Fair was held inside the church where a lot went on, food and drink aplenty. Thanks girls. Also our best sellers, cakes, jewellery, nearly new, books and CDs, tombola and the getting ready for Christmas stall.

Every one worked very hard. Thanks to you.

The Wardens Wager continued all year and thanks to everyone that took part in it we raised an amazing £1,176.50 from 420 players.

Once again we have worked hard on fellowship Church. The fortnightly Friday Drop in continues to and well attended by local members of the com church, mainly due to the hard work of Fr Derek, Lir and her team.

During 2019 we had two formal meals. One was a d Alban's Day and the other a Christmas Lunch. Both well attended by at least 60 people. We also had Epiphany Breakfast for the same amount of peo Shrove Tuesday our Pancake Evening. On 26th July we had a Church outing to Littlehampton Our now annual Coffee Mornings continued through once again we held our usual Quiz Night in church in!

All of these events are very much focused on bring together in church that we hope we have succeed although not fund-raising events, have all created pr church funds.

This year we intend to continue the events in the sarr

Once again our small choir has continued to 'punch weight' in terms of the richness and quality of their : continue to offer a variety modern and traditional m our main Sunday services and on special occasions always filled with pride when members of the cc comment on the high standards of singing we strive t

I would like to thank both the congregation for their support and encouragement, and members of the ch commitment, enthusiasm and good sense of humour an inspiring group to work with and a great asset to tl

Flower Arrangers

Sue Thomas

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2019 was another quiet year as far as special ev Church were concerned. However, the team worked at Easter and Christmas and I think the results were : as ever. Also I mentioned in last year's report, that to get the flower stand (which was bought with bequeathed by the late Sylvia Batten), blessed. Un this has not yet happened and I hope to organise this

I would like to add my usual thanks to the congregati continued support by sponsoring certain weeks in loved ones or special occasions. The system still s working well.

Lastly, another big thank you must go out to 'The without their continued efforts the Church would i lovely as it does. Also, a special thank you to Sylvia How decided to hang up her 'flower arranging sciss will be sorely missed. If anyone feels they would lik

to help express our love and faith to the wider community.

As always there has been a 'mountain' of paperwork to be dealt with (even if most is now 'on-line' – even more of a challenge!) Faculties to be sought, returns to the Diocese to be completed, preparations made for our annual inspection, annual servicing of fire extinguishers, heating and electricals to be organised, quotations sought for repairs, and works supervised. Life as Warden is never dull but very rewarding.

We thank all those who have played such a valuable role in our church life throughout the year. To members of our choir; those who run our Sunday School; to our Sacristan, Servers and Crucifer; Eucharistic Ministers, Intercessors and Readers; to those who volunteer as Sides persons or provide refreshment after our services; our Flower arrangers; those who do church cleaning, and to everyone who helps out in a hundred and on different ways.

Sacristy

Diane Haddock

After a quiet year in the sacristy we ended 2019 by dry-cleaning all of the vestments. We purchased a fabric steamer for the vestments and there is a good stock of candles and other items. My thanks to Claire Winfield, Mark Heritage, Paul Lowe and Graham Andrew for their continued support at our service. Claire has also been working as Sacristan and is a great asset to our church.

This year a new Health and Safety document was published called "Church Health & Safety toolkit" which details responsibilities and risks associated across all the various activities we all offer to the church, please make sure you read it! in conjunction with the safety toolkit.

I can report that all certificates and assessments have been reviewed throughout the year and are filed in the Health and Safety folder which is kept in the vestry for everyone's reference.

All fire extinguishers were tested and inspected in July. Chubb

All electrical equipment was PAT tested and every appliance labelled and dated in line with the current regulations. Work completed October 2019.

The Lightning conductor was tested by Southern light engineers Ltd on the 16th August 2019.

As requested by CES electrical prior to the commencement of their work we instructed Vine consultants to complete an asbestos management survey throughout the whole of the church. A sample was taken of the vinyl floor covering from the vestry which had shown a positive asbestos indicator. A report was issued 1st March 2019.

No accidents were recorded within 2019.

Jane Dourado and Barrie Kinchington

Bryan Hopper and Paul Thomas

I joined Barrie Kinchington as Church warden in April 2019, it is fair to say I had little idea what the role entailed, and I must thank Barrie for his patience and support during this year. There is still much to learn.

On 25th July 2019 we were pleased to welcome Dr Rev Nicholas Peacock, along with his family, as Rector of Cheam.

The long interregnum led to a fall in our regular congregation which has in turn had an impact on our income, and following a review of our finances we were granted a reduction in our Parish Pledge. This was a regrettable situation and following a Stewardship campaign in November we have been able to make a further payment of £4,000 and a commitment to pay our way within 5 years.

In November we hosted the Civic Remembrance service, attended by local dignitaries and British Legion.

Our Harvest gifts went to support Sutton Night Watch, they asked for donations of men's underwear and sleeping bags, along with the usual donations.

As mentioned in last year's report the nave lighting has now been replaced, the church is much brighter now and it has had a positive effect on the general atmosphere. Again a big thank you to Barrie for his hard work on this project.

On 27th December we had a break in through a window in the vestry. Fortunately nothing was taken.

Moving with the times we have bought a contactless payment machine and we can now take card payments during a service.

Throughout the past year the church has had its share of other churches in the Parish, 2019 has not been an exception. St. Oswald's. Having lost our 'Mission Priest' Felicitas at the end of March, and with the Parish having no Rector until later in the year, we have not been able to fully deliver our regular services and, in particular were unable to hold our Midnight Mass.

We are indebted to the valiant Reverends Derek Brice and Hugh Naunton, our Rector, for their Haddock and occasional assistance from Felicity for going. Nevertheless as the year progressed we experienced a downturn in numbers regularly attending our church.

The DCC has met regularly throughout the year and grateful for the support members have given us throughout the year, and for their commitment and vision they have our discussions. The fabric of the church is the subject of a separate report, but we would particularly like to note the introduction of new chairs into our church to replace the wooden ones which had been there since it was constructed in the early 1950s. The cost was met from a legacy from Notini. Looking to the future, we hope these new chairs will enable us to use the space within the church more effectively to introduce new and innovative forms of worship.

We are pleased that our 'outreach' to the community has been maintained, as has support for local and national charities (details are in a separate report). The 'Crafty Cards' continued making cards and other items for sale, and

decreased pledge of £40,000. It was acknowledged that while this position was obviously unsustainable in the longer term, under Nick's leadership the first stewardship campaign had been run at St Dunstan's for many years and it was hoped that this, along with improved financial transparency and communication, would make a significant difference to St Dunstan's income from giving. Nick's plan is to make giving finance a higher profile in the whole Parish.

It was agreed that the St Dunstan's pledge to the 2020 Parish Support Fund should be £50,000 and that the DCC's ambition should be to achieve a pledge which will cover the cost of one stipendiary post within the next five years. In addition the DCC was anxious to commit in principle to make an additional payment for 2019, if this was considered prudent having reviewed finalised 2019 figures.

2019 was again a busy year for the choir.

The choir sang the traditional Good Friday perform year, Ledger Requiem – A Thanksgiving for life ar lessons and Carols which the congregation supported once again.

The choir continues to be busy serving the church r the regular Sunday services and in the majority o which are sadly declining in numbers. However, we receive many compliments from couples who enjoy tl

The choir sang at other notable events including the and Licensing of Nick, the opening of the Charter Remembrance Services which this year included Service. We continue to support the Advent Carol S Alban's.

The choir welcomed Joshua Peacock to the choir in 2014 choristers passed their Deans Award in J Congratulatory to Victoria Brice, Daniel Lumley, Alic Donna Despotovich who all passed their Deans Awar their medals in Croydon Minster. My thanks go to Smillie who accompanied them for their exam and the preparations and also to Jo McCandlish who also preparing the choristers.

The preparations for Westendorf 2020 continued during the latter part of 2019 with choristers preparing music for the trip.

I thank, Juliet my deputy, Caroline, Lucy and Jo

organisation to encourage us to think of church is inclusive of a diverse congregation.

Sacristy Report

Dave Reynolds

Our vestments have been maintained in good condition, and the ongoing scheme for dry cleaning continues.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Pam Stevens for the laundering of the altar linen, and to Nola Freeman for the magical work she does with her needle and thread replacing or repairing Corporals, Purificators and Lavabo Towels where necessary.

I am pleased to report that the serving team continues to serve at every major service throughout the year, however the outlook does not look good.

Last year I reported that following the training of Josuha as a crucifer we were unable to have acolytes at the 9.30 Eucharist. That situation has improved due to Anna Peacock joining the team, which means we can have one acolyte in the procession and at the Gospel, and two during the Consecration. The 'older' section would still benefit from increased numbers, to replace members who have left, or who are going to leave in the near future.

I am most grateful to Sandra Nolan who continues to wash and iron the teams' cottas, and to Jane Dourado who washes and repairs the teams' cassocks. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the whole team of thanking both

The final meeting of the year in November considered

- arrangements for the recruitment of a new Treasurer
- Stewardship & Fundraising: the collection of services using card machines had started and well received with the congregation. It was this form of collection would be fully up and the Christmas services.
- arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday Service (10 November)
- PCC nominees for school governors.
- review of the Fire and Emergency Procedures
- Parish Support Fund - the meeting considered Dunstan's pledge for 2020; and [b] any additional promise that the DCC felt was prudent for the year.

St Dunstan's Drop In

Gina Witcomb

- Archdeacon following the meeting.
- Serious Incident Reporting - The Hon Secretary reported that on 21 February she had received correspondence from the Diocese on the matter of Serious Incident Reporting indicating that the PCC must resolve to delegate responsibility for reporting Serious Incidents to a small group of Trustees

At the September the Rev'd Nicholas Peacock took the Chair of his first DCC meeting. The following are the main items discussed:

- School Governors. The Rector reported that he had spoken to the school headteacher about getting people in place as PCC nominated school governors. These roles have huge responsibilities. The meeting felt that it was a shame that people in employment would find it difficult to apply for the roles as the school holds its governor meetings during the working day.
- Serious Incident Report: The Rector reported that he has been working with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser to submit a serious incident report on the PCC's behalf regarding the link between activities in the St Dunstan's Church grave yard with the disappearance in the late 1980s of the Cheam teenager Lee Boxall.
- Priorities for the next 12 months: establishing the foundations for change – including [a] recruiting a new Team Vicar and strengthening the Ministry Team; [b] reviewing finances at St Dunstan's (budget, stewardship and Parish Support Fund); and [c] shaping a new parish with a wide vision

Our Drop In continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday each month with 15+ people regularly "dropping in" for a chat. Many of those who drop in have become members of our Church and some have joined the Mothers' Union of our regulars are bereaved ladies and the Drop In is somewhere they can meet up with friends, enjoy a chat share some of Phyllis's delicious home-made cake!

Members of the Parish Support Group have always tried to encourage those who have been bereaved to come to a Drop In but, as can be seen from the Support Group their work has currently ceased due to GDPR restrictions. I fear our numbers will drop as a result.

As I report each year, the Drop In is part of our Church's outreach into the community; we would therefore as support and prayers so more new people will be encouraged to join us.

Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary (SP)

Marianne Adams

I continue my work in the Parish. It would be great if you would come forward to train, and join the team.

Thank you all for your love and support you have given throughout the past year

Marianne Adams

Dian Taylor (Hon. Secretary)

We continue to meet every Morning from 10- 12, for our chair exercises, quiz, and of course the obligatory tea/coffee, cake/biscuits, chat and humour!!!!

Our average attendance is 20 every week, all members come from the community, for all different reasons. They all appear to enjoy themselves, so they tell us.

I know that the 5 of us who 'lead' the morning enjoy every minute.

Thanks to Cathy, Sally, Jackie and Suzanne, for all they do to make it such a success.

Thanks also to the local Rotary for their support and especially the Christmas Lunch, and Carol Singing.

Monday Afternoon Prayer Group

Marianne Adams

There are 4 of us who try to meet monthly, to pray by name for all on the long term prayer list, and for anyone who asks us for prayers. We also include anything or anyone in the world or community that needs praying for.

We are here for you all, so please don't hesitate to ask me, if you want prayers. It's all just between the 4 of us, and can be anonymous if you wish. Contact me personally or leave a request in the office.

Prayer is so important especially now.

In 2019 the District Church Council (DCC) at St Dunstan's four meetings: in February (11 attendees), June (10 attendees), September (12 attendees) and November (10 attendees). Meetings were held either at the St Dunstan's Church or the church itself with a 7.30 or 8.00pm start.

In January the main topics for discussion were:

- Parish Support Fund pledge 2019 - to date, St Dunstan's had not been in a position to submit its pledge. However correspondence from the Diocese that St Dunstan's would match its pledge for 2018 level of some £79,000. The meeting, however, Barrie should write to the Archdeacon of the Diocese to state that after discussion the DCC is unable to state more than £40,000 for 2019 in view of the fact that the DCC's finances cannot sustain a pledge at the level of £79,000.
- Induction of New Rector
- School Governor appointments
- Proposal for new lighting in the church

The June meeting focussed on:

- Consultation on Term Limits for Lay Deanery Members
- Induction of New Rector
- School Governor appointments
- Parish Website
- Parish Support Fund, Parish Pledge 2019 and 2020 – The Hon Secretary reported that the

fund raising team

We have had another successful year with fund raising and reached a grand total of £7427.56

We continue with 165 members in the 200 club which generates £1550 after prize monies are deducted.

As usual we had great support from everyone and raised a total of £590 at Easter from the raffle and Easter chocolate novelties.

Two social events were held a quiz night in June with a ploughman's supper and harvest supper with a bingo night and over these two events £662 was raised.

Our knitting club continues to contribute to church funds with £240 given this year.

The gardeners amongst us sold plants and vegetables raising £31.50 and £51 was raised from the knitted poppies that were sold for Remembrance Sunday.

The Christmas fair was successful with a total of £3408, a team went out with Santa's sleigh and the Rotary presented us with a cheque for £720 bringing the Christmas total up to £4128.

The fund raising team would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Our House Prayer Group continues to meet once a month in very much the same format as it has done for many years. Although led by me everyone in the group chooses a subject and bringing a relevant reading. Subjects chosen over the last few months have been Regret, Freedom, Forgiveness and Doubt and although months it seems difficult to find an appropriate reading all admitted that we enjoy and learn from the discussion searching for something suitable.

We usually start our meeting with discussion, sharing experiences since we were last together, and support other, sometimes with laughter and sometimes with then continue with some quiet time of meditation sharing our readings and lighting a candle for someone to be in need. We follow this with prayers for our (world and the sick. We always end with the Grace.

We all feel that setting aside this time of prayer and in our busy lives is a real benefit and brings us closer together.

Parish Support Group

Gina Witcomb

The Parish Support Group consists of 4 people, all from St Dunstan's Church, and our role has been to support the bereaved following funerals carried out across the Parish. Unfortunately, our work during the last year has been

resolved.

In the past, our phone calls to the bereaved have been met with appreciation. People have been grateful that the Church continues to support them following their bereavement and many of those we have contacted have joined our Friday Drop In; several have gone on to become members of our Church. We therefore feel this is an important part of the Church's outreach and we do hope we will be able to continue with our supportive role in the future.

Stewardship Report

Barrie Kinchington, Stewardship Recorder

To the year end of 2019 there were 102 active members of the Stewardship Scheme at St Dunstan's of which 19 were using designated envelopes, 83 paying by standing order. Of the 102 are signed up as Giftaid donors allowing St Dunstan's, as a registered Charity to reclaim 25% of donations back from HMRC.

The annual average giving of those in the Stewardship scheme was £610.00, within a range of £60.00 to £10000.00

Some regular and not so regular members of St Dunstan's congregation, also pay into church funds using the voluntary Giftaid envelopes placed on the pews at most services, this money £3961.00 is also eligible to a tax reclaim.

In 2018 the total given to the church by Stewardship and in the voluntary gift aid envelopes was £59445.00 of which £54014.00 was via Giftaid, the tax reclaimed from HMRC was £13503.00 We are also able to include up to £8000.00 of the loose plate

In 2019, our 44 members were offered a varied programme of events and meetings. Our social occasions such as the Cheam Charter Fair, a Ploughman's Lunch at Waea, also raised money and the branch was able to make substantial contributions to Mothers' Union national funds and projects. Some of our meetings by members of the branch and at other meetings pleased to welcome guest speakers. Spiritual even the Wave of Prayer and Preparation for Christmas.

In addition to our (usually) monthly meetings, we also support the local Women's Refuge. Our MU choir sings at the Parish Mass and we provide flowers for Mothering Sunday. We give a card to each of our baptised, and a card and candle to couples marrying in our three churches in the parish.

The committee would like to thank members of the congregation also members of the general congregation of St. Dunstan's for their support throughout the year. We would be very welcome you to our meetings, either as guests or as members - the programme is on the MU board at the church.

Committee Report

Dianne Kinchington and Margaret Sheppard

St Dunstan's Church Knitting Group continues to thrive. We meet in the Church Hall at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month (except July, and December when the luncheon is on the second Thursday). The number of diners varies; 18-20 people, with a range of knitting skills, meet every month to make a wide variety of knitted and crocheted items. Some members make items for family and friends and others make items for the charities we support. Some members do embroidery, lace making, tapestry to name but a few. We all enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and some friendly banter. It is also an opportunity to share local information with residents, including police and community information about security, scams etc.

The Charities we support are Sutton Night Watch (hats, scarves, gloves)

Neo-natal unit at St Helier Hospital (hats, jackets, octopuses)

League of Friends Shop at St Helier (a variety of knitted/crocheted items including some delightful knitted teddies)

Dementia Team St Helier Hospital (twiddle blankets and twiddle muffs)

Lighthouse Charity Sutton families with pre-school children (hats, gloves, scarves, blankets, teddies etc.)

New members are very welcome if they can or can't knit. We have many members who are very happy to help new knitters.

Loaves and Fishes began in 2015: the surplus from the lunches has contributed over £400 of non-perishable items for the church hall, available for the use of all church groups. Unfortunately, some of those who hire the hall take home some of our equipment, we hope by mistake. Some, but not all, have been returned. Nothing has any great value, but we would like our bread baskets back.

Good news, we have a new cook; Erica Oulton has joined us. There are now four cooks and a group of regular cooks and assistants. Many thanks to everyone who makes Loaves and Fishes a success.

Floodlighting

Margaret Sheppard

We continue to offer the opportunity to sponsor the Church Floodlights to celebrate a special occasion e.g., Wedding, Baptism, Anniversary. This potential fundraising opportunity is not as popular now as previously.

Loaves and Fishes continue to meet on the third Thursday of the month (except July, and December when the luncheon is on the second Thursday). The number of diners varies; weather in October and February reduced attendance. February the hardy 20 who braved the rain were rewarded with a second bowl of soup and a surfeit of cake.

The hall was bustling in December when we were entertained by carols by members of Carshalton Glee. Many thanks to the chaplain for organising this entertainment for us. Special thanks to Sandra Nolan and her sugar craft group for beautiful individual Christmas cakes everyone was invited to enjoy after the pre-Christmas lunch.

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Under-fives baptised at St Dunstan's, who live within the parish boundary, receive a birthday card from St Dunstan's each year until their fifth birthday, and their names are entered on the Cradle Roll which hangs in the Baptistry. Since 2015 we currently deliver or post the cards to 91 children. 29 were baptised here during 2019 - 16 girls and 13 boys. In case there is anyone who compares the stats from year to year, the next, the eagle-eyed will discover that the figures for the last five years, given below, differ from previous years. Unfortunately, we discovered that there had been several oversights, for which I sincerely apologise. These have been rectified, with missing names belatedly entered on the Roll.

I would like to thank the team who give up their time with delivering and posting the cards - this is much appreciated. Extra help is always welcome so if anyone would like to join our small team, please do get in touch with me.

Number of baptisms for the number of baptisms of under-5s at St Dunstan's			
2018 = 21	2019 = 29	2015 = 41	2014 = 34
2017 = 31	2016 = 29	2010 = 45	2009 = 63
2012 = 47	2011 = 52	2005 = 61	2004 = 74
2007 = 60	2006 = 65	2000 = 72	1999 = 46
2002 = 70	2001 = 69	1995 = 62	1994 = 51
1997 = 70	1996 = 49	1990 = 55	1989 = 67
1992 = 55	1991 = 66		