

GROUP ANNUAL REPORTS

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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 & time, singing mass on Sunday mornings, major festival occasional special event. In September, the tim practice was brought forward to 7pm with the aim to make more accessible to younger people. Practices now 8.15pm. (Previously 7.30-8.45pm).

As per the past few years choir numbers are still although it is encouraging to see a healthier Sunday 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 Requiem at St. Dunstan's church. It was great to celebrate two weddings in the past year, Katie Gra 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 Rect Peacock. In December we were joined by the other church from our Parish for our Advent Carol service and towards 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 Chipping Barnet at the beginning of January and enjoyed 40% off our food, a 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 the choir at Alban's and to worship in such a remarkable building.

Unfortunately for me since the last ACM I no longer have Acolytes. While we still lack someone to accompany the Acolytes Louise and Nicholas who served so well, but I'm afraid this happens with the importance of schooling etc. at their age (welcome!!), the group continues to grow in confidence and 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.

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.

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

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

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

Money raised for Charitable causes
- January 2019 to January 2020

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL - £15 (via envelopes)

CHRISTMAS FAIR - £1,568 (raised for the church)

CHRISTMAS FAIR CHARITY STALLS – (see below):

CHILDREN IN NEED - £100

ST RAPHAEL'S HOSPICE - £82

ONE STEP AT A TIME - £62

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD - £90

HOMESTART CHARITY

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

at the back of church to give to Homestart charity who offer 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 Over the past year we have been fortunate enough to 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 to

At the Christmas Drop In we had a lovely short festive Fr Derek, hot buffet and our kitchen team and helper awarded with a small gift of thanks for all their contin work throughout the year which as ever is much appr

Flowers

June Clifton

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

you would like flowers in church for a special occasi

Thanks also to my family for the many odd jobs th 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

generally around the hall often sweeping the hall only recently had to stand down due to health problems. He has struggled some time with these problems but would not give in 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.

Sidesmen

Carol Adams

We would like to thank our dedicated Sides Team for making themselves available on Sunday mornings throughout the year and they seem very happy to be there too!

Thanks to Marion, Phyllis, Peter, Chris, Christine, Pauline, Lesley, Kate and Margaret. All have agreed to remain for another.

Once again , our team of committed co-ordinators has exceeded the number of children attending Sur which is somewhat disheartening. The team spirit, good and the fact that there are 8 of us means w rota duties if necessary without too much rearrangement (thanks to Tracey Smee for sett Whatsapp group). The Roots material seems to go

with the children and those who do attend are a j Liaison across the parish with the leaders at t 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-pa Church Planning team and have held 2 successful M events this year. The most recent, on 29th February, St Oswald's and there were 55 children and 80 adults activities. celebration and a tea party all based :

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 of volunteers, Chris and Julie Macer, Tina and Robin Prior refreshing of the hard wax oil surface of the main halls new flooring, at other times it gets washed about every couple of months by my husband Michael.

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

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. Wednesday afternoon and now has two large classes and she or another of our regular volunteers. New volunteers 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.

As a team we managed to raise over £600 for church A great deal of work is necessary on the run up to the to make our fund raising possible. I would ask interested in helping us to come forward and speak to Wednesday afternoon and now has two large classes and she or another of our regular volunteers. New volunteers 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.

Please join us if you can

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 hard work.

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.

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

Mothers' Union

Kathy Hutchins

We continue to meet once a month, with a programme of speakers, discussions and social meetings. We hold fundraising events, including a lunch raising £250 for

have a holiday ('Away from it All'); a coffee morning for MU Overseas, and also supporting local good causes. 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 fair was held in the grounds and hall in June and once again with fine weather. The Fair was very well attended by the local community and everybody had a most enjoyable afternoon. We raised £854 for church funds. Our Christmas fair in November, exceeded all our expectations and a magnificent total of £1566 for church funds. We also invited a range of local charities to join us to raise funds for particular good causes, raising a total of some £333 for them. While both these events raised much needed funds for our church, they also provided an ideal opportunity to

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.

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

During 2019 we had two formal meals. One was a dinner on 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 people. On Tuesday our Pancake Evening.

Our now annual Coffee Mornings continued through once again we held our usual Quiz Night in church in !

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

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

This year we intend to continue the events in the sam

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.

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 music our main Sunday services and on special occasions always filled with pride when members of the co 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 humou an inspiring group to work with and a great asset to tl

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.

2019 was another quiet year as far as special events 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.

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

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.

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 si working well.

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 42 players.

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

Flower Arrangers

Sue Thomas

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 electicals 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 an Crucifer; Eucharistic Ministers, Intercessors and Readers; 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 one different ways.

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 & Safety folder which is kept in the vestry for everyone for reference.

All fire extinguishers were tested and inspected in July by Chubb

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

Sacristy

Diane Haddock

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

After a quiet year in the sacristy we ended 2019 by dry-cleaning As requested by CES electrical prior to the commencement all of the vestments. We purchased a fabric steamer for their work we instructed Vine consultants to complete vestments and there is a good stock of candles and other items asbestos management survey throughout the whole church. 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.

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 lead to a fall in our regular congregation which has in turn had an impact on our income, and following review of our finances we were granted a reduction in our Parish Pledge. This was a regrettable situation and following the 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. Details are in a separate report). The 'Crafty C

downturn in numbers regularly attending our church. The DCC has met regularly throughout the year and are 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 wooden ones which had been there since it was constructed in the early 1950s. The cost were met from a legacy left by Notini. Looking to the future, we hope these new 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 maintained, as has support for local and national causes.

details are in a separate report). The 'Crafty C continued making cards and other items for sale, a

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 figures.

2019 was again a busy year for the choir.

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

The choir continues to be busy serving the church in the regular Sunday services and in the majority of which are sadly declining in numbers. However, we receive many compliments from couples who enjoy the choir sang at other notable events including the Licensing of Nick, the opening of the Charter Remembrance Services which this year included the Service. We continue to support the Advent Carol Service and the finalised 2019 Alبان's.

The choir welcomed Joshua Peacock to the choir in 2019.

4 choristers passed their Deans Award in January. Congratulations to Victoria Brice, Daniel Lumley, Alice Donna Despotovich who all passed their Deans Award with 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 prepared 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 our 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 thank you 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 was well received with the congregation. It was felt this form of collection would be fully up and running by 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 the Dunstan's pledge for 2020; and [b] any additional promise that the DCC felt was prudent for the year.

Archdeacon following the meeting.

St Dunstan's Drop In

Gina Witcomb

- 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!

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

Members of the Parish Support Group have always tried to encourage those who have been bereaved to come along to the Drop In but, as can be seen from the Support Group's website, their work has currently ceased due to GDPR restrictions. As I report each year, the Drop In is part of our Church's outreach into the community; we would therefore ask for your support and prayers so more new people will be encouraged to join us.

Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary (SPA)

Marianne Adams

I continue my work in the Parish. It would be great if more people 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!!!!

In 2019 the District Church Council (DCC) at St Dunstan's held 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 at the church itself with a 7.30 or 8.00pm start.

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.

In January the main topics for discussion were:

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

- 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 indicated that St Dunstan's would match its pledge for 2018 level of some £79,000. The meeting, therefore, decided that Barrie should write to the Archdeacon of Southwark to state that after discussion the DCC is unable to make a pledge of more than £40,000 for 2019 in view of the fact that the DCC's finances cannot sustain a pledge at the current level.

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

- Induction of New Rector
- School Governor appointments
- Proposal for new lighting in the church

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.

The June meeting focussed on:

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.

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

Prayer is so important especially now.

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 run in very much the same format as it has done for 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 discussions searching for something suitable.

We usually start our meeting with discussion, sharing experiences since we were last together, and sometimes with 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 regular members of 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.

Committee Report

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 envelopes, 83 paying by standing order. Of the 88akes on Mothering Sunday. We give a card to each member who is baptised, and a card and candle to couples marrying 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

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

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

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 lunch month). 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)

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

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. Under-fives baptised at St Dunstan's, who live within our boundary, receive a birthday card from St Dunstan's each year until their fifth birthday, and their names are returned. Nothing has any great value, but we would like to currently deliver or post the cards to 91 children. 29 were baptised here during 2019 - 16 girls and 13 boys

wendy jordan

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

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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 figures for the number of baptisms of under-5s at St Dunstan's not as popular now as previously.

2018 = 21	2019 = 29	2015 = 41	2014 = 34
2017 = 31	2016 = 29		
2012 = 47	2011 = 52	2010 = 45	2009 = 63
2007 = 60	2006 = 65	2005 = 61	2004 = 74
2002 = 70	2001 = 69	2000 = 72	1999 = 46
1997 = 70	1996 = 49	1995 = 62	1994 = 51
1992 = 55	1991 = 66	1990 = 55	1989 = 67