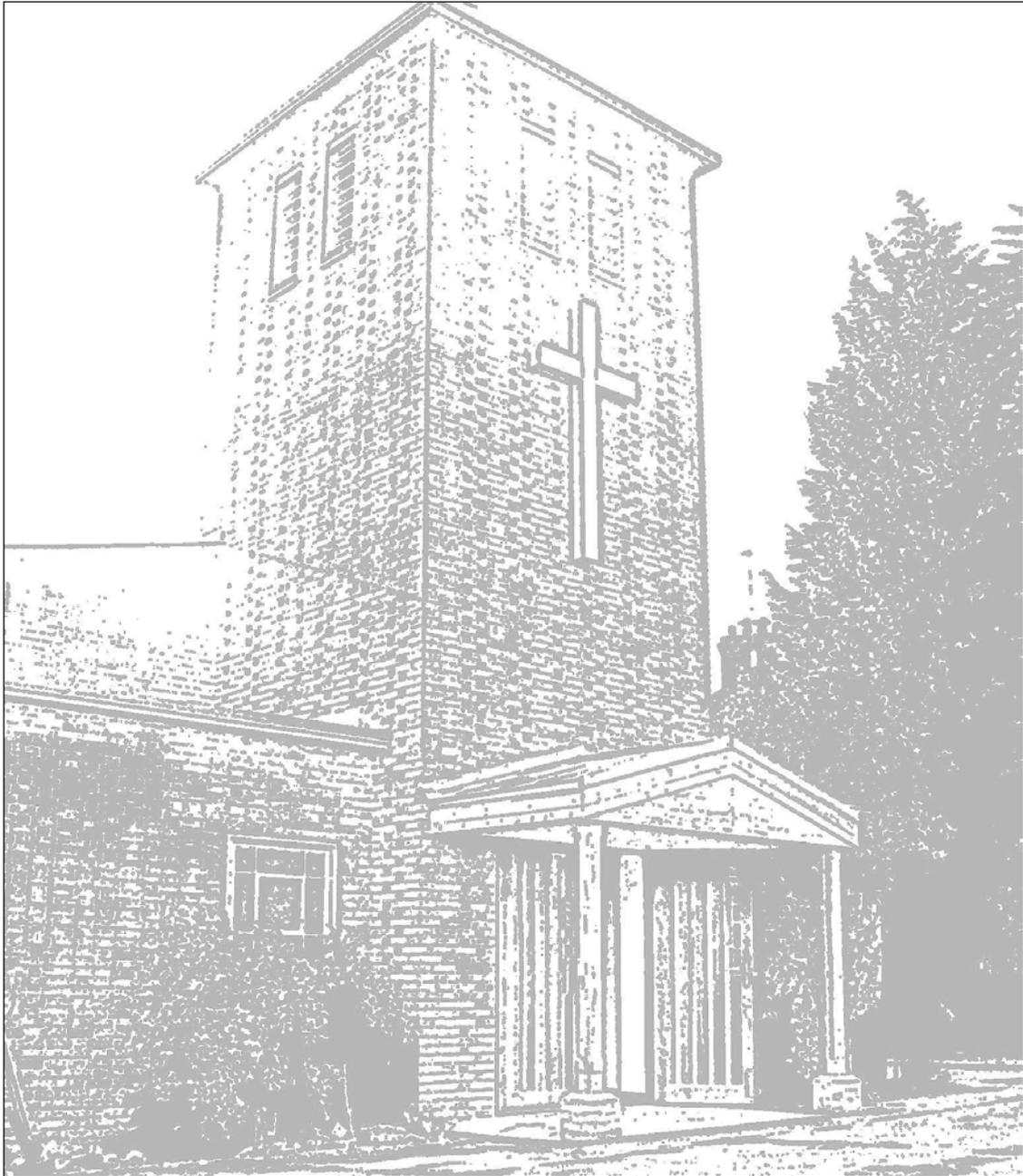


# **Parish of St. Anne, Chingford**



**Additional Reports for the AGM**

**10<sup>th</sup> April 2016**



## **Report of the Electoral Roll Officer**

Last year there were 92 people on the electoral roll, 39 resident and 53 non-resident.

During the year Edwin Bulled, Gwendoline Coombs, Joan Page-Webster and Barbara Shepard have died. Hosana Aynealem, Shirley Byrne, Maureen Oakes, Lesley Stiffell and Simone Welsh have joined the roll.

There are now 93 people on the electoral roll, 43 resident and 50 non-resident.

*Barbara Smith, Electoral Roll Officer*  
*March 2016*

## **Churchwardens Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church**

The last Quinquennial Inspection of St Anne's took place on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

### **Recommendations from the Diocesan Architect for work already carried out are:**

1. Clear gutters
2. Remove gravel from edge of walls to below damp course
3. Inspect rainwater pipes on south wall to chancel at high levels; check for splits
4. Re-fix board in front of organ pipes
5. Repaint internal walls to nave

### **Recommendations for work, which have been considered/in progress are:**

1. Consider insulating roof to nave.

As reported last year, this was considered, but it was felt that a much better result will be gained by insulating from the outside when the roof itself requires repair in a few years' time.

2. Monitor all cracks.

Our insurers have been contacted regarding the large crack in the side entrance porch. On their recommendation, a specialist subsidence company has conducted a survey, the cost of which was met by our insurers. The good news is that there is no subsidence and it is the opinion of the specialist that the canopy between the two buildings is the causing the crack. The proposed solution is to insert a metal bar across the top of the porch, the cost of which

will be around £500. Unfortunately, we will have to meet the cost of this ourselves as we are not covered by our insurance for work of this nature.

**Recommendations for work still to be carried out are:**

1. Repair tarmac near west boundary
2. Replace downpipes on north side of vestries and return wall on north side
3. Re-pointing as detailed in the report
4. Replace covering to south roof, to north aisle and vestries and roof to south aisle
5. Replace covering to flat roof over children's room

Aside from the above, the report found that the Church is generally in good condition.

That said, we have recently discovered that the drains between the Church and the Centre have collapsed. The immediate issue, the blocked Church toilet caused by the drains becoming blocked, has been resolved by the Water Board at no cost to us and the repair to the drains should be covered by our insurers.

In last year's report, we advised that NHL Gas Services, the company we used to install the heating system had gone into liquidation and we were hoping that Drugasar, the heater manufacturer which recommended NHL, would help us resolve some of the "still under guarantee" issues we were experiencing. This work was indeed carried out by Drugasar at no cost to us and we have since re-contacted DBJ, the company who serviced the old system, to carry out some additional minor work.

Tim Venn, the Diocesan architect for many years at St Anne's has retired and we are in the process of seeking a new one.

As many of you will no doubt be aware by now, Anthony and I after 7 and 6 years respectively will be handing the Churchwardens' batons on this year. May we take this opportunity to say it has been a privilege to serve St Anne's and to thank you all for your very valued support. Naturally, we wish the new Churchwardens all the best in their new roles and will ensure as smooth a handover as possible.

*Churchwardens*

*March 2016*

## **St Anne's Healing and Wholeness Service**

We meet on Thursday afternoons 2-4pm.

We start with a short service followed by individual quiet prayer of God's healing to those who ask for it.

We are progressing along, client figures are up and down.

We are trying to spread the word of our healing group, but word of mouth is the best advert.

I would like to thank all the Healing and Wholeness staff for their continued commitment and the warmth of fellowship we share together.

*Eira Endersbee, Leader*

*March 2016*

## **Scramblers and Ramblers**

At present we have some 20 children on our list, of whom we see 15 regularly. Recently, we have often been getting about 10 to 13 children each week. The ages range between 18 months and 12 years.

We try to follow the gospel readings in church where appropriate, and the children tell the congregation in church what they have been doing each week. For informal services, usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, they stay in church for the full service, taking a full part.

Since Autumn 2015, the older children and young people have been meeting separately as the Ramblers, with leadership from Jude, Mick or Jenny. We need two adults with each group, so if anyone would like to help us they would be very welcome. Of course, the more people helping the easier it becomes and the less often we are on duty. Thank you to everyone who is already helping in this way.

*Val Woodward, Leader*

*March 2016*

## **Safeguarding Report**

New Diocesan guidelines on safeguarding were issued at the end of 2014. I visited the Diocesan Office to discuss how these should be implemented in the St Anne's context. Following this, at the PCC meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015 the Diocesan Safeguarding Statement was formally adopted by the parish, and the Job Description for the Safeguarding Officer (based on the recommended model) was approved.

Work is now in progress to ensure that we are fully complying with recommended procedures. I would hope to be able to report next year that this has been completed.

*Mick Scotchmer*

*Safeguarding Officer*

*March 2016*

## Hatch Herald Report 2015/16

This year has seen a year of celebrations at St Anne's and we were pleased to report on the Sage and Onion reunion in May, the E4 confirmation service which was hosted by St Anne's in July, which saw six members of our congregation confirmed, including two of our young people, and Mick Scotchmer's ordination as priest at Chelmsford Cathedral in September.

This year we have also included a young persons' page with puzzles and jokes.

6 organisations and businesses advertise in the Hatch Herald, down on previous years.

Income was also slightly down during 2015.

Income       £613

Expenditure   £317

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Net surplus   £296

This figure does not take into account the cost of the new computer, but overall taking into account surplus from previous years does appear to be covering the cost of production, however we are still throwing away a dozen or so copies each month.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted articles over the past year, and please keep them coming in. It would be particularly good to hear from some of our young people; the Hatch Herald is a magazine for all of our church family and we would love to hear from you.

*Janice Gariazzo*

*March 2016*

## Minimarkets

Once again, ten minimarkets were held during 2015, one for Crisis and three each for Haven House, Mildmay Mission, and the Margaret Centre. The sums raised were:

	£
Crisis:	95
Haven House	814
Mildmay Mission	706
Margaret Centre	1234 (includes a donation of £455 in memory of Hilda Scotchmer)
<b>Total</b>	<b>2849</b>

Thank you to all who helped with and supported the minimarkets. Special thanks go to Colin and Vera Humphreys, who have now passed on the baton after many years leading the minimarkets, and also to Joan Cragie, who is now coordinating the programme.

*The Minimarkets team, March 2016*

## **AGM Environmental Report – 2015**

### **Waste Collection**

We continue to use as many recycling bins as possible. The green and brown bins are the same as our “home” recycling bins. The green bins are used for the recycling of all paper, cardboard, metal foil, glass and plastics. The brown bins are used for the recycling of all plant and food matter. We should ensure that all waste that can be recycled, is recycled. This is very important, both here at St Anne’s, and in our homes.

### **Solar Panels**

These were installed in November 2011. During 2015 these panels have generated kWh around 3,500 thereby reducing our carbon footprint by more than 1,860 Kg. In addition to this they have contributed £1,758 towards church funds.

### **Textile Recycling**

This started in November 2012. During 2015 we collected over 1,700 kg (1.7 tons) of textiles. This was the same as last year. New, and some nearly-new items are retained for sale at St Anne’s events during the year. Good quality clothing is sent abroad to Africa, and other developing nations, to be reused. Low grade textiles are made into industrial wiping cloths. This recycling reduces the amount of materials sent to landfill. This generated £682 towards church funds, however, the amount we receive for each kilo has recently been reduced.

### **Ink Cartridge Recycling**

During 2015 around 400 Ink Cartridges were collected which generated around £60 towards church funds. More importantly, this reduced the amount of materials sent to landfill. This is especially important as each cartridge can take up to 1,000 years to decompose.

If you are considering buying a new printer, the best cartridges for recycling are those manufactured by Dell, Hewlett Packard and a few Canon cartridges. We can also recycle the compatible versions of some of these cartridges. We are unable to recycle cartridges manufactured by most other companies or laser printer drums. This should be an important factor for us all when choosing a new printer.

### **Metal Recycling**

During 2015 we recycled around 2,000 Kg (2 tons) of scrap metal. This substantially reduces the amount of materials sent to landfill.

### **Church Garden**

The gardens continue to play an important part in St Anne’s care of God’s creation and provide an area of tranquillity for all who care to make use of them. Amongst the wildlife observed over the past year are many species of birds, foxes, hedgehogs, rabbits, frogs, newts and many smaller creatures. We continue to grow plants and vegetables, in a manner which utilises as much natural and organic material as possible. We now also have beehives in the gardens. These provide homes for bees

which are, of course, one of the most essential creatures on earth as they are pollinators of many of our plants. Our thanks go to Norma and Michael for the donation of 20 jars of honey from the hives. This generated over £100 towards church funds.

### **Heating and Insulation**

There are plans to insulate the main church hall roof when it is re-felted, hopefully, in summer 2016. A building's heat adviser has already visited the site to advise the PCC on this.

### **Looking ahead to 2016**

The PCC has recently agreed that during 2016 we should use the new EcoChurch Survey to review our progress on caring for the environment and see whether we need to refresh our policies and actions.

*Anthony Sullivan*

*March 2016*

## **St Anne's Church Centre**

Having been the Booking Secretary and the Secretary of the Plant Committee for several years now my 'other home' is St Anne's Church Centre, or should I call it St Anne's Community Centre as it states on the notice board on the wall.

Activities and groups meeting week by week range from those for the very young to a fellowship with members in their nineties. My personal involvement ranges from Women's Afternoon Fellowship on a Monday to Toddlers on a Friday, with Weight Watchers and Chairmanship of the Pre School Committee thrown in for good measure!

Pre School's home is the Clubroom for five days a week in term time with five hour sessions from Monday to Thursday including lunch club on each day. On Fridays they give way to the Toddlers after a three hour morning session.

In the Main Hall on a Monday morning the Line Dancers are in full swing. Women's Fellowship meets in the afternoon followed by the 'Footsteps' Dancing School and finally on a Monday evening there is a session of Yoga. On a Monday evening in the clubroom Ju Jitsu meet.

Tuesday morning sees the Weight Watchers meeting in the Main Hall while in the evening in the Clubroom there is another Weight Watchers session. In the evening the 12<sup>th</sup> Brownies meet in the Main Hall before one of the well established users of the Centre arrive, the Bridge Club.

In the Main Hall on a Wednesday morning sees Tai Chi then the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts take over for the evening. Also in the evening in the Clubroom there is another Weight Watchers session.

In the afternoon on Thursday sees Alcoholics Anonymous then Rainbows meeting in the Clubroom. The Main Hall is quiet until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownies meet in the evening.

Friday sees Badminton using the Main Hall in the evening.

During recent weeks there have been several Funeral receptions, the funeral services not being at St Anne's.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday morning once a month there is a Mini Market and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday sees a Larkwood Ward Councillors surgery. Often on a Saturday afternoon there is a child's Birthday Party. In the evening there may be a Quiz Night or another social event.

Sunday sees Scramblers meeting in the Clubroom while the Ramblers meet in the Main Hall during the 10am Eucharist. There are refreshments in the Main Hall after Eucharist with a Simple Lunch on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. In the afternoon there could be another children's party.

Unfortunately in July 2015 Eric Kappinger closed the Karate Group that had been meeting for many years. I do have enquiries from different groups to use the hall and clubroom but as yet this year no new activities have started. We trust that those using our Church Centre will realise there is a welcoming Church also available to them.

*Beryl Stratton*

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## **Deanery Synod Report**

The Synod has met 4 times since the last APCM.

### **Report from Deanery Synod Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at St Gabriel's, Walthamstow**

Community of prayer and prayer house, Walthamstow Revd Jill Mowbray, Continuing Ministerial Development Adviser for Barking, and Associate minister to the parish of Walthamstow, gave a presentation on her initiative to develop a community house of prayer, to be a place of hospitality, prayer and welcome. With the help of a gap year intern, and the support of a group of 12 prayer house companions, she opens up her house and garden, with a prayer hut, for quiet days, occasional community meals, and to promote prayer and be a place of prayer for the community. The companions group meets weekly, and Jill and others meet in small groups for regular times of prayer. The prayer hut is available for others in the deanery who would like to use it – this would need to be on a planned basis, with advance notice to Jill (and a voluntary donation would be welcome). Jill would also be happy to talk to parishes about this initiative.

Feedback from Chelmsford Diocese *Time to Talk 2* Conference, 25<sup>th</sup> April . Some of those who attended reported back on this event, and copies of the “Simple Guide to Mission and Ministry Units” were made available to parishes.

In discussion it was noted that earlier progress in the deanery on developing MMUs seemed to have stalled, in part because of clergy vacancies, although it was stressed that this was a matter for all, not just the clergy. Father Alex repeated his offer to talk to PCCs on this, and Vevet Deer (lay chair) is planning a session for the laity and will follow up on this at the Deanery Synod Awayday in the Autumn. Meantime, all concerned were encouraged to continue with local initiatives to build closer groupings.

Feedback from Diocesan Synod on 6 June A written report on this was circulated. Key points highlighted on discussion were:

- consultation to come with deaneries and parishes on moving the parish share scheme to a MMU basis
- Green Collar campaign: churches were encouraged to use Advent Sunday to focus on the church's concern for the environment.

### **Waltham Forest Deanery Half Day Away: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October** **EpiCentre Community Centre, Leytonstone**

The meeting opened with worship led by Donna Gwilliams, deanery director of youth ministry and youth champion, and Walthamstow Team Youth, including a

round of "Psalm Consequences .

### **Mission and Ministry Units**

The Bishop of Barking, Bishop Peter, spoke and answered questions on plans for Mission and Ministry Units, drawing on his own previous experience of working in parish clusters. Key points included

- opportunities to build on natural links and acknowledge mutual needs
- opportunities for mutual learning
- parish integrity was maintained, and the absence of formal structures would allow for flexibility as people came and went and relationships moved on
- opportunities for collaboration and sharing resources
- MMUs were important and he strongly supports them but they must be kept in proportion – they are not the way of salvation!
- he saw MMUs as jazz bands rather than orchestras.

Q&As included:

- *Is the intention still 2-3 MMUs per deanery?* Thinking has become more flexible – go with what will work.
- *There are concerns about how the new parish share proposals will work at MMU level?* Recognised, but diocese is keen to see decisions taken more locally where possible. It would be helpful if the diocese could offer models for MMU decision-making on agreeing parish shares. Bishop Peter's own principles for deploying leaders are growth and disadvantage. Walthamstow Team ministry commented that they had begun to look at sharing resources, starting from historic parish funding/contribution levels, but distributing any growth according to need.

### **Deanery Youth Strategy**

Donna Gwilliams and the young people led a session working with young people.

National Cof E statistics indicated that:

- 39% of churches have no under 11s
- 49% have no 11-14s
- 59% have no 14-18s.

2011 Census figures showed 65000 children in Waltham Forest, with 7785 aged 12-18. The age range 11-20 is critical for developing towards lifelong worship. How far are our churches in touch with young people in this age group and how much

importance do we attach to this ministry?

The synod broke into small groups to discuss the kind of youth strategy we should be aiming for, and share experiences.

Donna Gwilliams was happy to talk to parishes about next steps in their work with young people.

### **Report from Deanery Synod 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at St. Michaels & All Angels Church Northcote Road, Walthamstow**

#### **Working alongside people with mental health issues**

A presentation was given by Nicola Beaumont, a mental health nurse and Tony Rablen, a part time vicar working in Dagenham, and chaplain at Goodmayes Psychiatric Hospital and the psychiatric ward at Whipps Cross.

This was an interactive discussion in which we discussed our perceptions of what mental health is, and the different ways that it can present itself and impact on a person's everyday life. Tony then talked about the way that we in the church can support sufferers and carers. 1 in 4 people can expect to suffer with a mental health issue during the next year, with 1 in 10 being children. The suicide rate for the under 35's is at its highest level.

The 2 categories of mental health are neurosis and psychosis across a wide spectrum with many who seem to function normally making the lines between mental health and normality blurred.

We looked at the practical ways that the church can give support with what can be an invisible, lonely and isolating experience and the importance of faith communities.

- Being careful with language that pertains to mental health.
- Avoiding blaming lack of faith, and treating mental health illness in the same way as we would treat a serious physical illness.
- Normalize mental health – include sufferers in church life through meaningful activities.
- Be open and non-judgemental, and also support their loved ones through what can be a very lonely time.

**The Young Volunteers team for 18-25 year olds** are looking for young people who are thinking of going for training for the ordained ministry, to spend a gap year gaining experience by working and living in a Parish setting.

## **Report from Deanery Synod Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at All Saints Leyton**

The meeting took as its theme our responsibility “to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the earth”.

**Theological Reflection** Revd Tony Rablen introduced the theme arguing that we needed to be concerned with creation as well as salvation. The bible is book-ended by creation in Genesis and creation redeemed at the end of Revelations. Quoting Hans Kung – “The kingdom of God is creation healed” – he reminded us of Christ’s incarnation and that we pray “Thy kingdom come on earth” .

Leading a simpler life. Introducing suggestions and challenges on ways to live more simply, Rosalind Tatam reminded us of the recent Paris summit, and the distance still to go if the pledges made at the summit were to be realised. She challenged us to see living more simply as part of the call to lead a distinctively Christian life, recognising that some in our congregations were already living very frugally, while others were enjoying more comfortable circumstances. Areas where we might look to make changes included

- vegetarianism/eating much less meat or fish
- travel – cutting back on flying and use of cars
- looking at our purchases of food, clothing, disposable items,
- switching to green energy suppliers
- boycotting companies that abuse the environment.

Rosalind reminded us of a range of resources to help individuals and churches move forward on this, including “Eco Church” launched in January 2016.

Swift Boxes Dick Newell and Bill Murrell from “Swift Conservation” gave an illustrated talk on the opportunities to build nesting boxes for swifts for church towers and other suitable settings. Modern building methods meant that traditional nesting sites for swifts were disappearing and numbers were falling steeply. This was just one example of a simple action that churches could take.

There was a brief period of Q&A and discussion.

Treasurer’s report Together, parishes had met 97.5% of the deanery share for 2015.

*Julie Adesina                      Mick Scotchmer*  
*Janice Gariazzo                 Rosalind Tatam*  
*Heather Gwynn*

*March 2016*

