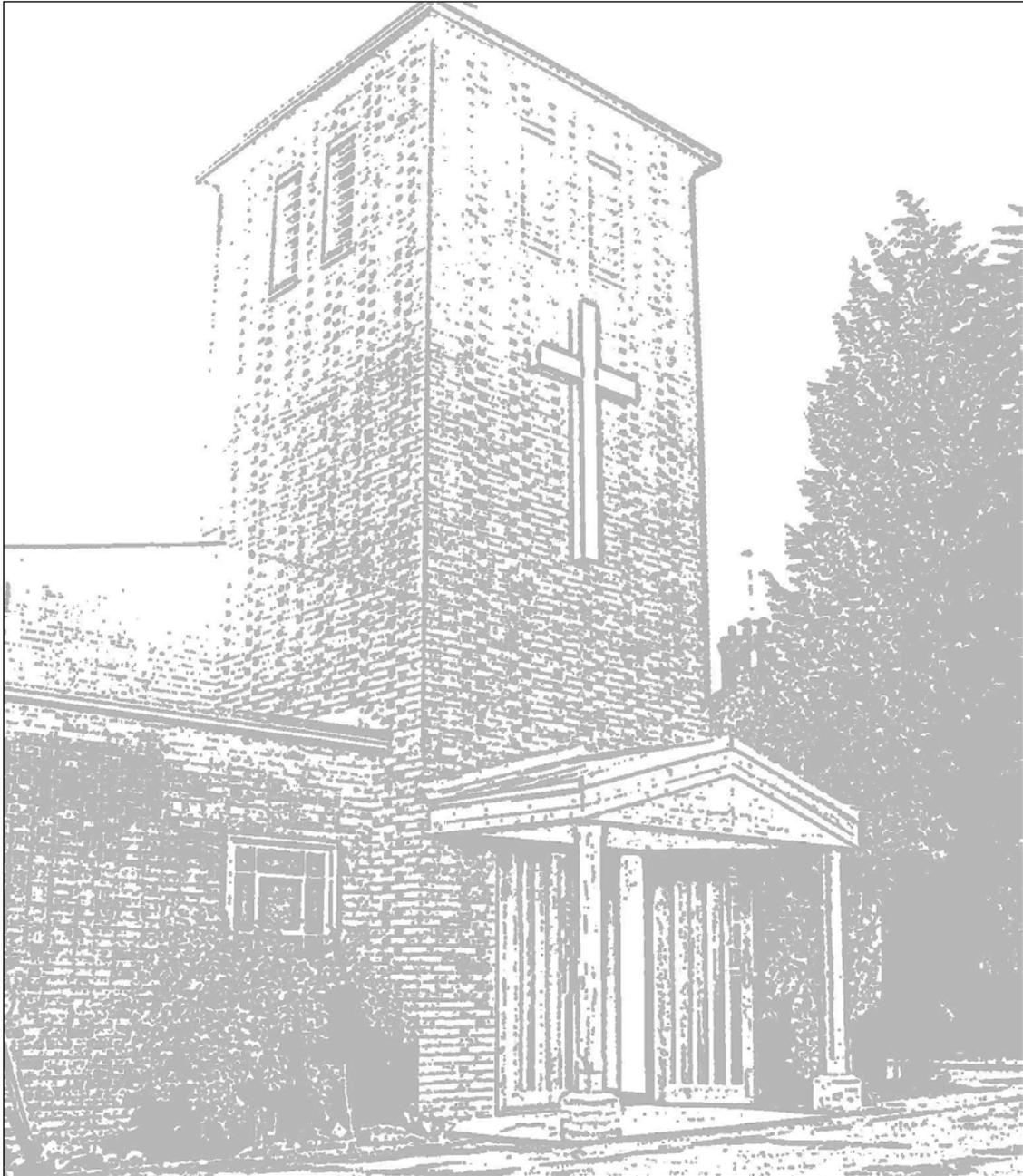


# **Parish of St. Anne, Chingford**



**Additional Reports for the APCM**

**9<sup>th</sup> April 2017**



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

Last year there were 93 people on the electoral roll, 43 resident and 50 non-resident.

During the year Betty Margaret Crawford, Jennifer Harwood, Linda Smith-Pryor and Joan Mary Trapnell have died. Kathy Pryor has joined the roll.

There are now 90 people on the electoral roll, 43 resident and 47 non-resident.

*Steve White, Electoral Roll Officer  
March 2017*

## **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.

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.

As previously reported

2. Monitor all cracks.

of the large crack in the side entrance porch. We therefore obtained the advice of a structural engineer, to make sure we understand the true problem before trying to apply a solution. On the basis of his initial investigations, the engineer has advised that the porch has not suffered from significant foundation movement. He has recommended a period of further monitoring, and also that the connection with the steel beam that supports the canopy linking the porch and the church centre be investigated, in case corrosion and expansion has put pressure on the brickwork. These recommendations will be followed up during 2017.

Since last year's report

**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.

Further work has been needed on the heating system this year, including the replacement of solenoids in a number of heaters in both the church and the centre.

As reported last year, Tim Venn, the Diocesan architect for many years at St Anne's has retired. We are seeking advice from the diocese on the appointment of a successor.

This is our first report as Churchwardens. We are grateful to everyone for bearing with us as we learn the ropes, and especially to Lindsey and Anthony, our predecessors, and to Jude, Mick and all who have helped and supported us during the learning process.

*Churchwardens*

*March 2017*

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

We meet on Thursday afternoons between 2-4pm.

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

Client figures are up and down, we average 4 per week, we have had up to 8.

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 2017*

## 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 13 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, and also join in the full service in church on the first Sunday of the month.

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 2017*

## 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.

In the last year, work has continued to ensure that we are fully complying with recommended procedures. This is not yet complete, some documentation has yet to be produced and approved. I would hope to be able to report next year that this has been completed.

*Mick Scotchmer*

*Parish Safeguarding Representative*

*March 2017*

## Hatch Herald Report 2015/16

Income was down substantially on 2015. Expenditure was up £170 due to new software and licences.

	2016	2015
Income	£369	£613
Expenditure	£487	£317
Net surplus	-£118	£296

There has been a loss of income partly due to loss of advertising revenue on our larger adverts. While there have been a few enquiries, they do not follow through due to our narrow distribution.

But more importantly it seems that new members particularly the younger ones are not showing any interest in reading the Hatch herald. It has therefore been suggested that we hand out a copy to anyone who does not usually buy a copy, and perhaps we can follow this up with a request for feedback.

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

*Janice Gariazzo*

*March 2017*

## **Minimarkets**

Once again, ten minimarkets were held during 2016, one for Crisis and three each for Haven House, Mildmay Mission, and the Margaret Centre. The sums raised were:

	£
Crisis:	188
Haven House	1007
Mildmay Mission	956
Margaret Centre	1049
<b>Total</b>	<b>3200</b>

Thank you to all who helped with and supported the minimarkets. Special thanks go to Joan Cragie, who coordinated the programme during 2016.

*The Minimarkets team,*

*March 2017*

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

St Anne's Church Centre continues to be a hive of activity week by week with groups meeting to enjoy physical activity such as Line Dancing and to those who enjoy listening to a speaker followed by a cup of tea and a biscuit.

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 at 12.15 for their two hour 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. Also on a Monday evening Ju Jitsu meet in the clubroom.

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, followed by Pilates, a new regular user in 2016. The Main Hall is quiet until the 2nd Brownies meet in the evening.

Friday sees Badminton using the Main Hall in the evening.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday morning once a month there is a Mini Market and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday bi-monthly sees the Larkwood Ward Councillors holding their surgery. The Royal British Legion use the Main Hall for Standard Bearers practice once a month. 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.

I am kept busy with enquiries to use the hall either for a regular activity or for a one off occasion. We trust that those using our Church Centre will realise there is a welcoming Church also available to them.

*Beryl Stratton*

*March 2017*

## **Deanery Synod Report**

The synod has met 4 times since the last APCM

### **Report from Deanery Synod meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May at St Edmund's, Chingford**

The main agenda item was a presentation by Mark Spraggins, Diocesan Director of Finance, on the planned new diocesan share scheme. Key points were:

**A new share** scheme is needed because of the changes in the local and national church since the last review in 2000. The new scheme is seeking to raise the same amount of money in a different way. It is part share request and part Mutual Support Fund (open for offers and asks).

**Request** is the cost of local ministry plus a contribution towards other diocesan and national costs, e.g. Safeguarding, DAC, Education, contribution to National Church and other administrative expenses.

**Offer & Ask** is the Mutual Support Fund. It will help with the inability of some PCCs to meet their ministry costs through deprivation. It will help parishes not financially able to meet their ministry and other costs unaided (the majority). This money will come from the Church Commissioners, Diocesan funds and in part from offers by other churches.

**The intention is that parish shares will in time be handled by the new Mission and Ministry Units** rather than through deaneries. The Diocese makes its request, each MMU decides how much to offer or bid to the Mutual Support Fund. The PCCs that make up each MMU will agree among themselves how much each one will contribute.

Most MMUs do not yet exist but they must begin in 2017. **A time of transition** will be needed.

During this period shares will be allocated to Benefices. Deprivation grants will be allocated automatically. No applications to Mutual Support Fund (MSF). This should ensure no huge changes.

## **Report from Half Day meeting on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at St Saviour's, Walthamstow**

**Working with children and young people.** Steve Kersys, Diocesan Adviser for children and families ministry, gave a presentation. This explored aspects of the Christian life we hope children will see and experience in our churches:

- Love, tenacity, serenity, faith, respect, forgiveness, prayers

He also discussed the essentials children need for growth:

- Security
- Boundaries
- Community/belonging
- Creativity
- Significance/being valued

Steve offered resources for use with children and families, which were subsequently shared with all PCC members.

**“On the Way”** Synod members also tried out material from the “On the Way” course, which was to run again in the Deanery in the new year.

## **Report from Deanery Synod meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> November at St John's Leytonstone**

The main item of business was presentations from the Night Shelter and Christian Kitchen

### *1. Forest Churches Emergency Night Shelter*

The Night Shelter provides a welcome to people in a poor place.

What does the shelter do?

It is held at a different venue each night:

Monday	Emmanuel
Tuesday	St Gabriel
Wednesday	Wesleyan Holiness Church
Thursday	Cornerstone
Friday	Blackhorse Road Baptist
Saturday	Elim Pentecostal
Sunday	St Mary

The centre is set up in a church hall and staffed with volunteers

- Who give a welcome
- Coordinate and prepare the venue
- Provide cook and serve food
- Sleep in overnight
- Cook the breakfast

- Go the extra mile providing clothing, toiletries Gifts at Christmas
- The number of people from churches and the community is vast (St Mary's has a pool of 80+)

The centre is open from 1<sup>st</sup> Nov to 30<sup>th</sup> March. It is not advertised and clients have to contact the co-ordinator to be told where it is and whether they qualify.

There are only three paid staff. A caseworker/coordinator who is full time throughout year. He takes referrals and books in clients. He works to get people off the street. There are 2 part time night awake workers during the winter. One is on duty every night with other volunteers. They receive a report from the caseworker and keep people safe overnight.

The Night Shelter is managed by six trustees. They are responsible for raising funds and regulating the shelter.

In 2015/16 the shelter was open for 145 nights and provided 4350 bed spaces to 83 male and 19 female guests. 50% EEC were from the and 25% British.

The Shelter needs to raise £51,000 to run for a full year. They have some regular donors/grants but run from season to season on a number of relatively small grants. There is a need to review the way they work to ensure it is sustainable for the future and that they have the right model in a changing background

What you can we do for the shelter?

- Pray
- Help find new trustees
- They need trustee to administer IT needs
- Need to find new venues
- Need help to raise funds
- Make donation

In response to questions the following points were made:

- WF Night shelter is one of the largest shelters in London and probably the country.
- The Night Shelter takes break during Crisis at Christmas time, guests are referred there.
- What spiritual input is provided is up to the hosting church, but is never enforced.
- Volunteers do not have to be Christian but trustees do.

More information on the Shelter can be found at [www.forestnightshelter.org.uk](http://www.forestnightshelter.org.uk).

## 2. *Christian Kitchen*

It is based in WF and provides a hot 3 course meal every night to homeless people of Walthamstow

- 20% of clients are under 25
- 47 years is the average age of death

- Norman Coe has been Chairman since 1996
- The van meets up seven days a week and serves 60-70 meals per night even with the Night Shelter
- They need donations of cash, time and food.
- They have a paid chef, funded to the end of the year.
- They are short of storage space.
- Volunteers are the life blood of the organisation.
- Any church which would like to be involved one night per month would be welcomed.
- A Christmas meal is hosted in a church every year.

More information can be found at [www.christiankitchen.org](http://www.christiankitchen.org).

### **Report from Deanery Synod meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at St Mary, Leyton**

**News from General Synod.** Kathy Playle, a diocesan lay member of General Synod who is to be the link with the WF Deanery, spoke about the ways in which issues can be raised with General Synod. She also explained what would come up on the agenda of the forthcoming General Synod meeting. In future the plan is that she will attend following a Synod meeting, so that information on the discussions and decisions can be cascaded through to parishes.

**Whipps Cross Hospital Chaplaincy** Revd Tristan Alexander-Watts, Anglican chaplain at Whipps Cross, spoke about his work with the hospital and chaplaincy team. He works with a team of volunteers, as well as with local clergy and other faith leaders, and also provides an on call service, contactable through the hospital switchboard, together with a Catholic priest and Iman. There is also close work with two priests from the local Hindu temple, and with local Rabbis. As well as supporting patients and staff, his role includes some staff training, especially on handling death and dying, and on handling bad news. He finds it helpful to know of people from parishes who would like support. The chaplaincy offers communion at weekends for patients and other worship in line with the church calendar, for example Ashing on Ash Wednesday.

As this was the last meeting before elections to a new Deanery Synod, the meeting ended with Compline.