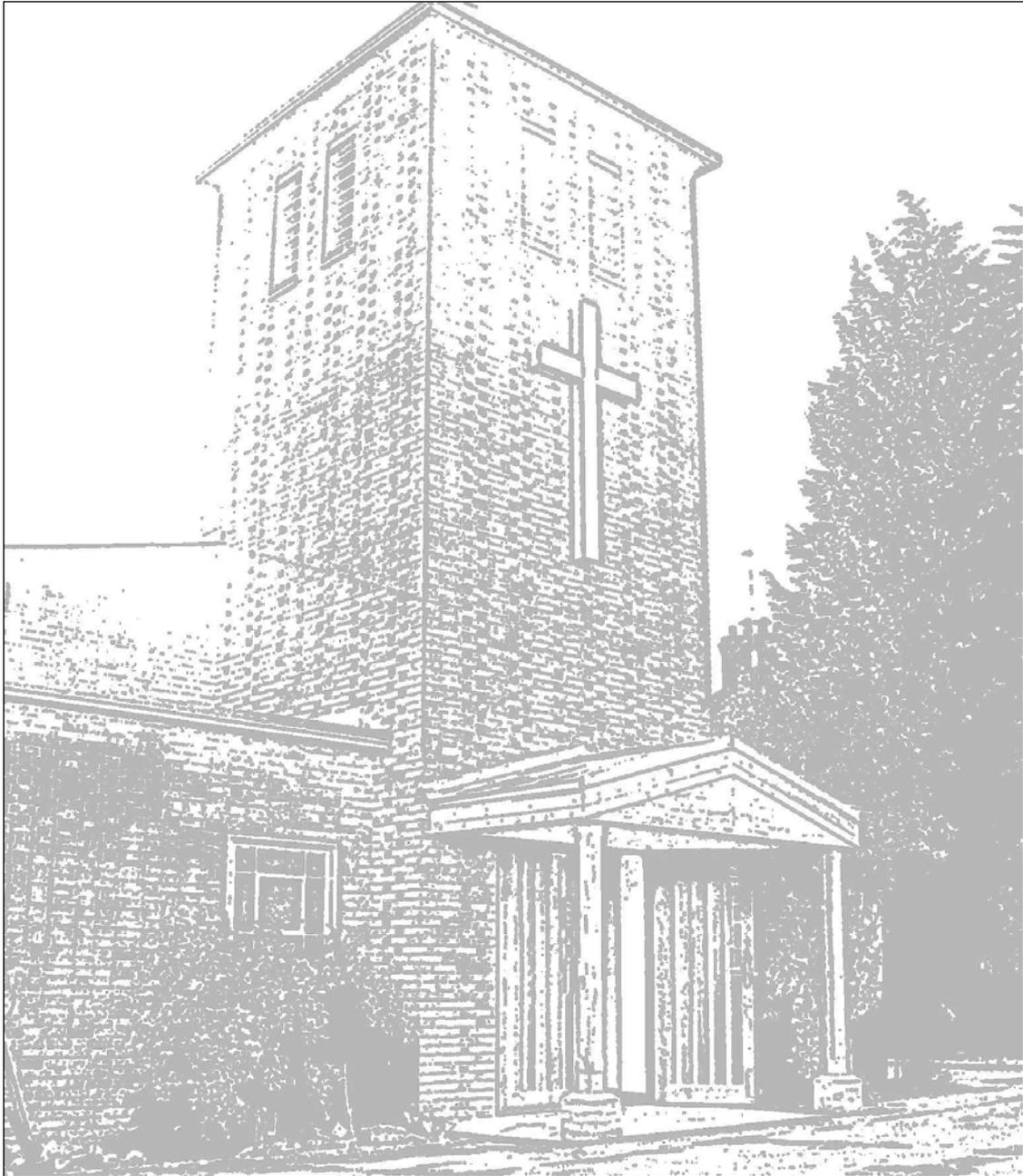


Parish of St. Anne, Chingford



Additional Reports for the APCM

7th April 2019

Report of the Electoral Roll Officer

Last year there were 89 people on the electoral roll, 44 resident and 45 non-resident.

In 2019 a new electoral roll has been prepared.

There are now 59 people on the electoral roll, 32 resident and 27 non-resident.

There has been a significant drop in the number on the Roll, however this is normal when a new Roll is prepared as people who have moved away or stopped attending in the last 6 years are removed. This is one of the reasons why a new Roll is prepared every six years.

It is worthy of note however that there are twelve new members on the 2019 Roll who were not on the 2018 Roll.

*Steve White, Electoral Roll Officer
March 2019*

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

The last Quinquennial Inspection of St Anne's took place on 25th 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. ^[SEP]As previously reported, 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. ^[SEP]A structural engineer monitored the large crack in the side entrance porch throughout 2017. Reassuringly, there was no material change in the size of the crack over this period and we were advised that the crack is likely to be attributable to earlier foundation issues that have now stabilized. The engineer made recommendations for minor repair work. The Plant Committee is keeping this under review.

Recommendations for work still to be carried out are:

1. Repair tarmac near west boundary : some minor tidying up has been carried out during 2018.
2. Replace downpipes on north side of vestries and return wall on north side: in the first instance the pipes have been repainted to help extend their life.
3. Re-pointing as detailed in the report
4. Replace covering to south roof, to north aisle and vestries and roof to south aisle : to be considered along with overall repairs to the main church roof
5. Replace covering to flat roof over children's room : ditto

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

Further work has been undertaken this year on the heating system in both Church and Centre, and all heaters are now in good working order.

As reported previously, Tim Venn, the Diocesan architect for many years at St Anne's has retired. The PCC has now appointed Mr Sherry Bates of Bates,Zambelli Chartered Architects, as his successor , and we expect the 2019 Quinquennial Inspection to take place in May.

Our thanks go to Anthony Sullivan and the Plant Committee, and especially to Anthony, Steve White, Mark Bibbey and Andy Crawford, for all they have done through the year to help keep the Church and its surroundings in good order.

Churchwardens

March 2019

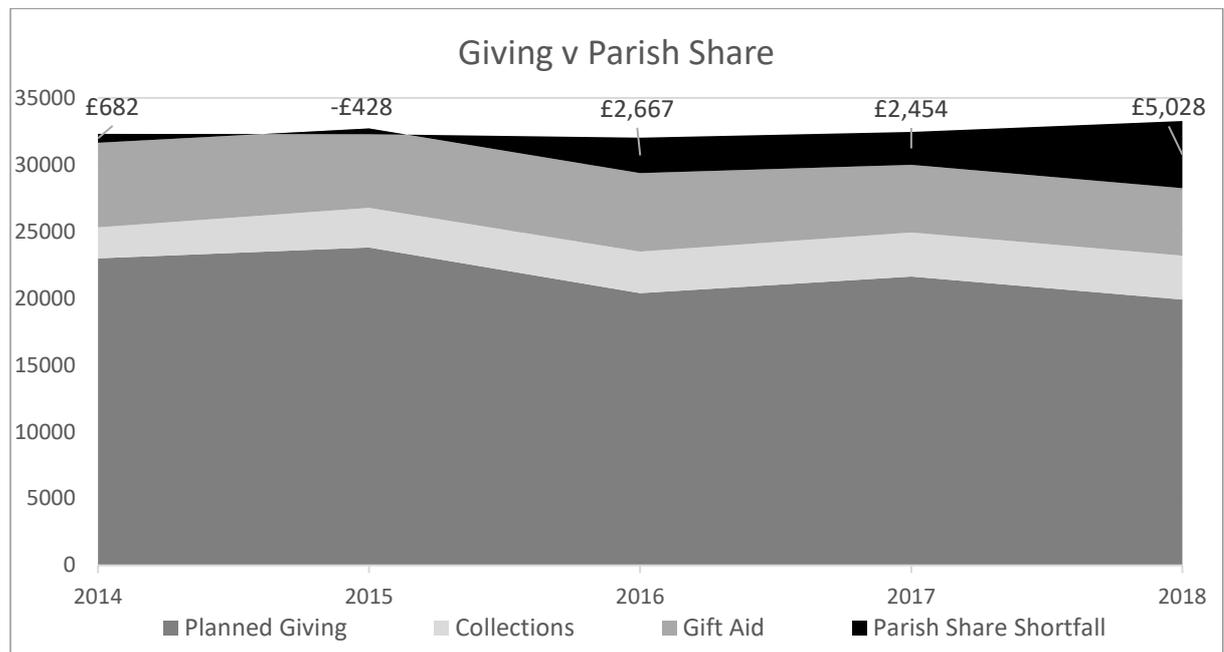
Parish Giving Report for St. Anne's Church AGM 2019.

On behalf of St. Anne's, thank you all for your contributions to parish life, including any financial gifts you have made, whether these are through the formal Parish Giving (Free Will Offering) scheme, via weekly collections or individual donations. All are very much appreciated.

However, despite all our efforts, you will know from Andy's Financial Report that we are struggling to make ends meet here at St. Anne's and are becoming increasingly reliant on our Church Centre income to supplement the shortfall in Church income.

Planned giving remains the primary source of income for this Church but, as you can see from the chart below, the amount we give fell significantly in 2018. As previously predicted in our 2018 budget, this resulted in a shortfall of just over

£5,000 between what we give, including the associated Gift Aid rebate received, and our Parish Share contribution to the Diocese.



So what has changed since 2015 when our giving including the Gift Aid rebate did exceed, albeit by a small amount, our Parish Share?

By far the most significant difference is that in 2015, there were 47 people/families in our Planned Giving Scheme. During 2018 this number fell to just 30 – a fall of 36% and our planned giving fell by almost £4,000 as a result. The “lost” Gift Aid on this amount accounts for the remaining £1,000 difference.

On a more positive note, recent appeals have generated some new members and other enquiries, which, if come to fruition, will bring the total back to the 2017 level of 36 people/families in the scheme. In addition, some members have increased their giving in the last year.

Even so, unless we are able to encourage more people to join and/or achieve further increases in the amount given by those already in the scheme, we will continue to rely heavily on other income or our reserves to fund our Parish Share as well as our other Church running costs.

Therefore, may I ask you to consider prayerfully if you are able to help as follows:

1. If you are not in the formal scheme and would like to be, please speak to me about the various options available.
2. If you are thinking about joining, but still have some questions, let me know and I’ll do my best to answer them or find answers for them.
3. If those of you already in the scheme are able to review what you give, then please do so.

Ideally, we should be contributing enough to cover all Church expenditure. At the very least though, covering our Parish Share must be our collective priority if we are to help ensure a future for ourselves and for the generations to come here at St. Anne's.

Many thanks again for all your support and a special thank you to Andy, who continues to help me enormously in this role.

Lindsey Archer

March 2019

Parish Safeguarding Representative's Report

Safeguarding is becoming an increasingly important practice both in the church and society in general. At one time it was seen to be merely ensuring that people working with children were security checked. It is now much more than this and involves ensuring a safe environment for all activities involving children and vulnerable adults and a culture which notices any signs that there may be problems in other areas.

Our diocese of Chelmsford was a leader in the field of Safeguarding Practice but the Church of England has now caught up and our training is conducted to national standards. As Parish Safeguarding Representative I am required to be trained to level C2. As I am also an authorised minister I am required to be trained to the higher C3 standard and I have completed this training. The Churchwardens need to be trained to level C2 and there is a course in the Deanery in April.

We need to ensure that we continue to keep all our activities fully compliant with Safeguarding best practice and that any new initiatives are fully compliant from the outset.

We also need to ensure that all church activities consider and comply with safeguarding policy. One example is that no photographs of children can be used in publicity material, or published on social media unless we have obtained formal written approval from the child's parent or guardian to do so.

Mick Scotchmer

March 2019

Environmental Report – 2018

Waste Collection

We continue to use as many recycling bins as possible. The green and brown "Wheelie" 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. The grey “Wheelie” bins and the large red “Biffa” bin should only be used for non-recyclable waste. 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 2018 these panels have generated almost kWh 3,700 thereby reducing our carbon footprint by a substantial amount. In addition to this they have contributed £2,075 towards church funds.

The income that is now being generated by these panels is due to the generosity, and foresight, of those members of our congregation who committed to helping out with the cost of fitting these panels. Their generosity means that the cost of these panels has now been recouped. All future energy and income generated can, therefore, be deemed a “free” contribution to St Anne’s.

Textile Recycling

In 2018 we collected over 2,200 kg (2 tons) of textiles. This was slightly more than last year. New, and some nearly-new, items are retained for sale at St Anne’s events during the year. Many items of clothing are also sold at our regular Mini-Markets. Other 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 and generated £935 towards church funds.

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 a variety of fruit, vegetables and other plants, in a manner which utilises as much natural and organic material as possible. We also have beehives in the gardens which 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 Michael and Norma for the upkeep of the hives and their donation of jars of honey produced by the bees from these hives.

Donations received including those in respect plants, fruit, vegetables and honey more than cover the cost of leasing and maintaining the gardens.

The gardens are used for a number of events, such as Chingford Hatch Day, which provide an excellent opportunity for outreach to our local community.

During the summer of 2018 the gardens were used by Janet and Mark Thompson to celebrate the marriage of their daughter, Gemma, to Gareth.

If you are interested in helping in the gardens or have ideas of making further use of the gardens, we would love to hear from you. Please speak to Andy, Anthony or Val.

Heating and Insulation

Last year we stated that “there were plans to insulate the main church hall roof when it is re-felted. This has not yet been done as more immediate problems had to

be addressed. There were a number of leaks with the lower flat roof on the Church Centre. This lower roof has now been repaired. The main Church Centre roof, and insulation, will be looked at in due course.

Ink Cartridge Recycling

We regret that we are no longer able to recycle Ink Cartridges, however, some manufacturers have recycling schemes. We encourage everyone to make use of these schemes if possible.

Andy Crawford and Anthony Sullivan

March 2019

Communications

July 2018 saw the final printed edition of the Hatch Herald. Huge thanks go to Janice Gariazzo and all her predecessors as editor, and to the many contributors to the magazine over the years.

The redevelopment of the church website remains a work in progress, but the plan is that in due course this will become the main vehicle for magazine style communications (with hard copy versions to be produced for those who do not have online access).

Huge thanks too to our Communications Officer Cathy Pryor for all her work through the year to promote St Anne's services and events.

The Churchwardens March 2019

Minimarkets report

Eight minimarkets were held during 2018, one for Crisis, one for Christian Aid to contribute to Christian Aid Week (covered in the Annual Report), one for Haven House (a second was cancelled because of icy weather) two for the Mildmay Mission, and three for the Margaret Centre. As Chingford Hatch Day took the place of the July Minimarket, a contribution was also made to Haven House from the Chingford Hatch Day proceeds and donations on the day. The sums raised were:

	£
Crisis:	231
Haven House	576
Mildmay Mission	404
Margaret Centre	671
Total	1882

Thank you to all who helped with and supported the minimarkets through the year.

The Minimarkets team

March 2019

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.

Pre School's home is the Clubroom for five days a week in term time with six hour sessions from Monday to Thursday including lunch club on each day. On Fridays they give way to the Toddlers at 12 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 12th Brownies and Rainbows 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 a Keep Fit Class meets in the afternoon with the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts taking over for the evening. A Pilates session is held in the Clubroom in the evening.

In the afternoon on Thursday sees Alcoholics Anonymous then 2nd Rainbows meeting in the Clubroom, followed by Pilates. The Main Hall is quiet until the 2nd Brownies meet in the evening.

The Toddler Group meet in the Clubroom then the Main Hall on a Friday afternoon while Badminton use the Main Hall in the evening.

There is a Tai Chi session on a Saturday morning followed by a Drama Group meeting for two hours at lunchtime in the clubroom. A Karate group meet from 5pm in the Main Hall on a Saturday afternoon.

On the 1st Saturday morning once a month there is a Mini Market and the 2nd Saturday bi-monthly sees the Larkwood Ward Councillors holding their 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 during the 10am Eucharist. There are refreshments in the Main Hall after Eucharist with a Simple Lunch on the 4th Sunday. In the afternoon there could be another children's party.

As well as leading activities in the Centre myself 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 next door.

Beryl Stratton

March 2019

Deanery Synod Report

The Waltham Forest Deanery Synod met three times in 2018-19:

in June , at St Andrew's Church, Leytonstone

in October, for a half day Away Day at St Saviour's School, Walthamstow

In February 2019, at St John the Evangelist, Walthamstow.

Unfortunately, clashes with events at St Anne's, along with the continuing vacancy for one St Anne's representative to synod, meant that we were represented at only the first of these meetings.

The main focus of the June meeting was an interesting presentation from St Luke's, Walthamstow on their pioneer ministry in the marketplace, Walthamstow. This

includes coffee shop bible study sessions and a refreshment tent. The team shared their aims and approach, along with the vision and values that guide them.

The October half day meeting included two main sessions:

Buildings for Mission: a discussion of how to make the most of or churches, halls and land

Deanery Planning: in which groups discussed aims and issues for parishes and the deanery for the next 5 years, to help shape future planning for the Waltham Forest deanery.

The main topic of the February meeting was the breadth of traditions represented in the Church of England. There was also a short update on deanery planning.

Julie Adesina

Heather Gwynn

Mick Scotchmer

March 2019