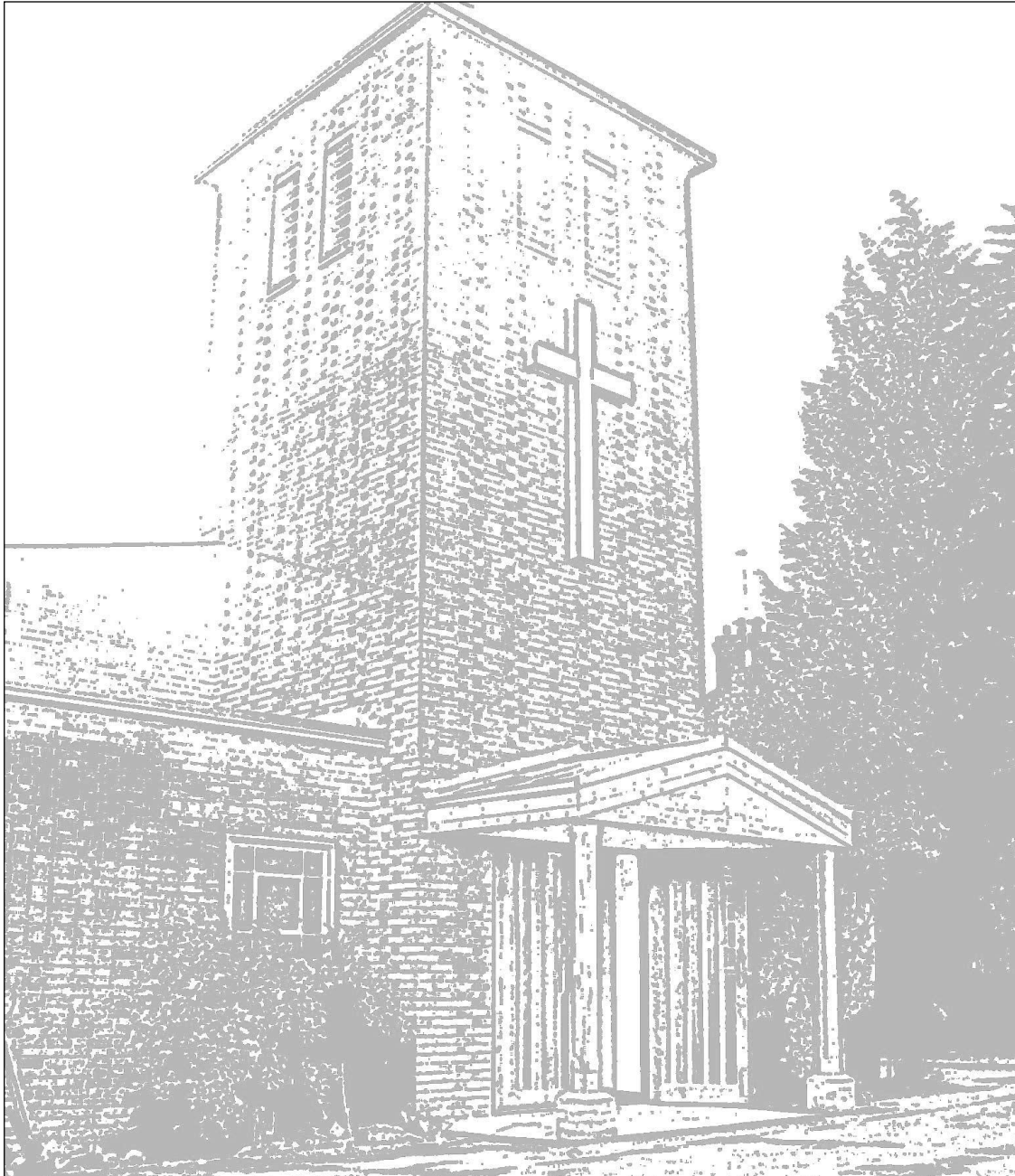


## **Parish of St. Anne, Chingford**



**Additional Reports for the APCM**

**12<sup>th</sup> May 2021**



## Report of the Electoral Roll Officer

Last year there were 63 people on the electoral roll, 40 resident and 23 non-resident.

During the year Joyce Sullivan has deceased. Colin Humphreys and Janni Plato-Howley being non-resident and not having habitually worshipped at St Anne's in the last months have been removed from the roll. Lisa Markham and Robert Edward Markham have joined the roll.

There are now 62 people on the electoral roll, 41 resident and 21 non-resident.

*Steve White, Electoral Roll Officer*

*April 2021*

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

Our 2020 report set out the findings and recommendations from the Quinquennial Review of our church building carried out in May 2019, and the first steps taken to act on its findings.

**General Condition of the church building** The report stated:

“ The church is showing its age but has been looked after by the congregation over the years. It is generally in good condition without major defect. Owing to the nature of the roof coverings, the church should plan for renewal of mineral felts over the next 2 decades. There is however opportunity to plan this and treat each roof separately, as it reaches the end of its serviceable life.

“ The crack at the north porch has been checked by a structural engineer but should continue to be monitored.”

**Recommendations for action** and progress to date:

The pace and order of action on the recommendations has been affected by the successive lockdowns during 2020 and the reordering of the church. However we can report the following progress

### 1. **Urgent works requiring immediate attention**

- Arrange an electrical inspection - *scheduled for Spring 2021*
- Repair detached downpipe on the south aisle wall - *done*
- formalise fire plan unless this has already been done *scheduled for 2021*

- change any older light bulbs for low energy fittings – *complete in vestries, toilets and hallway. Scheduled for cancel in 2021*

## 2. Works recommended to be carried out during the next 18 months

- Repaint cast iron downpipes that discharge on to the south aisle roof - *done*
- Repaint cast iron downpipes on the south side of the chancel - *done*
- Revarnish the plywood fascia to the west porch – *done, but we have concluded the fascia needs to be re-stained*
- Repair the corner of the brick pier on the south side of the porch
- Rake out and replace all defective putties in the windows - *done*
- Rub down and redecorate all windows - *done*
- Repair broken cill of south clerestory window - *done*
- Consult the fire service after a fire plan has been drafted
- Remove plants growing in tarmacked areas – *done as part of regular maintenance*
- Repair eroded steps to the north porch
- Repair broken bollards at the south side of the west carpark

## 3. Works recommended to be carried out during the quinquennial period

- Paint the vent grille on the tower east face
- Replace missing cords to clerestory windows to enable them to be opened
- Repair the parquet floor in the choir vestry, north aisle and renew the cork movement joint at the threshold
- Repair west boundary wall where cracked
- Repair tarmac of west end carpark and on the south side of the nave – *we have concluded in the light of further damage over the winter that the time is right to resurface the carpark and hope to complete this before winter 2021-22*
- Replace missing sections of concrete kerb
- Replace the glazed panel of the noticeboard to the north porch - *done*
- Repair brick planter by north porch

## 4. Works needing consideration beyond the quinquennial period

- Plan for significant roof renewals

*We need to consider further a number of the minor repair items listed above, as in some cases it will not be easy to do these without causing other damage or to achieve an attractive result*

### **Maintenance items and items to monitor**

The architect's report also includes a checklist of items for regular maintenance, and of items to monitor to check for any emerging problems. The Plant Committee has

prepared a comprehensive checklist to help keep track of progress on these as well as the specific timed recommendations. The maintenance items, notably keeping gutters, drains and roofs clear, are already being tackled. We have taken a set of photos of the crack in the north porch, to assist with future monitoring.

We are fortunate to have a church that is in good repair and has been so well looked after through the years. We are especially grateful to Anthony Sullivan, Steve White and Andy Crawford, for all they continue to do throughout the year to help keep the Church and its surroundings in good order.

*Churchwardens*  
*April 2021*

### **Deanery Synod Report – 2020/21**

The Waltham Forest Deanery Synod brings together clergy and lay representatives from every Anglican Church in the borough, to work and worship together on issues of common interest, to take forward issues communicated from the Diocese and to offer input to the Diocese.

The Synod meets several times a year and scheduled meetings for 2020 were as follows:

**March:** *A consultation evening on releasing the potential of the full body of Christ: How do we resource, equip and enable the full potential of lay ministry in our churches?*

**June:** *Mission & Ministry among senior members of our communities.*

**November:** *The Environment, Climate Change & Eco Church*

It will come as no surprise that, as with many other aspects of our lives, Synod meetings were disrupted significantly by Covid-19 in 2020. The only meeting that went ahead was the one scheduled for November, which was held on Zoom. There was a presentation from James Gilder, who is known to most of us because he is a Curate at St. Edmunds – one of the churches in our MMU. James is also the Diocesan Environmental Officer.

The overarching message from the presentation was that the General Synod and the Diocesan Synod want all C of E Church buildings, including Church schools, to be carbon neutral by 2030.

David Britton, our Area Dean, wants all churches in the Deanery to become “Eco Churches”. St. John’s Leytonstone, where he is also Vicar, has achieved Bronze Level. It also has a Committee responsible for driving its Eco Church initiative.

Mick Scotchmer reported St. Anne’s Bronze achievement to the meeting and advised that we are aiming to achieve Silver by our Harvest Festival in 2021. There were a number of useful points raised by the presentation, which we at St. Anne’s can use to help achieve this goal if and when Covid-19 restrictions continue to ease.

Deanery Synod meetings for 2021 have been scheduled for the same months as 2020. The first meeting, also held on Zoom, was on a subject which has been much in the news of late:

**March:** *Racism and the Church. An evening looking at how we as churches can address issues of racism in the church and society.*

Unfortunately, the meeting clashed with our MMU Lent Group, which all St. Anne's Deanery Synod representatives were attending.

In June 2021, the scheduled subject is the same as that for the cancelled March 2020 meeting and the topic for November 2021 has yet to be decided.

*Julie Adesina*

*Lindsey Archer*

*Rev Mick Scotchmer*

*St. Anne's Deanery Synod members*

*April 2021*

## **AGM Environmental Report – 2020**

### **Waste Collection**

We continue to use as many recycling bins as possible. The green and brown "Wheelie" bins are the same as the usual Waltham Forest 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 2020 these panels have generated almost kWh 3,000 thereby reducing our carbon footprint by a substantial amount. In addition to this they have contributed £1,683 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. The cost of these panels has now been recouped so all future energy and income generated can be deemed a "free" contribution to St Anne's.

### **Textile Recycling**

In 2020 we collected over 2 tons of textiles. This was slightly less than last year. New, and some nearly-new, items are retained for sale at St Anne's events during the year. 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 £815 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 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.

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.

*Andy Crawford*

*Anthony Sullivan*

*April 2021*