



St Mary's Church

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St Mary's Church, Ealing

Sunday 22 April 2018 at 10.30am at St Mary's, Ealing
Annual Meetings
Agenda and Order of Service
Chair Revd. Steve Paynter

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

1. Worship
 2. Minutes of Meeting 24 April 2017
 3. Matters arising from the minutes 24 April 2017
 4. Election of Churchwardens
(The Chairman reads out the names of those people willing to stand as church wardens and the names of those nominating them)
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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Electoral Roll Jean Barclay
2. Matters to be raised under 'Any Other Business'
3. Minutes of 24 April 2017
4. Matters arising from Minutes 24 April 2017
5. Annual Report and Financial Statements 2017 Ruth Morris
6. Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2018 Ruth Morris
7. Election of Parochial Church Council Steve Paynter
8. Appointment of Sidespersons Wayne Leighton / Brian Everett
9. Worship
10. Annual Fabric Report Brian Everett
11. Deanery Synod Report Grant White
12. Safeguarding Report Tanya Richards / Marijana Cranmer
13. Any Other Business
14. Worship
15. Vicar's Report Steve Paynter
16. Worship

*Wei Hei Kipling / PCC Secretary
20 March 2018*

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, EALING

**Minutes of Annual Meetings
held on Monday 24 April 2017 in the Church**

Revd. Steve Paynter in the Chair

Note [Wording in square brackets] provides clarification or refers to matters taking place after the meeting but clarifying that item.

The Chairman the Revd Steve Paynter welcomed everyone and the meeting opened in prayer.

**Minutes of Annual Meeting of Parishioners
held at 8.05pm on 24 April 2017 in the Church**

- 1. Minutes of Annual Meeting of Parishioners of 18 April 2016**
Minutes of 18 April 2016 approved *nem con* and signed as an accurate account.
- 2. Matters arising from Minutes of Annual Meeting of Parishioners of 18 April 2016**
None
- 3. Election of Churchwardens**
 - 3.a. Candidates**
 - 3.1. Brian Everett – nominated by Jean Barclay; seconded by Tim Cheung
 - 3.2. Wayne Leighton – nominated by Jan Saunders; seconded by Ray Read
 - 3.b. Election**
 - 3.3. There being no other candidates, Brian Everett and Wayne Leighton were duly elected churchwardens for the coming year.
 - 3.4. Thanks were expressed to Tim Cheung who has come to the end of his third stint as warden for his quiet, loving faithful service on the Fabric Committee and also at Sunday morning services. TC, in turn, thanked God, SP for his leadership and the congregation for their support; the last few years have gone by quickly and have been very fulfilling.
 - 3.5. Thanks were also expressed to Brian Everett who has served as warden in the past and to Wayne Leighton for his contributions and for being willing to stand again. St Mary's is grateful for the prayerful, hardworking people who stand as wardens. It can be a demanding role but can also be rewarding, particularly if the congregation co-operate.

The meeting closed at 8.12pm

Signature.....

Dated

*Wei Hei Kipling / PCC Secretary
9 March 2018*

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**Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting
held at 8.15pm on 24 April 2017 in the Church**

1. Electoral Roll (Jean Barclay)

- 1.1. There have not been many changes this year. There are still more people who attend St Mary's on a Sunday who are not yet on the electoral roll.
- 1.2. During the year, 5 people have come off the roll, 7 have come on. The roll therefore stands at 233, with a more even split of people living in or out of the parish – 111 in the parish of St Mary's and 122 not in the parish of St Mary's.
- 1.3. JB was thanked for all her work on the electoral roll.

Proposed from the Chair; carried *nem con*

The APCM accepts the 2017 Report on the Electoral Roll.

2. Matters to be raised under Any Other Business

None

3. Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting of 18 April 2016

Minutes of 18 April 2016 approved *nem con* and signed as an accurate account.

4. Matters arising from Minutes of APCM of 18 April 2016

None

5. Annual Report and Financial Statements 2016 (Ruth Morris)

Document circulated before meeting: Annual Report and Financial Statements 2016

- 5.1. The Financial Statements [starting towards the middle of the document headed Annual Report and Financial Statements 2016] have been examined and approved by the Independent Examiner Martyn Verity.
- 5.2. A summary of the numbers is given on page 1 of the Financial Statements. The income for 2016 was about £220k with an expenditure of about £205k given a net income of £17,871.
- 5.3. Income has gone down compared with 2015 due to a reduction in stewardship income with people moving away from the parish and also due to the lack of rental income from 16 Gerrards Court as it is being used for accommodation for the ordinand-in-training. There was a stewardship campaign in late 2016 which did raise some income.
- 5.4. Money needs to be used wisely so that we honour God. St Mary's manages its resources well and thanks were expressed to Ruth Morris for all her work.
- 5.5. **Proposed Ruth Morris; seconded Wayne Leighton; carried *nem con***
The APCM accepts the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2016.

6. Appointment of Independent Examiner (Ruth Morris)

- 6.1. Martyn Verity has recently advised that he wishes to step down from his role as Independent Examiner for St Mary's to concentrate on other responsibilities. There has not been time to identify a suitable replacement.

Proposed from the Chair; carried *nem con*

The APCM delegates to the PCC responsibility for appointment of the Independent Examiner for 2017.

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7. Election of lay representatives to the Deanery Synod (Steve Paynter)

7.a. Candidates

- 7.1. Adrienne Gough – nominated by Hannah Kennedy, seconded by Jennie Paynter (no form)
- 7.2. Jean Place – nominated by Pat Ealey, seconded by Ros Brown
- 7.3. Grant White – nominated by Wei Hei Kipling, seconded by Ian Goldsmid

7.b. Vacancies and Elections

- 7.4. Deanery Synod representatives due to step down this APCM are Chris Goldsmid, Wei Hei Kipling, Jean Place and Grant White. Thanks were expressed for their contributions.
- 7.5. The Diocese of London has advised that three places will be allocated to lay representatives of St Mary's parish on the deanery synod of Ealing for the term 2017 to 2018 [this is a change from the four of previous recent terms of deanery synod.] There being three candidates for three vacancies, no voting was required.
- 7.6. Adrienne Gough, Jean Place and Grant White are therefore elected as lay representatives from the parish of St Mary's to the Ealing Deanery Synod for a three year term ending in 2020 and are also *ex officio* members of the PCC.

8. Election of Parochial Church Council (Steve Paynter)

8.a. Candidates

- 8.1. Tim Cheung – nominated by Brian Everett seconded by Chris Goldsmid (no form)
- 8.2. Chris Goldsmid – nominated by Tim Cheung, seconded by Georgina Morton (no form)
- 8.3. Wei Hei Kipling – nominated by Sarah Gardiner, seconded by Chris Goldsmid
- 8.4. Ray Read – nominated by Angela Barnfather, seconded by Brian Everett

8.b. Vacancies and Elections

- 8.5. [There are 12 elected members of the PCC of whom four stand down each year to create four vacancies each year with a term of three years.]
- 8.6. PCC members due to step down this APCM after completion of their three year terms are Will Cranmer, Keely Juster, Ray Read and Peter Wilkinson. Thanks were expressed for their contributions.
- 8.7. There being four candidates for four vacancies, no voting was required.
- 8.8. Tim Cheung, Chris Goldsmid, Wei Hei Kipling and Ray Read are therefore elected to the PCC for a three year term ending in 2020.

9. Appointment of Sidespersons (Wayne Leighton)

Document circulated before the meeting: Appointment of Sidespersons 2017-18

- 9.1. In addition to the people listed in the document, the following are to be added to the list: Steve Merrill; and for the evening service, Angela Barnfather, Janeth Kempston, Jan Saunders and Paul Smith.
- 9.2. **Proposed from the Chair; carried *nem con***
The APCM appoints the following as sidespersons for the coming year:
(Also acting as deputy wardens): Tim Cheung; Beverley Everett; Roger Foster-Smith;
Richard Halberstadt; Zanda Russell;
Mary-Jean Bartlett; Angela Barnfather; Justine and Chris Bird (The Bird family); Pat Ealey; Kate Edmondson; Peter Hilton and Rose Wray-Brown (The Hilton family); Steve

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Jones; Janeth Kempston; Linda McDonald; Linda MacKenzie; Sheila MacLeod; Stephen Merrill, Hazel Neaverson; Vera Nobbs; Jan Saunders; Jo (and Lucy) Samols; Paul Smith

10. Fabric Report (Tim Cheung)

Document circulated before meeting: Annual Fabric Report 2016-17

10.a. Bells

10.1. An explanation was requested for the statement in the Report regarding the church bells that “an overhaul project would be economically unviable”. In response:

- a. The likely cost of the project is more than £30k.
- b. The frame supporting the weight of the bells is damaged and needs repair
- c. The bell tower is itself damaged with cracks which moved when the bells were previously rung.

10.2. One alternative would be to leave the bells *in situ* and to install an electronic ringing mechanism which would strike the bells so that they sound but are not swung. If the bells do not need to be swung, that reduces the amount of practice required and also removes the risk of damage to the tower from this cause.

10.3. The cracks in the tower have been stabilised and so the tower itself is in good order.

10.4. The sound of the bells do let the surrounding community know that the church is present. It was agreed to investigate this subject a little more.

10.5. A parishioner who doesn't attend St Mary's would like to donate so that the bells can be heard again. An offer to help with fundraising was also made at the meeting.

10.b. Sound and computing (Chris Kennedy)

10.6. University of West London (UWL) has provided assistance with the new sound system. This can be altered more easily than the previous system as the settings can easily be returned to predefined levels. Sound operators do need to learn how to use the new system.

10.7. The computer software used by the church office has been updated to include the software “churchapp” – a database which can be used to plan rotas and communicate with people and so run the church more efficiently.

10.8. Fabric Committee and Church Office (TC)

10.9. The current Fabric Committee of Tim Cheung, Brian Everett, Steve Paynter and Chris Pye have been working through small issues.

10.10. Thanks were expressed to Jean Barclay and Catherine Hellings for their varied work keeping everything together, particularly in the hiring of St Mary's including the Polygon which has necessitated working all sorts of odd hours and dealing with different people. In addition to providing an income, the hire of the church complex provides facilities to the local community.

10.11. **Proposed Tim Cheung; seconded Brian Everett; carried *nem con*
The APCM receives the Annual Fabric Report 2016-17.**

11. Deanery Synod Report (Grant White)

Document circulated before meeting: Deanery Synod Report

11.1. The meeting was reminded that Deanery Synod meetings are open to everyone though only members of the Deanery Synod are allowed to vote. The meetings have covered interesting topics and thanks were expressed to the Area Deans, Chris Ramsey and Steve Newbold.

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11.2. **Proposed from the Chair; carried *nem con***
The APCM receives the Deanery Synod Report.

12. Vicar's Report (Steve Paynter)

Document circulated before meeting: Vicar's Report

12.1. The written Vicar's Report sets out SP's thanks to many people who have contributed to the life of St Mary's in the past year. SP mentioned in particular our ordinands-in-training and curate.

- Chris Kennedy is coming to the end of his three years of training part-time at St Mellitus College and part-time here at St Mary's and St Mellitus has already asked if St Mary's would be interested in taking another ordinand.
- Alex Volossevich is two years through his course at St Mellitus training to be a self-supporting minister and has had to manage the demands of work as well as family life and part-time study.
- Wai Meng Chow is our curate serving at St Mary's as a self-supporting minister with his wise and thoughtful preaching

12.2. Thanks were also expressed to them, to Angela Barnfather and to the staff team who made possible a sabbatical for SP and Jennie Paynter at the beginning of 2017. It was a deeply refreshing time, an opportunity for personal refreshment, giving SP new energy and perspective.

- A fantastic evangelistic conference with J John
- A silent retreat in a Benedictine Abbey
- Lots of time for reading, thinking and travelling
- Visiting other churches

12.3. SP reported and expounded a strapline he had discovered at a church while on sabbatical:

- Love God
- Serve People
- Make Disciples

12.4. The meeting thanked Steve and Jennie Paynter for their service and hospitality. He replied that the greatest privilege of an ordained minister is to see God's work in His people.

13. Any Other Business

None

14. Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer at 9.35pm.

Signature.....

Dated

Wei Hei Kipling / PCC Secretary
14 March 2018

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ELECTORAL ROLL 2018

The revision of the electoral roll for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 22 April 2018 will be completed on 8 April 2018 and so there will not be time for a written report to be prepared and circulated. An oral report will be given at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Jean Barclay

Electoral Roll Officer

March 2018

APPOINTMENT OF SIDESPERSONS 2018-19

The APCM is recommended to appoint the following persons to serve as sidespersons for the following year:

(Also acting as deputy wardens): Tim Cheung; Beverley Everett; Roger Foster-Smith; Richard Halberstadt; Zanda Russell;

Mary-Jean Bartlett; Angela Barnfather; Justine and Chris Bird (The Bird family); Pat Ealey; Kate Edmondson; Peter Hilton and Rose Wray-Brown (The Hilton family); Steve Jones; Janeth Kempston; Linda McDonald; Linda MacKenzie; Sheila MacLeod; Stephen Merrill, Hazel Neaverson; Vera Nobbs; Louise (and Sennen) Powell; Jan Saunders; Jo (and Lucy) Samols; Paul Smith

Brian Everett / Wayne Leighton

Churchwardens

March 2018

FABRIC REPORT 2017

The Church and Polygon

The planned, regular and routine servicing and maintenance of boilers, central heating, security and emergency systems and so on continued through the year. Our thanks go to the Church office for keeping tabs on when this work is due and, then organising it.

The Fabric Committee – Steve Paynter, Tim Cheung, Chris Pye and myself have met regularly throughout the year to check on our buildings, to plan, to organise and in some cases carry out necessary works. They deserve our thanks for their hard work and commitment to our buildings.

Other minor repairs and maintenance, including to the low level roofs of the Church were undertaken throughout the year.

We were pleased to be able to complete the re-grouting of the stone floor in the church and to re-fix some loose edging stones on the platforms. The new grouting will gradually tone down to match the original. We were also able to replace the unsightly hazard tape barriers, protecting the organ speakers sited at the ends of the galleries, with purpose designed barriers. These fit in with the architecture of the church and provide robust protection for the speakers.

Works commissioned during 2017 but completed early in 2018 include – The erection of two new notice boards, one by the bus stop in South Ealing Road and the other by the footpath next to the vicarage. The necessary Faculty was obtained for these. We were also able to take out a an old and rotting blocked-up door situated in the wall by the disabled WC then brick up and render the opening.

Recognising that we were not doing much to provide information to visitors about our faith and our activities a display area has been created in the entrance lobby with a range of free leaflets and photos. We are pleased at how many of the leaflets have been taken and are looking at the possibility of a purpose built display stand.

A small group are, with the agreement of the PCC, investigating the condition of the bells and tower and will in due course report back to the PCC on the feasibility of and costs involved in bringing the bells back o use.

Polygon refurbishment

The Fabric Committee and the PCC spent time during the year carefully and prayerfully considering the recommendations of the feasibility study commissioned in 2016. At its meeting in November the PCC agreed the following resolutions

- 1. The PCC agrees the works outlined in the feasibility study prepared by Geoff Beardsley and Partners dated February 2017 excluding storage area 2, new skylights and sun pipes, and agrees that, if at all possible, the works should be undertaken as a single phase commencing no later than July 2019.**
- 2. The PCC agrees to the use of a single construction practice to prepare detailed designs and specifications, to provide cost advice, to manage the tender process and to project manage construction with fee proposals to be reported to the PCC for their decision on who should be appointed to commence detailed design work in 2018.**

3. The PCC agrees to set up a Fund Raising Group with a fund raising campaign to commence in 2018

4. The PCC authorises the Churchwardens to discuss the proposals with the Archdeacon preparatory to preparing and submitting a Faculty application

I will provide further information on this at the APCM. There is also a display on the Polygon notice boards.

The church homes – Airedale Road and Gerrards Court

Both properties are let commercially, through managing agents and generate useful income.

As reported last year the Airedale Road house has suffered subsidence caused by a street tree. Our insurers and the Council have after long investigations and negotiations throughout 2017 agreed the way forward. The Council have lopped the tree in question and contractors instructed by our insurers are shortly to commence the agreed repairs.

Gerrards Court was occupied until June 2017 by Chris and Hannah. After they left some redecoration was recommended by our agents and carried out. Tenants moved in in September on a 12 months contract. They are mature students at the University of West London.

The PCC have agreed to the purchase of a share in the freehold and the extension of the lease (currently about 83 years left to run) at the same time. Solicitors are instructed and this matter will be concluded during 2018.

We thank God for our buildings and for how we can, and do, use them to further our Christian life and, our mission to the wider community.

Brian Everett

Churchwarden

April 2018

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT – APCM APRIL 2018

Quarterly meetings are attended by the Deanery Synod members, for which we visit different Churches around the Deanery. The meetings are chaired by the Area Dean and are now open meetings to all.

Our May meeting was at St. Stephen's Church Ealing, and was the Archdeacon's Visitation service, during which many of the Churchwardens and new PCC officers in the Deanery were commissioned by the Archdeacon for their terms of office. The meeting also included a celebration and revisiting of Capital Vision, the London Diocese's collective vision in which the Church plans to be more purposeful and imaginative over the next few years.

<https://www.london.anglican.org/mission/capital-vision-2020/>

July took the Synod to the Church of the Ascension, Hanger Hill, for items of Deanery Business such as presentation of accounts and election of Synod officers. We also listened to ten Mission Fund applications from different churches, covering new projects, all regarding outreach to the

community, for which they would appreciate a small contribution of up to £2,00 from the Mission Fund. Applications are made annually at the July meeting, and if you feel you would like some financial help with a new outreach project, have a look at the criteria and put together an application on behalf of St. Mary's. <https://ealingdeanery.org/mission-fund/>

The Synod met in October at William Perkin School, and some of us who arrived early were given a guided tour of the impressive new facilities. We elected several new Deanery School Governors to four Church of England Schools in and around Ealing, and were introduced to four new clergy in the Deanery. Elizabeth Fewkes explained the Church Urban Fund's 'Near Neighbours' project is about social interaction, bringing different ethnicity and faith groups together. Support, advice and financial grants are available where two or more faith groups come together, building trust. <https://www.cuf.org.uk/>

Dame Alice Hudson, Executive Head Teacher at William Perkin School explained the school's approach to bringing Christianity, Christian teaching and ethics to the school's day to day activities, in a school with a wide range of different faith children where "there was no watering-down of Christianity at William Perkin & not one child had opted out of the Christian-based assembly, where Bible stories are used to relate to life." This seems a tremendous ministry to children brought up in, and actively engaged in other faiths. Dame Alice also outlined the next new school in the borough, to be named "Ada Lovelace CofE High School". This will be built on the site of the old Barclays Sports club in Park View Road, and even though the construction of the school is yet to receive planning permission, 375 students have been accepted (in January 2018) to start in September 2018! They will attend Ada Lovelace CofE High School at William Perkin School in Greenford for two years, while construction at the new site progresses.

Our final meeting was in February at St. Mary's Church, Acton, during which the main presentation was by Revd. Steve Morris, Vicar at St. Cuthbert, North Acton. His venture is called Memory Café and is a weekly meet intended for those with dementia and their carers and other lonely people.

Grant White

Your other Deanery Representatives have been Jean Place and Adrienne Gough.

The next meetings are the Archdeacon's Visitation on 14th May 2018 at Holy Cross, Greenford, and 5th July 2018 Mission Fund awards at St. Paul, Ealing. Please ask for further details if you would like to attend.



Safeguarding Report for APCM April 2018

St Mary's has complied with our duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). In accordance with the recommendation of the Diocese of London, the PCC has adopted the PCC Safeguarding Policy Statement with Marijana Cranmer as Children's Champion and Tanya Richards as Church Safeguarding Officer. Catherine Hellings is currently responsible for processing Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, we have several evidence checkers within St Marys. By complying with best practice, the risks of unsuitable people being involved with children are minimised. The hiring agreement for organisations using our buildings includes a requirement for those organisations that work with children to produce their own Child Protection Policy prior to the booking being accepted.

We are required to ensure anyone working with children, vulnerable adults and Church Leaders have a current DBS check. We currently have 48 people who have been processed and are fully checked. In the last 12 months 8 people have been checked with another 15 currently being processed. We also have an online training link that we encourage everyone to complete. Safeguarding of vulnerable children and adults is everyone's responsibility and concerns should be reported to Tanya Richards, Marijana Cranmer or a Church Leader.

We currently seeking someone to cover Catherine Hellings' maternity leave to process DBS checks, please don't hesitate to speak to myself, Marijana Cranmer or Steve if you would like more information.

Tanya Richards

March 2018

Worship Leading and Preaching and Adult Learning Group

Members – Steve Paynter, Wai Meng Chow, Alex Volossevich, Angela Barnfather

It has been a joy to welcome Alex to the planning group. As well as planning Sunday services and adult learning events, we have spent time discussing parts of the MAP, "transformed by Christ" and "inspired to worship", especially in light of the updated NCD survey that Alex carried out during the year.

This year we have had sermon series on the Resurrection, Evangelism, Abraham, Romans, our Advent hope, Christian truths [for our Baptism services], and the Cross of Christ. We have had visiting speakers from A Rocha [Kailean Khongsai], CAP [John Price] and Anne Clifford [who spoke from her book on learning to die well]. We also enjoyed a thought provoking service by Johnny Baker based on the Photographic exhibition [run in conjunction with BEAT, Borough of Ealing Art Trail].

We are now using the new Christian Initiation liturgy for our baptism services and we believe it gives a clear and positive welcome to those bringing children for baptism.

We are very pleased to welcome Magdalene Lagu as our Music Co-ordinator. Magdalene has a passion and enthusiasm for music as a vehicle for worship. She would love to hear from anyone [all ages and abilities] who has a similar passion and can help in leading on Sunday mornings. We thank God for all those who make music for us on Sunday mornings and evenings.

“When we come together to offer worship, to break open the word and break bread, we are caught up by the Spirit of God to stand on holy ground and at heaven’s gate”. [Richard Giles].

Angela Barnfather

March 2018

GRACE

Grace is a congregation of St Mary’s. It’s hard to believe but it is in its 25th year. It’s run by volunteers and because we like to put creative effort into each Grace service we meet once a month on the second Saturday at St Mary’s at 8pm followed by a café.

This last year has been encouraging in that a few new members have joined which is always good.

One of the simple realisations we had was that those who were part of Grace but had moved elsewhere still felt a strong connection to the community. So we invited them to send in what they were up to and we prayed for them. This in turn has led to a WhatsApp group which connects those near and far via a phone app and has surprised us all with how helpful that has proved to be.

A few highlights of the year:

* An away day at Mount St Jesuit Centre in London – if you are interested in Ignatian spirituality they have an open day on the second Saturday of each month which anyone can join. We’re heading back again in May.

* Tag – we made the most of the photography exhibition that was part of BEAT and hanging when we had a Grace so we used the images as the basis for a service. A couple of members of Grace are part of the group exhibiting and Jonny preached using the photos for St Mary’s you may remember. There will be another exhibition this next September.

* Lent – it’s always a season when we focus on what it means to follow Jesus in today’s world with a series of meals and discussions.

* Good – we have listened to what people are doing in their lives through work, family, charity, volunteering and found there is so much good stuff people are involved in that we’ve felt thankful. We have also realised how easy it is to miss what people are doing in life when we meet as church so this has been a reminder that Grace in part exists to encourage and support people in their callings in life, not just to get them to contribute in church.

The current members of the Facilitation Group are Gill Wilcox, Jonny Baker and Mike Rose.

See the web site – www.freshworship.org and of course anyone is always welcome to join us

Jonny Baker, Mike Rose and Gill Wilcox

March 2018

Cosmos Co-ordinator's Report

The needs of the children and youths that attend St Mary's are served as outlined below.

Children's Church

Age appropriate spaces, facilities and carers are provided for Children and Youths at St Mary's during the 10.30am Sunday Morning service.

For under 2 year olds there is a crèche area staffed by a volunteer most weeks who ensures that the children are playing safely. Parents of very young children are encouraged to stay, play, talk and, if desired, listen to the church service which can be heard through speakers in this soundproofed area.

Older children are welcome and encouraged to attend one of our five Cosmos [Children of St Mary's on Sundays] groups structured as outlined below:

Bubbles (preschool and nursery children) – lead by Jan Saunders

Scramblers (nursery and reception age) – lead by Debbie Merrill

Climbers (Year 1, 2 and 3 age) – lead by Marijana Cranmer

Explorers (Year 4, 5 and 6) – lead by Angela Hailstone

Pathfinders (Year 7+) – lead by William Cranmer

Each one of these groups is led by a DBS checked individual, most of our group helpers are also DBS checked and those who are not are in the process of being DBS checked. Cosmos aims to provide a warm, nurturing, fun and sociable environment that encourages faith building, mission and worship at the appropriate level to each group.

The children are encouraged to participate in the main church worship regularly and especially during whole church communion services. They often participate in the worship music, they partake in readings and significant services such as the Christingle, nativity and carol services.

The children are encouraged to use their gifts to help others and to glorify God and frequently do so within our church environment such as by providing offerings of food for our local Food Bank during our Harvest Festival, by making props for our Mencap services and thinking of ways to perform acts to help others during key church seasons such as Christmas and Lent. The Cosmos fundraising further encourages this (see the Children's Fundraising section of this Cosmos report).

In October 2017 St Mary's, in partnership with St Paul's Church located in the Northfields area of Ealing, provided an alternative to Halloween event on the evening of 31 October 2017. The event involved a pumpkin scavenger hunt in which children followed a treasure map to find specially selected homes in the local area at which they could collect prizes. It was a busy and popular event which provided fun for a wide range of children in our community both church members and not; it provided a great opportunity to outreach into the local area in a fun way.

During the school summer holiday period a 'Holiday Club' is run each Sunday where other members of our church family who are not current leaders or helpers, are encouraged to lead more relaxed sessions with the children. Children of school age are welcome to attend.

There is always a need for more helpers and Leaders for our Cosmos groups and we would welcome anyone who can commit their time, no matter how infrequently, to our volunteer pool for Cosmos.

Youth Groups

In addition to the Sunday morning group, the Pathfinders children play football most Friday afternoons. Although the children organise this session themselves now the Cosmos fund pays for the pitch. Special mention has to be given to Will to Win at Lammas Park who provide the pitch to us for half the price.

The Pathfinders also have the opportunity to attend a Friday evening youth club night based in the church every second Friday of the month. This club is short on volunteers to run it adequately at present, two DBS checked individuals are required to run each session. Games are played, experiences shared, bonds are formed and sometimes movies are watched with pizza. If this is to continue in its current form more volunteers are going to be required. Last year three key adult helpers left the rota and as yet only one person has come forward to join the team.

Children's Fundraising

Over the 2016/2017 academic year the Cosmos groups raised money for the Save the Children Child Refugee Crisis Appeal, to help aid displaced children, mothers and pregnant women globally, a fantastic £647.50 was raised in total.

This year the children's groups are raising money for Open Doors charity and specifically for their Rebuilding Hope project which helps families in Syria and Iraq to rebuild destroyed communities and homes. To date the groups have raised money by holding cake sales, a Christmas crafts sale in which they sold cards and crafts they had made and by holding a January recycling event in which they offered some of their unwanted toys/ books/ gifts to others members of the congregation. Outside of church the children have been filling their collection boxes by asking for donations from friends and relatives and by earning money through various means.

Our children are encouraged to go out into the community and fundraise using their gifts to the benefit of others, for example partaking in the buskathon and carol concert in aid of the Ealing Soup Kitchen which take place annually in the local shopping centre.

It is a privilege to work with all the members of the Cosmos team who continue to bring fun, inspiration and love to each session throughout the year. The numbers across the groups continue to be strong, although there has been a noticeable dip in attendance to Pathfinders aged children. I consider this to be as a result of the departure of Chris Kennedy in the summer to take up his new post; Chris did a lot of youth work and had a great impact on our older children and young adults. The Pathfinders team is well staffed but the lack of a dedicated leader and someone with the time and gifts to properly serve that group, it lacks the energy that it should have.

Marijana Cranmer

20 March 2018

Alpha

Following on from the success of Alpha courses in previous years, St Mary's ran another one from September 2017 to January 2018. This was in a different format, using the latest Alpha Film material. What was also different was that the Service Team this time consisted of Alex's All Souls Fellowship Group as well as others from St Mary's. Leaders were: Alex, Steve and Bryony [Steve's tutee from St Mellitus].

The main bulk of the sessions ended before Advent and was attended by up to 25 people in total, with the last three sessions in January having about half that number. The material was first class, engaging and prompted discussion resulting in much 'moving on' in the thinking of those that attended.

It is a very 'easy to use' course which has a good impact on those who engage. Consideration should be given to running it again soon as is the recommendation in the Alpha Support Material.

Alex Volossevich

March 2018

South Ealing Saints (SES)

The SES is a children's football academy, created several years ago by parishioners from St Mary's because most clubs play on Sunday mornings - making regular church attendance difficult.

The academy takes place at Ealing Common on Saturday mornings during school term time. Our overall principles in outreaching to the local community are to be inclusive, supportive and provide an example of Christian values in action.

We currently have 28 children registered with the club ranging from school years 4 to 8, whose composition crosses a broad social, ethnic, religious and ability spectrum. We serve children from churches across Ealing, Southall and Acton.

Although the club does not belong to a league – its usual format is fitness and skills coaching followed by training matches – we regularly enter the London Churches Football Tournament where our teams have consistently won medals at the competition. We also enter teams in other local competitions, where possible, and try to organise friendly matches against other similar aged teams although this is becoming more difficult as most teams use their Saturday sessions as training for regular Sunday matches. Also, numbers within the age ranges sometimes make it difficult for us to commit to requests.

In the last few years we have also benefitted from ex-players (under 16) offering their time as Assistant Coaches which helps with the organisation of the sessions, some of whom use the opportunity to help with their work towards obtain Duke of Edinburgh awards and suchlike.

This year, however, both Nilesh Patel and Paul Spencer, who are a major part of the organisation, will be standing down at the end of the season after giving many years dedicated service well

beyond the period where their own boys have played for the club and have moved on and we will be looking to try and fill these positions in time for next season.

The SES values the support from St Mary's in appealing for coaching support through the church newsletter, processing DBS checks and providing liability insurance and very much appreciates the use of space at All Saints church to allow us to store our equipment close to Ealing Common.

Carl Smith

March 2018

Baby and Toddler Group

Baby and Toddler Group regularly has about twenty-five to thirty adults with accompanying children (many adults come with more than one child) – a good number without being too busy or noisy for an ordinary session and meaning that a less busy session (e.g. just before the school holidays when families without school age children may be away) still has fifteen to twenty adults.

We asked some of the adults what they like about our group:

- Well-priced
- The space “fantastic large space”, “clean lovely space”, “lots of space”
- The activities and toys “fun crafts, lovely variety of art activities each week”, “great range of activities / toys”, “loads to do for kids”, “free play with a variety of toys”
- The lovely atmosphere
- The people “friendly”, “very friendly and helpful volunteers”, “nice and friendly people”
- “Gilbert is a winner”
- Loves “Daddy” Wayne

We have found that parents and carers appreciate the service, that they are not organising the Group but can relax a little. B&T takes over the entire Polygon with a buggy park in the entrance hall; toddler toys in the large lounge; a toy kitchen, books and jigsaws in the small lounge; messy activities (play-dough, painting and a supervised activity, such as bread making) in the area in front of the kitchen; baby toys in one pyramid room; singing in the other; and refreshments being served from the kitchen. Typically there are four specific responsibilities each week: kitchen; supervised activity; doorkeeper; and registration.

Some low-key Christian input is provided. There is a free session at the end of each term which is a short service suitable for the toddlers. In addition, a bible or Christian story is offered after the singing activity each week.

Many thanks must go to the regular team of volunteers: the leaders Jan Saunders, Liz Everett (Jan and Liz design and co-ordinate the supervised activities) and Wei Hei Kipling (who leads the singing with Gilbert Rabbit); Mary-Jean Bartlett; Justine Bird; Adrian and Sandy Grater; and Wayne Leighton (who is often the doorkeeper welcoming both adults and children). We are very grateful to Stuart Neaverson (to September) and James Owen (from September) for setting up and clearing away; and to Jean Barclay for her assistance in so many different ways.

Please thank God for those who do attend and for the commitment shown by the volunteers. Pray for God's vision for this ministry, for His calling of the parents, carers and children to attend B&T and for the number of volunteers to be available.

Jan Saunders

March 2018

Polygonian Friends

Since the start of Polygonian Friends in April 2016, we have had 1,440 people through the door with an attendance each week of 28 to 35 at any one time. There is a mix of all ages. Everyone signs a register as they enter the building in case there is a fire or other incident which would require the building to be evacuated. We charge £2.00 a session which is a very fair price.

As I write this report, may I begin by thanking all the volunteers beginning with a big thank you to Sarah Gardiner and Alison Leeson for the wonderful mix of sandwiches given free of charge and Janeth Kempston for her variety of home-made soups. Also, thank you to my wife Sandra, to Hazel Neaverson, Vera Nobbs, Elaine Standen and Mary-Jean Bartlett for their assistance with the running of the club since its formation. Also, I would like to thank Tesco Osterley, Tesco Ealing Broadway and Sainsbury's South Ealing Road for their donations towards our Christmas lunch attended by 47 people.

Our sessions begin with a light lunch of soup, sandwiches and cake with tea or coffee followed by a choice of going to a concert in the church or a keep-fit session in the Polygon (although this is part of Polygonian Friends, people pay separately for this as it is run by BriteLives).

Polygonian Friends has had a varied programme of events, including a film show, a discussion by Stuart Neaverson regarding his two trips to North Korea and visits by the Metropolitan Police and the London Fire Brigade regarding home safety.

As Polygonian Friends has made a profit, we have been able to make donations to St Mary's towards the cost of gas and electricity, etc. Any further profits will go towards a donation for the refurbishment of the Polygon.

May I in closing this report thank everyone at St Mary's for their continued support – without your help, this club could not grow the way it has. We have had good feedback from all those who use the club and hope it continues to grow in the future.

Wayne Leighton

March 2018

Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen continues to produce delicious hot meals for many hungry mouths on our regular weekends.

We have benefitted hugely from our association with City Harvest, a charity which now delivers directly to us food which would otherwise be disposed of by supermarkets, food processing companies etc. The one snag is that we do not always know in advance what will arrive so that our versatile chefs are kept on their toes inventing recipes on the spot for up to 100 people per session. So far they have always been up to the challenge, ably assisted by our trusty volunteers. (If any TV company decides to introduce 'soup kitchen challenge' remember we thought of it first!)

We continue to pray that the other churches will be able to maintain their own commitments as we have now dropped from a seven week to a six week rota which is still manageable but if the trend to abandon the kitchen continues we might run into difficulties.

Our own volunteers continue to work tirelessly and cheerfully and we receive welcome if not always reliable help from Twyford pupils, but there is always plenty of scope for extra assistance.

Thanks to effective fund-raising and the expert guidance of the Trustees, the charity's extended work, largely organised by the soup kitchen worker, Andrew Mcleay, and Alan Simpson, is continuing to flourish: the Monday night drop in sessions at the Salvation Army Centre and the Friday hub in the afternoons at St Johns, where guests can now shower and shave as well as discuss their problems or simply relax out of the cold. There is also a hot soup run which delivers to rough sleepers on the streets at the weekends.

The prayer support and generosity of church members is a great encouragement to all.

Angela Hailstone.

March 2018

Vicar's Report 2017/18

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for your prayerful support for Jennie and me in our continued ministries here at St. Mary's. We could not manage without you all and we are hugely appreciative of each one of you and all you do for the kingdom of God and the people of the King.

Thank you to all our staff team Angela Barnfather, Wai Meng Chow, Alex Volossevich, Ruth Morris, Wei Hei Kipling, Brian Everett and Wayne Leighton for your prayerful hard work, diligence, faith and friendship in serving Christ here at St. Mary's so faithfully over this past year; plus enormous thanks to Jean Barclay and Catherine Hellings for their ongoing faithful efficiency in the church office.

I am grateful to Mags Cranmer and all our COSMOS leaders and helpers, our Musicians, Home Group leaders, Mission Support Team, PCC and Ministry Leadership Team; to Zanda Russell for co-ordinating our Winter Night Shelter and Angela Hailstone for co-ordinating and running our Soup Kitchen rota and duty weekends, to Jan Saunders for co-ordinating Babies and Toddlers, to Wayne

Leighton and his team for the growth and development of Polygonian Friends on a Wednesday lunchtime. We thank Peter Saunders for all his hard work and faithful service over many years as pastoral leader and co-ordinator of Wednesday Fellowship. After many decades of being a power house of prayer Wednesday Fellowship it is taking a break in its current format. Also many, many, thanks are due to Ruth Morris for her second stint as Church Treasurer which she has held for a further two years. We are all grateful to you Ruth for your professionalism, reliability and gracious nature. You have done a brilliant job in keeping our complex church finances in very good order.

It was a special occasion last July at St. Paul's Cathedral to witness the ordination of Chris Kennedy and it has been a real joy to see Chris, Hannah and Ethan settling so well to the work at St. Richard's, Hanworth, where Chris is now the first full time curate they have had in very many years. We look forward to the Ordination of Alex Volossevich as a Deacon at St. Pauls Cathedral on 30th June at 3pm. Alex will be serving his curacy with us here at St. Mary's as a Self-Supporting Minister, alongside Wai Meng. We are blessed to have them both.

Please put two very special dates in your diary: **23rd & 24th September 2018**. On this Saturday 3pm – 9pm and Sunday morning we are planning to have a Special **"St. Mary's @ Home"** weekend. In the past we have had a weekend away as a church at the London School of Theology in Northwood but they are no longer in a position to accommodate large groups, including whole families, and the cost was considerable also. Hence we have decided to hold the weekend on a smaller scale at home. But it will still offer us a tremendous opportunity to spend time together, meet and make new friends, get to know one another better, worship God and receive some unhurried teaching from an outside Christian speaker. More details to follow but please pray for our preparations and put these dates in your diary.

We continue to be a church which seeks to be transformed by Christ, inspired in worship, hospitable in fellowship and empowered to witness and service a needy world with the good news of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Jesus plumbed the depths of all that evil could throw at him and yet was raised victorious from the dead by God the Father. Jesus makes the present moment of our everyday lives pregnant with his divine purpose and inhabited by God's powerful presence and loving mercy. In his strength, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we can **Love God, Serve People and Make Disciples**. This is our calling and vocation as the body of Christ here in Ealing. In this coming year let us with passion and faith in him, and drawing on his unlimited resources, seek to live out this calling with all our strength, mind, heart and will.

Steve Paynter

March 2018