



**PARISH OF PUTNEY
ST MARY'S AND ALL SAINTS'**

ANNUAL REPORTS

APRIL 2011- APRIL 2012

**Including Financial Accounts
January 2011- December 2011**

and

Minutes of the APCM 2011

Annual Meeting of Parishioners
And
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday 30th April 2012 St Mary's Church at 7.30pm

AGENDAS

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the meeting 4th April 2011
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Election of Churchwardens
5. Any Other Business

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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4. Approval of accounts
5. Appointment of Auditor
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**Parish of Putney
St Mary's and All Saints
St Mary's Church,**

Monday 4th April 2011, 7.30pm

Minutes of the Annual Parishioners Meeting

Introductory prayers – Rev'd Ailsa Newby

Present: Rev'd Chris Eyden, Churchwardens (All Saints Church), Gerald Allison and Iain Cox, Church Wardens (St Mary's Church), Paul Donnelly and Maggie Wentzel, Richard Holman (Treasurer) and 27 members of the Parish

Apologies: Andrew Grocott, Caroline Donne, Ali White, Margaret Yearsley, Kristian Wentzel, Clemency Gordon-Martin, Elizabeth Salmon

Election of Church Wardens

Nominations: - Paul Donnelly, Hayley Argles- Grant (St Mary's);
Gerald Allison, Iain Cox (All Saints').

The nomination papers had been duly proposed and seconded and the nominees were elected unopposed.

Maggie Wentzel was standing down as church warden after 8 years service and AN thanked her for her commitment and hard work over the years. AN also thanked Paul, Iain and Gerald who were continuing in office and welcomed Hayley Argles-Grant who will be replacing MW at St Mary's.

A.O.B

AN also extended her thanks and welcome to the three people who had agreed to take on the role of deputy wardens.

St Mary's – Martin Watts and Andrew Grocott

All Saints' - Clemency Gordon-Martin.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

11.04.01 **Apologies for absence** – As above; **Present-** As above

11.04.02 **Minutes of the last meeting held on 18th April 2010.**

Maggie Wentzel proposed and Ian Yearsley seconded. Accepted Nem Con

11.04.03 **Matters arising from the minutes.**

RH reported that during 2010 there had been good progress made on the back log of accounts and the 2008 accounts have now been signed off. It is hoped that by midyear 2011 we will be fully up to date. AN recorded her thanks to John Blake for the considerable amount of work which he has had put in to bring the accounts up to date.

11.04.04 **Approval of the accounts**

RH circulated 3 sets of accounts for 2010.

St Mary's, All Saints and a Central Parish account. Both St Mary's and All Saints have a treasurer who is responsible for each church's accounts and these were presented to the St M and AS AGM's respectively. The accounts are subject to audit and there may be few minor changes following this.

The parish finances have worsened since 2010 and we currently have a net deficit of £96,602

Since the start of 2011, £750,000 of reserves have been invested with an expected yield of 3.4%. There is also a plan to invest in a property in Kenilworth court which would produce income and long term investment.

The accounts were approved subject to audit; Proposed – Jeremy Donne
Seconded- David Thompson
Accepted- nem con

St Mary's Parish Trust

The Brewer Building (BB) is run separately from the parish as it was financed with funds from The St Mary's Recreation rooms trust in addition to funds which were raised through the parish. The BB pays £7,500 per year rent to the parish for the lease. The trustees are the Team Rector, Parish Wardens and Parish Treasurer. Gerald Allison acts as an independent advisor.

11.04.05 **Appointment of Auditor**

RH recommended that we continue with our present auditor as our accounts are complicated and they are now used to working on them.

Eric Nabarro & Co, Chartered Accountants,
151 High Street, Putney, SW15.

Proposed – Jane Turner
Seconded Hayley Argles- Grant
Agreed- nem con

AN thanked our parish treasurer Richard Holman, and also the church treasurers Andrew Sternberg (St Mary's) and Adam Robinson (All Saints) for working so hard to get the accounts finalised so quickly.

11.04.06 **The Electoral Roll**

The ER was revised in preparation for the APCM.

St Mary's:- Additions during the year -53; Removed from the list- 25; **Total = 474**

All Saints: - Additions during the year- 29; Removed from the list- 5; **Total = 294**

Parish Total= 768

The ER will be completely renewed in 2013. (This happens every 6 years when every name is removed from the roll and everyone has to re-apply).

AN thanked Angela Holman for her work on the ER.

11.05.07 **Report on PCC business for 2010**

PCC secretary's report was circulated in the Annual Reports. Julie Bacon is retiring as secretary and Annette Watson will take on this role. AN thanked JB for her help over the year.

11.05.08 Report on PCC membership 2011-12

Elections for PCC were held at of both St Mary's and All Saints churches' AGM. PCC members retire after 3 years.

St Mary's – elected: - Sarah Brearley, Tim Huff, Annette Watson.

(Continuing- Jeremy Donne, Richard Holman)

All Saints' – elected: - Andrew Barnes

(Continuing -Mike Biddick, Adam Robinson, David Thompson, Jane Turner)

11.05.09 Report on Elections of Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod elections take place every 3 years (the next elections will be in 2014).

We are entitled to 8 representatives based on the Parish ER numbers. The elections took place at the AGM's of both churches.

St Mary's:- Tim Huff, Richard Holman, Ralph Rettke-Grover, Andrew Simon

All Saints: - Andrew Barnes, Brenda Bowen, Clemency Gordon-Martin, Jane Turner

11.04.10 Proposed Resolution to amend the Team Scheme

AN and CE had previously put forward to the DCC's and PCC a proposal to amend the structure of the team scheme, in order to ensure equality between the two churches and to stream line the PCC.

The proposed changes had previously been discussed at the PCC and the DCC's and all three committees had approved the proposal with minor adjustments. Full details of the proposed structural changes are included in the reports which have been circulated.

In order for the proposal to be accepted the resolution would need to be approved at the APCM.

If passed the proposal would then go to the Bishop's Pastoral Committee, and if approved would come in to effect at the APCM 2012. AN gave a brief outline of the proposed changes and the reasons behind the proposal. The new structural changes were proposed by Mike Biddick

Seconded by Ian Cox

Agreed nem con

11.04.11 Reports 11- 21 circulated through the Annual Report and the following comments were discussed at the meeting

Godly Play

CE informed the meeting that Godly Play at All Saints had increased significantly over the last 6 months and All Saints church is building up its own set of stories. Currently classes from All Saints School are coming regularly to St Mary's to use the Godly play room.

Caroline Donne has increased her role in training Godly Play teachers across the Diocese.

Youth Work

There is an omission in our provision of youth work in the parish. We have a large number of children in the parish which we cater for very well but ideally we need someone to oversee the youth work in the parish who is specifically trained to do this. AN and CE would really like to address this issue in the forthcoming year and intend to make this the focus of their fund raising initiatives.

Safeguarding

We now have two safeguarding officers who have been appointed at each church. The safeguarding initiative is designed to include vulnerable adults as well as children in church.

Parish Action

PA would like to canvass ideas from the congregation as to which charities we should support going forward and have put out questionnaires which they hope members of the parish will complete.

Elizabeth Bull pointed out that there was an error in Parish Action's report regarding the sum of money raised by 'Every Little Helps Stall'. Last year the sum raised was £3, 531 not £379 as given on the pie chart.

AN extended her thanks to EB and her 'Every Little Helps' team for the money they raised over the year for their specified charities, and also thanked all members of the Parish Action committee who raise significant funds for home and overseas charities.

Activities Committee

There has been a recent structural change to this committee. There will now be a parish committee to oversee the large parish events, and two individual church committees which will organise the individual church activities. All Saints is organising 16 social fund raising events culminating in a big finishing party on the 25th June, so the committee will be very busy with these activities.

AN reported that at St Mary's she had just completed a run of 'Shepherd's Pie suppers' in which 250 parishioners had attended. This had enabled Ailsa to get to know many more people from St Mary's. AN thanked Angela Holman for her help in hosting and cooking for some of these suppers.

Parish Magazine

The parish magazine is self financing from advertisements and the meeting commented on the high standard and professionalism of the magazine. There is the possibility under consideration of some of the material being franchised to other parishes. AN thanked Silvia Macchia the editor, and Lee Barnes who helps with the layout and also looks after the website.

Churches Together in Putney

A new CTP covenant was signed in January and this has taken quite a lot of Ailsa's time and involvement. Trinity Church Roehampton is now part of CTP.

11.04.22 Team Rector's Report

Ailsa's said that she wanted to add to the report already circulated how happy she was to be here in this parish, that it had been a very busy time with lots of changes but a very rewarding time too. She hopes that the congregation felt that they could come to her if they wanted to raise any issues or had suggestions to make.

Staffing

Both Ailsa and Chris are struggling with the volume of work; this is a very large parish and it is difficult for just two licensed ministers to cover everything which needs doing. The diocese has offered to pay half the costs of a full time licensed priest for 5 years. The cost to the parish will be £20,000 p/a but this is something of a necessity and both the DCC's and the PCC's had agreed that we should take the opportunity.

Expansion of the team

The diocese had asked that Putney, St Margaret's and Holy Trinity, Roehampton, look at the viability of forming a team. Members of the parish from both All Saints and St Mary's had formed a sub-committee and had been reviewing and assessing the possibilities over the last few months along with members from St Margaret's and Roehampton. The conclusion across all the churches was that although they felt that it would be possible and good to work together in an informal way, they didn't think it would be viable to form a team – certainly not at the present time. This decision had been considered and arrived at in an open and reflective way by all 4 churches concerned.

Jeremy Donne spoke on behalf of all the meeting to thank both Ailsa and Chris for all their considerable hard work and commitment they have given to the parish over the last year.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm

PARISH OF PUTNEY

Report on the 2011 financial statements

Overview

The Parish's net operating deficit for 2011 was £50,000 (St Mary's £36,000 and All Saints £14,000) – an improvement of £30,000 on 2010. This was mainly due to a £26,000 rise in income, although unfortunately regular giving by the congregations remained static at £274,000 (including tax recoveries). Expenditure fell by £5,000.

We were also fortunate to receive two significant legacies, totalling £39,000. These did not come with any restrictions on their use. Taking these legacies into account the final deficit for 2011 was £10,593.

Income

- Congregational giving was 2½% higher than 2010 at £220,000 but the ending of the transitional element of Gift Aid tax relief at 5th April 2011 almost exactly offset the increase.
- Loose plate collections were £13,000 (44%) up, mainly at All Saints where they were 50% higher than at St Mary's. This may have been due to the Altogether at All Saints campaign.
- Parish Action, which had a very successful fundraising year, gave a grant of £14,000 to Parish funds, as well as supporting all their nominated charities.
- The policy of reinvesting cash reserves to achieve better income began to bear fruit with a £9,000 rise in interest.

Expenditure

- Our contribution to the diocesan budget rose by £21,000 (6.4%) to £351,000, which represents over 70% of all the Parish's expenses. This covers clergy stipends and pensions, the provision of two vicarages and all central diocesan services. We, as one of the wealthiest parishes in the diocese, also support the work of churches in deprived areas. Without this redistribution churches in many of those places would have to close.
- Largely offsetting the rise in diocesan quota was a £17,000 saving in clergy staff costs. For most of 2010 Chris Eyden was an additional priest in the Parish and we paid half his stipend, but by the end of that year he was in post as Vicar of All Saints and therefore moved to the diocesan payroll. The adverse side of the cost saving is a staff of two clergy rather than three.
- Lay staff costs were also reduced, partly through the maternity leave of the regular steward of the many bookings at St Mary's.
- Utilities continue to be a significant overhead, especially at St Mary's, where the church is open throughout the week.

Balance Sheet

- Most of the £1.4m of cash reserves at the end of 2010 was reinvested. £586,000 went to buy a flat in Kenilworth Court, which is now let on a gross yield of over 5%. We also put £500,000 into a Newton Absolute Return Fund, which produces an income of around 3% and £250,000 into a Legal & General Bond with a 4.1% interest rate. All these investment decisions took security into account as much as the need for improved income.
- The deficit for the year was funded from cash reserves.

PARISH OF PUTNEY

Consolidated Balance Sheet
at 31 December 2011

	Central	St Mary's	All Saints	Consolidated	2010 Consolidated
Fixed Assets:					
General F&E	12,778			12,778	7,895
Computers & Office Equip	(6,049)			(6,049)	(4,883)
Restricted F&E	18,881			18,881	18,881
Cost	(18,713)			(18,713)	(18,451)
Depreciation	59,805		20,152	79,957	60,323
Cost	(28,309)		(983)	(29,292)	(25,765)
Depreciation	31,496		19,169	50,665	54,590
	38,394			57,363	62,385
Investment:					
8 Deodar Road	900,000			900,000	250,000
143 Kenilworth Court	586,406			586,406	
Newton Absolute Return Fund	494,459			494,459	
Legal & General Bond	250,102			250,102	
Funds held by Diocese	6,941			6,941	7,041
Shell shares	7,215			7,215	6,218
	2,245,122			2,245,122	263,259
Current Assets:					
Tax claims	24,533			24,533	42,525
Debtors and accrued income	25,211	6,607		31,818	32,341
Current accounts:					
St Mary's Trust	82,559	6,607		89,166	85,626
Provision for bad debt	(46,388)	22,738		(23,650)	(46,388)
St Mary's Church	137,394	(137,394)		0	0
All Saints' Church	14,377		(14,377)	0	248
Emily Peters	87,659			87,659	49,486
CEB Accounts	26,576			26,576	14,335
Special (Welfare)	9,792			9,792	1,369,959
Henry Smith	4,765	15,731		20,496	26,391
Cromwell Debates	1,924			1,924	9,724
FOKSS	23,673			23,673	1,436,074
Community	406,431	487		407,918	64,884
Pelly Cash	(17,956)	(7,889)		(25,845)	1,904
Creditors and accruals	(215)			(215)	89,024
Giving to be paid onwards	0			0	112,865
Income in advance	0			0	654
Net Current Assets	388,257	(99,740)	73,437	461,954	1,777,144
	2,671,773			342,785	1,729,525
					2,055,669
Current Liabilities:					
Giving to be paid onwards	1,655,204			1,655,204	1,852,149
Income in advance	(8,969)			(8,969)	(60,440)
Net Current Liabilities	1,646,235			1,646,235	(1,344)
	2,491,248			2,404,815	1,770,355
Represented by:					
Unrestricted					
General	1,655,204	(119,485)	34,646	1,570,365	1,852,149
Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	(8,969)	12,392	(13,989)	(10,566)	(60,440)
Unrealised gain on investments	645,043			645,043	(1,344)
Total	2,491,248	(107,093)	20,657	2,404,815	1,770,355
Restricted:					
Parish Action	15,489	6,248		21,737	44,479
Cromwell Debates	3,289			3,289	3,289
Emily Peters - Capital	14,284			14,284	14,284
Specific donations	8,064			8,064	8,064
Spec dons - Piano & Chairs	25,964			25,964	31,174
Spec dons - Godly Play	5,565			5,565	5,969
W/PP	1,825			1,825	1,825
Inclusive Church	450			450	450
Lent Appeal	125			125	125
Fellowship	1,349			1,349	1,349
Specific donations (Welfare)	20,640			20,640	20,640
Henry Smith Charity (Welfare)	18,488			18,488	18,489
St Mary's development	36,040			36,040	36,040
Bridge widening	7,040			7,040	7,040
Monument	1,105			1,105	955
FOKSS	158,693			158,693	54,137
Furnishings		1,105	52,777	53,882	15,223
Fabric maintenance	20,430			20,430	20,197
Emily Peters - Income	1,403			1,403	1,575
Total	2,671,773	(99,740)	73,437	2,645,470	2,174,242
Designated:					
Fabric maintenance	20,430			20,430	20,197
Emily Peters - Income	1,403			1,403	1,575
Total	21,833			21,833	21,742
	2,671,773			2,645,470	2,055,669

Parochial Church Council Report

The PCC has met 6 times since the APCM 2011 and whilst the agendas have covered a wide range of issues the consistent themes have been finances, staffing, safeguarding and the structure of the PCC

Parish Finances and in particular meeting the parish quota have continued to be one of the key areas of discussion for the PCC. Both churches have focussed on Stewardship and how the issue of finances can be communicated more effectively across the parish. In addition to looking at increasing regular income the PCC has reviewed its investment strategy and considered how to deal with legacies that have been left to the church. It's a balancing act to ensure we can meet our regular financial commitments and invest in projects which will further the work of both churches in the local community.

Whilst everyone acknowledges what a fantastic contribution both Chris and Ailsa make to the life of both churches there is an urgent need to engage additional resources to support them both in their ministry. This need has been considered in light of the pressure on finances and having considered a number of options the decision has been taken to recruit a full time Assistant Priest. To meet this need within the current financial constraints no housing will be provided which means it will be a challenge to recruit for this role and therefore there may be a need to consider flexible working options in order to attract the right person.

There has also been a focus on Safeguarding and in November the review group reported back its recommendations to the PCC in the following areas; recruitment and employment of staff, training and the organisation of activities for young children. The outcome of their review together with the Staff handbook and diocesan standards for a Safe Church now means that the appropriate Safeguarding framework is in place. In particular this will ensure that training appropriate to the role that the individual is undertaken will be delivered on a timely basis and through the work of the Safeguarding officers in each church ensure that the congregation are aware of their safeguarding obligations.

The work associated with the review of the PCC team has now been implemented. In addition to the 2 churchwardens for each church a deputy churchwarden will be elected to support the church wardens. Each church will also have 6 members of the PCC of whom 3 from each church will also be on the DCC which given the number of matters that are considered by both the PCC and DCC in each church will make for a more efficient decision making process. Ultimately one PCC member and one DCC/PCC member will be elected for a 3 year term but some transition arrangements will need to be in place for the next few years to ensure a smooth migration to the new structure. There has been no change to the number of Deanery Synod representatives of each church all of whom are also ex officio members of the PCC.

Annette Watson
Secretary to the PCC

	2011-212	2010-2011
Clergy Ex-officio	Rev'd Chris Eyden Rev'd Ailsa Newby	Rev'd Chris Eyden Rev'd Ailsa Newby (from June 2010)
PCC members	St Mary's Church Annette Watson Jeremy Donne Sarah Brearley Peter Tuppen Tim Huff Ted Wainman All Saints Church John Andrew Alison Hunka Rosie Taylor-Davies David Thompson Richard Morley Matthew Salisbury	St Mary's Church Julie Bacon Mike Bull Jeremy Donne Julia Gracey Peter Tuppen All Saints' Church Mike Biddick Richard Morley Adam Robinson David Thompson Jane Turner
Wardens Ex-officio	St Mary's Church Paul Donnelly Hayley Argles- Grant Martin Watts All Saints' Church Gerald Allison Ianin Cox Clemancy Gordon-Martin	St Mary's Church Maggie Wentzel Paul Donnerly All Saints' Church Iain Cox Gerald Allison
Deanery Synod Ex-officio	St Mary's Church Richard Holman Tim Huff Ralph Rettke-Grover Andrew Simon All Saints' Church Renda Bowen Jane Turner Jason Hughes Andrew Barnes	St Mary's Church Jeremy Donne Ralph Rettke-Grover Andrew Simon Richard Holman All Saints' Church Brenda Bowen Jane Turner

PCC Members - Financial Year January- December 2011

THE PARISH OF PUTNEY

Parish Charities (Trustees: The Vicar and Churchwardens)

Report to the APCM 2012 For the Year ended 31 December 2011

St Mary's Church of England Charity (registered no: 54920)

This is an ecclesiastical charity, so its funds may be used to support any of the work of the Parish. It comprises mainly the several bequests of Sir William Lancaster and his wife, to which we have added, with the approval of the Charity Commission, the Bowling Green House Estate Charity and the Churchwardens of Putney Parish Fund.

During the year the income of this charity was £911 (2010: £855), which came from dividends on COIF Charities Investment Fund units and from bank interest. The value of the investments decreased during 2011 by £1,026 (2010: increase £1,101). No payments were made during the year (2010: Nil).

At 31 December 2011 the assets of the Trust were:		<u>2010</u>
Cash at Barclays Bank	1,247	455
Cash at the Central Board of Finance	17,164	17,045
Investments – COIF units	<u>16,815</u>	<u>17,841</u>
	<u>£35,226</u>	<u>£35,341</u>

The Biggs-Wymondesold Trust (registered no: 254376)

This is a 'relief of need' charity, so it can be used to assist those in any type of need, but not for church purposes. It consists of seven old charity funds – Rookery Close, T Kennett, J Powell, Benjamin Hunt Biggs, William Wymondesold, Elizabeth Offley and the Fulham Bridge Charity.

During the year the income amounted to £116 (2010: £106), also from dividends and bank interest, and the investments decreased by £112 (2010: increase £121). No payments were made in the year (2010: £480) because the usual grants to the widows of watermen were not distributed until 2012.

At 31 December 2011 the assets of the Trust were:		<u>2010</u>
Cash at Barclays Bank	(637)	(723)
Cash at the Central Board of Finance	4,353	4,323
Investment – COIF units	<u>1,846</u>	<u>1,958</u>
	<u>£5,562</u>	<u>£5,558</u>

Holding account for Dawes Cottages

The Charities account is also used to hold funds given by local grant making bodies for the benefit of the residents of the Sir Abraham Dawes Cottages in Putney Bridge Road.

During the year grants received amounted to £Nil (2010: Nil). Payments of £217 were made during 2011 (2010: £413) for garden maintenance.

At the end of 2011 the money held on behalf of Dawes Cottages was £5,100 (2010: £5,317). This is to be applied for the benefit of the residents of the Cottages.

Ailsa Newby (Revd)
Team Rector Designate

Paul Donnelly
Churchwarden

Deanery Synod - Report to 2012 Annual Parochial Meeting

Wandsworth Deanery Synod meets 3 times a year, on weekday evenings, going round the churches in the deanery. It is chaired by the Area Dean, Rev Heinz Toller (Vicar of St Paul's, Inner Park Road, Wimbledon Park).

The Parish is represented at Deanery Synod by all its clergy, and by 7 elected lay reps. The 7 lay reps are elected for 3 years at a time. They are due for election at this year's annual parochial meeting. I would warmly encourage everyone to consider standing for election.

The summer meeting was held at All Saints' Church in our own parish on Thursday 9 June 2011. After a buffet supper, the meeting was given a presentation by Revd. Kat Campion-Spall on the draft Measure for Ordination of Women Bishops. She noted that the issue has been under formal discussion in the Church of England since at least 1975, and that around the world, 15 out of 38 provinces of the Anglican Communion now have provision for women bishops. A clear majority of those attending the meeting supported the general proposal. However a majority were also greatly concerned about the provision for parishes and clergy who find themselves unable to accept women bishops. (Interestingly, the discussion at the November meeting of Southwark Diocesan Synod followed similar lines.)

The autumn meeting, at St John the Divine, Earlsfield on 25 October 2011, was devoted to another national consultation, this time on the proposed Anglican Covenant. Vasanthi Gnanadoss, a lay member of General Synod, gave a very good and clear presentation on this difficult and complicated subject. Synod members were unenthusiastic and generally cautious about the Covenant. An informal vote showed the majority against, with many abstentions, both declared and undeclared. (As with the women bishops debate, it turned out that the reaction of our deanery to the Covenant proposal had been similar to many deaneries in Southwark Diocese. The response of our own diocesan synod was similar, and the pattern around the country seems also to have been very much the same.)

The spring meeting was on Wednesday 15 February 2012 here at St Mary's. Revd. Gordon Jeanes, the Vicar of St Barnabas, Southfields, is also a well-known scholar and expert on the Book of Common Prayer. Marking the 350th Anniversary of the BCP, he explained that the "1662" version was not the first version, and gave a very interesting account of the role of Thomas Cranmer, the earlier versions, and the various changes since 1928.

The next meeting of Wandsworth Deanery Synod will take place on Thursday 28 June 2012 at a venue which will be confirmed very shortly. There will be a light buffet beforehand, as we welcome new members. The main business of the meeting will be the findings of the Signs of Growth survey as they apply to the deanery.

Do please ask me, or any of the other clergy or lay reps, if you would like more information.

Andrew Simon

Admission of Children to Communion before Confirmation

Thirty children and their parents from both churches attended the five week course of preparation and reflection on Holy Communion on Sunday afternoons in January, February and March (including two children who were prepared for Baptism during the course). The sessions were lead by Rev'd Ailsa Newby, Rev'd Chris Eyden, Caroline Donne, Kate Caseley and Kath Diamond. The course was developed by Ailsa, Chris and Caroline and involved reflection and activity. Children and their families were encouraged to find "sponsors" in the congregation to be alongside them in the process. The children received their first Communion on March 11th at a packed service at St Mary's attended by friends, family, sponsors and members of both congregations who came to support them.

Caroline Donne Feb 2012

Safeguarding

During the year the Safeguarding Officers together with the Parish Priest have examined the policies and brought them into line with the diocesan policy of 2010. A new policy has also been written for the Pastoral Group and all members have been asked to submit or obtain CRB checks, accordingly. In effect this means that all activities concerning children and vulnerable adults are now under-pinned by the same safeguarding policy.

It remains the case that we are reliant on members of the congregation to be vigilant and forthcoming if and when they have concerns about any issue.

St Mary's
Isobel Vass
Julia Gracey

All Saints'
Victoria Prince
Ian McCartney

Parish Action Report 2011

Background

Parish Action was launched at the start of 2006. It set out its purpose to:

"Ensure that we in the parish are aware of the social issues locally and globally and that we take practical action to help address these issues."

Its objectives are:

- make things happen in church and in the wider parish to address the social issues we identify
- raise awareness of social issues in the church and in the wider parish
- raise money to help tackle these social issues
- take practical action to tackle these social issues
- work through charities and other groups who are already addressing issues of concern
- inspire people in the parish to undertake their own actions
- coordinate and focus work currently taking place

Activities in 2011

In 2011, Parish Action completed the last year of its three year cycle, supporting five core charities and promoting social awareness and action in the parish.

The five core charities that we were supporting until the end of 2011 were:

1. Newpin – helping families in Roehampton to improve parenting and helping children who are on the at-risk register (December-January)
2. Vulindlela Guardians – paying school fees for aids orphans in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe (February-March)
3. Christian Aid (April-May)
4. WRN (June-July)
5. Spires (September-October)

In addition we supported the Bishop's Lent Appeal and a wide range of other charities through one off concerts, events and the Every Little Helps stall.

A summary of the funds raised and spent is shown in the attached pie diagrams.

Parish Action Survey

During the year we undertook a survey of the congregation to obtain views on Parish Action and to plan our social action for 2012-14. The key findings were that:

- People are starting to understand better the role of Parish Action
- There is strong support for the work we are currently doing
- Overall people generally support our current structure and approach
- People would not like to see any increased focus on fund-raising for charities
- People would like to see more volunteering opportunities
- Generally there was strong consensus that we should continue to support Vulindlela Guardians, Christian Aid and Spires
- There was less support for continuing our work with WRN

We were also very pleased with the continuing efforts made to develop volunteering and direct involvement with our charities. There were regular deliveries of in-kind donations to both Newpin and Spires throughout the year.

Our most successful volunteering activity in 2011 took place during Lent, when we took teams of about 12-15 people each week for a three week period to Spires to cook for 120 homeless people. There was excellent feedback from these events both from Spires and from the volunteers who took part. Amanda Addo the Director of Spires also came to St Mary's to preach which was well received.

The Christmas Ball took place in November for the third time and raised an amazing £25k for Parish Action and the church. We were delighted with this success and hope that the Ball can now become established as a regular parish action and church fund-raising activity. However we are very dependent on Tracey Powers who is put considerable energy and time into organising the Ball last year.

Programme for 2012-14

As a result of the feedback from the congregation we have now set up the following programme for 2012-14:

- West London Churches Homelessness Project – January -March
- Wandsworth Women's Aid January-February
- Bishop's Lent Appeal – Lent February-April
- Vulindlela Guardians – April
- Christian Aid May
- Thrive June-July
- FREE - August
- Home Start Wandsworth September-October
- Spires November-December

The three new charities we are supporting are:

- Thrive - is a small national charity with one of its two main bases at Battersea Park. It uses gardening projects to help disabled people and stroke victims to develop skills, recover, meet friends and enjoy gardening. It has 900 gardening projects around the country, including at Bishop's Park. It has many opportunities for volunteers to help garden with or without groups of Thrive's clients. It has a turnover of £1.5m.

- Wandsworth Women's Aid - Has been supporting women and children fleeing from domestic violence for over 36 years. They manage three refuge houses in Wandsworth employing six full time and two part time staff, and they provide a comprehensive programme of support for the residents and their children. WWA has a turnover of about £400k and there are opportunities to volunteer to help renovate, decorate and improve their houses and gardens.

- Home Start Wandsworth - is a local charity which supports 28 families at present all of whom are facing a difficult period of time because of illness, disability, bereavement or social isolation. Each family receives a volunteer visitor once a week to help support the family. It has many volunteering opportunities either working directly with a family or supporting those that do. It has a turnover of about £35k.

In addition through the commitment and dedication of Clemency Gordon-Martin the parish has set up and taken on the West London Churches Homelessness Project which is running for 12 weeks in the first quarter of 2012 to feed and accommodate about 25-40 homeless people in St Mary's for one night a week.

Fundraising

The committee is aiming to raise 10% of the church's total income for us to donate to our chosen charities and other charities. In addition, any funds raised over 10% will be raised for the charities and the church and it should therefore hopefully be possible to make a donation to the church, assuming we are as successful with our fund-raising activities as in previous years.

Parish Action Committee

The Parish Action Committee continues to meet monthly. We are very pleased that we have been able to sign up a number of new committee members and we now have in place the following charity representatives:

WWA Jan/Feb

Claire Watts All Saints
Phoebe Bennett St Marys

WLHP Jan/Feb/Mar 12 Weeks

Clemancy Gordon-Martin All Saints

Bishop's Lent Appeal – Lent

Chantry Westwell /Linda Hallyer All Saints
Choong Kwan/Mike Sonachan St Mary's

Vulindlela Guardians April

Chantry Westwell All Saints
Ivo St Mary's

Christian Aid May

Michelle Penn All Saints
Tuppen's St Mary's

Thrive June-July

Sam Williams All Saints
Jeff Dale St Mary's

HSW Sept-October

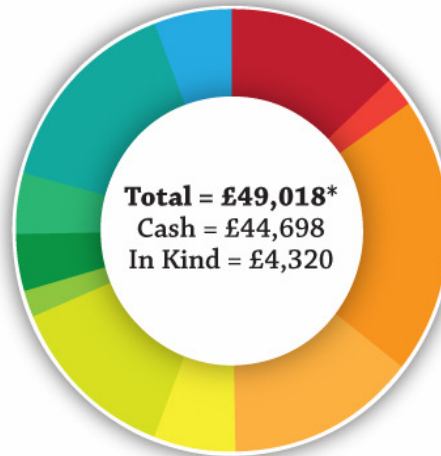
Marianne Coates All Saints
Hilary Newth/Richard Phipps St Mary's

Spires Nov-December

Andy Stewart All Saints
Leo Martin St Mary's

Net funds raised by Charity

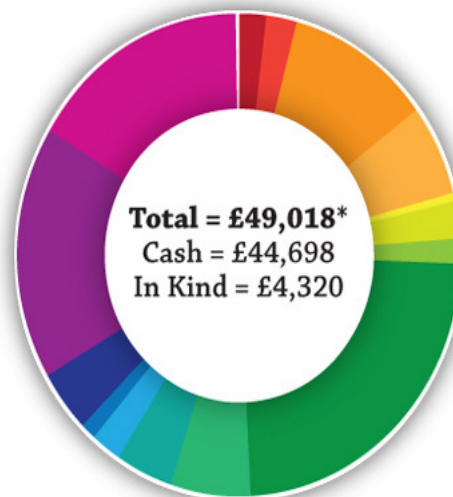
13%	Newpin	£6,544
2%	Bishops Lent Appeal	£1,021
20%	Vulindlela Guardians	£9,873
14%	Christian Aid	£6,969
6%	Wandsworth Refugee Network	£3,063
13%	Spires Centre	£6,168
2%	Wandsworth Social Services	£1,000
4%	Bethlehem Appeal	£2,010
5%	Caritas Children's Hospital	£2,212
15%	Other Charities*	£7,327
6%	To be allocated	£2,832



* East Africa Appeal, Farms for City Children, Met Police Orphans, Amazing Children Uganda, MSF, Macmillan Cancer Care, Trinity Hospice

Net funds raised by Event

2%	Lent lunches	£1,021
2%	Night at the Opera	£1,127
11%	Christian Aid Week	£5,169
6%	VG Child Sponsorship	£2,980
1%	Balloon Race	£217
3%	Parish Picnic	£1,263
2%	Harvest Festival*	£763
24%	Parish Ball***	£11,568
6%	Christmas Fair	£2,909
4%	Toy Service*	£2,000
2%	London to Brighton Bike Ride	£1,112
1%	ELHS/Sample Sale	£640
4%	Spires cook out*	£1,924
17%	Musical Events**	£8,361
16%	Donations/Collections	£7,963



* Part or all in kind

** Knitting concerts, 1885 singers, Little Acorns concert, Hurlingham carols

*** Excludes £12,000 raised for Parish funds

Report of the Activities Committee April 2012

The Activities Committee aims to promote social activities that bring people together across the two churches, as well as support church based activities at St Mary's and All Saints'. The structure of the Committee has altered slightly to reflect the level of events at both churches, whilst continuing to support the larger events that draw on the Parish as a whole. Separate Activities/Events Groups are now based at each church, which are represented, along with Parish Action, on a smaller Strategic Activities Committee whose main aim will be to help coordinate the timings of events and support for the sub-committees that organise the larger Parish events. Many thanks to Helen Daniels and Linda Bell for heading up the Events Committee at All Saints' and to Charles Roberts who is taking over from me as Chair of the Committee at St Mary's.

We've had a busy year. Highlights include the Parish Christmas Fair with its stalls, refreshments, and games: a fun and festive day for all the family that raised almost £3,000 for Newpin. Thanks go to Ali White and Georgina Farley and the rest of the Christmas Fair organising Committee for all their hard work. The Burns Night Supper in January, complete with haggis and Scottish dancing, was as popular and enjoyable as ever, thanks to Ted Wainman and his organising team.

In addition, members of the Groups at both Churches have organised Lent lunches raising money for Bishop's Lent Appeal; Harvest Brunch at St Mary's and Harvest Lunch at All Saints'; the highly successful All Saints' Summer Party; catering for Parish Picnic, All Saints' Day Fireworks, Welcome Teas, Serendipity Sunday and 'Get to know you' Sunday coffees at St Mary's; Cava and canapes to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the re-dedication of St Mary's after the fire; daffodils for Mothering Sunday at both churches; the collection and distribution of gifts at the Toy Service.

Members of the groups give substantial amounts of time and effort, which, together with the support and help from the Parish as a whole, make the events such a success. Thank you to everyone for your contribution and enthusiasm.

Hannah King

Parish Magazine

The quarterly Parish magazine, covering both All Saints and St. Mary's churches, was rebranded "Parish" in 2009. It is a 24 –page colour publication with images on every page and an original cover for every new issue.

Every edition focuses on a particular theme, linked to the Christian calendar or to current issues. Topics in the last two years have included Education, the English Bible, Our Relationship with our Body, and, most recently, Choice, Compromise and Free Will.

Articles aim to keep Christian beliefs accessible by interpreting their implications for our daily lives. The magazine reflects the liberal and inclusive approach of the Parish.

Parish related events are covered in the section "Parish and Community". The section "Something for Everyone" describes the many groups that meet regularly in the Parish.

The magazine is financially independent. All costs (which are limited to printing) are covered by the advertisers, who tend to be businesses in the community.

The Parish magazine is managed by Silvia Macchia (Editor), Lee Barnes (Design) and Chris Townsend (Design). The team comprises three advertising executives and five regular writers/contributors, all members of the Parish.

The magazine is free. Copies can be found at the back of each church, as well as viewed and downloaded on the Parish website.

If you would like to join the editorial team, or if you have any comments on the magazine, please email Silvia_macchia@hotmail.com

Silvia Macchia

Parish Websites

Parish Website

Renu Durban and Carolyn Biddick have been responsible for providing content changes, which has then been uploaded by myself (Lee Barnes) once a week. This has become quite a smooth process over the last few months.

Plans for future development

Now that the clergy of both churches have had time to sit with the website in its current format, a process of review is currently being undertaken as to what sections of the site need further development. I would hope that we can have the review process completed by June 2012, and then there will need to be several months of backend development, rolling out a new website in time for the months leading up to Christmas.

Costs

The costs for hosting of the website including domain name renewals have been sponsored for the last 12 months by Equate Design Solutions.

Lee Barnes

Parish e Newsletter

The Parish eNewsletter is a regular communication which gives parish members information and key dates for forthcoming events in and around the Parish. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please send an email to - subscribe@parishofputney.co.uk - . If you would like to include any dates in the email, please send them to ted@wainman.co.uk

Ted Wainman

Theology in the Pub

The group continues to meet in The Bricklayer's Arms on Monday nights.

Attendance varies from week to week, and the timetable that was introduced last year has been helpful in dealing with this. This is a mixture of a programme of talks and agreed books [everything is discussed, so not 'set' books]. We never have any difficulty in talking, but having a book or a topic to focus on helps the discussion, and thereby attendance.

The year began with the 2011 Lent course, Rich Inheritance: Jesus' Legacy of Love. Our approach to this is probably less structured than other Lent groups, but it does mean that our discussions cover a wide range of issues.

We have had talks on Feminist theology; Is there a hell? And, if so, is it empty?; A theology of transport; The right to die; and many other topics. The group would like to thank all the speakers who helped us.

Books included discussions on trusting God and the meaning of the Eucharist; and, of course, the 2012 Lent course.

Recently we have been discussing sermons at Sunday night's Caritas service on the theme 'the poorest he that is in England has a life to live as the greatest he' from the Putney Debates. Many thanks to Ailsa for arranging the speakers.

Simon Merrett

Churches Together in Putney & Roehampton

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Early in 2011 the churches of Putney renewed their Covenant and St Joseph's Roman Catholic and Roehampton Ecumenical Parish (Holy Trinity Anglican and Roehampton Methodist) formally joined together with CIP creating the new Churches Together in Putney and Roehampton.. The Co-ordinating Committee meets 4 times per year. The principal joint activities are the Advent Carol Service at St Mary's, the Maundy Service at All Saint's, the Lent Lecture Series and the Walk of Witness, which this year began at St Margaret's passing by Our Lady of pity and St Simon Stock and the Methodist Church and finishing with a short service at the War Memorial outside St Mary's. CTIR&P continues to oversee the Christian Aid activities in Putney and Roehampton and the Methodist Church hosted a Super Soup Lunch in March. The Annual Unity Service was held at Holy Trinity Roehampton on January 22nd during the Week of Prayer for Church Unity.

Clemancy Gordon- Martin

Team Rector's Report

Both churches have had their own annual meetings and reports from Chris and me about our individual churches. The purpose of this is not so much to review the detail of our lives together (and to thank all the wonderful work that goes on through the voluntary effort of so many of you – though that is important!) but to think strategically about our common life together. It is now nearly 2 years since I arrived and over 18 months that Chris has been in post at All Saints. During the course of last year, at both churches, we have done some work on what you all think of the church, what our strengths and weaknesses are and where we might want to develop in the future through the Shepherd's Pie suppers at St Mary's and the Altogether All Saints campaign.

The PCC now wants to put some shape on that and plan ahead over a period of about 3 years to envisage where we want to be by then. This is partly resulting from the need to improve our finances to a point where we no longer live with deficit budgets, but pay our way out of current income. I am certain we can do that – and I'm very grateful to the members of both churches who have taken the lead in working on our stewardship. Indeed we want – and need – to go further than simply balancing the current budget by ensuring that the financial contributions of

all of us are sufficient to fund an assistant priest post as well. The diocese have offered to half-fund such a post if we match fund it to enable both a better level of pastoral care in the Parish and also more support for all the excellent volunteers we have. Incurring extra cost at a time of deficit may seem foolhardy, but it is not. We are not complacent about our finances, but we have got to invest in this post in order to thrive. Parish wealth is not an end in itself, it is a means to an end: the end of building the Kingdom of God.

We contribute to building the Kingdom of God, too, in the money we contribute to the Diocese. This Parish has a fine reputation for promoting the vision of an inclusive church in which all are welcome without exception and without judgment. I want to say to you that we best promote that view at the moment by our financial contribution to the diocese. And for this reason. Our bishops in this diocese also endorse our inclusive view, as does our Cathedral, but that view is under threat. A significant group of the evangelical churches who disapprove of appointments of liberal catholic bishops and clergy are setting up their own system in which they will refuse to pay the Diocesan Quota but pay into their own fund to support poorer churches of whom they approve. Significant church giving will therefore now go to those who, for instance, argue that same-sex relationships are profoundly disordered or 95% of the populace is condemned to roast in hell for failing to believe in Jesus. We need to keep a more tolerant message out there across the diocese and that needs money. I know many here are unhappy about the amount we are asked to contribute but the blunt truth is that we best promote an inclusive, tolerant view of Christianity by supporting our bishops and our diocese not just emotionally and spiritually but also financially at this difficult time.

This is not just church politics for anoraks, but deeply important – if hard to explain in a couple of minutes!- so please do talk to Chris and I about this if you would like to know more.

To revert to life within the Parish of Putney, it is building the Kingdom of God that is the wider reason for looking ahead. Archbishop Rowan once defined the mission of the church as ‘finding out what God is doing and joining in.’ How do we want to do that here? And how do we work out what God is doing?

This is one small example from my life in the last fortnight. I went to see a widower – 85. He had recently lost his wife of 59 years. 4 children, one of whom lives in Putney. They are none of them regular church-goers. Cultural Christians through the standard religious education of older English people. But he said to me he knew he didn’t need to worry about his wife, that he knew the soul was eternal because he had had a near death experience in the mid 70s in which ‘he’ had left his body dead and drifted upwards. He had that experience that others talk of, of looking down on his own body as medics strove to start his heart again.

That is what God is doing in him – giving him this profound spiritual insight - so how do we ‘join in’? How do we give a Christian narrative to his experience? Partly, of course, simply through taking his wife’s funeral. Partly also through continued engagement with him and his family – one of his sons is recently married and living near St Mary’s. The widower lives in fact near All Saints. Could we involve him in the Monday Senior Social? Or other ways? Will his son and daughter find people greeting them warmly and making them welcome if they show up in St Mary’s for a baptism? Might we enable them to put down roots?

Immediately you will see that it is a matter of how we, as a Christian community, are alive to what God is doing around us, and how we work as a team to enable growth in others. That is a straightforward example of what one can see God doing and so easy enough to ‘join in’. On a corporate or strategic level it can be trickier to spot what God is doing and trickier, too, to leave our own preconceptions on one side. And it is not just seeing what God IS doing and joining in – but discerning what God WILL or MIGHT do as well as identifying what is hindering what God is doing, removing those obstacles. That sort of visioning is something that we can only do over time and through prayer. We started that on a personal level in Lent and through the weeks of Easter, through our own contemplation of faith hope and love in our lives at the invitation of Bishop Christopher. At Pentecost, in both the churches, we will start to move forward to think

and pray about how this parish can be a sign of the faith, love and hope that we have in Jesus Christ and how that faith, love and hope might show in the mission of these churches.

We are called to be:

Communities expressing faith. When many amongst whom we live are confused or unsure, we try to help people articulate the faith for which they seek.

We are called to be:

Communities bearing hope. Whilst many voices in our society speak of anxiety and despair, we try to point people to signs of real and transforming hope in their lives.

We are called to be:

Communities embodying love. In a world of loneliness and division, we try to give and to receive true love in all our relationships with people.

As we seek to live by faith, hope, and love I hope we can together over the coming months see how that mission of faith hope and love might be worked out in the future in our lives here. It is not necessarily about doing more (nor about spending more) and may be about doing less but doing it more effectively. How might we see what God is doing and plan to join in? What might that mean for our ministry to our children and young people, the old or the marginalised in our society, to the parts of our parish far from our churches? What is God doing in individuals in this church that we should be nurturing? How do we express our faith, hope and love in our worship and in our work in Parish Action?

These are questions rather than answers, and they are questions we have to work together to answer. So I hope you'll take the opportunity to join in this discernment process as, from Pentecost onwards, as we both reflect on our own experience of faith, hope and love and on where our corporate faith, hope and love might lie for the future. This is a partnership of 2 churches who have in the past worked attentively to understand God's mission in this parish. We can do it again and it can be an interesting process, finding out what God is doing and joining in.

Ailsa Newby