

ST BARNABAS' CLAPHAM COMMON

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2018 ANNUAL REPORT



Parochial Church Council March 2019

This is the annual report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St. Barnabas' Church, Clapham Common for 2018. It was collectively written and contains a review of the year, the statement on the responsibilities of the PCC, a treasurer's report, the description of the accounting policies and the independent examiner's report on the church accounts.

ST BARNABAS' MISSION ACTION PLAN

As approved by the PCC in 2017 for a plan running to Dec 2018

WORSHIP & MINISTRY

SPIRITUAL GROWTH THROUGH ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT

ACTIONS

INTRODUCE MONTHLY MORNING 9.30 BCP COMMUNION (2017) DEVELOP WEEKLY MIDWEEK YOUTH WORK SESSIONS (2017) DEVELOP MINISTRY BY YOUNG PEOPLE (2018) REVIVE NEWCOMERS WELCOME EVENTS (2017) INCREASE IN NUMBER OF MALE VOLUNTEERS (ONGOING)

MISSION & EVANGELISM

FAITH IN ACTION THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO OTHERS

ACTIONS

CONSOLIDATE LOCAL MISSION (FOODBANK, NIGHT SHELTER, PARENTING) DEVELOP *REFUGEES WELCOME* WITH BATTERSEA DEANERY (ONGOING) PILOT FAITH IN THE FAMILY (2017-18)

PCC DISCUSSIONS

IMPROVE PROFILE & COMMS OF MISSION PARTNERS CHURCH & THE ENVIRONMENT / ECO CHURCH

FINANCE

FAITH IN ACTION THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO OTHERS

ACTIONS

CREATE ONLINE GIVING OPTION (FOR 2018) PLANNED PROGRAMME OF FUNDRAISING EVENTS (ANNUAL) INTRODUCE FINANCIAL UPDATES FOR CONGREGATION (2017)

PCC DISCUSSIONS

STEWARDSHIP: PLEDGE SUNDAY/ANNUAL GIFT DAY 120 ANNIVERSARY APPEAL (1898-2018)

OPERATION

ENABLING THE CHURCH'S MISSION & MINISTRY

ACTIONS

TARGET £60,000 INCOME FROM LETTINGS (2017) NEW KITCHEN & GENERAL STORAGE UPGRADE (2017-18) REVIEW ONLINE FACILITIES: NEW WEBSITE & EMAIL PROVIDER (2017) ASSESS & ADDRESS STONEWORK FROM LAST QUINQUENNIAL (2018) IMPROVE ACCESS/SECURITY VIA MAIN DOORS (2018) UPDATE H&S POLICY (ONGOING)

VICAR'S INTRODUCTION

There is a time for everything under heaven and a season for each activity. So Ecclesiastes chapter 3, verse 1 begins before musing on the passing of time and experience of life through an evocative series of paired opposites:

a time to be born and a time to die... a time to weep and a time to laugh... a time to mourn and a time to dance... a time to be silent and a time to speak...

...and so on. You've heard it before, I suspect.

Now, I'm pretty sure that the poet (whoever he or she – but almost certainly he – was; the commentators call him Qohelet, meaning preacher or speaker) didn't intend this when he mused on life and meditated about the passing of time, but his words above are really quite apt when it comes to (of all things) a church Annual Report.

First, this is that time in the church's year when we gather up the stories, activities and decisions from the previous calendar year and then we put them out there in the collected form of the report that you are now holding (and reading). Whilst the liturgical calendar tells we have now entered the season of Lent, the administrative calendar reminds us that it is time for something else:

a time to produce accounts

and a time to audit...

a time to gather reports

and a time to compile them...

- a time to sign up to the Electoral Roll and a time to assemble the membership...
- a time appoint the wardens and a time to elect the PCC...
- a time to remember all that has been * and a time to say thank you.

[*well, as much as one can; it's just possible that something might get forgotten!]

But second, whatever stories we gather and reports we produce, whoever we appoint as wardens and elect as PCC, the point of it all is not limited to a well-produced and carefully formatted report, easy to read and pleasing on the eye, anymore than the poetry of Qoheleth might be said to find its purpose in looking good on a page and sounding nice when read aloud. Just as the words from Ecclesiastes invite us to ponder the significant things of our very existence – all that might come to pass between our birth and our death – so in a similar way, the familiar rhythm of the administrative life of the parish – the Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting - invites us to move from the superficial surface admin to a deeper spiritual reflection.

So as you read on (as I am confident you will), please keep in mind the four purposes of our Mission Action Plan:

- spiritual growth through active involvement
- faith in action that makes a difference to others
- investing in God's plans for St Barnabas
- enabling the church's mission and ministry

And as you read through, think prayerfully about your own part in what you are reading – what you get out of it, what you can give to it, how you see God at work here and where you might seek Christ afresh in the year that lies ahead. After all, there is a time for the vicar to ask you to think about that; and there's a time for you to think about how you will respond.

Richard Taylor, Vicar March 2019

WARDENS' REPORT

It has been another good year for St Barnabas as we continue to grow and flourish in line with our mission action plan. Pat has continued to lead the Tuesday Bible Study with dedication and wisdom, whilst Cicely and Margaret have continued to ably organise meetings and special outings for our Thursday Fellowship group.

I would like to thank all those involved around our Sunday worship, including readers, intercessors, stewards, flower ladies and Sunday school leaders. I would also like to thank the fundraising team, Liz and her family, Pat and Lena for organising social events whilst raising funds for the Church.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all Night Shelter volunteers and a special thank you to Chris, Rod, James, Susan and Al for the fundraising gourmet dinner which took place in Sep 2018.

Yvonne Langley, Warden

WORSHIP & MINISTRY

Spiritual growth through active involvement

THE WORSHIP WE OFFER

Worship at St Barnabas, happens in many different and faith-ful ways. *Family Services* bring a chaotic but enthusiastic worship to God with craft- making, actions songs, and a talk that speaks to the hearts of the streams of families who turn up.

BCP Communion brings a peace to the busy week, its rich and beautiful liturgy connecting us with the tradition of our ancestors. *Holy Communion* is a great example of the family of God, in all its different shapes, sizes, depth of faith, ages, ethnicity, the list goes on. Maybe that's what made our combined celebration of *Windrush Sunday* on the feast of St Barnabas (June 10) so timely and personal.

Sunday Groups (in term-time) ensure younger members of St Barnabas can be engaged in their faith, too. After all, not many young people find it easy to sit through a whole sermon without wriggling and squiggling, a little or a lot! Thanks must go to those who regularly run these groups.

Morning Worship, which combines organ-led hymns and band-led songs (often including musicians of all ages), allows for variety of expression. Which is better? Beautiful and eloquent hymns or joyful and heartfelt songs? No need to choose! *Baptism* always brings the joy of new life and a special welcome into St Barnabas family.

Taize creates space for contemplative singing and prayer, resting in the presence of God and worshiping his holy name. Communion here really enables us to centre our very souls on Jesus.

Funerals are a chance to remember the hope we have in Jesus and 2018 has been notable as we have said farewell (for now) to a few of our older members. And *Weddings* are a celebration of committed love (divine and human) of which the marriage of our own Becky Normansell to Nick Fortescue was a splendidly fine example!

Annie Kurk, Assistant Vicar & Richard Taylor, Vicar

ORDINAND UPDATE

Can't remember what happened to our previous Parish Assistants? Let me remind you here, start again with the most recent. Amanda Arthur is in her first year of ordination training at Queen's, Birmingham. Solveig Sonet is in her final year at Cuddesdon, Oxford and will be ordained deacon in Salisbury Cathedral on 30 June 2019. And Gerard Rundell was deaconed in Newcastle Cathedral in July 2018 and is serving his Title Post as curate in St Michael's, Alnwick.

Richard Taylor, Vicar

MUSIC & WORSHIP

Since joining St. Barnabas' in Sep 2018, it has been my great pleasure to become familiar with the incredibly diverse range of music involved here. I have been fortunate to lead songs with many musical members of the congregation in Sunday services, and many children and young people in Family Services. I greatly enjoyed the Family Carol Service during advent, in which our young people led some of the singing and joined in on a variety of instruments too.

This year we have formed a choir who have offered pieces during the Carol Service and the Remembrance Service. This particularly moving occasion was made even more so by the inclusion of a young trumpeter from the Royal Academy of Music, who played George Thalben-Ball's 'Elegy'. During the Carol Service we were also fortunate to welcome the Choir from St. Saviour's and St. Olave's School who sang John Rutter's striking arrangement of 'Personent Hodie' and John Hadley's 'I Sing of A Maiden'. The service also featured a vocal solo given by Megan Blakeway.

Sarah Hughes, Director of Music

YOUTH WORK

We started 2018 with Alan, who sadly left at Easter due to family and health worries. For the rest of the year, we successfully maintained at least monthly Friday night meetings with memorable nights including paper aeroplanes, balloons and games on the common. Our trips included our, now annual, trip to Winterville for ice-skating and hot chocolate. A particular highlight was the young people 1st trip to a Ventures camp, run by our patrons, CPAS.

We are grateful to all the volunteers who enable our regular Sunday groups to flourish. And are thankful for the contribution of the young people to our worship, through music, reading, prayers and running the AV system.

MISSION & EVANGELISM

Faith in action that makes a difference to others

NIGHT SHELTER

It's hard to believe that it has only been 3 years since we opened the Wandsworth circuit. Our records show that on the first Thursday night in 2016 we had 16 guests, all men. This season, we have regularly seen 35 guests, including 5 vulnerable women. As a consequence, the night-shelter has physically expanded from the Claris Hall to two 1st floor rooms, under the stairs and (on one night when we were enacting our severe weather provision) ON the stairs itself!

Since opening, close to 2000 bed-spaces have been provided in St Barnabas alone and considerably, more than 2000 meals. And what meals! Ask a Wandsworth Guest about the circuits food and it won't be long before the words "chicken and roast potatoes" comes up. And that's a pretty poor description for the high-quality meals churned out by the kitchen team, week after week with an ever evolving soup recipe and a surprise for desert.

The new kitchen has transformed the night-shelter. 90+ fresh plates of food are, each week, produced, processed and cleared away in less than 3 hours. For a professional kitchen this would be impressive; for amateurs, it's close to miraculous. I don't know what the refit cost but you may rest assured it was money well spent! Meanwhile, thanks to generous donations from our supporters, we have increased the Wandsworth casework team from 1 to 2. Bugoslaw and Patricia have had their most successful season ever in terms of housing people.

We have seen a 169% rise in rough sleepers in the last ten years. Economic and political uncertainty and radical changes to the welfare systems mean that this terrible statistic is unlikely to change anytime soon. It is thanks to the hard-work and cheery dedication of communities like the parish of St Barnabas that Glassdoor is able to continue its vital work, helping the most vulnerable in society.

Ben Davies, Glassdoor Shelter Manager

BATTERSEA WELCOME REFUGEES

St Barnabas Church is proud to be an active member of Battersea Welcomes Refugees (BWR).

BWR was formed two years ago with a vision to proactively help families who have been displaced as a result of the Syrian crisis. Made up of likeminded volunteers from seven of the eleven Anglican churches from across Battersea Deanery, the group was keen to act positively in response to a desperate humanitarian situation.

Working in line with the Home Office initiated Vulnerable Persons' Relocation Scheme, BWR focus has been finding landlords, equipping properties and welcoming families. We work in partnership with Wandsworth Council and, in particular, with the Family Recovery Project.

BWR has helped enable the families to adjust and settle into life in a new country. We have a dedicated lead volunteer in regular contact with each family. We have so far hosted two very successful parties for the families: a Welcome Tea and a Christmas Party. This year we are working to increase the amount of English tuition available and hope to help find opportunities for work experience as well.

To date, BWR is delighted to have successfully welcomed three Syrian families to Battersea.

Kirsty Ayling, BWR's Co-ordinator

CARE FOR THE FAMILY

Three years into my role as Care for the Family's London Coordinator, I was delighted to learn that my position has been made permanent. Thanks to all for your ongoing support and prayers. Within St Barnabas, it has been great to carry on supporting the families who come through our doors.

As well as continuing our now established tradition of running *Time out for Parents: The Early Years* alongside our Barneys toddler group for 6 weeks and running *Let's Stick Together* to support those bringing their children to be baptised, we introduced a brand new resource, *TotSlot*, to Barneys; a series of short talks to help parents build a strong attachment to their little one(s) in those crucial early years. This has been very well received and led to some great conversations.

Kate Duroux, Care for the Family

FINANCE Investing in God's plans for St Barnabas

FINANCE REPORT

Last year, thanks to the continuing generosity of the congregation, St Barnabas was able to fund an exceptional spend on a complete overhaul of the kitchen.

On behalf of the whole PCC I'd like to say a huge thank you and convey our gratitude to everyone who has kindly donated to help support our work and MAP vision. Together with the increased lettings income this has enabled us to share so much of God's love to others in our 120th anniversary year, and with your ongoing support and involvement, we'll continue to extend a warm welcome to all who join us in the years to come.

So much of what we do would not be possible without your financial giving and it's so encouraging to see so many of you reciprocating God's abundant love for each one of us with your regular pledged donations, which helps us continue our life transforming work here at St Barnabas.

Our total income for all funds is £185,409.00 with outgoings at £184,639.00, so overall good use of our resources considering all we have achieved in 2018.

The Battersea Welcomes Refugees fund has £10,536.00 and we are holding a designated grant of £5,000 for our future Youth Minister (to be appointed in 2019).

An extra thank you for our Gift Aid donors as we claimed £13,500.00 in tax rebate from HMRC; tax-payers please sign a form if you haven't as yet.

Our invested reserves remain with CCLA at £55,000. 5% of unrestricted donations received goes to Mission Giving and this year we will in turn donate £3370.00 to other causes, which is an increase from £3100.00. Glassdoor, Care for the Family, International Justice Mission, Battersea Welcomes Refugees and Battersea Deanery Schools each received £620.00 in 2018. Please refer to the separate report for full details of the accounts.

Sarita Rampat, Finance Coordinator

FUNDRAISING

Last year started with a Bingo night on 9th June, with Tim Matthews as the caller for the evening with buffet food and free drink on arrival. There was an attendance of about 80 or so tickets were £10 each. There was a raffle and cash bar. The evening raised around £1,500. This is always a popular event and is good fun!

On 17th November we had our annual Quiz Night, hosted by Stephen from Brain Men. There was a mixture of general knowledge, sport, music and picture rounds. This is also a very popular annual event with over 100 guests attending. Tickets were £10 each which included buffet meal and first free drink. There was a raffle also and cash bar. The evening raised over £1,700.

Liz Matthews, Fundraising Team

In September we hosted our first ever gourmet fundraising dinner. James Bullock, our lead nightshelter chef devised and prepared a four-course dinner for 30 and Al Jiwa paired each course with a specially chosen drink. It was a wonderful night, made possible by a team of 16 volunteers. We successfully fed a table of 12 rowers and a couple on their first night out after having a baby and raised £3,000 for the kitchen.

Susan Wright, Parish Assistant

MISSION GIVING AND OTHER CHARITABLE DONATIONS

In 2018, the PCC allocated £3,100 for Mission Giving. Total donations made were as follows:

International Justice Mission	£620.00
Glassdoor	£620.00
Battersea Deanery Schools	£620.00
Battersea Welcomes Refugees	£620.00
Care For The Family	£620.00
St Saviour's & St Olave's School	£150.00
Evening Carols for BWR	£296.00

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	RestrictedE funds	ndowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from: Donations and legacies	£67,628	£29,121	£500		£97,250	£65,646
Income from charitable activities	£18,841	~~~~	2000		£18,841	£20,651
Other trading activities	£54,333		_		£54,333	£47,297
Investments	£289		_		£289	£153
Other income	£14,695		_		£14,695	£13,244
Total income	£155,788	£29,121	£500	_	£185,409	£146,993
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	£584	£150	_		£734	£466
Expenditure on charitable activities	£174,319	£6,479	£448		£181,246	£145,795
Other expenditure	£1,325	~0,170	~ 110	_	£1,325	£905
Total expenditure	£176,229	£6,629	£448	_	£183,306	£147,167
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Net income / (expenditure) re- sources before transfer	(£20,441)	£22,492	£51	—	£2,103	(£174)
Transfers	C10 001	CE 400			047 404	
Gross transfers between funds - in	£12,391	£5,100	(00.000)		£17,491	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(£100)	(£15,391)	(£2,000)	_	(£17,491)	_
Other recognised gains / losses	(00.4.40)	040.000	(04.040)		00.400	(0474)
Net movement in funds	(£8,149)	£12,200	(£1,948)	_	£2,103	(£174)
Total funds brought forward	£98,443	£4,908	£2,777	£3,000	£109,129	£109,304
Total funds carried forward	£90,294	£17,109	£829	£3,000	£111,233	£109,129
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	£90,294				£90,294	£98,443
General fund	290,294				190,294	290,443
Designated						
BWR		£10,536	—		£10,536	
Barney's Toddler Group		£1,115	_		£1,115	£3,398
Flowers		£36	_	_	£36	
New Kitchen	_	_	_	_	_	£1,018
NightShelter	_	£420	_	_	£420	£491
Schools Worker		£5,000	—	—	£5,000	—
Restricted						
RT Area Dean			£829	_	£829	£2,776
Youth Work		—		—		£0
Endowment						
Restricted	_	_		£3,000	£3,000	£3,000
				23,000	23,000	23,000

Balance Sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
6432	St Matthew's Trust	£6,968	£6,933
6433	PA System		£958
6435	Electric Cooker		£367
6437	Vicar's Float	£300	£300
6438	Dishwasher	£2,658	
	Total Fixed assets	£9,926	£8,559
Current assets			
6501	Bank current account	£48,477	£49,298
6510	CCLA (CBF) deposit account	£13,518	£13,451
6520	CCLA (COIF)	£41,567	£41,379
6590	Cash in hand		_
Z05	Accounts Receivable	£1,697	£711
Z10	HMRC	£3,520	
Z22	Late Income	£239	£1,819
	Total Current assets	£109,021	£106,661
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections		£1,376
Z04	Accounts Payable	£4,344	
Z15	Battersea Deanery Schools		£1,615
Z19	Mission Giving	£3,370	£3,100
	Total Liabilities	£7,714	£6,091
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	£111,233	£109,129
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	£2,103	
Z01	Starting balances	£109,129	£109,129
Z02	Other gains/(losses)	,	,
	Total Reserves	£111,233	£109,129
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	£90,294	£98,443
	Designated	£17,109	£4,908
	Restricted	£829	£2,777
	Endowment	£3,000	£3,000
	Total	£111,233	£109,129

FABRICS

2018 was another busy year for the fabrics team. It saw us finally address the kitchen and thereby enabled us to better support the work of Glassdoor, which provides accommodation and wonderful meals for c.30-40 homeless guests one night a week between November and April.

All this needed funding, of course. Our new industrial kitchen cost an eye-watering £38k, but with your support, with the help of the Fundraising team running fantastic events throughout the year, and a small grant from the Allchurches Trust, we managed to raise necessary funds needed. We now have a kitchen that will last us for the next 20 years and not only make it better for our Sunday and midweek needs as a church, but keeps us compliant with Health &Safety regulations and improves our facilities for all who use the premises here.

2018 also witnessed our new quinquennial survey. This is the 5-year survey that assesses the state of the church and highlights any urgent repairs. Over the next year we need to carry out further surveys on the stonework – particularly around the tower and fix some slipped slates on the roof as well as replacing some guttering, but otherwise the report didn't bring up anything too dramatic away from general maintenance.

But we have additional plans afoot: over the next 5 years, we would like to redo the toilets and address the 125 year old door in the front porch. We also need to relay the front car park making access easier in wet conditions.

But generally, we just need to continue to adapt this wonderful old workhorse of a building into serving the needs of you, our congregation, of our homeless guests who stay with us and anonymous support groups who rely on us, and of all the groups that are pleased to run their operations here.

> Mike Burton Fabrics Committee

ADMINISTRATION

St Barnabas is a venue of choice for hirers offering children and adults' activities to our local community. In turn, the income generated allows us to support our community.

Undernoted are 2 testimonies, from a local school, Bolingbroke Academy and from the support group Alcoholic Anonymous.

Sandrine Simmons, Church Manager

BOLINGBROKE ACADEMY

Bolingbroke Academy values its ongoing connection with St Barnabas Church, formed since 2017. The Academy has held their last two Christmas concerts and one Summer concert at St Barnabas, as well as a Schubert in Schools workshop with 90 Year 7s, who were also filmed there as part of a documentary about the project.

The church is spacious, beautifully maintained and well-equipped, has great acoustics, and communication is always easy and efficient. Everyone who we have come into contact with at St Barnabas are friendly and keen to make our experience as positive as possible. Thank you so much St Barnabas for your generosity in allowing us to use your beautiful space - we can't wait to hold our Summer concert there again in July!

Rosie Breckon, Bolingbroke Academy Head of Creative and Performing Arts

ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS

I stopped drinking on 11 Jul 2000 and started to attend meetings on 16 July 2000. Since then I have not missed one Friday and I have become one of the leaders. I love this hall, I love this meeting and the people who come here – I have watched them grow and give up alcohol. I go to 3 different meetings but St Barnabas offers the best room.

There is something very special about the Claris hall, the lighting, the mosaic, most people who come here, never look back and don't go back drinking.

Liam, Alcoholic Anonymous

WHAT'S ON AT ST BARNABAS*

IN THE CLARIS HALL

BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays, 2.30pm – 4.00pm

FELLOWSHIP Thursdays, 2.30pm – 4.00pm

GLASSDOOR NIGHTSHELTER Thursday - Friday, 5.00pm-7.00am (Winter time)

BARNEY'S TODDLER GROUP Monday, 10.00am-11.30am Wednesday, 10.00am-11.30am

DEUTSCHE SPIELGRUPPE CLAPHAM Friday, 4.00pm-6.00pm

TIN PAN ANNIE Tuesday, 9.15am-11.30am Wednesday, 2.30pm-5.00pm Thursday, 9.15am-11.30am Friday, 9.15am-11.30am

PILATES FOR POSTURE Monday 7.10pm-9.40pm

ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS Tuesday, 7.00pm-9.00pm Friday, 7.00pm-9.00pm

NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST Offering full day Saturday antenatal sessions; evening 3-hour sessions and daytime breastfeeding sessions. IN THE ASCENSION HALL & WINDRUSH ROOM

YOUTH GROUPS Friday, 6.30pm – 8.00pm

PCC MEETINGS 3rd Wednesday, Monthly, 8.00pm - 9.00pm

GLASSDOOR NIGHTSHELTER Thursday - Friday, 5.00pm-7.00am (Winter time)

LUCIE ASHLEY DANCE Monday, 4.00pm-9.00pm Tuesday, 5.00-6.00pm Saturday, 9.00pm-2.30pm

TAE KWON DO Saturday, 10.30am-12.30pm

PEE WEE FUNAKOSHI KARATE Thursday 4.30pm-7.30pm

BATTERSEA DEANERY Occasional Presentations

CARE FOR THE FAMILY Parenting Courses Volunteers Training and meetings

NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST Offering full day Saturday antenatal sessions; evening 3-hour sessions and daytime breastfeeding sessions.

IN THE CHOIR VESTRY

BAPTISM PREPARATIONS Let's Stick Together Baptism Meetings

SINGING MAMAS CHOIR Monday, 10.00am-11.30am

SING & SIGN Monday, 1.30pm-4.30pm

LOVE & NURTURE Tuesday 9.45-11.30am

MAMA CODES Tuesday, 4.00pm-5.00pm Sunday, 1.00pm-2.00pm

YELLOWBIRD EDUCATION Wednesday, 4.30pm-5.30pm

LES COMPTINES d'AUGUSTINE Friday, 9.30am-10.30am

SOSAA Wednesday, 6.30pm-8.00pm

SAA Sunday, 3.00pm-5.00pm

DAISY FIRST AID 2-hour sessions, monthly

ST BARNABAS' CLAPHAM COMMON

Church for all - including you

PASTORAL OFFICES

In 2018, there were 11 baptisms, 3 weddings and 5 funerals. There was 1 confirmation and 4 children were admitted to Holy Communion on Easter Day.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC trustees share responsibility for promoting the whole mission of the Church, its financial accountability, safeguarding users, the maintenance, preservation and insurance of the fabric of the Grade II listed building. They met 9 times in 2018.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The last six yearly revision of the electoral roll was in 2013. As at Dec 2018, the roll had 145 members.

BATTERSEA DEANERY SYNOD

The Battersea Deanery Synod met three times in 2018: *February* (St George's School) allowed the headteachers of St George's and Christchurch to explain how a Christian ethos shaped their schools. *June* (St Mark's) involved pioneer minister in the Arts, Rev Betsy Blatchey, describing something of her work in *Musicals, Mission and Mayhem.* And *November* (St Barnabas) was a gathering up of reports from the year just gone. Meetings are more often than not open meetings meaning any interested non Synod members can attend on an one-off basis too.

SAFEGUARDING

St Barnabas adheres to the Diocesan guidance *A Safe Church* when it comes to protecting vulnerable groups within the church environment. Using the Diocesan Annual Safeguarding Review, the Vicar, churchwardens and parish safeguarding officers (Sarita Rampat and Sandrine Simmons) systematically check procedures and then the PCC as a whole re-affirms its commitment to safeguarding children, vulnerable adults and those at risk of domestic abuse.

Measures include carrying out DBS checks on groups' leaders, pastoral team member and ensuring hirers agree to observe the church's safeguarding policies. Policies of our practice and for responding to concerns and can be found on the Safeguarding notice board in the Claris Hall and copies of the manual are available for reference at the back of the worship area, in the office, and online from our website and the Diocesan website.

SUNDAY SERVICES & PRAYERS

Family Service: 9.30am 1st Sunday of the month **BCP Communion Service: 9.30am** 4th Sunday of the month

Holy Communion or Morning Worship: 11.00am every Sunday

Sunday Groups run every Sunday during term time except on the 1st Sunday of the month:

Bubbles: for children from Rec to Year 2 **XStream:** for children from Year 3 to Year 6 **The Grid:** for children from Year 7+

Creche facilities available at all services.

Daily Prayers: 12.30pm Monday to Thursday **Taize Prayer & Communion: 8.00pm** on the 1st Wednesday of the month

MIDWEEK GROUPS

Tuesday Bible Study: 2.30-4.00pm Please contact Pat Shabaan for more information Thursday Fellowship: 2.30-4.00pm Please contact Margaret Hind or Cicely Meehan for more information Homegroups: 7.30-9.00pm midweek. Please contact Susan Wright for more information

YOUTH AND CHURCH GROUPS

Barneys Toddler Group: 10.00-11.30am on Mondays and Wednesdays, for babies, toddlers and their parents. Please contact Joanna Burdett for more information.

Friday Youth: 6.30pm-8pm on Fridays. Two groups, one for Yrs 4 to 6 and one for Yrs 7+. Each group meet on a fortnightly basis. An evening of fun and games with a short God-spot too. Please contact Richard Taylor for more information.

STAFF

Rev Richard Taylor, Vicar Rev Annie Kurk, Assistant Vicar Rev Anne Cocking, Curate Sandrine Simmons, Church Manager Susan Wright, Parish Assistant Sarita Rampat, Finance Manager Alan Burrows, Youth Worker (until 04/18) Sarah Hughes, Director of Music (from 09/18)



WINDRUSH SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, we praise you for the gift and blessing of the Windrush generation.

We thank you for their service to this country in so many essential roles and for all they have given to the building up of our national life.

Enrich our understanding, deepen our appreciation of one another, banish ignorance, prejudice and fear and knit us together by the power of your Spirit who is the bond of love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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