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## 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



### **Parochial Church Council May 2021**

This is the annual report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St. Barnabas' Church, Clapham Common for 2020. 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.

## VICAR'S INTRODUCTION

If there's one thing for which 2020 will be remembered, it is (as many were fond of saying) that we lived in 'strange times.' I think it's fair to say that the word strange is doing quite a lot of work there. But as a shorthand way of gathering together our COVID-shaped experiences of disruption, isolation, anxiety, uncertainty, illness, grief and death, I reckon strange is just about as good a word as there is. What is more, as we look to return to life (and church) as we knew it, it's right that we remember and acknowledge that it was so - that 2020 was a year of strange times.

But that's not the only way of framing the year. Another way of being retrospective is to pause and think of all the things we did at St Barnabas that we would never have otherwise tried - maybe because we didn't have time before or maybe because we would just never have thought of it. For example:

Taking the Family Service outside for September's *Songs on the Common* and December's *Christingle*.

## CURATE'S INTRODUCTION



What a difference a year makes...well almost a year now since I joined the family at St Barnabas Church as a curate.

I feel I am still getting to know some of you, mainly

as we have not had the opportunity to meet regularly, and I hope we can deepen our relationships over the next year.

Love for this church, love for this parish and love for the gospel entrusted to us, are some of the things that ignite my vocation.

God has called each of us to serve Him in diverse ways and He wants us to be fruitful as we remain in Christ so let's seize the day in the power of the Holy Spirit.

From the curate's desk.

*Rev Ian Luke-Macauley*

Establishing a network of *Covid Buddies* at the start of the first lockdown and developing *Neighbourhood Groups* to help is through the third. Starting up a good old-fashioned newsletter, *The Commoner*, as the most reliable way to keep in touch with all the members of church, online or not, and following this with *The Little Commoner* for church families, too. Sharing a bit more of ourselves with each other through the video based, *Weekend Catch Up*, and enjoying the greater level of sharing and participation that doing Sunday church on *Zoom* (morning or evening) allowed (whilst also providing weekly liturgy for *Prayer in the Home*). Extending *Daily Prayer* from 30 minutes to 1 hour and streaming *weddings and funerals* to Australia, Nigeria and the States.

And so on. I don't suppose I ever expected that 2020 would be remembered for so many things we'd never done before. Then again, we did live in strange times.

*Rev Richard Taylor*

## WARDEN'S REPORT

2020 was a very different year and one where the support of all our volunteers across the year was even more so appreciated. Many thanks to you all and in particular:

- to Pat for her dedication to the Tuesday Bible Study Group. After many years leading the group with enthusiasm and wisdom she has decided to stand down. I would also like to thank her for the many ways in which she has and continues to support the church.

- to Liz and her family for their support and in particular for managing to organise a fantastic social and fundraising event even in lockdown.

- to Chelsea for her magnificent organisation of the Nightshelter and to Chris for his fantastic cooking.

This is my last report as a Warden as I am standing down from warden duties but I am very pleased to say that I will now be leading the Tuesday Bible Study and hope I will make Pat proud.

*Yvonne Langley, Warden*

## WORSHIP

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### JANUARY to MARCH

Pattern of Family Services, Morning Worships & Holy Communions

### MARCH to AUGUST

PRAYER IN THE HOME: simple weekly liturgy emailed or printed and hand-delivered

AUDIO SERMONS from Ann & Richard with some questions for reflections

VIDEO SERMONS & RECORDED SERVICES for Easter, Pentecost and Family Services

SUNDAY EVENING ZOOM for bible reading, questions and night prayer

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CAFÉ CHURCH, family friendly gathering led by Sam

### AUGUST to DECEMBER

IN PERSON WORSHIP followed by Communion in one kind only, with C&YP Groups online and in church

ZOOM FAMILY SERVICES, SONGS ON THE COMMON, MORNING WORSHIP & ALL-AGE WORSHIP

RECORDED SERVICES for Remembrance Sunday and Stewardship Sunday

OUTDOOR CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

IN PERSON CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

MIDWEEK PRIVATE PRAYER & DAILY PRAYER 30mins of quiet prayer followed by a shared service of daily prayer.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

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18x COVID BUDDIES to link phone volunteers with some members and run errands if required

35x weekly WORSHIP EMAILS to c. 140 members with details of Services, Prayer in the Home & Sunday Groups

25x THE COMMONER, a two-sided church newsletter, emailed, printed & hand delivered when required

6x LITTLE COMMONER, a newsletter with tips, encouragement and news aimed at families

4x WEEK-END CATCH-UP, a short video compilation of individuals and families from St Barnabas

WEBSITE PAGES dedicated to online resources (video and audio sermons, videos for children and young people, liturgies and music suspensions)

1x ONLINE BINGO organised, produced and brilliantly led by the Matthews' Family

3x NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS linking up to 6 households to pray, support and get to know each other started in October

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## CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

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7 x MONDAY EVENING PRAYER and 8 x FRIDAY EVENING YOUTH: a short bible study [Just 10] and time of prayer for the Grid

3 x GRID VIDEO DEVOTION: 10 minute talks from Sam

2 x X-STREAM SHEETS & VIDEOS: an Easter worksheet and a Zoom school assembly (with Tif from St Michaels)

SWLDN\_YOUTH INSTAGRAM: new account (comprehensively safeguarded) for comms with yp

17 x BUBBLES VIDEOS including a bible story and a craft recorded by Liz and Sam

3x SUNDAY BIBLE CINEMA for KS1 & KS2

3x SUNDAY ONLINE GRID for Yrs 7 -10

3x FILM BIBLE STUDY a discussion group for Yrs 11 & 12

## MUSIC

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15x SUSPENSIONS, musical reflections on the canon of church music from Sarah

RECORDINGS with and without a band to include music on videos and zoom services

LIVE ORGAN, PIANO & VOCALS in church services from Sarah Hughes

AN EVENING OF FESTIVE MUSIC, an online advent concert recorded by Sarah.

## COVID SAFE SPACE

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RECONFIGURATION OF THE SEATING AREA, removing all fabric chairs for wipeable chairs, laid out in a socially distanced way

NEW ENTRANCE via Door 3, to minimise the areas used  
NEW BANNERS WITH COVID INSTRUCTIONS and a hand sanitising point

SEPARATE MICROPHONES to have a safe space for each reader and intercessor

HYMNS BOOKS replaced by hymns on the screens

TRACK & TRACE system in place with visitors checking in or filling in the attendance register

## NIGHTSHELTER

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SEASON 2019/20: c. 35 guests using the Claris and Ascension Halls to eat and sleep, rehoused in sheltered accommodations in the 1<sup>st</sup> lockdown

SEASON 2020/21: shelter replaced by a dinner service served 3 evenings a week in the Church, with the option of take-away dinners with the collaboration of St Barnabas Southfield, St Mary's and St Mark's.

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## FINANCE

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With lettings groups and services suspended in 2020 our income dropped considerably but in typical generous fashion the congregation of St Barnabas stepped up to the plate, literally with our new contactless giving device, and through the Double Your Money initiative. A huge thank you to all who responded to Stewardship Sunday and/or donate to us more regularly. All donations are gratefully received and help us meet our Parish Support Fund to Southwark Diocese, pay staff & building costs, and support our mission in the parish and beyond. Thanks to your contributions and some grant awards we are down by £11K overall compared to last year, but not bad during a pandemic. If you would like info on Gift Aid, the 2020 Accounts or how to give to St Barnabas, please contact me.

*Sarita Rampat, Finance Manager*

## OPERATIONS & FABRICS

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With the lockdowns of 2020, all groups had to stop their activities for several months. We were pleased to see some support groups, including Barney's, as well as 5 of our main hirers returning in September. Despite the new organisation we had to put in place to ensure that all groups could operate in a covid-safe space, we were able to accommodate all hirers. Leaders, parents and children were all delighted to see the activities starting once again.

We did not undertake any large projects in 2020 but took advantage of the quieter months to carry out some repairs on the doors leading to the Choir Vestry and resurface the car park.

*Sandrine Simmons, Church Manager*

## STAFF

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Because of the pandemic, Sarita Rampat and Sarah Hughes were furloughed for part of the year. In June 2020, we were delighted to welcome Ian Luke-Macauley who started his curacy with us. Sadly, we said good-bye to Samuel Benjamin, Youth Minister in October 2020.

## PASTORAL OFFICES

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In 2020, there were 11 baptisms, 2 weddings and 5 funerals.

## BATTERSEA DEANERY SYNOD

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The Battersea Deanery Synod met 3 times in 2020. In February, following his visitation to the Deanery, +Richard, addressed the Synod in person and facilitated a session of general Q&As. Instead of a garden party in June, we met on Zoom and shared various experiences of the first lockdown. And in November, again on Zoom, we watched an address by Amanda Mukwashi (CEO of Christian Aid) who, in light of the pandemic was posing the question, 'What does the world church have to say to us now about the church of the future?' Meetings averaged an attendance of 30.

## ELECTORAL ROLL

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The roll was revised in 2020. There were 108 members.

## SAFEGUARDING

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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 members, PCC members 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 notice board 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.

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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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 twice in person and 7 times on zoom in 2020.

## Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	94,219	3,654	375	—	98,248	79,700
Income from charitable activities	6,565	—	—	—	6,565	23,428
Other trading activities	26,793	—	—	—	26,793	51,008
Investments	172	—	—	—	172	390
Other income	8,541	—	—	—	8,541	6,140
<b>Total income</b>	<b>136,292</b>	<b>3,654</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>140,322</b>	<b>160,666</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	338	—	375	—	711	94
Expenditure on charitable activities	141,123	8,637	752	—	150,514	157,523
Other expenditure	425	—	—	—	425	531
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>141,885</b>	<b>8,637</b>	<b>1,127</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>151,650</b>	<b>158,149</b>
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	500
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>(5,592)</b>	<b>(4,982)</b>	<b>(752)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(11,328)</b>	<b>3,017</b>
<b>Transfers</b>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	3,000	—	—	3,000	1,125
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	(3,000)	(3,000)	(1,125)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(5,592)</b>	<b>(1,982)</b>	<b>(752)</b>	<b>(3,000)</b>	<b>(11,328)</b>	<b>3,017</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>92,873</b>	<b>16,987</b>	<b>1,389</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>114,250</b>	<b>111,233</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>87,280</b>	<b>15,004</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>102,922</b>	<b>114,250</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
General fund	87,280	—	—	—	87,280	92,873
<b>Designated</b>						
BWR	—	5,771	—	—	5,771	7,083
Barneys Group	—	2,442	—	—	2,442	2,163
Flowers	—	10	—	—	10	—
NightShelter	—	1,472	—	—	1,472	2,343
Organ	—	351	—	—	351	351
Schools Worker	—	—	—	—	—	3,088
Stonework	—	4,957	—	—	4,957	1,957
<b>Restricted</b>						
RT Area Dean	—	—	636	—	636	1,389
<b>Endowment</b>						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	3,000

## Balance Sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
6432	St Matthew's Trust	—	7,020
6437	Vicar's Float	300	300
6438	Dishwasher	1,701	2,126
	<b>Total Fixed assets</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>9,447</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
6501	CAF Bank Current Account	62,498	53,694
6510	CCLA (CBF) Deposit Account	13,678	13,620
6520	CCLA (COIF) Deposit Account	41,914	41,804
6590	Cash in hand	—	—
6591	Soldo PrePaid Card	898	378
Z05	Accounts Receivable	500	249
Z10	HMRC	—	—
Z22	Late Income	—	—
	<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>119,489</b>	<b>109,746</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
6601	Grants/Loans received	7,050	—
6699	Agency collections	—	—
Z04	Accounts Payable	3,773	97
Z15	Battersea Deanery Schools	—	—
Z19	Mission Giving	7,745	4,845
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>18,568</b>	<b>4,942</b>
	<b>Net Asset surplus(deficit)</b>	<b>102,922</b>	<b>114,250</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(11,328)	(5,637)
Z01	Starting balances	114,250	119,388
Z02	Other gains/(losses)	—	500
	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>102,922</b>	<b>114,250</b>
<b>Represented by funds</b>			
	Unrestricted	87,280	92,873
	Designated	15,004	16,987
	Restricted	636	1,389
	Endowment	—	3,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>102,922</b>	<b>114,250</b>