



## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, SOUTH WIMBLEDON

Annual Report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council, and the general activities of the Parish

Prepared for the A.P.C.M. 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Church, South Wimbledon works together with our Priest-in-Charge – Father Christopher Noke – to promote the worship, mission, outreach and care of the parish.

All Saints' is a 'Society Parish' and 'Episcopal Oversight' is provided by the Bishop of Fulham. However, we also seek to co-operate fully with the Diocese of Southwark, making sure that we are properly represented on Synod, and that we engage with, and support, as many Diocesan initiatives as possible.

Promoting and nurturing the links that exist between the church and our primary school is also part of the council's remit, and several members serve on the Governing Body. "Growing stronger together in God's Love" is the collective ethos for both church and school.

Safeguarding, Serious Incident Reporting and Health and Safety are regular agenda items, and the council is tasked with ensuring that all the relevant training, Risk Assessments and reporting procedures are kept up-to-date and adhered to. The regulations also require the council to check the proper maintenance of all gas appliances, electrical installations and fire extinguishers, to make sure that all certificates are current, and to check that necessary performance licences are kept up-to-date.

The Council's responsibility for the care and maintenance of the church buildings also extends to the church hall which is normally used on a regular basis for a wide range of activities, and also as a meeting place for several community groups. That this building should continue to function, despite ongoing deterioration, will be a major challenge for All Saints'.

The Parochial Church Council also bears overall responsibility for the finances of the parish, and there will be more information on this later in this report.

As in all matters the Council is required to follow the Data Protection regulations as applicable.

### Objectives

To grow and foster our Parish Community is one of the prime objectives of the P.C.C. All Saints' has a tradition of 'Anglo Catholic' worship stretching back over many years, and the council is anxious to maintain this. However, the age profile of our current congregation necessitates the need to explore new initiatives that will encourage not only children and their parents to join our worshipping community, but also those who might otherwise pass us by. In this context our 'Mission-Action-Plan' will be of increasing importance.

We also try to ensure that we 'keep in touch' with those who, for whatever reason, cannot attend church regularly. This may be by phone or e-mail, but also with personal visits wherever possible.

In December the council approves a calendar of events for the coming year which aims to appeal to as many people as possible through its variety and accessibility. These activities are promoted on our website, in our school, in the parish magazine and, in the case of Jumble Sales, on local radio.

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## Worship – Congregational

The P.C.C. has ensured that access to the church is easy for the disabled and for those who are less mobile. A lit and level path to the west end of the church allows disabled access through the south door, which is wide enough for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Handrails have also been installed to either side of the steps leading to the main door, as well as additional grab rails on the doors themselves. The main doors can also be securely fixed in an open position. Sidespersons are on duty at all points of entry to assist as necessary. Toilet facilities incorporate special provision for the disabled, as well as a baby changing station for those with younger children.

1. Sunday worship is centred on our main Sunday service of Solemn Mass at 11.00.a.m. which generally attracts a congregation of between 35 - 45 people. Incense is used and the service is choral. There is also a team of servers, normally comprising an M.C., Thurifer, Crucifer and two acolytes. There are also normally two Eucharistic Ministers who will administer the Chalice.  
Lay persons are encouraged to join our 'reader's list' and they will read one of the lessons on a regular basis. Other members of the congregation lead the intercessions. We also actively encourage people to join our choir (Contact Mr. David Coram, organist), and serving team. (Contact Mr. Patrick Wood, Sacristan)  
After the service coffee is served by volunteers at the back of the church and there are homemade cakes for sale once a month.  
It is important to us that we ensure everyone receives a friendly welcome and that any newcomer is greeted warmly and invited to stay behind afterwards to join us for coffee and a chat.
2. There are normally two Low Masses during the week – at 7.30.p.m. on a Tuesday evening and at 11.00.a.m. on a Thursday morning. These services may expect a congregation of between 8 – 12 people on a regular basis. The Tuesday evening Mass is usually preceded by our 'Office Hour' during which requests can be received for Baptisms, Weddings etc., and anyone wishing to see Father Christopher can speak to him privately. Mass on a Thursday is usually followed by coffee at the back of the church.
3. On the third Sunday in the month we have Solemn Evensong and Benediction with the choir and servers present. Attendance is usually between 10 – 16 people.
4. Our Walsingham Cell meets bi-monthly, on a Saturday in Church at 12 noon for a Mass dedicated to Our Lady, followed by refreshments and a meeting. The Cell, which has members from other nearby churches, aims to make a weekend pilgrimage to the Shrine once a year. We also have a small, but dedicated Rosary Group which meets on the first Sunday in the month at 6.00.p.m.

5. There are of course additional services at various times throughout the year. These include Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, certain Saints' Days, and on days surrounding the Great Festivals.



In addition we often host the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary – Fr. Christopher being chaplain to the Chapter of The Incarnate Word, S. Alban & S. Edward. For the festival of Corpus Christi we lay a carpet of flowers down the main aisle of the church. Provided that the school is not on holiday, we encourage some of the children to bring along their own petals and to lay their own design. Additional services are always advertised in our weekly news sheet, in our magazine and on the parish website.

## Worship – For The Children

### 'Teddy Bear' Church

1. As part of our initiative to encourage families with young children to join our worshipping community 'Teddy Bear' Church meets on the second Sunday each month in the S. Michael Chapel. Beginning at 10.00.a.m., it lasts for about 30 mins. Each meeting features a theme for the day which includes songs, prayers and activities in which all the children can take part. Parents and friends are all welcome to join in with the fun! Numbers have been gradually increasing over time and Roger Stanley, who leads the group, has now expanded the programme to include sessions in our school.



### Sunday School

On Sundays when there is no 'Teddy Bear' Church, Roger Stanley leads an informal Sunday School in the church hall. These sessions run in tandem to our Sunday Mass and the children come back into church prior to the administration of Communion.

### All Saints' C of E School



The Priest-in-Charge and several members of the Parochial Church Council serve on the Governing Body of the school, either as P.C.C. or S.D.B.E (Southwark Diocesan Board of Education) governors. The present chair of the school's Governing Body is a member of the P.C.C. and the council is also represented on the school's Faith Group which seeks to develop and strengthen the links between school and church.

These links are highly valued, and the children experience Christian worship as part of their everyday life. Father Christopher leads assemblies in the school, and the whole school meets in the church throughout the year for services to mark the beginning and end of each term, and to celebrate the important festivals of the Church calendar. They also gather at All Saints' for their annual service of Remembrance, for a service to mark All Saints' Tide, and for their Christmas Carol services. On many of these occasions we welcome parents and friends to the church when we hope they will find us to be both welcoming and inclusive.

## Worship and Outreach

1. Our parish website gives up-to-date and detailed information on all our services. Although a recent innovation, I wished to include in this report the fact that we are currently 'streaming' our weekday masses so that those unable to be with us in body can still be with us in spirit.
2. Every year as part of our Lenten observance we hold a 'Walk of Witness' in the parish. This invariably receives a positive response with people often joining us either in prayer, or in the singing of some of the more familiar Lenten hymns.

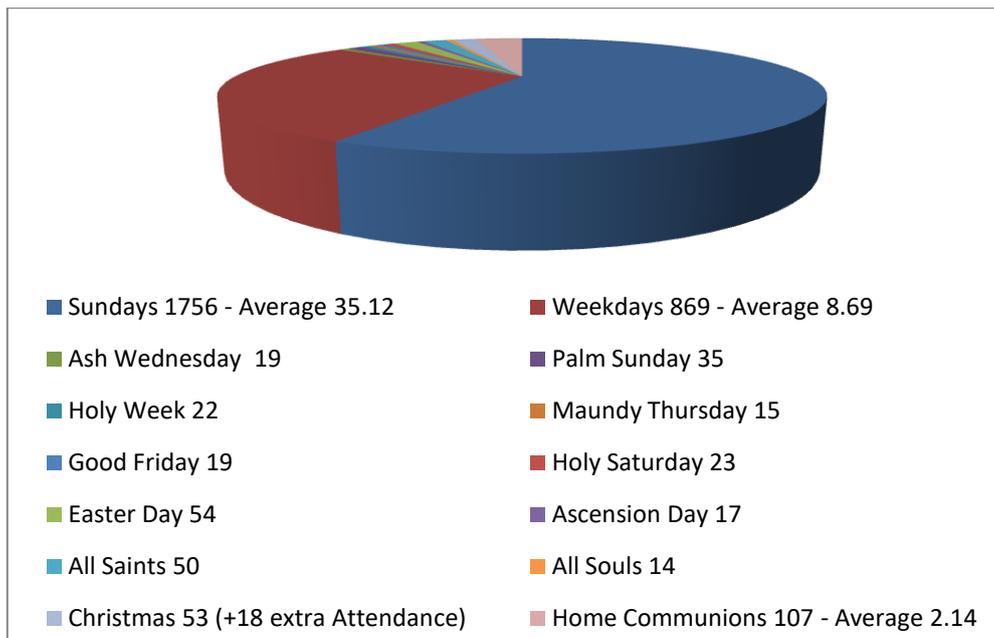
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3 Christmas is a joyful time for most and at All Saints' we try to make it as traditional as possible. Our Carol Service by candlelight is particularly popular, attracting a number of people who might not otherwise attend church. Mulled wine and mince pies in the hall afterwards give the opportunity to strike up new acquaintances in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere, and hopefully encourage some to return on a more regular basis. On Christmas Eve we hold our 'Christingle' service, which is particularly aimed at young children. This has become increasingly popular - the children carefully carrying and placing the crib figures, holding their lighted 'Christingles' and joining with their parents as, in a darkened church, they gather round to sing 'Shine, Jesus, Shine.' A moment to treasure.

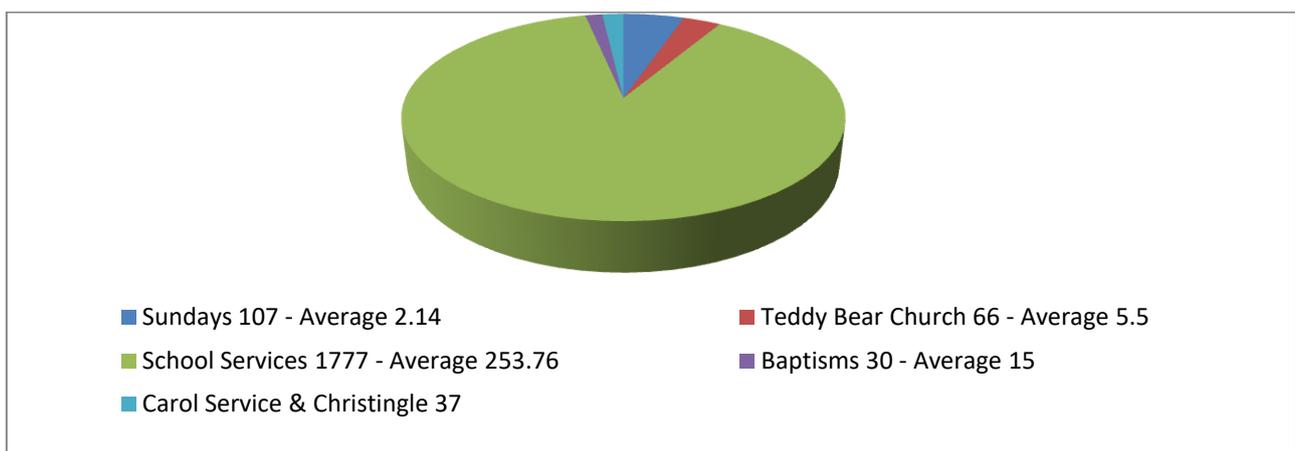
Although in recent years we have discontinued our 'Carol Singing' around the parish our choir continue to sing in the Sultan Public House on Christmas Eve, collecting on behalf of the Children's Society. By closing time the boxes will be full, some of the customers will be in church, and the choir standing ready to lend their vocal talents to our Midnight Mass.

## Worship – Statistics

### Communicants – January – December 2019

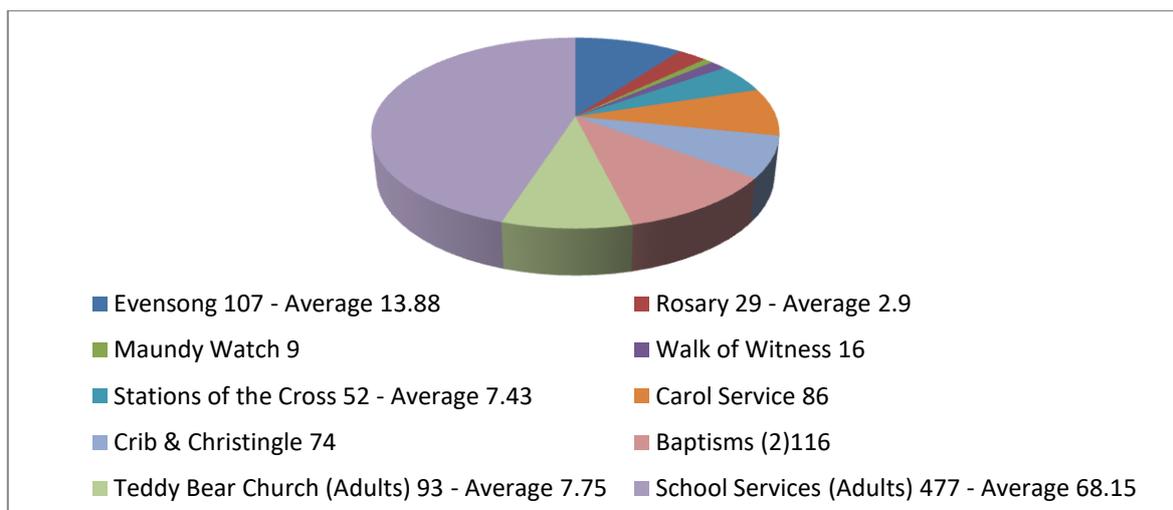


### Children's attendance – January – December 2019



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## Other attendance – January – December 2019



## Activities

### Overview

The P.C.C. appoints a Social Committee at its first meeting after the A.P.C.M. This group comprises primarily P.C.C. members, but also has the power to co-opt other members of the church who have particular gifts and talents that could be of benefit in making decisions with regard to the forward planning strategy. In partnership with the Priest-in-Charge, the Churchwardens and the whole council, the Social Committee formulates a plan of activities for the coming year, encompassing not only events primarily aimed at fund-raising, but also planning occasions that appeal to the wider community and social gatherings that relate to the times and seasons of the year.

### 1. Church-Centred

#### a. 'The Quiet Garden'



The Quiet Garden was born out of the small plot of land to the south west of the church that remained after the Vicarage garden was fenced off. Dedicated by the Bishop of Kingston on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019, when children from our school helped plant an apple tree and some bulbs, it is now not only a place for prayer and quiet reflection, but also an outdoor space that can be utilised in the warmer weather by 'Teddy Bear' Church and by our Sunday school children. The P.C.C. agreed that the garden should be affiliated to the 'Quiet Garden Movement' and listed on their website. It is always open at the same time as the church, and also by prior appointment. It is also open on Friday mornings in conjunction with 'Open Church.' Access is either via the church or along the path that runs from All Saints' road and under the west window.

#### b. 'Open Church'

'Open Church' is an initiative designed to welcome anyone into church on a Friday morning. Coffee and biscuits (sometimes homemade cakes!) are served and church members are always on hand to greet visitors, some of whom may never have visited All Saints' before. There is also the opportunity to light a candle for someone, to sit in silent prayer, or to just soak up the atmosphere of the building.

## c. **'Working Party'**

Our 'Working Party' comprises a small, but dedicated band of people that meet regularly on a Wednesday morning to maintain the church gardens, clean the church itself and do all those smaller jobs that would otherwise involve the church in extra expense. Our flower arrangers often join the group, and at Easter their numbers swell as people come along to help with the annual 'spring clean' of the church. Working together like this fosters love and care not only for the church buildings, but also for each other. It is very much the case that a Church that works together, stays together.

## 2. **For the Church and Community**

### a. **'Eating Out!'**

The real joy of food is being able to share it with friends, and one of the great joys of friendship comes from eating together. At All Saints' this has become part of our social calendar, and we now plan at least three celebratory lunches a year – more if the occasion warrants it! Our lunches are open to all and aim to be as informal as possible. In May we celebrate the Dedication of our church and as autumn begins we sit down for a traditional 'Harvest Supper.' A recent, and successful, innovation has been the introduction of a Christmas Lunch arranged especially for those who might not otherwise be able to enjoy a traditional Christmas meal. Turkey, Christmas pudding and all the trimmings – who could refuse!?

### b. **'Fun and Funds'**

You will see from the financial statements that All Saints' needs to raise additional funds to meet its liabilities each year, and to set aside money for future projects. The P.C.C. and Social Committee therefore plan a number of events each year to fulfil this need.

The Christmas and Summer Fairs are our largest undertakings and involve the most planning and commitment. As well as stalls run by the church, we have furthered our outreach by inviting third parties to run stalls of their own, and by asking the uniformed organisations to add their contribution to the mix. The added attraction of refreshments and lunches, plenty of advertising and attractive prizes, hopefully helps to encourage as large an attendance as possible. In 2019 these fairs raised a total of £1950 towards church funds.

Our 'Cream Teas' afternoon – which also incorporates a few stalls – is another opportunity to welcome people to our church in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. If the weather is fine tables are set up in the 'Quiet Garden' where tea, scones, strawberry jam and lashings of fresh cream - quintessential elements of an English summer afternoon - can be enjoyed in peace and tranquillity. What could be better?

For those seeking an intellectual challenge we run two quizzes each year. The first - aimed specifically at the younger members of the congregation and family groups - is our 'Family Quiz.' This light-hearted gathering usually includes something to eat and a selection of questions appropriate to the occasion, and we hope that the popularity of this will grow as time goes on.

Our Annual 'Inter-Church Quiz Nite' with Fish 'n Chip supper is timed to coincide with our Patronal Festival celebrations. Planning for this popular event starts in the early autumn when invitations to take part are sent out to a number of local churches, as well as to our school. About eight teams take part and, despite the rivalry and maybe the occasional dispute, good humour abounds and a fun evening is had by all.

## c. 'A Walk in the Park'

Every year, on or around the August Bank Holiday, we hold our 'Sponsored Walk' – a leisurely stroll through country or town, taking in places of interest, and often visiting unfamiliar locations. People are invited to sponsor the walkers – the money raised usually specifically targeted at a particular project or need that the church might have. In 2019 our walk raised £1,155.

Purely for pleasure, and for a chance to get out together, Roger often organises walks at weekends throughout the year. These form part of our Mission-Action-Planning strategy and are open to all.

## 3. 'Pile it High and Sell it Cheap'

### a. 'Jumble Sales'

Jumble Sales are on the decline. Once prolific, and a regular happening on a Saturday morning, they are much harder to find today. However, at All Saints' we are keen to maintain the 'Jumble' tradition. The Social Committee organise several sales during the year, and there seems to be no shortage of clothes, books, bric-a-brac and miscellanea to sell. The sales are well advertised and generally well attended – many familiar faces turning up on a regular basis in search of that elusive bargain. We also offer coffee and tea, as well as a selection of filled rolls, all at very reasonable cost. In 2019 our Jumble Sales raised a grand total of £1,276 for church funds.

## 4. 'Spreading our Wings'

### a. 'Concerts'

In November 2019, Soo Bishop – the Musical Director of the Wimbledon Community Chorus – approached the P.C.C. as to their thoughts on her using the church as a space in which to hold musical concerts. Presented with an ideal opportunity to further our outreach into the community, the P.C.C. were keen to further the idea. To date two such musical events have taken place and we hope that more will follow in due course. We do not make a direct charge for use of the building, but receive a generous donation instead.

We also have plans (albeit on hold) to arrange a concert with a Welsh Male Voice Choir. We hope to incorporate into the programme contributions from the children of our school in the hope that the event will attract an audience not only from our own congregation, but from the wider community as a whole.

### b. 'Here we are!'

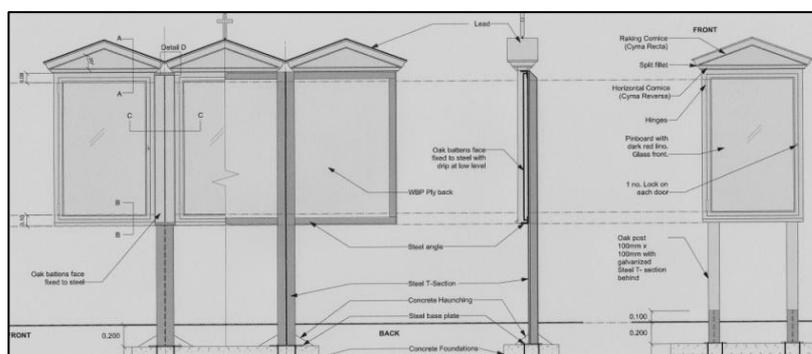
Every month the parish publishes a **Parish Magazine** which contains a letter from Father Christopher and news from our school and the wider parish. It also gives up-to-date information on services, impending events and those planned for the future. No charge is made for this, but donations are welcome.

In tandem with the magazine the church has its own **website** packed with information on the church and its history, as well as the full church calendar, information on our church officers and details of contacts. The website has recently undergone a complete overhaul, not only to improve its appearance and ease-of-use, but also to ensure that it meets current security protocols.

Every Sunday a **weekly news sheet** gives the congregation information on the readings for Mass, the current parish prayer list and a list of events and services for the coming week. This is designed to be taken away and referred to during the week.

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For the wider parish, leaflets are distributed to every household at Christmas and Easter with greetings from our parish priest and an invitation to join in our festive celebrations. Several members of the congregation have joined our worshipping community as a direct result of this initiative.



It is important too that we have good signage outside the church. For some years the notice boards outside the north door, and the one outside the church hall, have been deteriorating to the extent that they have become increasingly difficult to read. They are also not particularly in keeping with the

building. Thanks to a legacy from the estate of David Willis (a past member of our congregation), and some generous donations in his memory, the council thought it appropriate that new notice boards outside both the church and hall should be erected in his memory. Our architect – Mr. Marcus Beale – has drawn up plans for bespoke boards, based on the design of those which were originally outside the church. There will be two boards – a larger one of three panels to the east of the north door and a smaller single-panelled one adjacent to the hall entrance. The large painted notice board affixed high on the north wall will remain whilst all the other boards will be removed. The process has been a long one, requiring a faculty from the Chancellor of the Diocese and planning permission from the London Borough of Merton. However, I am glad to report that the project is now nearing completion and the boards are under construction. They will be a great asset to the church.

## **Going Forward**

### **1. Our Church Hall**

The Church Hall fulfils an important role as a meeting place for the church, as a venue for many of our fund-raising events and as a facility that can be used by the wider community. For a very reasonable hourly fee, and subject to the approval of the P.C.C., the hall can be hired for a variety of functions and its use has increased considerably in recent times.

Under normal circumstances, the Pensioners' Club meets once a week, a Tamil 'drop-in' group meets on a Wednesday morning, various dance groups and martial arts clubs meet on a regular basis, and there are the children's parties that often grace the hall on a weekend.

The money raised from our hall lettings forms a significant part of our income, which in 2019 amounted to £13,070, but the hall building itself is giving increasing cause for concern. Built in the 1950's and with a concrete-bound asbestos roof, the building is now barely watertight. The floor slab suffers from the ingress of damp and there are settlement cracks to some of the walls. The P.C.C. accepts that there will come a time when complete replacement of the structure will be necessary and to this end has determined that, when our finances allow, money from the hall lettings will be channelled into a fund for rebuilding. You will see from the financial statements and treasurer's report what progress has been made and what the future holds. The hope is that, once a reasonable sum has been accrued grants for re-building can be sought and a hall fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century built.

## 2. Our Church

### a. **The Building**

In 2021 our Quinquennial inspection – a Diocesan requirement - will fall due. This is a comprehensive examination of the church buildings carried out by our architect. Upon completion a detailed report is provided, and works required categorised as to their urgency. The council is required to meet the cost of the inspection which is expected to be in excess of £1,000. Since the last examination only a limited number of recommendations have been carried out, and it is anticipated that a number of potentially expensive repairs will be deemed necessary. Of particular concern is the church roof, as its age is such that an increasingly large number of tiles are showing signs of slippage, and although some of the stonework to the west end of the church has been repaired and stabilised, there is evidence of erosion in other areas. However, the council is mindful to mitigate the need for major repairs by ensuring that a routine schedule of maintenance is in place, and that all roof slopes, gutters and rainwater goods are inspected on an annual basis.

### b. **A 'Green Church'**

The Diocese actively encourages churches to be as 'green' as possible. However, a building such as ours is inevitably costly to heat and light. The recent requirement to fill in an 'energy footprint' for the church will no doubt reveal that our energy consumption is high and our efficiency low. However, the council has explored the possibility of converting the light fittings to L.E.D. units, and actively seeks to get the best energy deals possible. Of course, should the main roof be replaced in the foreseeable future, then that would present an ideal opportunity not only to insulate the loft area, but also to consider the installation of solar panels.

### c. **'Seating'**

The chairs in the church are probably original to the building and an increasing number are showing signs of instability. Those with the most serious defects have been removed and the installation of pews in the chapel has released more chairs for use in the main body of the church. The council has set aside funds for the eventual replacement of some of the seating, and already a number of lightweight benches have been purchased for use by the children when the school visit. To date various forms of seating have been appraised, and some designs considered, but no decision has been reached. We hope to forward this in the future.

## Finance

The Parochial Church Council has overall responsibility for the finances of the parish. The church treasurer is appointed at the first meeting of the council following the A.P.C.M., and we also have a secretary who deals specifically with our Covenanted Giving and 'Gift Aid' returns. The finances of the parish are an agenda item for every meeting of the council and, in conjunction with the treasurer's report, the council will discuss and decide our money management going forward. It will also consider the administration of the Reserve Account, with regard to both 'restricted' and 'unrestricted' funds, and how these might be used for future projects, or to meet unexpected expenditure.

Every year the council is required to determine the sum of money to be set aside for 'The Pledge.' This is a monthly payment to the Diocese of Southwark which helps to pay for the centralised support given to parishes. Careful consideration has to be given to this with due regard to our actual and expected income and the council is always mindful of the fact that the 'Pledge' has to be affordable. Prior to the A.P.C.M. the Parochial Church Council will examine and approve the accounts which are then examined by our Independent Examiner. A full financial report will be given by the Treasurer at the Annual Meeting and all the accounts will be available for inspection.

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## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The P.C.C. is a Registered Charity and its members are appointed as set out in the Church Representation Rules.

At All Saints' the membership of the P.C.C. comprises the Priest-in-Charge, churchwardens, ex-officio members of Diocesan and Deanery Synods, and members elected by persons recorded as being on the electoral roll of the church. All those who are eligible are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the P.C.C.

The P.C.C. has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.) The Council has also voted to adopt both the 'House of Bishop's 2017 Statement on Safeguarding' and the 'Diocesan Safeguarding Policy.' Council members are encouraged to complete safeguarding training and any other training pertinent to posts held.

To date the Council has met ten times since the last A.P.C.M. (this number is higher than usual due to the delay in holding this year's annual meeting.) Seven persons attended ten meetings, four persons attended nine meetings, one person attended eight meetings, one person attended seven meetings, one person attended five meetings, one person attended four meetings and one person attended three meetings. This gives an attendance rate of 83%

At the first meeting of the council following the A.P.C.M., the Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Electoral Roll Officer, Parish Administrator and Secretary are elected. A list of those wishing to serve as sidespersons will also be approved. At various times, and as appropriate, the P.C.C. will appoint two 'Safeguarding' Officers, two 'Serious Incident Reporting' Officers and P.C.C. governors to the school.

The council also appoints two committees: - The Standing Committee and The Social Committee. The Standing Committee has the power to transact the business of the Council between P.C.C. meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. The Standing Committee's role is therefore subservient to the P.C.C. The Social Committee is primarily charged with the planning and delivery of all social events that may be held throughout the year and has the power co-opt additional members as and when it sees fit.

## **Administrative Information**

### **1. Contact Details**

- a. All Saints 'Church, All Saints Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 1BU.
- b. Church Telephone number: - 0208 542 5514
- c. E-mail: - [allsaintschurchsw19@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintschurchsw19@gmail.com)
- d. Website: - <https://allsaintschurchsouthwimbledon.com/>

### **2. Parochial Church Council**

P.C.C. members who have served at any time from the date of the last A.P.C.M until the date this report was approved are:-

#### **a. Ex Officio members: -**

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| Father Christopher Noke.....          | Priest-in-Charge. Chairman of the P.C.C. |
| Mr. Roger Stanley (Deputy Chair)..... | Churchwarden.                            |
| Mr. Christopher Maurice .....         | Churchwarden.                            |
| Mr. Patrick Wood.....                 | Diocesan Synod Representative.           |
| Miss Jenny Hardy.....                 | Deanery Synod Representative.            |
| Mrs. Linda Maurice.....               | Deanery Synod Representative.            |
| Mrs. Shirley Walker-Grant.....        | Deanery Synod Representative.            |

**b. Elected members: -**

Mrs. Joan Barrow.	Mrs. Rita Bowdery.
Miss. Pauline Brooking.	Mrs. Elizabeth Hayter.
Mr. Martin Kelly.	Mrs. Allison Scandrett.
Mr. Peter Scandrett.	Ms. Eileen Walker.
Mrs. Ann Wasielewska.	

**c. Officers of the P.C.C.: -**

Parish Secretary.....	Mrs. Linda Maurice
Parish Administrator.....	Miss. Jenny Hardy
Church Treasurer.....	Mrs. Allison Scandrett
Free-Will Offering/Gift Aid.....	Mrs. Ann Wasielewska
Electoral Roll Officer.....	Mrs. Ann Wasielewska
Safeguarding Officers.....	Mr. Peter Scandrett, Mrs. Linda Maurice
Serious Incident Reporting Officers...	Fr. Christopher Noke, Mr. Martin Kelly
P.C.C. School Governors.....	Mr. Martin Kelly, Mrs. Allison Scandrett, Mr. Roger Stanley.

**d. Committees of the P.C.C.: -**

**Standing Committee:-**

Ex Officio: - Fr. Christopher Noke (Chair), Mr. Roger Stanley, Mr. Christopher Maurice, Mrs. Allison Scandrett, Miss Jenny Hardy, Mrs. Linda Maurice.  
Elected Members: - Mr. Martin Kelly, Mrs. Joan Barrow

**Social Committee: -**

Mrs. Elizabeth Hayter (Chair), Mr. Patrick Wood, Mrs. Rita Bowdery, Miss. Jenny Hardy, Mrs. Shirley Walker-Grant, Ms. Eileen Walker.

**e. Business of the P.C.C.: -**

The business of the council is based on a standard agenda with supplementary items added as necessary. The council will discuss and accept the previous meeting's minutes, receive any notices from the chair and note any recent correspondence. There will be updates on our finances, the church fabric and reports from the safeguarding team. If the council agrees other items may be considered at the end of each meeting.

**f. Independent Examiner: - Mr. David Trodden**

**3. Elections 2020**

**a. Deanery Synod:-**

Three persons to be elected. (to hold office for three years)

**b. Parochial Church Council: -**

Three persons to be elected. (to hold office for three years)

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The terms of office of the current elected members are as follows:-

**To stand down in 2022:** - Mrs. Allison Scandrett, Mr. Martin Kelly, Mrs Ann Wasielewska.

**To stand down in 2021:** - Mrs. Rita Bowdery, Mr. Peter Scandrett, Ms. Eileen Walker.

**To stand down in 2020:** - Mrs. Joan Barrow, Mrs. Elizabeth Hayter.

(Sadly Pauline Brooking has died since the last Annual Meeting. She served All Saints' devoutly for many years and was a much valued and loved member of our congregation. May she rest in peace.)

**c. Diocesan Synod: -**

Elections to be held in 2021



## Secretary's Concluding Remarks

I would like to put on record my thanks to Father Christopher for the selfless care that he gives this parish throughout the year. My thanks too to all the members of the council who work so hard in so many ways to make All Saints' the wonderful welcoming family that it is. And to all the volunteers who give their time, talents and love day in and day out, you are heroes!

No one could deny that this has been a challenging time, but we have adapted, met the challenge and I am sure will be all the stronger for it. And who knows, if all goes well we may finally be able hold the Archdeacon's Visitation service at All Saints' in 2021 – no masks, no distancing just a celebration of normality again that the whole Deanery can enjoy!

Linda Maurice, Secretary to the P.C.C. – October 2020

Approved by the P.C.C and signed on their behalf by:-

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Date: - \_\_\_\_\_