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ANNUAL REPORTS

2018 - 2019

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Agenda for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners
(formerly known as the 'Easter Vestry Meeting')
to be held in the church at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, 28th April 2019

1. Welcome.
2. Opening Prayers.
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on Sunday, 29th April 2018.
5. Election of Churchwardens.
6. Date of Next Meeting.
7. Any Other Business.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners
(formally known as the 'Easter Vestry Meeting')
held in the church on Sunday 28th April 2018 after Mass.

1& 2 Welcome and Opening Prayers:

Fr. David welcomed us all to the meeting and the meeting commenced with prayers.

3 Apologies for absence:

These were received from: Julie Manington, Sylvia and Geoff Nickson, Lynn Conolly, Paul Barfield, Alexandra and Rebecca McGoran.
39 members attended the Meeting.

4 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on Sunday 23rd April 2017:

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on Sunday 23rd April 2017 were signed as a true record after they were proposed by Angie Guilford and seconded by Colin Chennel.

5 Election of Churchwardens:

Mrs Carolyn Melius and Mrs Linda Roots were prepared to stand as Churchwardens and were declared Wardens for the year ahead and were so duly appointed.

6 Date of Next Meeting:

The date of the next Annual Meeting of Parishioners was agreed for Sunday 28th April 2019.

7 Any Other Business:

As there was no other business was declared, the Meeting closed.

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
to be held in the church on Sunday 28th April 2019
immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

1. Apologies for Absence (see before)
2. Minutes of the APCM held on 29th April 2018.
3. Presentation of the Electoral Roll.
4. Election of Members of the PCC.
5. Election of Members to the Deanery Synod (three).
6. Presentation of the Annual Reports. (See list following. Any questions to follow each of the reports.)
7. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of the Accounts
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10. Closing Prayers.

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- XXII. All Saints' Benhilton C of E Primary School.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting

held in Church on Sunday 29th April, 2018
immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

1. Apologies for Absence:

These were received from: Julie Manington, Sylvia and Geoff Nickson, Lynn Conolly, Paul Barfield, Alexandra and Rebecca McGoran.
39 members attended the Meeting.

2. Minutes of the APCM held on Sunday April 28th, 2017:

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting. They were proposed by Doug Boreham and seconded by Carolyn Melius. All were in favour.

3. Presentation of the Electoral Roll:

The Electoral Roll report was received. The full report can be found at 5X in the Reports Section. Briefly, the roll stands at 160 with 81 residents and 79 non-residents. The Electoral Roll would be completely revised next year..

There were no questions about the report.

4. Election of Members of the PCC:

There were three vacancies for the PCC and three nominations had been received. The following were therefore duly elected: Mary Segond, Sue Payne and Jackie King., All were thanked for their past and future support.

5. Presentation of the Annual Reports:

N.B For reasons of expediency, questions were invited at the conclusion of each report, rather than waiting until item 9 of the Agenda.

I. PCC Secretary's Report on the Business of the PCC:

Allison Boreham, Secretary to the PCC delivered her report.
There were no questions asked.

II. Churchwardens' Report – including a report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church:

On behalf of the Wardens, Linda Roots delivered the report.
There were no questions.

III. Safeguarding Report:

There were no questions.

IV. Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee Report:

There were no questions.

V. Spirituality, Mission, Worship & Education Sub-Committee:

No questions were asked.

VI. Charities & Social Responsibility Sub-Committee:

- There were no questions.
- VII. Social Sub-Committee:**
There were no questions.
- VIII. Planned Giving:**
There were no questions.
- IX. Scripture Reflection Group:**
There were no questions.
- X. Electoral Roll Report:**
No questions were asked.
- XI. Hand Bell Ringers:**
There were no questions.
- XII. Tower Bell Ringers:**
No questions were asked.
- XIII. Servers of the Sanctuary:**
There were no questions.
- XIV. Choir:**
No questions were asked.
- XV. Flower Arrangers:**
There were no questions.
- XVI. Sunday Club:**
There were no questions.
- XVII. Coffee Team:**
There were no questions.
- XVIII. Church Cleaning Teams:**
No questions were asked.
- XIX. Brass Cleaning Team:**
No questions were asked.
- XX. Deanery Synod:**
There were no questions.
- XXI. House Communion Team:**
There were no questions.
- XXII. All Saints' Benhilton C of E Primary School:**
There were no questions.

6. Treasure's Report and Presentation of the Accounts:

The report was given by John Wright. He began by thanking Sheila and Jeremy Cheesman and Geoff Nickson who deal with the envelope scheme and the banking.

The new format of the Accounts is recommended by the Church of England. John Wright explained that there was a deficit, mainly due to the lack of rent from the house in Waverley Avenue. Our out-goings were greater than the income received each week.

Various questions were raised: the first questioned the fact that we hold two banking accounts. The answer included the following points: there are no charges incurred, it is convenient for the person who banks, and it was historical. However, this would be looked at in the future.

Waverley Avenue: the tenant had agreed to go; it was just a matter of time before the eviction took place.

Jeremy Cheesman stated that because of the Data Protection Act, those who contributed via the Envelope Scheme would need to fill in a form by 24th May, 2018.

Fr David replied when a question was raised about the Data Protection Act, that he thought the Church was registered, but that he would investigate. We were informed by John McGoran that the forms would need to be completed whether or not we were registered. Sheila Cheesman informed the meeting that she held names on her computer both for the Envelope Scheme and Standing Orders. Fr David said that he would be attending a one-day seminar about this - other people interested could attend if they wished. Fr David added that there would be an opportunity for people to add email addresses, etc. (if they so wished) to the Electoral Roll forms next year. The Archdeacon would be contacted to obtain the information necessary with regards to the new data protection act. This was endorsed by Mary Phillips and Carolyn Melius.

The question of the flowers not being part of the Accounts was questioned - the reason being that there is no heading on the forms! However, Joan North would like the costs spelt out; John Wright said he would be able to supply the information.

7. Election of Sides Persons:

The following were elected to be Sides persons for the coming year: Martin Rowland, Jacqueline King, Jean Woolley, Chris Prior, Colin Chennell, Geoff Nickson, Sylvia Nickson, John McGoran, Christine McGoran, Jean Murphy. (it was thought that there were other people who wished to be Sides persons but that they had not submitted forms.)

8. Message from the Vicar:

Fr. David began by thanking everyone for his welcome to the Parish - both 'our family', friends and those from other parishes, as well as Bishops and other clergy. He also thanked those who had donated various things for the Vicarage; it had been a huge help and meant that he did not have to take out a loan. The support he had received from the Wardens was also welcomed as his final service at Saint Luke's had only been the day before his induction to All Saints'.

Fr David was anxious to be 'out and about' and asked that we contact him as he believes in a Pastoral Ministry. This included the sacrament of anointing - not just for the dying but also for the sick - and people did not have to be too sick for this!

Fr David then went on to say that there would be a daily Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 7.30 am. He feels that it starts the day and would then enable him to be out and about. He said that the daily mass is for 'you' - even if a bodily presence cannot be made, a pause at the time - reciting those who are sick or in need. He said that this is what many people did in his parishes in Australia.

Fr David then looked at children and the church; he is listening at the moment but things would be happening soon. He had already discussed termly masses with the Justine for the School. He wanted the children to learn about the 'specialness' of the Mass.

Fr David then spoke about all that is done on Saturdays in readiness for Sunday worship, saying that at S Luke's, it was Fr Hyslop and himself who did all of this! Fr David expressed his thanks to all who help in this way. He also thanked those who took communion to those who were housebound. He said that it is wonderful to see lay support for this important ministry. There were still other things to do, but the time to air them was not at this meeting. However, together, we can do great things for God both inside and outside the Parish.

Fr David then asked for questions:

When asked about 11th November, Fr Davis said that he would discuss this with the Wardens and after looking at the calendar, but yes, something would be happening. When asked about the Children's Service - encouraging the School - staff and children, uniformed organisations to be reintroduced / introduced into church, as well as encouraging the children to bring their parents, Fr David said that part of the problem is with parents and Social Media. He stated that by the age of 8/9/10, many children were already agnostics - it was a cultural problem. However, Fr David said he love parade services and would welcome them. Fr David then referred his visit to the PCC a while ago where he spoke about Children's Ministry. If a person could be appointed to do this full-time, then things could happen. He would meet with some parents soon, to discuss all of this. He said that we have to assume that children will 'wonder' - and if we develop a church culture - prayer, Mass and so on, then they will return. It may take several years for an improvement to be witnessed. Fr David asked that we report anything that we see whilst we are on holiday that would be useful, we should report them to Fr David - giving an example of what could be achieved from a high church in Australia. He said he would produce a leaflet about children and church in the near future.

9. Closing Prayers:

The Meeting ended with Prayers at 12.20 pm.

Reports for 2018 - 2019 follow:

5. I PCC Secretary's Report on the Business of the PCC:

This year, the PCC has met for six full meetings. As you can imagine, a lot of time was taken up with the heating - or lack of it! However, other things discussed by members include:

- ✘ The Boiler
- ✘ Children's Ministry / Family Services
- ✘ Times of Services
- ✘ The house in Waverley Avenue
- ✘ Choir Lighting and Stained Glass Window
- ✘ Safeguarding
- ✘ Replacement of bell ropes
- ✘ Data Protection issues
- ✘ Confirmation Service and the Visitation of the Bishop of Fulham
- ✘ Charities to be supported 2018/2019
- ✘ The need for a Stewardship Campaign - to 'Time and Talents'
- ✘ The need for support for Fr David with regards to 'office work'

Our Architect, Anthony Fensome has been a great help in guiding and leading us in relation to the boiler and other building concerns, and so I would like to thank him on behalf of the PCC for all his support.

Allison Boreham
Secretary to the PCC

5. II Churchwardens' Report - including a report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the church:

On 20th July 2018, a hole in the Belfry roof was temporarily repaired. The tiles on the South Porch exterior were repaired on Monday 23rd July 2018. Also, in July, the fire extinguishers were checked and approved. This is always done annually. Checks are also made to the electrical goods, the lightning conductor and gas.

On Monday 24th September, Fullers commenced work on the boiler (which was a great relief!), and this was completed on 9th November 2018.

Due to heavy rain, we did incur a leak in the choir vestry roof. The architect was informed and this seems to have been rectified.

The annual service of the organ blowers occurred in December 2018 by Watkins & Watson. In January 2019, the organ developed a nasty cipher which could not be stopped manually. The Great Organ was disconnected and it was ascertained, at the time, that the sound boards were perished. Since this initial finding, and with consultation with organ experts, it appears that the problem may not be as serious. We are in the process of obtaining professional advice and we can assure you that progress is being made. We just need to be patient and proceed with the correct course of action.

A number of ongoing projects are in hand. These include the choir lighting and stained glass window. Again, we can assure you that all is being done to expedite the situation, as we have a moral obligation to get these legacies carried out.

Fr David and the two of us are determined to develop the larger aspects of fundraising within our Parish, as this will enable us to achieve our long-term goals.

It has been a pleasure for both of us to work so closely with Fr David. We so much appreciate his guidance and spiritual leadership. This is reflected in our growing numbers within the congregation, particularly with the young. With this in mind, we would like to thank Lizzie and Lewis Owens for all their hard work and

dedication to the Children's Ministry. We would also like to thank all those who devote so much time to making our church so beautiful and enhancing our church worship:- the servers, choir, bell ringers (tower and hand bells), brass cleaning team, coffee team, sides people, flower team, cleaning team, the sacristans, Stan Palmer and those who assist the churchwardens. We would especially like to thank Allison for all the work she does behind the scenes (Vestments, sewing, cleaning the silverware etc.) she really is a Gem! So, without your dedication and hard work this church would not be such a wonderful place in which to worship. Thank you!

Also, thank you, the congregation, for your support and friendship, not just to us, but to all newcomers who pass through our doors. As the saying goes "it takes a village to raise a child", it also takes a whole congregation to proclaim the faith of Christ.

Linda Roots, Carolyn Melius
Churchwardens

5. III Safeguarding Report:

There have been no reported incidents over the past year.

I have been appointed Lead Parish Safeguarding Officer taking over the role from Claire Parish.

Our Safeguarding information normally found at the back of the Church, is in the process of being updated and will be on view by the end of April, this is taking in to account the GDPR -

The **Data Protection Act 2018** controls how information is used by organisations, businesses or the government. Source: <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection>

I am now undertaking the all DBS checks for all involved in the Children's' Ministry and others who come into contact with children and vulnerable adults.

Any concerns you may have can be discussed with me, my contact details can be found on the pew bulletin.

Sue Payne
Lead Parish Safeguarding Officer

5. IV Buildings and Grounds:

The Committee spent much of the time looking at the church boiler and the house in Waverly Avenue. The original boiler has been replaced with two much more efficient boilers which work in conjunction with one another so as to keep the building at an ambient temperature. The replacing of the boiler was overseen by Anthony Fensome, our Architect and also the project manager. Whilst it seemed an endless time before the heating was 'fixed', we hope everyone appreciates the time and energy that was put into the project - as well as the warmth! The contract to replace the boiler was given to Fuller Heating.

Once the tenant had been evicted from Waverley Avenue, the PCC decided to update and then re-let the house. The house was totally renovated with a new kitchen, bathroom and other additions to bring it up to the required standard. The clearing of the garden and new fencing had also been completed. The builders were recommended by the Letting Agent; who were both efficient and completed the works in good time. The house has a new tenant and there have been no problems with either the building or the tenant.

Church tower: gaps in sections of the tower to be investigated and a 'quick fix' to be completed using a sealant that had been used before in other gaps.

The Choir lighting and stained glass window to be tackled next, together with the Quinquennial inspection which is to be completed this year. The organ is to be inspected after Easter. There is a possibility of renting the garages in Sunnyhurst Road once there are repaired.

Allison Boreham
on behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee

5. V Spirituality, Worship & Education Sub-Committee:

This time last year, within a few weeks of being inducted as your parish priest I thought a great deal about the matters that seemed to accrue under the heading of this committee – especially as many of them relate to priorities of ministry which I was at that stage trying to discern in the context of what the parish profile said were the things you expected of me as the new Incumbent, and where as a parish we are in the development of our worshipping life.

Holy Week was upon us immediately after the Induction, and right from then a hugely disproportionate amount of time and energy had of necessity to be put into meetings and decisions regarding the boiler, the renovation of Waverley Avenue, and Safeguarding matters in conjunction with the Diocese. I was determined that while these things were being addressed, the beginning of a new incumbency would not be derailed by them, that it would still be a significant restart of priestly/pastoral ministry in the full Catholic sense, centered on the Gospel, and related to the idea of that clear teaching homilies in the Sunday Mass, as well as pastoral care, are integral aspects of re-growing the parish spiritually and numerically. In addition, there was a great deal of time put into the preparation of adults and children for Confirmation. In terms of the liturgy itself, a few aspects have been “tweaked” and simplified, not without consultation with those who share in the leading of our worship. But it is substantially what I inherited when I arrived here. I am greatly indebted to the Churchwardens, the sub deacons, other ministers of Communion, Marjorie, our Reader, Iain, our Reader in Training, Linda in her other important role as Director of Music and Organist, and Allison our PCC Secretary and Head Server, the other servers, readers and intercessors. Our Sung Mass on Sundays should be as dynamic and moving as possible, and, indeed, the standard of worship that is offered here is a credit to all involved. I am grateful, too, for the acceptance I have found with the staff and children of All Saints’ School, which has resulted already in an increasing overlap between school and parish church. This leads me to say a huge heartfelt thanks to Lewis and Lizzie Owens under whose dynamic leadership, our Children’s Ministry has been established. When all the children happen to turn up on the same day we see how significant a proportion of our family they are. But even when they don’t, the ministry to them is a vital aspect of our nurture of the parish family. Soon after my arrival I began to advertise 6.00pm Sunday Evening Prayer each week – and I have been discussing with the Churchwardens the restoration of Sung Evensong and Benediction at least on major festivals of the Church’s year.

Looking at the report of the Spirituality, Worship & Education Sub-Committee of two years ago, I notice that many of the matters outlined in the above paragraph, which could not have been achieved without consultation with and the involvement of a range of parishioners, fulfil the aspirations expressed, although the Sub-Committee had not *formally* met.

As will be tabled in my more general Vicar’s Report, I hope that we will be able to rebirth this committee in a way that enables people with various gifts, interests and expertise to target specific areas of ministry.

Fr David Chislett
Chair of the Sub-Committee

5. VI Charities and Social Responsibility Sub-Committee:

Over the last year the practice to support one charity a month, a mixture of local, national and international, has continued

The charities that we supported this year have been :- Sutton Food Bank, Kidney Research, Great Ormond Street Hospital, The Local branch of Osteoarthritis, Flying for Life, Ghurka Welfare trust, Send a Cow, Sutton Food Bank, World Challenge and The League of friends St Helier (Neo Natal)

The charities have been thankful for the contributions that we have been able to make towards their work. Literature is regularly updated on the notice boards at the back of the church. Please do try and have a read.

During the year we continued to support The Leprosy Mission with our used Stamps. Christian Aid during their week of door to door collection and The Spires centre

As we proceed into a new year at All Saints', please think about the different charities that we can support and fulfill our Social Responsibilities

Pamela Alexander
Charities and Social Responsibility Sub Committee Chairperson

5. VII Social Committee:

The social committee have been active with events throughout the past year

- Fr. David's Induction reception
- The Confirmation reception
- Within three hours the team can erect and decorate seven Christmas trees in preparation for the Christmas period and especially for our school's end of term service
- The Toby Christmas Carvery – which was attended by many
- The carol service – many attended and all enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine afterwards
- 120 oranges prepared for the Christingle/Crib blessing service
- Pan cake and fish and chip supper for Shrove Tuesday
- Easter Egg Hunt to follow Easter day Service

I would like to thank the social committee for all their ongoing help, support and enthusiasm, we are looking forward to future events.

If anyone is interested in join us then please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Sue Payne
Social Committee

5. VII Planned Giving Report:

During the past year total planned giving (standing orders and envelopes) were marginally reduced at £42,231.(2017 £43,212).

The open plate collections showed a reduction of £383 to £6502 to £6975.

Overall voluntary receipts increased by £10628 due to the increase in gift aid tax recovery relating to late payments from the previous year.

We remain grateful to all who have contributed to the life, work and ministry of All Saints' Benhilton through their financial giving.

Unfortunately, due to the pressure on our finances, as reported in the financial review, we were unable to meet our pledge of £60,000 to the Southwark Parish Support Fund, We managed to contribute £55,000 and we have pledged a similar amount for the current year and aspire to a contribution of £60000 in 2020 and have budgeted accordingly.

As a reminder, the key principals of PSF are:

Proportionality

Informed Generosity

An aspiration and encouragement towards becoming self -funding.

After adjusting for exceptional items of expenditure the voluntary giving does not cover our ongoing levels of expenditure and the PCC are in the process of reviewing the budgets with a view to eliminating the shortfall.

I once again wish to thank the John Wright for his excellent work maintaining the financial records, Sheila Cheesman for her efforts in recovering Gift Aid, Jeremy Cheesman for managing the 'envelope' scheme and the weekly banking and the members of the Finance sub-committee for their support throughout the year

Geoff Nickson
Chairman, Finance sub-committee

5. IX Scripture Reflection Group:

This group continues to meet usually on alternate Monday afternoons. In the past twelve months we have continued looking at some of the early Old Testament stories, which has taken us up to the choice of Saul as the first king of Israel. We have also begun to study, from the letters of St. Paul, his advice to the Church on matters of Christian living.

As usual, during Advent and Lent, the group has met weekly and, this last year, followed two of the York Courses: "What are you waiting for?" and "Daring to see God now".

We should be delighted to welcome anyone who would like to join us on Monday afternoons – we are a very friendly and informal group!

Marjorie Whitehouse
Group Leader

5. XX Electoral Roll Report:

As 2019 is a year in which a completely new Electoral Roll is required, this report is very short! The number on the new roll will be given at the APCM.

Angie Guilford
Electoral Roll Officer

5. XI Hand Bell Ringers

Membership of the Hand Bell team, this year, has remained the same as last year at six people. We are still looking to recruit more members but this is proving difficult which means when a member is sick or on holiday it is not so easy to practice being two bells short. We are extremely grateful to Sue Allen and Angie Guilford who step into the breach when a member is unable to play at a special service. Without their support, we would be unable to play on these occasions. The team meets on a Monday from 7.30 to 9.00 pm in the Vestry

Members of the team are Tracy Windley, Carol Montaigne, Marion Lark, Ann Ditchburn, Sylvia Nickson and Chris Carew.

This year we have rung in Church on the following occasions: Harvest Festival, The Confirmation Service, All Saints' Day and Christmas Eve Christingle.

We are also hoping to ring on Mothering Sunday and Easter Sunday

In addition we have played Christmas carols at Sunrise, a residential home in Banstead and also at Rutland House.

Sylvia Nickson
Hand Bell Team Leader

5. XII Tower Bell Ringers:

It's been a good year. Progress has been made by virtually all the ringers. We rang for 57 services in 2018, with a total of 496 attendances – an average of 8.7 ringers per service.

Rowena and Jonathan joined us during January, having seen the publicity for the Ringing Remembers project. The project was to recruit 1400 ringers nationally to ring on Armistice Day 100 years later. There were two ringers from our band who lost their lives. They are both buried in the churchyard. On Saturday 10th November we went to each grave, laid a poppy wreath, were lead in prayer by Fr David and then rang rounds on 10 hand bells. A few members of the congregation and local councillors joined us.

In March we welcomed Fr David as our new Vicar. We rang a quarter prior to the Induction Service. Fr David has been very keen to support us and for that we thank him.

In August we used the Sutton Community minibus driven by Jeremy to go to East Sussex with a pub lunch. Ringing in four other churches certainly made us appreciate our ones at home!

Christmas ringing was very busy. We rang for five services over three days.

As always we rang in the New Year followed by champagne and nibbles on the roof so we could watch fireworks all around with, this year, and the extra huge fire of the Shurguard warehouse in Croydon.

We rang for just one wedding this year, in December. Many of us also support wedding ringing in other towers.

Saturday practice seems very popular, maybe it's the coffee and biscuits which helps!

There were seven Quarter peals rung this year, two of which were by a visiting Surrey band, including Jeremy and Sheila.

Thanks to our regular visitors, from Beddington and Carshalton for their continued support.

Our ropes have been on their last legs, or should that be strands, for a little while. Most of them have at least one section held by duct tape to prevent further wear. New ones have been ordered from Mendip Ropemakers. We expect they will be made and delivered before Easter.

Outside our brief, we seem to be caring for the tower clock, also the responsibility of the PCC. It has been keeping poor time for several years. Cumbria Clock Company came and identified the problem to be the worn ticking mechanism. They sent a quote which we passed to the PCC who have put the project on hold until funds are available.

Finally, our tower captain, Jeremy, had a mishap necessitating knee surgery. The medics were amazed how quickly he managed to get up the stairs on crutches to ring.

The stairs are very even. Visitors to the tower are always welcome, particularly at practice on Tuesday evenings and Saturday morning.

Sheila Cheesman,
Tower Secretary

5. XIII Servers of the Sanctuary:

Last year began on a 'high' note with Fr David's Induction. There was a full complement of Servers and although the Church was cold, it was nevertheless a spiritual occasion and after the Service, we were able to enjoy the Reception in the School with the rest of the congregation.

As ever, a new Priest means some changes; Fr David had altered the main Sunday Mass a little but the Servers have adapted very well and will always do so!

Generally speaking, five Servers are on duty at each of the main Mass services. We try to take turns in who does what and, those 'learning' how to do something different, mean we all have to keep on our toes! It is good to see that our newest Servers are fitting in well and that two of them have taken on new responsibilities in being thurifer and acolyte.

Highlights this year include, as always, the major services at Easter and Christmas and as well, the Confirmation Service over which Bishop Peter Wheatley presided and the visit of Bishop Jonathan in January.

Servers are always needed for weddings and funerals, and at weekday services whenever they can attend. These include the Wednesday evening service with Fr David and the Thursday morning Mass where usually Fr Michael officiates. Early birds can always Serve at the Masses at 7.30 am!

New recruits are always very welcome - there is no age limit! What about you? Would you like to Serve? Training, advice as well as cassock and cotta will be supplied. So, will you think about Serving? Time and Talents given to God can take many forms; Serving could be one that you might be able to offer.

Allison Boreham
Head Server

5. XIV Choir:

The choir sing two anthems every Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass and at all major festivals during the year. Our first major festival was the Induction service of Fr David on St Josephs' Day, 19th March 2018. All the music was especially chosen by Fr David and it was wonderful to see so many people in the congregation, a full choir, many Priests and two Bishops. It was a truly uplifting service and extremely spiritual.

The music chosen for the services for Holy Week and Easter Day was carefully considered to reflect the different aspects of the Liturgy.

Rehearsals were planned for Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi. All the music was carefully chosen in liaison with Fr David.

The next major Festivals to consider were Harvest Thanksgiving, School Sunday, Confirmation Service, All Souls', All Saints', Christ the King and Advent Sunday. It can take a number of hours to create music that is appropriate for each of these services. Fr David and I take a lot of time to consider the music required.

We are blest that many of our choir ,who are unfamiliar with the music, can go to YouTube (which they do in their own time), to get more familiar with the anthems.

After Advent Sunday, we do have a little more time to prepare for the Christmas Season. One of the highlights was the Christmas Carol Service which took place on Sunday 23rd December with Benediction (followed by mince pies and mulled wine). This was a truly moving service and one of the highlights of the Christmas services. We had 90 in the congregation!

We then had the Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Services.

Of course, our thoughts then turn to Candlemas, Ash Wednesday and the penitential music of Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and then the uplifting music of the Easter Vigil and Easter Day - a full circle!

We continue to use a three-year cycle for hymns, psalms and anthems. However, we are dipping our toes into some new music.

The choir have been delighted that we now sing the Angelus at the end of Mass (excluding the Easter octave when we sing the Regina Coeli), and the Antiphons – these were specifically written to be sung and not said.

As you may have noticed, the choir is increasing in numbers and strength. During the year Jackie, Vicky, Aiden and now Marc, have joined the ranks of the choir. Their dedication is beyond doubt and I am so grateful for all that they contribute to the beautiful singing in this church. They know how much they are appreciated – (even if I do nag at times!)

The temporary loss of the organ is a bit of a blow (excuse the pun!) but I think it has enabled us to really concentrate on the musical effects to the Mass. The problems will be rectified but we do have to be patient

and calm (including me!). All is being done to rectify the situation without going about it like “a bull in a china shop”!

Finally, thank you, the congregation for all your help and appreciation and many, many thanks to Fr David for his continuing love and support.

Linda Roots
Director of Music

5.XV Flower Arrangers:

Our small team have kept the church flowers looking magnificent throughout the year. Whilst the heating was out of action, the flowers remained perfect every week! However, the hot summer meant that they wilted quicker than we would have liked. To compensate for this, more greenery was used, but nevertheless, the flower stands continued to give pleasure to those who cared to look.

Looking forward to the rest of this year, several weddings have been booked and we hope that more of you would like to volunteer to help in arranging flowers for the church - another way to use your time and talents! The funds for flowers come from donations made to me, as well as from the church. Therefore, if you would like flowers arranged in memory of someone, please ask.

Joan North
Flower Arranger Team Leader

5. XVI Children's Ministry

Having started on our journey in October 2018, the Children's Ministry has gone from strength to strength. We have a team of hard-working individuals who help to deliver these sessions. Our numbers have grown steadily and this was evident in our celebration for Christmas, where the children shared poems and songs about Christmas, which was well received by the congregation.

We would like to see the Children's Ministry at All Saints' continue to grow and would like to see consistent attendance. Currently, we have 25 children on the register, with weekly attendance ranging from 3 to 15 children.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our helpers and the congregation for their support and appreciation.

Lizzie and Lewis Owens
Leaders of the Children's Ministry

5. XVII Coffee Team:

Once again, I would like to thank all who serve tea and coffee each Sunday. It is also wonderful to thank those of you who are 'new' to the job; all are very much appreciated. It is no mean feat serving everyone with tea, coffee, juice and biscuits, and then clearing away afterwards.

A big 'thank you' to members of the congregation who have been supplying the biscuits as well as donating money to purchase other necessary items - these include juice, sugar, tea bags, milk and coffee.

New volunteers are needed to help so if you are interested, please speak to Angie Guilford or myself.

Mary Segond
Team Leader

5. XVIII Church Cleaning:

Each Saturday, after the 10,00 Mass, and despite our advancing years and diminishing numbers, we clean our church. Floors are swept and washed, kneelers brushed or washed, woodwork dusted and polished and carpets vacuumed. The toilets are cleaned, towels and tea towels replaced; the used ones taken home for washing. However, it is not all work! We always stop for a hot drink, a biscuit or two and a chat. We are a friendly bunch and would be delighted to welcome new members.

Rita Griffin
Team Leader

5. XIX Brass Cleaning Team:

Our happy team continue to meet regularly throughout the year, to clean and polish the many brass items around our church.

We usually meet sometime before special events during the year, to make sure the items are shining brightly! We welcomed Cynthia to our team this year, who comes along when she is free. We usually start with a cup of coffee and a chat before we get polishing.

We are always grateful for new helpers, so please let us know if you would like to join us.

Carolyn Melius
Brass Cleaning Leader

5. XX Deanery Synod:

The Deanery Synod meets three times per year. In the first of the meetings, Colin Powell told us that the Education Board had submitted a new bid for a secondary school in Sutton as the first bid had failed. Numbers for secondary schools have risen and so there is a growing need for this age range.

Steve Sidwell gave a short talk on the Diocesan approach to communications - he recommended that parishes keep their websites up to date and include on them any news stories that would draw people in. Daniel Stone explained that getting more people involved in welcoming new-comers would help to keep them attending church.

Trinity Church, Sutton does a lot of work involving refugees, including supporting a food bank. A meeting had been planned with the Change Foundation, Wallington so that there could be a possibility of cooperation with both parties.

The new Area Dean is the Rev. Angela Gbebikan and the new Lay Chair is Alison Humeke. Other appointments had been made to various committees in the Croydon area. Mother Angela reported that various interregnums included St Helier, Cheam and Carshalton.

We were also told that the average attendance at Deanery Synod meetings was low. There are more non-attendees than those who attend - many do not even send apologies!

Stan Palmer
Deanery Synod Representative

5. XXI House Communion Team:

In addition to Fr. David's regular pastoral visits, a small number of lay people have continued, throughout the year, to assist in this ministry by taking the Sacrament to those confined permanently or temporarily to their homes or nursing homes by illness or old age. This usually happens on a weekly or monthly basis on a Sunday after Mass or on a weekday.

Marjorie Whitehouse
Team Leader

5. XXII All Saints Benhilton C of E Primary School:



Mission Statement

Together, within God's love, we nurture and inspire today's minds for tomorrow's challenges.

In September 2018 All Saint's Benhilton C of E Primary School completed expansion into a two-form entry primary school. Whilst the school has continued to grow the staff team and governors have held fast to the ethos and traditions of All Saints' Benhilton whilst also making positive changes to ensure that our children are equipped for 21st Century life.

The past year has been a very busy and productive one for staff and children alike. I have outlined some examples of what has taken place in this report.

New Multi-Purpose Learning Space

We have been very fortunate to receive funding from the Local Authority and from the diocese to build an additional learning space for the school. This new space will be multi-functional and will be used for meetings, small group work, drama, movement and specialist EHCP work, as well as for many other things.

This space will also be completely self-contained so we would be able to use it independently of the school and hire it out, if we wished.

This is an exciting project and our school council children have been to visit the site and have fed back the progress to their classes.

Educational Visits / Experiences

The children have continued to be provided with a rich and varied curriculum and there have been several educational events in school or visits made to enhance their learning, such as:

- Reception Word collector dress up day / Living Eggs experience / Bread in a Bag (ASDA)
- Year 1 Space Dome experience in School / Word collector dress up day/
- Year 2 Word collector dress up day / Kings, Queens and Knights Dress Up day
- Year 3 Ancient Greece day / British Museum visit / Word collector dress up day
- Year 4 London Aquarium /Juniper Hall (one night residential) / Synagogue/ Word collector dress up day / Science Museum
- Year 5 Carrotty Wood Residential / Space Dome experience in School / Word collector dress up day / Tower of London
- Year 6 Polar Fun Day experience / Natural History Museum / Word collector dress up day / Evacuee Day Experience

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development

The school continues to welcome children from all the major religions and I am delighted to be able to report that all children still take part in our daily act of worship, as well as our special end of term services in the church. No children are withdrawn from any act of worship or Religious Education.

All pupils and staff attend collective worship every morning. Every Wednesday worship is led by Fr David and once a term we have Sarah Skinner (Sutton Schools Work) visit to lead worship. Our children's Faith Group plan and lead worship once per half term. Years 5 & 6 pupils plan and lead worship for the children in the Early Years Foundation Stage every other Tuesday during the Spring and Summer Terms.

The Choir sang at Morrison's (Dec 2018) to support 'Save the Children' and they brought in gifts for and visited our local care home bringing a bit of Christmas cheer with their carol singing.

Our Children's Faith Group and School Council planned and led a beautifully spiritual Candlemas service in church. This service was attended by the whole school, a few governors and Roz Corder and Cheryl Kwit from the diocese; all of which spoke very highly about the service.

The children have decided that our charity work this year should focus on supporting Sutton Night Watch. The children's faith group and school council have many plans for the year ahead to highlight the issue of homelessness in our community and to actively participate in attempting to make a difference by writing to local MPs and fundraising.

P.E and Sporting September 2018 – February 2019

Following on from our successful 2017 – 2018 'active' year where we secured a Silver School Games mark for the first time, we continue to thrive in P.E and Sport by enjoying participation and successes. In order to maintain the Silver Award and indeed aim to achieve the Gold award, we have, once again, to date engaged in a wide range of sporting and physical activities, entering what has become our usual competitions and events, whilst also venturing to participate in events we have not competed in before so to continue to extend the variety and diversity of active sessions for our pupils. Details of event/sport participation are detailed towards the end of the update.

The sporting before & after school clubs continue to offer a variety of activity, becoming very popular and oversubscribed, these are run by outside providers and in-house by the PE subject leader & others. Clubs by outside providers include Yr1&2 Football, Yr. 3& 4 Football, Yr1&2 Tennis, Yr. 3& 4 Tennis, KS2 Cheerleading, KS2 Dance Wars & KS1&2 Swingdy hop dance. While in house clubs included Yr3 Hockey (lunchtime), Yr 4 Dodgeball, Yr. 5&6 Netball and Yr5 &6 Badminton, Yr. 5&6 Boys and Yrs 5&6 Girls Football.

At the beginning of this academic year, 10 of our Yr 6 pupils attended Junior Supremo training and they are our current Hippo play leaders - this team support the younger children during playtimes, leading games and activities to raise their level of activity during the school day. Lunchtime physical activity has increased this year in other ways too – this contributes to supporting and meeting (even exceeding) the 30/30 initiative. Part of the government's child obesity plan outlines that primary schools should provide at least 30 minutes of 'moderate to vigorous' physical activity a day and 30 minutes should be supported by 'home' each day. We have used a portion of the Sports Premium Funding to employ two specific midday sport assistants to engage the pupils of all years in activities during the lunchtime break with the intention of increasing physical activity, promoting healthy choices and engaging in activities that support social skills.

Our good relationship with the cluster Secondary School (GHS) continued to be maintained and is beneficial to both the students at ASB and those from GHS – the pupils benefit from well-planned, clearly structured sessions that enhance their basic skills and promote a positive influence on physical activity. These sessions involved mentoring of Young Sports leaders (GHS) to work with pupils in our school; subsequently our Key Stage 1 & 2 children have the experience of working with young adults in a different setting and the participation of competition against children from other schools in the borough. We also work with Sports leaders at other High Schools for example, Carshalton Boys College, Overton, Nonsuch & Wallington High Schools when we participate in events organised by the Sutton Schools Sports Partnership (SSSP). I feel these opportunities not only engage the children in sports and activities but also 'opens their eyes' to the opportunities available to them as they mature and develop in later school life, the Sports leaders are in their late teens and they act as a positive role models for the children.

Participation in leagues, events and competitions this year to date include:

For netball, we entered the Autumn and Spring leagues where A & B teams play with A team scores being recorded and the Year 5 Netball Cup competition. We are currently enjoying a flurry of wins, both from our A & B teams and the Year5 team won their first cup round. All the pupils who attend Netball club have the opportunity, at some point, to play in a match if they wish. We have also entered the Sutton Schools Netball League Tournament in April.

For football this academic year, we entered the Sutton Schools Football Boys A league, the Sutton Schools Football Girls league and the Sutton Schools Year 5 Cup. We have played nearly all but a couple of matches – the boys team have one more to play the girls team have two more. We have had a couple of successful score

lines but we have also come up against very strong opposition, this said, each and every match is met with determination and great sporting behaviour from our pupils.

We have entered and enjoyed events run by the SSSP and/or by Greenshaw Cluster, these include:

Gymnastics Festival (Yrs1&2) held at Greenshaw High School
Cross Country event (Yrs. 4,5,6) held at Northey Avenue Playing Fields
Indoor Athletics tournament (Yrs. 5&6) held at Wallington Girls School
Indoor Athletics tournament (Yrs. 3&4) held at Wallington Girls School (new event to us)
Badminton Event held at Nonsuch High School

Events in Spring 2 include:

Quick Sticks Hockey (Yrs 5&6) held at Nonsuch High School- 3 teams entered in
the A Competition, B Competition and C Festival
Key steps Gymnastic Competition (Yrs. 5&6 and Yrs. 3&4), held at Overton- 4 teams entered
Handball Competition (Yr6) held at Carshalton Boys Sports College (new event to us)
Climbing Wall Event (Yr6) held at Greenshaw High School

With most of our events being Level 2 Inter-school events where we compete against other schools, the Subject leader also organises and delivers Level 1 Intra -school competitions - the 'biggest' of these Level 1 events being the traditional Sports Day in the Summer with every year group taking part. Alongside this, year group challenges have begun starting with the Year 2 Multi-skills Challenge during Spring 1. The two classes learnt and engaged in a variety of multi skill activities over the course of three weeks during their indoor PE Lessons and the fourth week was competition day. It was certainly competitive with cross curricular links to maths as it was their job to keep their own scores! Being a competition, there was a winner: congratulations to Chestnut class who achieved 5260 points with Poplar class close behind achieving 5190. All the pupils had an amazing time and certainly rose to the challenge.

We are looking forward to what the rest of the school year brings, particularly the warmer weather and more sporting achievements.

High School

I am delight to inform you that all 60 of our Year 6 children have secured High School places for September.
This year, we have five children going on to Grammar School.

ASBSA

The School Association (ASBSA) continues to work tirelessly to raise money to enhance the school, for the children. This year they have continued to provide each class with a termly £50 budget as well as contributing to purchasing resources and funding events and experiences for the children. During this time of limited budgets we will continue to need to rely on ASBSA to fund enrichment opportunities or resources for our children.

PCC

Over many years, the PCC has very generously donated Bibles to be presented to all Year 6 pupils as they leave the school – it is reassuring to know that every child who leaves us has a Bible on their bookshelf and to think that they might turn to it sometimes. I would like to ask the PCC if they would once again feel able to provide the funding for these Bibles. I know first-hand how special this Bible can be to the children as I still have the bible presented to me when I left Christ Church C of E Primary School (Lambeth) many, many years ago!

Finally, thank you for your continued support of the school.

Justine Whelan-Cox
Headteacher

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2018 £	Total 2017 £
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT						
Receipts						
Voluntary receipts						
Planned giving		42,231			42,231	43,212
Collections at services		6,592			6,592	6,975
All other giving / voluntary receipt	5a	2,405		2,568	4,973	8,431
Gift Aid recovered		18,911			18,911	5,466
		<u>70,139</u>		<u>2,568</u>	<u>72,708</u>	<u>64,084</u>
Activities for generating funds	5b	508			508	873
Investment income	5c	2,475			2,475	3,192
Church activities	5d	4,127			4,127	1,040
Total receipts		<u>77,249</u>		<u>2,568</u>	<u>79,817</u>	<u>69,189</u>
Payments						
Church activities						
Parish share		55,000			55,000	57,500
Clergy costs		1,974			1,974	3,654
Vicarage costs		1,418			1,418	
Church running costs	5e	27,003			27,003	33,067
Mission giving and donations	3		4,800	2,485	7,285	5,651
Special projects	5f	68,811			68,811	
		<u>154,205</u>	<u>4,800</u>	<u>2,485</u>	<u>161,490</u>	<u>99,872</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		-76,956	-4,800	84	-81,672	-30,683
Transfer from unrestricted funds to de:		-3,600	3,600		0	
		<u>-80,556</u>	<u>-1,200</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>-81,672</u>	<u>-30,683</u>
Bank current and deposit accounts 1st		236,368	3,300	2,119	241,787	273,066
Bank current and deposit accounts 31		155,812	2,100	2,203	160,115	241,787

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**Cash Funds**

Bank current account	41,171	2,100	2,203	45,474	38,027
CBF deposit account	114,641			114,641	203,761
	<u>155,812</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>2,203</u>	<u>160,115</u>	<u>241,788</u>

Other Monetary Assets

Income tax recoverable	5,610			5,610	10,300
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Assets retained for church use

Property (see note 2)	405,595			405,595	355,595
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Liabilities

Charity appeals		2,100	2,203	4,303	5,198
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Total assets less liabilities 567,017 0 0 567,017 602,485

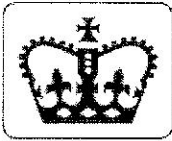
Note - The assets of the PCC include the legacy and fabric funds which have grown over time and used for the financing of major and exceptional items of expenditure. Whilst the funds are unrestricted they include provision for projects which the PCC has agreed to designate at the request of donors or their executors. The replacement of the heating boiler was the latest project financed at a cost of £42,000. The balances on the funds are currently:-

Fabric Fund £45,983
Legacy Fund £322,768

Approved on behalf of the PCC



Fr David Chislett SSC



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS BENHILTON

On accounts for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2018

Charity no (if any)

1131888

Set out on pages

ONE AND TWO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

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