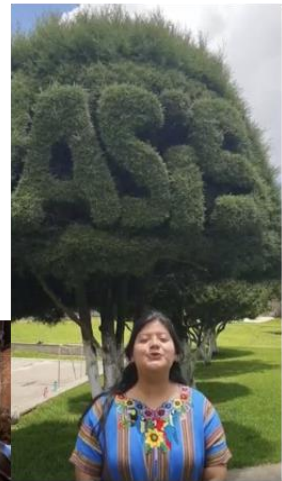


# ST DUNSTAN'S

EAST ACTON

## Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019



140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Heating Gift Day

## Vicar's Introduction

In a year of much political and economic uncertainty, we still had much to celebrate at St Dunstan's.

We celebrated our 140<sup>th</sup> birthday. Bishop Sarah presided at our celebration service with Archbishop Toma bringing words of greeting and encouragement from our brothers and sisters in the Syriac Orthodox Church. A good number of friends, old and new, joined us including Ian Goldsmid, the architect behind the church reordering back in the 1980's.



We also celebrated and thanked God for the 10 years of service that Neil and Ros Yates (our Deacon) and children (Mary, Anna, Josh and Sarah) gave to St Dunstan's. We miss their love, faithfulness and creativity that flow from their Christian faith. We continue to pray for them as they begin their new life in Oman.

We also thanked Chantelle Adams for her many years work as St Dunstan's administrator and gave thanks for Jacqui Roberts, willing to take up the baton. Chantelle created many of the administrative systems that we now use and take for granted. She also played a significant part in welcoming community groups to the church and increasing our income through managing church lettings.

We had the opportunity to celebrate the life of Myrle De Boissiere, a long standing member of our church family who went to be with her Lord on 27<sup>th</sup> September. Myrle showed great faithfulness to God even in the face of much prejudice and she had a particular love for the children at St Dunstan's, knowing each by name.

St Dunstan's also celebrated and enjoyed a closer working relationship with other churches in Acton. January saw the first *Acton Churches Together* week of prayer, organised and hosted by Oak Tree Anglican Church. It proved a rich feast of prayer – from quiet contemplation to louder Pentecostal intercession.

We met again with our Acton brothers and sisters for *the Turning* in September, a London-wide mission of street evangelism. A good number of very nervous but courageous St Dunstonians took part. Each of us were overwhelmed first by nerves but then by God's grace and kindness as we went out onto Acton High Street to share the good news of Jesus and pray with anyone who wanted us to – many tears of joy and amazement were shed!

There is still so much to mention, for example, our growing work with local schools, increased attendance particularly at our 9 am service, the Night Shelter, the Pain Exchange, the wonderful visits we had from Tom and Verity Clare and their boys, The

Alpha course hosted by James and Sue, the top quality Christmas Fair and commissioning Miranda Leslie on her return to Australia. God has been good to us in so many ways. We even, for the first time in a long time, broke even financially! However, there are still many fund-raising challenges, not least the unglamorous but necessary requirement to re-haul our aging, and energy thirsty, heating system.

So please, grab yourself a coffee, find a comfortable seat read this report and, as you do, give thanks to the gracious and wonderful loving heavenly Father and his Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. (Jon Westall)

## Seek



*We believe God knows us and has made it possible for us to know Him. So we seek Him in creation, in the Bible and through His Holy Spirit in our prayer and worship. Most of all we seek God through the life, death and resurrection of His Son Jesus.*

We have so many opportunities to explore, learn more about and proclaim the love of God inside the Church buildings, in our streets and parks, in our homes and in our free time, among friends and strangers. Sometimes we feel scared about doing this, but we are never alone and God provides resources and support in the shape of the Holy Spirit and through friends and co-workers. We have a wide variety of opportunities at St Dunstan's to learn more about the breadth and depth of God's love for each of us. If you have an idea for something that would help you learn more about this, come and speak to Jon or me. (James Riddiough)

## Services of worship

The normal pattern of Sunday worship at St Dunstan's involves 2 services on a Sunday morning. Holy communion at 9:00 is in a fairly traditional style, with set liturgy and hymns led by our organist Sylvia Coutts and faithful choir of up to 6 people. There are usually 25-30 adults and up to 10 children attending this service - and there is a Sunday Club for the children.



The second service at 10:45 has communion once a month, and includes worship songs, bible readings, preaching, prayer and testimony. There are between 40 and 80 adults in regular attendance, with 20 to 30 children and teenagers who go out to Sunday Club and 4TL after the initial songs and reading, unless it is all-age worship. The

music at 10:45 is led by a band made up from our pool of talented musicians and singers.

The preaching focus is normally the same for both the services, so that the whole church is following a coherent programme together, and we benefit from the occasional outside speakers coming to visit us. At festivals and through the summer, we have an all-age communion service at 10:00 with everyone together, and on Wednesdays at 10:00 is a short, said Communion service, with 6-10 people usually attending.

## Sunday Club: worship with children

At the start of 2019, we had three age groups in the 10:45 Sunday Club - Bubbles (3-5 year olds), Splash (5-8 year olds) and Xstream (8-11 year olds). About 20-25 children were attending then. After a re-think, and over the summer term, we trialled a Multi-Generational Group by merging the two older Sunday Club groups with 4TL. It was apparent from the trial that the 4TL age group needed to be separate and so 4TL was resurrected in the Autumn Term. However, we maintained the Multi-Generational group for ages 5-11 years old (school years 1-6).



At the start of the year we covered the life and ministry of Jesus with Bubbles and Splash. With Xstream and 4TL, we investigated Apologetics and grappled with difficult questions such as Does God exist? Why do people suffer? Did Jesus exist? Did Jesus really rise from the dead? Further into the year, the Multi-Generational group looked at the nature of God and the Sermon on the Mount. In Bubbles, we learned about some of the many people encountering Jesus in the Bible. Then in the Autumn Term, we looked at Bible Characters with Bubbles and continued with the Sermon on the Mount with 4TL and the Multi-Generational group.

The 9:00 Sunday Club Service has grown throughout 2019. At the start of the year, about 3-6 children attended but by the end of the year, our numbers had almost doubled. Throughout the year, we covered the Life of Jesus, Encounters with Jesus and Bible Characters. We now have an amazing team of volunteers for this group and we thank you for all your wonderful help.

In the Autumn, we held a Swimming Pool Social for Sunday Club families.

Finally, we have been exploring using Godly Play in Sunday Club. The children that have experienced it really engaged well and enjoyed it. The volunteers who have seen it in action are excited to learn more about it and how be trained. Watch this space!

We can only keep going with your help and we thank all of you who have stepped up to lend a hand especially as we have lost some wonderful volunteers during the year. We have also been blessed with help from a number of our younger church members. However, we continue to need more volunteers still. (Sam Bailey)

## Dance & Discipleship

Dance & Discipleship with Faith, is held weekly in the church during term time and lasts for an hour. We usually talk about our goals and our dreams for the future or we do some basic bible study. Then we warm up and start on the street dance. Most of the time, Faith has choreography which she teaches us and we can then use, adapt, do some improv or try some other styles of dance. It's a small group which is nice, but it would be amazing if even more people would join the class to add more to the sessions. (Harriet Riddiough)

## Kidzone: Fun worship and learning after school on Mondays

KidZone is a short, after-school church service for primary school children and their parents. Its aim is to provide space to learn more about the Bible. We start with refreshments and a game in the hall. We then move into the church for worship and the children act out a story from the Bible. We then recap the stories we've been going through - stories from the Creation to Isaac, from Jesus' life and Peter and Thomas' encounters with Jesus. We ended the year with Nativity rehearsals. Each service ends with a time of prayer followed by another game.

At the beginning of 2019, we were low on numbers. We discussed how to go forward with KidZone and one of our prayers was for more numbers. God has blessed us and we have gone from an average attendance of 3-5 to 8-12 children, sometimes higher. We are also hoping that, through Sam's contacts with local schools, we will be able to use KidZone as a chance to encourage more families to worship. (Sam Bailey)



## New Wine – a view from the Riddiough family

I'm not sure that 11 years ago, I would have found the idea of a week in a tent very appealing. All I can say is that the fun, fellowship and teaching (not to mention barbecues) that we as a family have experienced at New Wine have completely changed my view. Celia and Harriet are now on team looking after different age groups as part of the excellent children's work. It has become a highlight of our year and we have deepened our friendship and fellowship with many people through these times away.





For those of you who don't know, New Wine is an organisation that looks to encourage churches to communicate effectively the good news of God's promises in our culture. Each year it holds a celebration of God's work in our lives and this usually involves camping!

In 2019, New Wine was held in Peterborough for the first time. It was strange being in new surroundings, but the worship and teaching stayed the same. Do come along and see what you have been missing all these years!! Please speak to James or Sue. (James Riddiough)

## Small groups for study and fellowship

There are regular home groups on Monday and Thursday evenings, as well as a Bible study group on a Thursday morning. The people who attend the Wednesday morning communion service also enjoy a Bible study or discussion after the service.

Monday evenings – Up to 10 of us meet regularly on a Monday evening at James and Sue Riddiough's home to study the Bible and pray together. We continue to share the joys and disappointments and challenges of our daily lives and encourage and support each other through prayer. This is more fun than it may initially sound and we seem to spend a good deal of the time eating, laughing and recounting all that has gone on in the past week as well as talking about what is coming up and getting to grips with God's word. We genuinely walk with each other through the highs and lows.

We are privileged to have Richard O'Connor lead us in worship and we look at the Bible, alternating between the Old and New Testaments and explore what God is saying to us. We then apply this to our lives and the world. In the last year, we particularly enjoyed looking at the book of Joshua, as it challenged us in our lives in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We would be delighted to welcome anyone else to join us.

Thursday evenings - This is held at Sharon and David Morgans, where we have looked at the book of Joshua in its entirety and enjoyed getting to grips with its scope and range of issues. So much so, that the group is now looking at Judges!!

Sharon and David would love to welcome more people along. (James Riddiough)

## Worshipping together with local Christians

Revive East Acton is a bi-monthly event for different denominations to meet to worship the Lord together and importantly to pray for each of our churches and the needs of East Acton. All members of St Dunstan's are welcome at the meetings, so come along and enjoy fellowship with our local Christian brothers and sisters.

Acton Churches Together continues to informally connect local churches and holds occasional joint events, as well as the annual Good Friday Walk of Witness and carols in the Market Place. These events not only celebrate and declare Jesus but present a united witness to our local community.



The Good Friday March is always well attended by St Dunstan's and it is encouraging to join a large group of Christians as we walk together along Acton High Street praying for the area and joining in the worship songs. We display further unity at Christmas, singing carols together.

## Serve



*Jesus washed his disciples' feet "for even the son of man did not come to be served but to serve" (Mark 10:45) Following his example we use our time and talents to care for and support our brothers and sisters in Christ.*

2019 saw St Dunstan's striving to be much more organised in putting those in need together with those that want to help, by utilising the database of contacts, created following last year's launch of the 'Many Hands Campaign'.

We are seeking to open up the many opportunities for all of us to help each other, the church or the wider community.

This help has come through:

- Cooking meals for anyone in need – from new parents to the recently bereaved.
- Giving lifts to those who can't make it to church independently.
- Assisting the Sunday Club leaders and helping with the children and young people.
- Operating the audio visual system.
- The pastoral team's work – prayer and practical help for anyone in need.

- Helping with mid-week church activities – Wednesday Boys’ Club etc.

Other areas the serve team were involved in include:

- Facilitating improvements to the Church in order to make it more welcoming and effective - for both internal and external use.
- Introducing the soft seating area in the main church, which means outside of service times, it can be utilised for meetings, prayers and providing a relaxed and comfortable space.
- The two olive trees at the main entrance are part of our church welcome and aim to represent that we are a living church even when the doors are closed.
- We have aimed to improve communication across the church in terms of what’s going on and support through printed word, email and Facebook. We would hugely value any help in building up our social media presence.

Looking forward, you can help in any number of ways and tailor it to suit your strengths and gifts as well as what you may feel is your available time. Whether you are new to St Dunstan’s or have been attending for many years, there is an opportunity for you to get involved and feel part of the St Dunstan’s community. Just give your details to Jacqui in the church office. (Paul Bretherton)

## Website and Facebook

The St Dunstan’s website at [www.stdunstanschurch.org.uk](http://www.stdunstanschurch.org.uk) lets people know about who we are and what we do. People can download and listen to a sermon they missed, and the church diary is available for those wanting to book rooms or check the time of services. You can also make on-line donations via the homepage.

For more immediate updates, Jacqui maintains our Facebook presence with a few posts a week about what’s on, sermon topics, and Christian commentary on current events. To see the posts, you can “like” @StDunstansChurchEastActon, and join in conversations about what is happening.

If anyone has any ideas to enhance our social media presence, or can offer expertise, please do get in contact with Jacqui.



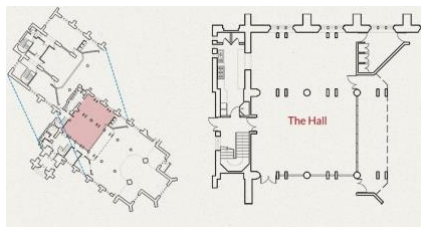


## Our church building

Since last year's Annual Report, Chantelle and now Jacqui have been working hard to maintain previous years' successes in raising vital income from the hiring of our church buildings. Our calendar remained full most days of the week with regular weekly bookings, plus occasional bookings for training days and parties, and we have a caretaker to help manage the practical side of these events.

We hired the building to, amongst others:

- The Angela Grant Ballet School.
- The Hammersmith Dog & Puppy club.
- A Zumba group.
- The Marley Watson School of Dance.
- Soundsteps.
- The Christian Mission who runs its services in Russian in the church every Sunday afternoon. This accounts for a sizable portion of our monthly rental income.



We continue to utilise the space in our spire by renting space to various telecommunications companies.

Running costs (utilities) continue to rise significantly, and as David Morgans writes in the Fabric Report, our heating system needs upgrading, not least to improve efficiency and reduce the annual running costs. We continue to thank God for providing us with the extra income to help us run our church but if you have any ideas about how we can further utilise our space, suggestions are very welcome! (Jacqui Roberts)

## Stewardship Report

In 2019, there were 45 households giving regularly to St Dunstan's via the Parish Giving Scheme, 5 by standing order, 3 by workplace giving schemes and 8 using envelopes.

The total given through the Parish Giving Scheme was £49,296. Other regular giving (not counting loose cash collected on Sundays) came to £17,190, making a total of £66,486.

We received £12,169 in Gift Aid automatically through the PGS scheme. Other donations eligible for Gift Aid are claimed annually in April, at the end of the tax year. We also claim Gift Aid on loose cash collections.

## How to give to St Dunstan's:

- Through the Parish Giving Scheme – fill in a Gift Form.
- By standing order: CAF Bank 40-52-40 account number 00030966.
- Through a payroll giving / charity giving scheme like Charities Trust or Stewardship.org.
- By cash or cheque (to St Dunstan with St Thomas East Acton) in regular giving envelopes.
- Via the giving button on [www.stdunstanschurch.org.uk](http://www.stdunstanschurch.org.uk).
- By debit or credit card, or mobile payment. We also have a card reader.
- If you shop on-line at Amazon, consider using Amazon Smile as a small donation is made by Amazon on each purchase. Just select “The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Dunstan with St Thomas, East Acton” as your charity.



We thank all of you for generosity, not only your money but also your time gifted to the church. Your generosity has a huge impact in changing lives and allows us to accomplish the mission we have serving our Lord. (Alison Wood)

## Share



We want to be a church that shares the good news of Jesus together and as individuals—at home, at work and in our local community—through our actions and words. There have been many practical opportunities during 2019 to obey Jesus' call to mission and in September, we joined other Acton churches to take part in The Turning Mission – a London-wide mission to reach people on the streets with the Gospel. Across our part of Acton, about 90 responded on the streets with

approximately 60 giving their details for follow-up.

As you will see from the reports below, there is a lot going on but we still want to be open to opportunities to further strengthen and develop our outreach particularly in view of the major flat developments that have sprung up within the Parish along the A40. If you feel you have something to contribute, please come and speak to David Morgans or anyone on the PCC. (David Morgans)

## Alpha

Alpha ran at St Dunstan's in the spring term of 2019 (11 weeks from January - March) and was regularly attended by a number of St Dunstan's members and a few additional guests, mainly invited friends and neighbours of the congregation.

Hosted by James and Sue Riddiough, the sessions followed the format of a meal and chat, then watching an Alpha video together followed by a discussion of the topics raised. The Alpha videos are of extremely high quality and progress from questions like "Is there more to life than this? (Week 1) and Who is Jesus? (Week 2) to How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit? and Why and how should I tell others?

No question is too weird or stupid as Alpha is an open and non-judgemental platform where we can all discuss faith and the joys and struggles we have grappling with these big issues.

Thought provoking and educational for those who have been on an Alpha course before (either with "live" talks or the earlier Nicky Gumbell videos), the Alpha course is accessible to anyone and everyone.



We will be running Alpha again in due course (and have updated our household tech to make it easier!) so now is the time to think whether you can commit one evening a week to explore more of the Christian faith and if there is someone God wants you to invite along.

Those who have attended this or previous Alpha courses will be happy to tell you about their experience (Georgia Fernandez even shared at the 140th service in front of the Bishop of London!). (Sue Riddiough)

## TLG Early Intervention

The Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) Early Intervention project supports volunteer coaches from churches who work with primary school children with a range of emotional or behavioural issues. These issues may lead them to be excluded from school.

Over the course of a year, the coaches spend an hour a week in 1-to-1 sessions with the child, working on fun projects and talking about the issues they face. Both Jacqui Roberts and Sam Bailey have been coaching throughout 2019 and we are currently working in partnership with East Acton Primary School. A representative from TLG came to speak at one of our Sunday services during the Summer and explained the work TLG and the coaches do. Excitingly, a number of volunteers came forward to apply and train as a coach as a result.

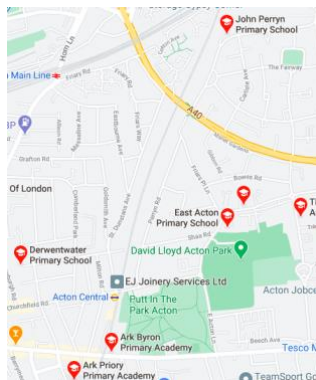
The school is keen for us to mentor more pupils, and through contact with the Ealing Schools Counselling Partnership, we hope to expand to other local primary schools. We are still looking for more coaches. If you are interested in this rewarding work, please speak to Sam. (Sam Bailey)

## Schools Work

We have been growing our schools work over 2019, building up our relationship with a number of local schools such as East Acton Primary. Not only are we involved with mentoring there through Transforming Lives for Good but Sam has also been running a Board Games Club during Friday lunch times. Sam has also participated in Christmas and Easter Assemblies in both East Acton Primary and Ark Byron.

Following on from the success of our 2018 Remembrance Day school workshops, we hosted two further workshops at St Dunstan's; one on local history and the other on Christmas and what it means to us. Children from East Acton Primary, Ark Byron and John Perryn attended and we hope to deepen our links with these schools with further workshops.

Sam has taken a lesson in East Acton Primary School on the History of the Church in England and has been invited back to repeat this lesson. Please pray that these relationships will continue and that many more children will be introduced to the Jesus. (Sam Bailey)



## Little Acorns Toddlers



The Little Acorns Toddler group on Friday mornings continues to be hugely popular. We were hugely sad to say goodbye to Ros Yates who has given us her originality, artistry, cheerfulness and generous commitment over the years.

Despite the loss of Ros to Oman, we have very good numbers attending the session which runs from 9:45 to 11:15 during term time, with toys, crafts, snacks, stories, and songs. On average, we have 42 toddlers and babies on our list with around 30 others on our waiting list. Sam organises the admissions and activities, with the wonderful help

of Alison, Esther, Janine, Jo and Charlotte. We also have the ever-faithful Geoffrey and Josie in the kitchen. The parents/carers also pitch in with the tidying up.

Some parents have started coming to church, and many come along to special events like the summer barbecue, Mothering Sunday, Remembrance and Christingle services. It is wonderful to see friendships flourishing among the adults as the children play and we have many opportunities to give support and advice to each other. Some ask for prayer and there is interest in child baptism. We always pray before the group at about 9:30 and we would welcome anyone who wishes to join us in prayer, or practical support. Do drop by!

Due to the group's popularity we are looking to set up a second group on Thursdays. We are also looking at running a parenting course and Alpha for the toddler's carers and parents. (Sam Bailey)

## Boys' Club

The Boys' Club is for boys in school years 3-6. It runs every Wednesday during term time. We play a lot of different board and card games and group activities that involve lots of running around. Twice a term, we hold a hotly-anticipated nerf war. Sam is assisted by Peter and Louis who have become brilliant young leaders. They both help Sam in explaining the games and come up with fun ideas. They are both building their skills and learning how to help to keep good discipline!

We currently have around 3 boys attending and I am building strong relationships with these boys who in turn are developing good friendships amongst themselves. The aim



of Boys' Club is to be able to invite those who do not regularly come to Church on Sundays. So our hope is that we can grow and expand in size as a result of our increased contact with the local Primary Schools. We hope that Boys' Club will be a stepping-stone to regular attendance at KidZone, so please pray for opportunities to invite pupils from the local primary schools. We would also like to expand Boys' Club into a Board Games Club for both Boys and Girls. To do this we will need a

female helper. Please pray for someone to step forward to fill this role. (Sam Bailey)

## Bouldering and Mentoring for Boys

At the beginning of 2019, Sam learnt how to boulder at the climbing wall at Arch Acton as he wanted to use bouldering to teach and mentor boys between the ages of 8 – 18. He has 'bouldered' with 7 boys during the year. During bouldering training, Sam and the boys have discussed many subjects, including prayer, the Bible, Jesus, and talked about the boys' lives and their hopes and dreams for the future. If you think your son would benefit, do talk to Sam. (Sam Bailey)

## Dads and Toddlers

We ran multiple Dads and Toddlers sessions throughout 2019. We have regular attendance of around 5-8 toddlers and 6-9 dads. We continually invite dads of toddlers from Little Acorns. Our key helpers have been James, Josie, Geoffrey and Sam. The sessions are aimed at dads with children under 5 years old. During the session we supply plenty of toys for the children and bacon rolls for the dads, not forgetting a veggie option. We are looking to increase our helpers so if you are a male and would like to know more, please contact Sam. (Sam Bailey)

## Family Hut Events

At Christmas, we held our first Family Hut event. Family Hut events is the new name for our family-focused annual programme with the aim to run two events per term. We used Godly Play to focus on the Christmas Story, played plenty of board games and occupied ourselves with crafts. If you are interested in helping with these events. please talk to Sam. (Sam Bailey)

## Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter

St Dunstan's opened its doors for the 2019 season (its ninth) providing emergency accommodation over a six-week period at the beginning of the year. We hosted 14 guests on Tuesday nights - those who are sleeping on the streets, are at immediate risk of rough sleeping locally or are the 'hidden homeless' who don't have a permanent place to stay. We offer them overnight shelter, a comfortable bed, and an evening meal and breakfast, as well as friendship and fellowship.

We welcomed 11 men and 3 women. Most of our guests spoke very good English so we heard many of their stories; the difficulties they faced and a heartening determination to move forward. Our guests support one another and our wonderful volunteers come alongside them with understanding and compassion.

We pray our guests' brief respite in the ECWNS's programme has given them the space, time, help, confidence, and support - whatever is needed - to move forward with their lives. We thank God for our time with our guests and especially remember our lovely friend Dino who died suddenly in his sleep on 19 February, 2019. It was a reminder to us all how fragile life can be.

Again, we have been helped by a handful of friends from our neighbourhood and the Ealing Youth Justice Service. And we have a special **'thank you'** to those who prepared





such delicious meals, to those brave souls who volunteered for the overnight shift and for those who cleaned the toilets!!

Everyone I have spoken to who is involved with the night shelter has felt that the project is a great blessing to St Dunstan's and is so worthwhile. The project has allowed us to work as a team, make new friends or deepen existing friendships and most importantly, it has enabled us to show God's love to the poor and vulnerable in our community.

A huge THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers – your willingness certainly makes the job of completing the rota for the various tasks so much easier. (Jacqui Roberts)

## Charities we support

St Dunstan's supports the following 5 charities across the world:

- Hope for Kids, which does such great work with The Oasis in Guatemala – This is a home in Guatemala for girls who have suffered from domestic abuse and which provides a refuge and support for them, rebuilding their lives and showing God's love in action. Tony Bailey spearheads our relationship with The Oasis – he has taken groups there and has seen first-hand the difference that international support makes to the lives of the girls and the house-mothers.
- ALMA, supporting our link parish in Mozambique, St. Mark's Matola.
- Church Mission Society (CMS), which specifically brings support to women in Sudan via our link missionary. We are supporting mission partners Tom and Verity Clare and their family. For more on their work see <https://churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/tom-and-verity-clare/>
- The Pain Exchange, helping those in long-term pain. See the report below.
- A Rocha, seeking to improve the environment based in Southall.



We also raised money for Christian Aid during their campaign week in May and our annual Christingle service supported the Children's Society.

If anyone would like to be a "Champion" for any of the above to promote their profile within church, please let James know. (James Riddiough)

## The Pain Exchange

The PEX is a Christian charity that provides a service to support those living with persistent pain. During 2019 we have welcomed 18 new participants, had 113 one-to-one consultations and 543 class attendances. Service user feedback has been very positive and on the social front there is a lovely community feel with great friendships and support developing between the group.



We were very sad to say goodbye Ros Yates but it was fantastic that Ros and the art group were able to exhibit their artwork and tell their story at the gallery on Acton High street. Ros put together a beautiful booklet for the exhibition which included



participant's stories. We also said goodbye to one of our physiotherapists Kate Jupe and we hope to be able to find a replacement for her as the service continues to grow.

New developments include the start of a counselling group, which is an exciting and welcome addition to the project. We have a new art group leader, Leidy Moreno who has proved herself to be a wonderful asset. Finlay Perrigo, a volunteer, has been a great help working with Sue Bolton to organise the social time and smooth running of the day. Ruth Richardson has joined to help with communication both internal and external. Fleur continues to work

with us giving interesting talks on the role of nutrition in health.

The PEX would like to thank the church for the practical and financial support it offers as well as continued prayer. (Sharon Morgans)

## Community Tea

The monthly Community Tea is now unbelievably in its second year and is growing nicely.



The group of people who come along are mainly from our Church family and some of the Pain Exchange Clients and numbers are steadily increasing with people inviting their neighbours and friends. This is a great opportunity to reach out to our community on our doorstep.

It's been lovely to hear so many conversations around the tables and friendships being made. Jean Allen has also recruited some people to a group of knitters who are knitting for the homeless.

We have enjoyed Homemade soup and breads in the cold winter, Thanksgiving Roast dinner, tinsel and turkey together at Christmas, and the favourites of homemade cakes and Christina's favourite cheese scones. We have a laugh and tax our brains with a quiz sometimes. Why not reach out to a friend or neighbour in your street and let them know what a friendly bunch we are.

Going forward, we would like a few more helpers to bake for us and to come along and help once a month. If you are able, please speak to Lesley (Lesley Moszoro).

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And finally..... before the official part of the Report, we asked Sam Bailey a few questions so we could all get to know him a bit more!

**Tell us a little about yourself and your family - where were you born and where did you grow up? Any siblings?**



I grew up in Harrow. Both my parents are Christians and have been married for over 30 years now. I have two older sisters who are both married with kids of their own. I grew up going to church on Sundays and playing lots of sports.

**As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

Lots of things when I was younger! I wanted to be a footballer, financial advisor, teacher, fireman and a police man though not all at the same time. However, my main aim during my GCSE years was to become a Sports Physiotherapist.

**So how did you become a Christian?**

I have always been a Christian I would say. But throughout 2012 I spent a lot of time running from God! Eventually I found my way back in 2013. But the big moment when faith became my own was in 2007 at New Wine. John Coles was speaking on the Holy Spirit and after his talk I walked through a tunnel of people praying for me. I ended up feeling my arms shaking due to the power of the Holy Spirit. At this point I would say my faith became very real and not long after, I got confirmed.

**Why did you choose Children's Work as a career?**

I had just finished with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Nashville in early 2014 and felt God was calling me to full time ministry. At the same time, I did explore being a mechanic but got nowhere. But every Children's Work enquiry I explored had really positive results. Looking back, I can see God calling me to it long before I realised. I

had helped with Children's Work for a long time before that in many different capacities. I really enjoy teaching children and parents about God and encouraging them all with their relationship with God.

### **What are your hopes for the Children's Work at St Dunstan's?**

For St Dunstan's to become a Children's Resourcing Church; for it to be a place that equips other churches to do Children's Work. I also want to inspire the children and their families to deepen their relationship with God so that they want to come to our activities and invite their friends. Ultimately, I want to the children and families to SEEK God, SERVE each other and SHARE their faith with others.



### **What can we do to help you?**

You can all help by praying! Second, in order to run everything we need volunteers. We need people in the kitchen to make drinks and serve food, help lead discussions and help ensure the children feel safe and secure. And of course, we need money to run the many different activities and so please do think about donating directly to the Children's Work.

### **What movie or book do you love?**

Some of you already know this, but my favourite movie series is Lord of the Rings Extended Edition and my favourite book; excluding the Bible; is The Hobbit. My favourite Bible books are Hebrews and Revelation. I also love the historical section in the Old Testament - Joshua to Esther.

### **It's Friday night after a terribly busy week, how do you spend it?**

Playing games of some kind. Whether table top (Board and Card) or video games - that is my favourite thing to do to relax. And I love to cycle.

### **Three apps on your phone you can't live without?**

Easy - BBC Sport, YouTube and WhatsApp!

THANK YOU SAM!





## Seek, serve and share our Lord together

Parish of St Dunstan with St Thomas, East Acton Friars Place Lane,  
London W3 7AW

Diocese of London, Willesden area, Ealing Deanery, parish 2218

Charity no: 1177614

Incumbent: Rev'd Jon Westall

Administrator: Jacqui Roberts

Child Protection Officer: Chantelle Adams

Children & Families worker: Sam Bailey

## Parochial Church Council

The PCC comprises the Clergy, Churchwardens, Representatives of the Deanery Synod and up to 12 elected plus up to 2 co-opted members of the congregation. The job of the PCC is to co-operate with the vicar in promoting the mission of the Church in the parish. Those who have served on the PCC since January 2019 are:

- ex-officio: Jon Westall (vicar and Chair), Ros Yates (deacon until March 2019), Sue Bolton (Deanery Synod representative), Camilla Slade Viles (Deanery Synod representative), Innocent Annaba-Jones (church warden until April 2019), David Morgans (church warden) and James Riddiough (church warden from April 2019).
- elected: Peter Blagg, Roger Bowerman, Paul Bretherton, Deborah Everington, Julie Gordon, San-San Haddoub, Martin Haenlein, Helena Maitland (PCC secretary), Lesley Moszoro, Carlyon Viles, Alison Wood (treasurer) and Neil Yates (until March 2019) with Grace Quansah until December 2019.
- David Wang (co-opted from April 2019).

The PCC met 6 times in 2019.

The Standing and Finance committee, which met 6 times in 2019, comprises the vicar and PCC chair, Jon Westall, church wardens David Morgans, Innocent Annaba-Jones (until April 2019) and James Riddiough (from April 2019), secretary Helena Maitland, treasurer Alison Wood and Sue Bolton. This committee carries out PCC business, as directed by the PCC, in between its meetings.

## **Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll stands at 110. 39 people were removed from the roll since 2018 and 23 added. (Mark Moszoro)

## **Fabric (the church buildings)**

After several years of significant investment in the fabric of the church (redcoration and new lighting, AV equipment, refurbished toilets, and underpinning) 2019 was a relatively quiet year.

We did receive the Quinquennial Report from the church architect, which highlighted a number of priority repairs for the PCC to consider. These included an overhaul of the rainwater system, re-pointing brickwork at low levels and general repairs to some of the brick and stonework. We will also need to replace the fencing along the northern boundary between the church and the flats at the rear that was damaged when the trees were removed.

Another area the architect encouraged us to reflect on was energy conservation in general and in particular the church heating system. It's always hard to heat a big, draughty space like a church, and our 30-year-old heating system has been struggling for several years. The gas boilers often go out and have to be re-lit. In a survey of users, many people commented on how the temperature is very unpredictable at different times and in different parts of the building. As part of our 140th anniversary celebrations in May, we had already started an appeal to raise money for a new heating system, which has so far raised £11,000. A representative of the London Diocese "Shrinking the Footprint" team visited us to talk about possible options and in 2020, we plan to start with improvements to insulation, and getting quotes and system plans from a selection of church-heating experts. It will be a big job and we will need to raise further funds.

Finally, I would like to thank everybody who has helped with the maintenance and upkeep of the church and grounds. We are very blessed to have people with a wide variety of skills who are happy to help. It would however be lovely to have a few more volunteers to lighten the load of those who do so much. We will be having more 'Love St Dunstan' days so please do come along and help out. There are always so many little jobs that need doing so if you are interested please speak to me, James or Jon. (David Morgans)

## **Deanery Synod Report**

The Ealing Deanery Synod met 3 times in 2019. It brings together representatives from all the 33 churches in the Deanery and all the meetings are open to any church member. Our PCC representatives on the Deanery Synod are Sue Bolton and Camilla Slade Viles.



Synod meetings are a wonderful opportunity to worship and learn from other churches in Ealing Deanery. They include talks by inspiring speakers, case studies of good practice from the Deanery, and formal processes such as voting on issues related to the wider Church of England. The Synod also distributes the Mission Fund in the summer each year. Updates from General Synod are also given.

The first meeting of the year was held in February at St Gabriel's, North Acton. St Gabriel's has seen a huge influx of students into the parish and there is the prospect of massive redevelopment at Old Oak Common. They share their church with a nursery who is a partner in their mission.

Janet Fletcher, manager of Ealing Foodbank, attended to explain their vision and she appealed to Parishes to volunteer and send donations.

Finally, Levi Phillips, Creative Lead for Capital Youth, explained the goal of the 5-year funded project - to double the number of young people engaging with existing or fresh expressions of church. He also promoted their new booklet filled with ideas and challenges: <https://www.london.anglican.org/welcomeinchurch/>. He encouraged us with updates from various youth work in churches across the diocese (e.g. W4 in Chiswick, St Hughes, Northolt).

In June, we met at St George's, Southall where presentations for Mission Grant applications were made.

In November, the accounts were approved and various schools' governors were elected. Our Vicar Jon was also elected as a clergy representative on the Area Council.

We also heard from Capital Mass and Jenny Sinclair from "Together For the Common Good" who spoke about the role Parishes have in strengthening bonds of trust and community with those of varying backgrounds in a period of huge change. Together For the Common Good offers courses for schools, clergy and senior leaders (see: <https://www.capitalmass.org.uk/> and <https://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/>).

The Deanery has been developing a Deanery Plan to provide strategic direction across the Deanery and we look forward to providing more detail in due course. (Sue Bolton, Camilla Slade Viles)

## **Sidespeople**

Our grateful thanks to those who served as Sidespeople during 2019 including Tony Bailey, Sue Bolton, Charlie Caplowe, Nyuk Lau, Mark Moszoro, Eva Nabeta, Julia O'Connor, Adam Shaw, Paula Shaw, Livingstone St Louis, Joshua Yates and Neil Yates.

# Safeguarding

St Dunstan’s church has due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Our Child Protection Officer is Chantelle Adams, and our Children’s Advocate is Esther Brown.

## Glossary

Fabric	the physical church building and contents
Incumbent	the priest responsible for the parish (vicar)
Parish	(Ecclesiastical Parish) The area in which the Church of England has given St Dunstan’s responsibility for the people
PCC	the Parochial Church Council - people elected by the congregation to help the vicar run the church
Sidespeople	those who greet people on a Sunday morning, give out leaflets, guide people up to communion, and help services run smoothly
Wardens	churchwardens, along with the vicar, responsible for the day-to-day operation of the church

## Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Dunstan with St Thomas, East Acton

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - ☐ to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
  - ☐ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*D Stephens*

*15 March 2020*

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David Stephens FCCA  
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Dated

# End of year financial statements for St Dunstan with St Thomas, East Acton

Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

Registered Charity 1177614

## Receipts and Payments Account

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2019 total funds	2018 Total funds
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	94,917	450	24,509	119,876	98,956
Income from charitable activities	2,437	1,041	14	3,492	5,747
Fundraising	3,170		1,166	4,336	4,793
Hall hire	17,825			17,825	19,355
Other income	14,300	11,731		26,031	14,700
Investments	729			729	389
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>133,378</b>	<b>13,222</b>	<b>25,689</b>	<b>172,289</b>	<b>143,940</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Raising funds	3,750	41		3,791	1,856
Expenditure on charitable activities	118,700	1,375	25,631	145,706	145,606
Other expenditure			152	152	181
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>122,450</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>25,783</b>	<b>149,649</b>	<b>147,644</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before transfer</b>	<b>10,928</b>	<b>11,806</b>	<b>-94</b>	<b>22,640</b>	<b>(3,704)</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	3,111	3,117	11,990	18,218	277,034
Gross transfers between funds - out	(11,915)	(6,259)	-44	-18,218	(277,034)
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before other gains / losses</b>	<b>2,124</b>	<b>8,664</b>	<b>11,852</b>	<b>22,640</b>	<b>(3,704)</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>2,124</b>	<b>8,664</b>	<b>11,852</b>	<b>22,640</b>	<b>(3,704)</b>
<b>All assets at 01 January 2019</b>	<b>89,562</b>	<b>3,067</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>93,516</b>	<b>97,220</b>
<b>All assets at 31 December 2019</b>	<b>91,686</b>	<b>11,731</b>	<b>12,739</b>	<b>116,156</b>	<b>93,516</b>
<b>Represented by</b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General fund	91,686			91,686	89,562
<b>Designated</b>					
Mast Electricity		11,731		11,731	
Toddlers					2,067
Vicar's Discretionary Fund					1,000
<b>Restricted</b>					
Agency collection			208	208	
Bell Fund			130	130	130
Heating Appeal 140th			11,132	11,132	
Mission Fund (Guatemala)			597	597	597
Night Shelter			552	552	
Pew Bible & Lectionary Fund			120	120	120

## Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	2019	2018
<b>Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand</b>					
CAF current account -	5,921		763	6,684	6,529
CCLA (CBF) deposit account -	85,765	11,731	11,976	109,472	86,987
<b>Totals</b>	<b>91,686</b>	<b>11,731</b>	<b>12,739</b>	<b>116,156</b>	<b>93,516</b>
<b>Liabilities - Agency accounts</b>					
Agency collections -			360	360	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>360</b>	<b>360</b>	
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>91,686</b>	<b>11,731</b>	<b>12,379</b>	<b>115,796</b>	<b>93,516</b>

Total assets of £115,796 of which £91,686 are General funds and £24,110 are Designated or Restricted Funds. This is split between £12,379 in Restricted Funds and £11,731 in Designated Funds.

Assets recognised but not valued;

- 1 Fixed assets retained for Church use include the land purchased at cost in February 2011.
- 2 Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust on behalf of the PCC.

No remuneration was paid to any member of the PCC for their rôle on the PCC. All payments made to reimburse members of the PCC for expenses properly incurred have been documented. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations using the Receipts & Payments basis.

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis, and there are sufficient reserve funds to cover calculated losses.

The accounts were approved by the PCC on 5 March 2020 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev'd Jon Westall, Incumbent



Alison Wood, Treasurer

## Analysis of receipts and payments

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b><i>Donations and legacies</i></b>					
Giving (bank & PGS)	59,365			59,365	55,030
Sunday giving envelopes	6,727			6,727	7,351
Sunday giving plate	2,808		746	3,554	3,955
One-off Gift Aid gifts	2,930	200	10,669	13,799	5,210
One-off gifts no Gift Aid	476	250	2,982	3,708	1,306
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	20,611		112	20,723	17,872
Legacies					
Non-recurring one-off grants	2,000		10,000	12,000	7,500
Other income					733
<b><i>Donations and legacies Total</i></b>	<b>94,917</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>24,509</b>	<b>119,876</b>	<b>98,956</b>
<b><i>Income from charitable activities</i></b>					
Fees for weddings and funerals	365			365	1,343
Hall hire - mission	1,850			1,850	2,571
Church activities income	222	1,041	14	1,277	1,833
<b><i>Income from charitable activities Total</i></b>	<b>2,437</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3,492</b>	<b>5,747</b>
<b><i>Other trading activities</i></b>					
Fairs and Sales	3,170		1,166	4,336	4,793
Mobile Mast	14,300	11,731		26,031	14,700
Hall hire - one-off	1,345			1,345	1,715
Hall hire - regular	16,480			16,480	17,640
<b><i>Other trading activities Total</i></b>	<b>35,295</b>	<b>11,731</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>48,192</b>	<b>38,847</b>
<b><i>Investments</i></b>					
Bank interest	729			729	389
<b><i>Investments Total</i></b>	<b>729</b>			<b>729</b>	<b>389</b>
<b>RECEIPTS TOTAL</b>	<b>133,378</b>	<b>13,222</b>	<b>25,689</b>	<b>172,289</b>	<b>143,940</b>