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# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



## **Parochial Church Council October 2020**

This is the annual report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St. Barnabas' Church, Clapham Common for 2019. It was collectively written and contains a review of the year, the statement on the responsibilities of the PCC, a treasurer's report, the description of the accounting policies and the independent examiner's report on the church accounts.

## VICAR'S INTRODUCTION

2019. Remember that? Probably, yes. But can you remember it in detail? And can you specifically remember what we did as a church? Less so, I'd say. Don't worry though; it was the same here. Even though our wonderful Carol Service with string quartet was less than a year ago – in fact it was only last Christmas! – everything about 2019 feels somewhat remote. So I dug out my old diary (quaintly enough, made of paper and requiring a pen) and refreshed my memory beginning with January (well, you would, wouldn't you?). Ready:

**January:** film crew at the Night Shelter (now it's 4<sup>th</sup> year) as part of a John Pilger documentary, *The Dirty War on the NHS*. Also the funeral of Mr Swaby. Preceded by Barbara Hayr and Vernal Mattheson (Dec 2018) and with Fiona Latta (Feb), Maria Elefthery (Mar) and Lorraine Napier (Apr) to follow, St Barnabas said goodbye to six faithful friends.

**February:** note to self to file the final report (IME 6) on Anne Cocking's curacy, who moved on to serve at the Church of the Holy Cross, Motspur Park in December.

**March:** annual bingo fundraiser (with the quiz to follow in October). Also the month that Battersea Piano hired the church for an afternoon of recitals and broke the front leg of the piano whilst moving it!

**April:** real life donkey for a first ever Palm Sunday procession across the common

**May:** so it seems nothing really happened in May ... either that or my use of a diary was particularly poor.

## WARDENS' REPORT

2019 was another good year for St Barnabas as we continued to grow and flourish in line with our mission action plan.

I would like to thank Pat for her dedication and wisdom as she has continued to lead the Tuesday Bible Study Group and Cicely and Margaret who have organised a varied and interesting range of activities and speeches for the Thursday Fellowship.

I would like to thank all those involved around our

**June:** the licensing of Annie Kurk at St Luke's, Whiteleaf; the priesting of Gerard Rundell in Newcastle Cathedral; the deaconing of Solveig Sonet in Salisbury Cathedral; and the inauguration of our own summer evening music series.

**July:** new website is launched; and we interview for the position of Children & Youth Minister appointing Sam Benjamin who would start in October.

**August:** Amanda return to preach for us having completed the first of two years of her ordination training.

**September:** closely followed by Susan heading off to Ridley Hall, Cambridge, to begin the first of hers

**October:** Sam Benjamin takes up his post and pulls an all-nighter as he takes 9 young people on the Glassdoor sleepout in Duke of York Square

**November:** Battersea Deanery host an evening with artist Arabella Dorman called *The Possibility of Light*, who presented reflections on her work with refugees.

**December:** didn't I already tell you about our wonderful Carol Service with string quartet? Oh, there was also a great rendition of *Gaudete* from the St Barnabas in house choir too!

Look. It's nearly 2021 already. So enough on 2019 for now, I'll leave it there. But I go, grateful for the chance to recall, however sketchily, some highlights from the life of St Barnabas. It's great to be a part of it together.

*Rev Richard Taylor  
October 2020*

Sunday worship, including readers, intercessors, stewards and Sunday school leaders.

Lastly, my thanks go to the fundraising team, Liz and her family, Pat and Lena for organising social events whilst raising funds for St Barnabas.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all Night Shelter volunteers with a special mention to our chefs Chris and James.

*Yvonne Langley, Warden*

## FINANCE REPORT

In 2019, St Barnabas continued to offer the congregation a wide range of worship opportunities whilst staying on budget. Huge thanks to all donors for making this happen through your reliable tithing and on-going generosity; it's so encouraging to be blessed in this way and we continue to appreciate your support and involvement for the transformative work we do here in church.

Our total income was £160,000 (of which £12K was designated income and not available as General Funds) with outgoings at £158,000. This represents excellent value given we have expanded our staff team with the addition of a Children & Youth Minister and continue the upward trend towards self-financing with our Parish Support Fund Pledge to Southwark Diocese. In 2019, we contributed £69,000 with £71,000 pledged for 2020.

Lettings capacity was at maximum in 2019 and we will see a drop in income from this previously dependable source in 2020 due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Matthews family we raised nearly £2000 for the Stonework fund

## OPERATIONS' REPORT

'Bustling with life' would be the best way to describe the year of 2019 in St Barnabas.

Our regular worship was complemented with many special services, including the Maundy Thursday evening Communion, Remembrance Sunday, Lessons & Carols and the Christmas Nativity Service. 11 children were also baptised and 3 couples married in St Barnabas.

Music was also very present. Sarah Hughes, our Director of Music, put together a series of Summer and Christmas concerts which were attended both by members of the church and members of our Community. Bolingbroke Academy also hosted their summer and winter concerts with c. 100 students accompanied by teachers and families.

Throughout the winter months, the Church was home to c. 40 guests, who were able to eat a cooked

on the tower.

An extra thank you to our Gift Aid donors as we reclaimed £12,000 in tax rebate from HMRC; taxpayers please sign a form if you haven't as yet as we're allowed to back date on the past four years donations.

Our invested reserves remain with CCLA at £55,500. Late in 2019, at the Diocese's prompting, the PCC agreed to realise a historic endowment of £3,000 plus interest and this will be reflected in the 2020 accounts.

It has been the policy that 5% of our unrestricted donations goes to Mission Giving so £3,350 of income from 2019 is pledged for our 2020 partners. We also carry forward an undisbursed liability of £1,495 from 2018.

### MISSION GIVING AND CHARITABLE DONATIONS

<b>International Justice Mission</b>	<b>£625.00</b>
<b>Nightshelter Designated Fund</b>	<b>£625.00</b>
<b>Battersea Deanery</b>	<b>£625.00</b>
<b>St Saviour's &amp; St Olave's Choir</b>	<b>£150.00</b>
<b>Christingle for The Children's Society</b>	<b>£210.00</b>

*Sarita Rampat, Treasurer*

dinner, sleep in a safe and warm venue and leave in the morning after breakfast.

St Barnabas was also home to our Barney's toddler group which welcome c. 30 families, to our Bible Study Group and to our Thursday Fellowship group.

The Ascension Hall has hosted Deanery evenings and Battersea Welcome Refugees' meetings.

This was made possible through the commercial letting of our venues to regular groups, as varied as a ballet school, a karate group, music classes and many more. The income from these lettings also enabled us to let venues to support groups, notably Alcoholic Anonymous, at a reduced rate.

So, St Barnabas was open! And even if the rhythm is different this year, St Barnabas is still bustling with life.

*Sandrine Simmons, Church Manager*  
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## FABRICS' REPORT

2019 was thankfully a quieter year for the Fabrics committee. Roof and gutters were fixed, rotting wooden lintels around doors were replaced but otherwise it was without large ticket items.

This was especially the case after years of extensive upgrade works within the church with new wooden floors, replacing lights with LEDs, reconfiguration of the choir vestry as well as the new kitchen to help our work (in normal times) with the Glassdoor homeless charity.

Our upgrade work is not yet finished and our key priorities remain as follows...as and when funds allow:

- (1) remedial work to the car park which often resembles a swimming pool;
- (2) Extensive works to the main entrance replacing the very old, damaged wooden doors with new glass doors. This will not only make the church more inviting from the outside but also improve security for groups using the church;
- (3) replacing the toilets.

*Michael Burton, Fabrics' Committee*

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### PASTORAL OFFICES

In 2019, there were 11 baptisms, 3 weddings and 6 funerals. There was 1 confirmation and 3 children were admitted to Holy Communion on Easter Day.

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC trustees share responsibility for promoting the whole mission of the Church, its financial accountability, safeguarding users, the maintenance, preservation and insurance of the fabric of the Grade II listed building. They met 9 times in 2019.

### BATTERSEA DEANERY SYNOD

The Battersea Deanery Synod met 3 times in 2019: there was *A Conversation with Marsha de Cordova, MP for Battersea* in February, *A Deanery Garden Party with guest speaker, Peter Graystone* in June and *The Possibility of Light: an artist's journey from Iraq to Syria with Arabella Dorman* in November. Meetings are more often than not open meetings meaning any interested non Synod members can attend on a one-off basis too.

### ELECTORAL ROLL

A new roll was prepared in 2019. There were 102 members.

### SAFEGUARDING

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

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

The church is located on the north side of Clapham Common at the corner of Lavender Gardens.

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# Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	66,831	11,919	949	—	79,700	97,250
Income from charitable activities	23,428	—	—	—	23,428	18,841
Other trading activities	51,006	—	—	—	51,006	54,333
Investments	390	—	—	—	390	289
Other income	6,140	—	—	—	6,140	14,695
<b>Total income</b>	<b>147,797</b>	<b>11,919</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>160,666</b>	<b>185,409</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	94	—	—	—	94	734
Expenditure on charitable activities	144,968	12,166	389	—	157,523	181,246
Other expenditure	531	—	—	—	531	1,325
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>145,593</b>	<b>12,166</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>158,149</b>	<b>183,306</b>
Gains / losses on investment assets	500	—	—	—	500	—
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>(246)</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,017</b>	<b>2,103</b>
<b>Transfers</b>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	500	625	—	—	1,125	17,491
Gross transfers between funds - out	(625)	(500)	—	—	(1,125)	(17,491)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>2,579</b>	<b>(121)</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,017</b>	<b>2,103</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>90,294</b>	<b>17,109</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>111,233</b>	<b>109,129</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>92,873</b>	<b>16,987</b>	<b>1,389</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>114,250</b>	<b>111,233</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
General fund	92,873	—	—	—	92,873	90,294
<b>Designated</b>						
BWR	—	7,083	—	—	7,083	10,536
Barneys Group	—	2,163	—	—	2,163	1,115
Flowers	—	—	—	—	—	36
New Kitchen	—	—	—	—	—	—
NightShelter	—	2,343	—	—	2,343	420
Organ	—	351	—	—	351	—
Schools Worker	—	3,088	—	—	3,088	5,000
Stonework	—	1,957	—	—	1,957	—
Stonework and Fabric	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Restricted</b>						
RT Area Dean	—	—	1,389	—	1,389	829
Roof Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Youth Work	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Endowment</b>						
Restricted	—	—	—	3,000	3,000	3,000

# Balance Sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
6432	St Matthew's Trust	7,020	6,968
6437	Vicar's Float	300	300
6438	Dishwasher	2,126	2,658
	<b>Total Fixed assets</b>	<b>9,447</b>	<b>9,926</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
6501	CAF Bank Current Account	53,694	48,477
6510	CCLA (CBF) Deposit Account	13,620	13,518
6520	CCLA (COIF) Deposit Account	41,804	41,567
6590	Cash in hand	—	—
6591	Soldo PrePaid Card	378	—
Z05	Accounts Receivable	249	1,697
Z10	HMRC	—	3,520
Z22	Late Income	—	239
	<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>109,746</b>	<b>109,021</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
6699	Agency collections	—	—
Z04	Accounts Payable	97	4,344
Z19	Mission Giving	4,845	3,370
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>4,942</b>	<b>7,714</b>
	<b>Net Asset surplus(deficit)</b>	<b>114,250</b>	<b>111,233</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	2,517	(8,154)
Z01	Starting balances	111,233	119,388
Z02	Other gains/(losses)	500	—
	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>114,250</b>	<b>111,233</b>
<b>Represented by funds</b>			
	Unrestricted	92,873	90,294
	Designated	16,987	17,109
	Restricted	1,389	829
	Endowment	3,000	3,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>114,250</b>	<b>111,233</b>