

# ST. MARY'S WOLLATON PARK ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019, 12:00PM

## AGENDA & WRITTEN REPORTS

1. Apologies
2. Election of Churchwardens (2)
3. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives (1)
4. Election of PCC members (5)
5. Vicar's report and vision – Q&A
6. Finance Report
7. Presentation of Written Reports
  - a. Motion to accept reports
8. Any Other Business (To be notified in advance)
9. Closing Prayer



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# WRITTEN REPORTS

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## **VISION STATEMENT**

*Our Mission:*

**To glorify God by being one family, united in Jesus Christ,  
Bible-based and committed to making disciples, growing in faith  
and showing God's love by living and proclaiming the Gospel,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit**

*Our Priorities:*

**CALLING IN – BUILDING UP – SENDING OUT**

*Our Vision:*

**As members of St. Mary's, we are each called to be  
praying and working towards seeing the following by 2022:**

### **Calling in**

- C1* A hundred people, from all ages, becoming disciples of Jesus,
- C2* Membership of St. Mary's reflecting the makeup of our communities,
- C3* People becoming disciples through proclamation of the gospel with practical care;

### **Building up**

- B1* Every member growing in faith and godliness and pressing on towards the day of Christ's return,
- B2* Every member feeling that they belong to a church family that supports, encourages and cares for them, and to the Worldwide Church,
- B3* Every member equipped to use their gifts to serve within the church and to share the Gospel in their daily lives;

### **Sending out**

- S1* Every member sent to live and speak for Jesus in their daily lives,
- S2* People who leave St. Mary's being ready to use their gifts to serve in their new churches,
- S3* Members being sent to mission fields, both overseas and in the UK,
- S4* A team being sent to partner in planting or revitalising another church.

*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,  
according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church  
and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

(Ephesians 3:20–21)

## ELECTORAL ROLL

<b>Adsley</b>	Rosie
<b>Argyle</b>	Peter
<b>Argyle</b>	Elizabeth
<b>Ayre</b>	Struan
<b>Ayre</b>	Eloise
<b>Bauhahn</b>	Daniel
<b>Bauhahn</b>	Camille
<b>Bowyer</b>	Val
<b>Brown</b>	Cecile
<b>Burnham</b>	Marian
<b>Bush</b>	Dorothy
<b>Cooper</b>	Joyce
<b>Cornish</b>	Moyra
<b>Curran</b>	Kate
<b>Diamantis</b>	Elias
<b>Diamantis</b>	Andreea
<b>Drew</b>	Chris
<b>Drew</b>	Gemma
<b>Fothergill</b>	George
<b>Gavin</b>	Sean
<b>Gibson</b>	David
<b>Haines</b>	Rebecca
<b>Harrison</b>	John
<b>Hills</b>	Joan
<b>Hopewell</b>	Ellie
<b>Houghton</b>	Fiona
<b>Hubbard</b>	Kathryn
<b>Hunt</b>	Debs
<b>King</b>	Rachel
<b>King</b>	Alec
<b>Knight</b>	Ian

<b>Larsson</b>	Jonathan
<b>Minott</b>	Del
<b>Mutch</b>	Stacey
<b>Norris</b>	Mary
<b>Norris</b>	Gerald
<b>O'Brien</b>	Alice
<b>Rajendra Kumar</b>	Suganth
<b>Ratib</b>	Heddy
<b>Roggendorf</b>	Sarah
<b>Sanders</b>	Diana
<b>Shearan</b>	Frances
<b>Sim</b>	Sarah
<b>Tyers</b>	Vera
<b>Voisey</b>	Cliff
<b>Voisey</b>	Maureen
<b>Ward</b>	Lawrence
<b>Ward</b>	Monica
<b>West</b>	Tom
<b>Wilkes</b>	Dawn
<b>Williams</b>	Cathy
<b>Wills</b>	Brian
<b>Wills</b>	Kyra
<b>Withers</b>	John
<b>Young</b>	Joan

**Total: 55**

**Compiled 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

*Kate Curran (Electoral Roll Officer)*

## ACCOUNTS 2018

### Profit and Loss Account

<b>INCOME</b>	
Regular Giving: Under Gift Aid	33530
Regular Giving: Non Gift Aid	9218
Service Collections	4508
Mission Partner Giving: Under GA	0
Mission Partner Giving: Non-GA	0
Special Appeals	0
One-off Donations: Under Gift Aid	0
One-off Donations: Non-GA	779
Gift Aid Recovered: General	7398
Gift Aid Recovered: Special	0
Legacies Received	0
Grants Received	0
Events Takings	386
Service Special Fees Received	1132
Church Hall Hire Income	11014
Church Hire Income	70
Car Park Income	2020
Book Sales	139
Dividends & Interest Received	123
Sundry Income	533
Mission Partner Reclaim	1190
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>72040</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Mission Partners	7310
Donations Made	580
Parish Share	30000
Director of Music: Honorarium	3000
Explorers	266
Children's Sunday Groups	230
Connect Group Costs	0
Wednesday Fellowship Costs	0
General Worship Costs	1639
Discipleship Study Books	170
Social Events Expenses	498
Leadership Development	203
Assigned Fees Payable	789
Vicar's Expenses	1052
Curate's Expenses	334
Other Staff Expenses	0
Printing & Stationery	3672
Other Admin & Sundry	1247
Church Energy	3916
Hall Energy	4301
Telephone	295
Church R&R & Mntnce	830
Hall R&R & Mntnce	1214
Church Insurance	3309
Hall Insurance	1293
Wages: Hall Cleaner	1040
Wages: Gardener	520
Churchyard Maintenance Costs	196
Church Capital Repairs	0
Hall Capital Repairs	780
Capital Expenditure	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>68685</b>

<b>Net Profit for the Year</b>	<b>3355</b>
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These accounts have been prepared on the Accruals Basis, with the exception of any adjustments for Hire and Car Park income that, as previously, are presented on a cash received basis.

**Balance Sheet**

**Fixed Assets** 0

**Current Assets: -**

Stock	50
Debtors (per schedule)	3055
Prepayments	238
Deposit Accounts	6389
Liquid Accounts	26853
	26853

**Total of Current Assets** 36585

**Less: Current Liabilities: -**

Creditors & Accruals (per schedule)	2388
Income Received in advance	0
	0

**Total of Current Liabilities** 2388

<b>Nett Assets</b>	<b>34197</b>
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<b>Represented by ; -</b>	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>34197</b>

..... Mr Lawrence Ward – Treasurer

..... Rev Henry Curran - Vicar

**Certificate from the Independent Examiner**

I have examined the books and vouchers of St Mary’s Church, Wollaton Park and can certify that the accounts on the attached sheets are, in my opinion, correct.

..... Mr John Harrison – Independent Examiner

## **CONNECT GROUPS**

The establishing of Connect Groups has been one of the biggest encouragements of the last year. They were launched just before last year's AGM and so have now had a little over a year to settle down and find their natural pattern.

The Young Adults group got off to a good start but was hit hard by a number of people leaving St. Mary's and the decision was made to close it over the Christmas holiday. The remaining members of that group have now joined one of the other groups.

The Beeston Group is well established, and I am particularly grateful to John Harrison who led the group on his own for most of that time. Debs Hunt is now leading with him.

The Wollaton Park Group grew fairly steadily, as was to be expected for a group meeting within the parish, and just before Christmas it divided into two, with Wollaton Park A being led by Ian Knight and Wollaton Park B by Kate and Henry Curran.

The challenge with all the groups is to ensure that they remain a place where we Connect with God, with Each Other, and with the World around us. The connections with God and Each Other are the ones that happen most naturally and easily but please pray for all the groups that they would continue to be places that intentionally connect with the wider World.

### **Praise God for:**

- The establishing of Connect Groups

### **Please pray for:**

- God will work through Connect Groups to grow St. Mary's spiritually
- Connect Groups to be places that intentionally connect with the wider World
- new leaders to be raised up, encouraged, and equipped

*Henry Curran*

## **STUDENTS**

Over the last decade our approach to student ministry has not been to offer a distinct student group but to encourage student members to take a full and active part in church life in the same way as any other member. Year on year students have told us that one of the things they have most appreciated about St. Mary's is that it gets them out of the student bubble and gives them genuine opportunities to build relationships more widely and to serve.

Sarah Sim's project as a ministry assistant though was to develop that work, and we received feedback from many students that while being part of the wider church is hugely important there would also be value in meeting occasionally with other students to address issues that are particularly relevant to them. With that in mind we launched a monthly Student Connect group at the start of the autumn term. The first meeting was a social in the church hall with a memorable evening of Scalextric and pizza. Following that good first meeting though numbers have been very low and I am currently trying to find out whether that has been because we have chosen a bad time to meet (Saturday evenings) or whether there simply isn't the appetite for that sort of group, and whether we would be better simply trying to help students take their place in wider church lunch whilst also offering one-2-one discipleship for those who would particularly value it.

### **Praise God for:**

- Students who feel increasingly part of the St. Mary's Church Family

### **Please pray for:**

- Students who are on the fringe of the St. Mary's family to become increasingly part of it
- All our students to be growing in faith and love
- New students to join St. Mary's

*Henry Curran*

## **MINISTRY TO OLDER PEOPLE**

Following the closure of the midweek fellowship in September we have done some work in trying to find out what older members of St. Mary's, and others in the wider community, would appreciate. Following feedback received at a Coffee Morning before Christmas and a Community Questionnaire given out with the parish Christmas Card it was decided to launch a new monthly ministry that involves three parts: a communion service, a lunch, and a varied programme of social events. Our hope is that whilst there may be some who would like to come to the whole thing people will feel able to come to just the parts of it that they would particularly value. We had a first meeting on 6th March and all three parts were well attended and worked well.

### **Praise God for:**

- The encouraging start to this ministry on 6<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Please pray for:**

- This new ministry to be increasingly embedded in the life of the church.
- Our efforts to make this ministry known in the wider community of the Wollaton Park Estate.

*Henry Curran*

## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY GROUPS**

Our Sunday morning groups give the children in our church family the chance to learn about our wonderful God and enjoy fellowship in ways which suit their needs, whilst also giving parents a precious opportunity to worship without distraction. We also have a section in each morning service when all ages join together for worship, demonstrating that children and adults together are included in God's family.

We currently have six children aged 0-4 in Salt group and four children aged 5-11 in Light group. Each group has separate Bible teaching appropriate to their age, but all the children come together for hello time, prayer time and can choose between music time or active games. There are ten adults on the Sunday children's ministry team, most of whom serve twice a month, which means they often miss large parts of morning services. Becca Haines also comes in once a term to lead the children in a special musical worship session. I would like to thank the team for all they do – please do thank and encourage them too.

You may remember praying for the future of our Sunday children's ministry in summer 2018, when a number of volunteers were leaving the team and Debs Hunt could no longer lead it. God generously answered our prayers by providing five new team members for the autumn term, and the opportunity for me to move from church administration to children's work and become team leader. Numbers of children and adult volunteers also declined significantly in early 2019 when three families left the church, and though it felt sad, some small adjustments enabled children's ministry to keep working. My vision for this ministry is that all the church children will be growing in or towards faith and glad to be part of the church family, and that all members of the Sunday children's team will feel valued, motivated and supported. I feel we have made significant progress towards these, but we need to keep paying attention to them.

I am so grateful to the church family for giving us the opportunity to run this ministry by providing the volunteers, space, toys, craft and teaching resources that the children need. Though they are few in number, each child is precious to God, and our investment in them now can set them up for eternal life through faith in Jesus.

### **Give thanks:**

- For each child in our church family and their growth in or towards faith.
- For giving us all the resources we need to run Sunday children's ministry.

### **Please pray:**

- For the children to have a lifelong faith in Jesus Christ, to love him more and more, and to love being part of this church family.
- For the team: Eloise, Kate, Vyara, Ellie, Becka Howe, Debs, Jonathan, Stacey, Alice, Frances and Becca Haines – to enjoy serving the families at St. Mary's, to grow in their gifts and to work well together.

*Kate Curran*  
*Children & Families Team Leader*



## **EXPLORERS**

Explorers toddler group is a weekly outreach ministry to pre-school children and their parents or carers, providing a warm community for local families and childminders, and giving us the opportunity to teach the Bible to them weekly and invite them to investigate the Christian faith.

Our members include 12 babies, 23 one-year-olds, 15 two-year-olds, 6 three-year-olds, 3 four-year-olds, 23 mums, 1 dad, 3 grandmas and 12 childminders. We expect to see 18-35 children and their parents/carers each week. We are a diverse and international community representing Nottingham's Chinese, Polish, Korean, White, Black and Asian British population. Only 4 of the families who attend are members of St. Mary's, 7 families that we know of attend other local churches, and the remaining 24 have no church connection. We are pleased to have made a connection with the QMC hospital this year and welcomed an inpatient child and her mother as regular members.

You may remember praying for the future of Explorers in summer 2018, when most team members were leaving. God answered by providing new leadership from Kate Curran and Becka Howe, and four other new volunteers, including two mums from within Explorers who are not part of St. Mary's. In early 2019 we have again been praying and asking for extra helpers in order to keep going, and God has provided another four volunteers from St. Mary's to join the team. I would like to thank each member of the team for their hard work to make Explorers happen.

Some members of Explorers toddler group have engaged with special church events at Easter and Christmas in the past year, but the majority of this ministry's fruit is probably unseen by us. We have seen one or two children and adults come to faith over the years, but it is a long-term work. My vision for 2019 is that Explorers would not only be able to continue week by week, but we would see adults from Explorers exploring the Christian faith more deeply. Please pray for us, and if you are ever free on a Tuesday morning, come and visit to see what we do.

### **Give thanks:**

- For God's continued provision of all we need to keep Explorers running.
- For every child and adult who attends.
- For the warm community and quality activities we are able to provide.
- For the opportunity to talk about God and the Bible every week.

### **Please pray:**

- For the children and adults who are part of Explorers: to know God's love through the warm welcome they receive, to listen with open hearts to Bible stories, and that some would come to faith in Christ.
- Pray especially that some adults from Explorers would explore faith this year.
- For the team: Becka, Kate, Joan, David, Marian, Helen, Stacey, Charley, Emilie, Ilona, Imogen, Sean and Dawn – to feel valued, motivated and supported as a team, and to work well together to bring God's love to our community.
- Pray especially for those on the team who are not yet Christians, that Explorers would bring them closer to faith.

*Kate Curran  
Children & Families Team Leader*

## **SCHOOLS WORK**

In our Parish we have Middleton Primary School and Bluecoat Wollaton Academy, and this year has seen a steady development in our relationship with them. There have been a number of opportunities to support these schools and share the message of Jesus with pupils and staff.

At Middleton Primary, Henry, Tom and Debs and Luke from Crossteach, have been able to lead assemblies with them 4 times a year, such as at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. We welcomed Year 2 into our church last Easter to visit and find out about what Christians believe, and are looking forward to doing the same again this year. Tom did a lot of work in getting to know teachers and parents at Middleton Primary, and it was encouraging to be contacted by them because of this link, inviting us to participate in an RE day in the school.

We have continued to run various activities with Bluecoat Wollaton as well. Tom, Debs and Crossteach have been running regular assemblies throughout the last year with pupils there, and we welcomed around 550 pupils

and staff to our church for their Christmas services. St Mary's also hosted the Bluecoat Christmas Carol Concert this year as well. We have continued to see a growth in numbers with those who attend our termly prayer meeting for Bluecoat, and I feel like the relationship with the school is good, which is something to praise God for. Crossteach ran an Easter Experience at the school, supported by St Mary's, and was able to teach another 160 pupils about Christian beliefs about Easter.

With the departure of Tom to Thurnby, we will need to consider carefully what of our schools ministry is sustainable in the months to come and how we can continue to support our schools in a reliable, good quality but realistic way. We'd appreciate prayer for this.

**Please praise God for:**

- The relationships and opportunities we have had in our two schools this year.
- Open doors with schools in our parish.

**Please pray for:**

- Wisdom in coming months as to what to offer to our local schools
- Volunteers for our upcoming Middleton Year 2 visit to St Mary's Church.

*Debs Hunt*

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Our safeguarding policy complies with the current House of Bishops guidance, and there have been no relevant updates this year. Safeguarding training has been offered to the relevant people at St Mary's, and we were able to run 2 training sessions at St Mary's for members of our church.

*Debs Hunt*

## **LADIES SMALL GROUP**

A number of the mums at St. Mary's are part of the weekly Ladies' Fellowship, a supportive small group of mums with young children, who often find it difficult to access Connect Groups and church services. All women at St. Mary's are welcome at their Monday morning meetings.

As Children & Families Team Leader I have started visiting the group every few weeks in the hope of supporting and encouraging them. My vision for this year is that all church mums will be supporting one another in godly parenting and spiritual growth, so I want to give some thought to encouraging those mums at St. Mary's who are not currently part of this group. I also want to explore ways we could connect with other mums wanting to explore the Christian faith.

**Give thanks:**

- For the mums at St. Mary's: Gemma, Camille, Alice, Vyara, Becka and Kate – who want to bring their children up in faith.
- For the support and encouragement provided by the Ladies' Fellowship.

**Please pray:**

- For the mums to support one another well in godly parenting and spiritual growth, and to be encouraged and sustained through a demanding stage of life.
- For opportunities to help other mums explore the Christian faith.

*Kate Curran  
Children & Families Team Leader*

## **PCC**

The Parochial Church Council consists of the Clergy, Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and nine lay members of the church. This year we have met eight times. We also have a Standing Committee of Clergy,

Churchwardens and two other PCC members which meets more frequently to deal with urgent business. This year Chris Drew and Katherine Bulleid were appointed to join the Standing Committee, Lawrence Ward was appointed Treasurer and Kate Curran was appointed PCC Secretary. When Daniel Bauhahn stepped down as Churchwarden and Katherine Bulleid resigned from PCC, Chris Drew was appointed Churchwarden and Joyce Cooper appointed to Standing Committee. Ian Knight was also appointed as a Deanery Synod representative.

At PCC meetings we considered reports on finance, buildings, events and each of our church ministries, in light of the current vision statement. Highlights of the year were decisions to continue support of mission partners Tony & Cath Swanson and increase support of Crossteach Nottingham, and to write to our Bishops in support of upholding traditional biblical teaching on marriage. We gave advice and received feedback on a funding campaign enabling us to pay Parish Share, a successful new rota system for Sunday teams, Connect Groups, Student Connect, children's ministries and the launch of a new ministry to older people.

The minutes of our meetings are publicly available on the church website.

**Give thanks:**

- For a godly leadership team united around Jesus Christ.
- For God's provision of the finances, volunteers and wisdom we needed this year.

**Please pray:**

- For personal holiness, spiritual growth and protection for each PCC member.
- For continued provision, guidance and wisdom from God in leading St. Mary's into growth.
- For the fulfilment of all aspects of our church vision by 2022.

*Kate Curran  
PCC Secretary*

**FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS**

We are up to date with all the required inspection and servicing of our electrics, heating, fire extinguishers, lightning conductors etc.

In addition to that we have this year received our quinquennial report (a five-yearly 'MOT' of the church building). There are no major problems that the architect has flagged up for us but he has encouraged us to do some repointing work and the PCC has committed to setting aside money to enable us to do this, probably following the architect's suggestion of doing it in sections, spending £2000 / year on it for five years.

In the summer, to meet the requirements of our insurers, we had a major clear out of the church hall cellar, filling two skips with about 80 years' worth of accumulated rubbish!

The church grounds continue to be fairly well maintained by a Gardner who comes fortnightly, mainly mowing in the summer months and pruning / tidying in the winter. We are very grateful to Helen Perbet for planting a lovely lavender bed in front of the church hall.

An issue that has faced us more recently has been the change in parking restrictions on Wollaton Hall Drive and the knock-on effect of more and more people parking in our car park. We took out a contract with UK Carpark Management Ltd who can issue fines to people parking without permission. The installation of their signage had an immediate effect and greatly reduced the number of people parking. To date we have not issued a single ticket – and hope never to have to – although we have left polite warnings on four cars.

We have set aside until Easter a donation of £1000 that we received at Christmas to enable us, should we find it necessary, to buy plastic matting to reinforce the grass in the church yard and enable it to be used as an overflow car park on a very occasional basis for things like weddings and funerals. However since the introduction of the parking restrictions on the road we have had both a wedding and a funeral and have not had difficulties in finding adequate parking spaces, so it is unlikely that we will need to spend the money in that way.

Following requests from church members and members of the public, and the offer of a donation, we are looking into installing a hand rail on the steps that go down from church to the Derby Road. We are currently waiting for quotes and hope to be able to proceed with that work over the summer.

**Give thanks:**

- For buildings in reasonable repair that enable us to carry out our mission and ministry

**Please pray:**

- For wisdom to maintain and steward them well for many years of ministry and mission to come.
- That our interactions with people who use the buildings and work on them to be a good witness to the love of Christ.

*Henry Curran*