

ST. MARY'S WOLLATON PARK ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

29TH MARCH 2020, 12:00PM

AGENDA & WRITTEN REPORTS

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

Adsley	Rosie
Argyle	Elizabeth
Argyle	Peter
Aslam	Samina
Ayre	Eloise
Ayre	Struan
Barnes	Anna
Bowyer	Val
Brooks	Bianca
Brown	Cecile
Bukit	Irene Santi
Burnham	Marian
Bush	Dorothy
Cooper	Joyce
Cornish	Moyra
Curran	Kate
Drew	Chris
Drew	Gemma
Fothergill	George
Gavin	Sean
George	Andrew
George	Vyara
Gibson	David
Haines	Rebecca
Harrison	John
Hills	Joan
Hopewell	Ellie
Houghton	Fiona
Howe	Becka
Hubbard	Kathryn
Hunt	Debs
Johnston	Lydia
Joshua	Joanne
King	Alec
King	Rachel
Knight	Ian
Larsson	Jonathan

Man	Jess
Minott	Del
Müller	Ilona
Mutch	Stacey
Norris	Gerald
Norris	Mary
O'Brien	Alice
Rajendra Kumar	Suganth
Ratib	Heddy
Roggendorf	Sarah
Sanders	Diana
Shearan	Frances
Sim	Sarah
Smith	Grace
Smith	Philip
Stephenson	Rachel
Tyers	Vera
Voisey	Cliff
Voisey	Maureen
Ward	Lawrence
Ward	Monica
West	Tom
Wibowo	Meilani
Wilkes	Dawn
Williams	Cathy
Wills	Brian
Wills	Kyra
Withers	John
Wolseley	Madi
Young	Joan

Total: 67 members.

Since the latest roll was created in February 2019 with 55 members, 4 members have left and 16 have joined.

Kate Curran (Electoral Roll Officer)

ACCOUNTS 2019

Summary of Income and Expenditure

INCOME	
Regular Giving : Gift Aided	£22,831.00
Regular Giving: Not Gift Aided	£10,717.76
Stewardship Giving	£8,584.03
CAF Giving	£1,000.00
Service Offerings	£3,470.38
Special Appeal Receipts	£2,090.53
Donations: Gift Aided	£200.25
Donations: Not Gift Aided	£289.58
Gift Aid Recovered: General	£8,300.32
Gift Aid Recovered: Special	£0.00
Legacies & Grants Received	£0.00
Other Events Receipts	£0.00
Special Service Fees Received	£195.00
Church Hire Income	£11,159.32
Car Park Income	£2,078.79
Book Sales	£51.19
Insurance Claims	£0.00
Dividends & Interest	£49.41
Sundry Income	£400.32
Total Income	£73,322.73

EXPENDITURE	
Mission Partners	£5,415.95
Donations Made	£0.00
Parish Share (£33,500)	£30,000.00
Honorarium: Director of Music	£3,000.00
Explorers Group	£201.64
Children's Ministry	£169.14
Connect Group Costs	£0.00
Wednesday Fellowship Costs	£679.84
General Worship Costs	£1,195.99
Discipleship Study Books	£58.01
Social Events Expenses	£253.90
Leadership Development	£680.00
Assigned Fees Payable	£892.00
Vicar's Expenses	£1,843.35
Curate's Expenses	£18.10
Other Staff Expenses	£290.02
Printing & Stationery	£3,769.44
Other Admin & Sundry	£988.50
Church Energy	£3,518.16
Hall Energy	£3,558.64
Telephone	£257.96
Church Repair, Restoration and Maintenance	£1,340.43
Hall Repair, Restoration and Maintenance	£1,799.18
Church Insurance	£2,832.00
Hall Insurance	£1,571.25
Hall Cleaner's Wages	£960.00
Churchyard Maintenance	£1,336.19
Gardener's wages	£520.00
Church Capital Expenditure	£0.00
Hall Capital Expenditure	£1,230.00
Capital Expenditure	£0.00
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	£61.59
Buildings Fund	£0.00
Total Expenditure	£71,862.83

Net Cash Increase	£1,459.90
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The accounts for 2018 were prepared on the Accruals Basis but the 2019 accounts have been prepared on a Cash Basis meaning that direct comparison between the years is impossible. This explains the discrepancy between the total funds represented on the balance sheet and the net cash increase on the summary sheet.

Balance Sheet

<u>Assets</u>	2019		2018
Deposit Fund Central Board of Finance	£6,420		£6,372
Barclays Bank Business Saver Account	£27,643		£26,353
Barclays Bank Business Current Account	£500		£500
Nottingham Building Society Deposit Account	£17		£17
Receipts not cleared	£ -	Debtors (per schedule)	£3055
		Prepayments	£238
		Stock	£50
Total Assets	<u>£34,580</u>		<u>£36,585</u>
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<u>Liabilities</u>			
Payments not cleared	£ -	Creditors & Accruals (per schedule)	£2,388
		Income received in advance	£ -
Total Liabilities	<u>£ -</u>		<u>£2,388</u>
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<u>Total</u>			
Total Funds	<u>£34,580</u>		<u>£34,197</u>

..... Henry Curran - Vicar

..... Stacey Mutch - Treasurer

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.

..... Peter Argyle - Independent Examiner

CONNECT GROUPS

The **Beeston** Connect group has had an encouraging year. We have grown in numbers, welcoming new members to our group who have quickly settled in and causing us to need to find extra chairs so we can all meet together! We feel like we are growing in faith together and have had some good times in the Bible. We spent some time in the Autumn term doing the Discipleship Explored course together, and looking at the book of Philippians. We enjoyed the discussions and challenges that come from this course, and we enjoyed hearing the different things people took away from the same passage. We are currently spending time studying the book of Daniel together. It's been encouraging to see increased discussion around personal evangelism, with people regularly sharing examples of attempts to share their faith and prayer requests for future opportunities. It has also been encouraging growing in fellowship as a group. A particular highlight was our Christmas meal at the Vic.

As a group, we'd love continued prayer that we'd connect well with God, each other, and the world, and especially that there would be an atmosphere of genuine trust and openness in our group as we share our lives together.

John Harrison and Debs Hunt

The **Wollaton Park 'A'** Team has been greatly encouraged over the last year! We've certainly come together with a great sense of fellowship, and we've enjoyed both connecting with God through our studies in Luke and Acts and connecting with the world through our involvement in the Wollaton Park Fun Day last summer. There's also been a lot of connecting with each other through various socials, including a pancake evening for Shrove Tuesday.

This year has also seen a number of members of the group struggling with various issues, but we've really seen God both answering our prayers for those people, and also helping us to love and serve each other in the unity that Jesus calls us to! It's been a great blessing being part of this Connect group, and I'm sure none of us can wait to see what God has for us in the future!

Ian Knight

The **Wollaton Park 'B'** Connect group has had a good year, with new members joining and quickly settling in. Probably the greatest highlight of the year was hosting Christianity Explored in the Autumn term. Some members of the group helped lead the course with the rest participating in it. We were joined by seven non-Christians who engaged well with the material. Prior to that, in the summer term, we had studied a selection of Psalms, and in the Spring term of this year we have been in John's Gospel.

Henry & Kate Curran

STUDENTS

Student Connect, which was started last year as a development and continuation of Sarah Sim's project as a ministry assistant, has become more established this year and we have been thrilled to welcome several new members to it. Our format continues to be to meet roughly once a month for a meal, fun, and the opportunity to discuss issues relevant to students.

In addition to this monthly gathering both Henry and Kate have met one-2-one with a number of students for discipleship. Kate's availability for this, following the closure of Explorers, has been a great blessing.

Henry Curran



WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP



Meeting on the first Wednesday of the month we share Holy Communion followed by a soup, bread and cheese lunch, with a variety of activities afterwards. Over the last year we have shared poetry, singing, talks on recycling all manner of things to make something ornamental and a wonderful display of Maureen Voisey's embroidery skills. An enjoyable outing to Leicester in August with tea at the Devas home was a highlight. We are hoping for another full programme this year with hopefully another organ recital by Laurence Ward. The number meeting each month varies between ten and twenty. Are you free on Wednesdays? Come and join us.

Joyce Cooper

CHILDREN

This has been another year of change in our children's ministries. In summer 2019 we took the sad decision to close Explorers toddler group due to unsustainably low numbers of helpers. I would like to thank everyone involved in Explorers over the years for their hard work and care.

Our Sunday children's groups continue to provide Bible teaching and fun for our younger members and an opportunity to attend services for their parents. We have been encouraged to see our children growing in faith over the year. There have been some challenges such as a number of families and children's team members leaving, but God has provided. We have introduced supervised play sessions to address low numbers in school holidays, and a Kids Together session on the first week of each month to address the need for a leader. One child started secondary school this year and grew out of our younger children's groups, so we have provided a monthly one-to-one Bible study and the opportunity to be a junior member of our children's team. We hope to run a few more all-age services when there is a 5th Sunday of the month. We have welcomed one new family and one new baby to St. Mary's this year, and are looking forward to the arrival of another baby too. My warmest thanks go to our hardworking children's team who miss the morning service every other week to make this ministry happen.



Two other highlights of the year were a successful and well-attended Kids' Easter Fun outreach event on Good Friday 2019, and the church weekend in June 2019 when all the children and mums were able to spend some quality time together.

Kate Curran

SCHOOLS WORK

This year we've continued to support our two local schools, Middleton Primary School and Bluecoat Wollaton Academy, with a variety of events in partnership with Crosstech. At Middleton Primary School, Debs and Luke have been taking regular assemblies and have now started leading a monthly Christian assembly with the school. A few weeks ago, we also welcomed the Year 2 classes to our church for A Church Experience and had a lovely time with the children helping them find out about church and why it is special to Christians. A big thank you to all who helped on the day! The Year 5 groups have also visited St Mary's for their Easter Experience, and Henry has visited the school to talk to different classes about the Christian faith.



At Bluecoat Wollaton Academy, Debs and Luke have continued to lead regular assemblies there and Years 7,8 and 9 once again came to St Mary's for their Christmas service. This seemed to be greatly appreciated by both staff and pupils at the school – especially the introduction of a cup of tea for the adults!

It's a privilege to see children over consecutive years, and to see them remembering not just the church building but members of the church family, and it's always great to hear and answer their questions. However, this year has seen less people able to come forward to help us run our schools work events such as the Middleton Year 2 visit.

Please do pray for our schools work, that we would be wise in how we commit to supporting our parish schools and that good relationships would be built up between those schools and the St Mary's church family.

Debs Hunt

LADIES SMALL GROUP

This supportive group of mums grew smaller over the year but continues to be a source of encouragement in what can be a very trying time of life. We meet weekly for Bible study and prayer. All women are welcome to join us, you don't need to have children, just lots of patience for when they interrupt!

Kate Curran

PCC

This year we welcomed some new members to the Parish Church Council, our board of trustees which helps Henry to lead the church. Stacey Mutch was appointed as Treasurer while Kate Curran remained as Secretary. Debs Hunt and Kate Curran joined the Vicar and Churchwardens on the Standing Committee. The PCC met bimonthly and heard reports on different ministries of the church, discussed how to put our vision and priorities into practice, and approved the budget and spending on various items. The minutes of past meetings are available to view on the church website.

Our safeguarding policy complies with the current House of Bishops guidance. Sarah Sim was appointed as our Safeguarding Coordinator, taking over from Debs Hunt

*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.

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 still very grateful to Helen Perbet for maintaining the lovely lavender bed in front of the church hall.

Following requests from church members and members of the public we have installed electric heaters and hand driers in the church hall toilets, and have redecorated them, and have installed a hand rail on the steps that go down from church to the Derby Road.

Henry Curran

NOTTINGHAM SOUTH DEANERY

This year we have said goodbye to Rev'd Denise Watkinson who moved to Nottingham North Deanery and Mark and Carolyn Gilmore. We have also welcomed curates Rev'd Jamie Franklin, Rev'd Tracey Byrne and Rev'd John Blakeney to our Deanery.

The Deanery Leadership Team has continued to meet during the year to plan Synod and other Deanery events. Rev'd Naomi Hill re-joined when her temporary role as a Vocations Advisor based at Jubilee House came to an end.

We held three synods during the year: 26 February, 5 June and 17 October 2019 all of which were aimed at equipping our parishes in mission to enable everyone to participate in the One Life Mission held in September and learn from it.

In February we visited St Michael and All Angels in Bramcote to begin thinking about how to have intentional conversations. We watched the TED talk '10 Tips on How to Have a Conversation with a Stranger' and Heidi Shewell-Cooper spoke on how to have a "one to one" conversation. We had the opportunity to practice what we had learned and thought about what a parish could learn from having intentional conversations. We also swore in some Churchwardens.

In June we were at Nottingham St Peter's thinking about sharing our stories and heard some inspiring testimonies. At the end of Synod we were invited to join with the Thy Kingdom Come Bow Down event in the market square.

In November we went to Holy Trinity, Lenton and celebrated all that happened during the OneLIFE Mission. We also spent some time sharing what we had learned and what we would do differently in the future in mission and outreach.

Rev'd Canon Steve Silvester stepped down as Area Dean and Sarah Holt stepped down as Lay Chair and Rev'd Colin Bourne and Elaine Hinchliffe were appointed in their place. We thanked Steve and Sarah for their service and look forward to working alongside Colin and Elaine.

The deanery has again paid a large percentage of its giving for ministry allocation (96.9% in 2019, compared to 85.3% in 2018). Every parish is to be thanked for their faithfulness in paying for the ministry received in this deanery

2020 is a new triennium and new Deanery Synod Representatives will be voted in at our Annual Parochial General Meetings. We would like to thank all of you for support and input over the last three years. We are in the process of producing a new Deanery Handbook which will be circulated in the near future.

Kirsty Cowley
Deanery Administrator