

**St John the Divine
Selsdon**

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 27th September 2020



**Rector
Revd Jenny Rowley**

**Hon Clergy
The Rev'd Dr Stephen Wright
The Rev'd Michael Skinner**

**Churchwardens
Ian Harley
Robert Thornton**

The Parish of St John the Divine, Selsdon

**A meeting of parishioners* to elect churchwardens
will be held on**

Sunday 27th September at 11.30am

Agenda

- 1) Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 7th April 2019
- 2) Election of Churchwardens. Nominations received

Debbie Brown	proposed by Helen Lishmund seconded by Gill Salter
Ian Harley	proposed by Wendy Moulton seconded by Sally Geddes

- 3) Appointment of Deputy Wardens by the newly elected Churchwardens

Nominations remain open until the meeting commences. For further nominations to be valid they must be received in writing by the priest-in-charge before the commencement of the meeting.

For this purpose, "parishioners" means those whose names are on the electoral roll of the parish, **or those persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on the register of local government electors by reason of such residence*

The Parish of St John the Divine, Selsdon

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 7th April 2019

The Rector Rev'd Jenny Rowley welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2018.

These were agreed to be an accurate record and Jane Guglielmi proposed they should be accepted as such, John Rapp seconded this motion.

2. Election of Churchwardens

There were two nominations for the two positions –Robert Thornton and Ian Harley. There being no other nominations, it was unanimously agreed that they be elected. The Rector expressed her appreciation for the support and hard work that Martyn Brown had given over the last year after agreeing to stand for one further year. Martyn was presented with a gift from the parish and flowers for Janet, who had so ably supported him.

3. Appointment of Deputy Wardens by the newly elected Churchwardens

Robert Thornton advised the meeting that the current Deputy Wardens, Monica Turton and Andrew Hicks, had agreed to serve for the forthcoming year. He and the Rector thanked them both for their help and support was invaluable.

The Parish of St John the Divine, Seldon

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 27th September 11.15 am

Agenda

1. Prayers
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the APCM held on 7th April 2019 (enclosed – pages 6-8)

Review of 2019

4. Presentation of the Statement of Financial Activities of the PCC for the year ending 31st December 2019
5. Report on the proceedings of the PCC
6. Report on the Electoral Roll
7. Report by the Churchwardens (including comment on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church)
8. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod

Other reports: Gardening Report, Flower Arrangers, Servers, Sacristan,, Hall Report, Prayer Circle and Meditation Group report, Church Music, Building and maintenance, Garden Room Report, Mothers and Toddlers and the Dramatic Society report.

Elections for 2020 onwards

9. Elections for a total of four lay people to serve on the PCC – Nominations currently received:

Sarah Parsons **proposed by Rani Samuels**
seconded by Sally Geddes

Ann Crocombe **proposed by Monica Turton**
seconded by Sue Tilley

Ian Brentnall **proposed by Alice Hicks**
seconded by Joanna Sands

Gill Sharpe **proposed by David Moulton**
seconded by Helen Lishmund

Fiona McSorley **proposed by Peter Crocombe**
Seconded by Ros Harley

1. **Election of sides persons**
2. **Appointment of independent examiner to the PCC**
3. Elections for a total of five lay people to serve as Deanery Synod members
Nominations currently received:

Gill Salter **Proposed by Ann Orchard**
Seconded by Sylvia Hughes

Robin orchard **proposed by Robert Thornton**
Seconded by David Moulton

Helen Lishmund **proposed by Ann Woods**
Seconded by June Mason

Sue Tilley **proposed by Margaret Mead**
Seconded by Debbie Brown

Alice Hicks **proposed by Sue Tilley**
Seconded by Helen Lishmund

4. Any other business

There will be a short meeting for all PCC members straight after this

APCM – both those currently serving and those newly elected.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 7th April 2019

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Prayers

Rev'd Jenny Rowley opened the meeting with prayers.

- 2. Apologies for Absence** – Jim and Marion Gordon, Ian Geddes, June and Brian Mason, Michael Lishmund, Hilary and Ingrid Richardson, Douglas Walford, Andrew Brown, Margaret Rutland, Margaret Rapp, Michael Skinner, Katie Notaro, Simon Archer, Susan Oakes and David and Deidre Lane.

3. Approval of Minutes for APCM 2018

The minutes were agreed and accepted as an accurate record. This was proposed by Sally Geddes and seconded by Alice Hicks and agreed unanimously.

4. Review of Financial Activities for year ending December 2018

The Report and Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31st December 2018 were available at the meeting.

Sue Tilley, PCC Treasurer addressed the meeting and advised the accounts show an increase in income of £32,000 from 2017. This is due to the money raised for the garden room and grants received from organisations.

The expenditure has increased by £50,000 due to the Garden Room expenses.

The hall income has reduced by £3,000 this year compared to 2017 and the expenditure has increased by £2,000 over 2017. However the hall continues to be self- funding,

The total reserves stand at £79,000 – about £500 down compared to 2017.

You will have noticed from the balance sheet that we have had to open an account for the Garden Room for the grants to be paid into.

She wished to thank Jim Gordon who continues to bank the weekly collections; Amanda Sinclair who manages all the hall bookings; Michael Lishmund who deals with all the PAYE and pensions and Gift Aid administration; and finally all of you who continue to financially support the church.

There were no questions on for Sue and the Rector thanked her for fulfilling the role of Treasurer for the past year, for keeping on top of a considerable financial budget and reporting regularly to the PCC.

5. Report on the Proceedings of the PCC

Helen Lishmund referred to the report included in the APCM booklet and thanked Sarah Parsons for stepping in to take minutes at the March PCC meeting. She asked if anyone had any questions and there were none.

Rev'd Jenny Rowley thanked her for the work she had done as PCC secretary.

6. Report on the Electoral Roll

The Rector referred to the report included in the APCM booklet and advised the meeting that a new Electoral Roll had been compiled.

Janice White advised the meeting that the new roll showed a total of 212 but that she had received three further nominations since completion of the roll. The further names – Timothy Mason, Richard and Lemeity Sonubi and were presented to the meeting for inclusion on the electoral roll. Ann Skinner proposed they should be accepted as such, Catherine Sands seconded this motion and this was adopted unanimously.

Janice White advised the meeting that this brought the roll to 215.

The Rector thanked Janice for her work in keeping the Electoral Roll up to date and particularly this year in compiling a new roll.

7. Report by the Churchwardens (including comments on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church)

Robert Thornton referred to his written report on P23 of the Annual Report and Accounts.

He wanted to particularly thank Martyn Brown for his support over the past year for three 'brand new' wardens; and also thanks for the support he had received from those helping out in services and everyone for their support over the past year.

The Rector reminded the meeting that the friendship and support of both churchwardens was vital to both the Parish and the Rector, and she has appreciated the ministry of both Martyn and Robert over the past year. She thanked both Martyn and Robert for their hard work.

8. Report on the Proceedings of Deanery Synod

A written report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod could be found on page 24 of the Annual Report and Accounts. The Rector thanked Alice Hicks who is Lay Chair for the Deanery which was a very positive support to her in her role as Area Dean.

Other Reports.....

The Rector pointed out that the APCM booklet included reports from other church groups/organisations which were well worth reading. Martyn Brown queried that there were no reports from the uniformed organisations and was advised that none had been received

The Rector wanted to particularly thank Amanda Sinclair for the support and help she gives in the parish office and for preparing the booklet for the Annual Meeting. She commented that it was good to see so much going on and thanks go to those who give their time and energies.

She thanked the team who assisted with services etc; Michael Skinner, Stephen Wright, Jan Lynas and Peter Crocombe. She also wanted to thanked Gill and Tom Salter who had given her such support and encouragement over the past year.

9. Parish Priests report

This was delivered verbally by the Rector who provided copies for anyone who wished to read it. Copies are available from the Parish Office. Copy kept with the signed copy of these minutes.

10. Election to the Parochial Church Council

There were 4 nominations for the 4 vacancies on the PCC and the following were duly elected: Dara Smith, Judith Coleman, Joanna Sands and Jane Guglielmi.

The Rector thanked everyone who had offered to serve on the PCC and the retiring members for their support.

11. Election of Sidespeople

Sidespeople

The full list of sidespeople is -

Joe Amer, Janet Brown, Debbie Brown, Sue Condon, Penny Cook, John Harris, Barbara Goldsmith, Jane Guglielmi, Margaret Grogan, Libby Lawrey, June Mason, Brian Miller, Wendy Moulton, Paul Oakes, Margaret Rapp, John Rapp, David Smith, Eunice Sinclair, Pat Slade, Helen Stevens, Sally Thomas, Derek Taylor, Lesley Taylor, and Auenal Jenkins.

In addition, the new role of Welcomers is now well established and proving to be an asset in making St. John's a welcoming church, particularly looking out for 'new' people or visitors and ensure they are comfortable, where appropriate providing them with information and accompanying them over to coffee after the service.

The list of Welcomers is -

Janet Brown, Martyn Brown, Karen Cass, Jean Cockerell, Barry Cockerell, Margaret Grogan, Brian Huggett, Anne Skinner, Lesley Taylor, Sue Tilley, John Waddington and Brenda Webb.

12. Appointment of Independent Examiner

It was proposed that Ryefields, who had acted as Independent Examiners for the 2018 accounts be reappointed for 2019. This appointment was proposed by Sue Tilley and seconded by Janice White.

13. Any Other Business

- 14.** Ann Crocombe asked if the Report and Accounts could be distributed earlier as there had not been time to properly digest before the meeting. The Rector advised that in some years – eg this year – there is very little time between the last PCC meeting and the APCM within which to arrange for the accounts to be finalised, ratified by the PCC and scrutinised by the independent examiner before they could be included in the APCM pack. She said, however, that every effort would be made to issue APCM papers in good time.

Robin Sullivan advised the meeting that, as a newcomer to St. John's, he was grateful for the warm welcome he had been given.

There being no further business the Rector thanked everyone for their contributions and patience and closed the meeting with the Grace.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting
THE PARISH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE,
SELSDON**

A Meeting of the
Parochial Church Council
will be held on
Sunday 27th September 2020
directly after the APCM

AGENDA

1. Appointment of a Vice-Chairman of the PCC
2. Appointment of an Honorary Secretary of the PCC
3. Appointment of a Treasurer of the PCC
4. Appointment of Standing Committee
5. Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer
6. Dates of meetings 2020/21:

**Parochial Church Council
of
St. John the Divine, Selsdon
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2019**

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Parochial Church Council of St. John the Divine, Selsdon

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Parochial Church Council of St. John the Divine, Selsdon

Annual Report 2019

Background

The PCC of St. John the Divine has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Jenny Rowley, to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Church buildings and hall. The PCC meets regularly to discuss matters arising during the year.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representative rules.

Rector

The Reverend Jenny Rowley

Honorary Staff

The Reverend Michael Skinner
The Reverend Stephen Wright
Peter Crocombe SPA

During the year the following served as members of the PCC.

Churchwardens

Mr Robert Thornton
Mr Ian Harley

Deputy Churchwardens

Mrs Monica Turton
Mr Andrew Hicks

Representatives of the Deanery Synod

Mrs Alice Hicks
Mrs Helen Lishmund
Dr. Robin Orchard
Mrs Susan Tilley

Elected Members

Mrs Judith Coleman
Mrs Jane Guglielmi
Mr Andrew Hicks
Mr Graham Jennings
Mrs Katie Notaro
Mrs Suki Puttock
Mrs Catherine Sands
Miss Joanne Sands
Ms Dara Smith
Mr Michael Strong
Mrs Lesley Taylor
Mr John Williams
Committees

The PCC has a Standing Committee this is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

St. John the Divine has several committees and sub-committees of the PCC, some of which are mentioned below.

Buildings and Maintenance Committee

Attends to matters relating to the stewardship of plant such as church buildings and fabric, and the church grounds.

Hall Committee

Oversees the running of the hall, the cleaning and maintenance.

The PCC met eight times during the year. The Electoral Roll is 203
The Garden Room was completed in November 2019 and is now available for use. The PCC has received an interest free loan from the Diocese of £39900 which is repayable over 5 years. Our Rector was on Sabbatical for 3 months from September returning on Advent Sunday. During this time we were fortunate to welcome several guest clergy to take our services.

On behalf of the PCC

Reverend Jenny Rowley
Chair of PCC

Parochial Church Council of St. John the Divine, Selsdon

Independent Examiner's Report

to the PCC of St. John the Divine, Selsdon.

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2019, which are set out herein is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of Regulations.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required by an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with any 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 41 of the Act: and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.

Other than we have been unable to verify about 50% of the costs recorded under the 'garden room' extension. This amounts to a cost in the region of £60,000 to £70,000. Where we believe the costs to be correct we have been unable to verify them as the invoices are missing.

Signed:

Date:

Parochial Church Council of St. John the Divine, Selsdon.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2018 £
	Note				
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income	2(a)	112769	0	112769	114375
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	30291	0	30291	75895
Income from investments	2(c)	0	0	0	0
Church activities	2(d)	4963	0	4963	7844
Other incoming resources	2(e)	39900	77200	117100	0
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		187923	77200	265123	198113
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating voluntary income	3(a)	89	0	89	120
Fund raising costs	3(b)	1849	0	1849	632
Charitable Activities	3(c)	5623	0	5623	5940
Ministry	3(d)	203076	93408	296484	191653
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		210637	93408	304045	198345
NET RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		-22714	-16208	-38922	-232
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-22714	-16208	-38922	-232
BALANCES B/FWD 1 JANUARY		62708	16208	78916	79148
BALANCES C/FWD 31 DECEMBER		39994	0	39994	78916

Parochial Church Council of St. John the Divine, Selsdon

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER

		2019 £	2018 £
FIXED ASSETS	Note 4	0	0
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		0	0
Debtors	Note 5	5246	5525
Cafcash Current Account -Church		25501	61582
Cafcash Current Account - Hall		0	0
Deposits with Central Board of Finance		139	139
Cash in Hand		0	0
Garden Room Project		9608	12170
		<u>40494</u>	<u>79416</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors due within one year	Note 6	500	500
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities		<u>39994</u>	<u>78916</u>
Creditors amounts falling due after one year		0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>39994</u>	<u>78916</u>
Represented by Funds			
Unrestricted Funds	Note 7	39994	74505
Restricted Funds	Note 7	0	4411
		<u>39994</u>	<u>78916</u>

Diocesan Loan

A loan of £39,900 on a 5 year term was taken out during the year. Some £3,325 was repaid during the year leaving 36,575 to be paid in the future. This loan is being repaid in equal monthly amounts.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 7th March 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Reverend Jenny Rowley
PCC Chair

Parochial Church Council of St. John the Divine, Selsdon

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2019

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment funds, are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Parochial Church Council of St. John the Divine, Selsdon

Note 2 INCOMING RESOURCES		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
2(a)	Voluntary Income				
	Planned giving				
	Gift Aid Donations	80147	0	80147	80895
	Tax Recoverable	22269	0	22269	22599
	Other	0	0	0	0
	Collections (open plate)	5254	0	5254	5152
	Donations, appeals etc.	5099	0	5099	5728
	Legacies	0	0	0	0
	Garden Room	0	77200	77200	54937
		<u>112769</u>	<u>77200</u>	<u>189969</u>	<u>169311</u>
2(b)	Activities for generating funds				
	Bookstall	414	0	414	494
	Sales of the Parish magazine	0	0	0	0
	Church hall lettings (non church)	27042	0	27042	20464
	Events	2835	0	2835	0
		<u>30291</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30291</u>	<u>20958</u>
2(c)	Income from Investments				
	Bank Interest	0	0	0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
2(d)	Income from Church Activities				
	Parish Magazine Advertisement Fees	0	0	0	0
	Church hall lettings (church)	0	0	0	0
	Fees	4963	0	4963	7844
		<u>4963</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4963</u>	<u>7844</u>
2(e)	Other incoming resources				
	Diocesan Loan	39900	0	39900	0
		<u>39900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>39900</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total Incoming Resources	<u>187923</u>	<u>77200</u>	<u>265123</u>	<u>198112</u>
Note 3 RESOURCES EXPENDED					
3(a)	Costs of generating voluntary income				
	Christian Stewardship	89	0	89	120
		<u>89</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>120</u>
3(b)	Fund raising costs				
	Events	1849	0	1849	632
		<u>1849</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1849</u>	<u>632</u>
3(c)	Charitable Activities				
	Missionary and charitable giving				
	Overseas	0	0	0	0
	Home	5623	0	5623	5940
		<u>5623</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5623</u>	<u>5940</u>
3(d)	Ministry				
	Diocesan Parish Share	81040	0	81040	78440
	Fees	1300	0	1300	4642
	Clergy expenses	920	0	920	1187
	Church running expenses	11357	0	11357	8233
	Church maintenance	2605	0	2605	2496
	Cost of services	22192	0	22192	21295
	Upkeep of grounds	3748	0	3748	2828
	Parish Magazine & Book stall	0	0	0	521
	Education	532	0	532	0
	Hall running costs	17852	0	17852	17344
	Major repairs (structure)	0	0	0	0
	Major repairs/replacements (instalations)	51448	93408	144856	46815
	Choir	3237	0	3237	3764
	Organist	3020	0	3020	3589
	Diocesan Loan	3325	0	3325	0
	Independent examiner	500	0	500	500
		<u>203076</u>	<u>93408</u>	<u>296484</u>	<u>191653</u>
	Total Resources expended	<u>210637</u>	<u>93408</u>	<u>304045</u>	<u>198345</u>

Parochial Church Council of St. John the Divine, Selsdon

Note 4 FIXED ASSETS

		Computer equipment	Other Fixtures & Fittings Office Equipment
Gross Book Value	At 1 January 2018	0	0
Additions in 2012		0	0
Gross Book Value	At 31 December 2018	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value	At 31 December 2018	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		2019 £	2018 £

Note 5 DEBTORS

Tax recoverable	5248	5524
Hall rentals due	0	0
Other Debtors	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>5248</u>	<u>5524</u>

Note 6 CREDITORS

Special Collections and annual giving due	0	0
Other creditors	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>

Note 7 FUNDS OF THE PCC

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Legacies	0	0	0	37364
St. John's Church R & M Fund	0	0	0	23724
St. John's Church Hall Refurbishment Fund	0	0	0	4411
Church Clock Repair Fund	1804	0	1804	1804
Donated for Gifts etc	0	0	0	0
Parish Partner Fund	0	0	0	0
Garden of Remembrance Fund	0	0	0	582
Rector's Discretionary Fund	824	0	824	1324
Training/Bursary Fund	791	0	791	840
General Reserves	0	0	0	8867
Diocesan Loan (see Below)	36575	0	36575	0
Garden Room	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>39994</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>39994</u>	<u>78916</u>

Diocesan Loan

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Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1973

Movable church furnishings held by the rector and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected, at any reasonable time. For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than a £1000 so all expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC

The PCC met on seven occasions since the last APCM. Apart from receiving the usual reports from officers of the PCC, PCC groups and working parties and Deanery Synod representatives, the PCC considered and approved the following -

- Health and Safety Policy & Child Protection Policy
- Parochial Fees
- Appointment of new Eucharistic Assistances
- St. John's contribution to the Parish Support Fund.
- Charitable giving
- Proposed alterations to Guide Hut.
- Garden Room - The facilities project as part of Mission Action Planning
- Church grounds and tree work
- PCC roles and responsibilities
- Staff salaries
- Hall rents
- Arrangement of Parish Office for security and replacement of carpet
- Renewal of gas and electric contracts
- Toilet twinning
- Arrangements for APCM
- Proposed Quinquennial inspection in 2020
- Interregnum, arrangements

Due to the coronavirus restrictions, with the APCM being postponed to later in the year, the PCC met informally using Zoom and were kept informed of arrangements by e-mail.

As you can see it had been a very busy and varied year and I would remind you that copies of all approved minutes are held at the back of church.

Helen Lishmund
PCC Secretary

Electoral Roll

Janice confirmed that there were 207 on the electoral roll and 7 members had passed away during the year.

Church Wardens Report

When Robert and I were elected as churchwardens on 7th April 2019 (re-elected in the case of Robert, I am a novice!) we thought the absence of the Rector for her 3 month sabbatical was going to be the major challenge for us in the coming year, and the official opening of the Garden Room was likely to be a high spot. How little we knew!

Our year has turned into an elastic concept, with no end yet in sight, although as this report should be read at a rearranged APCM, I guess we will have a bit more clarity by then. The sabbatical was followed by news of the Rector's departure, an impending interregnum and, of course, Covid 19, lockdown, closure of our churches, the temporary suspension of public services, cancelled weddings, rearranged funerals, I could go on!

One major positive thing which did happen was the way in which all of the congregation and clergy rallied round in these extraordinary times to keep the work and spirit of St John's going, indeed thriving, despite all the challenges. And we did open the Garden Room in June 2019, it was a high spot, and it was well used before the advent of lockdown. (that sounds like a new entry in the church calendar! Let's hope not) It will be relaunched vigorously when public access to church buildings becomes possible once again.

Jenny's sabbatical went off smoothly thanks to our own clergy team and a plethora of guest preachers and officiants. Her return was blighted, however, by the news that she was not returning for long! She has been appointed Archdeacon, and is moving to Hampshire, with the original planned departure date being Easter 2020. This was delayed by lockdown but was rescheduled to June 1st. So an interregnum looms with all the work that implies for the clergy and congregation.

On fabric, it's been a quiet time apart from the Garden Room project finishing, but we do have a quinquennial review of the buildings coming up this year which may well produce some points requiring action. Fingers crossed there is nothing too major lurking anywhere! (can I say fingers crossed?)

It's traditional to finish by thanking named individuals but I feel that this extended year has been such an extraordinary team effort that it would be invidious to single people out. Robert and I thank all of you, you know who you are! The one exception to my rule is Jenny, of course, who has been a tremendous source of support to your Churchwardens, your clergy and the whole parish. We thank you for your ministry here in Selsdon, Jenny.

Robert Thornton and Ian Harley

Deanery Synod Report

This has been a good year for Croydon Addington Deanery Synod with 3 very good and interesting meetings. All synod meetings begin with refreshments at 7.30 and a short period of worship, led by the host church, at 7.45.

19 June 2019

The meeting took place at St Mary's, West Wickham. The speaker was Ann Morisy, an author and Christian lecturer whose talk was entitled 'Age on the Agenda'. She gave a fascinating and thought-provoking talk and had copies of her book "Borrowing from the Future" available.

17 October 2019

The meeting was held at St George's Church, Shirley. It was chaired by Revd Hazel O'Sullivan who was acting Area Dean during Jenny's sabbatical. She asked for volunteers from the Deanery Churches to host the Ascension Day Service on 21st May 2020. After news from around the Deanery, the speaker was Kristin Stevenson from the Bible Society. She gave a very interesting talk and had a table full of specimen books and resources published by the society, covering many different areas of bible study, for reps to look at and take away.

19 February 2019

The meeting took place at St Edward the Confessor, New Addington. After news from around the deanery, Jenny informed the deanery that she would be leaving in the Spring to take up the post of Archdeacon of Portsdown in the diocese of Portsmouth. She also announced the Ray Wheeler wished to step down as Treasurer as he is now Warden of Readers, a very demanding post, and Amanda wished to stop being secretary as she would be so busy with the interregnum. I did feel rather that I had been left holding the baby! It was also announced the Deanery Ascension Day service would be on 21st May at St Francis, Selsdon. Our talk was from the Vicar of St Edward's, Revd Prem, who has quite recently joined us from India. He gave a fascinating talk about the Christian Church and the caste system in India, and we all felt we had learned a lot.

Alice Hicks

MAINTENANCE OF CHURCH GROUNDS

2019 was not a particularly good year. Limited access due to the building of the garden room and overrun of works, compounded by a dry Summer making the ground like concrete. There was the inevitable debris to clear before any work could begin. However, the stalwart band (yes, you know who you are) carried on as best as able, Olivia Brown on grass cutting before the onset of the rains. Contractors reduced and removed hedges last autumn.

Just about to start this spring and then lockdown. However a few kept going, keeping appropriate distances and have managed to prepare the front hedge area ready for reseeded. Looking forward to the new season when hopefully all hands will be on deck, albeit somewhat late.

We do urgently need someone to take on the grass cutting on a regular basis.

Michael Lishmund
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CHURCH FLOWERS

The Flower Team hope you have enjoyed our arrangements over the last year. We try to reflect the joy of Easter Sunday and Christmas, the fruitfulness of Harvest and, with special thanks to Ann Orchard, our Remembrance Day celebration.

Christmas 2019 had an angelic theme to echo our Angel weekend and the knitted angels that were tied to railings throughout the parish as a gift from St. John's.

Sadly, we have fewer weddings each year. Weddings are a source of income to the church from flowers, though couples tend not to choose to have any special flowers in church. Donations from the congregation for festivals – such as lilies in remembrance at Easter – are particularly valued. Thank you to all who contribute and special thanks to those on the flower team who donate the flowers rather than claim.

We have re-organised as a team with various members taking on different roles to spread the load and thanks to Gill Salter who has taken on arranging the flower rota and Lesley Taylor, our quartermaster, ensuring we have the supplies we need. As it has transpired, we have not used many supplies or bought many flowers in 2020 but we hope to be back soon enjoying the flowers once again.

I would once again thank our talented band of flower arrangers.

Helen Lishmund

SERVERS' REPORT TO 2020 APCM

Our enthusiastic and reliable team of Servers have successfully completed another year of duties.

One of the key aims of our Servers is to play our role in the smooth running of our services, without actually being noticed or becoming intrusive – simply contributing to the worship of the whole Body of Christ here at St John's.

We currently have fifteen Servers – unfortunately, Peter Maynard has decided to stand down from Serving on health grounds last year, and died just before Christmas. This was very sad for all our Servers, he was Serving at St John's when I arrived over 34 years ago, and had been Serving for a number of years before that - he is sorely missed.

On the positive side, Paul Oaks started serving just after Christmas, and two other members of the congregation have indicated that they would like to start serving when we “get back to normal”!

In many ways, along with many other organisations within our Church – it's been a strange old year! I went on sabbatical just after Christmas, a couple of weeks later Jenny announced that she was leaving us, and then just before I came back to St John's from sabbatical we all went into lockdown. Let's hope that things get back to “normal” (although it will probably be a “modified normal”) before too long.

Peter Crocombe

Sacristan Report

All the Silverware and Credence Table equipment is accounted for and in good order.

Maureen Jupp has made two new High Altar Linen cloths.

There has been a re-organisation of the north east servers robing vestry since it was painted. Use has been made of the side board cupboard in that room for the storage of all white linen. Since the storage of specific service booklets has been moved to the south west robing vestry, the upright cupboards have been turned in to storage for altar consumables such as wine, candles, oil etc. . This is at a lower height and makes for it being much more accessible. We hope this arrangement will continue.

Although not a huge demand has been made on them, consumables are still sourced from Church furnishers, Vanpoules.

Maureen Jupp & Andrew Brown

St John's Church Hall Annual Report

The Hall continues to flourish with both church and community organisations using the facilities. Income from lettings was £27,042 and running costs £17,852 showing a surplus of £9,190. Last year the surplus was just £3,120 so we must thank Amanda for publicising the hall so well and finding new hirers.

Parties continue to be popular and a good source of income. Significant new hirers this year have been Songstations, Heart of Movement, a dance group and a NHS Diabetic workshop.

The team who look after weekend hirers is Martyn Brown, Andrew Brown, Helen Lishmund, Sue Tilly and Brian Miller. The Hall Management Committee is Andrew Brown, Martyn Brown and Janice White. Neetha continues to look after the cleaning of the hall.

Mandatory servicing and inspection of the air con system, boiler and installation, PAT testing, fire alarm, emergency lighting and extinguishers has been carried out to schedule. We now have the windows cleaned, inside and out, every two months. In August we used contractors to paint the woodwork and stage surround in the hall and paint the walls in the lobby and waiting room. Two new electric ovens and a new dishwasher were purchased and installed

Martyn Brown June 2020

Meditation Group Report

Meditation Group Being still, resting in God's love and contemplating His word is a true blessing at any time, but in the light of present circumstances it has been a place of healing calm. Now meetings have been halted we who have benefited over the past year are really missing our fellowship, and look forward to the time when we can meet again at 3, Cowley Close, twice a month on a Wednesday morning. When normal services are resumed dates are printed in the Sunday leaflet. For more details please phone

Barbara Woodhead 020 8657 3790 or Kathleen Holt 020 8651 1815

Prayer Circle

Romans 9 v 26 "The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words". It is in the light of encouragement such as this that we have been able to maintain our ministry of prayer for about a hundred people over the past year, Each person continues to be held in our daily prayers. A few individuals being allocated to each intercessor. All have been remembered twice amonth when a few of us meet together for worship and intercession. We are very thankful for those who have newly taken up this ministry to replace others who have left. It is a joy to have their support and to know that prayer has no barriers of time or place and we can continue to keep in contact by phone. If you or someone you know would like to be upheld in prayer,
please contact
Barbara Woodhead 020 8657 3790.

If you would like to know more, please phone Barbara Woodhead 020 8657 3790 or Kathleen Holt 020 9651 1815

Prayer Circle

If you would like to learn more about the ministry of the Prayer Circle please contact Barbara Woodhead on 020 8657 3790

St John's Church Building & Maintenance Report

Again The Garden Room was a big focus of activity at the Church especially its completion and 'Knock Through' to the south west corner of the building. Although an independent facility, electrical and central heat pipe works had to be completed to integrate with the existing services. In addition, the Church Northwest Door now boasts a low gradual slope access and better paved access south and round to the Garden Of Remembrance.

In the process of installing the illuminated cross for the Christmas season, Andrew Brown found that the Church Tower Roof was leaking. On investigation, it was found that the lead covering had two tears and the base of the flag pole part of the lead was the source of the most ingress. With the help of some 'LeadMate' sealant, Ian Harley has made temporary repairs. However, the roof needs to be inspected by professionals and for a report and recommendations to be made. Whilst on the roof and scrutinising the remainder of the Church Roof there are a number of incidences of Ridge Tile mortar weathered or missing. In addition, although cleared, there appears to be gutter overspill and evidence of dampness on the Church's east facing wall next to the tower which needs investigating. Damp patches of suspected water ingress have been noted at various points around the inside of the Church. In particular in the South West robing vestry. All these incidences prompted Andrew Brown to write a photographic report entitled "2020_St_JohnsChurch_TowerLeaks&OtherBuildingIssues". This was submitted to the Standing Committee and PCC in January 2020 requesting this be included for consideration by the Diocesan Quinquennial Inspection, since that event is due. Needless to say everything has gone on hold owing to the Covid-19 lockdown. Now that restrictions are starting to lift, the Standing Committee will be seeking to get the Inspection underway so that any repairs can be completed during the summer period.

The Lightning conductor at the southwest corner of the building has been re-instated following the Garden Room works. It was noted that the conductor on the brick cross above the Lady Chapel was missing and, also needing re-instatement. This was to have been done at the same time but it either got missed or it failed again. Martyn Brown is following up the repair task.

High level light lamp failures, as well as others, have been replaced by Robert Thornton, Martyn Brown and Andrew Brown.

The sounds system radio microphones went through a spate of interference and outages. Andrew Brown investigated these. Causes were worn out condensing microphone components, worn out link wiring and battery failure. He has repaired the offending components with new parts and wires. In addition, he was able to obtain new complete assemblies of the microphone wire assemblies as spares. Jean Cockerall has very kindly created a bespoke storage hanger with pouches to better store units and the wires - we THANK her very much. Although now in operation for 20 plus years and no longer available, the electronics units appear to be sound. Replacement would need moving to newer frequency units incurring immediately unnecessary five figure sums.

Routine maintenance has been completed in accordance with planned schedules. these being:

- Church Boiler
- Fire Extinguishers
- All portable equipment PAT tested
- Organ Tuned and blower serviced
- 1st Aid Boxes checked

Following the completion of the Garden Room and works, a keen band of dedicated helpers, under the direction of Catherine Sands, gave the Church a full Deep Clean. An all the better it looks for it.

Martyn Brown, Andrew Brown
Building & Maintenance Team

Garden Room Fundraising Report

Many thanks to everyone who has supported the Garden Room Fundraising in many and various ways over the past year three years! We have enjoyed a marvellous variety of events and initiatives including Quiz Nights, Plant and Produce sales, Concert by the Sylvan Handbell Ringers, Sunday Lunches organized by Ian Brentnall, a Family Concert by St John's Choir, an Auction held by the Wives Group, James Sinclair's "Run for the Loo" Brighton Half Marathon, Helen Lishmund's Sponsored Walk, the auction of a quilt kindly made and donated by Jean Cockerell and of course we couldn't have done it without the many excellent cream teas hosted in the hall and around the parish!

Thanks also to all those who donated generous gifts in memory of loved ones and special events – the dedications can be viewed in the Remembrance Book in the church just outside the entrance to the Garden Room

The total finance required at the outset was £137K (including vat but excluding further fees and contingencies and some under-pricing of provisional sums) which was the best quotation received. Since we started fundraising in February 2017 £62K has been raised through fundraising supported by St John's and the wider community with an additional £103K in grants from Viridor Credits, Garfield Weston Foundation, All churches Trust, Croydon Council and City Bridge Trust, the fundraising arm of the City of London making a total raised of £165K. The overall budget of £165K was presented to and approved by the PCC.

The Garden Room project came about as a response to the need to update facilities in our 1930s building making it fit for modern day use and outreach. The project is community focused for the use of groups and individuals within the Selsdon area in addition to church groups.

Officially opened on 16 June 2019 by Rt Revd Jonathan Clark, Bishop of Croydon, the Garden Room is a pleasant, quality built, modern and fully accessible extension sited on the south western side of the church overlooking the Garden of

Remembrance. It is easily accessible directly from the main church building but can also be closed off as a separate space with an external door from the garden. The room has a purpose-built refreshment hub and fully accessible toilet facilities including a baby changing area just off the lobby. Offering flexible set ups the room can accommodate up to 20 people comfortably and there is also improved access into and around the whole church building.

The Garden Room provides a comfortable, welcoming and inclusive space for engagement with our community. The quiet situation of the room overlooking the Garden of Remembrance makes it an ideal space for counselling, bereavement support and mentoring. We are also exploring the possibility of working with Contact to establish a Memory Café with carers care. The room has already been successfully used for coffee mornings to combat social isolation and to provide a quiet space for refreshments after services such as All Souls and Quiet Christmas.

St Francis West Wickham PCC held an away day in the room in January and the room has been used for meetings by SRA and Contact directors.

As a result of the Covid 19 lockdown resulting in several months of inactivity for all the facilities at St Johns there has been little opportunity to further advertise the Garden Room and attract new users. However, there is a marketing plan ready to go when we are able to re-open, mindful of the fact that we are now in an interregnum.

Gill Salter
28 July 2020

Music Report

A. The Choirs

A.1 The SATB choir

Our robed choir continues to provide vocal leadership of our services, including a Communion Anthem, on the 1st, 2nd 3rd and 5th Sunday mornings of each month as well as a full Choral Evensong on the evening of (generally) the 2nd Sunday. As previously reported, week by week we continue to operate with limited numbers of sopranos and basses but the quality of the singers we do have remains exceptional for a parish church choir, as indeed is their loyalty.

Our monthly Choral Evensongs continue to offer an opportunity to welcome singers from within our church and further afield who are glad to share their talents with us but with a limited commitment. We have been very encouraged to note the number of singers who continue to show an interest in this service during the course of the last year, as this number continues to grow steadily. With the modest numbers available Sunday by Sunday the repertoire of pieces we are able to tackle is naturally somewhat limited. However, our full choral services allow for a broader range of music to be offered in worship and this is a vital component in our efforts to retain our SATB choir. We have continued to extend and develop our repertoire during the course of the past year.

We continue to rehearse on a Thursday evening between 7.30 pm and 8.30 pm, 30 minutes before each morning service and an hour before Choral Evensong.

This year, prior to the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic, the choir had been invited to sing Evensong at Rochester Cathedral for the first time in April and to return once again to Southwark Cathedral to sing Evensong in June. Both of these visits were cancelled but we have been invited to sing Evensong at Southwark on 24th April 2021 and to for the choir for the Diocesan Confirmation Service in November.

A.2 The Come and Sing Choir

Our Come and Sing choir provided an enthusiastic, effective and joyful musical leadership of the main morning service on the 4th Sunday of each month, rehearsing before the service from 9.30 am. The Come and Sing choir membership is not formally counted or noted and varies according to who is available. There is a pool of singers currently standing at about 12 people and more would always be welcome to come and join this happy group.

B Instruments

B.1 The Organ

The Organ continues to provide reliable service to the church; tuning should take place twice each year but we haven't needed a tuning visit this winter as the organ has largely stayed in tune. We have a small occasional cypher which needs attending to, which will be looked at during the next visit of the tuner later this year. We don't anticipate any serious maintenance issues and the organ has now been tuned at the beginning of September 2020. No further issues were reported.

I would once again raise the issue of the possibility of installing a Closed Circuit Television system to assist the organist. In days gone by, when services were conducted from the chancel and the high altar, visibility was not too much of a problem. However, now that most of our services are conducted at the nave altar it is extremely difficult to see anything helpful, with little visibility of anything happening to the west of the chancel arch except for what little can be seen using a free-standing mirror. Such systems are not expensive these days, have been installed in a large number of churches with similar visibility problems and it would assist very much with the smooth running of services and St. John's, especially those when a choir isn't present to tell the organist to stop playing! Unfortunately, this has not moved any further forward but the need remains and it is hoped that we will be in a position to move forward with this as soon as possible.

As always, we continue to count ourselves profoundly fortunate that we continue to rely upon the exceptional skill, musicianship and friendship of Jonathan Musgrave our organist. We are truly blest to have him.

B.2 Pianos

We have three pianos on site, the Steinway grand in church and two upright instruments, one in the choir vestry and another in the Hall. All three instruments have been tuned and maintained during the past year.

C Music and Robes

C.1 Music

The music library at St John's is substantial, containing many of the standard works of the choral repertoire which one would expect to find in the library of an active church choir. However, much of the stock is in extremely poor condition due to

extensive use in the past and deterioration brought on by the former damp conditions experienced in the Choir Vestry. I am delighted to report that the PCC kindly agreed to a small music budget which has allowed us to purchase some new music for the library. We are slowly working to building the contents of the library and to replace dilapidated copies of frequently used pieces.

C.2 Robes

As we welcome more people to be part of our Sunday-by-Sunday group and our Choral Evensong group, the need for additional robes continues to challenge us. Again, the PCC have very kindly agreed to provide funds for the purchase of robes to replace the ones stolen from the Vestry three years ago. Measurements have been taken and an order will be placed shortly.

D. The future

The challenge of maintaining the high standard of music in worship which St. John's enjoys continues to test us, particularly the shortage of voices available for Sunday morning services. It is unreasonable to expect every member to be available for every service, as the commitments of work and family also need to be taken into account. However, we are working hard to extend the warm hand of welcome to any who are interested in being part of the musical scene at St. John's. During the forthcoming Interregnum, we will endeavour to continue exactly as we have done in providing musical support of the liturgy. The support of the congregation for our music and our choirs in particular continues to encourage us to do all we can to perpetuate good quality music as a central part of our worship at St. John's for as long as possible.

E. COVID-19

It goes without saying that the life of our church has been deeply affected by the measures taken to control the spread of COVID-19 and, at the time of writing, it is widely anticipated that further issues may arise as we move into the autumn and winter seasons. Since St. John's recommenced weekly public worship, we have attempted to sensitively introduce music into worship without wishing to encourage congregational singing. However, we now have confirmation from the Government, Church of England and the Royal School of Church Music that the choir may return subject to satisfactory completion and sign-off of a properly considered Risk Assessment, which will lay down the conditions under which the choir may take an active part in worship once again. Discussions are taking place regarding the arrangements for Advent and Christmas which, by necessity in 2020, may take a very different shape to what we have traditionally been used to. I am deeply grateful to members of the choir for the continuing commitment they have demonstrated during this most difficult time.

Ian Brentnall
Director of Music
September 2020

St John's Wives Group Report

The wife's group have enjoyed an action-packed year, we have sustained a steady membership of over 30 people. And have recruited others along the way. We are keeping our membership fee of £5.00 per year thus encouraging friends and ladies of the community to join our very popular group. The programme is varied for all to partake in and have a lot of fun along the way, we have parties shows, informal talks, outings, and much, much more. The group survives by members attending on a regular basis enabling us to book exciting speakers and displays for all to enjoy. The attendance fee pays for costs towards the evening event and refreshments and that does include our beverage of the odd glass of wine or two, and food. One of our long standing members one Gloria Sayers has been a very loyal member and always comes up with supplies of foils and bands for Mother's Day posie wrapping on the Wednesday before the great day she cuts out numerous pieces of foil to wrap the flowers, and supplies large amounts of elastic bands so a very big thankyou to her and all the team that do this very important job for the congregation and children to enjoy on the day.

The group held our annual New Year's celebration at the Huxley. most enjoyable and many attended, enjoying their steaks and wine deals. We held a taste of the auction room where wealing's and dealings and raised £88.00 which we sent to a local hospice. We joined our rival group for a night of fun and quiz's they really do spoil us, and later in the autumn we invited them to a day at the seaside with all the fun of the pier, games competitions and fish and chips supper, also a variety victorian seaside show with members taking part in victorian bathing belle outfits. Many thanks to Brian Miller for the stage lighting and sound effects and David Lane for playing the piano for us to dance and sing along to.

In the early summer months we enjoyed a mid-summer walk through Littleheath Woods ending up at Heathfield House a most beautiful building and gardens run by local authority, we will certainly return again. Our next fabulous trip took us to foreign shores of France joining the church trip to Bolougne once again all loved the trip and meal in the old town. Next on the list was a trip to the Queens residence of Buckingham Palace glorious weather fantastic tour and lunch on the lawns, well not quite, but in the marquee at the side .Moving on we then took a trip to yet another of our most famous castles in Kent, Hever Castle famed by Henry the 8ths wife Anne Boleyn her family home. A most informal and wonderful insight to Tudor life .

I would like to thank all of the clergy of the church taking services for the group during the year stepping in when necessary and Jonathon Musgrove our organist a most welcome aid to us less musical. We are very sad that Jenny Rowley is leaving the parish as she is taking on a new venture as Archdeacon of Portsmouth we wish her all the luck at her new post, we will miss her wonderful execution of services she has put together during the 6 year and 6 months with us. So this is a heart felt Good Bye from myself and all the group. We may take one of our trips down to Portsmouth to see how things are working out for you and the family.

I would like to thank all my hard- working committee for the support given to me namely Jane Mathews, Heather Jefkins, Eileen Hurst Monica Turton, Jacqui Johnson and Rose Marie they work tirelessly to prepare for the meetings. If anybody wishes to know more information about our popular group please contact me .

Jane Guglielmi Wives Leader.

Mothers and Toddlers Report

The Mothers and Toddler group has continued to be busy during the past year. We have roughly 30-50 parent/carers and children attend every week. Gemma Elliott who helped us run the Thursday group left the group last September due to her little boy going to pre-school and we have had no one take over the running of the group but have plenty of helping hands from the kitchen team and also a few of the mums step up to help with singing and the craft table.

If anyone is free on a Thursday morning and would like to help, we are always happy to have helpers on the craft table or to welcome new members to the group with a weekly smiley face.

We continued to run our Christmas parties for the Monday and Thursday groups and I would like to thank Peter Crocombe for filling the role of Father Christmas. The kids look forward to the parties and is a great atmosphere. I would like to thank all our kitchen and craft helpers for making the morning's possible and being a friendly face to all the parent's, carers and children.

Amanda Sinclair

Annual Report St John's Dramatic Society

This has been a 'dark' year as far as the Dramatic Society is concerned. Our initial intention to stage a play in the Autumn was scuppered by an inability to find enough people able to commit to the intended production.

Our plans for the rest of the year have, like those of all such groups, been put on hold due to circumstances. The outlook for theatre and live performances is an uncertain one, for major national companies as well as local amateur groups.

We will be meeting again as a committee to decide upon our future direction once 'lockdown' has been eased and performances are once again permitted'.

Hilary Richardson
Hon Treasurer/ Publicity Officer
SJDS