



All Saints

Shooters Hill

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Newsletter

Spring 2019

Parish news

The Newsletter did not appear very regularly last year. Most of the information is now available on the church website and on the Weekly Sheets. With the new PCC we will be looking at how we can communicate amongst ourselves most effectively and also make sure we are in line with GDPR.

In the meantime we have a summary of the last two PCC meetings.

Please remember to come to the AGM after our service on Sunday 7 April starting at about 11:45. The meeting will take about an hour. We will hear reports about last year and elect the Churchwardens and new PCC.

PCC Wednesday 23 January 2019

FINANCE We have agreed to make a contribution of £21,000 Parish Share for the coming year, an increase of £1,000

Geoff agreed to speak to the congregation to see if the envelope scheme was still helpful to people. Many churches were finding that members didn't carry cash and were using card machines to collect donations. [This will be raised at the AGM]. We again talked about getting a stewardship advisor to speak to us [initial meeting arranged for the vicar and wardens]. [for details of our current position see a more recent report at the next PCC]

MUSIC AND WORSHIP Paul has written to DM music and we await their response and a site visit. Geoff has passed on to Paul the phone number of the firm who installed the sound system at St Paul's Thamesmead. He has also put out an appeal for recommendations on a local church wardens' Facebook group with no response so far.

BUILDINGS

Quinquennial inspection: Every five years we need to have the church buildings inspected by the Church Architect. We need to organise our Quinquennial Inspection this year. As we need to provide access for the architect Geoff has suggested we purchase a step ladder and a telescopic ladder prior to the Quinquennial Inspection at about £80 each.

| All Saints Church exists to help people live the best life possible through our
| commitment to serving God, the community and one another. |

Church windows: The north side windows are being repaired at the moment. The contractors are replacing the lower panels. 14 of the small window glasses in other parts of the church have also been repaired.

Mereworth Drive: Plumbing and fire safety work has been done
Repairs and certification

Church steps and door: Church steps and doors are going to be repaired [May]

Hall: Further discussion on the hall refurb is deferred until after the Quinquennial.

Connie offered to take charge of the Children's room. Pauline will check that the speaker is working.

Jenny asked about the blinds for the Hall. Geoff said he had one to try to install but he hadn't found a time when he and the hall were free to do it yet.

The Hall is used from 6-6pm most days during the week in term time. Herbert A has rejected requests from free churches for use of the hall on Sunday mornings.

Herbert N spoke about the Health and Safety issues of letting the Hall and the maximum numbers we should allow for various activities.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

WOW opera: Geoff's meeting with Jeremy and Dominic (who is the new WOW coordinator - as Jeremy is working in South Africa) went well. Geoff has circulated some suggested dates to the PCC including

Sunday 30 June 4pm (Jeremy will be in England for that so we may include a celebration of Sally's life), Sunday 15 Sept 4pm and Saturday 23 Nov 7pm Gala evening

Greenwich Concert Band: Paul said the Greenwich Concert Band could come either late November or 15th December. The concert would probably be in aid of Welcare this year.

MISSION ACTION PLAN:

There was a discussion on how to take our three strands forward: *1. Get to know people better, 2. Support children's church, 3. The physical church building* Many ideas were discussed but it was agreed that we needed to replace our notice board and upgrade our sound system.

SAFEGUARDING: A new Safeguarding policy is about to be released by the Diocese. As part of that we do need to ensure Sunday school and vulnerable adult registration

OTHER BUSINESS:

To relieve the pressure on the Sunday school we might see if volunteers would offer to prepare a session say once a month or once a term.

27th March 2020 will be the centenary of the dedication of the Plaque. We hope it will be possible for a Bishop to lead a service of commemoration around that time. Herbert will contact the Bishops' PA.

A Clergy well-being leaflet has been sent to Herbert. Herbert is going to try to take two consecutive days off. Herbert will try to involve others.

Succession planning for the Church Wardens needs to be discussed. There was a discussion about various things that the Wardens do at the moment and which duties could be delegated. The role has become far more time-consuming since we have a part-time vicar. Many of the things now done by the churchwardens were done by Harry when he was here.

PCC Wednesday 20 March 2019

AGM: In order not to clash with Easter or the Marathon it would be held at 11:45 on Sunday 7 April 2019.

SERVICES AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

Lent and Easter

Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm

Good Friday service at 10am at Trinity Methodist Church followed by a walk of faith;

Service here at All Saints 2pm;

Easter Sunday Breakfast at 9am followed by a Family Service and Holy communion at 10.30am

FINANCE: We have about £35,000 and have settled our debt with the Diocese and paid £8,000 on the recent window repairs. There is the possibility of getting a second hand smart board from a local school for use by the Sunday School and others. [A full report will be presented at the AGM] Geoff will raise the cashless payments and envelope giving and Gift Aid at the AGM.

BUILDINGS:

New Church Architect

We have been informed that our current church architect, Chris Evelyn-Rahr, has retired. Pauline has contacted some architects on Southwark's approved list. She is arranging for a visit to allow us to meet possible candidates. Our new architect will have to undertake our Quinquennial inspection.

Church

Windows: The lower panels on the windows on the north side of the church have been replaced and some single panes elsewhere have been replaced. The old lead is very brittle and we may need to have further panels replaced in the future. Where the new panels have been fitted the window surrounds will need to be touched up.

BUGGIES: It was agreed to make sure that disabled access and access for pushchairs, prams and buggies was better signposted as at the moment many buggies and prams were being dragged up the steps.

CHURCH ALARM With Herbert moving for a year to Charlton there will be no one nearby to investigate if the alarm goes off. There is a problem with the alarm on the roof which keeps going off when triggered by the sun or the a large bird. It is now possible to get a system that can be controlled remotely. We may consider a camera on the roof and in the church so that someone can check the church and reset the alarm without needing to visit the church.

MEREWORTH DRIVE The boiler and shower have been replaced along with necessary modifications to the pipework. Fire alarms and fire-proof doors have been installed.

CHURCH STEPS AND DOOR We are waiting for a quote and expect the work to be done in May.

HALL The broken window and window frame have been replaced.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

We need an organiser to lead on this. It needs to be a priority for the new PCC.

MISSION ACTION PLAN

1. *Get to know people better* Discussion included: Pen portraits of members of the congregation in newsletter; "This time tomorrow"; Welcome lunch, monthly breakfast,

social events

Progress has been made on some of these items.

2. *Support children's church.* We are working on providing better audio-visual support for the Sunday School. It was suggested that Herbert should take Children's church at least once a term. Other suggestions were made to allow other members of the congregation to support the Sunday school.

3. *The physical church building* Replace our notice board. Upgrade our sound system

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FUTURE

Update on Vicarage site

Herbert and family are moving out to Charlton vicarage in 2 weeks' time. The builders will move in more or less straight away and the premises will be boarded up. We have been told that the trees will be preserved. The refurbishment will take about 12 months.

Update on Hall

Defer discussion until the new church architect is in post. We need to make a business case for any plans to update the church hall.

AOB

Ola said that the Metropolitan Police are willing to come and talk about Gangs and Knife crime. Once the date is confirmed we can plan and publicise to get a good audience.

Herbert thanked the current members of the PCC for their hard work over the year and hoped that most would feel able to stand again.

Date of next meetings: Next PCC meeting is provisionally 15th May but will be confirmed after the PCC.

Church Office

For information about activities at All Saints (including weddings and baptisms) please contact the Priest in Charge, Revd Herbert Aparanga.

To get it touch with Revd Herbert Aparanga please email

vicar@allsaintsshootershill.org, write to him at 106 Herbert Road

London SE18 3PU, call at the **Church** on any **Friday morning** between

10am – 11am (if the church door is closed look for the bell) or phone

020 8854 2995 (but this will only be answered and messages listened to on Friday mornings). General enquiries should be sent to **office@allsaintsshootershill.org**

For Hall Bookings see allsaintsshootershill.org and follow the links.



Sunday Service: every Sunday at 10:30 am

See allsaintsshootershill.org for details.

Every Friday at 11:30 am: A short service of morning prayer

The up-to-date rota is at <https://goo.gl/MyUDYR>

If you are unable to do a duty can you let Kathy know as soon as possible.

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If a name has a * against it it has been changed from the original rota.