

2020 APCM: PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT 2019-2020

PCC membership

For the year 2019 -2020, PCC officers were:

Chairman: Revd. Stuart Lees
Deputy-Chairman: John Griffiths
Treasurer: Nick Wilsher
PCC Secretary: Sean Greathead
Church Wardens: John Griffiths & Anna Beyer

The PCC membership was: Revd. Stuart Lees (chair), John Griffiths (Warden), Anna Beyer (Warden), Sean Greathead (Secretary), Nick Wilsher (Treasurer), Nathan Beard, Tracey de Souza (stepped down July 2020), Mike Dyson, Gareth Jones, Alice Parsons, Sarah McCowen, Nicola MacDonald (known as Bean), Nathan Watt.

Those who have stepped down from PCC membership are: Tracey de Souza.

John Griffiths is stepping down as Church Warden after 4 faithful, faith filled years of wise and gracious service. ChristChurch is hugely grateful to John and the PCC is delighted that he will remain a PCC member.

The PCC would like to thank these members for their faithful, faith filled service in the last few years.

Meetings

The PCC met on: May 20th, 2019, July 8th, 2019, September 16th, 2019, November 25th, 2019, January 14th, 2020, March 10th, 2020, May 4th 2020, June 4th 2020, August 18th 2020

Due to Covid-19 lockdown measures the APCM was postponed from April 26th to October 20th when Parish appointments were made.

All PCC meetings held after March were conducted on Zoom: May 4th, 2020, June 8th and August 18th 2020.

The PCC approved the following appointments: No appointments were made.

Finances

The PCC reviewed the church's finances at all its meetings. The PCC is enormously grateful to Nick Wilsher (Treasurer), the Standing Committee and to Sarah Dodd and Debbie Sly for their diligent and faith-filled oversight and stewardship of ChristChurch's finances. The Treasurer's Report sets out our financial position in more detail. The 2019 accounts have now been audited and approved by the PCC, and a summary of the accounts is in the Treasurer's report.

Foodbank – by April 2019 the Foodbank warehouse was relocated and the space has been reallocated for CCF ministry purposes. The former Foodbank office and teaching rooms were renovated in the Summer of 2019 to accommodate the Robin Montessori Nursery School. The rental of this space is on a five-year licence which will make a substantial supplement to income to the church.

The PCC welcomes Nick Wilsher as the incoming Treasurer and thanks him for his decisive and effective, and supportive oversight of the church finances.

The PCC wants to thank the congregation for their continued generosity. ChristChurch receives no funding or financial support from the Church of England and so we are wholly dependent on the congregation's faithful giving for the ministry God has called us to.

Common Fund Contributions

As part of the Church of England CCF contributes to the diocese's cost of running CCF through Common Fund Contributions, which includes the vicar's salary, pension etc. In previous years, CCF has given up to 130% of costs. 100% of costs covers the Vicar and anything over and above is considered 'mission giving' supporting the provision of clergy in parishes that are economically unable to cover their costs. Since 2018 due to our own costs increasing especially with needing to invest into the buildings the PCC has committed to 100% of our commitment at £82,800 in 2019 and £85,200 in 2020. Due to the financial uncertainties caused by Covid-19 from May 2020 to the end of the year the Common Fund commitment was reduced in agreement with the Diocese of London. The Common Fund commitment is reviewed and agreed annually by the PCC.

Safeguarding

The PCC regularly reviewed safeguarding issues. The PCC is hugely appreciative of the leadership shown by Sian Gates (Church Safeguarding Officer) and Kim Quicksell in overseeing the implementation of our safeguarding policy. The PCC is committed to safeguarding children, young adults and vulnerable adults to worship and grow in Christ safely at ChristChurch. We continue to monitor and update our safeguarding protocols in line with CofE guidelines.

Key Personnel:

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Sian Gates

DBS Checker: Kim Quicksell

Children's Champion: Dustin Pruett & Katrin Sterland. From Sept 2020 Anna Witheridge Pearce (Youth) & Kirby Greathead (Kids) share the role.

Adult's Champion: Yinka Asagba

All PCC, Kids & Youth Team are DBS checked.

The PCC reported no incidences this year.

Staff

No appointments were made in 2019.

Kirby Greathead was appointed Women & Families/Kids Pastor in September 2020.

Anna Witheridge Pearce was seconded 2 days a week from the Operations Team to be the Youth Pastor in September 2020.

Church Life

Throughout the year Christchurch has continued to host a variety of mission and discipleship activities focused on the church, the parish and the wider church in the nation, a summary of which follows;

- Living Free and Living Free Discipleships Groups, School of Prophecy, The Gospel Course, Freedom Prayer Training, Emotional Intelligence Courses – these core training courses were held at key points through the year.
- Freedom Prayer – every Wednesday and Sunday afternoon the church has played host to prayer teams.
- Dynamic Marriage Evenings were held at a local coffee shop.
- Equipped- a women's safe space to encounter God and go deeper with teaching, prayer and community was launched in October 2019.

- Deeper- an initiative that is a bible study and small group system launched January 2019 and remained active on zoom during lockdown.
- Basics Course – 2 basics of faith courses run.
- Visiting Speakers included – Shampa Rice, Dr Shone Stone (Christian International Europe ministries), Emmy Wilson (HTB), Paul Hopkins (Purefire), Jo Steiberg.
- Mission Giving – CCF supported 8 mission partners around the world including India, Ireland, South Africa, Central Asia and Sri Lanka. In total CCF gave £41,072 in monthly finance support to mission partners and one-off gifts.
- Tea & Tots- our midweek parent and toddler group has exploded from an initial 18 toddler and their parent/carer to up to 58 in a session and is a wonderful evangelistic opportunity that continues to thrive.
- The Art Space- is a ministry for artists and creatives at CCF. It is a space to support one another in community and explore what it means to be supernaturally creative
- Breathing Space- a ministry run by and for those who parent alone to offer practical support and personal encouragement.
- Bring & Share Lunches- post Sunday morning service community connection points.
- Afternoons at CCF- 4 whole church gatherings to bring both AM & PM services were held.
- ChristChurch Connects- monthly welcome and introduction to church life and vision gatherings were held.
- CCF Advance- a three day gathering with Paul Hopkins to invest into where God would like to take us a church was held in October 2019.
- Jesus Ministry Activities – Church leader support throughout the year in the form of the annual Pastors Retreat held in January 2019, Intro and Pastors Day. A Jesus Ministry Conference was held in November 2019. A core group of churches have come together to run Jesus Ministry events throughout the year in different locations around the country. Celebrate Weekend, a gathering of all churches pressing into JM teaching was held in September 2019. Pastors Days translated into monthly zoom gatherings during lockdown.
- Stepping into the Supernatural Video Series- The Living Free Course has been turned into a video series. This was developed and recorded in August 2017. This is now downloadable for free on the website with a donation button to access course materials for a recommended £10. At least £2000 has been received to date.
- Eel Brook Weekend- a third missional focussed family festival was held in June 2019 that the entire church mobilised to fund event and to bless the local community. Prayer groups dedicated to a specific street interceded, the entire church had training in sharing the gospel, and the entire congregation fasted, prayed and worshipped during the 6 months prior to the event. The weekend was a huge success in the community and unifying and galvanising for the church family. Post event follow up included a church picnic on the Common, a Cream Tea and an Alpha Basics course. EBW was postponed in 2020 due to Covid-19.
- Pop Up Community- community outreach to engage with locals to connect throughout the year and was postponed indefinitely due Covid-19.
- Engaging with new perspectives- after the death of George Floyd in the US and the global outcry against racism, CCF invested a period of time engaging as a whole church with fresh perspectives on racial prejudice in the UK and within The Church.
- During lockdown from end March 2020 onwards, CCF broadcasts Sunday services on our youtube channel with an opportunity meet for coffee on zoom post service. Socially distanced Sunday services with an opportunity to join in at home through instagram live streaming began again at the end of July.
- During lockdown there were various weekly connection opportunities on Zoom: Women's Drinks and Let's Move with Chris! Keep fit classes.
- Bible & Faith Q&A's on zoom.
- Empower: Using zoom breakout groups to minister to each other in the power of the spirit. People joined in to pray and be prayed for on Sunday evenings during May and June 2020.
- Revival Hour- Weekly zoom prayer meeting from June 2020 to tell revival stories and using revival scriptures to pray for revival in our nation.
- Community Moments: short talks and scripture meditations broadcast on our youtube channel became focal points for small groups to watch together, discuss, connect and pray on zoom.

- Monday Wednesday & Friday early morning zoom prayer meetings.

The church family

There has been much to celebrate this year in the life of Christchurch and there has been growth and blessing and a continued revitalized church family. The PCC thanks all members of our church family for your prayers and for continuing to fix your eyes on Jesus and trusting God to lead us through this period.

Sean Greathead
PCC Secretary

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2020 APCM FABRIC REPORT 2019/20

The main feature of the year was the clearing and upgrade of the ex-Foodbank Office and The Well to accommodate the Robin Montessori Nursery School. The rental of this space is on a five-year licence which will make a substantial supplement to income to the church. Upgrade included: new lighting; gas heater; light coloured flooring; painting throughout; artificial grass over half of the back courtyard play area and improvements to the toilet, including secondary glazing and the upgrade and painting of the staff kitchen. We are very happy to be housing the school which is a good fit with our ethos.

Decoration has taken place to several areas of the church specifically: The Admin offices; Operations office and the toilet corridor. We are very grateful to Simon Kluge for his generous work on these and to the staff for their hard work.

Improvements have been made to the side garden, including fencing off the bin area; new border to the path, additional bark chippings and blocking the gap between the garage and wall to deter fly-tipping. The kerb appeal has also been improved with a wooden edge and white stones under the tree at the front of the Church building.

All the church front doors have been repainted and repaired where necessary and increased security and welcoming lighting has been installed at the front of church.

Church bathroom renovations October 2020.

Significant emergency boiler & radiator repairs, pointwork, guttering and roof repair has been done to 55 Clancarty road and we thank the Quicksells for their patience and graciousness with the disruption.

Various electrical issues have been sorted out and we thank Ricardo Munoz for his work on those.

A whole range of miscellaneous repairs have been carried out from leaking gutters to aircon units in the loft and loft office, some 15 to 20 items in all.

The Gas meter for the hall was faulty and has been replaced; the Treasurer is disputing the unreasonable additional back-dated costs of gas with British Gas.

The carpets were cleaned throughout the church. We also thank Sue Holley for her work in cleaning the kitchens, amongst other things.

The Site Manager, Kyle, has been fully involved in ensuring these things happen as well as carrying out minor items himself, for which we are most grateful

Anna Beyer & John Griffiths
Church Wardens

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