



Church of King Charles the Martyr, Potters Bar

Reports to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting



Sunday 6 September 2020

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Welcome and Introduction to the report booklet 2020

Dear friends,

it is only when we start to write down the huge amount of things that we do at the church of King Charles the Martyr that we truly recognise the amount of hard work and effort that goes into all that we do to support the life and mission of this church here in Potters Bar.

From our smallest members to the oldest we are all working to become better disciples of Christ and to encourage others in their journey of faith.

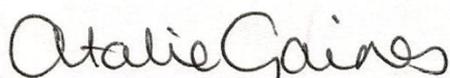
Whilst we are in the midst of a global pandemic and things in 2020 have been far from normal, we can take this opportunity to reflect on how we have done things in the past and strive to make KCM a more welcoming and missional community in the future.

2019 was full of achievements for us, as you can see by the numerous reports and our thanks go to all who work to keep the KCM show on the road.

Please do read prayerfully through these reports. Consider your place in the KCM family and how you belong here.

The rest of 2020 and the years to come will be challenging times, but by prayer and petition we will be enabled to see the life and work of this place grow into the next chapter.

Yours in faith,



Revd Atalie Gaines
Vicar

CHURCH OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR, POTTERS BAR

Sunday 6 September 2020 at 11.30am

Notice is given of a meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held at the Church of King Charles the Martyr on Sunday 6 September 2020, when your presence is requested.

AGENDA

Meeting of the Parishioners

1. Notice of meeting
2. Apologies for absence
3. Appointment of a minute taker
4. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held 3 April 2019
5. Election of two Churchwardens 2020/21

followed by

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Notice of meeting
2. Apologies for absence
3. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 3 April 2019
4. To receive the report on the revision of the Electoral Roll –
Maureen Townsend, Electoral Roll Officer
5. REPORTS
 - a. To receive the report Churchwardens report - Fabric, Estate and Parish Life
 - b. To receive the report from Halls Management/ Buildings Committee
 - c. To receive the report Barnet Deanery Synod
 - d. To receive the report KCM Mission Action Plan
 - e. To receive the report on Safeguarding
6. Election of PCC Members
 - a. PCC Members – 4 vacancies for 3 years
 - b. Deanery Synod – 3 vacancies
 - c. Welcomers – to be elected en bloc
 - d. Churches Together in Potters Bar Representatives

7. To receive the financial statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended
31st December 2019 Treasurer and Recorder (with Adoption of the 2019 Accounts)
 - a. Appointment of Hon. Auditor – Neil Hewitt of Brennan Pearson + Co
8. To receive en bloc the reports of other organisations
9. The Vicar's Comments
10. Any Other Urgent Business
11. Closing Prayer and Blessing

Nominations for two Churchwardens and four members for the Parochial Church Council and three Deanery Synod Representative are required.

Nomination forms are available from the PCC Honorary Secretary, Church and Church Office, to be completed and handed in to the PCC Secretary prior to the meeting.

Mrs. Emma Kidd

*Honorary Secretary to the Parochial
Church Council*

CHURCH OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR, POTTERS BAR
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners
Wednesday 3 April 2019 at 7.30pm

1. Welcome

The Revd. Atalie Gaines welcomed all, explained the procedure and opened the meeting with prayer. There were 12 apologies for absence and 40 present at the meeting.

2. Appointment of Clerk

Nicola Thrussell was elected Clerk.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held 25 April 2018

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2018 were proposed by Phil Emmans, seconded by Pat Feeney and approved unanimously. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4. Election of Churchwardens

Phil Emmans (PE) and Robert Burt (REB) both came to the end of their term in office as Churchwardens. PE has served this Church as Church warden for over 25 years and REB has been Churchwarden for the last six years. Thanks were expressed to both PE and REB for all of their work over the years. In recognition of his exceptional long service as Churchwarden, PE received a letter of thanks from the Rt. Revd. Alan Smith, Bishop of St. Albans, which Revd. Atalie read out for all.

A collection had been held for both PE and REB and cards and a gift of money were presented to both. Jean Emmans and Jean Burt were thanked for their support of their husbands during their service as Churchwardens and flowers were presented to each of them.

Two new Churchwardens needed to be elected, either from our Electoral Roll or who live within the Parish, to be elected annually for a maximum of six years.

Helen Schmitz was proposed by Elaine Hartland and seconded by Gary Dakin.

Phil Townsend was proposed by Gary Dakin and seconded by Elaine Hartland.

Both were unanimously elected unopposed and will be sworn in here next month at the Archdeacon's Visitation.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Wednesday 3 April 2019 at 7.30pm

1. Welcome

The Revd. Atalie Gaines (AG) welcomed all and explained the procedure. Due notice of the meeting had been given and all were reminded that this meeting was open only to those on the electoral roll. There were 12 apologies for absence and 40 present at the meeting. A report booklet had been produced and was made available to all prior to the meeting

2. Appointment of Clerk

Nicola Thrussell was elected Clerk.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held 25 April 2018

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2018 were proposed by Judith Reeve, seconded by Emma Kidd and approved unanimously. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4. Report on the Electoral Roll

Maureen Townsend, Electoral Roll Officer, sent her apologies and in her absence, Phil Townsend read out her report.

As you are of course aware, we completed a Full Revision of the Electoral Roll this year. Thank you for your speedy responses which meant that what could have been an onerous task was not, and thank you to all of you who helped collect forms from those who we do not see regularly on a Sunday but are a very important part of our church community. I am pleased to report that no one has claimed harassment.

It is very encouraging that our numbers have increased overall by 9%, i.e. from 100 to 109. For those of you interested, the split between Resident and Non-Resident is:

2019: Resident 78, Non-Resident 31, Total 109.

2018 Comparison: Resident 66, Non-Resident 34, Total 100.

Prior to the meeting, Maureen had expressed that she is happy to continue as Electoral Roll Officer and was unanimously appointed.

5. Churchwardens' Report

The main report is on page 27 of the Report Booklet. Phil Emmans reported the following in addition to this:

Robert and I trust that you have all seen the report contained in tonight's programme.

There are, however, just a few things we should add.

As you all realise, it takes a lot of people to run a church – not just the Vicar and Churchwardens!

A church needs volunteers to do the routine tasks and here we offer our grateful thanks for the past year to Steve Jones, our Hon. Treasurer; to Simon Worley and the choir, to John Davy and the singers, (you know who you are) in the music group; to Joan Kilburn and those who prepare the flowers week by week; to the welcomers who do a vital job on the doors, to David Thomson and the Community Café team; to David Simpson and his team of servers; to Jean Burt and the Mothers' Union Group; to the cleaning team and a special thank you to Nicola and Lynn in the office, both of whom respond quickly and efficiently to the considerable demands placed upon them, often at a moment's notice!

When our successors are sworn in by the Archdeacon in May, Robert and I will stand down. We trust that all the existing volunteers will stay on and we hope that others will feel moved to offer their services in some way. The more volunteers there are, the less arduous each job becomes. The more names there are on a rota, the less often the task comes round!

Both Robert and I have regarded our time in office as a privilege to serve God in this beautiful church. Thank you all for everything that has been achieved here, in His name. We wish Helen and Phil well in their new roles.

Philip J. Emmans

Robert E. Burt

CHURCH WARDENS April 3rd 2019.

6. Halls Management Committee: Phil Townsend reported.

I wonder if anyone could tell me how many people use these halls in a week. Well, with some help from Lynn looking at the schedule of the bookings, I can tell you it's probably about 800 people. That doesn't include parents or carers picking up and dropping off their young ones.

Basically, the halls are incredibly well used, more than most of us realise and are a significant asset to the local community. That's why they once

again made a healthy profit last year and played a major part in offsetting of the deficit in the church budget. As you will hear in the Treasurer's Report, we rely on the halls income to help keep us afloat, last year to the tune of nearly £25,000.

But it doesn't happen by accident, many people working together keeps the halls clean, tidy and attractive to hirers who build their businesses around our facilities. Therefore, it is important we maintain the halls in good order. Last year the cooker came to the end of its life, so it was replaced. We also replaced the office photocopier, making it possible to fold and staple booklets automatically. We are now able to produce more attractive material which all helps to give a good impression of the church. The Scouts I know have also made good use of these new facilities.

We do have an ongoing problem with the fire exit steps from the Main Hall, they are sinking and tipping thereby stopping the fire exit doors opening. Don't panic though, they now work because Phil and Robert worked on them, chipping away the offending concrete, so the doors do open. We are planning to fix them permanently by replacing the steps with a wheelchair friendly ramp. This is an ongoing project, the cost of which will severely dent our profits this coming year.

As usual I'll finish by saying a big thank you to those people working away on our behalf as the Halls Management Committee, but especially to Laura for the early morning cleaning that she does practically unnoticed, plus the rest of the team, joined last year by Atalie. This is made up of Lynn as administrator of course, taking good care of the halls complex and our hirers, plus Phil and Robert as Church Wardens.

Phil, after being part of the Management Committee since the very beginning in 2002, has decided now is the time to step down. We record our special thanks for all he has done both physically fixing things, sometimes painting things but also for the many hours spent phoning or emailing our architect or contractors and being here with them, to get the work done. Thank you, Phil, for your help and wisdom, which I hope we'll still perhaps be able to tap into in the future.

Here endeth my 16th report.

7. Barnet Deanery Synod: Please see page 29 of the Report Booklet. REB reminded all that the meetings are open and all are welcome.

8. Mission Action Plan (MAP): Please see page 35 of the Report Booklet. Judith Reeve added that the MAP has been updated before we were required to do so and that it is an important document needed to facilitate growth which underpins everything and that there are many exciting plans ahead.

9. Safeguarding: Please see page 41 of the Report Booklet. Helen Schmitz added that we have a number of policies relating to Safeguarding and that there has been much discussion at PCC meetings. Both Helen and AG have completed Diocesan Safeguarding Training and all were reminded to come forward with any concerns they have regarding children and vulnerable adults.

The reports were proposed by Peter Sansom and seconded by Marion Powell and were accepted en-bloc.

10. Elections

a) PCC Members: Lynn Jones and Janet Turner both stood down at the end of their terms. Both were thanked for their work and were presented with a gift.

There were four, three year vacancies.

Elaine Hartland (proposed by Gary Dakin and seconded by Jenny Dakin),

Judith Reeve (proposed by Robert Burt and seconded by Anne Throup),

John (Bill) Simpson (proposed by Elaine Hartland and seconded by Gary Dakin)

Maureen Townsend (proposed by Emma Kidd and seconded by Lauren Townsend)

were all elected unopposed.

There was also one, one year casual vacancy to which

Brenda Woodman (proposed by Robert Burt and seconded by Anne Throup)

was elected unopposed.

There was one, one year vacancy for a Deanery Synod Representative.

John Schmitz (proposed by Helen Schmitz and seconded by Jeremy Schmitz) was elected unopposed.

All elections were unanimously approved.

b) Welcomers: Jean Burt, Jenny Dakin, Ann Davy, Jean Emmans, David Hartland, Steve Jones, Joan Kilburn, Jean Stacey, Phil Townsend and Sue Warren were all unanimously elected en-bloc. Churchwardens may also add to this list over the course of the year.

c) Churches Together in Potters Bar: Steve Jones stated prior to the meeting that he was happy to continue as our representative and was unanimously approved.

11. Finance

a) Finance Report: Steve Jones had sent his apologies and prepared his report for Phil Townsend to read out.

REPORT ON FINANCIAL MATTERS

Year Ended 31 December 2018

The Financial accounts were prepared by our Independent Auditor, from records and draft figures supplied by the Treasurer, and have been approved by the PCC on 13 March 2019. Copies of the formal documents are available to view, but a more simplified format has been provided as a handout.

I hope the following will assist in understanding the figures

1) Net Assets have reduced this year by almost £100,000. This is largely due to the cost of the replacement of the Church Floor which is shown in the accounts as an extraordinary item £96,307. £86,421 of this was funded from the balance of the very generous legacy we received from the late Phyllis Hawkes.

2) These assets, which total just over £280,000 are split between Bank Deposits Accounts and our Investment Funds. The former are available as instant access, and the latter, the value of which depends on market fluctuations, can be realised within a very short timescale.

3) The Total Incoming Resources amount to £126,721, and this is detailed within the figures. Expenditure, discounting the Capital Project in (1) above amounts to £127,692, so on the face of things it looks as if the entity

that is The Church of King Charles the Martyr is just about operating at break-even point. But this masks the reality that the 'Halls Complex' actually returned a profit of £24,797 (£55,691 - £30,894) so that if this was taken out of the equation, the 'Church' would be seen as running at a loss amounting to nearly £26.000.

4) Looking at these figures in another way, and translating into weekly amounts, the church is receiving in from the aggregate of Giving, Donations, Fund Raising and Investments approximately £1365 and spending £1860. This leaves a shortfall of nearly £500.

5) What does this mean? As Treasurer my role is really only to present the facts. But given we have ambitious plans for the growth of our church, and we do need to keep a reasonable capital reserve for the upkeep of our buildings, it is pretty important that we do what we can to increase money coming into the church. Rev. Atalie has talked about stewardship in recent sermons, and I am sure our church members will continue to consider prayerfully, how they can help with this situation.

Steve Jones
Hon. Treasurer
23 March 2019

b) Financial Statement and Audited Accounts: The Accounts were prepared and displayed prior to the meeting. The Accounts were unanimously accepted, proposed by Phil Emmans and seconded by John (Bill) Simpson.

c) Appointment of Honorary Auditor: Thanks were expressed to Neil Hewitt of Brennan, Pearson and Co. who continues to audit our accounts free of charge. Neil Hewitt was unanimously appointed auditor and thanks were expressed to Steve Jones and the Finance Committee.

12. Reports

The following reports can all be found in the Report Booklet and were all accepted en-bloc:

Altar Servers

Brownies

Charlie's Angels
Children's Groups
Choir
Christian Aid
Churches Together in Potters Bar
Community Café
Men's Group
Messy Church
Mothers' Union
Music Group
Rainbows
Reading for Pleasure
School's Work
Scouts
Seedtime
Wednesday Break

AG noted that we do lots of different things here that form part of the church and the local community and all who contribute were thanked. The reports were proposed by Robert Burt and seconded by Ed Sullivan.

13. Vicar's Report

It is a joy to continue to serve Christ in this place, to get to know this community better and to be able to support and lead you as we grow together in the faith of Christ.

Growth of course is only possible through the dedication of many of you, who contribute hours of your time each month to this place -to do the flowers, to welcome, to look after the finances, to serve, to make us tea and coffee after services, to do battle with the sound system, to operate the screen, to clean, to work with our children, to support our older people, to take communion to people at home, to serve in the café, to sing in the choir and lead the music and many other jobs and roles.

Not least among you, as we have noted, are our outgoing Churchwardens, Phil and Robert, their wives Jean and Jean. And I wish to add my personal thanks to them for their service.

The APCM booklet shows the diversity of activities that are offered here at KCM.

Of course, over time things may wax and wane, over the past year some of the activities that we have offered have changed their format – Mother’s Union now meet as Diocesan members and we were pleased to be able to host the Diocesan AGM last June, and we gave thanks for the work of the Mother’s Union at KCM at an evening service the other week.

Wednesday break has altered its format and the group goes out for lunch once a month.

And as groups alter how they meet we have seen new things begin to happen – the Dementia friendly service, regular monthly evening services, and there are other events and activities planned as part of our new Mission Action Plan -watch this space.

I continue to keep busy with things both within the parish, in the town and at a diocesan level.

We see a steady number of occasional offices with five baptisms and ten funerals since the last APCM, and this year we have two weddings and a blessing after 40 years of marriage booked in the diary.

I regularly take Holy Communion to nine people in their own homes and spend time visiting our members in hospital and at home.

I am working closely with the other church ministers in Potters Bar to follow up on the success of the holiday club from last summer (the video of which we have chance to see again this evening at the end – to give our catering team a bit more time to set up) and we will host a new group for Christian teenagers from across the town that will start in May.

Churches Together in Potters Bar is running another holiday club this year – The Guardians of Ancora. Please do consider how you can commit to this outreach, working with other Christians across the town - we are making a real impact on people’s lives.

On a diocesan level

- I have been elected to Diocesan Synod from the deanery.
- I have continued my work with the ‘Sacramental Youth’ group looking at how we support young people who are involved in sacramental ministry.
- I have had meetings with the Diocesan Children’s Enabler and Diocesan Youth Officer and from these meetings the PCC has agreed to work towards children receiving communion before confirmation and have committed to a year’s funding for a part time Children’s and Family Worker.

- I am working on the Clewer Initiative, the Church of England's Modern Day Slavery partnership. I work with local organisations across the county to further our understanding of modern day slavery, how we can help those who are enslaved and how we can prevent it.
- I am the admin secretary for the diocesan clergy conference in September 2020, working with other members of clergy and laity to plan and deliver a 4-day residential for the diocesan clergy next year.

The life of a vicar is not a quiet one, and this year we are hosting the Archdeacon's visitation in May – when our new wardens will be sworn in, a confirmation service in May with Bishop Stephen Venner and the Bishop of St Albans will join us in July to rededicate the church building after the work that has done.

We continue to see new growth at KCM and for this we thank God for all that we have received and for all that we can give back to our community.

We have a lot to be thankful for, to rejoice in and it is essential that we remember to hold all things in prayer before God.
Please do let me know if you have any special prayer requests.

Yours in Christ,



The Revd. Atalie Gaines.

14. Any Other Business

There was no other business raised.

The Meeting was closed with prayer and the Grace at 8.20pm and all retired to the Margaret Old Hall for refreshments provided by the Café team who were thanked.

APCM REPORTS 2020

ALTAR SERVERS

We have four regular servers, David Simpson, Janet Turner, Lynn Jones and Steve Jones plus Jonathan Burt who assists us at least once a month and Bill Simpson when requested.

Due to the indisposition of Anne Throup, Bill Simpson has now taken over Widow Twankee's Laundry Service and very kindly washes and irons all the linen we use.

David, Janet, Lynn and Steve are all members of the Company of Servers, and David is the current Membership Secretary.

What do the Servers actually do apart from looking like angels on a Sunday morning?

Assist at the Altar by setting it up for Holy Communion on a Sunday morning and other services, checking the linen and topping up and lighting the candles and also setting up for Holy Communion for Morning Worship

We also assist the Vicar by making sure she is properly dressed and in the right colours and stands in the right place and reads the right prayers. We are pleased to be able to report a consistent success rate.

We have now been with Atalie, for just over two years and consider she has shaped up to our high standards extremely well and we all enjoy working with her and helping to choreograph the important Sunday Services as well as the usual weekly services.

We continue to look forward to serving King Charles the Martyr Church for many years to come notwithstanding we are in our senior years.

David Simpson
Sacristan

5TH POTTERS BAR BROWNIES

At the beginning of January the Brownies chose to work on their Know Myself Skills Builder Reflect during this term. For this Skills Builder the Brownies reflect on themselves as who they are and also those around them.

One Saturday during January we all went to the Odeon at Hatfield to see the new Mary Poppins Film. This was an organised event by Girlguiding where Rainbows, Brownies and Guides could all see the same film at the same time on the same day. There were over 50,000 girls across the country who took part. We looked at Guiding and how big the organisations around the world are – our Guiding Family is very large and is in over 150 Countries around the world.

In February we had a special Promise Celebration in the Church where 5 new Brownies made their Promise.

In March we had a special Thinking Day Celebration which we had planned previously. Also during the evening we celebrated Atalie getting a service award and Robin getting her Catering Qualification. We had a fantastic time celebrating World Guiding with our Brownie friends.

We looked at Emotions and how we feel when we encounter different things. At the end of term we completed a Hoppy Easter Challenge.

We have had many Brownies complete the new Interest Badges which include, Aviation, Baking, Collecting, Performing, Local History and Charities Badges. They are having a great time learning new and exciting skills along the way.

After the Easter Holidays the Brownies worked on the Have Adventures Skills Builder Explore. We took part in some of Potters Bar's events such as St Georges Day Parade and the Potters Bar Carnival. Being part of the community shows what a wonderful place Potters Bar is.

We had 2 Brownies make their Promise and sadly said goodbye to 3 of our older Brownies. To celebrate we had a Special Festival Evening.

To celebrate the birth of Baby Archie we learnt how to make a pop up card – this was quite tricky and the results were amazing. Brown Owl sent them to Kensington Palace and we got a reply during the summer holiday from the Duke and Duchess of Sussex to say thank you – we were very lucky.

During Half Term in May, 7 Brownies and 2 Leaders joined over 50 other Brownies and their Leaders at a Jamboree especially for Brownies – this was called a JamBrownee!! It was held at our London World Centre, Pax Lodge. While we were there we met Brownies from all over the Country and some Brownies from Australia and America. There were also Leaders there from Uganda and New Zealand.

There was a special District Event where all the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides all got together for an afternoon of fun. It was lovely to celebrate Guiding with all our Guiding Family from around Potters Bar. We finished the term with more fun outdoors where we did a 4 Elements Challenge. Sadly the weather wasn't that great as there was more of the water element there than we would've liked in the form of Rain! But we still had a great time!! It was a very busy term but we have had so much fun!

We have continued to support KCM this term. At the Harvest Church Parade in September we bought donations of foods for Potters Bar Food Bank and had an amazing response. We were also fortunate this term to have a tour of the Church where the Brownies got to find out all the hidden secrets of KCM!! What is behind the curtain near the vestry? Does incense come in different flavours? All different questions asked by the Brownies!! We also had 5 Brownies make their Promise in the Church and had a special Super Hero Celebration.

At the end of September we had a MacMillan Coffee Open Evening for family and friends of the 5th Potters Bar Brownies. It was a great evening where we raised a fantastic total of £210!

In Parliament Week we had two of our local councillors Chris Myers and Chris Gray visit us. They talked a bit about their roles in the local community and also about our survey we did in the summer. This term

we also took part in the local Remembrance Parade, it was a very lovely service with many taking part.

We celebrated Christmas with the Uniformed Christingle supporting the Children's Society and our District Carol Service where we supported Shelter Box and Hygiene Bags. We had a joint Christmas Party with our Rainbows. We don't normally charge for our Christmas Party but this year we did at £2 each and made £110 for MacMillan.

The Unit has been working very hard towards the new Badges from the Programme with the most popular badges being Baking and Performing from the Express Myself Theme.

As a Brownie Unit we continue to thrive with a Unit of 33 Brownies and a healthy waiting list. Without the Leaders we wouldn't be able to carry out all these activities. We have all tried something new while enjoying the adventure and the new programme. So as you can see it was a very busy, and enjoyable year full of new and challenging activities for all!!!

NB Edit!! At the time of writing the final part of this Report things were changing in the world around us and for the future of Guiding. New challenges have been set and in 2020 it is going to turn out to be a very different way of Guiding!!

Karen Smale, Brown Owl

(The full 5 page report is available at the back of the church)

CHARLIE'S ANGELS

Charlie's Angels Toddler Group has been going from strength to strength, with new children and families joining us on a regular basis. We have bought new mats to create a baby corner and softer play areas, we have a reading and colouring corner, toy kitchen area, lots of toy babies, slides and ride ons (a firm favourite of the children). It is such a joy to see the children happy and to watch them growing up from tiny babies to toddlers.

A big thank you to Janet, Sue, Marion, Maggie and Margaret for all their hard work and for making the families feel so welcome.



CHILDREN'S GROUP

Our Sunday morning children's groups run during the 11am Morning Worship service. We have been using material from the Mosaic books from Scripture Union, which include Bible stories, games, music, arts and crafts, and drama, for all ages. Numbers of children vary between 3 and 10, with new children joining us on baptism services and for special events like the Nativity play.

We have recently bought a new notice board for the children's group room (MR3), and we are looking forward to starting to fill it up with the children's work.

The children's corner in church is also taking shape, with 3 new bookcases full of books and a soft rug to sit on. Colouring and puzzles are available every Sunday for the children to join in with.

Thank you to everyone who helps with Children's Groups, and for all your time spent planning fun learning activities for our children to enjoy.

Nikki Edwards
Children and Families Worker

CHOIR

This year has been quite a challenge for us in terms of our membership. With Anne and now Paul both suffering from long-term illness, this has exposed areas of the choir where recruitment is needed. I would like to express my own personal gratitude to Judith, who has been singing alto for quite some time now to cover for the absence of Anne. However, we are unable to cover the absence of the tenor part, so singing in full four-part harmony is not really an option at the moment.

I have managed to find a wealth of freely available music for smaller choirs. Some of these are arrangements of pieces we already sing, and some are pieces that will be new to us, but hopefully this will allow us to continue to sing anthems for every service. I believe it is very important that we make every effort to continue to do this, I want to avoid setting a precedent of replacing the anthem with a hymn because there are fewer of us than normal - there are plenty of pieces that could be sung in unison if necessary. Also, I have written two anthems of my own - perhaps we will get the chance to perform these at some point.

For our Evensong services and for our Christmas Carol service, we are still able to call upon additional singers from the other churches in Potters Bar, and some from even further afield, but this is not the same as having a full choir of singers from our own congregation. Recruiting 'ready-made' choristers who already have plenty of singing experience is quite difficult, as more often than not they are already singing in a church choir somewhere. So unless we are able to encourage new joiners from within our own congregation it will not be easy to find a short-term solution for this problem.

One possibility I would like to explore is setting up a choir for children in the area. This would not be exclusive to church members and would hopefully bring more young people into the church, with the hope being that they might like to join the main choir at some point in the future. Obviously this does help our current situation, but it will hopefully help secure the future of the choir and perhaps increase the congregation for the 9.30 Sunday service.

In spite of the difficulties we have faced this year, I am pleased with the way we have coped. We have continued to provide a high-standard of music, and our members have shown their commitment to attending both rehearsals and services. In particular, I enjoyed rehearsing and performing the music at our Carol service. The Evensong in October, where we had visiting choral director Jon Payne and organist Daniel Turner, was also a highlight. Although we had fewer choristers in attendance than I would have liked, I feel we gave a good account of ourselves, and I am sure that everyone went away feeling that they had learned something from the experience.

With the threat of coronavirus, the next few weeks or even months could see our opportunities to sing severely curtailed. All we can hope and pray for is that everything returns to normal as soon as is safely possible. This aside, I look forward to continuing my work here, with an emphasis on increasing our membership.

Simon Worley
Director of Music

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN POTTERS BAR

We continue to work in close partnership with our brothers and sisters across the town.

The regular Saturday morning prayer meetings continues to be well attended by a faithful few, and anyone is welcome to join us at 8am on the first Saturday morning of the month as we pray for the town.

The 2019 Good Friday Walk of Witness and Thy Kingdom Come events were well attended. We walked from St Mary's to Potters Bar Baptist Church along the A1000, stopping to pray for the community on the way.

The Dementia friendly service that we host monthly at KCM is going well, and attended by people from across the town for whom mainstream church is too much and is a simple service followed by tea and cake.

The Holiday Club – Guardian's of Ancora themed, was a great success last summer and we hope to be able to replicate that this year, with a change

of venue to Pope Paul School whilst the venue we used at Mount Grace school is rebuilt in time for us to return in 2021.

Over 80 children attended across the course of the week and we have made contact with families from across Potters Bar as we were oversubscribed.

The follow up to the holiday club is a Discover Christmas event at St John's on a Saturday afternoon before Christmas. The nativity story is acted out and children take part in crafts and activities before ending with an act of worship.

There is so much for us to be grateful for as we work alongside our Christian brothers and sister in Potters Bar, please do keep the outreach and missional work that we are doing together in your prayers.

The Revd. Atalie Gaines

CHURCHWARDENS

This report covers the time from April 2019 to April 2020 – a time when we were all plunged into uncharted waters which shocked and frightened us all. Who'd have thought we would be in the situations that we are now.

We assumed the role of Church Wardens with awe and trepidation – learning on the job so to speak. We had to learn fast, taking over the role from two very experienced Wardens, Phil and Robert. We learnt how to open up the Church; how to ring the bell and when to ring the bell and we started the process of learning what was involved in gaining a Faculty.

Together we walked the Church and the Halls to provide us with a starting point to audit what was required.

The lightning conductor was tested as safe though the electricians required considerable repairs and that extensive journey began with wiring and light replacement, also replacing some seriously old wiring to the organ

and a considerable amount of work and expense ensued to enable us to achieve our safety certificate.

We looked to develop a Wardens 'Team' and remain incredibly grateful to Gary, John, Bill and Elaine who are a great support at all times.

The heaters were clunking and were in need of considerable repair and some have had motors renewed – again at a cost but hopefully should make the services in winter a little less noisy!

The demise of the oak tree was a disappointment to us all, however it was condemned as it was rotten inside and proved to be a dangerous risk. It took a while to be finally removed and we are considering a replacement maybe for the 80th Anniversary of KCM.

The level of sound in the church for services and odd radio programmes playing at times caused considerable irritation. We had a number of quotes to repair and renew the sound system and some were very expensive indeed. However, the system has been completely updated and overhauled at a much-reduced price and we don't have Radio 2 any more on a Sunday!

Rev Tim Seago, Area Dean, carried out the Archdeacon's visit where he looked at documentation; checked how we were carrying out our duties and his comment was, "I'm desperate to find something wrong!" From that we were grateful to find out that 'so far, so good!'

The PCC agreed to a digital screen in the lobby to increase communication to our community especially to the hall hirers to show how much happens in our church and in the halls.

Throughout the year we have met regularly with Rev Atalie to discuss how we can support our community and to discuss necessary repairs which are ongoing. We report to the PCC at every meeting to share the work we have been doing and to check that we have funding.

With Atalie, we attended the 'Reaching New People' course every Tuesday evening in January and February. We were fortunate to meet

some great people on the course and we were able to share ideas and learn new ones. Unfortunately, the pandemic has put a stop to some of the ideas we had and hopefully we can develop these in due course.

We have also met with Lee, our gardener, and we were grateful for help from our wonderful community when we had a gardening morning to clear and tidy the gardens around the Church.

We have learnt how to achieve a Faculty even when a global pandemic shuts everything down.

There are still ongoing projects – for example changing the fire escape from the halls and renewing the notice boards.

We were very honoured to be able to see the finished product of new furniture at the rear of the church. We are also very honoured to be able to serve our KCM community as Church Wardens and we continue to strive to do our best in what are some incredibly difficult times.

Phil Townsend
Helen Schmitz

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

As for most things, the past year has been “a game of two halves” for the KCM Community Café. For the first half we saw numbers of customers and turnover continue the upward trend. In the second half we reluctantly had to close the café in line with the government restrictions. There is a lot of truth in the adage that you “don’t appreciate what you have until it is taken away”. This has certainly been the case with the café with both volunteers and customers reporting just how much they have missed their Thursday dose of banter and laughter (not to mention the good food and especially the home-made cakes).

This year saw the introduction of a children’s corner with toys, books and activities which led to an increase in the number of parents and their young charges attending. We also built on the success of the monthly talks with the local undertaker attracting the biggest ever audience! We

also introduced a computerised ordering system which, after a few teething problems, has worked well.

In addition to the regular Thursday café, the café team has catered for a hugely successful Pancake party, the Morning Worship anniversary lunch and a number of other events.

However, the undoubted highlight of the year was the Christmas lunch. Unsurprisingly, the 85 tickets for a full three-course Christmas lunch with wine for £10, were snapped up within a week. The hall was beautifully decorated, and an extended team of volunteers did a simply magnificent job preparing and serving the food and by common consent, the meal was fantastic and the atmosphere (aided by a generous supply of wine) was memorable.

The KCM Community Café provides a friendly and accessible conduit to our church. A safe-haven where people can come and enjoy great food and experience an atmosphere of genuine Christian love. It is our opportunity to demonstrate that God makes a practical difference in our lives and that we want to share this with the community. The fact that this allows us to give away thousands to various good causes is the icing on the cake!

The KCM Community Café would not happen without the fantastic group of people who each week bake cakes, prepare food, set up tables, prepare the food, serve and entertain our customers, clear tables, wash up and do all the numerous other jobs. Thank you all. We hope to be back in some shape or form in September.

David Thomson

BARNET DEANERY SYNOD

Barnet Deanery Synod met three times during 2019.

13 February 2019 at St Michaels and All Angels, Borehamwood.

The speaker was Kate Peacock, our Diocesan Church Growth Officer, on the topic of Parish Mission and Implementing the MAP.

Briefly a parish needs to have:

- a clear mission and purpose together with clear lines of communication
- a working understanding of the role the church has within its local community
- a willingness to change and adapt
- lay and ordained ministers working together
- a welcoming to build relationships (especially to first time attendees)

Our second Synod meeting at Christ Church Little Heath (CCLH) on 4 June was a gathering from the deanery's churches under the title 'Sharing and Supporting Each Other'.

A very good supper was provided by CCLH church members before we went into breakout groups with various responsibilities, such as:

- Treasurers/ Churchwardens
- Those with Health and Safety warding responsibilities
- Church Administrators
- Children's Groups/ Youth Work

A lot was covered in groups, ideas exchanged and the chance to progress any of these matters were limited primarily due to Covid-19.

Our third Synod meeting of 2019 was on 10 October again at St Michael and All Angels, Borehamwood.

The speaker was the Revd Harry Steele, the Diocesan Growth Officer, on the subject of 'Leading Action Planning and Reaching New People'. LYCIG is a national charity and initiative to which our Diocese is linked. St Albans Diocese and our parishes can follow a variety of formats.

The second speaker was the Revd Louise Collins, vicar of St Michaels, concerning 'Creationtide Mission' work in Elstree and Borehamwood.

Robert Burt
Deanery Synod Representative

FINANCE REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The Financial Accounts were prepared from draft figures compiled by the Treasurer, by an Independent Examiner who had access to all bank records and invoices, and the on-going monthly balance sheet figures which split figures of Income and Expenditure between those relating to

'Church' and 'Halls'. Brennan Pearson & Co had prepared the formal documents on 05 March 2020 and these were presented to the PCC on 05 May 2020. Acceptance of the figures was proposed by Bill Simpson, seconded by Robert Burt and unanimously voted on by all present at that meeting. Copies of the formal documents are available to view. I would point out that we have for many years been indebted to Brennan Pearson and particularly to Neil Hewitt, who carries out his independent review for no fee, and is rewarded merely by a token gesture of some wine, gratuitously given by the church.

I would point out the following which hopefully will aid understanding of the figures:

1) In terms of Net Assets, we managed to hold our own this year, and in fact the figure showed a slight increase to £282,087.00 Our Investment Funds performed strongly and franked the reduction in the balance held as working capital in our Bank Accounts.

2) To give more detail to the figures for Incoming Resources and Expenditure, I have also made available a copy of my draft Profit and Loss Account, and the stark headline figure here is that we were in deficit by £27,117. For a number of years now it has been evident that the activities carried on via Halls Hiring Income has subsidised the running of what we would term as traditional Church Activities, and in 2019, the Halls alone delivered a net profit of £16,125, which when netted off, would see the 'Church' deficit increase to £43,242. A similar comparison using the 2018 figures computed this deficit at around £26,000, so evidently it is rising.

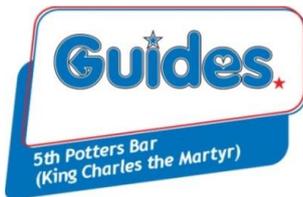
3) Looking at what we need to do in this situation is of course very difficult. And of course in the current year, 2020, we will inevitably take a substantial hit to monies coming in from hall hiring. Many of our costs are fixed and we have little control over these. But the Finance Committee and PCC are continuing to monitor what we spend and strive to get value for money in supporting those activities which, as a growing church, we feel it is right to prioritise. For the congregation as a whole, we appreciate that many people are doing all that they can, and for this we do thank them, and we thank God, but I think it does fall to me as Treasurer, to remind us all, that, despite our reserves, to which I refer in (1) above, we

cannot carry for more than a few years in this way, before we hit a position where we are 'cleaned out' and how tragic would that be! So a plea to all, to think prayerfully about what you can do to help, and if anyone, particularly those who are not enjoined into our regular planned giving schemes, would like some further information about these, I would be delighted to speak to you.

Steve Jones
Hon. Treasurer

For separate reports on Profit & Loss please see Appendix I at the end of this booklet. The Independently Examined Report can be found at the back of church or emailed to you.

5TH POTTERS BAR GUIDES



A new programme by Girlguiding was introduced at end of 2018 and we started the year getting to understand it more and implement the changes including, new Unit Meeting Activities (UMA's), Skills Builder activities, Interest Badges across the 6 themes, and a themes badge (need 1 Skills builder, 1 interest and for guides 300 minutes of UMA's for the theme). The programme is now the same for all sections, although the activities change with the age groups. The themes are: Know Myself, Express Myself, Be Well, Have Adventures, Take Action, Skills for My Future.

There are still activities that we normally do as well and include:

In October ready for the District Swimming evening we did swimming and water games in Furzefield Pool playing a version of water polo and volley ball and some team games. The KitKat Patrol (one especially made up for GPH) took part in Great Patrol Hunt all three rounds including the camping round in June.

We took part in the District weekend camp at Morven – 'MasterChef' was the theme with many challenges and activities based on outdoor cooking, cook your own and 'twist the dish' - making their own salsa was amazing.

KCM Events that we took part in: Parade service, Christingle and waitressing at the Christmas Fayre in the cafe working alongside the Scouts.

Autumn weekend at Bentley Heath as a mystery weekend which included a Ten Pin Bowling trip

At the end of 2019 went to the St Albans Pantomime - Sleeping Beauty - with the Brownies and Rainbows, (He's behind you, Oh no he isn't!!).

We have supported the District events including: supporting the District stall at the Potters Bar Carnival. Designer day (where the guides completed the Pamper Badge made up natural face masks) Swimming Gala, Carol Service and the St Georges Day parade with the Scouts

Summer Camp was at Come to Tolmers, where we camped as a District, a week of fun with loads of activities to choose from each day. The Wednesday is incident hike day and the girls did the unit proud coming in in the fastest time, just need to work on the teamwork element to come higher overall.

2020 started well until Covid 19 arrived. We joined in with the Macmillan mile District event, raising money for charity on the first weekend of March, just before Girlguiding suspended all face to face meetings.

Although not able to meet in person we have been Zooming with the few that can make it every week, continuing over the summer and will hopefully be able to meet outdoors at first and then indoors and get back to doing teamwork activities, or something that gives them life skills and confidence.

Willow and Lark
Carol Connah
Guide Leader

HALLS

2019 was another good year for the Halls financially, once again making a considerable contribution of £46104 to the running the church.

The electrical test for all whole building coincided with some of the light fitting needing replacement. So it was that the lights in the kitchen were replaced with LED ones, much brighter than the rather gloomy old fittings and they should last much longer as well as being cheaper to run. Various other items like circuit breakers had to be replaced in order to meet the new stricter electrical safety standards.

Chris Sullivan did some outstanding work out of hours, whilst also saving us money on standard costs. Once all the work was complete, we gained our safety certificate, needed for the 2020 quinquennial inspection.

Other minor repairs were carried out throughout the halls complex however the kitchen was where more money had to be spent, replacing the cooker and the flooring. The café generously helped paying 50% of the cost.

Work was started on the repair of the fire escape steps from the main hall, which changed due to the cost, into creating a new fire exit. This work is still on-going.

The halls management committee, which has continued to meet regularly, decided that from September, the cost of hiring the halls should increase. This is our normal practise every two years. My thanks to Lynn our administrator, to Laura our cleaner and Robert Burt and Revd Atalie for being part of the team.

Here, ends the 17th and last Halls Management Committee report as the committee has changed name to the Buildings Committee and will include the church as well as the halls in its care.

Phil Townsend
Chair, Halls Management Committee

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's group is organised mainly by David Simpson. We meet mostly during the third week in each month on a Wednesday or Thursday evening.

We meet mostly to have a meal; as this activity is the best supported or play dominoes or just have a chat, a drink and a social evening.

In fact it might be more appropriate to rename the group the "Men's Social Group" as we meet purely for social purposes and to enjoy ourselves.

We commenced on Tuesday 20 November 2013 and have met most months since then with usually about a dozen chaps in attendance. If you are a chap and have not attended then make sure you do and find out what you are missing, I can assure you that you will not be disappointed.

For the forthcoming monthly meetings we anticipate going to the golf driving range for the KCTM Masters, a walk in June to a Pub in the South Mimms area and in July we will probably have the "Royal Garden Party" with a buffet in my garden (subject to decent warm weather) when we usually include the wives/partners for additional company.

We will break for August and will then be arranging the programme for the Autumn with events along similar lines.

If you have not joined us yet please do so and see what fun you are missing.

David Simpson

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church has been a real joy to watch grow over the past year. We now welcome close to 30 children and their families every month, with regulars inviting friends and new families joining us regularly. Messy Church has become a real community, and people are always mentioning to me that a nice, welcoming atmosphere is created.

We have covered topics including: Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas, Faithful Sheep, and Loving and Sharing. Each month we offer 5 different activities including crafts, food and games, before going into church for a

short service and songs. We then join together in the hall for a light tea and chat.

This year we have also put on 2 Messy Church specials with the 'Light Party' in October and the 'Pancake Party' in February. These events drew in close to 100 people each, many of whom we do not normally see at church events. It was wonderful to celebrate the light of Jesus at the Light Party, and share his good news with so many. On both occasions we had some wonderful feedback, and everyone really enjoyed themselves.

A big thank you to all who help regularly at Messy Church and for those who also helped at our special events this year.

Nikki Edwards
Children and Families Worker



MISSION ACTION PLAN 2017-2022

A new MAP was devised in 2019 and has been reviewed by the PCC and was reviewed three times during the year. It is a live document which shapes our mission and changes and develops as we go. It is pleasing to report that good progress has been made despite lockdown as we have adapted to new ways of being and doing church.

Priority 1: Going Deeper into God - To enable church members to grow in faith.

A four-week Lent course was started but after two weeks members had to complete the study at home due to Covid 19. However, a new virtual Bible Study Group has formed and continues. During Lockdown live online services and webcasts have taken place as well as thoughts, prayers, links to other resources. This has brought church to those who have not been able to attend from our own parish and further afield. It is planned to continue this form of outreach.

Mrs Nicki Edwards was appointed in March 2019 as our Children and Families worker and her hours increased in January 2020. This has been a huge development and even in lockdown 90 families have received weekly newsletters, activities and resources. A small Youth Group has been started and Rev. Atalie has been working with St Giles and Cranbourne Schools.

We need to develop the prayer life of the church through prayer groups, partners and weekly themed prayers.

We also plan to join the 'Inclusive Church' and 'Eco Church' initiatives with Helen and Emma taking the lead on these.

Priority 2: Transforming Communities and Making New Disciples - To enable and get to know those who use our church facilities.

This area has been the most affected by lockdown. However, a successful pancake party with Messy Church and Café Volunteers was held. The digital noticeboard advertising church activities is in place.

Weekly on-line quizzes have also taken place.

This area will become a priority once our hirers start to come back.

Priority 3: Transforming Communities and Making New Disciples - to reach those in our local area and the parish who do not know us.

Social Media has been used effectively during lockdown to reach out to people. Our new noticeboards have been approved and will enhance our outreach opportunities.

Our links with the Potters Bar Food Bank have been strengthened and we were able to offer them temporary storage.

We are proposing to hold a post-lockdown exhibition once restrictions are further lifted.

We need to establish volunteers to cover the parish with welcome packs and free vouchers for tea and cake once everything is back in place.

Plans are in progress for our 80th anniversary which provides a great opportunity to involve our community.

Finally, our thanks to Revd. Atalie, the Churchwardens and support team who have seen us through this extraordinarily difficult and unprecedented period.

Judith Reeve

MOTHERS' UNION

Although we are now a Diocesan Members Group instead of a Branch we still meet regularly on the first Tuesday of the month with refreshments at 10.45am before we go into church at 11am for fellowship and prayer.

Last August we went out for a meal together.

In November, two of us went to St Augustine's Church in Luton to hear what had been happening in the Diocese regarding Mothers' Union and to listen to Revd Atalie's talk on Modern Slavery. While there I collected a number of both men and women's toiletry bags which another Mothers' Union Branch in the Diocese had made and later took them to Barnet Hospital where they were gratefully received by one of the wards as emergency bags for people who come into hospital who haven't had time to collect such items together.

Please keep the work of the Mothers' Union worldwide in your prayers.

Thank you

Jean Burt

Mothers' Union Leader

MUSIC GROUP

The highlight of the past year has to be the 30th anniversary of the beginning of Morning Worship. I am fortunate enough to have been involved almost from the beginning of the original vision of Ray, Di Williams and Margaret Old. Their vision was to create an informal family service and we must have got something right as it's still going strong!

For the actual service many members from the past who have moved away were invited and on the day the church was packed. It was great to welcome back Phil Thain who was our drummer in the past and with Simon on the keyboard and of course our singers including Penny back for the day, I believe our worship was truly honouring to God. Special thanks to David Thomson for organising and coordinating the service and as usual thanks to the Café team who pulled out all the stops for a fabulous after service lunch. It was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with some old faces.

I would personally like to thank Simon and all the singers for all their hard work and their musical skills - it certainly makes leading the worship much easier with your support.

For the past three years or so I have chosen the songs that constitute the Morning Worship but I became increasingly aware that a fresh vision was required and so I have now relinquished that role. So you can expect to be hearing some new songs in the future... and not before time I can hear some people say! Grateful thanks to Simon and the team who have now taken on this role.

Finally, thanks to those who voice their appreciation of what we the worship team attempt to do on a Sunday, and that is to give thanks, praise and glory to God the Father, his Son and the Holy Spirit, and I trust that this will remain central to our worship.

John Davy

READING FOR PLEASURE

Now in our ninth year the second Friday of the month sees a lively group of eight meeting together in the lounge for coffee and discussion. There is always laughter and good company. We have read and discussed: Blue Monday by Nicci French, Alexander Smith's first detective novel, An Officer and a Spy by Robert Harris, Poetry by 20th Century writers of our own choice, Solo by William Boyd which is a James Bond sequel, Career of Evil by Robert Galbraith and Heads You Win by Jeffrey Archer. We also enjoyed sharing our holiday reading and swapping books. We did not have a meeting in October as too many members were unable to attend.

Socially we have enjoyed a trip to the Regents Park Open-Air Theatre to see Evita on another sweltering afternoon with our usual seats. We also enjoyed a splendid Christmas lunch at the Red Lion in Hatfield.

We hope that Anne will be able to return to us soon. Our thanks to Brenda for getting so many books from the Library for us. They provide a good service, well worth the £25 fee.

Why not come along?

Judith Reeve
Coordinator

SAFEGUARDING

This report is to give you information as to how we, at KCM, adhere to, and follow the legislation and to state whether the PCC has '*complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults)*).

We take Safeguarding very seriously and have put together a number of policies to provide a framework for our work here at King Charles the Martyr Church. These are regularly reviewed and updated by the PCC. The policies can be viewed on our website kcm-church.org.uk; outside the office or you may request to see a written copy.

Our key messages are:

The welfare of the child, young person and vulnerable adult is at all times paramount, and takes precedence over all other considerations
Safeguarding is part of our core faith and an integral feature of Christian life in our church.

Staff and key members of the PCC have been trained in Safeguarding courses run by the Diocese and through online training.

DBS checks for everyone on the PCC have been carried out as have for those working with children's groups and vulnerable adults. We offered in-house training to members of the PCC and our volunteers who help with Messy Church and children's groups.

We continue to review how we safeguard information that we keep within our church community.

We are aware that a number of us need to revisit training in Safeguarding and will do so as soon as training through the Diocese is available. The current pandemic has challenged us all in many, many ways. We are mindful of the changes in our church community and the need to be continually vigilant. If you do have any concerns for any child or vulnerable adult please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be contacted through the church office.

Helen Schmitz
Parish Safeguarding Officer

SCHOOL'S WORK

Over the past year I have been supporting St Giles' School (whilst the parish is in vacancy), with acts of worship twice a month and regularly visiting Cranborne School to take assemblies.

Cranborne and Lochinver schools have both brought classes to visit the church to find out more about the building, how we worship and what the vicar does. I have been well supported by Nikki, our Children and Families worker on these visits.

Nikki and I, have been working alongside Cath Hawes who is the Children's Worker at Christ Church Little Heath to support schools with their end of year transition activities for year 6 as they move onto secondary school. As we were unable to visit to take assemblies and lead activities videos were recorded and packs sent for each pupil for the school to distribute. We have had positive feedback and hope to be able to deliver these in person in 2021.

The Revd. Atalie Gaines
Vicar

5TH POTTERS BAR SCOUT GROUP

The Group

The Group is still thriving with large numbers of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts enjoying varied activities all year. We still have plenty of Scout Leaders, just enough Beaver Leaders (although we need at least one other Leader), and we have now recruited another Cub Leader, Phil Day. Also Peter Durrant is now 18 and has turned from a Young Leader to an Assistant Cub Leader. John Rowley has taken a step back from the day to day running of Scout Meetings, but is still involved with the Group, and we thank him for all his efforts to help run a successful Scout Troop. All sections helped at church bazaar and took part in the town Remembrance Day parade.

Ongoing work has been carried out on the Scout headquarters last year to keep it up to standard and we still have 2 Jays Nursery using the hut every weekday during term time and the income we receive is most welcome.

Many thanks to all the Leaders and the time and effort they put into making the 5th Potters Bar a large and successful Group, and all parents who have served on the Executive Committee, and helped the Group fundraise at various events during the year.

Chris Brunning
Acting Group Scout Leader, Scout troop.

The Scouts

Last May the Scouts learned about global warming, repaired and repainted the wooden green camp patrol boxes. They were first made in about 1972, now that's good value and good for the environment! Later they

brushed up on scouting skills for Whitsun camp which was a group camp at Tolmers campsite where Cubs, Beavers and Scouts all camped together. In June we held our 80th anniversary camp, this was a family camp also at Tolmers and on Saturday afternoon we held a pig roast to which many former members and parents came. Summer camp was in the Lake District on a farm on the shores of Ullswater where they went canoeing, rock climbing and visited an agricultural show. We attempted an overnight hike but the weather was so wet we returned back to our main campsite. In the autumn we held an overnight pancake hike, where the ingredients were collected as problems were solved en route, 6 of our older Scouts completed the requirements for the Chief Scout's Gold award and they will be presented with their awards at the end of March. We had 3 teams in the county Green-Beret competition in the autumn.

In November we attended the town remembrance parade and helped at the Christmas bazaar. Two Scouts went with the Cub leaders to collect the Peacelight from a service in Luton and then brought the light into KCM for our own Peacelight service and the light was used to light the candles at the Christmas Eve Christingle Service.

In the spring 2020 term we had a visit to the church and learned about the Christian faith, did origami, a night hike, learned items for the navigator's stage 3 badge and had a cooking evening.

Cub pack

We have been very busy in the last few months with cubs enjoying our Hike Camp Nature Trail. We have done lots of badge work investing 10 new Cubs and welcomed two new leaders, one of whom has been with us for 3 years as a young leader. We have been cooking and produced lots of campfire food including cakes cooked in oranges and making our own dough. We attended both Family and Group Camp. We were also thrilled to win this year's Shepard Cup and Ready Steady Cook competition as well as coming second with our carnival float celebrating public services. We have lots of events, meetings and camps planned for this year also. The Beavers have run their usual activities during the year.

WEDNESDAY BREAK REPORT TO THE APCM 2019

Wednesday Break has become a more social group that meets once a month at various local restaurants. If you are interested in attending, please come and speak with us. David and Mavis Simpson

APPENDIX ONE

Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 21 December 2019