

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF THE PARISH OF SAINT JOHN AND SAINT LUKE CLAY HILL
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in “promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical” (PCC Powers Measure 1956). The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of its two churches, St. John’s and St. Luke’s, and two halls.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our churches and to become part of our parish community at Clay Hill. The Parish has developed a Mission Action Plan which provides a framework for current and planned activities to achieve this objective, which focuses on Worship & Prayer, Teaching & Nurture, Care & Service, Mission & Outreach.

In worship and prayer, we aim that those who come to the Sunday Eucharist in one of our churches will feel that they have been drawn into closer contact with God, that their spiritual journey has been accompanied by a supportive church community, and that they have been equipped for the week ahead.

In teaching and nurture, we aim to provide members of our congregations and of the wider parish with opportunities to grow in their ability to understand, reflect on and articulate the Christian faith through the provision of teaching at a level that is appropriate.

In care and service, we aim to offer pastoral care in particular to people living within the parish, to enter into creative partnerships with community and other groups, and to encourage and support individual members of the congregation in the roles of active service that they undertake.

In mission and outreach, we aim to find creative ways to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to our parish and to invite people into the life of the Church.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The parish has again successfully participated in the Haringey and Enfield Churches Winter Night Shelter Project under the umbrella of the organisation “*All People All Places*”. This is a church-based ‘rolling shelter’ run by volunteers, providing food and shelter overnight during the winter months. Each night of the week up to 12 guests are hosted by a different church and St Luke’s Church hosted the shelter on Friday nights from 6th January until 11 March 2016. During 2016, the parish’s participation was reviewed, funds raised and training provided for involvement in 2017 (to start 4 January 2017 for 12 weeks).

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A House Group was formed in May, meeting monthly for Christian discussion and socializing. The group has discussed themes such as What the Bible says about Money, and the Work of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives.

A monthly half hour Children's Service has been introduced at St John's Church on the third Sunday of the month, with songs, a short bible reading, interactive talk, and prayer.

A Parish Profile, available within both churches and at http://www.clayhillparish.org.uk/parish_profile.pdf, has been developed on the advice of the Diocesan Bishop of Edmonton, which describes the conditions, needs and traditions of the Parish, enabling applicants for the vacancy of incumbent to make informed decisions.

Worship and Prayer

The monthly schedule of services outlined below was followed. During the Interregnum, the times of the weekday services at St Luke's were occasionally altered.

St. John's Church:

First Sunday:	6pm	Evening Prayer in the Jean Price Hall
Third Sunday during School Term:	9.30am	Children's Service
All other Sundays:	9am	Sung Eucharist
	6pm	Evening Prayer in the Jean Price Hall

St. Luke's Church:

First Sunday:	10.30am	Family Eucharist and Church Parade
All other Sundays:	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Tuesdays:	8am	Morning Prayer
	5pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesdays:	9am	Morning Prayer
	9.15am	Said Eucharist
	5pm	Evening Prayer
Thursdays:	8am	Morning Prayer
	6.45pm	Evening Prayer
	7pm	Meditation
Fridays:	8am	Morning Prayer
	5pm	Evening Prayer

The average weekly attendance for services at St. John's was 40 for Sunday mornings and 5 for evenings; at St. Luke's it was 45 for Sunday mornings and 12 for weekdays.

During the year, 9 Baptisms, 0 Confirmations, 10 Weddings, 9 Funerals, 5 Crematorium or Cemetery Funerals, and 7 Interment of Ashes were conducted.

Special services included Epiphany, Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes, Stations of the Cross, Candlemas, Palm Sunday Blessing of Palms and procession between the two churches, Maundy Thursday Eucharist, Good Friday Solemn Liturgy service, Easter Eucharist, Mothering Sunday, Birth of St John the Baptist, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Harvest Festival, St Luke the Evangelist's Day Sung Eucharist, All Saints, All Souls, Remembrance Day, Advent Lights, Nine Lessons and Carols, Christingle, Christmas Eve Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Family Eucharist.

St. John's School held services in St. John's to mark important occasions in the church and

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school year. Lavender School and Barley Barn Nursery held Christmas celebrations in St. Luke's. Harrison's Funeral Home organised a Christmas memorial service in St. Luke's.

Sunday School is held in both churches during all Sunday morning services except on the first Sunday of each month, the Family Service and third Sunday of each month, the Children's Service at St John's.

Evening Prayer on Sundays in the Jean Price Hall at St John's is followed by a discussion group.

Meditation sessions are held each Thursday evening in the Lady Chapel of St. Luke's Church.

Joint evening services are held on the third Sunday of each month at Lancaster Road United Reformed Church.

The Mothers' Union meets monthly for a programme that includes socials, talks and services, with most of the activities supporting residents of the Parish and patients in Chase Farm Hospital. The group organises the local community singing group, The Clay Hill Singers, held at St. Luke's Church on Friday mornings during term time.

The Extended Choir, which includes members of the The Clay Hill Singers, contributes to special services.

The weekly parish service & newsheet records the Fellowship of Concern, noting parishioners or their friends/relatives for whom the congregation may pray and support.

The Parish has a sponsorship agreement with the 12th Enfield St John's and St Luke's Scouts, Cubs and Beavers who meet in the Parish and parade and participate at St Luke's Church at the Family Eucharist service. The Group willingly volunteer for tasks including church gardening, preparing beds for the Winter Night Shelter, and running the barbeque at Parish fairs.

Mission, Worship and Social Activities

A number of mission, worship and social events were held or attended during the year, including:

January

- Epiphany Service
- Winter Night Shelter
- Mothers' Union Annual Lunch for members and friends
- Soup Hunger Lunch with proceeds to the Church Urban Fund
- Renewal of the Church 100 Club membership (50% of funds raised are for the Parish General Fund).
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Ecumenical service for Christians in Enfield at the Enfield Baptist Church
- Fr Edward preached at St Paul's Cathedral Evensong
- Concert at St Luke's Church to raise funds for the Winter Night Shelter and introducing the work of the Asaph Christian Trust
- Joint evening service at Lancaster Road United Reformed Church

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February

- Ceildh with the Barney Band
- Mothers' Union Annual General Meeting
- Enfield Choral Society concert at St Luke's Church
- Winter Night Shelter
- Ash Wednesday sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
- Stations of the Cross service
- Sunday evening Lent Course: Prayers for Today's Church
- Weekly Reflections on Lent available on the parish website
- Joint evening service at Lancaster Road United Reformed Church
- Soup Hunger Lunch
- Candlemas service

March

- Roast Lunch and Good Companionship at the Rose and Crown public house
- Winter Night Shelter
- Sunday evening Lent Course: Prayers for Today's Church
- Looking Towards Easter: Prayers, music, reflection for Holy Week
- First Children's Service, St John's
- St John's School Lent Service
- Stations of the Cross service
- Lent Quiet Morning: Guided reflection for Lent
- Weekly Soup Hunger Lunches during Lent with proceeds to the Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry
- Mothering Sunday service
- Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- Palm Sunday Blessing of Palms and procession from St John's Church, through Hilly Fields Park, to St Luke's Church
- Maundy Thursday sung eucharist of the Lord's Supper, Washing of feet and Watch at the Altar of Repose
- Good Friday Children's Craft Day and Good Friday Service
- Good Friday Liturgy
- Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
- Easter lilies in memory of family members and friends
- Easter Sunday Family Eucharist at St John's with special collection for Compassion UK, raising £269
- Easter Egg Hunt
- "Organ Restoration: The Movie", Director Roy Tungatt, available on the Parish website
- Annual Church cleaning
- Joint evening service at Lancaster Road United Reformed Church

April

- Roast Lunch and Good Companionship at the Rose and Crown public house
- Mothers' Union open meeting themed "A Celebration of Faith", led by Margaret Blazey
- Concert: Music for Harp, Flute and Viola at St John's in aid of The Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry and Epiphany Arts Trust
- Joint evening service at Lancaster Road United Reformed Church
- Soup Hunger Lunch with proceeds to the Mothers' Union

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May

- Roast Lunch and Good Companionship at the Rose and Crown public house
- Parish Fair, raising £3401
- Ascension Sunday service
- Children's Service at St John's
- Pentecost Service
- North West Enfield Group of Churches combined service
- Christian Aid Week. Collections in the Parish raised £1715
- First House Group meeting with theme of "The work of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives"
- Trinity Sunday service
- Soup Hunger Lunch with proceeds to Christian Aid
- Joint evening service at Lancaster Road United Reformed Church
- Mothers' Union open meeting with talk given by Deven Lakhani of Hammonds Opticians

June

- Roast Lunch and Good Companionship at the Rose and Crown public house
- St John's Patronal Festival service, with Extended Choir, and Parish Lunch
- Soup Hunger Lunch with proceeds to The Mothers' Union
- Churchwardens re-sworn in by the Archdeacon of Hampstead
- Joint evening service at Lancaster Road United Reformed Church
- House Group meeting with theme of "What the Bible says about Money"

July

- Roast Lunch and Good Companionship at the Rose and Crown public house
- Joint evening service at Lancaster Road United Reformed Church
- Soup Hunger Lunch
- St. John's School end of year service
- PCC Supper
- Farewell Service Fr Edward, Anna, Elena and Gregory, with Bring & Share lunch

August

- Roast Lunch and Good Companionship at the Rose and Crown public house
- Parish Outing to St Paul's Cathedral
- Strawberry Tea for Breast Cancer Care in St Luke's Church
- Joint evening service at Lancaster Road United Reformed Church

September

- Roast Lunch and Good Companionship at the Rose and Crown public house
- House Group meeting
- Parish trip for Fr Edward's collation as Archdeacon of Hastings at Evensong, St Mary's, Rye
- Parish trip for Fr Edward's installation as Canon of Chichester Cathedral
- Children's Service at St John's church
- Mothers' Union open meeting with poetry and prayers led by Fr David Nash
- Soup Hunger Lunch in aid of the Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry
- Joint evening service at Lancaster Road United Reformed Church
- St Luke's Café reopens under new management following refurbishment

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October

- Roast Lunch and Good Companionship at the Rose and Crown public house
- Harvest Festival, collecting for the Enfield Food Bank and Winter Night Shelter
- Children's Service at St John's church
- House Group meeting
- Patronal Eucharist, and Extended Choir, followed by Bring and Share lunch
- Joint evening service at Lancaster Road United Reformed Church
- North West Enfield Group of Churches combined service
- Bingo evening for the general fund
- All Souls Day Requiem Eucharist, St Luke's Church
- Soup Hunger Lunch
- St. John's School Harvest Festival

November

- Roast Lunch and Good Companionship at the Rose and Crown public house
- House Group meeting
- Joint evening service at Lancaster Road United Reformed Church
- "Operation Christmas Child" Shoe Box Appeal
- Children's Service at St John's church
- Christ the King Service led by the Archdeacon of Hampstead at St Luke's
- Fundraising sale in aid of Froebel Family Support, St Luke's Church
- Mothers' Union open meeting with talk by Barbara Brown on the British Coast
- All Saints Day services
- Remembrance Sunday Service with Last Post, Reveille and Two Minutes Silence
- Soup Hunger lunch with proceeds to the Mothers' Union
- St John's School Remembrance Service
- Advent Lights service

December

- Roast Lunch and Good Companionship at the Rose and Crown public house
- Christmas Cracker Fayre
- Children's Christmas Craft day in St Luke's Church
- Parish Christmas card delivered to all homes in the Parish
- Parishioners donate towards the Church Urban Fund in lieu of sending individual Christmas cards
- St. John's School carol service
- Carol Service
- Christingle service
- Midnight Mass at St Luke's Church
- Christmas Day Family Eucharist at St John's Church

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC, Mary Englefield and Cheryl Graham, serve on the Enfield Deanery Synod which meets three times each year at different Churches in the Deanery. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church: The Diocese of London is divided into Episcopal Areas which are subdivided into Deaneries. The Parish is in the Enfield Deanery within the Episcopal Area of Edmonton. The principles of the Deanery Synod are the same as the General Synod, having the full Synod, The House of Clergy and the House of Laity. The Area Dean is Chair of the Deanery Synod

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and there is also a representative on the Diocesan Synod. Enfield is also fortunate in having representatives on the General Synod. Deanery Synod members are elected every 3 years, the current term is 2014 - 2017.

The meetings include talks, followed by discussion and are usually open meetings to which parishioners are welcome to attend. In 2016 the meetings have been:

- February, at St Andrews, Southgate;
- June, at Grace Church, Highlands;
- October, at All Saints Church, Edmonton.

Pastoral Care

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

The Parish sponsors the 12th Scout Group of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who meet in St. Luke's Hall and Stratton Avenue Scout Hut and participate in parade services.

The Community Café, Fields Coffee Shop, at St. Luke's Church is open between 9am and 4pm from Tuesday to Friday.

Members of the Parish participated in and supported the Clay Hill Winter Night Shelter during January and February 2016 and have prepared for the 6th January 2017 start.

The Clay Hill Singers, sponsored and run by the Mothers' Union, meet weekly at St. Luke's in term time and all are welcome to participate.

A knitting group, also organised by the Mother's Union, meets fortnightly at Woodbury Manor Residential Home.

Refreshments are offered to parents and children after school at St. John's on Mondays (2 – 4.50pm), Wednesdays (10.30am - 4.30pm) and Fridays (2 - 4.30pm) during term time.

Cards are sent to children to celebrate their Baptism, and on the first anniversaries of their Baptisms.

There are collections for the Enfield Food Bank in both churches and the Café, and the parish has an involvement with homeless suppers at Lancaster Road United Reformed Church.

A Craft Fair is held in St. Luke's church on the second Saturday of every month between noon and 4pm.

Mission and Evangelism

There is a monthly soup hunger lunch in one of the churches, with donations given to a charity supported by the Parish. This takes place weekly during Lent.

Throughout the year, a number of special collections were made at services which, together with Soup Hunger Lunches, enabled the parish to send a total of £2,021 to missionary

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activities. These included the Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry, The Childrens' Society, Christian Aid, Church Urban Fund, Compassion, the Diocese Lent Appeal, and the Mothers' Union. £3,087 was raised from a concert, grants and donations for the North Enfield Night Shelter.

The Parish supports the work of Compassion UK by sponsoring Immaculate who lives in Uganda, and has regular contact with her through letters and photographs. In addition, a number of individual members of the congregation also support this charity by sponsoring a child. Compassion's motto is "Christ centred, Child focused, Church based" and each project that is set up meets the following core needs: healthcare, education, vocational training, social and emotional care, and spiritual care in the most appropriate way for the children in that community.

The Parish supports the Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry which has a total of 150 children sponsored in Uganda who live with guardians in the community. The Children's Village now houses 26 children who are supported through 'Give a Child a Home' sponsors. The Nursery/Primary school has about 302 children attending in 7 classes. The last three classrooms were built in 2016 and the school will be full once classes 6 and 7 are in use in two years' time. 30 Protected Springs for clean water, each servicing about 200 people, have now been built and another will be built this spring. The charity also supports very poor families in particular circumstances, perhaps by building a replacement house (wood and mud with tin roof), replacing a roof or digging latrines. Healthcare is also undertaken when necessary. There continue to be new challenges for BOHCM as more need is identified.

Ecumenical Relationships

The parish is a member of the North West Enfield Group of Churches. The congregations of the churches meet three times a year for a combined service, rotating around the churches in the group, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, in Pentecost and during One World Week.

PRINCIPAL MATTERS CONSIDERED AT PCC MEETINGS

General

- Parish calendar
- Services
- Events, fundraising, trips
- Parish finances and Common Fund contribution
- Stewardship scheme and interim renewal campaign
- Incumbent and Interregnum arrangements, Sequestration fund
- Development of Parish Profile
- Policy for memorial inscriptions
- Table of fees revision
- Bequest arrangements and replacement grand piano
- Archive of Parish records of births, marriages, confirmations, funerals for the Metropolitan Archive website (@archive.com).
- Appointment of a Health & Safety Officer, preparation and adoption of a Policy, inspections
- Quinquennial Report actions for both churches and halls
- Electrical inspections of all buildings
- Children and Vulnerable Adults' Safeguarding report and audit, and review and display of

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policy statement

- Organist scholarship
- St John's School renovation and expansion of classroom
- St Michael's School admissions policy affecting St John's School entry
- Appointment of inspecting architect
- Parish garden plot proposal

St John's Church and Jean Price Hall

- Hall rental and maintenance
- Grounds maintenance
- Lych gate subsidence and underpinning
- Replacement heaters
- Removal of dead trees

St Luke's Church and Hall

- Hall rental and maintenance
- The Community Café refurbishment, management and contracts
- Remedial building works
- Replacement heaters
- Replacement electrical circuits
- Gutter clearance and roof inspection
- Renovation and maintenance of gutters, downpipes, roof covering
- Vestry rent
- Organ fund
- Grounds maintenance
- Rehousing of homeless person living in the grounds

Mission Action Plan and Capital Vision 2020

- Children's Service
- House groups
- Fundraising, training and participation in the *All People All Places* Winter Night Shelter scheme
- Shower installation for the Night Shelter
- Replacement beds for the Night Shelter
- Regular contributions to the Enfield Food Bank
- Compassion, child sponsorship, Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry
- Working with Lancaster Road URC to provide homeless suppers
- Ongoing arrangements for the extended choir
- Sponsorship of the 12th Enfield Scout Group
- Weekly meditation group sessions
- Ongoing development of the Mission Action Plan and publication on the parish website

FINANCIAL REVIEW 2016

Total income in 2016 (excluding property revaluations) was £150,368 and expenditure £118,120, with a surplus of £32,247. Unrestricted general operating income and expenditure (ie excluding special fund raising for renovations and repairs to churches and halls) were respectively £112,286 (8.4% more than in 2015) and £97,229 (3.7% more than in 2015) with

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a surplus of £15,058 compared to £9,794 in 2015. 2016 was the sixth consecutive year in which an increased surplus had been achieved. At the end of 2016, PCC bank accounts held £110,570 up from £95,824 at the start of the year and included £84,711 invested in the CCLA CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. This was distributed across St Luke's Church and Hall Improvements Fund (designated) £56,917, Legacies Fund (designated) £8,488, Night Shelter Fund (restricted) £3,502, Special Collections Fund (for Compassion and Bridge of Hope) (restricted) £527, St John's Renovation Fund (restricted) -£400 and the General Fund £41,658. In addition, the Interregnum Sequestration account had a net balance of £122 due to the parish.

Stewardship Scheme contributions and Income Tax refunds totalled £36,329 and represented 32% of general operating income (3.8% down on 2015). A further 45% of general income came from church and church Hall lettings and flat rent totalled £50,032, (14% up on 2015) due to increased lettings. Collections including Gift Aid envelopes and income tax refunds totalled £7,929 (12% down on 2015). Parish fees and donations and collections from baptisms, weddings and funerals totalled £8,639 (more than double that in 2015). Unrestricted fund raising activities (net of fundraising costs) raised £5,526 (12.5% down on 2015).

The whole of the £49,000 Common Fund for 2016 (6.5% up on 2015) was paid to the Diocese. £42,522 (30% up on 2015) unrestricted funds was spent on maintaining the two churches and providing a Christian ministry for the parish. The principal elements of this increase were the refurbishment of St Luke's Refectory and kitchen for £6,639 and £2,753 to clear the deficit to close the project to refurbish St Luke's pipe organ, both of which were funded from St Luke's designated Renovation Fund. A number of electrical repairs were also undertaken for £1,930 to resolve issues identified during the 5-yearly circuits inspection earlier in 2016.

£11,605 (39% less than in 2015) unrestricted funds were spent on maintaining the two church halls. The main reason for decrease was a one-off surveyor's valuation report undertaken in 2015.

£2,021, including recovered income tax (23% down on 2015), was raised from special collections and Hunger Lunches to support mission activities. £1,756 was disbursed to the Childrens Society (£545), Compassion (£445), Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry (£375), the Church Urban Fund (£203), the Mothers Union (£85), Christian Aid (£64) and the Diocese Lent Appeal (£40). In addition, £3,087 including recovered income tax was raised from a concert, grants and donations for the North Enfield Night Shelter. Shelter costs totalled £2,022 including £1,281 for the 2015/6 winter and £843 for new folding beds and mattress covers.

Refurbishment and Renovation Projects

During 2016, the blower of St Luke's pipe organ was replaced and six general thumb pistons were installed. £2,246 was raised from donations and recovered income tax. Expenditure totalled £8,056, net of VAT recovered from the Listed Places of Worship Scheme. In addition to the renovation of St Luke's refectory, a second hand coffee machine and six sets of tables and chairs were also purchased for £2,327 and capitalised for depreciation over four years.

St John's Renovation fund was reactivated for repairs to the lych gate. £200 was raised from donations and a structural survey cost £600.

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Legacies

A new designated Legacies Fund was set up for bequests received from the estates of the late Elsie Haslett (£24,388) and Annie Ettridge (£100). As no restrictions had been imposed on the bequests, the PCC agreed that part should be used for a replacement grand piano for St Luke's church as Elsie had been a long standing chorister. A refurbished Bechstein piano was purchased with a cover, A-frame and damp chaser for £16,000 and has been capitalised. The fund balance has been designated for repairs to St John's lych gate.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of this parish to try to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months of unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £24,000 and is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies.

Due to concerns about the parish's reliance on income from lettings of the church halls and hall flat, it is the policy of this parish to try to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds to cover unforeseen emergencies which equates to at least three months of hall income. This is equivalent to £8,000.

St Luke's Church half share of the proceeds of the sale of the Hawthorn Grove Hall in 2008 was set aside in a designated fund for improvements to St Luke's Church and Hall. That fund has to date been used for major improvements to St Luke's church including rewiring, a new heating system and refurbishment of the refectory and kitchen.

Both churches have had Quinquennial inspections during 2015, the cost of which is still to be estimated. The required remedial work includes high level repairs to St Luke's church and, in addition, recent storms have damaged the tiling on the side of the spirelet allowing rainwater to enter on a regular basis. Accordingly, it is the policy of this parish to set aside £30,000 for this work, the sum to be reviewed when estimates have been received.

A significant proportion (£45%) of parish income comes from lettings of St Luke's Hall and of the hall flat. However the decorative state of the building is in urgent need of attention. In addition the flat urgently requires replacement double glazed windows and door. Accordingly, it is the policy of this parish to set aside £30,000 for this work, the sum to be reviewed when estimates have been received.

It is our policy to invest as much of the parish's funds with the CCLA CBF Church of England Deposit Fund where 77% of total funds were invested at the end of 2016.

INTERREGNUM

We are proud that our Vicar, Fr Edward Dowler, has been selected as Archdeacon of Hastings and Canon of Chichester Cathedral, and wish him and his family well for their future.

We particularly wish to thank the clergy who have stepped in to lead our services during the interregnum and most especially Fr David Nash.

VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our parish the lively

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community that it is. In particular we want to mention our churchwardens – Mrs Elaine Plumb and Mr Ian Buswell at St Luke’s, Mrs Joan Young and Mrs Maureen Shapland at St John’s, and the Parish Administrator, Mrs Mary Englefield, and also David Young (verger at St John’s), Jakob Metson (organist) and John Wright (organist and Treasurer), Marion Berry (Stewardship Recorder), Michael Bird (Health & Safety Officer now retired), David Ryan (Church Safeguarding Officer), Cheryl Graham and Paul Bates (Children’s Champions). We also thank our Lay Readers (Andrew Reid and Roy Tungatt) and visiting clergy, together with all the other members of the PCC and congregation for their valuable contributions to our ministry and for keeping our churches and halls running.

PLANS FOR 2017

- To welcome a new Incumbent to the Parish.
- Recruit a new organist to follow John Wright’s retirement.
- To continue to develop the children’s service.
- Participation in the Winter Night Shelter scheme with review and planning for 2017/18.
- To further promote membership of the Stewardship Scheme for planned giving.
- To make the sermons available on the website in written form, as well as at present in audio.
- To further develop the House Groups for Christian discussion and socializing.
- To set up a Facebook account.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Measures. The PCC is a registered charity.

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the Incumbent (our vicar), two churchwardens for each church, two representatives to the Deanery Synod, two Lay readers, all of whom are automatically *ex officio* members, and up to nine (where the Electoral Roll stands at 100 or less) or 12 (where the Electoral Roll stands at 101 or more) members elected each year at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) by the members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the parish. Up to three additional members may be co-opted during the year. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The parish’s current register of electors has a membership of 105 parishioners. Eight persons were elected as members of the PCC at the APCM on 6 March 2016.

At the Annual Meeting on 6th April 2008, it was agreed that the Churchwardens’ Measure that “*a person may not serve longer than six years as a churchwarden*” shall not apply to the parish, and that the normal term of office of elected members of the PCC shall remain one year.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

During 2016, the PCC met on six occasions with an average attendance of 73%. Members of the PCC also met on 4 further occasions during the Interregnum: Initial consultation of the

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Churchwardens with the Bishop of Edmonton; to appoint lay members to act as PCC representatives for the selection of a candidate; to develop the Parish Profile; Section 12 meeting with the Bishop of Edmonton and the Archdeacon of Hampstead to approve the Parish Profile, the Bishop's Statement and agree the selection procedure for the new incumbent.

The PCC has one sub-committee responsible for management of the parish buildings, including Health and Safety matters, setting hire charge rates and establishing terms and conditions for hires. There are also less formal groups responsible for the management of the Winter Night Shelter and for St. Luke's Organ Renovation Project.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parish of St. John and St. Luke is situated in Clay Hill, Enfield, Middlesex and is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Clay Hill Vicarage, 92 Browning Road, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 0HG, telephone number 020 8363 6055. The registered charity number of the parish is 1151418.

The parish contains two churches, situated on either side of Hilly Fields Park. St. John's Church is located in Strayfield Road, at the junction with Theobald's Park Road, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 9JF. St. Luke's Church is located in Phipps Hatch Lane, at the junction of Browning Road, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 0HL.

The parish has two halls: The Jean Price Memorial Hall is adjacent to St. John's Church in Strayfield Road, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 9JF. St. Luke's Hall, which is vested in the Trustees of the Bishop of London's Fund, is located at 37 Morley Hill, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 0BL.

The people listed below served on the PCC during 2016.

Vicar (Chair):	Rev Dr Edward Dowler	(to 18 September)
Readers:	Andrew Reid Roy Tungatt	
Churchwardens at St. John's:	Maureen Shapland Joan Young	(Vice Chair from APCM)
Churchwardens at St. Luke's:	Ian Buswell Elaine Plumb	(Vice Chair to APCM)
Deanery Synod:	Mary Englefield Cheryl Graham	
Parish Administrator:	Mary Englefield	
Authorised Pastoral Assistant:	Michael Mansfield	
Elected members:	Paul Bates Marion Berry Rosemary Dixon Anna Erikson Luke Kirkham Peter Livermore	(from APCM) (Secretary) (to APCM)

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Gillian Medcalf
Monica Wood
John Wright (Treasurer)

Bankers: Barclays Bank plc, 20 The Town, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 6LY
Independent Examiner: Mr Roy Stanson FCMA
Bank account signatories: John Wright, Ian Buswell, Mary Englefield.

Stewardship Recorder Marion Berry

Church Safeguarding Officer Dave Ryan
Children's Champion Cheryl Graham (St. John's church)
Paul Bates (St. Luke's church)

The Parish website is managed by Roy Tungatt. The url is www.clayhillparish.org.uk.

Rosemary Dixon **John Wright**
PCC Secretary **PCC Treasurer**

VICAR'S REPORT

Dear friends in Clay Hill, I am glad to be able to send a report to the APCM.

I look back with great thankfulness to God for my six years in Clay Hill, for the privilege of being part of your life and ongoing story. I am enjoying my new post but continue to miss very much many friends. I comfort myself with the thought that the New Testament very clearly teaches that, as Christians, although we are physically separated in space and time, we are all held together in the body of Christ, of which we continue to be part, wherever we may be.

I would like to provide a reminder of some of the things that I always thought were important in the parish, as you look towards the future:

- The Sunday Eucharist: This is where God feeds us in word and sacrament. We must try to make this as good an offering as we can: it is the centre of church life; and it is important to be present at it every week if at all possible, both for our own sake (because this is where God feeds us) and for the sake of our brothers and sisters who need our presence and encouragement. I often thought what a difference it would make if there was ever a Sunday when every member of our congregation came to worship and receive communion – sadly I don't think there ever was!
- The daily prayer life at Morning and Evening Prayer and our development of the practice of weekly meditation: This sustained me during my time as Vicar. 'Every day will I bless you' says the Psalmist: as I am finding in my new post, it is quite difficult (though not impossible) to sustain a daily offering of prayer and praise on your own: so we are blessed to have a community that reads the Scriptures together on a daily basis and offers the prayers of the church.
- The good links that we have with the local community, and the way in which we were able to become more embedded into it by new ventures and more frequent events, enabled by good stewardship of our buildings, and the use of our halls. God has very generously provided us with buildings: when they are well used and filled with life, it is (normally) a wonderful experience. Because they were all originally built to the glory of

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God and with the message of Jesus in every part of them, they can touch people in places that sermons never can. In particular, I was thankful for the privilege of hosting the winter night shelter: a truly graced experience, and I was also grateful (most of the time) that we started running a café: I am pleased to hear that this has taken on new life.

- Our church school: It is a very great gift for any parish to have a church school. Educating young people is never going to be plain sailing, especially in these modern times when education has become so odd but it was so good to be part of it and to develop ways of combining the mission of the parish and the work of the school in different events and services.

It has been rather poignant for me to see the advertisement in the Church Times for a new Priest in Charge. By the time of the Annual Meeting, I hope that some good steps forward will have been made in appointing my successor. Please give them the friendship and support that you gave me. Please keep our family in your prayers as we shall continue to pray for you and remember you.

**Fr Edward
The Ven Dr Edward Dowler
Archdeacon of Hastings**

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORTS

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Buildings: Church and Jean Price Hall

During 2016 we continued to work through some of the issues raised in the 2015 Quinquennial Report and acknowledge all the voluntary help that has been given in carrying out repairs and maintenance work to our buildings which has helped to keep costs down.

Our grounds continue to be maintained by Dave Young and Paul Wallace and are appreciated by the local community and all who use our buildings.

Over the last year or so it has become apparent that the Lych Gate has been suffering from subsidence. Our instructing Architect and a structural engineer have both inspected the structure and the PCC have agreed that it can be repaired. So in 2017 - fundraising!!!!

The required testing of the Lightning Conductor, Fire Extinguishers, Gas, Electrics (including PAT testing), Fire Detection and Alarms, and Emergency Lighting was carried out in both the Church and the Hall; all the guttering (Church and Hall) was cleared of leaves and debris and the organ was serviced/re-tuned.

The Church and Jean Price Hall continue to be open on a Wednesday 10.15am to 4.30pm and Friday 2pm until 4.30pm, drinks and biscuits are available for all visitors. Both the Church and the Jean Price hall continue to be hired by organisations and individuals for various different events throughout the year and good feedback has been received from users of both our buildings.

Inventory

The Inventory remains the same as last year though one of the new glass cruets was broken, however this was able to be repaired and is now back in use again.

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Services

The introduction of a children's service once a month led by Leah and Alec Ham has proved popular with both parents and children. The school continue to hold their end of term services in the Church as well as their Ash Wednesday, Ascension, Harvest Festival and Carol Services and we thank Roy Tungatt for maintaining these links with the school during the Interregnum. We have also been able to continue with our Evening Prayer/discussion group meetings and we thank Michael Mansfield for leading the group.

During the Interregnum we have welcomed local priests to both our Churches to celebrate the Eucharist and we especially thank David Nash for the constant support he has given to our Parish. We acknowledge the support given by all those who have helped to maintain our worshipping life here at St John's and look forward to welcoming a new incumbent in 2017.

We cannot finish this Report without mentioning Fr Edward who, after 6 years as our Parish Priest left us in September to become Archdeacon of Hastings. We give thanks for his Ministry here and for the many happy and joyful times that we all shared together with him, Anna, Eleanor and Gregory.

Joan Young Maureen Shapland

St. Luke the Evangelist

During 2016 we have continued to carry out remaining work highlighted in the Quinquennial inspection 2015. Our guttering has been cleaned of leaves etc and in future this will be maintained annually. Electricity & gas appliances have been tested according to regulations including emergency lighting. Fire appliances have been inspected and replaced where necessary.

Our gardens are well cared for by Ian, and a large tree that had died has been cut down thanks to Marion & friends. This has given more light to the Macey Memorial garden.

During the summer the Refectory was completely refurbished thanks to Derek & Dave who installed the new units. A new water heater and coffee machine were also put in place. We thank all who volunteered with cleaning and decorating after the floor had been sanded and sealed. New tables and chairs were purchased which makes it a good place for our visitors & night shelter guests to eat.

Bookings have increased for the Choir Vestry since Susie has taken over the newly named 'Fields Café' and we are now able to keep our Church open Tuesday to Friday serving snacks and meals to the groups and Friday singers.

We celebrated St. Luke's Patronal festival with a Bring & Share lunch & it was lovely that Anna could join us.

We had a generous bequest from the late Elsie Haslett and we now have a quality piano in her memory of which she would have approved.

Lavender Primary school, Barley Barn Nursery & Harrison' Funeral Care held their services in Church leading up to Christmas. Our Christingle, Christmas Day & Midnight Mass services were well attended and we were pleased to welcome back Fr. Richard Maudsley who officiated at Midnight Mass.

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Thanks to all who decorated, made Christingles and came to the children's craft day arranged by Mary. We are grateful to Valerie who has continued taking morning & evening services for us, Diana taking meditation & David Nash for his care and support during our vacancy. Also to lay readers Roy & Andrew for our continuing worship with help from local Priests.

We miss Fr. Edward, Anna, Eleanor and Gregory very much and thank them for their love and hard work given to our Parish and hope their new life is a happy one.

Ian Buswell Elaine Plumb

CHOIR

The Choir has continued to help lead the worship throughout the year at both churches and has been fortunate to have had the support of the extended Choir, led by Claire and Martin Stogden, to sing at the Patronal festivals in June and October, and the Christmas Carol Service at St John's.

Our Choir practices are always made enjoyable by John Wright with his enthusiasm to try to keep us all "singing all the right notes in the right order"! We would like to thank him and Jakob Metson for their encouragement that their accompaniment brings to our singing and worship.

We have welcomed back a couple of former members, Verna and Rita, to add to our numbers but of course we will always welcome more! JOIN US!

Cheryl Graham

MOTHERS' UNION

What the Mothers' Union does

Mothers' Union (MU) is an international Christian membership charity that aims to demonstrate the Christian faith in action through the transformation of communities worldwide. We work with people of all faiths and none in 83 countries to promote stable marriage, family life, and the protection of children through praying, enabling, and campaigning.

What our branch in Clay Hill does

- We pray together
- We serve our local community through four distinct projects and as individuals
- We support nationally organised MU projects
- We meet to learn and socialise

What we did in 2016

We prayed

Our reflective "Looking towards ..." services at Easter and Christmas were led, respectively, by Fr Edward and Valerie Budd (as a substitute!). Each of our meetings opened with prayer. Members attended a Quiet Day at Edgware Abbey.

Local community projects

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The **Clay Hill Singers**, now in their fifth year, continued to meet on Friday mornings in term time, with an average attendance of a hundred. The group contributed to the parish by augmenting our parish choir for major festivals, by hiring St Luke's Church, and through purchases at Mary Englefield's stall during the coffee break. Singers also made donations, in cash and kind, to the Winter Night Shelter.

The **toiletries** project for Chase Farm Hospital continued in the short stay wards, for patients who didn't expect to stay overnight, or didn't know what to bring, or just forgot something. We also provided toiletries for the Night Shelter. We approached North Middlesex Hospital with offers of toiletries, and are waiting for an agreed date to take the first batch.

The '**Knit and Natter**' at Woodbury Manor Residential Home continued. There is usually more nattering than knitting, which we take to be a good sign that the residents are being stimulated by our visits. The blanket of knitted squares (which took hours to sew together!) was sold at their summer fete. We then started on a Dr Who scarf.

We continued to send **baptism cards** to children newly baptised in the parish, and, on their anniversaries, to those previously baptised here.

We gave financial support

We donated £4,000 to Mothers' Union projects for emergency relief, overseas development, and UK projects beyond the parish.

Meetings

We enjoyed meetings on topics as varied as eye care, poetry and prayer, and a journey in slides round the coast, as well as our annual lunch.

Membership and other activities

The branch has 16 members. Membership of the Mothers' Union supports practical projects locally, nationally, and overseas, and also advocacy on issues including the sexualisation of childhood, FGM, and violence against women and girls. There is no expectation that members attend meetings, or make cakes, or sing, or knit. (Each to our own.) And you definitely don't have to be married or a mother (or father).

We have become a branch without a leader, but led by committee. We are concentrating on our projects – looking outwards, not inwards.

Valerie Budd

Joint Branch Contact

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

This report provides a summary of the Night Shelter project that was hosted at St Luke's church during the winter of 2015/16.

Background

St Luke's church hosted the night shelter for the first time during the winter of 2014/15, in a joint Haringey and Enfield scheme. We had the shelter for six weeks on Friday nights from 2 January to 6 February 2015.

For the winter of 2015/16, a separate scheme in Enfield was started with the Christian charity All People All Places (APAP) running schemes both in Haringey and Enfield. The Enfield

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scheme started on 2 January 2016.

In Enfield, the shelter was provided at the following churches:

- St Alpheges Edmonton – Saturday nights
- All Saints Edmonton – Sunday
- St John's Palmers Green – Monday
- Lancaster Road United Reform Church – Tuesday
- St Andrew's Southgate – Wednesday
- Enfield Baptist Church – Thursday
- St Luke's – Friday

At St Luke's, we hosted the shelter on Friday nights for 10 weeks, starting on 8 January and finishing on 11 March. The shelter was run by volunteers providing food, shelter, warmth and friendship overnight for up to 12 guests. Only guests with low support needs were referred to the shelter by APAP as the project operates with volunteers rather than trained professionals.

Volunteers and donations

The hard work of volunteers and the various donations we received made it possible to run the shelter, so grateful thanks to all who contributed and were involved.

Volunteers

In total we had over 80 volunteers who were from the congregations of Clay Hill (St Luke's and St John's), and also from other churches in the area, including many from the catholic churches of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George (Enfield Town) and Our Lady of Walsingham and the English Martyrs (Holtwhites Hill), as well as friends, local residents and further afield from Broxbourne (there was a lot of support from Broxbourne with many volunteering in both the Haringey and Enfield schemes, and the Council provided funding to APAP). It was a fantastic team of volunteers, always providing a warm and hospitable environment which was greatly appreciated by the guests.

We had a team of 20 volunteers who were responsible for providing guests and volunteers with a three course evening meal and cooked breakfast, as well as a packed lunch for guests to take away. The food was fantastic and they did a brilliant job ensuring everyone was well-fed. So a big thank you to the volunteers who did the cooking.

In addition to the 80 volunteers, we also had a team of scouts help set up the shelter every week, particularly the beds, which was an enormous help. So a big thank you to Paul Bates for organising the efforts of the scouts and coming to the shelter every week, and to all the scouts who helped.

Donations

We had numerous donations of food, towels, bedding, underwear, socks, scarfs, gloves, foot warmers, clothing, hot water bottles and toiletries, which the guests appreciated. We also had many cash donations and fundraising that helped to cover the running costs and the purchase of new beds. The total was over £3,500 including tax refunds. We also continued to benefit from the grant that we received the previous year from The Old Enfield Charitable Trust, which paid for many items including the cooker; various cooking pots, bakeware and kitchen utensils; and a full set of plates, cutlery and glasses. So a huge thanks to everyone who gave generously, including Mothers Union, the Friday singing group and many other individuals, it really helped.

We received a very generous donation to purchase 12 airbeds which we shared with

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Lancaster Road URC. We were able to get duvets, pillows, duvet covers, pillow cases and sheets both from donations and from APAP.

We also had a number of food donations from local businesses. Holtwhites Bakery was generous again and provided plenty of bread, as well as cakes and sandwiches which guests were able to take away.

We managed to get a couple of generous donations of meat – many thanks Anna Erikson for organising it.. SJ Smith Butchers in Baker Street provided a very large pack of bacon each week, which we shared with Lancaster Road URC. Forty Hall Farm provided plenty of frozen organic meat including lamb mince, stewing steak, shoulder of lamb and gammon joints.

The manager of the Co-operative store (Hollybush branch) provided £20 worth of goods at the beginning of the shelter. A volunteer who works at Westmill Foods (a local provider of specialist Asian food products) also made a generous food donation.

We also signed up to a new scheme that Morrisons started which enables local community organisations to collect food that would previously have been wasted. We started collecting food at the beginning of February. The donations varied each week and we received fresh soup, sliced meat, garlic bread, various chocolates, cakes, puddings, yogurts and crisps. We also shared it with Enfield Baptist Church when an abundant donation was provided.

Running Costs of the Shelter

The main running costs of the shelter were for the gas and electric and the laundry. Over the ten weeks of the shelter, the heating and lighting cost was just over £750 – i.e. £75 per night. The service wash at the local laundrette for the bedsheets, duvet covers, pillow cases and towels was just over £300 – i.e. £30 per week.

Outcomes of the Shelter

Overall, there three aims we wanted the night shelter project to achieve. The first priority was, of course, to provide a warm, safe and hospitable environment for our guests and to feed them, and this we did. Over the ten weeks of the shelter we had 14 different guests (including 1 woman) and, although it is difficult being homeless, they appreciated the hospitality. It was noticeable how quickly they, and indeed the volunteers, were at ease as soon as they arrived.

The second aim was to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness. There are many perceptions about homelessness and there was some apprehension before the shelter started, particularly for those who had not volunteered before. The project has enlightened and informed people's opinions. Although we had glimpses of the lives of our guests, it is difficult to comprehend what it is like to be homeless. It's not just about having nowhere to sleep, it's about having everything in your life that you take for granted being taken away.

The third aim was to get wide community involvement, and this happened in many ways. There was a broad range of volunteers who brought much to the project, and there was a very strong community spirit. It was an amazing experience for everyone, and many felt it was a privilege to have been involved with the project. There was also a great response from local businesses who gave generously.

Preparations for the Shelter in Winter 2016/17

During the last three months of 2016 preparations were made for the Enfield Winter Night Shelter, which started in early January 2017 and will operate for 13 weeks. This included

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organising volunteers, donations, and getting another grant from The Old Enfield Charitable Trust for the purchase of folding beds (although the airbeds were comfortable, we had problems with them deflating, so decided to get something more reliable).

Peter Livermore
Coordinator St Luke's Winter Night Shelter

HOUSE GROUP

This report provides a summary of the House Group that was set up in 2016.

Background

House groups are an excellent way to help parishioners grow and deepen their faith. Groups meet in people's houses in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, giving opportunities to develop friendships, worship with other Christians, learn more about the Bible and strengthen their relationship with God.

It involves study and discussion of the Bible, worship and prayer. The aim is to inform and encourage one another and share diverse opinions as we discuss what God is saying to us.

During early 2016 it was agreed to set up a House Group in the parish after Easter. A leaflet was produced and widely distributed to publicise the house group and 20 people expressed an interest in joining the group. The first meeting was held in May, and the group has met on a monthly basis since.

House Group Meetings in 2016

During the first year, 12 people have attended the house group. The group has discussed a number of issues including:

- Reflecting on the Pentecost sermon and the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives
- The theology of money and debt, based on a series of short films on God and Money, which relates to the Archbishop of Canterbury's initiative to create a fairer financial system focused on serving the whole community
- Angels – who they are, their role, etc
- Starting a six part Prayer Course, about teaching us how to pray.

House Group Meetings in 2017

In 2017, the group is continuing with the Prayer Course and other matters for discussion include meditation and forgiveness.

The current house group meets during weekday evenings, starting at 8.00pm. Going forward, there may be scope to set up another group that meets during the day.

Peter Livermore

12th ENFIELD ST JOHN AND ST LUKE'S SCOUT GROUP

The Scouts have been attending the family service on the first Sunday of each month and we have had a good turnout. The Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and their leaders attend looking smart and take part as flagbearers, and Scouts now do the Readings.

We have started to rotate the responsibility of Acolyte amongst the Scout group asking for volunteers each month to act as candle bearer servers. This has worked very well with the

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Scouts enjoying this, and the congregation like seeing the Scouts take an active part in the service.

The Scouts have taken an active part in supporting the Night Shelter. They had a sleepover before Christmas where they set up as they would for the real event and stayed the night in the church to get an understanding of what the Night Shelter is about and how this benefits the guest in such cold weather. Each week a patrol helps to set up by making the beds and preparing the sleeping areas for the guests. They also receive a talk about the reasons for homelessness and its consequences. This will aid the Scout group in their commitment to society and give them an understanding of the value of volunteering as they become adults.

Paul Bates