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ANNUAL REPORT 2017

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ST JOHN'S HAMPTON WICK

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Full name: St John the Baptist, Hampton Wick
Church of England Diocese: Diocese of London
Episcopal Area: Kensington Area
Archdeaconry: Middlesex Archdeaconry
Deanery: Hampton Deanery
Location: Church Grove, Hampton Wick, KT1 4AL
Website: www.stjohnshamptonwick.org
Church Office: 020 8977 7733 / info@stjohnshamptonwick.org

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Our Vision is to Love Jesus, Build Community and Transform Lives. Everything we do is centred on this vision.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

St John's was reopened in 2010 as a church plant from Holy Trinity Brompton and St Stephen's Twickenham by the Bishops of London and Kensington, in consultation with the then Parish Vicar, The Rev'd David Lund, the Hampton Deanery and the Kensington Area Council. This was within the framework of a Bishop's Mission Order (BMO) of the Church of England in the Kensington Area of the Diocese of London.

On the 1st May 2017 a new Parish was established within the structures of the Church of England, by redividing the Parish between St Mark's Teddington and St John's Hampton Wick. This enables us to serve our local community better and support our vision within the new Parish boundaries. The new Parish is called St John the Baptist, Hampton Wick.

The church is managed by the Clergy and Parochial Church Council (PCC), under the authority of the Archdeacon of Middlesex and the Bishop of Kensington. The legal and organisational umbrella for this ministry is currently the charity known as 'The Mission Community of St John's Kingston Bridge' but will be transferred legally in 2018 to a new charity called St John the Baptist, Hampton Wick.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL & TRUSTEES

Parochial Church Council (PCC):

Rev Jerry Field (Vicar)
Rev Jon Kissell (Pioneer Minister)
Alison Bryan (Churchwarden)
Garth Watkins (Churchwarden)
Daniel Bates (Treasurer)
Steven Bryan (Deputy Chairman)
Susan Catcheside
Rachel Copsey (resigned Jul-17)
Paul Freeland (resigned Jul-17)
Rosemary Hobley (from Jan-17)
Graham Simpson (from Jul-17)
Shakti Sisodia
Harriette Stone (from Jul-17)
Caroline Vaudrey

Diocesan Trustees:

Rev Jerry Field
Rev Joe Moffatt
Mr Howard Evans
The Ven Stephan Welch

CLERGY & ORDINANDS

Rev Jerry Field (Vicar)
Rev Jon Kissell (Pioneer Minister)
Donna Williams (Ordinand)
Lewis Dean (Ordinand from Sep-17)

ADMINISTRATION & STAFF

Luke Brammer (Verger)
Hannah Carter (Children's Pastor since Aug-17, Assistant CP until Jul-17)
Tim Malcolm (Worship Pastor until Apr-17)
Penny Miller (Operations Manager / Safeguarding Officer since Nov-17)
Ben Phillips (Youth Pastor)
Claude Reifler (Student Pastor since Sep-17)
Emma-Jane Stapleton (Youth Ministry Assistant since Sep-17)
Claire Stevens (Children's Pastor until Jul-17)
Jane Watkins (Safeguarding Officer until Nov-17)
Philippa Watterson (PA to Rev Jerry Field / Bookings Manager from Feb-17)

CONNECT GROUP LEADERS

Dan & Sarah Bates
Chris & Ruth Blizzard
Robin Bell & Hope Caton
Simon & Caroline Groves
Ruth Hartley
Jamie & Zoe Klair
Rachel Phillips
Rachel Pim
Rich & Kit Powney
Al & Pip Ramsay
Louise Rhys
Bev Richardson
Hugh & Claire Richardson
Andi & Shakti Sisodia
Jon & Harriette Stone
Stuart & Juanita Walker

MEMBERSHIP

There were 455 adults and 208 children and youth registered as regular members of the church at 31st December 2017.

Members come mainly from Hampton Wick, Teddington, Kingston, Surbiton, Molesey, Hampton, New Malden, Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Twickenham, Weybridge, Whitton, Esher, Walton, Wimbledon, Tolworth.

CHURCH WORSHIP & PRAYER

- Sunday Worship: weekly at 9am & 11am & 6pm
- Average Church attendance on a usual Sunday in 2017:
 - 215 adults
 - 85 children and youth
- Occasional Services in 2017:
 - 4 Weddings
 - 11 Baptisms
 - 5 Funerals (on and off-site)
- Monthly prayer and worship meetings (FURNACE)

CONNECT GROUPS & MIDWEEK GROUPS

Connect Groups are at the heart of our community at St John's. They are smaller groups that are run in homes by lay members, and typically meet fortnightly for fellowship, to study the Bible, pray and care for one another.

Other midweek groups include Men's, Women's, Mums Connect, Who Let The Dads Out, and Students Connect

COURSES

- The Alpha Course ran three times: 34 guests & 26 volunteers
- The Marriage Course ran once: 16 couples & 8 volunteers
- The Marriage Preparation Course ran twice: 19 couples & 19 volunteers
- The Recovery Course ran once: 21 guests & 7 volunteers
- The Circle of Security Course ran once: 9 parents & 2 volunteers
- The Bereavement Journey ran once: 15 guests & 3 volunteers
- The Parenting Course ran once: 10 guests & 2 volunteers
- Room For Work ran four times: 112 participants & 36 volunteers

ST PETER'S WEST MOLESEY CHURCH PLANT

In July 2017 a group of people from St John's Hampton Wick and St Mary's East Molesey joined those already worshipping at St Peter's to partner together in bringing new life to church in West Molesey. Part of the new partnership involved starting a new contemporary service at 4pm, with groups for children and youth. Over the summer the new congregation met in a marquee in the vicarage garden and then in September moved to a local primary school, Chandlers Field. The Bishop of Guildford came to formally mark the start of the work.

Since then, both the morning and afternoon congregations have grown significantly, with an average of 55 now meeting at the school. Alpha ran in the vicarage with 14 attending and several of those coming to faith. Connect Communities, which are the new mid-week groups at St Peter's, were launched and ten new leaders have been trained and released. Through a partnership with a mission organisation called Pais, four "apprentices" from across the world have joined the team and run regular lunchtime clubs and assemblies in all the local schools. A team also offers prayer on the street outside the local shops each Saturday morning. St John's has committed to support the plant financially for the first two years.

CHILDREN

156 registered children

SJC (St John's Children) Team:

Hannah Carter (Children's Pastor since Aug-17, Assistant Children's Pastor until Jul-17)

Claire Stevens (Children's Pastor until Jul-17)

Interns: Roseanna Shefford, Ellie Welby, Lydia Higton (since Sep-17), Olivia Nunney (since Sep-17)

66 DBS-checked volunteers

Summary Report Prepared by Hannah Carter

The Vision for SJC is to give every child the opportunity to grow and develop their own faith. We want every child to know how loved they are by God and to choose to have a personal relationship with Him. We have now completed our three year curriculum, through which the children continue to grow in their faith and are always keen to learn and explore more.

A highlight of our year is always DISCOVER Holiday Club, which ran twice last year with over 60 children joining us for lots of fun, worship and teaching. We ended the October Holiday Club with a Tropical Light Party, our alternative to Halloween, which saw a further 100 children and their families come through the church. We also ran a number of services including a Good Friday Service, Christingle Service and Crib Service.

Our relationship with both local schools continues to grow and we have enjoyed visits from Hampton Wick Infant School, as well as Harvest and Easter Assemblies with St John the Baptist Junior School. We continue to regularly lead assemblies at the Junior School where they are always pleased to see us. We have enjoyed seeing a few familiar faces return to the church throughout the year.

As ever, our ministry wouldn't run without our amazing team of interns and volunteers who help to make everything we do possible. We are excited to see what the next year brings!

YOUTH

52 registered youth

St John's Youth Team:

Ben Phillips (Youth Pastor)

Emma-Jane Stapleton (Youth Ministry Assistant from Sep-17)

Lewis Dean (Ordinand from Sep-17)

14 DBS-checked volunteers

Summary Report Prepared by Ben Phillips

This year has seen St John's Youth add new events into its regular pattern. We run during the 11am service on Sundays, with sessions for Younger Youth (age 11-14) and Older Youth (age 14-18), then Older Youth join us for the evening service after catching up at 5pm. On alternate Fridays we have a youth group for Younger Youth, which we're encouraging them to invite friends along to. On alternate Thursdays we have an Older Youth Connect Group, which runs at the home of a volunteer, where we eat homemade cake and have deep conversations.

This year, we've also started youth mentoring, and now have 17 young people paired with mentors from our fantastic Youth Team. These one-to-one sessions have been a highlight of the year, providing the young people with safe spaces to be listened to and process what's happening in their lives.

All of these new additions to our timetable have helped to build community amongst the youth, and give us a platform to invite new people.

Another highlight was in March, when we took 18 young people away for the first "Beyond: The Weekend". Hosted at Holmsted Manor, we heard from guests Josh Heather and Sam Scott. We explored the topic of how, in our lives, we could deepen our relationships with God, and how to make that stick at home. We had loads of fun and eagerly anticipate future weekends.

We've also started a new local church partnership called 'The Unity Project,' joining with churches around Twickenham, Hampton, Teddington, Sunbury and Kingston to launch a series of joint events. These events have been fun and busy with 60-100 young people each time. We are looking forward to discussing where we take this in 2018.

STUDENTS

St John's Students' Team:

Claude Reifler (Student Pastor from Sep-17)

Hannah Carter (Student Pastor until Aug-17)

Summary Report Prepared by Hannah Carter and Claude Reifler

From January to August 2017, the Students' group was a close-knit group that met fortnightly to study the Bible and pray together. In September, Claude joined as Students' Pastor and attended both the St Mary's and the Kingston's Freshers Fairs soon afterwards. Lots of conversations and invitations meant the weekly Students Connect Group started with eighteen people on the first night, and regularly had between twelve and twenty people throughout the term. Each evening involved a meal together, a message, ministry or discussion time, and fellowship.

We ended the year with a Christmas Concert by Kingston University and a successful after-party for students (from which two people joined the Alpha Course), plus a Christmas party.

A strong and motivated team formed throughout the term. We are thankful that the Students' group has really become a family for many students, workers and au-pairs, and for how the evening service has been fuelled by this growth. Furthermore, we are very thankful for God's presence during our evenings together, transforming all of our lives.

PRISON MINISTRY

Summary Report prepared by Donna Williams

Our Prison Ministry continues to grow in HM Prison Feltham with expansion into HM Prison Bronzefield women's prison in 2017. We ran two Alpha courses in each prison. Over the two courses, we had 45 attendees at Bronzefield and 27 in Feltham, and there have also been opportunities to pray with and support the prison officers. We are supported by 8 incredible volunteers from St John's, plus some from the prisons. They have prayed for, encouraged and loved these offenders, living out the call to 'love our neighbour'.

We have seen amazing transformation in many lives - healing from shame, an end to self-harm, ceasing of nightmares, and hope restored. We have had

an opportunity to extend support 'through the gate' at Bronzefield, as people come out of prison and need help with housing set-up and transport from court. There are so many highlights, but one was to see the women grow in confidence to share their testimony. On the last day, each person stood up and shared their experience of God through the course. Those are the fruits that make this ministry such a privilege to be part of. There will be further expansion in 2018 as we increase the number of courses. Our prayer is for more lives to be transformed.

ROOM FOR WORK

Summary Report prepared by Robin Bell

In 2017, Room for Work delivered four 12-week courses: three at St John's and one in Richmond Town Centre.

- 112 new participants with 85 attending regularly (six or more classes)
- 36 people reported finding a job or starting in self-employment
- The Winter 2017 term had 11 people report employment by the end of term
- The Spring/Summer 2017 course was the best attended summer session to date, with 33 new participants
- We acquired our first corporate partner: Chartered Accountants' Benevolent Association (CABA), which sent two funded participants in the Autumn 2017
- Won Best Charity or Social Enterprise at Richmond Business Awards 2017
- In December 2017, Room for work was commissioned by Wandsworth Borough to deliver three courses in Wandsworth in 2018

We are very grateful for ongoing support from St John's Hampton Wick, which has provided monthly donations to Room for Work since December 2016. Our online donations improved this year and we saw an increase in individual donor support. Many thanks to all who contributed.

MISSION PARTNERS

Tearfund, Hope Health Action, International Justice Mission, KCAH, Room for Work, St Mary's East Molesey, Holy Trinity Hounslow

Total spend on Mission Giving in 2017: £59,586

WIDER CONNECTIONS

Hampton Deanery, Kingston Churches Together, Teddington Churches Together, HTB Network, Kingston University, Twickenham Sea Cadets, Hampton Wick Association, Joel Community Services, Street Pastors

FABRIC REPORT

Prepared by Garth Watkins, Churchwarden

1. Church

During the year routine care and maintenance was undertaken in the church. This included roof repairs and window replacements, particularly of leaded windows.

The capital works were spread across a number of projects:

We undertook the repair of the West stained glass window, which included replacing the protective metal grill and this was followed by redecorating the tower room at the West end.

Late in 2016 the church boiler failed for a second time and it was decided that the best solution was to replace the old boiler with two large domestic boilers - these being serviceable by local plumbers at domestic rates, which are considerably cheaper than commercial rates.

We took advantage of a Government grant scheme for security systems and in March installed a CCTV system to monitor the church entrances and The Warehouse car park.

Late in the year we undertook an upgrade of the church clock, which had been stopped for many years as it required manual winding that was not a safe exercise because of its location. New technology has become available to mechanise the winding as well as change to time twice a year and restrain the chime during the early hours of the morning. This work was completed in September and the familiar sound of the clock bell chiming has been restored.

The total spend on the church building was £34,838.

2. The Warehouse

Apart from routine maintenance, of which there was very little, the only major spend on The Warehouse was the installation of a moveable room divider, to enable the studio to be divided into two acoustically separate rooms.

The total spend on The Warehouse was £10,099.

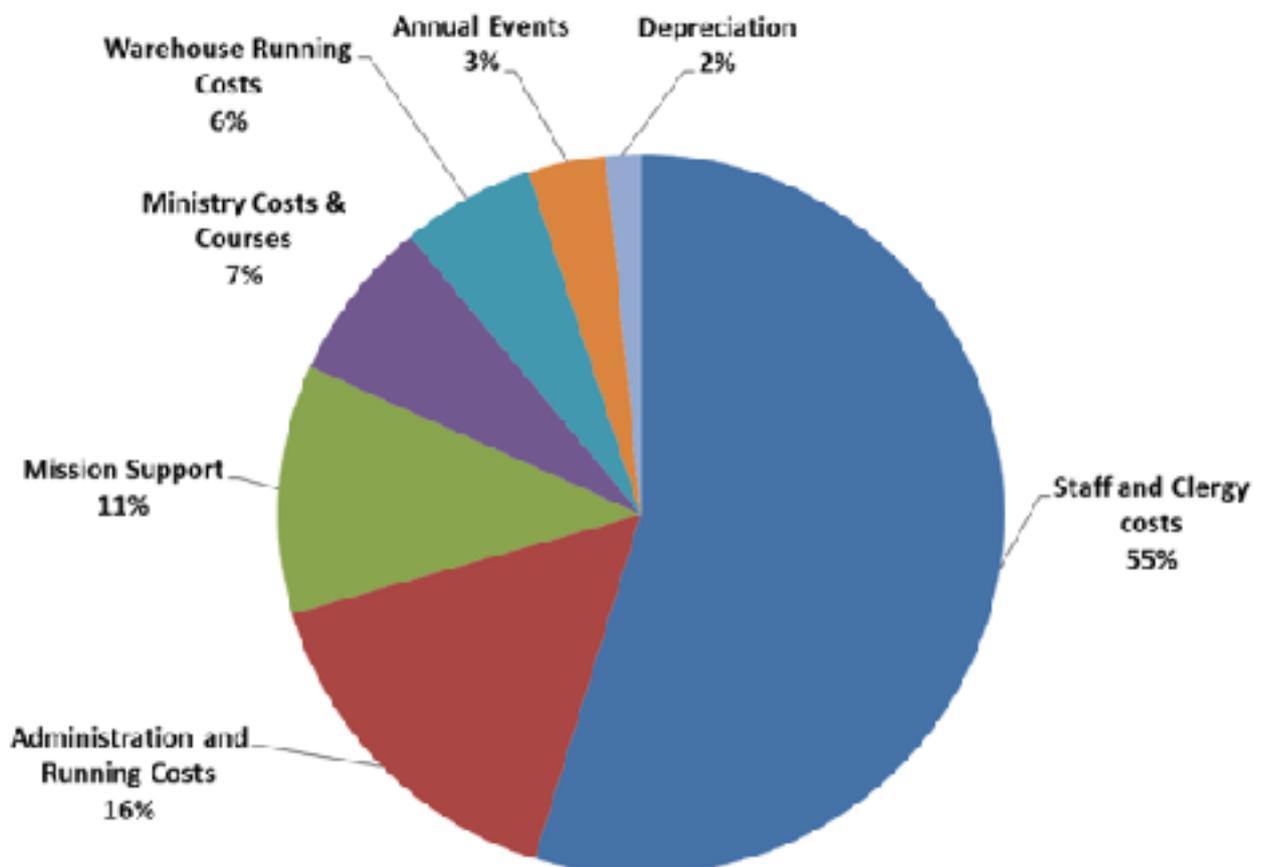
FINANCIAL REVIEW

Prepared by Dan Bates, Treasurer

Financial Overview



2017 Breakdown of Expenditure



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 2017

Ali Bryan (Churchwarden) helps oversee the pastoral care system and, as Churchwarden, has general oversight of the pastoral and spiritual life of St John's. Ali is a psychotherapist who works in private practice and caring for priests in the Diocese of Kensington. Ali is passionate about the church being a place of welcome for all those with mental health issues. She also brings a worldwide perspective to St John's, having been involved in a number of international ministries. She is married to Steven and they have three adult children.

Garth Watkins (Churchwarden) adds both church and commercial experience to the Church Council. Garth held senior posts in the Kidde Group before retiring and served on the PCC of Holy Trinity Brompton for 25 years, serving on Deanery and Diocesan Synods in that time. He is now the lay chair of Hampton Deanery and sits on the Bishop of Kensington's Area Council. He is a member of the Mission and Pastoral Committee of the Church Commissioners and is on the board of the Bishop of London's Mission Fund. Garth is married to Jane and they have two adult children. He and Jane run the Marriage Course and Marriage Preparation Course at St John's. As an engineer, Garth's roles are both general church oversight, as well as managing our many building renovation projects.

Dan Bates (Treasurer) joined St John's via the Alpha Course in 2013. Dan is a Chartered Accountant working for BP in both their commercial and community endeavours. Dan is married to Sarah and they have 3 children.

Steven Bryan (Deputy Chairman & Legal Affairs) adds a depth of church and legal experience to our team. Steve is Partner at Hogan Lovells LLP and has served on the PCC at St Stephen's Twickenham. Along with Ali, Steve brings experience of ministry with Jackie Pullinger in Hong Kong and Bangkok. As Deputy Chairman, Steve helps steer our strategic discussions.

Susan Catcheside joined St Johns soon after the church re-opened in 2011. Before then, she and her husband had been members of a Vineyard church for twenty years. Susan works part-time as a solicitor and has two teenage daughters.

Roz Hobley works as Media & Communications Manager for the charity Malaria No More. She and her husband Marcus joined St Johns in 2014 from HTB where Roz ran a Pastorate for three years. Roz spent her early years in Iran where her parents were missionaries during the revolution in the 1970's and they had a powerful and personal experience of God's protection on their lives. Since joining St Johns, Roz has helped with the Mum's ministry. She and Marcus have two young daughters.

Graham Simpson joined St John's in 2012. Graham is a Chartered Engineer working as a Nuclear Safety Inspector within the Office for Nuclear Regulation. Graham is married to Clare and they have two children.

Shakti Sisodia was born into a Hindu/Sikh family but became a Christian over 30 years ago. He is married to Andi and they have three daughters. He was a member of Kensington Temple (an Elim Pentecostal church) for over twenty-five years, working there for seven years as the Manager of the International Bible Institute of London; as Executive Assistant to the Senior Minister, Colin Dye; and then heading up its commercial division, Dovewell Communications. He now runs his own recruitment company and brings a wealth of experience in business as well as church leadership.

Harriette Stone is a chartered civil engineer, who has designed buildings all over the world, specialising in areas vulnerable to earthquakes. Harriette and her husband, Jon, joined St John's in 2015 and both can often be found leading worship on Sundays.

Caroline Vaudrey has worked at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) for over 15 years, mainly on conflict related issues and helping British Nationals in difficulty. She's been posted to Rwanda and Thailand and now works on Somalia, including outreach to the Somali community across the UK. Before joining the FCO, she worked as a fundraiser for a cancer charity. Caroline represents St John's at Churches Together in Teddington and at the Deanery Synod.

Rachel Copsey (resigned Jul-17) joined St John's after attending HTB Onslow Square and St Mary's Bryanston Square for many years. Rachel is an Assistant Headteacher at a primary school in Walton on Thames. Rachel and her husband Phil helped lead the St John's Youth Team before leaving to join the St Peter's West Molesey church plant. They have one daughter.

Paul Freeland (resigned Jul-17) and his wife Hannah have 3 daughters and are based in Walton. Paul left St John's in July 2017 to join the St Peter's West Molesey church plant and to commence training for ordination. Prior to this, Paul worked in IT. He is passionate about worship and preaching.

OBSERVERS:

Philippa Watterson (PCC Secretary)
Donna Williams (Ordinand)

CLERGY & ORDINANDS:

Rev Jerry Field (Vicar)

Jerry trained for church leadership at Ridley Hall, Cambridge and was part of the original planting team coming as Curate under Rev Graham Singh. Graham left to plant another church and Jerry took over as Vicar in 2013. Prior to ordination, Jerry studied at Durham University and worked for the Commonwealth Secretariat and for Holy Trinity Brompton, training chaplains to run Alpha in the prisons and armed forces. Jerry is married to Camilla and they have two children.

Rev Jon Kissell (Pioneer Minister)

Jon trained for church leadership at Trinity Hall, Bristol. He works part-time at St John's and is also part of the chaplaincy team at YMCA Surbiton. Before Jon came to St John's he was Minister-in-Charge of St Catherine's Church, Dublin for six years. On returning to the UK he helped lead and establish a church plant in West London, and then became the Team Vicar at St George's Tolworth. Jon has a heart to train and equip the church in the ministry of Jesus. Jon is married to Kathryn and they have two children.

Donna Williams (Ordinand)

Donna is studying at St Mellitus Theological College alongside her role at St Johns. She is passionate about church and community, and especially how we equip people to live their potential through faith in Jesus. A qualified teacher, she previously held a Global Role in the corporate world for 20 years, which she left to join St John's full time before commencing Ordination training in 2015.

Lewis Dean (Ordinand)

Lewis is studying at St Mellitus Theological College alongside his role here at St Johns. Lewis is passionate about coming alongside others to encourage exploring and experiencing the transforming love of God and authentic community. Lewis also has a heart for prayer and growing in intimate relationship with Jesus. He is married to Louise and they live in Teddington.