

Church Wardens Report

This year we welcomed a new Churchwarden Fliss Cox who settled in quickly bringing new views and skills.

So, without going through all the small details or Churchwarden meetings, here is a precis of the last years' events which I will keep as brief as possible:

June 2015

This being a quinquennial year, we were visited by Fr John Hawkins and the Churchwardens had a good discussion resulting in Fr John noting St. Andrews would be a good place for a Curate. With regards to the fabric of the building, all was deemed well in the main but there were some immediate repairs required and these were passed to the appropriate team.

September 2015

Following interviews with Churchwarden Fliss Cox in attendance, and a lot of work by Rev Dr Steve Griffiths, this month saw the launch of MABS. Jo Griffiths and Barrie Easton are a great asset to the project and everyone on board was excited for all this would offer to the community now and in the future. Indeed, MABS has already started to grow in outreach.

October 2015

A small group of myself and 4 congregation members travelled to St. Pauls where, during Choral Evensong, the Bishop of London, commissioned the Rt Revd Robert Wickham as the Bishop of Edmonton and the Ven John Hawkins as the Archdeacon of Hampstead.

Vicki Wiggins and I then attended a Service of Welcome at Bishops Stopford School one cold November evening. However, we were soon warmed up as this was a really lively event with a steel band and gospel choir. This was the first time we heard the Rt Revd Rob, who delivered an inspiring talk; witty, short and to the point that the Churches of Enfield & Edmonton need to grow in outreach. We need to be looking at the 20/20 Capital Vision.

December 2015

All good things must come to an end, as indeed should the times Olive retires! This was to be the final retirement but also a celebration of 50 years with the Church. A service presided over by The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dr Richard Chartres and the presenting of the Mellitus Medal was followed by speeches, farewells and lunch. We wish you a long and happy retirement Olive.

The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dr Richard Chartres asked to speak to the Wardens after the service and, following this chat, advised he is really pleased with all that is happening here and will uphold us in his prayers for it to continue.

February 2016

A clean up of the Church preceded another welcome confirmation service where the Rt Revd Robert Wickham was unleashed on the candidates and congregation. Again, this was a lively and uplifting service bringing together the family of St. Andrews.

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