

Churchwardens Report 2018/18

We welcomed Paul Edwards as our new warden. We are having to say goodbye to Vicki Wiggins as churchwarden as her term of office comes to an end. Vicki has served with real dedication and wisdom as a churchwarden and will continue to be a valued member of the church family.

Again it has been a busy year in the life of our church. With the challenge of the bell tower this became an opportunity, which has led to a much bolder Mission Action Plan, 'Towards 2030', to make St Andrews a truly mission shaped church. Including making the church truly at the heart of Enfield with a vision to re-order the church.

MABS has continued to develop and evolve the work they do. This has included starting a drop in prayer space in the Haven for young people of the Grammar and Enfield County schools to use during weekday lunchtimes, which has been well received and used. More recently a new youth church has started with a very encouraging numbers attending and being engaged with this new initiative. With St Andrews role as youth minister MABS in collaboration with Ridley Hall have started to train youth workers from the diocese to help promote and share our knowledge

We have continued to do work on both the church and parish centre during the last year. The most welcome element for the church was being able to conduct sufficient repairs so that the bells could ring again so quickly. Additional work has included making parapets safe on the church roof and fitting a new lightening conductor. Work in the parish centre continued to improve its quality and functionality for those that use it. This has included improving the storage area in the main hall and making the main storage cupboard between the hall and room three. Unfortunately due to a spell of anti social behaviour we needed to fit additional CCTV cameras and security lights around the entrance to the parish centre.

St Andrews has continued to have a variety of services. Messy church has become fully part of the worship services and is firmly part of St Andrews life. The Remembrance Day service was poignant and moving for all those that attended. During the last year St Andrews hosted the ordination service for the diocese. New bible study groups have started and are well received by those who attend, which is helping to build fellowship and discipleship.

The wardens wish to extend their thanks to A&R design for their continued excellent work on the church and parish centre but also being readily available to provide support in building related matters. Without their continued support the challenges we have faced would be all the greater. Thanks also go to Simone Berndes for her work in maintaining and increasing the income from letting out the parish centre and the car park. Thanks also go to those members of the church who were able to give so generously towards the cost of the work on the bell tower to allow the bells to ring again so quickly. The wardens would also extend their thanks to all those who volunteer their time to the life of St Andrews.

Last but no means least the wardens extend their thanks to Rev Dr Steve and Jo for all the work they do, especially the vital work that is not seen by the church family but builds up our church. The wardens also thank Rev Dr Steve for helping St Andrews to think boldly and truly be a mission shaped church.

Vicki Wiggins, Patience Wilson and Paul Edwards
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