

APCM Report 2020
MABS: Children's and Families Work

Sunday Club

In May 2019, we took the decision to start a different kind of church in the Parish Centre during the 10.30 service. This meant that Sunday Club came to an end in its traditional format. We had noticed that parents were wanting to stay in Sunday Club sessions with their children, so we took that as a signal that something needed to change. We didn't want to separate families, so the Parish Centre Church began. This then moved into the main church building in January 2020. Heartfelt thanks to Diana Lane, Catherine Hunt and Vivien Walton who had served faithfully with Sunday Club and Parish Centre Church before the move to the main building. You all introduced many children to Jesus – thank you.

St Andrew's School

The pandemic greatly impacted on Jo's work at the school from March to July 2020. Jo had been delivering Mindfulness classes for children, parents and teachers before Lockdown. She had also been mentoring children one-to-one and this too had to stop. Jo started twice weekly Mindfulness sessions on the St Andrew's FB Group which meant families could access these from home. She kept in phone contact with the parents and some of the children she mentored. Since September, Jo is back into school one day a week. Mindfulness and mentoring continue, socially distanced of course.

Twins Group

Nana Otchere took on responsibility for running Twins Group in September 2019. The plan for Twins Group was that it would come to an end at the Parish Centre once the Centre came under the ownership of the new lease holders. However, the pandemic accelerated this and, sadly, the group closed in March. St Andrew's School offered their nursery as a possible venue. Due to restrictions around toddler groups meeting, this conversation has not been yet progressed. Many thanks to Simone Berndes, Nana Otchere and Ruth Mackay for all their support with the group.

Single Parents

Single Parents Meet Up happens every Tuesday afternoon and is for single parents and their children. Nana Otchere leads this group and works alongside volunteers Lou and Thalia who help and also are instrumental in communicating and arranging activities outside the Tuesday group time. The group stopped meeting in March due to Lockdown but have continued to meet on Zoom. Many thanks to Nana, Thalia and Lou for keeping the group going.

Wine Club

The Wine Club continued to meet up until Lockdown. It usually meets on the first Thursday evening of each month. It is a group for parents who have children with additional needs that require extra care. It provides a space for parents to relax and enjoy an evening out and learn about wine at the same time. Given Covid restrictions, we have not met since March.

Exodus

Before Lockdown, Exodus was running every Monday evening during term time for young people from Years 5 to 8. We usually had between 30 to 40 young people each week with a range of activities on offer. The team of volunteers and young leaders who helped make this club such a success. Thank you to each of them for their dedication and willingness to support our local young people. The plan had been to move the club to St Andrew's School new hall once the Parish Centre was no longer available to us. However, Lockdown forced us to close

the club and we have not started again due to the many constraints that would need to be applied to a club such as Exodus.

Ridley in London

St Andrew's Enfield became the London Centre of Ridley Hall Theological College in Cambridge in 2018. The Centre now hosts 14 Children's and Youth Work students all studying for a Cert HE in Mission, Ministry and Theology, validated by Durham University. Since September 2020, Ridley Hall have been fully financing Ridley London and St Andrew's are no longer hosting. All the teaching has gone online. Many thanks go to Steve Griffiths and Rob Barward-Symmons for their time and hard work in enabling Ridley London into existence. Jo Griffiths has been appointed by Ridley Hall as Director of Studies for Ridley London one day a week. Our prayers are with Ridley London as they move forward with this important training provision in London.

Enfield Grammar

Nana continues to work in Enfield Grammar one day a week mentoring and supporting students who are vulnerable to exclusion or need extra support with pastoral issues.

Sunday Youth Group

Nana leads the Sunday Youth Group which now takes place on Sunday evenings at 5.30pm during term time. Discipleship is the key focus, as well as ensuring we remain in contact with the young people who came to the group before Lockdown. The intention is that we meet face to face one a month. However, this is will be reviewed regularly as Covid outbreaks in schools impact on who can attend these sessions. Jo Griffiths also attends each session. Many thanks to Ruth Mackay who volunteers each week and remains committed to seeing young people grow in their faith.

Staffing

Nana Otchere's contract changed from full-time to part-time (16 hours a week) in September 2019. Nana's main responsibilities are: going into the Grammar School, coordinating the Single Parent's Group and running the Youth Group. Many thanks to Nana for all that she does.

Jo Griffiths contract changed from full-time to part-time (2 days a week) in September 2020. Currently, Jo's main responsibilities are: going into St Andrew's Primary School one day a week, attending Sunday Youth Group, providing Line Management support for Nana, and input/planning for Sunday online worship. Jo is now employed by Ridley Hall three days a week as Children's and Families Tutor and Director of Studies for Ridley London.

Dr Jo Griffiths

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