

St Pancras Church



Annual Report for 2019

*Presented at the
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
18th October 2020*

St Pancras Church Trustees

Parochial Church Council 2019

Vicar	Revd Anne Stevens	Chair
UCL Chaplain	Revd Charlotte Bradley	
Readers	Michael Ogden Olyve Johnson	
Churchwardens	Dorothea Hackman Duncan Lamont	(also Hon Treasurer)
Deanery Synod	Dorothea Hackman William Edgill	(2020) (2020)
Elected	Miriam Campbell John Thomlinson Jean Hill Jonathan Lewin Anne Rouse Tony Rouse	(2022) Deputy Churchwarden (2022) (2021) (2021) (2021) Hon PCC Secretary (2020) Deputy Churchwarden
Ex Officio	Eve Poole	General Synod

The years in brackets are when the trustee's term expires at the APCM in April.

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Introduction



This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting and this Annual Report have been delayed by the extraordinary events caused by the Coronavirus pandemic that arrived in the UK early in 2020.

Technically this is our Annual Report for 2019, so we will offer a brief summary of our activities during that year, and present the Accounts for the twelve months ending 31 December 2019 as we are required to do. But our world has changed dramatically since then. The pandemic is changing the shape of the church's life and worship, and it is changing the community we serve. So our focus at the APCM will mainly be on the present and the future, offering everyone connected with the church the opportunity to discuss together how we can best respond to what is happening around us.

In the Church of England, a Declaration of Assent is read out every time a church welcomes a new vicar. It includes these sentences:

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation.

The historic traditions of the Christian church are still the rock on which we stand, testifying as they do to the endless love and faithfulness of God. The church has come through all sorts of dramatic, life-changing events in the course of its history, and I have no doubt that it will come through this one. But the challenge for each congregation is always to work out how best to 'proclaim afresh' this faith here and now, given all that we are going through together. It is a complicated challenge when so many things are changing all around us. So please join in the discussion – and please pray for the church in its continued mission and ministry in this community.

As ever, heartfelt thanks go to our Churchwardens Dorothea Hackman & Duncan Lamont, and to the office staff and caretakers who do so much to support the church's life. Thanks too to all the members of the congregation who volunteer their help with our services and events. One of the congregation members who did an enormous amount for the church was Jennifer Tanner, a former Churchwarden. Jennifer died in 2019 and no record of that year would be complete without remembering her contribution. She is greatly missed.

Revd Anne Stevens, Vicar

St Pancras Church – A Summary of 2019

This summary records our major services and events in 2019, along with the main work on the church building and the substantive decisions of the PCC.

The Electoral Roll of the parish grew from 70 to 77, 18 of whom live in the parish.

January – Feb

- PCC Vision Day
- New boiler for church kitchen/bathroom
- Survey work in the church & grounds began

March – April

- Lent Course: The Mystery of God
- Holy Week & Easter services
- APCM – Miriam Campbell & John Thomlinson were re-elected as PCC members
- Anne Rouse took over from John Thomlinson as Hon. PCC Secretary

May – June

- London Festival of Contemporary Church Music, including BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong and a Gala Concert: ‘Vast Ocean of Light’ celebrating the music of Jonathan Dove
- Confirmation of Yanhan Lu & Leila McCausland by the Bishop of Edmonton
- PCC - Safeguarding Policy reviewed and approved. Our annual Safeguarding Audit reviewed our procedures. No incidents were reported this year.
- The Haven+ London began renting space in the Gallery
- Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Anne & Tony Rouse

July – Aug

- The church began opening on Fridays
- Water leak fixed; Crypt floor cleaned
- Garden Party, celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the laying of our Foundation Stone
- Ronnie McMahan joined our team of caretakers
- The temporary display in the North Garden of the statues ‘Alien’ & ‘Brothers’ ended

Sept – Oct

- Archdeacon’s Visitation
- Jennifer Tanner’s funeral
- Open House Weekend, with c.1000 visitors
- Parish Visit to Postal Museum
- Autumn Discussions: Living with Brexit
- Painting of nave completed

Nov – Dec

- Civic Service for Remembrance Day
- Staff Disciplinary & Grievance policy approved
- PCC - 2020 budget approved
- Frank Dobson’s Funeral
- Wedding of Louise Jones & Johan Lategan
- Advent & Christmas Services

Treasurer's Report for 2019

The annual accounts for 2019 have been prepared and will be considered for recommendation by the PCC before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 18 October 2020.

During 2019 income was slightly more than the previous year at £329,623, but expenditure at £348,249 exceeded income by £18,625. This was mainly due to expenditure on church maintenance and staff, and the music festival deficit of £4,676.

The Diocesan Common Fund for 2019 of £84,000, is now paid. Income started to decrease due to booking cancellations from countries already affected by the Covid19 pandemic towards the end of year, which impacted then and still does on our cashflow and ability to make payments to the Diocese.

Dorothea Hackman



Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting - 28 April 2019

19 people attended the meeting.

Meeting of Parishioners

1. Appointment of Clerk to the meeting - John Thomlinson

2. Presentation of St Pancras charity accounts for 2018

Dorothea Hackman reported on the various charity accounts, whose purpose is to alleviate poverty in the parish. Income was circa £3,000 and expenditure was £700, this being a grant to the Euston Foodbank. Details are available at the back of church.

3. Election of Churchwardens

There were two nominations:

Dorothea Hackman was proposed by Anne Rouse, seconded by Miriam Campbell;

Duncan Lamont was proposed by Rita Costa Alves, seconded by John Thomlinson.

Dorothea Hackman was elected unopposed. As Duncan Lamont was not at the meeting his appointment was approved on principle, but will need his agreement by signing the form.

Thanks were expressed to Dorothea and Duncan for their hard work over the past year.

4. Nomination of Churchwardens' deputies

Tony Rouse and Miriam Campbell were nominated. Thanks were expressed to Tony and Miriam for their continued support.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Apologies

Eve Poole.

1. Previous APCM Minutes and matters arising.

The minutes of the APCM of 29th April 2018 were noted, with one correction:

Item 3a : Election of PCC members : Anne Rouse should be shown as ‘Proposed by Dorothea Hackman, seconded by John Thomlinson’. Otherwise they were taken as correct and signed. There were no matters arising.

2. Reports

Annual reports were received as follows:

- a. Electoral Roll. Miriam Campbell reported that this year was the complete revision of the roll, with the new roll standing at 70, a significant drop from last year as is the norm for a complete revision. Thanks were expressed to Miriam for revising the roll.
- b. The Annual Report from the PCC was circulated, including:
 - i. Vicar’s report
 - ii. PCC Secretary’s report
 - iii. Deanery Synod
 - iv. Music
 - v. Crypt Gallery
 - vi. St Mary & St Pancras School
 - vii. UCL Chaplaincy
 - viii. Local Community
 - ix. Local Ecumenical Activities

Treasurer’s Report : Dorothea Hackman circulated the accounts for 2018. Final figures are income at £338K and expenditure at £343K. It was noted that an additional income of £27K would have been shown if a VAT refund had been claimed in time : the threshold for claiming dropped from 2 years to 1 year and this was missed. More income may come from church lettings following our new link with The Haven. Staff costs have increased, largely due to a significant rise in the London Living Wage.

£84K was paid to the Diocesan Common Fund.

The Music Festival shows a deficit of £3,700 but this is largely due to the 31st December cut-off on the annual accounts; further items have more recently been received which will show in the 2019 accounts. Answering a question about Gift Aid Dorothea Hackman explained that any items banked via the PCC accounts that have specifically been signed as being Gift Aided will attract Gift Aid. The PCC have already voted to recommend that the accounts be accepted; they were formally approved, proposed by Anne Stevens, seconded by Dorothy Severin and agreed, with one person against and no abstentions.

Thanks were expressed to Dorothea Hackman and Deseline Djiayep for their hard work on day-to-day accounts over the year and to Edward Oliver for his examination of the accounts.

3. Appointments and Elections

a. Election of PCC members :

Now that our electoral roll has dropped below 100, we can have a maximum of 9 elected members. Three members terms of office expire this year : Rita Costa Alves, Miriam Campbell and John Thomlinson.

In addition Pat Comissiong died during the year, after about 50 years membership and commitment, and we gave thanks for his life.

Elections of new members were as follows:

- Miriam Campbell: Proposed by Dorothea Hackman, seconded by Anne Rouse.
- John Thomlinson: Proposed by Dorothea Hackman, seconded by Miriam Campbell.

Rita Costa Alves has decided not to be re-elected : we thanked her for her contributions over the past three years. Thus the number of elected members now stands at 6. We need to encourage more young people to get involved. The PCC can co-opt new members at any time.

b. Appointment of independent Examiner/Auditor : Edward Oliver is willing to continue; he was proposed by Dorothea Hackman, seconded by William Edgill and carried unanimously.

It was noted that he has been our auditor for many years, and it may be appropriate to consider a new appointment next year : the PCC will consider this in the interim.

c. Appointment of sidespersons : all existing sidespersons were re-appointed. It was emphasised that we need new volunteers, who will be given all the training needed.

4. Open Discussion on church and parish matters

It was noted that there are very few people leading the intercessions. More volunteers are need for this, which may necessitate some more active encouragement than is done at present.

It was suggested that, in view of the declining congregation, the 10.00 service might be too early, and that a shift to 10.30 or 11.00 might encourage more attendance. The Growth and Outreach Group, a sub-group of the PCC, will look at this.

