

Wardens' Report - St Andrews Church May 2022

Since the last APCM we welcomed the return of inbuilding worship in May 2021 albeit with restrictions to reflect the covid situation. Gradually we were able to lift restrictions on social distancing, singing, and most joyous on Easter Day be able to fully partake in Communion and sharing the peace.

September saw the broadening our worship services with the starting of TFG, a family worship service, twice a month on a Sunday afternoon. This has attracted young families to worship and explore the Christian faith in an informal service setting and is warmly welcomed.

Online worship continues with services six days per week and it is a pleasure to see Lekisha and Jo help lead worship online on Sundays alongside Steve.

The wardens wish to express their thanks to all those who volunteer in welcoming, reading, leading prayers, as chalice assistants and helping with the TFG service all of which helps with our worshipping community.

The Archdeacon completed his three yearly Visitation in September, which was supportive and complimentary of what we are doing here at St Andrews. This being an inspection of us as a parish.

In the last year the Quinquennial Inspection has taken place with a report setting out the condition of the building together with a list of all the work that is required on the building. The work listed did not highlight any new major areas that we did not already know about. All the work listed is planned to be undertaken as part of the wider restoration project for St Andrews.

The restoration project continues to move forwards quietly in the background with many surveys and investigations to lay the important framework for applying for grant funding to transform St Andrews church to be even more the church at the heart of Enfield. Thanks goes to the hardworking members of the restoration steering group and especially for Dinos for chairing the group and Steve in his project management of this important early phase of the project.

We give thanks to Adele and Rob and Illy who are finishing as warden and deputy wardens at this APCM for their service to St Andrews and the church community.

Finally, a special thanks for Steve for his continued energy, vision, and resilience during which continues to be challenging times. May God continue to grant him energy, vision, and resilience as we continue to move out of the pandemic and with increased uncertainties of world events.

Paul, Barry, Adele

St Andrew's Churchwardens

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