

THE PARISH OF ST ERKENWALD, BARKING
CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT
TO THE
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2019

Our thanks to those who have a ministry of serving God's people and showing His incredible unconditional love. We would like to say a special thank you to all those who have taken on a new responsibility for the first time this year. We pray that you will continue to grow in your ministry. We also thank those who have helped in this current year but feel that they would like to draw their duties to an end.

Thank you to all those who have stepped forward this year; especially our newer church members to bless the ministry of the church and the community. We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to all the teams that have given their time in serving the Lord in their ministry. We would like to thank all of you that work unseen quietly in the background but we benefit from the work you carry out and the church would not run smoothly without you.

The Finance & Fabric Committee meet to discuss the finance and fabric of the church. The collection of the finances is collated by the Churchwardens and paid into the bank and this grows ever more complex as our church continues its outreach into the community by supporting different groups and activities as well as fund raising activities. The paperwork is sent to the Newham Deanery Finance Office at the end of each month and they complete the church accounts. Our Finance Officer, Yvonne Barnaby continues to support the liaison with the NDFO as in the past seven years and a good working relationship continues to be experienced on both sides.

Reverend Young Lee has been the Priest-in-Charge since October 2015. We pray that Young will continue to know the Lord's anointing and as part of our Churchwarden role is to offer pastoral care to the Vicar, we meet regularly with Young to support him and pray that he keeps his sights firmly focused and fixed on Him so that he will know His will for His church here at St Erkenwald's.

The Focal Ministry Team continue to assist our vicar to support all the teams that carry out the wide and varied ministries run by St Erkenwald's. The Focal Ministry Team will help these teams to support all ages in and out of the church and throughout the community and the wider areas.

A big thank you to Debbie for all her hard work as the Administrator and PCC Secretary as she has been of great support to our Vicar, Churchwardens and the Finance Officer in the past year.

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the love and support that you have given us in so many ways. The role of Churchwarden has been made much easier this past year with the presence and support of previous Churchwardens; especially Yvonne Barnaby for her guidance with finance administration but they have all been a tremendous blessing and made our role much more easier.