

Growth in St Andrew's April 02 to May 03

Background

On Weds 30th May 2001 Fr David did not turn up to take the 10:30 Eucharist. Our Sacristan, Janet Hodge, went to the vicarage to investigate and found him stabbed. The chief suspect (a person unconnected with the Parish with a history of mental disturbance, who had evidently called at the Vicarage for help) subsequently committed suicide. This shattering blow deprived us of a dear friend and of a wonderfully encouraging Christian leader, who inspired many, even those who met him very briefly. The *Mystery Worshipper* described St Andrews as "a remarkably friendly congregation": two practices that greatly helped was a Parish Breakfast after each Sunday Eucharist which was much more than tea and biscuits and fairly frequent shared meals and parties – where people would bring food and drink *to share*.

We realised that teamwork and collaboration, which Fr David had strongly encouraged, would be the key to growth (and indeed survival) as a Church. Two new Wardens (Christine Beale and Stella Boyce) had been appointed that May and took over the prime leadership responsibilities in June, ably assisted by their predecessors and by the PCC.

We realised we needed to concentrate on doing a few things well, and we focused on the Sunday Eucharist, with a Friday evening Mass and daily morning and evening prayer. Local priests, Bishops and the Archdeacon kindly officiated. We kept everyone informed by a weekly newsletter (examples follow), and regularly updated our posters (see miniatures attached) with a Special Guest Service about once a month. We encouraged people to fill in Welcome Cards and maintained them in a database which was used to generate mailings from time to time.

The PCC approved our Parish Profile in October seeking "A dynamic, empowering, inspiring and collaborative vicar who can help us serve the parish community and grow in numbers and holiness." It explained that "Great diversity is to be found amongst the population... The parish has a number of large council estates within its boundaries... redbrick mansion blocks ... are also part of the parish. Regular worshippers in our community are drawn from each of the examples given above". Eventually Fr Gavin joined us in Sept 02, to our great joy.

Roll at April 2002 APCM

On 21st April we had our APCM, presided over by the Area Dean. The Electoral Roll Report for the meeting read thus: "Before the renewal of the Roll we had 110, up from a realistic 83 in May. 2 Roll members are known to have moved out of the Parish, and in the renewal of the Roll 26 new people have joined. Unfortunately not everyone on the old Roll has yet filled in their new Roll forms, so currently we only have 101 (hence there are 35 former roll members not on this roll)."

Growth to May 03

By the 24th June we were up to 114, and by the 19th Oct, 127. Of the 26 additions, 10 were on the old roll and 16 were not. By the 6th Dec another 6 had joined. By the 18th Apr 03, when we published the Draft Roll we were up to 138, and a further 5 people joined by the APCM. The graph shows roll numbers and the annualised rate of increase from 21st April.

Key Factors

I'd say the key factors in the growth were:

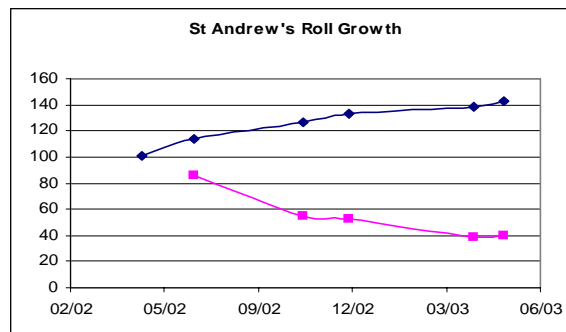
- **Faith.** We were convinced that God had called us to serve in this place, to proclaim the gospel of love, acceptance and worship. We believed that this did not depend entirely on having a Parish Priest in place, and *provided we knew that one would be arriving* we could continue the work by effective lay teamwork. Prayer and worship underpinned everything good that we did.
- **Hope.** We could see that new people were coming in on a weekly and monthly basis. We also had clear shared objectives for the development of the Church.
- **Love.** A wide and *diverse team of collaborative lay leadership* pulled together. 24 members of the leadership team were identified on a typical newsletter, and another 1-2 dozen were involved in various ministry teams. We actively sought out and welcomed new people, encouraging them to get involved and gently keeping in touch by the occasional mailing. We tried hard to keep people informed, with the weekly Newsletter, and to orient our church life to encouraging outsiders, and made it clear in everything we did that "*you're always welcome at St Andrew's*"

Some examples of the materials we used are attached, and on the bfd.org.uk website for those who are interested. We hope that all of this will provide some ideas and encouragement for other churches.

[Nicholas Beale](#) (Synod Rep - formerly, at various times, Warden, Secretary, Treasurer, Roll Officer, Lettings Officer, Publicity & Communications Co-ordinator)

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Parish News 21 April 2002



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We are delighted to have **Fr Stephan Welch, the Area Dean** with us today. Do join us after Church for the Annual Church Meeting. It's your chance to vote for Wardens and to hear the annual reports of how the Parish has developed. The PCC and Synod Reps will also be elected.

Calendar - the Month(s) Ahead

Fri 26	18:30 Eucharist Fr John Hunter
Sun 28	10:00 Special Guest Eucharist Rico Tice – The Prodigal Son. Please take an invitation.
Tues 30	6:45-9:15 North Fulham NDC Community mtg in Hall
	MAY
Weds 1	19:00-19:30 1st Weds. Quiet candle-lit meditation. A lovely prayerful time. Do look in.
Thurs 2	LOCAL ELECTIONS – here
Fri 3	No Eucharist (it's Syrian Good Friday)
Sat 4	13:30 Wedding of Simon Smart & Jo Humphreys - Fr John Henley
Sun 5	10:00 Special Guest Eucharist Ven Malcolm Colmer - Archdeacon of Middlesex.
Fri 10	18:30 Eucharist Fr John Henley
Sun 12	10:00 Eucharist Rev Jeremy Crossley
Fri 17	18:30 Eucharist Fr Michael Riley
Sun 19	10:00 Whit Sunday Eucharist & Baptism of Josh McNally -Fr John Hunter
Fri 24	18:30 Eucharist Fr John Henley
Sun 26	10:00 Trinity Sunday Canon David Tann
Thur 30	19:30 Corpus Christi celebration and Anniversary of the death of Fr David Fr Donald Easton - joined by St Eth's & Fr John Henley
Fri 31	NB No service this evening
	JUNE
Sun 2	10:00 Eucharist & Baptism of Natal Best Canon David Tann
Weds 5	First Wednesday
Fri 7	18:30 Eucharist Fr John Hunter
Sat 8	15:00 Farmiloe/Neville Wedding Fr John Ryland
Sun 9	10:00 Eucharist & Baptism of Roshan Beadle - Fr Donald Easton
Fri 14	18:30 Eucharist Fr John Henley
Sun 16	10:00 Eucharist Fr John Ryland
Fri 21	18:30 Eucharist Fr John Henley
Sun 23	10:00 Eucharist Fr Guy Shea
Mon 24	7:30 Jazz Vespers

The Church is open every day

Who's Who and What's Happening

While we have no Vicar we are in an "Interregnum" and the Church is run by the Wardens and the PCC. Bishop Michael would like us to pray for him and all involved in the appointments process. Any candidate presented has to be interviewed by the Parish Representatives (Stella and Chrissie). If everyone is happy and an offer is made and accepted, 3 months notice is usually required. **Please pray for all involved in finding our new Priest**

Standing Committee Members

Stella Boyce	Churchwarden and PCC (Vice-)Chair
Chrissie Beale	Churchwarden
Nicholas Beale	Secretary, Deanery Synod rep & Electoral Roll. <i>Publicity, Children's Club, Lettings.</i>
Trevor Dawson	Organist & Children's Advocate. <i>Music.</i>
Diana Page	Deanery & Diocesan Synods, <i>Breakfasts.</i>
Pam Taylor	Treasurer.
Jenkin Thomas	Diocesan Synod, <i>Worship Ministries.</i>

Other PCC Members

Sandra Belfield, Emerson Best, Fred Borrett, Janet Hodge (Sacristan), David Wilde (Buildings).

The Treasury Team is **Pam Taylor** and the Assistant Treasurers: **Simon Donnan, Rob & Liesel Dower, Hong-Ling Dyer, Nicholas Beale, Mary Marsh and Andy Morris.** A.T.s are on duty once a month and help counting the money.

The Buildings Team is led by **David Wilde** and includes **Steve Ashworth, Nicholas Beale, Jeremy Neville, Jenkin Thomas, Chris Williams and Nicholas Wordie.** It deals with all aspects of the buildings - including Hall Lettings (currently coordinated by Nicholas). Volunteers welcomed - see **David.**

If you need a priest in an emergency for pastoral care, Fr John Hunter, of St John's Walham Green, can be contacted on 020-7381-3368 or 7385-7634. **Messages for the Wardens, the Appeal and Hall Lettings can be left on 7610-3841**

Electoral Roll Report (and extra remarks)

Before the renewal of the Roll we had 110, up from a realistic 83 in May. 2 Roll members are known to have moved out of the Parish, and in the renewal of the Roll 26 new people have joined. Unfortunately not everyone on the old Roll has yet filled in their new Roll forms, so currently we only have 101 (hence there are 35 former roll members not on this roll). We just wrote to 50 people who have not yet enrolled to encourage them, and hope to have responses from at least 24 of them, so by the end of May we should have 125, a 50% increase. **If you haven't signed up please do, after the meeting.** It'd be great to have 203 by 2003?!

St Andrew's is your church

If there's anything you feel called to do, please have a word with the coordinator listed above. **Please pray for us all as we work together to build on the great work of Fr. David.**

www.starcourse.org/standrews - standrews@starcourse.org

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Easter 3 - and APCM



"A Halleluia ! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. A Halleluia !"

Calendar - the Weeks ahead

MAY	
Thurs 8	7pm Eucharist
Sun 11	10.00am Eucharist – we welcome Rev. Jeremy Crossley to preach. Fr. Gavin to Sunday Club
Thurs 15	7pm Eucharist
Sun 18	10.00am Eucharist
Thurs 22	7pm Eucharist
Sun 25	10.00am Eucharist
Thurs 29	7pm Eucharist – The Ascension of the Lord
DATES FOR	THE DIARY FURTHER IN THE YEAR...
Mon June 2	7.30pm Finance Communication Consultation with our Archdeacon, the Ven. Malcolm Colmer
Sun June 8	Pentecost Praise & Barbeque @ St. Albans
June 12	11.30am Wedding Blessing of Stuart and Victoria
July 1	8pm – Confirmation Service with Bishop of Kensington
Aug 9-10	Central Fulham Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Pattern of the Week

- **Parish Eucharist** is at 10am on Sundays
- **Morning Prayer** is said in the Church every weekday at 8am, and **Evening Prayer** is said at 5pm.
- **Thursday evening Eucharist** is at 7pm.
- Fr Gavin's day off is Saturday. Monday is his personal development day, devoted to praying, studying and planning.

The Church website is www.fulhamfields.org.

Emails to: info@fulhamfields.org, treasurer@fulhamfields.org, wardens@fulhamfields.org and vicar@fulhamfields.org have their obvious recipients. An email to news@fulhamfields.org will ensure you are kept in touch.

Fr Gavin's Phone Number is 020-7385-5023 (but please don't phone on Saturdays or Mondays except in an emergency).

Finance Communication Consultation

Our Archdeacon, Malcolm Colmer will be visiting St. Andrew's to explain the critical financial situation that the Diocese of London is currently facing. The Bishop of London has stressed that this should be communicated with as many members of local church congregations as possible. All of our electoral roll members are encouraged to attend. The meeting should last for about one hour. This communication will have a direct impact upon our own parish, so do please set aside this time.

Day, date and time: Monday, 2nd June at 7.30pm

Welcome all visitors and newcomers!

Please fill in the card in your hymn book so that we can keep in touch. **You are invited to stay after church for the Parish Breakfast.**

Notices for the church family

Please Pray for Graham Ball, Priest, RIP

Trevor writes: There might well be some people in the congregation who would know Elinor Ball from St. Alban's, Fulham. She often supports our special choral services. During our Interregnum we prayed for Elinor's son, Graham, who was ordained priest last year. I was very shocked to learn that, right out of the blue, Graham suffered a massive stroke and died last Saturday. The funeral is on Tuesday at Longton, near Stoke on Trent.

Happiness and James' Wedding

Happiness and James had a wonderful wedding in St Andrew's yesterday. The church was full of friends and family and some members of the St Andrew's congregation. We wish them great happiness in their new married life together.



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The APCM meets today at 11.45 am.

Please pick up copies of the reports as well as the minutes from last year's meeting and the agenda for this year.

Immediately after the APCM today a first meeting of the new PCC will be held. Various officers will be appointed: Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Electoral Roll Officer. A Standing Committee will also be appointed.

F r. Gavin



Special Events in June

10am Sun 16th

Special Guest Eucharist

Fr John Ryeland



10am Sun 23rd

Eucharist with Fr Guy Shea

& music from the

Minnetonka Symphony

as part of their European Tour

Cross

7:30pm Mon 24th

Jazz Vespers

A unique worship experience combining readings from the psalms and jazz arrangements of spirituals and traditional hymns

featuring the acclaimed **US Trio Band**



Soleil

as part of their UK Tour

Suggested donation £5 at door

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Eucharist

Sundays 10am

Fridays 6:30 pm

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THIS Sunday!

(7th, 10am)

Bishop of London

followed by

Open Meeting

for Appeal in Memory of Fr David Paget

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Special Service



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Special Events

Wed. 7th 7pm - Candle-lit Meditation

Sun 11th 10am - Remembrance Sunday

Fri 30th 630pm - St Andrew's Day Eucharist followed by PARTY (bring food/drink to share)

December

Sun 2nd 10am - Special Advent Guest Service Bishop of Kensington

Close of Appeal in Memory of Fr David Paget

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This Weekend!

Sundays 10am

Anglo Afghan Night

Sat 16th Mar 7:30

A concert of Afghan and International music

Tickets £10 (£5 conc) available at the Door

Followed by a Party with Afghan food (£5)

Sun 17th Mar 7:30pm

Passion Sunday Service with Music and Readings

With the Choirs of St Andrew's & of St Alban's Cheam

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Fridays 630pm

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Sun 10am

Fri 7pm

(from 24th Oct)

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