

# St George and the English Martyrs



## Parish Pastoral Council Annual General Meeting – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 6pm

### Council Report

#### **Membership of PPC**

Father Brett Adams	- Parish Priest
Graham Alcock	- Parish Treasurer
Charlotte Alexander	- Elected
Dianne Alexander	- Elected
David Andrew	- PP appointed
Malcolm Duncan	- Elected
Suzanne Halvey	- Co-opted
Catherine Harrold	- Elected
Brian Lish	- Elected
Frank McEvoy	- PP appointed
Chris McPhillips	- Elected
Kelvin Ncube	- PP appointed
Paul Schofield	- Chair of Finance Committee
Annabelle Delgado	- HT St George's School
Val McEvoy	- Secretary

There have been 5 PPC meetings since November 2015.

There were no changes to the membership of the Council since the last AGM. Our sincere thanks to Adrienne Davison who has completed her time on the council and we thank her for her service and support during her time in office.

We also take this opportunity to thank Fr Brett for his service as our parish priest. This is now his second AGM! We hope he will continue to feel both supported and appreciated by us all.

A variety of topics, events and discussions have taken place since the AGM last year. A brief summary is listed below:

Following last year's AGM the following topics were raised and included in discussions at PPC meetings:

- Improving the lighting both to the rear and front of St George's church
- The publication of the next Georgian Magazine
- The progress of the befriending group
- The possible installation of defibrillators in both churches and the hall
- The cost of replacing hymn books with an electronic display system at St Georges
- The design of a parish logo

- The scheduled 'door of mercy' pilgrimage at Brentwood Cathedral
- A proposal to include the 'Stewards of the Gospel' member as a permanent member of the PPC
- The checking and updating of first aid items at both churches
- Fixing a day of recollection for ministers of the Eucharist
- Consider organising a refresher day for readers
- Various items were raised regarding the repair and refurbishment of the parish buildings especially the hall.

### Parish Website

- Our parish website is an important part of how we share and communicate news and information in the parish. It continues to grow and extend and is updated regularly. I would ask anyone who takes part in or organises activities in the parish to check the website to see if the information displayed is up-to-date and accurate. Please email Frank McEvoy on [mcevoy@ymail.com](mailto:mcevoy@ymail.com) if there are any changes to be made.
  - [www.saintgeorgeschurch.co.uk](http://www.saintgeorgeschurch.co.uk)
  - Some 90 pages of information on a wide variety of topics
  - New pages for the 'Stewards of the Gospel' initiative
  - A 'live' parish diary
  - Receive a copy of the newsletter by email each week
  - Daily readings for the Mass available
- Our social calendar continues and has included this year:
  - Annual Christmas Fayre
  - Weekly Coffee Mornings
  - Irish Night
  - Quiz Night
  - Various charity fund raising meals
  - Annual Summer Fair
  - A Wine Tasting evening

### Parish Safeguarding

The free online training introduced last year by the Diocese has now been withdrawn. Sharon Chambers is our safeguarding officer, (as well as the parish administrator), any concerns or questions should be raised directly with her. Sharon continues to update the DBS checks for those members of the parish directly involved with caring for young people and vulnerable adults.

### Births, Marriages, Deaths and Mass Attendance (during the past year).

Mass Attendance	<b>481</b> (weekly average)
Baptisms	<b>21</b>
Marriages	<b>1</b>
Deaths	<b>11 + 7</b> (out of parish conducted by Fr Brett)
Also:	
Confirmations	<b>19</b>
RCIA (receptions)	<b>7</b>
First Holy Communion	<b>30</b>

## **Thank you**

May I take this opportunity to thank sincerely our Parish Priest Fr Brett for his guidance and support and secondly your representatives on the Parish Council both past and present, for their ideas and hard work over the last year and the years to come.

Finally may I also thank the large band of dedicated parishioners who organise and run many activities and events and those who support the running of the parish and maintenance of the parish building and grounds through their voluntary work. Our continuing development lies in us all continuing to give generously of our time and talents to help build our community.

Please note that all of the minutes of the meetings and finance reports are available for download on the parish website and paper copies are displayed for a short period of time at the back of both the churches (following approval at the PPC meeting).

**Frank McEvoy**  
**Chairman**

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## **AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 – 6.00pm in the Parish Hall**

1. Opening Prayer – Father Brett
2. Apologies for absence
3. Welcome and Report by Chair of Parish Council
4. Financial Report – Parish Treasurer
5. Report by our 'Steward of the Gospel'
6. Report by Father Brett
7. Open Forum