

Vicar's Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 28th June 2026

Having been installed as your vicar in November, it has been a joyful and challenging almost 8 months. There has been plenty to learn, and there is still more. I want to begin this report by sharing about some of the opportunities I've had to engage with our local community.

We have welcomed the school into Church for services termly since December, with their Years 6 Leavers' service scheduled for July. In January the weekly vicar-led collective worship restarted at Holy Trinity Primary School. We have also had a visit from the Year 2s at Harris Primary School as part of their RE curriculum, and it was a joy to teach them about Christianity and the Church of England as they explored the Church.

I was offered the opportunity to take up Fr Bunmi's seat on Haringey's Multi-Faith forum, and it has been a joy to engage with our inter-faith neighbours and community leaders. As well as attending the Met Police's Ward Panel meetings to hear the concerns of the local community.

Pastoral care within our Church is vitally important, and I have made visits to hospitals and homes to take communion to those who are unable to join us in Church on a Sunday morning. I am grateful to Ayo Dumbuya and Margaret Williams who have accompanied me on some of these visits. Many of which are to those who have not joined us in Church for some time, and often years. Please do continue to let me know of anyone who would like to be called on.

I am pleased with the overwhelmingly positive response to the introduction on Sundays of Morning Prayer at 9.30 and our Parish Eucharist moving to 10.30 after it was agreed by the PCC. It has been a joy to be able to build up the worshipping life of our Church in this way, and I am keen to see how else we might do this together.

In January the PCC agreed that we would begin to mark the Sunday of the late May Bank Holiday as a Sunday in close proximity to the anniversary of our dedication on 26th May as our festival. In the life of the Church, the patronal festival has been celebrated on different days, sometimes on the Sunday closest to the 26th and sometimes on Trinity Sunday. By establishing it on a fixed day, and that within the long weekend, it provides us with an opportunity to develop

missional activities across the weekend. The Church's 200th year anniversary will fall on Sunday 26th May 2030, and I look forward to seeing how we as a church family can build this up as a celebration and reach out to our local community to celebrate with them. This does not replace the Church Fete as a fundraising activity, but complements it as a missional activity. We had a joyful Eucharist celebration this year with the feast of the dedication falling on Pentecost. I would welcome any ideas people have about activities we can introduce over the weekend going forward.

As with any new appointment, we are in a season of change. Naturally as a priest with different skills, abilities, and passions, as well as strengths and weaknesses, from my predecessor, I bring something different to what has been usual within the life of our Church over the preceding 23 years. I know that many have embraced and expressed joy at what I have brought - which is not a critique on what has been before, but a reflection on something new and the opportunities I am able to bring to our Church through the virtue of that difference. I am also aware that this has been hard for some, which grieves me. I am grateful for all those who have offered honest and open feedback, thank you. I am sure that you will understand, that there are times when the feedback I receive from different people contradicts others, which offers the particular challenge of discernment, at those moments I trust in prayer and wisdom from the Holy Spirit, to seek the way forward that is most supportive for as many people as possible.

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