

At the end of June 2019 we invited the congregation to reflect on things that we could celebrate as a parish. We asked 3 questions – these were the responses we received and were then displayed through July and August.

1. We can celebrate being confident...

Things we can celebrate being more confident in...

- By the strength we give each other and engage with our community such as presence at Queens Park Day
- St Paul's Services and Laurence's Larder
- Welcoming local people into the church
- Supporting each other
- Life, family, faith, friends
- By promoting the church and what it does in the community
- And caring children and the environment
- Working together
- Welcoming others into our hallowed space through yoga and meditation in a troubled world, having faith our lives are given the evolving purpose of God – nothing is wasted
- Exams
- Welcoming people of all sorts even if they do not 'fit'
- That I am being the best Christian I can be
- Supporting each other going through difficult times
- I sung a song with my two best friends in front of the whole school yesterday
- Attending services at St Annes and St Andrews; by celebrating 25 years of women priested
- Bringing in new members to St Annes
- Advent procession at St Pauls
- And clear of conscience
- When we face difficulties in life, we know there are good people who support us in God's faith, because of the grace of God. We cannot thank God enough for our parish church that is my family in faith. We are given a precious gift of love of God that is present in us at all times in us. Thanks be to God.
- The church and the centre provide a genuine resource which meets community needs
- Participating in the Advent procession at St Pauls
- Participating in Queens Park Day
- Proud/happy to say loud and clear to all colleagues, contacts, friends, partners, locally and internationally that I belong to this church.
- By being visible in the local community, for example Queens Park Day, as a venue for local activities
- Project around WW1, the work with people on the war memorial
- In participating in ecumenical mediation.
- In our faith and in our openness to others.

2. We can celebrate being compassionate

- I am kind to my pet, friends and family
- We provide an environment where individuals have been able to focus compassion appropriately
- Joining in the response to the Gambian farmers donkey loan
- Social action – donations and participation in Laurence's Larder
- Supporting the soup kitchen at Laurence's Larder and collecting the bread
- Helping with the bakery run
- Listening to others
- To support
- Tea and chat; foodbank; horse/donkey donation/ st mungos
- Supporting disabled and elderly family members
- I can tell another member of the church
- Making st mungos boxes at Christmas
- Helping with bread run and financial giving
- To each other and also to others in need
- Being a 'fish' provider to Laurence's larder
- Reaching out and inviting people to come to events, like Vicars annual tea party
- Helping people around Queens Park who have less than us, even if they 'don't deserve it'
- Our fundraising and support of charitable projects
- Looking after my mum when she is tired
- Donated for donkey; donation to st mungos and cancer research
- Giving to Laurence larder and donkey
- Our saviour taught us , we do our best to be kind to each other , compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us. We give thanks to God for our beloved Vicar who is the best shepherd EVER!!! Amen!
- Non-judgemental listening towards those who do not have the freedom that comes from knowing unconditional love and forgiveness.
- Supporting Laurence's Larder and welcoming new people.
- By working on our inclusivity in the community.
- Giving charitably, donkey and laurences larder and helping others
- Coming to court to help Ardalan's case – donate for donkey
- Supporting local 'kids club' at a local church in Loughborough while at Uni.

3. We can celebrate being creative...

- Having a vicar (or 2) with a progressive point of view
- In key collective events ie. WWI project, QP Day, Kilburn Grammar School Centenary
- Making poppies, Christmas decorations and wreath making
- Using inspiration from faith and Sunday service to shape what I do in my work and family life
- 2 minute slot seems very creative because of the diversity of ideas people bring to their spiritual life.
- Writing and delivering intercessions
- David Tills song recitals add a aid inspiring dimension of church life
- Our parish church is one big foster family whose parent is our father, the son and the holy spirit. We help each other, support one another and love our neighbour. Because of the grace of God The holy spirit inspires us when necessary so that we have enjoyed the we way we have gathered together to pray
- Poppy making and flower arranging
- Poppy knitting for remembrance
- Lego master builder
- Would like to start playing the piano
- Art and photography exhibitions
- Getting people in at Christmas for a range of events
- Enjoying concerts in St Annes
- Being moved by WWI project
- By singing
- Gardening and being friendly with all who are passing
- In listening to others and opening our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love – whether they believe or not.
- Local concert of local people or the congregation
- In problem solving daily life for friends/work/family
- Activities with the Sunday School stimulate creativity
- Sunday school creators eg skeleton
- I love drawing and painting.

The Sunday School also were asked about things they could celebrate or liked at St Anne's. They said:

- I am thankful for going to Sunday School, learning about being a Christian and doing activities.
- Learning and colouring in at Sunday school
- Serving tea and coffee to help the community
- I have lots of fun at Sunday School.

There was also a wall display of some of our collective achievements, including photos. This display is attached.

Celebrating our Mission Action Plan 2014-19

Confident by:

- Being good stewards
- Being a Faithful Worshipping Community
- Being Partners in the Gospel



Confirmation at St Paul's Cathedral



Queen's Park Day



**20 Years of Ecumenical Partnership and
Inter Faith Engagement**



Sunday School



Caring for one another



Inter Faith Events

Compassionate through:

- Active Social Action
- Active Local Engagement
- Active Social Life



Harvest Festival and
Weekly Support of Laurence's Larder



Queen's Park Open Garden's and Being a Community Space



Raising funds for local families.

Looking after our grounds and local environment.





My Move and offering hospitality



Tea and Chat



The Donkey that became a horse!
Support communities and education

Creative through:

- **Open and Accessible Worship**
- **Active Discipleship**
- **Engaging in our Community**



Providing a space
for local artists and
community groups



Participating in events at St Paul's Cathedral



Thinking about our faith in new ways

40 bags in 40 days in Lent



Exhibitions marking Centenary of the end of WWI





Exhibition Space
Hosting part of Open Studio's



Hosting events in and with the local community

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