

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Benefices Sub Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee	2 July 2012
<b>Subject:</b> The City of London Corporation Benefices	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Information</b>
<b><u>Summary</u></b>	
This report provides Members with information on the various City Corporation's Benefices.	
<b>Recommendation:</b> That the report be received.	

### **Main Report**

#### **Background**

1. This report provides Members with information and advises on the most recent activities and developments at the City Corporation's various Benefices.

#### **St Matthias Stoke Newington**

Sole Patron is the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London. The Rev David Lambert was installed as Vicar on 17/7/06.

#### **St Lawrence Jewry**

This is a Guild Church of which the sole Patron is the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London.

The Revd David Parrott was installed as Vicar on 01/07/2009.

#### **St John North Woolwich with Silvertown**

The Patrons are the Bishop of Chelmsford and the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London who exercise the right of presentation successively. The latter will exercise the next right of presentation.

The presentation was suspended in 2002 and the suspension was extended for a further 5 years from 11 February 2007. On 31/10/11 the City Corporation was consulted about a proposed further suspension for 5 years to allow for continuing consideration of pastoral reorganisation.

An urgent decision was then taken under Urgency Procedures (Standing Order No. 41(a)) informing the Diocesan Registry that the City Corporation had no objection to

the proposed extension of the suspension period and did not wish to make use of its entitlement to call a meeting with the Bishop or his representative.

The current Priest-in-Charge is the Revd Patricia Capriello.

### **Southwark, St George the Martyr with St Alphege and St Jude**

The Patrons are the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London, the Lord Chancellor on behalf of Her Majesty in right of Her Crown, and the Walsingham College Trust Association Limited. The right of presentation is exercised in recurring series of six successive turns with the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London having the first turn, the Lord Chancellor the second, fourth, fifth and sixth turns and the Walsingham College Trust Association the third turn. The Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London will exercise the next right of presentation.

The right of presentation was suspended in December 2006 to enable Ray Andrews to be appointed as Priest-in-charge for one year. The suspension period was extended for a further period of up to three years from 25<sup>th</sup> July 2008 while discussions took place about possible pastoral reorganisation in the local area.

On 3/10/11 the City was consulted about a further 3 year period of suspension to enable linkage between St George and nearby St Hugh's to be explored and had no objections. On 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011 the suspension period was extended for a further period of three years. Arrangements are therefore due to be reconsidered by November 2014.

The current Priest-in-Charge is the Revd. Ray Andrews.

### **St John the Evangelist, Brownswood Park**

The sole Patron is the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2011 the period of suspension of presentation was lifted, and on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 a Pastoral Order came into force establishing a group ministry for this benefice with St Mary, Stoke Newington and St Thomas, Finsbury Park. The Reverend David Sandham was installed as Vicar in May 2012.

### **Our Most Holy Redeemer, Clerkenwell and St Mark, Myddleton Square**

In 2001 a scheme was confirmed which dissolved the existing benefice and created the new benefices of Our Most Holy Redeemer Clerkenwell and St Mark Clerkenwell; the right of presentation of the benefices is held in plurality (for the duration of the plurality) and is to be exercised by the Patrons jointly. The Patrons are the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London and the Trustees of the former benefice of The Holy Redeemer with St Philip Clerkenwell.

The first incumbent of the plurality is Reverend Paul Bagott.

### **St John on Bethnal Green**

The Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London is a member of the Patronage Board (which exercises the right of patronage) and has one vote. The other members of the Patronage Board are the Bishop of Stepney who is chairman of the Board and has one vote as a member of the Board and a casting vote as chairman, the Archdeacon of Hackney who has one vote, the Dean and Chapter of the Metropolitan Church of Canterbury who has one vote and a member appointed by the Bishop who has one vote. These arrangements are set down in a Pastoral Scheme confirmed on 16/12/86.

*The current incumbent is Revd Alan Green.*

### **St Peter- upon- Cornhill**

The sole Patron is the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London. This benefice has now been fully merged with St Helen, Bishopsgate.

Revd William Taylor is the current incumbent and he was installed in May 2002.

### **St Alban with St Augustine, Fulham**

The joint Patrons are the Bishop of London in his corporate capacity and the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London who exercise the right of presentation jointly.

Presentation was suspended for five years from 17 January 2003 by the Bishop of Kensington and thereafter the suspension was extended for a further period of up to 5 years on 21 January 2008. Arrangements are therefore due to be reconsidered by January 2013.

Matt Hogg was appointed as Priest in Charge in November 2011.

### **St Peter with St Thomas, Bethnal Green**

The Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London are the sole Patron. The right of presentation was suspended for a period of five years from 1 December 2004. Suspension was extended from 1/12/09 for up to a further five years.

Revd Adam Atkinson is currently the Priest in charge.

### **Conclusion**

10. It is proposed that the information contained within this report be noted.

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