

THIS PAGE IS LEFT INTENTIONALLY BLANK

Welcome to the St. Martin's PCC 2024 Annual Report

describing a year in the life of an active and thriving church

You will read of St. Martin's delivery of its Parish Development Plan for many exciting initiatives such as new activities for young people (including a Peace Garden in the churchyard) and for seniors (such as community lunches, *Hear Here* and *Music Memories*), *St. Martin's Walks* (which has completed the Pilgrim's Way from Winchester to Canterbury, but which will continue locally), faith studies (such as *Being With* and *Bible Breakfasts*) and meeting voluntary environmental standards (Eco church).

Installation of the COVID Memorial Windows in the north transept and their inauguration by Bishop Andrew at a moving service in October was a defining moment. The windows captured your imagination and, thanks to your generosity, fundraising was completed swiftly. Likewise, substantial legacies have been received and are available for future mission and building projects.

St. Martin's relies on the generosity of its worshippers to fund our mission and outreach. Whilst every opportunity to raise money externally is taken (eg. hire of our halls), the average level of giving at St. Martin's remains considerably lower than the Diocese of Guildford average. We hope that the recent stewardship appeal will help meet the shortfall described in our Treasurer's report, but if you wish St. Martin's to thrive, we urge you (if you have not already done so) to join the Parish Giving Scheme in preference to other means (such as standing orders), to use its inflationary increase facility and to prayerfully consider your donation levels.

Last, but very far from least, you will read of the host of volunteers upon which St. Martin's depends: maintaining the churchyard, cleaning the church, flower arranging and a multitude of other activities. They are heroes, but hopefully not unsung!

CONTENTS

1. LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1

2. PCC AIMS & ORGANISATION

2

3. CHURCHWARDENS' FOREWORD

2

4. THE CHURCH & ITS MINISTRY

3

5. REVIEW OF PCC ACTIVITIES

5

6. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

5

7. FINANCE & PLANNED GIVING

8

8. FABRIC, GOODS, ORNAMENTS, HALLS & CHURCHYARD

9

9. PARISH SAFEGUARDING

10

10. WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

11

2024 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARTIN'S, EAST HORSLEY

11. MUSIC & CHOIR

15

12. OUTWARD GIVING

16

13. OUTREACH

17

14. COMMUNITY & HOSPITALITY

19

15. FRIENDS OF ST MARTIN'S

20

16. ECO CHURCH

21

17. COMMUNICATIONS

21

18. CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HORSLEY & OCKHAM

21

19. LEATHERHEAD DEANERY SYNOD

22

APPENDIX. Safeguarding Training Pathway

23

1/2025 LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Diocese	Guildford
Deanery	Leatherhead
Location of church	Ockham Road South, East Horsley, Surrey, KT24 6RL
Registered Charity Number	1128274
Electoral Roll Numbers	182 persons (181 in 2023)
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc
Independent Examiner	Hayley Smith

Parochial Church Council (PCC) 2024 membership:

Rector	Rev. Renos Pittarides	<i>Chair</i>
Associate Minister	Rev. Dr Stephen Mangar (to 25 June)	
Curate	Rev. Ellie Lister	
Churchwardens	David Godwin	<i>Lay Vice-Chair</i>
	Chris Jany	
Lay Worker	Ali Bullman	<i>Children's & Youth Minister</i>
Deanery Synod	Robert Barnard	
Lay Representatives	Helen Lawrence	
	Harry Talboys	
Elected Lay Members	Claire Browne	<i>Parish Safeguarding</i>
<i>Officer</i>	Peter Channing (to 12 May)	
	Sheila Davis	
	Sara Dean	
	Andrew French	
	Michael Gibbs	<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>
	Jonathan Hill	
	Rachel Holloway (from 12 May)	
	Kate Ryder	
	Debbie Springford	
	Denise Smee	
	Matthew Young	<i>Treasurer</i>
Co-opted	Stuart Hyder (from 1 June)	<i>Secretary</i>

PCC Correspondence to:

Rector	Reverend Renos Pittarides, The Rectory, Ockham Road South, East Horsley, Surrey, KT24 6RL
Secretary	Stuart Hyder, Parish Office, Ockham Road South, East Horsley, Surrey, KT24 6RL

2/2025 PCC AIMS & ORGANISATION

What is the PCC? St. Martin's governing body, the church equivalent of a company Board of Directors.

Who are its members? The PCC brings together clergy and laity. Clergy licensed to the parish and elected laity (churchwardens, deanery synods and directly) attend. The PCC has limited power to co-opt.

How is it organised? The Rector chairs meetings. The PCC appoints a lay vice-chair and officers (secretary and treasurer) and its procedures are subject to the Church Representation Rules, enacted by the General Synod of the Church of England. There are currently four advisory committees: Environmental, Finance & Giving, Friends of St. Martin's and Safeguarding.

How often does it meet? As often as required, in practice at least five times a year. Urgent decisions can be taken outside of meetings. A Standing Committee of the Rector, churchwardens and officers has delegated authority and meets as required in the gaps between regular meetings.

What does it do? The PCC co-operates with the Rector to promote St. Martin's mission: Building Faith, Hope & Love.

This includes taking care of St. Martin's fabric and property, raising and applying funds and approving and executing St. Martin's Parish Development Plan for pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical purposes to the Glory of God.

The PCC is a registered charity and the members are its trustees.

3/2025 CHURCHWARDENS' FOREWORD

David Godwin and Chris Jany

As your Churchwardens, we are grateful for the opportunity to share some thoughts with you as we continue to grow and serve together at St. Martins. We are thankful for the many ways God has blessed and used St. Martin's to make a positive difference throughout the year.

Church life, much like everyday life, has its share of ups and downs. We gather to celebrate, to grieve, to sing, to pray, and, most importantly, to remind each other of God's love and faithfulness. Our church is so much more than a beautiful building - it's a home. In a world that can often feel rushed and uncertain, St. Martin's is a place full of Faith, Hope and Love.

We are blessed to have our ministry team, led by Renos and faithfully supported by Sandy, Ellie and Ali. Their dedication continues to bless our church family. We also thank you for being part of our church's journey. Your prayers, volunteering, and generosity have helped us build a strong and vibrant community at St. Martin's.

As a growing and busy church, the past year has been full of activity. As you read through this report, you'll see the many ways our ministry has made a positive impact and touched lives across our community. Particular highlights include the installation and dedication of our stunning new COVID Memorial Windows - a moving tribute to resilience and remembrance - and the conclusion of our wonderful pilgrimage walk from Winchester to Canterbury.

We're thrilled to see our Bible study breakfasts gaining momentum, while our oversubscribed '*Being With*' course has helped many explore the Christian faith. Additionally, our regular community lunches, coffee mornings, music memories, and children's playgroups continue to thrive. Our sold-out music concerts;

Counterfeit Beatles and Tenors Unlimited reached hundreds of people from across the parish.

Looking ahead, we have much to look forward to as we work towards the goals outlined in our Parish Development Plan. We're particularly excited about the creation of a Peace Garden, designed with our young people in mind. In line with our commitment to sustainability, we are also exploring ways to enhance our eco-credentials. Additionally, we plan to expand our Bible studies and faith exploration programs, while also preparing for the return of our popular Christmas Tree Festival - a fitting finale to what we hope will be another vibrant year in the life of our parish.

We invite you to stay actively involved in our church community. Together, let's move forward, guided by Faith, Hope and Love, embracing the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

4/2025 THE CHURCH & ITS MINISTRY

Rev. Renos Pittarides – Rector

I would like to begin my report by thanking the Ministry Team for their hard work and dedication last year. We are truly blessed to have such a committed team leading the spiritual life of our parish. Thanks go to Rev. Ellie Lister, Rev. Sandy Conway and Rev. Dr Stephen Mangar who all made an important contribution to the life of St. Martin's last year.

Ali Bullman continues to do a sterling job as our Children's and Youth Minister, and I am grateful to her and her team for the creative ways they are nurturing our young people.

St. Martin's is blessed to have a range of preachers and my thanks go to Robert Barnard, David Godwin, Judy Young and James Browne for their excellent sermons

throughout 2024. David Godwin and Judy Young have taken a further step by beginning to train as Associate Lay Ministers.

Chris Jany and David Godwin continue to be excellent Churchwardens. I am very grateful to them and to Andrew French who occasionally deputises. We all work very well together.

I would like to thank Matthew Young, our Treasurer, and Stuart Hyder, our PCC Secretary, for their contributions. Thanks also to all members of the PCC for their hard work, commitment and dedication.

Gareth Pont, our Director of Music, has served St. Martin's for many years. We meet regularly to choose a variety of music for our services, drawing from a wide range of hymn books and sources. I am grateful to Gareth, Fiona and the choir for their dedication and hard work. I know how much the wide range of music we are able to offer is appreciated.

The death of our much-loved head sound and vision engineer, Tim Williams, was a great loss to both his family and church family. We are currently working on a new audio/visual console which will be dedicated in his memory. I am very grateful to Nick Bullman and James Bray who ensured that we were able to continue Tim's valuable work, which included livestreaming most of our services. This was much appreciated, particularly by those unable to attend in person.

We are very grateful to all those who led intercessions, served at the altar, read at services and welcomed folk as Sidespeople. Grateful thanks also to Rose Washbourne and Sheila Davis, our sacristans and to those who clean the church, supported by our paid cleaners, Gabor and Beata.

Lindsey Haines continued to help me with the administration of weddings and Marlene Davis and her team ensured we had beautiful flower arrangements throughout the year.

Chris Jany continued to look after our halls (an important part of our community engagement and income) as well as his Churchwarden duties. He manages an excellent team of volunteers in caring for our churchyard.

Denise Smee is heading 'The Friends of St. Martin's' alongside Kate Ryder and donations from the Friends contributed to our ability to look after the fabric of the church.

For the past nine years, Kate Lane has done a wonderful job running our parish office and plays a vital role behind the scenes ensuring that we have good publicity, service booklets, hymn sheets and a lot more!

Our hospitality teams offered coffee after most services as well as refreshments at 'Spiritual Cinema' and other social events. Thanks to Debbie Springford, Fern Winborn, Margaret Read and numerous volunteers who looked after catering, hospitality on Sundays and our much-loved weekly 'Community Coffee Mornings'. Thanks also to Judy Young who organised a very successful parish BBQ last summer.

The PCC has steadily progressed with our Parish Development Plan, and there is a lot to be excited about. *The Pilgrims' Walk*, *Bible Breakfasts*, the *Being With* course, Confirmation courses, and various activities for young people were all part.

One of the most significant accomplishments of our 2024 plan was

raising enough funds in a short time to complete the new COVID Memorial Windows. This has been an incredible achievement for the parish and is deeply appreciated in the local community and beyond. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed so generously, and to the members of the PCC who worked alongside me to bring this meaningful project to life.

Church attendance

Our attendance figures in 2024 were very good. We had a particularly successful Christmas and despite the loss of our asylum-seeking friends from Thatchers, numbers held up well.

Our mid-week communion service continues to be very popular. A number of us continue to meet on Saturday mornings for Morning Prayer. Compline took place on Zoom, though fewer people attended than in previous years.

Occasional Offices

We held 8 weddings, one wedding blessing, 19 funerals, 5 baptisms, 5 confirmations and one person was Received into the Church of England.

Stewardship Appeal

You will read in the Treasurer's report (**6/2025**) that we ran a deficit of just over £11,000 in our general fund. This is concerning and I am grateful to Andrew French who was responsible for a Stewardship Appeal last year. I am grateful to all those who responded by either joining our planned giving scheme or increasing their giving. Thank you.

Personal

I am looking forward to celebrating my 10th anniversary at St. Martin's later in 2025. It is a real privilege to continue to serve as Area Dean for Leatherhead Deanery. By the end of 2024 we had a full complement of clergy in the diocese, which will make

life a little easier (given that during a vacancy the Area Dean has responsibility for a parish in vacancy). I continue to mentor a small number of people exploring ordination as well as new incumbents. I continue to sit on Diocesan Synod.

Thank you

With each passing year, I continue to feel deeply grateful for the generosity of those at St. Martin's who embrace the Gospel and share in our mission to create a community grounded in Faith, Hope, and Love. Thank you to everyone who contributes through their actions, financial support, and especially through your prayers.

5/2025 REVIEW OF PCC ACTIVITIES

Stuart Hyder - PCC Secretary

I'm the new boy! Although I've some background as a company secretary and as secretary to a pension plan, learning to be a PCC secretary is very different. Firstly, may I pay tribute to my predecessor, Sara Dean? Her enthusiasm for her role was infectious and her handover after the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) in May, exemplary. Never have I been better prepared for a new post. Thank you, Sara.

The year end 2024 PCC composition was 20: 2 clergy, 1 lay worker, 2 churchwardens, 3 deanery synod, 11 elected and 1 co-optee.

The PCC met seven times during the year. Average attendance was 73%, always comfortably exceeding the quorum of one-third. I believe this to be good for an unpaid voluntary body. The Standing Committee met once, as a work group for development of governance (see below). Both bodies took urgent decisions by email.

Reflecting its importance, progress against the Parish Development Plan (St. Martin's

business plan) has been added to the standard agenda items of Chairman's, Finance & Safeguarding Reports.

From the Diocese, we welcomed David Senior (to our September meeting) and Emma Coy (to October) to help us prepare for respectively our Stewardship Appeal (fundraising initiative) and our Parish Development Plan (with particular regard to meeting the needs of young people). Their presentations were devotional, inspirational and unforgettable.

44 clergy & parishioners attended the 2024 APCM.

I am passionate about the importance of good governance. Review of disparate sources laid the ground during the year for three key policies, covering property (finance & assets), people & complaints.

By the time this Annual Report is published, they are likely to be in place. Only complaints will be completely new. Policies will then provide a single source of authority and become living documents, to be regularly reviewed for adequacy in the changing times in which we live.

Finally, may I commend my PCC colleagues? I believe they truly are a ministry of the talents. Bringing, for many, long experience of St. Martin's and, for all, diverse and complementary skills and life experiences, I learn from them constantly. Thank you.

6/2025 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Matthew Young - Treasurer

Summary

The full accounts for 2024 show an overall positive position for our finances, but the picture is more varied across the different fund types (General, Designated, Restricted, and Endowment). Overall income grew by a massive 60% to £417.5k (on a 2023 figure that was itself up 40% on

2022). However, there are a number of “one-offs” within this overall picture that distort; 2023 income was boosted by the COVID Memorial Windows (Windows) fund-raising campaign, and 2024 income was supplemented by two significant legacies which added £210k to our income.

As always, the position of our General Funds is the most appropriate measure of growth (or concern) in our accounts, and here our income grew by a much more modest 5% to £149.8k. This minor increase recovers last year's dip in General income but is just 2% ahead of the 2022 figure – modest growth indeed given the rate of inflation and the increase in church attendees.

Overall costs are up 28% on 2023, but again this figure is distorted by the expenditure on the now completed Windows where the bulk of their cost (£62.1k) fell into 2024. The General Expenditure was up just 7% to £160.9k driven largely by a higher Parish Share, increased utility costs, and a planned increase in our outward charitable donations.

Our Investment Funds have performed adequately over the course of the year (better in the first half but edging back in the second in response to the changing economic backdrop). The invested funds delivered 2% growth (to £250k) and 2% income (£6.8k). Interest rates remained stable throughout the year and generated £8.1k of income.

Headlines for 2024:

- Total income has jumped to £417.5k (+60%) against total costs of £248k (+28%) – but again, note the impact of the legacies and Windows fund-raising/expenditure on this figure
- General Income has risen 5% to £149.7k

- Two legacies added £210k (with more to come) to our Designated Funds which (subject to PCC agreement) will fund several pastoral, structural, and community projects in the years ahead
- Investment Funds increased in value by 2% to £250k
- Our Property Assets (Community Hall and Church Rooms) increased in value by 3% to £949.6k
- Our Total Assets (Fixed and Current) increased by 13% to £1.629m
- We have ended the year “in the red” on our General cash position with a £11.2k deficit

The accounts have continued in the accruals-based accounting format which complies with the requirements of both the Diocese and the Charities Commission for a charity of our size/turnover. The accounts are presented as a Statement of Financial Activity (SOFA) and Balance Sheet, with accompanying notes and appendices to add detail and explanation.

Income

Overall, our total income (General, Designated, and Restricted) rose 60% to £417.5k, but as noted above £210k came in the form of (Designated) legacies. In our General Income, voluntary giving (envelopes, Parish Giving Scheme, SumUp/CAF donations, standing orders, grants, appeals, and cash collections) raised £113.2k which was just 2.2% up on 2023. Within this the combined Parish Giving Scheme, Planned Giving and accompanying Gift Aid reclamation at £96.4k was barely level on 2023, despite a continued swing towards the Parish Giving Scheme (where we get the Gift Aid automatically “in year”). However, the early signs from the Stewardship Appeal in October indicate that we should expect a more significant increase in this area in 2025. Hall/Church Rooms income rose by 13% to £23.8k and continues to provide a

very welcome source of additional funds (it not only “pays for itself” but provides a surplus for use elsewhere). The focus on increasing our General Income must remain for the year ahead as this funds the core costs and work of the church.

Restricted Funds were boosted by the arrival of a £12k “handover” donation to fund the Music Memories project which has proven to be such a success. Further donations have continued throughout the year, and we will be able to fund this initiative for some years to come. Designated Funds saw £7.6k of Vestry Fund donations and a £9.4k addition to the Windows Fund from a VAT rebate in addition to the legacy monies already mentioned. With the Windows now complete, we are left with a balance of £13.7k from funds raised, which the PCC may now re-direct to another project. Once again, a huge thank you to all those who contributed so generously and made this wonderful idea become a reality that our community can enjoy for generations to come.

Expenditure

Total spending grew 28% to £248k with the bulk of the increase resulting from spending on the Windows project (£62.1k). Excluding the Windows, our spend dropped back in line with 2022 levels, but within this, General Expenditure was up 7% to £160.9k. Of the £11k increase, the key drivers were the higher Parish Share (up 7%/£6.2k on 2023), higher utility costs for the church and Hall/Rooms, and a committed increase to our outward charitable donations. The almost doubling of the working expenses of the clergy costs reflect the increased size of the clergy team over the full year.

The Parish Share will increase further in 2025, by just 1%. This will still mean that

this remains our biggest single expense, and at £98.1k it equates to almost £2k per week before we fund anything else.

Outward charitable donations have fallen as a percentage of income over several years and by 2023, just 5% of our General income was applied to them. In keeping with our charity objectives and church teaching, we should aim to donate about 10% of General income each year (a “tithe”), and the PCC agreed to step up our donations to this figure over a three-year period (c.6.5% in 2024, c.8% in 2025, reaching c.10% in 2026). The larger donations made in 2024 totalling £9.5k are our first step towards our 10% target.

Assets

Fixed Assets comprise the Community Hall and Church Rooms which have been valued at £949.6k based on their 2024 buildings insurance value (a “paper” increase of £25.9k). Our Investment Funds stand at £250k based on market value and show a 2% increase in value vs. 2023. The value of our fixtures and fittings has been initially increased by the purchase (and subsequent capitalisation) of a new printer and then subsequently decreased by the relevant depreciation (£7.5k) and now stands at £19.5k. Our total fixed assets are therefore £1.219m at year end, up 2% on last year.

Current Assets comprise:

- (i) debtors of £12.5k (HMRC for Gift Aid) – overall recovery is again down vs. previous years as expected, as more Gift Aid is recovered automatically in-year through the Parish Giving Scheme),
- (ii) cash in our current accounts of £43.1k (unsurprisingly down on last year’s £101.3k as we have spent heavily on the Windows completion), and

(iii) cash in our deposit accounts of £355.1k (including of course the £210k of legacy donations)

giving us a total value to our current assets of £410.7k (up 67% on last year).

Liabilities total £1,100 for governance costs for the 2024 accounts examination.

Total Assets of the PCC (fixed plus current assets minus liabilities) therefore stand at £1.629m, a 13% increase on our end 2023 position.

Outlook

The pattern of the past few years is likely to continue. Economic uncertainty continues with consequent pressures on our supporters and their level of regular giving, coupled with an inflationary increase in our costs. General Funds are likely to “feel the pinch” most as these rely on regular giving and fund the basic costs of the parish and the work undertaken by our wonderful pastoral team.

Nevertheless, the projects undertaken by St. Martin's such as the Windows, Music Memories, and the Youth Work remain well-funded. When additional funds have been required, support has been forthcoming (the two recent legacies and the Windows fund-raising response being great examples of the parish's generosity). However, it is the area of General funding that most attention is needed, and I implore all our regular givers to continue to support the Stewardship Appeal by signing up to the Parish Giving Scheme and regularly considering the contribution that they feel able to make. General giving is vital as it “keeps the lights on,” funds our clergy team, and enables us to continue the wonderful work of St. Martin's.

Thanks

As is customary, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all those who are engaged in our continuing efforts to secure

our finances; to Chris Jany for managing the Canterbury Rooms/Hall rentals, to Hayley Smith, our Independent Examiner, to Andrew French for running the Stewardship Appeal, and especially to Michael Gibbs for managing our Gift Aid and VAT recovery. However, the biggest “thank you” as always must go to our parishioners who continue to give generously.

7/2025 FINANCE & PLANNED GIVING

Finance

Andrew French

The Finance and Giving Advisory Committee focused on the development of a Stewardship Appeal to increase the contribution to St. Martin's through regular giving. It costs around £430 a day to run the church and in 2024, we carried a deficit against our expenditure, which is why it was so important to ask for an increase in our regular giving.

The good news is that there was a very good and generous response. A total of 28 people increased their contribution and five people joined the Parish Giving Scheme for the first time, which should place us in a better financial position in the year ahead. Our church is at the heart of the community here in East Horsley and the support received from our congregation for this appeal gives us the confidence to know that we can continue the wonderful work of our Ministry Team into 2025.

Planned Giving

Michael Gibbs – Assistant Treasurer

Last year donations eligible for gift aid came to £92,243 and those treated as Gift-aid small donations (GASD) came to £5,440. Tax to be recovered will total £22,828 which together with non-gift-aided donations of £1,995 gives a total of

2024 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARTIN'S, EAST HORSLEY

£122,507. This compares with a total of £113,550 the previous year.

During the year 46 subscribers used standing orders. We now have 70 in the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). We have therefore gained several new members but have lost some due to death or relocation.

The PGS is our preferred vehicle for regular giving. It is organised for us by the diocese. Gift-aid is claimed on our behalf monthly. This assists cash flow and reduces administration. The scheme includes the option to subscribe to an annual inflation increase. Use of the scheme is very much encouraged.

The card reader by the main South door of the church has been used regularly. It is a popular facility for occasional visitors to donate to church funds and has convenient gift-aid capability.

The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) has been used by several regular donors. The CAF system also recovers tax on gift-aided donations on our behalf, but does not have the cash flow benefits of the PGS.

DONR, the text giving system, is also being used occasionally. It has a useful gift-aid capability.

The GASD scheme allows plate collections, and similar receipts, to be eligible to be treated in the same way as identified gift-aided donations. These plate collections have much reduced and have been replaced by more convenient methods of donating.

8/2025 FABRIC, GOODS, ORNAMENTS, HALLS & CHURCHYARD

Chris Jany - Churchwarden

Archdeacon's Visitation

The Archdeacon conducts a triennial visitation to each parish, meeting with the incumbent and churchwardens. This visitation is, in effect, an audit of policies

and procedures and to check compliance with St. Martin's Terrier.

A terrier is a detailed inventory or record of all the lands, properties, buildings, and other assets owned by a church. It typically includes descriptions of the church's boundaries and relevant historical information. It provides an official and comprehensive record for management and maintenance as well as ensuring the church's assets are properly accounted for.

During his visit, Archdeacon Martin inspected St. Martin's Terrier as well as its registers, log book, insurance and other PCC policies including safeguarding. All was very much in order.

The meeting also addressed and focussed on our Parish Development Plan. The Archdeacon thanked us and the PCC for commitment and progress.

The Church

The most significant event in 2024 was the installation and dedication of the Covid Memorial Windows in the north transept.

The design was agreed, and the faculty granted during 2023, with the order placed in October. The installation was seamlessly completed in May, followed by a Service of Dedication on 13th October. With an attendance of about 140, it included the Bishop Andrew of Guildford, Archdeacon Martin of Dorking, the Mayor of Guildford, Sallie Barker, Derek Hunt (the windows' designer), Dr. Philip Morazzi of the Horsley Medical Practice and representatives from both Horsley parish councils. The latter were each presented with a young oak tree to mark the occasion and honour the community. The recording of the service is available on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWn5aEALwrw>

Additionally in 2024, new altar and lectern frontals were commissioned in memory of the late Rev. Rosemary Durward. These were dedicated in a service in November, which Rosemary's family attended.

Thursday coffee mornings in the north Transept are well established. The Hear Here clinic attends once a month.

The Canterbury Rooms

These are primarily used for church-related activities such as Smarties on a Sunday, PCC, Marty's Friends toddler group, the Family Film Club, and Spiritual Cinema as well as PCC, Deanery and clergy meetings. The Music Memories dementia charity group is also a regular user.

One now well-established new hirer in 2024 is the Horsleys' Repair Café, which takes place on the first Saturday of the month.

The rooms are an ideal venue for small conferences or seminar-type meetings. The AV system is excellent, and they are Performing Rights Society & TV licensed.

The Community Hall

The Hall continues to be a popular and regular private hire venue for exercise groups such as Pilates, Zumba, Barre and Yoga. Additionally, there are a flower arranging group, Scottish Country Dancing, Reiki, and Sound Bath. On weekends, the hall is an ideal venue for young children's parties.

The Community Hall, Canterbury Rooms, and the church itself with its spacious north transept are available for hire. Simply visit our website to view availability and request a booking:
<https://easthorsleychurch.org.uk/for-hire/>

Booking requests for the Community Hall can also be made via Google Maps:

[Saint Martin's Community Hall - Google Maps](#)

Hall hire prices are available on request and remain very reasonable and competitive.

Churchyard

My continued gratitude to the churchyard maintenance team of volunteers for their dedicated grass-cutting support during the summer season. Your efforts ensure that our churchyard remains neat and welcoming for all, whether you are visiting and remembering a loved one or seeking a place of quiet, calm reflection.

A special mention goes to John Franklin for his tireless contributions on Thursdays throughout the year, and to Richard Gardner for his valuable grass-cutting support, especially during the springtime.

Your commitment and hard work do not go unnoticed.

We are always on the lookout for more volunteers to assist with grass-cutting, even on an occasional basis. If you have some time to spare, we would love for you to join our team and help keep our churchyard looking its best. Please be in touch:

chris@easthorsleychurch.org.uk.
07747 600485

9/2025 PARISH SAFEGUARDING

Claire Browne - Parish Safeguarding Officer
psa@easthorsleychurch.org

The year since my last report in Spring 2024, has been a torrid one for the Church of England.

The "*Independent Learning Lessons Review*" led by Keith Makin was published

on 18 October. It is a damning account of how the Church suppressed a report compiled by the Rev Mark Ruston in 1982 concerning the prolific and brutal physical, sexual, psychological and spiritual abuse meted out to boys and young men by John Smyth QC at Iwerne Christian camps and elsewhere.

This allowed Smyth to relocate to Zimbabwe and continue his offending for years afterwards.

Channel 4 News finally broke the story in 2017 (the year Smyth died) while under investigation by Hampshire Police. The national press reported that Bishop Andrew had been one of his victims.

Despite national exposure, the Church's response was shamefully poor. On 12 November, following a vote of no confidence at Diocesan Synod in the Archbishop's Council, the Most Rev. Justin Welby resigned, his position as Archbishop of Canterbury no longer tenable.

Finally, the Church apologised to those it had failed. Dr Joanne Grenfell, Bishop of Stepney, Lead Safeguarding Bishop and Alexander Kubeyinje, National Director of Safeguarding, said, *"We are deeply sorry for the horrific abuse inflicted by the late John Smyth and its lifelong effects, already spanning more than 40 years" and "Every member of the Church is responsible for a culture in which victims are heard, responded to well, and put first: there is never a place for covering up abuse"*.

St. Martin's supports the Church of England's statement on safeguarding:

The Church is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its ministry and mission, promoting a safer culture and the welfare of every child, young person and adult. As such, the Church has robust policies, procedures and guidelines in place, to ensure good practice throughout

the central organisation, its 42 dioceses and other Church bodies.

The PCC continually reviews and reflects on safeguarding policies, a standing item at every meeting. See the link on our website to the Parish Safeguarding Handbook (Aug 2019): hard copies available in the vestry. I confirm (as required) that the PCC has complied with the requirements imposed by the code¹ under Section 5A of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

For required training, please see the Appendix (page 23).

We are also making good progress in carrying out risk assessments for all the activities run primarily for vulnerable individuals and in logging the recruitment and training records of the many volunteers who run them. Kate Ryder ensures that our DBS Certificates remain current, but would those concerned please remember to share an image of your certificate with me so that I can enter the details securely on the Parish Dashboard. This is an invaluable checklist and data capture tool, which generates reminders when refreshers are due so that it is possible to tell immediately who is compliant.

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped keep us safe, particularly by completing or refreshing mandatory training modules promptly. Please make time to do what you need to do if you volunteer and above all, please don't ever think that it doesn't matter.

10/2025 WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Ali Bullman – Children's and Youth Minister

As Children's and Youth Minister, I work up to ten hours a week flexibly, including from

¹ Safeguarding Guidance and Safeguarding Code of Practice approved by the House of Bishops, which are more comprehensive than the Handbook and are available online

the Parish Office each Wednesday afternoon.

All our children's activities continued to be supported by thorough safeguarding policies and procedures, thanks to the dedication of our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Claire Browne, with support from Kate Lane in the Parish Office. We have risk assessments in place for all church activities which I amend according to need, alongside Diocesan guidelines.

Marty's Friends Playgroup

Our playgroup is now eight years old and we had around 21 regulars with numbers peaking at about 15 each week. We meet on Wednesdays during term time between 10am and 11:30am and welcome babies from six weeks old up to children of four years, attending with their parent or carer.

Tina Hobbs, a nanny and childcare provider, and I ran the sessions and planned and resourced the group together. We were supported by a network of mums, nannies and grandmothers who helped pack equipment away and stepped in whenever needed, be that with craft, story time or tea and coffee. As part of the Marty's Friends community, they feel passionately about our playgroup, which is wonderful to witness. Unfortunately, I lost the support of Tina at the end of the Summer Term as her charge started school. Thankfully another nanny, Fiona Lloyd, offered to help me with craft and packing away. I felt a big loss initially, but towards the end of the year the new way of working was really beginning to bear fruit.

Our playgroup is a wonderful place for the children to play together, explore our activities, listen to Bible stories, participate in a Bible themed craft activity and for us all to pray together at the end. It was very rewarding to see all the children react and engage with pure joy during the singing element of the session.

We keep in touch with families via our WhatsApp group and regularly posted updates on our Marty's Friends Facebook page as well as advertising the group through mailings, Facebook posts, and local WhatsApp groups.

It was great to see some of our playgroup attendees in church or engaging with other elements of church life.

Thanks to Tina, Fiona and the team of ladies who help in the kitchen (Toni Bergman, Sue Carmichael, Charlotte French, Shirley Hobbs and Ann Moore) for their dedication and input.

Family Film Club

This runs on the first Friday of the month. Previously a very popular activity, we did see a decline in numbers during the summer months. Thankfully things improved towards the end of the year, with our streaming of the popular Christmas movie, *Nativity*, drawing in 15 children and their families. We run every month all year round, apart from August.

We start each session with prayer and shared church notices and invited families along to church services and activities. Pizza is served at 5pm and films are screened at 5.30pm.

Thanks to Phoebe and Nick Bullman, Elise French, Suzie and Dan Crosby who helped with refreshments and hosted the sessions with me.

Youth Group

Our regular group of 20 young people – friends and siblings sometimes joined in too – meets each quarter for social nights, outings and thought-provoking film nights. My ambition is to meet more regularly but timetable clashes and conflicting availability remains a challenge. In 2024, it suited these young people and their families for get-togethers to happen as and when they could. However, in 2025 we

have planned Youth Group gatherings every six weeks.

Thanks to Tessa Hulford-Funnell and Judy Young for their help and leadership with this group.

Confirmation

We led five wonderful young people through classes leading to their confirmation in April. These young people bonded beautifully and have since become regulars at family services, and Youth Group gatherings; one (James) has become particularly involved in church life by offering his time in working with the sound and the streaming services on YouTube most Sundays. He is a blessing to our church and I am delighted he and his family have become so involved and invested.

Assemblies and school relationships

Renos, Ellie and I delivered assemblies and workshops at the Raleigh School throughout the year. We also held workshops and hosted visits from Glenesk and the Raleigh School at Harvest and Christingle. This was an excellent way to engage and build relationships with children outside of our church family which no doubt encouraged more families to get involved in family services and other events.

At the start of the new academic year, we moved to offering *Open the Book* assemblies at the Raleigh. *Open the Book* is an exciting storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with children in a way that is fun, interactive and memorable. As invited guests in school, we use the *Open the Book* programme to prepare and present a 10-15-minute scripted Bible story, involving the children as much as possible. These assemblies are delivered on the first Wednesday of the month and are a collaboration with St .Mary's, These have strengthened the

bond with St. Mary's, reduced the workload of assembly planning, ensured all school children hear Bible stories and produced an engaging and interactive assembly style. We hope to extend *Open the Book* to Glenesk in 2025.

I am responsible for liaising with Lauren Sousa, RE Lead at the school, and for timetabling the assemblies, workshops and planning meetings.

Rachel Holloway is instrumental in encouraging the relationship between us and the Raleigh School, for which we give our thanks.

Easter family trail event

On Easter Saturday we held an Easter event in the church and around the churchyard. 15 families participated and thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Easter Story and collecting their prize at the end! We also offered craft activities, with many families staying well over an hour, connecting and having fun with our regular children and Ministry Team. Marlene hosted an Easter wreath workshop afterwards for our regular attendees, which was a lovely opportunity to learn more about flower arranging, but also to spend time in the church.

The Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic and BBQ, organised by Judy Young, was a huge success and was a wonderful way for all our church family to engage with and spend time together. Our young people organised the *Parish Olympics* (to celebrate the Paris Olympics) which was another way to entertain and engage all generations on working together as a team and to simply laugh together. Thank you to Judy and her team of helpers for this wonderful afternoon.

Peace Garden

Work on the Peace Garden has begun again, with David Godwin leading. Thank you, David! A local landscaper, James

Smithemans paid a site visit and discussed his vision with our young people. The plan is for the garden to be designed, and the work managed, with a team of volunteers, by James and David. Hopefully the Peace Garden will be completed by Easter 2025. The idea is to create a space for our children and young people to visit, contemplate, pray and find peace within God's creation.

Peace and Prayer Service

With the help of Judy Young, our young people planned and delivered their first service (Peace and Prayer) as an informal service in the north transept. It was an opportunity for children, teenagers, teachers and anyone involved with or caring for young people to come together, to worship and to give thanks for the soon to be finished academic year. It was also an opportunity for our young people to reflect on the demands and challenges of school life and to have a chance to ask for help and hand these over to God. The service was well attended and is something we would definitely like to repeat. Thank you again to Judy.

Crib Service

The Crib Service involved 15 of our regular attendees and was a highlight of 2024. Our young people were used in various ways, from welcoming the congregation, providing sound and technical support, leading the prayers and performing. I was so proud of the ways everyone engaged with the service and connected with the Nativity story.

Smarties Children's Church

Smarties involves a dedicated team of Sally Carpenter, Charlotte French, Sarah Godwin, Rachel Holloway, Katharine McPhillips and our newest helper, Faith Sykes. Smarties meets every Sunday, apart from family services, for fun, games, discussion/debates and other activities related to the Lectionary readings.

Our sessions were often sporadic in attendance, but we had a group of around 21 young people who described St. Martin's and/or Smarties as "their church" and themselves as regular attendees. We found, even when numbers were low, that our sessions were still well received and often deeper connections were made.

When few attended it was easy to assume that we weren't sharing the 'Good News' but we learned not to look at Smarties in isolation and instead consider it a part of the child's faith journey. We have a solid group of children and young people who access it at different times and have a deep connection with St. Martin's and faith.

Thanks to all the Smarties team for their help, support and leadership and to everyone who was involved with and supported our Children's Ministry.

Empowering Youth Research Project

We had the privilege to undertake a research project in September. I was set the challenge by Emma Coy at the Diocese and I was asked to produce a video which asked our young people questions about their faith, their worshiping patterns and how they felt

St. Martins helped or hindered their faith journey and relationship with God. We also asked specific questions relating to the Parish Development Plan, so this was an excellent way to see if we were on the right track. The end result was both incredibly helpful and moving. Please see below a snippet of some questions and answers;

What 5 words would you use to describe St. Martins?

"Peaceful, happy, present, comforting, encouraging"

"Peaceful, sociable, fun, caring, tranquil"

'Fun, community, kind, friendly, fun!'

"Peaceful, sociable, welcoming and like another family"

'Joyful, community, welcoming, at peace, fun'

'Happy, fun, funny, calm, community'

'Welcoming, relaxing, fun, friendly, peaceful'

'Interesting, amazing, beautiful, loving'

Why do you like going to St. Martins?

"Because it makes me feel good mentally and sets me up for the day"

"I like the regular Smarties sessions and the extended youth group that meet up..."

"...it's an amazingly religious place where, as soon as I get there, I feel closer to God"

Not only can we see from the feedback that our young people gain a great deal from their time at St. Martin's, but they are also growing in faith from active participation, gratitude and hunger for opportunities to connect with the wider church family and community.

We have already actioned some of the ideas. See below just a handful of responses.

What would you like to see more of at St. Martins?

"...more signposting to welcome people in" - a project was started in November to review current signage and update the noticeboards around the church, sharing all that St. Martin's has to offer children, youth and their families. We also aim to redesign the children's area in the church to be more welcoming and comfortable. My aim is also to have a board displaying photos, examples of craft etc from our various groups and activities so that visitors can see how children belong at St. Martin's and available activities to join.

"more fun going out..." - On 20 December we took 15 of our young people ice-skating at Hampton Court Palace and out for pizza afterwards. This was funded by the PCC as a thank you for the children's time and input into this resource project. As you can image, this was a wonderful evening and everyone has asked me to pass on our thanks once again.

"...I would like more chances to see people of my age do some work with younger kids or older people...to connect the generations more" -

On 19 January 2025 we will be hosting our first intergeneration board games afternoon and our young were involved in supporting younger children during our Crib Service. We have many more plans in this area coming up. See another example below: *"...maybe more outdoor active things that are challenging to raise money..."* - We have a group ready to lead a *Couch to 5k* project with the idea of having a team of sponsored runners participating in the Horsley Hustle in June 2025. The idea is for the young people to motivate and lead people of all generations into achieving better fitness, raising money and working as an intergenerational team. We hope that the older generation may also become faith ambassadors for our younger people. This group will commence in February 2025.

"...more events like the Pilgrims Walk" - We did a leg of the Pilgrimage Walk in June. It was so well received that we have 2 more booked for 2025.

"...more discussion..." - In April 2025 we will be launching our new offering, Wild Church. This is an interactive, outdoor discussion-based worship session for all ages. This is also a great opportunity for us to connect with the wider community in an intentionally invitational way.

Overlap from 2024 into 2025, with the help of insight from our research project

I met with Judy Young several times throughout 2024 to help plan activities, events and services throughout 2024 and into 2025. I am very grateful to her for her insight, support, motivation, practical enthusiasm and action. It was also a real blessing to have Ellie Lister in the office alongside me to discuss and action ideas. I learn a great deal from both Judy and Ellie and would like to give particular thanks for their impact on my ministry and personal faith journey.

As you can see from all of the above, 2024 has been busy! I am delighted with the children and families offering at St. Martin's and I am really excited about the year ahead, and what this may mean for our children and youth offering. Thank you to everyone who is involved with, prays for or takes an active role in our families, children and youth ministry.

11/2025 MUSIC & CHOIR

Gareth Pont

We have had a steady nine voices in the choir this year but have welcomed additional singers for special events such as weddings, funerals and other occasions. We had our biggest ever "community" choir led by Judy Young for the dedication of the COVID Memorial stained glass windows when Bishop Andrew presided.

The Christmas Carol service was another big choir event where the two Peters, Rachel and Charlotte joined us. The professional soprano Julia Doyle also sang with us at the Remembrance service.

Judy led an informal carol singalong again at *The Duke of Wellington*. Outdoors this year, complete with fake snow!

Our core music group of Gareth, the multi-talented Renos and Fiona has often been

enhanced by other musicians such as Peter Channing on viola, Anna and her daughter on violins, Alison Anderson on clarinet, Judy on piano or organ and Ben on percussion. Ginny Browne also deserves thanks for deputising on piano and organ. We are lucky to have so many talented musicians who can share our music making. We are always on the lookout for other closet musicians who might be encouraged to perform!

Over recent years we have collaborated with a range of professional musicians, and we were delighted to welcome The Giocosio String Quartet, the Counterfeit Beatles (with Horsley Music Group) and to host another very successful Christmas concert with Tenors UnLimited.

We look forward to growing our music making and event hosting in 2025!

12/2025 OUTWARD GIVING

Rev. Renos Pittarides

In 2024, St. Martin's concluded its current cycle of charitable support at local, national, and international levels. This followed a review led by the late Rev. Rosemary Durward to determine which charities the church should support. I am pleased to share that Rich Lister will undertake a similar review in 2025 as we establish a new list of beneficiaries.

At the local level, St. Martin's continued support to:

- (i) *Leatherhead Start*, a 24-hour homeless hostel that helps individuals transition into stable housing, training, and employment,
- (ii) *Home-Start Guildford*, which provides friendship, practical help, and emotional support to families with young children facing challenges,
- (iii) *Your Sanctuary*, a domestic abuse charity,

(iv) *The Nazareth Way*, which supports women at Send Prison.

Furthermore, over £1,000 was raised for *Cherry Trees*—an organization offering respite care for children and young people with complex disabilities—at the 'Counterfeit Beatles' concert hosted in partnership with Horsley Live Music Club. A similar amount was raised for Harrison's Fund at the Christmas Tenors Unlimited concert.

On a national level, *The Trussell Trust* remained our primary recipient, supporting foodbanks across the UK. We continue to be one of the biggest providers of food for the foodbank, something I am particularly proud of, and a cash donation was made to support the Foodbank's operational costs. We also contributed to the *Alzheimer's Society*, the *National Autistic Society*, and *Refugees at Home*, reflecting both the personal commitments of our congregation and the pressing need to assist refugees, particularly given our experience hosting asylum seekers locally.

Internationally, we supported *Tearfund*, a well-known Christian charity responding to global disasters, poverty, and injustice. We also continued our contributions to the Good Shepherd Centre, which provides a safe home for orphans in Zimbabwe.

In keeping with our own tradition, St. Martin's PCC made donations to *Guildford Cathedral*, our Diocese's mother church, and the *Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund*, which benefited from the dedication service for our new stained-glass windows.

Special services also played a role in our charitable giving. Our Remembrance Sunday service supported the *Royal British Legion*, while the Christingle Service at the beginning of December raised funds for *The Children's Society*—see Jean Bayliss' report, next.

Louise Pearson kindly led the 2024 *Blythswood* appeal and we were able to send 120 shoeboxes. As each year passes more people are getting involved in this wonderful outreach programme and huge thanks to all who took part.

Thanks to the generosity of our regular donors, we have been able to share what we have with charities in need. As noted by Matthew Young, the PCC committed to phased increase of charitable giving, aiming to tithe 10% of our general income by 2026. This will align us with many other Church of England parishes. I am personally grateful to the PCC for this bold yet vital commitment, and I encourage everyone in the parish to participate in the upcoming review of the charities we will support over the next three years.

The Children's Society

Jean Bayliss

Last year a grand total of £1,607 was raised through the efforts and generosity of St. Martins church members and other supporters.

I would like to thank all those who had collection boxes in their homes or sent donations directly to The Children's Society which contributed £621.75. (If you are interested in hosting a box in 2025, please contact me on 01483 282264 for more information.)

The Christingle service in early December involved children from St. Martin's, and the Raleigh School. Thanks to those who organised the service and made the Christingles. It was a very joyful occasion and raised £626.25.

In addition, The Children's Society Christmas card sales raised £359.

Cobham Area Foodbank

Christina van Roest - Trustee and General Manager

What's New? A question many will ask and the reality shows: not much at all.

We must continue and persevere for another year with deprivation and suffering of many families in our communities. The cost of living has not reduced, redundancies and real poverty are components of many of the health issues (especially mental health, flu, Noravirus and Covid 19 in a new 'disguise'/variant) which are all still bothering many people of all ages in the area, some with serious consequences.

We must help and assist where we can. Our Foodbank is quite small in comparison with other foodbanks not so far from us, but our catchment area (Cobham, Oxshott, Stoke D'Abernon, Downside, East & West Horsley and Effingham) dictates what we can do.

We are only open one day a week, we have 15-20 families visiting us, collecting food. Some deliveries are made by our volunteers to help clients not able to come to us.

Some families in Horsley and Effingham have no transport or person able to collect food. We offer a 'delivering service' in these exceptional circumstances.

Thanks to the generosity of many donors, especially from St. Martin's Church and many individuals, who gave sufficient funding and stock to the warehouse to help all clients who come to us for help.

In the period from 1 April 2024 to 30 January 2025, we received 1891.21 kg of food donations (10% of all donations), and supported 1792 adults and children.

It is sad that it is still essential to provide food to those who do not have enough money to feed their families.

We also thank all the people who have donated money to our account. We have many expenses to run the foodbank, insurance, rent, and upkeep of the foodbank van, sometimes when stocks are low we must buy additional food. We rely on volunteers and have no salaries to pay.

We were able to give 54 of our families a generous Christmas hamper and fresh items, fruits, vegetables, eggs, fresh meat, and plenty of Christmas food goodies. But it does not stay Christmas forever and many people rejoined the queue for food at the foodbank from Mid-January. These include many adults in 'in work poverty' and worried parents who cannot feed their children. We continue to help and support all these deprived people in our community with your sustained generous help. Many thanks.

13/2025 OUTREACH

Limegrove Residential Care Home

Rev. Ellie Lister - Curate

A small team, comprising Sheila Davis, Nicky Owens and Ellie Lister lead a monthly midweek Service of Holy Communion at Limegrove Residential Care Home. Renos and ordinands on placement have joined from time to time. Residents and staff gather in one of the Limegrove lounges on the first Wednesday morning of every month. Themes have included well-known hymns, seasonal festivals when appropriate and, in the summer, film clips and songs from *The Sound of Music*. In June, an additional service was held on the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. In November we held two services comprising a simple '*Time to Remember*' service and on 11 November, a well-received Remembrance service. In

December, in addition to an Advent service, we held a simple carol service. Renos' rendition of "*When A Child is Born*" was warmly appreciated. Staff at Limegrove are keen to support the spiritual needs of the residents, and also screen the livestream of our Sunday morning worship via our YouTube channel. Monthly Services of Holy Communion will continue in 2025.

Men's Fellowship Group

David Godwin - Churchwarden

The last Friday of each month provides a regular meeting opportunity for men 'connected' to St. Martins. The format is a relaxed early evening gathering at the local pub, *The Duke of Wellington*. We have a solid group of attendees and have been encouraged by the steady growth in the numbers joining each month. We have regular and occasional worshipers join as well as others more loosely connected to the Church in some way. It's a good mix of men and is definitely helping to develop relationships and friendships.

Music Memories

Debbie Springford

In 2024 St. Martin's took over the running of "Music Memories" from *The Loop*, a local charity which offered care to those suffering from Alzheimers in the Horsley community.

This weekly music therapy class takes place in the Canterbury Rooms and is led by Val Marciano who is a trained vocalist and music therapist. For people living with Alzheimers and dementia, music therapy can be a lifeline providing a beneficial therapeutic interaction that has been shown to increase cognition and slow the deterioration of memory loss. In our weekly class, Val employs 'active' music therapy techniques where participants engage in singing, seated exercises to

relax joints and vocal chords, playing instruments, and occasionally dancing!

Classes run from 10.30-11.30 am on Tuesday mornings and all participants including partners and carers are encouraged to come along at 10am for coffee and refreshments. The chat is lively and this preamble to the session provides a lively sociable opportunity for all.

A small team of volunteers host the sessions - their role is to serve coffee and refreshments, provide a warm welcome to all attendees and work alongside Val to provide any additional support required.

Music Memories was largely funded by monies raised by Jo and Sian (Manager and former Manager respectively at *The Duke of Wellington*) but in 2024 we also received other generous donations from members of the St. Martin's Church community and from the fund raising efforts of Bishopsmead Post Office.

In 2025 the team plan to introduce other initiatives under the Music Memories umbrella to further extend the benefits of this invaluable intervention to those suffering from Alzheimer's and Dementia.

Hear Here

Tanya Morgan

HEAR HERE ran from March 2024 alongside the weekly coffee morning on the second Thursday of the month, allowing our attendees the opportunity to enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee surrounded by lovely people whilst waiting for their session with either Lorna or myself. This is so much less stressful than having to attend the local hospitals.

We usually see seven or eight persons per session but hope that by future advertising throughout the whole of Horsley, that number might increase. At first, we were limited to providing help to wearers of

Phonak or Dannalogic hearing aids supplied by RSCH but after a very encouraging appointment with the audiology team at Epsom Hospital, we can now offer our services to wearers of Oticon hearing aids as well. Lorna and I would like to extend our thanks to Margaret Sandford who has been helping at the clinic, as well as the coffee morning team.

14/2025 COMMUNITY & HOSPITALITY

2024 was a busy year for hospitality with a great mix of both 'regular' and special events.

Community Coffee Morning

Margaret Read

Every week Community Coffee Morning takes place in the transept. We have a rota of 25 wonderful ladies (we don't exclude men), who turn up in pairs to run this event. As noted by Tanya Morgan, the Hear Here clinic takes place monthly in the choir vestry and so has become a joint venture.

In the autumn the Surrey County Council Fire Department requested an appointment to give advice about home fire safety following up with home visits, advice and installation of free equipment. It was so well received that they are planning a further visit in the spring/summer of 2025.

There was a special Christmas coffee morning with a raffle, tombola and the singing of carols round the piano (a solo performance by Renos too). This event was very well attended and raised almost £300, before expenses. A donation of £50 was made to Ehlers Danlos Charity and £100 to church funds.

The balance is being used for equipment and ongoing catering supplies.

Hospitality

Debbie Springford

Fern Winborn did a great job of leading the Sunday Coffee Team, serving coffee and biscuits after the weekly 10.30 service which is always welcomed by all who attend.

We held 8 *Spiritual Cinemas* in the Canterbury Rooms in 2024 where attendees enjoyed a range of thought-provoking films, providing a great opportunity for discussion and fellowship, over a glass of wine and cheese and biscuits.

We re-launched *Matinee Classics* last year and screened a number of black and white classics. followed by homemade cakes, tea and chat. We hope to make this a more regular event in 2025.

A Time To Remember in November provided an opportunity for those who had lost a loved one to come together for a calm and beautiful service of prayer. Tea and home-made cakes were served.

Record numbers attended *Nine Lessons and Carols* in December and we celebrated after this festive service with mulled wine and mince pies.

We were blessed to offer hospitality for a number of extra special and joyous events.

Ellie Lister conducted her first Holy Communion Service in June 2024 after being priested, which we celebrated with a buffet, prosecco and a celebration cake to mark this very special occasion.

St. Martin's Church rocked to the music of the Counterfeit Beatles when in September we played host to Horsley Live Music and welcomed 200+ music lovers through our doors. Beer, wine, and soft drinks were served

A key moment in the history of St. Martin's fell on October 12th when we marked the installation of our beautiful COVID Memorial Windows with a very moving

dedication service officiated by Bishop Andrew. (For guests, please see **8/2025** above) We celebrated this special moment after the service with canapes and wine.

Also in October was the Deanery Synod and it was St. Martin's turn to host this annual meeting. We welcomed around 50 clergy for a buffet before their evening meeting.

The Euros came to the Canterbury Rooms in June where football fans from St. Martin's and beyond came to share the highs and lows of watching our national team. Pizza, hot dogs, beer and soft drinks helped calm frayed nerves at half time.

Huge thanks to Margaret and Fern for leading the Coffee Team and managing the rotas for Thursday and Sunday Coffee respectively. Special thanks to Sue Aitken, Sarah Godwin & Kate Lane who helped prepare the fantastic buffets served in 2024 and all those involved with serving and clearing up! These events are only possible with your generous help.

St. Martin's Walks

Judy Young & Sarah Godwin

Our group continued a monthly Pilgrim's Way walk from Winchester to Canterbury.

There were over 20 walkers on each leg - and an enthusiastic group of 37 (plus three dogs) completed the final stage arriving at Canterbury Cathedral on 2 November 2024. Over the course of the walk, more than 70 people took part in one stage or another as we covered a total of 140 miles. Across the route we visited 35 beautiful historic churches, whilst enjoying companionship and countryside along the way, often following the natural contours of the North Downs way and at times picking up ancient trackways that date back hundreds of years.

In May half term we added a special youth

and family leg - walking from Guildford back to St. Martin's where tea and cake was a welcome end to the day. The group shows much enthusiasm for continuing - and we now plan to do a series of circular walks closer to home, keeping to the pattern of including a church as a place for a lunchtime stop.

We look forward to visiting some of the historic churches in our own area.

Community Lunches

Tessa Hulford-Funnell

This year saw the start of our community lunches in the Canterbury Rooms, with the aim of providing a forum for people from across the villages to socialise outside the home. Recommendations for guests came from various different avenues from the community. Guests were then sent a personal invitation asking them to RSVP. At each lunch, a two-course meal was served, followed by tea and coffee and a little chocolate. The room was set with crisp white tablecloths, each with beautiful flowers courtesy of Debbie and matching napkins. A carefully curated table plan is done for each event, ensuring that a new attendee is easily assimilated into the group. The pilot lunch took place on 12 April and was a great success. Since then, we have run two more lunches (one in June and one in November), each serving up to 50 guests, hosts and helpers.

15/2025 FRIENDS OF ST. MARTIN'S

Denise Smee

The Friends had an outing to Canterbury Cathedral in May 2024 which tied in nicely with the pilgrim walks.

After morning coffee, we were given a complimentary guided tour around the cathedral as St. Martins is within their patronage. We were then allowed to

wander around the close and town freely. Fortunately, the weather was good.

In October we put on a concert by the Giocosio Quartet which proved to be very popular.

Our most popular event was the talk given in February 2025 by David Godwin and Colin Holloway about their epic cycle ride from New Mexico to Canada.

Each of these events helped to raise funds for the Friends of St. Martins. The funds stood at around £9,000 in April 2024 and now are around £11,000 despite some expenditure.

16/2025 ECO CHURCH

Chris Jany

The Environmental Advisory Committee – Helen Lawrence, Sara Dean, Rachel Holloway, and myself – encourages us all to become more environmentally friendly. In 2024, we achieved Eco Church Silver Status. This is keeping us on track to achieve the Church of England's ambition of carbon neutrality by 2030.

We have taken some environmental initiatives in the churchyard to encourage biodiversity. We have a number of bird boxes, together with a bug hotel, and wildflower meadow areas to provide habitats for diminishing insect populations.

We have conducted an energy audit within the church and are pleased to report that we recently received encouraging preplanning feedback from Guildford Borough Council (GBC). They have indicated that, if thoughtfully located, our application to install solar panels would likely be approved.

17/2025 COMMUNICATIONS

Rev. Renos Pittarides

Last year, we established a Communications Work Group comprising Kate Lane, Judy Young, Debbie Springford, Chris Jany, and myself.

We meet regularly to develop and refine our communications strategy. One outcome of this work has been the creation of A6 postcards showcasing the various services and activities available at St. Martin's. Please feel free to take some and share them with friends and neighbours.

Our primary communication tool is our weekly mailing, reaching over 330 recipients. Additionally, many others access it through our website, where we can share photos and videos to enhance engagement. We encourage you to invite friends and neighbours to subscribe via our website.

Our website, designed and maintained by Andy Fairweather, is regularly updated to keep everyone informed.

Social media is another key part of our outreach, and we remain active on Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter), and Nextdoor.

Beyond digital platforms, we feature in the centre pages of Horsley Directory six times a year and contribute regularly to Horsley Info, the Parish Council newsletter.

Finally, a big thank you to Kate Lane, who does a fantastic job keeping our notice boards up to date, ensuring that everyone stays informed about what's happening at St. Martin's.

18/2025 CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HORSLEY & OCKHAM

Rev. Sandy Conway

Once again, it is good to report friendly

Inter-denominational relationships locally. When I grew up in a village in the Midlands, I was told 'Don't go playing with those Chapel kids'!

In my early days of ministry, ecumenical services were marked by the absence of Roman Catholic or Baptist Christians. A few years later their stance softened – to the extent that I was invited to preach at a combined service in the local Baptist Church. And the first time I presided at Holy Communion, the Roman Catholic priest was present. As he knelt at the altar rail when I pronounced God's blessing on him, there were tears in our eyes!

Ecumenical relations have been transformed – thanks be to God! Perhaps the fact that fewer than half the people in the UK now call themselves 'Christians' makes us aware of the need to celebrate and strengthen our shared heritage and mission!

Last year's Day of Prayer, on the theme '*God who knows us*', planned by Palestinians, was especially poignant because of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. The Good Friday service in the village was again well attended; an important, visible witness to the world-changing life, suffering and death of our Lord.

For us who came – and all who passed by unaware – Jesus' resurrection 3 days later is the hinge of history: the proof of God's immense love, and the solid ground for Christian hope. Alleluia!

19/2025 LEATHERHEAD DEANERY SYNOD

Robert Barnard

Since St. Martin's 2024 APCM, the Leatherhead Deanery Synod has met twice.

The first meeting on 12 June was held at St. Mary Magdalene, Ripley. The meeting began with a presentation from Tristan Stone, a lay minister for young people at Leatherhead Parish Council. He referred to the '*Five Marks of Fellowship*' as follows:

- To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the Earth.

Tristan emphasised that the first mark, to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom, should be the primary aim.

The second meeting on 16 October was held at St. Martin's. The guest for the meeting was the Archdeacon of Dorking, Ven. Martin Breadmore, who answered pre-submitted questions regarding his personal ministry and as an archdeacon. A wide range of questions were posed including from the role of the Deanery Leadership Teams' involvement where there are vacancies, the Youth Catalyst Project, Living in Love and Faith and the Assisted Dying Bill.

APPENDIX. Safeguarding Training Pathways



Transforming Church
Transforming Lives

Who needs to do what training...

✓ = Mandated X = Not Mandated	Core Training			Safer Recruitment and People Management Required for all line managers or if involved in recruitment	Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse
Role	Basic Awareness	Foundation	Leadership		
Licensed Clergy	✓	✓	✓	✓ (plus top-up session for IME5)	✓ (plus top-up session for IME4)
Permission to Officiate (Clergy and LLM)	✓	✓	✓ (PTO version)	X	✓
Licensed Lay Ministers (LLM), Chapter Members and Lay Spiritual Directors	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Parish/Cathedral Safeguarding Officer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Churchwardens	✓	✓	✓	✓ (if in vacancy)	✓
PCC Members	✓	✓	X	X	✓
Employed Youth, Children's, and Families Workers	✓	✓	✓	✓ (Plus top-up session)	✓ (Plus top-up session)
Operations Managers and DBS Validators	✓	✓	X	✓	X
Pastoral Workers & Occasional Preachers	✓	✓	X	X	✓
Employed Worship Leaders and Directors of Music	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Church Administrators, Activity Leaders and Helpers, Home Group Leaders, Tower Captains & Vergers	✓	✓	X	X	Recommended for Leaders
Bell Ringers & Sides People	✓	X	X	X	X
Valid: October 2023 to December 2025	All Core Training must be refreshed once every three years at the highest level			Refreshed every three years	

**St. Martin's PCC
East Horsley**

Financial Statements for year ending 31st December 2024

FINAL

St. Martin's Church East Horsley

Summary Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ended 31st December 2024 (see Note 1.1.2)

INCOMING RESOURCES (see Note 2)	Unrestricted		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total		% inc/dec on LY
	General Funds	Designated Funds			2024	2023	
Voluntary Income	113,159.22	13,029.72	21,797.34	0.00	147,986.28	214,469.90	-31
Activity for Generating Funds	23,762.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,762.08	21,059.64	13
Investment Income	1,504.66	2,841.93	4,302.20	6,349.96	14,998.75	12,470.39	20
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities	5,743.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,743.00	3,017.00	90
Other Incoming Resources	5,576.93	219,430.33	0.00	0.00	225,007.26	10,516.36	2,040
Grand Total Income	149,745.89	235,301.98	26,099.54	6,349.96	417,497.37	261,533.29	60

EXPENDITURE (see Note 2)	Unrestricted		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total		% inc/dec on LY
	General Funds	Designated Funds			2024	2023	
Cost of Generating Funds	344.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	344.92	665.00	-48
Charitable Activities	147,002.11	74,787.06	12,242.10	0.00	234,031.27	174,165.80	34
Governance Costs	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	0
Support Costs	10,632.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,632.59	10,648.05	-0
Other Resources Expended	1,855.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,855.54	7,853.95	-76
Grand Total Expenditure	160,935.16	74,787.06	12,242.10	0.00	247,964.32	194,432.80	28

Nett Incoming/Outgoing Expenditure Before Transfers	-11,189.27	160,514.92	13,857.44	6,349.96	169,533.05	67,100.49	
Transfers between Funds							
Permitted use of St. Martin's Trust Income	7,466.37		-1,364.28	-6,102.09	0.00		
Investment Funds Income Transfers	435.07	-435.07	247.87	-247.87	0.00		
Transfer to Retired Clergy Fund (see Note 6.5)	-1,000.00	1,000.00			0.00		
Closure of Chancel Fund (see Note 6.6)		-423.34	423.34		0.00		
Total Transfers	6,901.44	141.59	-693.07	-6,349.96	0.00		
Other Recognised Gains/Losses							
Revaluation of Fixed Assets (Buildings)	25,864.00				25,864.00		
Depreciation of Fixed Assets (F&F)	-1,020.00	-1,767.48	-4,709.42		-7,496.90		
Investment Assets		358.76		5,235.79	5,594.55		
Total Other Gains/Losses	24,844.00	-1,408.72	-4,709.42	5,235.79	23,961.65		
Nett Movement in Funds	20,556.17	159,247.79	8,454.95	5,235.79	193,494.70		

Funds Brought Forward from 31.12.23	982,543.35	124,372.99	99,546.74	228,752.76	1,435,215.84		
Funds Carried Forward as at 31.12.24	1,003,099.52	283,620.78	108,001.69	233,988.55	1,628,710.54	1,435,215.84	13

St. Martin's Church East Horsley							
Balance Sheet for Year Ended 31st December 2024 (see Note 1.1.2)							
	Unrestricted		Restricted	Endowment	Total		
	General Funds	Designated Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023	% inc/dec on LY
Fixed Assets :							
Buildings (see Note 1.2.1)							
Community Hall	328,316.00				328,316.00	319,374.00	3
Church Rooms	621,279.00				621,279.00	604,357.00	3
Fixtures & Equipment	3,060.00	7,069.92	9,418.86		19,548.78	22,965.68	-15
Investment Funds (see Note 1.2.2)		16,032.82		233,988.55	250,021.37	244,426.82	2
Total Fixed Assets	952,655.00	23,102.74	9,418.86	233,988.55	1,219,165.15	1,191,123.50	2
Current Assets:							
Debtors (see Note 3)	10,227.33	1,753.92	500.00		12,481.25	11,889.75	5
Accrued Income/Pre-payments					0.00	0.00	
Cash in Current Accts	3,096.41	25,582.96	14,391.47		43,070.84	101,317.48	-57
Cash in CBF Deposits (see Note 4)	38,220.79	233,181.18	83,691.35		355,093.32	131,985.15	169
Total Current Assets	51,544.53	260,518.06	98,582.82	0.00	410,645.41	245,192.38	67
Current Liabilities:							
Creditors (see Note 3)	-1,100.00				-1,100.00	-1,100.00	0
Total Current Liabilities	-1,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,100.00	-1,100.00	0
Nett Assets/Liabilities	1,003,099.53	283,620.80	108,001.68	233,988.55	1,628,710.56	1,435,215.88	13
Funds/Assets of St. Martin's:							
Unrestricted (General)	1,003,099.52						
Unrestricted (Designated)		283,620.78					
Restricted			108,001.69				
Endowment				233,988.55			
Total Funds/Assets	1,003,099.52	283,620.78	108,001.69	233,988.55	1,628,710.54	1,435,215.88	13
Over/Under	0.01	0.02	-0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	

Approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by:

.....

Rev. Renos Pittarides, PCC Chairman

Page 2

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024

Note 1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Accounting

- 1.1.1** The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards, and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting & Reporting by Charities - (SORP FRS102 smaller Charities Bulletin 1 - Effective 1 January 2019)'.

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention except investment funds, which are shown at market value, and buildings which are now included in the financial statements. The Church Rooms have been included at their insured value of the building of £621,279 and the Community Hall at its insurance value of £328,316.

- 1.1.2** The accounts this year continue in the new presentation as we continue to adopt the accruals-based accounting standard replacing Receipts and Payments with a Statement of Financial Activity (SOFA) and Balance Sheet. The key impact of these changes is noted below.

1.2 Fixed Assets

- 1.2.1** Buildings are included as noted above. Given that both buildings are maintained in a good state of repair, we have also agreed not to depreciate them but hold them at these values (or their equivalents in future years). Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2) (a) of the Charities Act 1993.

- 1.2.2** Investment Funds have been valued at Market Value rather than Book Value. The effect of this has been that the earlier losses and more recent gains seen across the world's stock markets (and therefore our investments) are shown on our books in a material way.

- 1.2.3** Movable church furnishings held by the Rector and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred. All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or benefice buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings is written off as expended.

The church organ was replaced/updated in 2018; although a significant cost (over £26k), the new organ will last a generation and therefore will be treated as a Fixed Asset and will be depreciated over 10 years (fully depreciated in 2027). A further £3.6k was spent to complete the work in 2019 and this too is being written off over 10 years as per the organ itself. New Choir furniture was purchased in 2019 at a cost of just over £17.5k - again, given the expected life of these items, depreciation is over 10 years (fully depreciated in 2028). The new boilers installed in 2021 will be depreciated over 4 years (fully depreciated in 2024).

A new printer was purchased at a cost of £4,080 in 2024 and will be written off over 4 years (fully depreciated in 2027) - its expected "serviceable life" will be a little longer than this based on the previous printer's use.

1.3 Funds

- 1.3.1** Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investments of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending on the purpose for which the endowment was established.

- 1.3.2** Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific objects for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

- 1.3.3** General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

1.4 Incoming Resources

- 1.4.1** Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable as is interest. All other income is recognised when it is received apart from Gift Aid and VAT recovery which is accrued. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

1.5 Resources Expended

- 1.5.1** Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Note 2 Detailed Figures

The income and expenditure figures are detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 to these notes.

Note 3 Creditors and Debtors

Creditors: As at 31st December 2024 we owe £1,100 for the year end examination of our accounts.

Debtors: As at 31st December 2024 we are owed £12,481.25 by HMRC for Gift Aid tax reclamation (£10,227.33 General Funds + £1,753.92 Designated Funds + £500 Restricted Funds).

Note 4 Analysis of the Investment Funds and Cash Funds on Deposit

Fixed Assets: Investment Funds	Market Value		Growth/Loss in 2024		Book Value	Unrealised Gain
	31.12.23	31.12.24	£'s	%		
Designated Funds						
Special Reserve (004S/6595)	13,902.26	14,220.46	318.20	2	3,980.00	10,240.46
Lewis Legacy (006S/6597)	1,771.80	1,812.36	40.56	2	1,000.00	812.36
Sub-Total	15,674.06	16,032.82	358.76	2	4,980.00	11,052.82
Endowment Funds						
C Hetherington Legacy (001S/6589)	5,832.17	5,965.66	133.49	2	200.00	5,765.66
H J Sier Fund (002S/6591)	3,096.93	3,167.81	70.88	2	100.00	3,067.81
St. Martin's Trust (003S/6593)	219,823.66	224,855.08	5,031.42	2	50,084.62	174,770.46
Sub-Total	228,752.76	233,988.55	5,235.79	2	50,384.62	183,603.93
Current Assets: Deposit Accts	Balance	Interest	Allocation ex- General Fund or Additions	Funds Utilised or Invested	Balance	% Growth in 2024
	31.12.23				31.12.24	
Designated Funds						
Retired Clergy/PCCF (001D/6588)	15,121.25	771.56	1,000.00		16,892.81	12
Special Reserve (004Da/6594a) - see note 6.6	336.37	0.00		336.37	0.00	-100
Chancel Improvement (004Db/6594b) - see note 6.6	423.34	0.00		423.34	0.00	-100
Rector's Discretionary Fund (004Dd/6594d)	3,949.70	187.71	703.37		4,840.78	23
New Legacies (004Dg/6594Dg)	0.00	1,447.59	210,000.00		211,447.59	
Sub-Total	19,830.66	2,406.86	211,703.37	759.71	233,181.18	1,076
Restricted Funds						
Fabric & Building (003D/6592)	16,278.59	822.25	1,436.97		18,537.81	14
Choir/Organ Fund (004Dc/6594c)	8,052.04	382.67	6.52		8,441.23	5
Youth Work (004De/6594e)	27,359.49	1,300.31		6,437.67	22,222.13	-19
Churchyard (004Df/6594f)	6,728.33	319.73	784.17	342.05	7,490.18	11
St. Martin's Trust (002D/6590)	27,000.00	1,364.28		1,364.28	27,000.00	0
Sub-Total	85,418.45	4,189.24	2,227.66	8,144.00	83,691.35	-2
General Funds						
General Funds (005D/6596)	26,736.02	1,504.66	14,295.26	4,315.15	38,220.79	43

Note: CCLA changed all account numbers in late 2023 - account names remain the same.
New account numbers are shown alongside the original ones (those ending D or S).

Note 5 The Charitable Donations/Grants made in 2023 were as follows:

Charitable Donations	2024	2023	% inc/dec on LY
Home Missions & Church Societies			
Guildford Cathedral	560.00	400.00	
Bishop of Guildford Communities Fund	968.75	400.00	
Nazareth Way	560.00	400.00	
Horsley Wheel of Care	500.00	0.00	
USPG	20.00	0.00	
Inclusive Church	0.00	100.00	
Sub-total	2,608.75	1,300.00	101
Secular Charities			
British Legion	225.00	365.55	
Leatherhead Start	560.00	400.00	
Homestart Guildford	560.00	400.00	
Your Sanctuary	560.00	400.00	
The Trussell Trust	560.00	400.00	
Cherry Trees	779.00	1,000.00	
Alzheimer's Society	560.00	450.00	
National Autistic Society	560.00	400.00	
Refugees at Home	560.00	400.00	
Surrey Churches Preservation Society	135.00	150.00	
Cancer Research UK	137.50	0.00	
The Children's Society	126.25	0.00	
Harrison's Fund	280.00	0.00	
Princess Alice Hospice	125.00	0.00	
RNLI	0.00	30.00	
Parkinson's UK	0.00	268.00	
WaterAid	0.00	12.34	
Toilet Twinning	0.00	60.00	
Sub-total	5,727.75	4,735.89	21
Relief & Devt Agencies			
The Bridge International Charity	560.00	400.00	
Tear Fund	560.00	400.00	
Christian Aid	0.00	255.00	
Sub-total	1,120.00	1,055.00	6
Total Donations	9,456.50	7,090.89	33

Note 6 Additional Notes

- 6.1 There are no Trustee costs or expenses to consider in the accounts.
- 6.2 There are no paid employees of the PCC.
- 6.3 Transactions with related parties/members of the PCC: One member of the PCC receives £63 per week to handle the running of the Community Hall and Canterbury Rooms on a "services" basis. A second member of the PCC is engaged to deliver our Youth Programme work for which she is paid from the Restricted Youth Fund (amount varies according to activities undertaken).
- 6.4 Commitments and Contingent Liabilities: At the year end the PCC had no capital commitments, nor were there any contingent liabilities.
- 6.5 £1000 per annum is added to the Retired Clergy Fund from General Funds to contribute to clergy pensions upon retirement from St. Martin's.
- 6.6 The PCC agreed to close two minor Designated Funds (Special Reserve and Chancel Improvement). The Special Reserve cash (£336.37) was transferred to the Rector's Discretionary Fund and the Chancel cash (£423.34) was transferred to the Churchyard Fund. This is now reflected in the current position of each impacted fund.
- 6.7 In 2024 the PCC agreed to close the East Horsley Care and transfer the duties to the "one village" service provided by Horsley Wheel of Care. The notes below show that at the time of closure the EHC account stood at £1,288.24 which was transferred to the Stewardship Account (General Funds). This has been used to provide other pastoral/support services in East Horsley plus we made a £500 donation to Horsley Wheel of Care.

Note 7 Associated Accounts**7.1**

East Horsley Care (See Note 6.7 above)	2024	2023	% inc./dec on LY
Receipts			
Donations	0.00	1,000.00	-100
Total	0.00	1,000.00	-100
Payments			
Bank Charges	21.00	104.99	-80
Telephony	64.52	283.45	0
Support	0.00	1,034.70	0
Transfer to Stewardship Account	1,288.24	0.00	
Total	1,373.76	1,423.14	-3
Excess of receipts over payments	-1,373.76	-423.14	225
Fund Balance 31.12.23/31.12.22	1,373.76	1,796.90	-24
Fund Balance 31.12.24/31.12.23	0.00	1,373.76	-100

7.2

Friends of St. Martin's	2024	2023	% inc./dec on LY
Receipts			
Donations (inc. for excursions)	4,479.00	4,495.00	-0
Concert Tickets/Donations	960.00		
Bank Interest	92.66	139.00	-33
Total	5,531.66	4,634.00	19
Payments			
Excursion Expenses	853.05	952.60	-10
Concert Expenses	320.00		
Donation to St. Martin's	1,900.00	1,887.00	1
Total	3,073.05	2,839.60	8
Excess of receipts over payments	2,458.61	1,794.40	-37
Fund Balance 31.12.23/31.12.22	6,533.49	4,739.09	38
Fund Balance 31.12.24/31.12.23	8,992.10	6,533.49	38

St. Martin's Church East Horsley

Appendix 1: Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ended 31st December 2024

INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total		% inc/dec on LY
	General Funds	Designated Funds			2024	2023	
Voluntary Income							
Parish Giving Scheme (inc Gift Aid)	60,408.64				60,408.64	51,186.19	18
Other Tax-Efficient Giving	25,672.12				25,672.12	33,748.69	-24
Gift Aid Reclaimed (on other tax-efficient giving and collections)	10,296.35	1,753.92	500.00		12,550.27	25,770.29	-51
Collections & Unplanned Giving	14,829.21		502.50		15,331.71	12,872.07	19
Sundry & Special Appeals/Donations	1,952.90		3,464.47		5,417.37	9,953.10	-46
Grants	0.00				0.00	2,000.00	-100
Charitable Appeals/Collections		1,265.00			1,265.00	572.89	121
Fund Raising							
Vestry		7,580.80			7,580.80	2,461.00	208
Windows		500.00			500.00	72,090.04	-99
Streaming/Sound System		0.00			0.00	0.00	
Beehive		0.00			0.00	424.73	-100
Rector's Discretionary Fund		1,930.00			1,930.00	3,390.90	-43
Community Lunch Project			1,557.00		1,557.00	0.00	
Music Memories			15,773.37		15,773.37	0.00	
	113,159.22	13,029.72	21,797.34	0.00	147,986.28	214,469.90	-31
Activity for Generating Funds							
Community Hall/Rooms Lettings	23,762.08				23,762.08	21,059.64	13
	23,762.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,762.08	21,059.64	13
Investment Income							
CBF Deposit Interest	1,504.66	2,406.86	4,189.24		8,100.76	5,677.95	43
CBF Investment Income		435.07	112.96	6,349.96	6,897.99	6,792.44	2
	1,504.66	2,841.93	4,302.20	6,349.96	14,998.75	12,470.39	20
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities							
Fees Received	5,743.00				5,743.00	3,017.00	90
	5,743.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,743.00	3,017.00	90
Other Incoming Resources							
VAT Reclaim (on Windows)		9,430.33			9,430.33	5,659.98	67
Friends of St. Martin's Donation	1,900.00				1,900.00	1,867.00	2
New Legacies Received		210,000.00			210,000.00	0.00	
East Horsley Care Donation	1,288.24				1,288.24	0.00	
Ancillary Trading/Miscellaneous	2,388.69				2,388.69	2,989.38	-20
	5,576.93	219,430.33	0.00	0.00	225,007.26	10,516.36	2040
Grand Total Income							
	149,745.89	235,301.98	26,099.54	6,349.96	417,497.37	261,533.29	60

St. Martin's Church East Horsley

Appendix 2: Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ended 31st December 2024

EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total		
	General Funds	Designated Funds			2024	2023	% inc/dec on LY
<u>Cost of Generating Funds</u>							
Cost of Stewardship campaign					0.00	0.00	
Special Events	344.92				344.92	665.00	-48
	344.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	344.92	665.00	-48
<u>Charitable Activities</u>							
Home Missions & Church Societies	2,200.00	408.75			2,608.75	1,300.00	101
Secular Charities	4,836.50	891.25			5,727.75	4,735.89	21
Relief & Devt. Agencies	1,120.00				1,120.00	1,055.00	6
Parish Share	97,104.43				97,104.43	90,899.00	7
Working expenses of the clergy	4,675.90				4,675.90	2,436.30	92
Rectory	445.57				445.57	473.41	-6
Church Running Expenses	10,413.02				10,413.02	8,619.95	21
Church/Buildings Maintenance	974.64				974.64	631.98	54
Upkeep of Services	3,332.73				3,332.73	1,915.14	74
Upkeep of Churchyard			342.05		342.05	14.27	2297
Website/Directory	2,384.56				2,384.56	2,659.29	-10
Church Rooms/Hall	13,663.69				13,663.69	10,148.48	35
Insurance (Church/Hall/Rooms)	2,852.07				2,852.07	2,801.42	2
Major Repairs & Replacements			2,220.00		2,220.00	6,465.84	-66
Major Projects							
Vestry		8,319.72			8,319.72	0.00	
Windows		62,130.35			62,130.35	28,314.18	119
Streaming/Sound System		1,473.99			1,473.99	577.44	155
Beehive		0.00			0.00	10.00	-100
Community Lunch Project			716.92		716.92	0.00	
Music Memories			2221.98		2,221.98	0.00	
Organist & Choir	2,999.00		303.48		3,302.48	2,836.49	16
Education & Youth Work			6,437.67		6,437.67	4,990.43	29
Rector's Discretionary Fund		1,563.00			1,563.00	3,281.29	-52
	147,002.11	74,787.06	12,242.10	0.00	234,031.27	174,165.80	34
<u>Governance Costs</u> (see Note 6.1)							
Independent Examination	1,100.00				1,100.00	1,100.00	0
	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	0
<u>Support Costs</u>							
Bank Charges	229.87				229.87	427.14	-46
Support Staff	6,475.16				6,475.16	6,280.02	3
Printing	1,459.82				1,459.82	1,750.86	-17
General Administration	2,467.74				2,467.74	2,190.03	13
	10,632.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,632.59	10,648.05	-0
<u>Other Resources Expended</u>							
Mental Health training	0.00				0.00	2,250.00	-100
Hall Redevelopment Proposal	0.00				0.00	2,084.34	-100
Miscellaneous	1,855.54				1,855.54	3,519.61	-47
	1,855.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,855.54	7,853.95	-76
Grand Total Expenditure	160,935.16	74,787.06	12,242.10	0.00	247,964.32	194,432.80	28

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St. Martin's, East Horsley

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ending 31st December 2024, which are set out on the adjacent pages.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

The members of the PCC (who are also trustees of the charity) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 (1)(a) of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) of the 2011 Act: and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

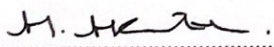
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the financial statements with those records.

It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts represent a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
 - To prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or:
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed.....

Hayley Hancock-Smith FCCA
Independent Examiner
60, Burnet Avenue
Burpham
Guildford
Surrey GU1 1YF

Dated: 2 May 2025