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Blessing the Palms for The King's School at St Anne's

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Vicar's overview

Today is the second anniversary of the Fraser families' move to Kew. And we all continue to love it here, feeling very settled now. And I want to say again a huge thank you to all at St Anne's for the very generous and open hearted way in which you have welcomed us all into this wonderful community. I am no longer the new Vicar - things are beginning to feel established.

Two years on feels a good time to take stock. The heart of the church is the celebration of the Eucharist on a Sunday morning as the congregation gathers together. And I found the Eucharist last Sunday morning, on Easter Day, to be one of the most glorious celebrations of new life I have experienced in my quarter of a century as a Vicar. The church was packed (in 2022 our numbers were 186, this year 228) and it looked lovely, the praying felt intense and serious, the liturgy beautifully choreographed, the music and singing was glorious. Here was the beating heart of St Anne's. People seemed to appreciate the preaching – though I won't comment on that other than to say that I have gained a great deal from the preaching of my colleagues. The two Fr. Nicks offer very different styles – both so thoughtful and considered. My only regret is that we haven't had as many women preaching or celebrating the Eucharist as I would have liked. Though who could forget that Sunday morning when Canon Roxanne was here? It reminded us so powerfully of the way in which, as the body of Christ, we are members of something so much wider than the church in Kew.



I continue to appreciate the support of the Diocese - of Bishop Christopher, Bishop Martin and John our Archdeacon. Bishop Martin as our new Bishop of Kingston has been especially supportive, helping us establish the new Institute (though irritatingly, we might have to rename it because of official rules about what can and cannot be called an Institute) - which is now being sorted out under the expert guidance of Canon Nicholas Jepson-Biddle. His induction was another of those very special services we have had during the year, and Fr Nick's presence here has been a real boost to our common life. Last year's lecture on Hooker and Darwin by Professor Lawrence Goldman was so fascinating, and a fabulous way to deepen our important relationship with Kew Gardens. A special thank you also to Emily Brett,

Chris Stephens, Caroline Streatfeild and Ros Sweeting for all their invaluable help too. A lot is going on below the waterline with the Institute and this will bear much fruit in the months and years to come.

I do appreciate the contribution made by so many to the flourishing of St Anne's. Fr Nick Darby continues to be a source of much wisdom and support, which is hugely appreciated. I love having him as a colleague. And Vicky and Pippa in the Church Office have now very successfully made that job their own, and are an anchor of organisational calm at the centre of busy church life. This is fundamentally a place of prayer, and it is fabulous that we also offer morning prayer on Zoom every weekday. Thanks especially to Cate Lyon, who we are pleased to say is currently in training to be a Reader.

One new addition to the team is Glyn, our Verger. Verger makes him sound a bit too "Dad's Army" – but he has fitted in so well and is a pleasure to work alongside. The fact that we can now keep the church open during the week makes an enormous difference to our presence in Kew and wider afield. This is now one of the few places around here where people can just come in and sit and have some peace, pray and cogitate. That they find such a warm welcome from the team here is something we really should be very proud of. And I want to thank all of you who contribute so generously

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to St Anne's such that all this is possible.

Julian Kelly left this year and we all thank him for the enormous contribution he has made to the musical life of this parish over seven years. Josh Hales has taken over the role of Director of Music, and I know we are all going to appreciate his exceptional musicianship from now on. His Easter Widor recessional was an absolute triumph and a sign of great things to come.



The choir have been so wonderfully faithful, as always. Their contribution to our worship is invaluable, and a special thank you must go to Robin Goodgame for holding things together during the musical interregnum. Actually, another special thank you must also go to Marion Goodgame. The Junior Choir had an absolutely bumper year with so many new young faces – so much so that we have had to commission some more pews to be made to fit them all in. It's a wonderful problem to have.

Choral Evensong on the first Sunday of the month now feels like an established tradition, and has its own very distinctive spirituality that complements our morning offering. Both our own choir and an assembled group of professionals have contributed, and we are most grateful to them for enhancing the worship as they do.

Can I also add a special mention for the twins. From the vestry, but not just from the vestry, Susan and Jane support the ministry of the church in so many ways, and we – and I more than most – would be lost without them. A particular congratulations to them for masterminding our Bronze Eco Church award.

Likewise, thank you to Caroline Hill and all the servers, who have now gotten used to a slightly different liturgical style, and also to

Judy Perkins and the flower team who, along with the admirable Holy Dusters, make the church look so beautiful week after week.

In my Easter sermon I spoke of a reference to bees in the ancient text of the Exsultet – the hymn of praise to the Easter candle. Just as the bees collectively create the wax that makes the candle, so too the church is a collective body of so many contributing in their different ways.

Andrew Hutchinson took over after a long and distinguished innings from Marian Mollett as Treasurer this year, and has been invaluable in keeping close tabs on our finances. Our fundraising campaign last September was, I thought, a great success – with something approaching £25,000 of new money being raised for the church. Thank you to everyone who contributes so generously to the life of St Anne's.



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My thanks also to the Friends of St Anne's which, under the able guidance of Lady Neale, have continued to support us so well, with very significant contributions being made to our new sound system and to the Verger's salary. After many years at the helm, Lady Neale recently took the decision to resign as chair and we thank her for her energy and commitment to the Friends' programme.

The new sound system was installed just before Easter and a number of people have said to me that they are now able to hear what is going on in ways that they weren't able to before. I am delighted about this. I hope you will agree the new speakers in the window recesses are really very discreet and do enable many more people to hear. RG Jones did a great job for us. And a massive thank you, as always, to Paul Booth for his support with anything techy. We are just about to get a new and improved Wi-Fi coverage in the church, which will be a massive help to many, especially 'Little Annie's'.

'Little Annie's' has been one of the great success stories of the year, and here my heartfelt thanks goes out to Lynn for masterminding this revival. We now have a Sunday School every week, and often 25 or so children, with a dedicated team of helpers. It is so important that we are a church for the whole family. On Good Friday we had 50 children doing a craft workshop in the church hall organised by Emily. Film nights for the older ones are a lot of fun. And we have started to train up a new generation of young servers. With the new junior choir members, we are really starting to build back up our ministry to children, which is great. Our children and vulnerable adults being safe in church is also of the utmost importance, and I must thank Claire Hammond-Tse and Kristen Anderson for their work on Safeguarding.



Elsewhere, the Bible Study continues to flourish on a Wednesday lunchtime, with Fr Nick's mini sabbatical in Botswana last year allowing a new lay leadership to come through. And my monthly 'Deep Dives' continue to be very well supported. When I first started them, I put out a dozen chairs and 90 people turned up.

We have now completed the Old Testament series and are on to the New Testament. Next year we will continue with my top ten theologians. Chris Stephens writes about the 'Deep Dives' later. Alongside this, the Lent groups were great again, and Canon Leanne Roberts gave us a beautiful quiet day to begin the season.

There is so much more that I could write about. I feel the church is in very good heart and I am proud to be the Vicar of this amazing place. In the coming year, I hope to keep on growing the church numerically and spiritually, developing the worship and music, keeping the education fresh and lively, and bringing on the Institute so that it comes to play a full role in the life of the church.

John and Adrian are a great team as Churchwardens, supporting the clergy team and making sure things run as smoothly as they do. They are a source of much wisdom and laughter - the perfect recipe for a church warden! Jo Baker is just wonderful as new PCC secretary, helping guide us all gently through the governance processes of the church. I thank them all for their patience with me.

Thank you to all who serve, especially on the PCC, where the running of the church is given continual attention. Jane Willott and Rowena Fuller have looked after our two main sub committees on Mission and Buildings/Finance, respectively. And a very special word of thanks goes to Simon Child our Parish Architect, who is always so ready to help.

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Many people who contribute to parish life - like Simon - have very busy lives, and we massively appreciate all the love and care they give to the church.

There is so much here to be grateful for. I make no apologies for using the words “thank you” so many times in the above report. Gratitude is at the very heart of the Christian enterprise. We give thanks at the Eucharist for the new life we have been given through Christ. Mission, in the church’s terms, is all about finding out what God is doing in the world and joining in. As our church has flourished, the world itself seems to be getting darker with so much pain and darkness. We exist to be a light in that darkness - to be the Easter light, a light to which we all, like those worker bees mentioned in the Exsultet, contribute. And for all that we are, and will be, thanks be to God.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Giles'.

Canon Dr Giles Fraser
Vicar of St Anne's, Kew.

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Aim and purpose

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Anne's Church, Kew, Diocese of Southwark, is responsible, in coordination and cooperation with the Vicar, The Revd. Canon Dr Giles Fraser (Fr Giles), for promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of St Anne's Church, the Parish Hall and the Churchyard.

Objectives and activities

St Anne's objectives and activities are guided by the agreed values of our church: Christ-centred; Faithful; Inclusive; Outward-looking

The PCC is committed to striving towards an inclusive community in which all people, whether within the bounds of the parish or in the wider area of South West London, feel welcome to worship at St Anne's and participate in our parish activities. We offer inclusive worship in the High Anglican tradition, with an emphasis on choral liturgy. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. Our church and Parish Hall, situated in the historic centre of Kew, are available for a multitude of community activities. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion for public benefit. We offer a range of activities to the community who may or may not be worshippers. We offer a full range of services normal to the Church of England, including such public rituals as baptisms, weddings and funerals. The church activities include:

- Maintenance of and access to an historic building
- Religious education
- A regular musical programme, both religious and secular
- Active governance of our Church of England voluntary-aided primary school, The King's School
- Pastoral care for those living in the parish and who request it
- Support (financial and otherwise) for other charities
- Provision of the Church to The King's School and local independent schools for various services
- Provision of the Parish Hall for community use

Churchwardens' overview

2023 has been a busy, productive and exciting year for St Anne's. As Fr Giles settled into his second year with us, Sunday services, morning prayer, Bible study, Tuesday evening Eucharist, continue to be the core elements of our Christian mission and worship, enabling us to reach out further to those needing help and support.

Fr Giles' 'Deep Dives' have attracted many people as Fr Giles sought to go deeper into books of the Old Testament each month. 'Little Annie's' has continued to attract more young children throughout 2023 and we thank those dedicated parents who take it in turn to lead our young people on a Sunday morning in aspects of the Christian Faith. We look forward to this ministry to young people growing through 2024.

We saw Cate Lyon, who had been Churchwarden through Covid and the interregnum, step down in April at the APCM, after her term of office had finished. It was with gratitude that we thanked her for all her dedicated hard work for our church during her time in Office. We welcomed Adrian Bradshaw who became a new Churchwarden in April at the APCM.

St Anne's celebrated the King's Coronation in May broadcasting it on the big screen in the hall and many people had an enjoyable day together celebrating this historical event (more detail in the Mission and Ministry Committee

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section).

Our small Pastoral support team continues to ensure those members of our church family who need extra support, for whatever reason, are not forgotten. We particularly thank Fr Nick Darby for his invaluable contribution to the pastoral care of St Anne's.

Unfortunately, a couple of break-ins during the year saw us having to review our security and it was deemed necessary to install CCTV. It was thought particularly necessary as we wished to open the doors of St Anne's on a more frequently. This we are now able to do with the employment of Glyn Farrow our new Verger who took up his post in September, working Wednesday to Saturday. He has settled into his role well and we have seen many people benefiting from our new "Open Door" approach. We also have a dedicated volunteer team who man the church on a Tuesday to keep the doors open and we thank them for their time and service in this important part of our mission, which means our church is only 'officially closed' on a Monday. We look forward to more volunteers offering their help in this area in 2024.

In October we said goodbye to one of our long serving members of our congregation, Tina, who decided to emigrate to Sydney Australia to be closer to her family. Many will remember Tina as a dedicated member of the church and the PCC, as Churchwarden and as a frequent server at the 8.00am Eucharist. Members of the congregation shared in her send off after evensong in October, when we also welcomed Fr Nigel back as preacher that evening.

During September we had a Fundraising awareness month when we focussed on "Open Doors" "Open Hearts" and "Open Minds." This was very successful and concentrated our thoughts on the quite often difficult aspect of giving, in a new light.

We of course thank Fr Giles and Fr Nick for all their work and care for us and for our dedicated administrators, Vicky and Pippa, who work hard to keep the daily routine of the church running in a professional and cheerful way.

We also thank Julian Kelly and our dedicated Choir for all the excellent music that our church and visitors have enjoyed. Under Julian's direction the already high standard of music at St Anne's was raised, and we welcomed many talented musicians to our Summer concert series and for choral events. We send him our very best wishes for the future.

Our Sunday afternoon teas and concerts throughout the summer also remained popular, not only bringing in extra income, but bringing some people into church who may not usually attend, which is all part of our mission. We particularly thank Barbara Cook for her tireless work and organisation, in bringing this together.

We thank all of those who continue to volunteer their time and talents to St Anne's in so many ways, seen and unseen. We do not take your work and time for granted, as without you, many aspects of our Christian mission would not be possible. For those of our church family who have lost loved ones during 2023, we continue to hold you in our prayers.

Finally, Adrian and I wish to express our personal gratitude for your support to us, as we continue to work with Fr Giles in the Mission of St Anne's and to see a further year of moving forward in 2024.

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Safeguarding

Safeguarding continues to be a priority for St. Anne's, and is fully aligned to the Diocese's "A Safe Church". The PCC has adopted and implemented the Diocesan Safer Church manual and has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (i.e. to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). Our focus is to ensure St Anne's is a safe and welcoming place for all - children, young people, and adults. Kate Higham, the Safeguarding Officer, resigned in April 2023 and Fr Giles took on the responsibility until a new lead was recruited. In July 2023 Kristen Anderson was appointed. Our past Safeguarding Officer, Jenny Capstick, offered ongoing support and service to avoid any gaps in knowledge and a smooth transition. Claire Hammond-Tse currently oversees all DBS requirements.

As part of the onboarding process Kristen participated in all required training and has built a relationship with the Diocese safeguarding team. As a result of training requirements Kristen is developing a plan for the future of safeguarding at St. Anne's and alongside Fr Giles, will be establishing ways in which we can all participate in this important function of church life. Raising awareness of contemporary issues will ensure that we are not only caring for those who are vulnerable, but also protecting those who may be targeted by virtue of their demographic and/or old-fashioned views. This will evolve throughout 2024. Kristen is working with the St. Anne's administration team, Vicky and Pippa, to ensure that documents for those renting space in the church are up-to-date and support our commitment to a safer church. An updated policy, finalised by the PCC in Q1 of 2024, is now included in these packs. Kristen is also working with the church community to drive training completion and regular reminders have been sent to volunteers to complete safeguarding training as a priority.

Safeguarding information and notices are on the bulletin board at the back of the church. These are on the St. Anne's website for reference as well as noted in the Messenger (our weekly newsletter). Kristen has begun to make updates to this material, so it is engaging and current. There is also a dedicated safeguarding email address and telephone number. Two concerns were raised this year. One was raised and managed in Q4 2023. With the support of the Diocese Kristen is continuing to observe this and will action accordingly, if required. The second concern was raised in January 2024. The investigation confirmed there were no safeguarding issues related to this second concern. There were 25 DBS checks across all facets of the church community including: 10 x pastoral support team; 9 x Junior Church; 2 x PCC; 1 x PCC secretary; 1 x Churchwarden; 1 x junior choir; 1 x junior choir/organist.

Achievements and performance

Worship and Services

Our regular pattern of Sunday worship is supplemented by weekday services. On Sundays we offer the community the following pattern, 8.00am Said Eucharist (traditional language) and 10.00am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church (Common Worship). All our worship is open to the whole community.

Choral Evensong on the first Sunday of each month is consistently well-attended and offers a range of distinguished invited preachers. Our 8.00am service and family focused 10.00am service are well attended. We also maintain a regular weekday Eucharist at 7.00pm on Tuesdays.

We conducted and officiated at 20 baptisms, 3 weddings, 5 memorial services and 10 funerals.

We take Holy Communion to the housebound and those in residential care at Cecil Court. Weekly acts of worship have been conducted at The King's School.

Fr Nick Darby assists at the Sunday Eucharist services, takes a weekly Bible Study group, Eucharist, and has an active

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role in providing pastoral care.

The services of the Director of Music and the Choir are highly valued. Our Junior Choir leader continues to recruit, teach and nurture the young people who meet to rehearse regularly and sing at the Eucharist each month. Our musical mission and community outreach extend beyond the singing of the offices, and the Summer Sunday afternoon concert series is an expression of this.

Fabric and Finance Committee (F&F)

The Fabric and Finance Committee met three times during 2023. As our previous 20-year plan is ending, Fr Giles shared his vision to continue with the plan so St Anne's is 'fit for the future'. As our responsibility is to futureproof St. Anne's, ensuring we remain financially independent, and as our income remains low, we have been looking at generating different revenue sources to achieve this.

The concentrated 'fundraising awareness month' in September to raise money for the running costs of the church, brought in much appreciated extra funds (more information on this later in the financial review section). To support additional funding we are in the process of appointing a legacy coordinator and are considering options for legacy donations in the near future. We are also introducing the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) from the Church of England so giving may be made online. It makes it easy to give online and can be added to our website.

During the year we have developed and supported new initiatives to support the fabric and faculties of our church. The final stage of the external path has been completed, a sound system proposed by Father Giles is underway, and new speakers are now installed. These significantly improve the quality of the sound for the congregation, and provide better amplification for those who are speaking, whether clergy or the many members of the laity who have a role to play during our services at St Anne's.

Ministry and Mission Committee (M&M)

The Ministry and Mission Committee met four times during 2023. During the year we have developed and supported new initiatives for St Anne's whilst maintaining our involvement with the activities that are well-loved, regular aspects of our church life. The committee provided support and input in the development of the new 'corporate identity', or marque, for our church, with thanks to M&M member Kristen Anderson for her work with the external designer. The result is a visual representation designed for use across our church publications and on our website. It is a unique way of recognising St Anne's, Kew. Work on the new version of St Anne's website is in train, building on the present site and with the goal of reflecting our church today in an accessible and contemporary style.

During the year Churchwarden John Mortley has provided lay leadership for pastoral support activities. The Welcome Café that was trialled during the year enabled us to learn lessons about the pastoral support that we can offer most effectively on a regular basis.

Morning prayer is lay-led, as was the Stations of the Cross services that took place throughout Lent. As mentioned above, in May we celebrated the coronation of King Charles III, with those who wished congregating in the church hall to watch the Coronation service and share a momentous occasion, together with refreshments. A larger number of parishioners joined together to celebrate with cake at the first Sunday after the coronation.

In June, our stall at the Kew Fete attracted a range of visitors of all ages and provided us with a presence at a very well attended community event. Fr Giles' monthly 'Deep Dives' into the books of the Old Testament demonstrated that the appetite for learning and understanding the early books of the Bible and their history is attractive to a wide audience. Our carol service towards the end of December was popular, reaching a wider community beyond that of St Anne's regular worshippers.

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Community outreach

As mentioned above, we now keep St Anne's open during the day thanks to our rota of voluntary Welcomers and our new Verger, Glyn. This has made a notable difference to our ability to share the pleasure of our building as a place for quiet reflection, for celebration and in its historical context. The comments in our Visitors' Book are testament to the enjoyment our open church provides.

During the Summer from May to mid-September, St Anne's Sunday afternoon concert series was a great success. On average, audiences exceeded 50 people per concert. The concerts provide an excellent platform for a range of talented musicians and introduce new people to our church. This is a significant aspect of our outreach at St Anne's, reaching music-lovers who may not be regular worshippers but who in many cases return. Alongside the concert series, the Sunday teas, with home-made scones and cakes and held in the church hall, are a key pillar of our regular outreach. Over 1,600 servings of tea were provided during the year to visitors who make a point of joining us for tea, and in many cases for tea and the concert as well as a friendly chat.

Fr Giles' 'Deep Dives' into books of the Old Testament has drawn new people to St Anne's and engaged an audience beyond the immediate parish. Additionally, our monthly choral Evensong has provided a further opportunity for people who may not be part of our regular congregation to join us, alongside our regular worshippers. We contribute to the Vineyard lunch for the homeless initiative and hosted four such lunches during the year, including a Christmas lunch. These provide conviviality and friendly support for those who join us.

During the year, the St Anne's Institute of Theology and Gardening has taken shape with support from the PCC. The appointment of its first director (February 2024) provides the springboard for a new programme of community engagement and outreach linked with St Anne's.

Education: The Vicar's 'Deep Dives'

One of the innovations during the year has been the Vicar's 'Deep Dives'. Giles introduced us to some of the fundamental theological themes in the Old Testament. He drew upon the latest contemporary scholarship to help illustrate the core issues of the Christian tradition.

Each session was set in its historical, theological and geographic context and showed the gradual progression from the Creation accounts in Genesis through the emergence of the One God in the Jewish tradition via Leviticus and Deuteronomy. He took us to familiar prophets such as Isaiah, as well to the less well known lives of Ruth, Ezra and Daniel.

A highlight for many was the session on the Maccabees from the Apocrypha in which Giles filled in some of the missing 450 years between the last of the Prophets and the birth of Christ. Each evening begins with a Eucharist in the choir stalls and ends for those who wish, in the Coach and Horses.

Numbers attending have ranged from 50 to 70 each evening, indicating a real appetite for understanding the foundations of Christianity. For all who came, there was a genuine delight in learning about the Old Testament in a fresh way, while also deepening friendships among attendees. Giles has set a high bar for the rest of the series, addressing the major books of the New Testament concluding at the end of July 2024. He is then planning a series on Christian theologians from the first century onwards beginning in the autumn. Watch the Messenger, St Anne's WhatsApp group and website for dates and times.

Education: Water in the Wilderness. A quiet day for Lent

On February 18th, the first Sunday in Lent, we had a Quiet Day at St Anne's led by Canon Leanne Roberts. It began

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after the 10:00am Eucharist and ended at 4:00pm. Twelve members of the congregation attended. Feedback was universally positive, with huge plaudits for the sensitive way in which the session was led.

There was something for everyone, poems, Bible readings, paintings to reflect upon, and prayers. All chosen with care. All focussed on the Lenten theme of 'Wilderness' - being there, lost there and transformed there. Most of all, though, there was silence, providing three lengthy opportunities for each participant to find a quiet corner in the church, or outside, to reflect on the what the Wilderness meant for them and how Lent can be used as a time to refresh and to reset our faith and our hopes. As more than half of the time was in silence, it was a welcome contrast to the noise and bustle of busy lives.

Charities

As trustees our primary obligation is to fund St Anne's and its direct activities, yet recognising our need to assist the wider church, in 2015 the PCC decided to give to mission 5% of our donated income. For 2022 the 5% commitment was £10,000. Due to the reduction of donated income over time and the need for a fundraising initiative to close the deficit in 2023 the PCC decided to move from donating 5% of income to distributing £4,000 equally between four local charities. These charities are Kew Neighbourhood Association, Dose of Nature, Age UK Richmond, and The King's School Kew. This is shown in note 3(a) of the accounts, together with other donations.

Richmond and Barnes Deanery Synod

Two members of our PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, Jane and Susan Hayman. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church of England, enabling us to better understand what is going on in the Church of England and to make our voice heard on the issues of the day. Their first event in 2023 was a Deanery Welcome Service held on Tuesday, 16th May 2023 for the new Bishop of Kingston, Dr. Martin Gainsborough at St. Michael and All Angels, Barnes. Since the APCM on Sunday, 23rd April 2023, there have been three meetings of the Deanery Synod.

The first at All Saints, East Sheen when the speaker was Anne Taylor, Director of Nursing at Parish Nursing Ministries UK sharing about Health Ministry in the local church. This is where an experienced Registered Nurse promotes health by being a health educator and advisor within the Parish Church setting for everyone in the Community providing a service no longer available in the NHS. The second at St. Michael and All Angels, Barnes when the speaker was Jason O'Shea from Operation Forgiveness who explained the London City Mission's early intervention knife crime initiative, delivered by local churches to local Schools. (The Synod voted at the meeting on 6th February that the funds previously pledged to the Deanery Knife Crime Appeal would be used to support this initiative.) Also at this meeting, new rules were adopted concerning "the role of Deaneries and the rules and constitution of Deanery Synods" which were approved by the Southwark Diocesan Synod in November 2022. The most substantial change is that Parishes are now able, by resolution, to determine their own term limits for Deanery Representatives. The third at St. Mary's, Barnes which included a forum with Bishop Richard Harries and writer Rhidian Brook on, "How should Christians think and pray about the current situation in Israel and Palestine?" Bishop Richard has a long-term perspective on inter-faith relations and Rhidian has recently spent a year as writer in residence at St. George's College, Jerusalem. This was very well attended and gave much food for thought. Eco Deanery is always a recurring item to be discussed.

The Deanery Synod minutes can be viewed on The Deanery Synod website. All Parishioners are welcome to attend any of these meetings. There are currently only two representatives from St. Annes on the Deanery Synod, please consider volunteering for this interesting role.

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Financial review

The receipts and expenditure for the year 2023 are set out in the financial statements. They are allocated to unrestricted and restricted funds.

The unrestricted funds show the flow of income and expenditure related to the general activities of the church. The bedrock of the income of the church is individuals' regular committed donations. These have shown a gentle decline over time, dropping 4% since 2019, to £196,000 in 2023.

Fr Giles and our Treasurer (Andrew Hutchinson), conscious of the persistent decline in revenues and the steady increase in costs due to inflation, launched a fund-raising appeal in September 2023. As of the end of December there has been an uplift of £1,210 to monthly standing orders and £200 to quarterly standing orders combining increases to existing standing orders and new standing orders. The uplift has been generously matched by a parishioner as pledged in the appeal. It should be noted this uplift recognizes the increased income but does not reflect any loss of revenue from parishioners who have left or parishioners who have moved from donating with white envelopes to standing orders. The PCC will continue to closely monitor the financial position of the church and further fundraising initiatives or reductions in expenditure may become necessary.

There were increases in revenue from rent, sales of teas and funeral fees compared with 2022. (£23,978, £8,126 and £10,945 in 2023 compared with £20,637, £7,042 and £1,854 in 2022).

Expenditure in 2023 was broadly split as follows:

36% on the ministry costs of this parish

28% funding part of the costs of other parishes in the diocese, combined with charitable donations

36% on regular running expenses.

The parish makes a payment each year to the Diocese of Southwark's Parish Support Fund. The Diocese pays the stipend and housing costs of our priest and it also provides central support services such as child safeguarding and ordinands' training. The amount committed to Southwark is at the discretion of the PCC. For some years, the PCC has decided to give 180% of the indicative costs of a priest and for 2023 this was continued. This reflects the principle of informed generosity which underpins the Parish Support Fund – our relationship with the diocese and other parishes is not a transactional relationship. For 2023 the PCC decided to give £150,300 (2022 £147,000). The commitment made for 2024 is £155,340.

Donations to charities in support of the church's mission were £4,000 (£11,800 in 2022).

The residual £91,000 of total unrestricted expenditure during the year was spent on delivering services, running St Anne's and maintenance of the building and its surroundings. More detail is given in note 3 to the accounts.

The increase in "running expenses" in 2023 compared with 2022 (see note 3(b)) is largely due to an overcharge of gas charges that incurred in 2021 being recovered in the 2022 accounts. In 2023 the church was back to paying full market prices for gas, electricity and waste (£11,338). The PCC invested £3,000 in upgrading the church logo and branding and updating the church website.

The PCC spent £12,529 (50% of the total cost) on a deposit for an upgraded speaker system for the church which will be installed in 2024. The Friends of St Anne's donated £10,000 towards the cost of the speakers.

At the end of the year unrestricted funds had increased to £153,024 (2022 £131,229). The PCC anticipates the Parish administrator expenditure to increase in 2024 with the hiring of a Verger at the end of 2023 (see note 3(c)).

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The restricted funds increased overall by £2,576. These funds represent sums given for specific purposes, including donations from patrons specifically to support music at St Anne's. The Music Fund also reflects income from musical events and the cost of musical enhancements to services.

Movements in the other restricted funds are shown in the financial statements.

Reserves policy

The unrestricted funds have two elements: designated funds set aside for specific purposes and free reserves. At the end of 2023, the designated fund for major repairs amounted to £54,000. The PCC intends to designate further sums to this fund if they become available. This leaves free reserves at the end of 2023 of approximately £99,000. This is broadly in line with the reserves which the PCC considers necessary, given that the balance of the speakers will be paid for in 2024. The PCC reviewed its reserves policy in March 2023. It decided that unrestricted reserves of £80,000 would be sufficient to enable it to cover in the short term (1 to 2 years) a major loss of income and unexpected operational costs.

Careful monitoring of the on-going position will enable the church to address shortfalls extending over a longer period by undertaking specific fundraising and reconsidering the financial commitments.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Anne's is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Anne's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (Fr Giles), Churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church.

All those who attend our services and members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive an orientation into the workings of the PCC.

The PCC met four times during the year with an average level of attendance above 85%. All members of the PCC belong to either the Ministry and Mission team (M&M) or the Fabric and Finance team (F&F). Both teams are responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly. These teams also meet at other times throughout the year, usually in the evening. Minutes of the PCC meetings are posted at the back of the Church (once approved).

The PCC members who served from 24th April 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent	The Revd. Canon Dr Giles Fraser Chair from May 2022	
Churchwardens	John Mortley from April 2021 until 2025 Adrian Bradshaw from April 2023 until 2027	
Deanery Synod	Jane Hayman until 2026	Susan Hayman until 2026
Elected members	Annabel Clark until 2026 Christopher Stephens until 2024 Jane Hayman until 2026 Jane Willott until 2024 Kristen Anderson until 2025	Marcus Dowding until 2024 Margaret Handley until 2026 Rowena Fuller until 2025 Susan Hayman until 2025

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The following officers were elected at the PCC meeting held on 24th April 2023:

Chair	Rev. Canon Dr Giles Fraser
Treasurer	Andrew Hutchinson
Secretary	Jo Baker
Electoral Roll Officer	Margaret Handley
Standing Committee	Incumbent, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Rowena Fuller

St. Anne's is situated on Kew Green, Kew, Richmond. Surrey. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Administrator, St Anne's Church, Kew Green, TW9 3AA.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 7 April 2024

Signed on its behalf by the Revd. Canon Dr Giles Fraser (PCC Chair)

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. ANNE, KEW STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2023 £	2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from donors	2(a)	221,788	24,865	246,653	217,988
Other voluntary incoming resources	2(b)	2,258	0	2,258	11,434
Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objects	2(c)	39,242	0	39,242	29,459
to generate funds	2(d)	9,761	5,033	14,794	12,850
Income from investments	2(e)	1,159	403	1,562	83
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>274,208</u>	<u>30,301</u>	<u>304,509</u>	<u>271,814</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Grants	3(a)	4,000	0	4,000	14,033
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3(b)	216,030	17,056	233,086	217,914
Church management and administration	3(c)	30,300	3,000	33,300	24,510
Costs of generating funds	3(d)	2,083	7,669	9,752	7,644
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		<u>252,413</u>	<u>27,725</u>	<u>280,138</u>	<u>264,101</u>
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		21,795	2,576	24,371	7,712
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD AT					
1st JANUARY 2023 (2022)		131,229	56,618	187,847	180,135
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD AT					
31st DECEMBER 2023 (2022)		<u>153,024</u>	<u>59,194</u>	<u>212,218</u>	<u>187,847</u>

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities on pages 19 to 27 form part of these accounts

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. ANNE, KEW STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	13,649	15,105
Cash at bank		207,276	194,050
		<u>220,925</u>	<u>209,155</u>
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	6	(8,707)	(21,308)
NET ASSETS		<u>212,218</u>	<u>187,847</u>
FUNDS	7		
Unrestricted		153,024	131,229
Restricted	8	59,194	56,618
		<u>212,218</u>	<u>187,847</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 7 April 2024

Signed on its behalf by the Revd. Canon Dr Giles Fraser (PCC Chair)



Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities on pages 19 to 27 form part of these accounts

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANNE, KEW (Charity no 1129136) ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 SET OUT ON THE PAGES CONCERNING THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parish Church of St Anne, Kew for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

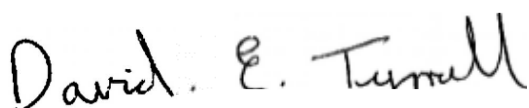
I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David E Tyrrall, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

Flat 5, Melsan Court, 13 Park Road, Swanage, Dorset, BH 19 2AA



7 April 2024

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1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP (FRSSE) 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

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 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.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the donation to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when receipt is probable. Dividends are accounted for when received. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

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1 Accounting policies continued

Resources used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid out, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The PCC's commitment to the Diocese of Southwark's Parish Support fund is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land/buildings and equipment and movable church furnishings

In accordance with section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011, consecrated and benefice property is excluded from the accounts.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings. Such moveable church furnishings held by the vicar 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. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and equipment, and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off when incurred.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the PCC

Tangible fixed assets for use by the PCC are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £10,000. They are valued at cost net of any donations specifically given to fund the asset and are written off over an appropriate period. The existing fixed assets held by the PCC have all been written down to zero under this policy, hence no fixed assets are shown in this year's balance sheet.

Current assets Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. This includes income tax recoverable in 2024 on gift aided donations received in 2023.

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2	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
		Funds £	Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
2(a)	<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>				
	Planned giving:				
	Gift Aid donations	145,635	0	145,635	149,487
	Tax recoverable	42,145	2,435	44,580	38,002
	Other	1,828	0	1,828	1,848
	Open collections	6,640	0	6,640	6,930
	Other donations	25,540	22,430	47,970	21,721
		<u>221,788</u>	<u>24,865</u>	<u>246,653</u>	<u>217,988</u>
2(b)	<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>				
	Legacies/Memorial donations	500	0	500	10,250
	Grant - Listed Places of Worship Scheme	1,758	0	1,758	1,184
		<u>2,258</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,258</u>	<u>11,434</u>
2(c)	<i>Income from operating activities to further the Council's objects</i>				
	Wedding fees	2,767	0	2,767	4,291
	Flowers	1,552	0	1,552	2,677
	Funeral fees & Memorial services	10,945	0	10,945	1,854
	Church and hall letting	23,978	0	23,978	20,637
		<u>39,242</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>39,242</u>	<u>29,459</u>
2(d)	<i>Income from operating activities to generate funds</i>				
	Sale of teas	8,126	0	8,126	7,042
	Sunday tea/coffee	1,635	0	1,635	1,576
	Musical events	0	5,033	5,033	4,231
		<u>9,761</u>	<u>5,033</u>	<u>14,794</u>	<u>12,850</u>
2(e)	<i>Income from investments</i>				
	Bank interest	1,159	403	1,562	83
		<u>1,159</u>	<u>403</u>	<u>1,562</u>	<u>83</u>
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>274,208</u>	<u>30,301</u>	<u>304,509</u>	<u>271,814</u>

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2	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
		Funds £	Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
2(a)	<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>				
	Planned giving:				
	Gift Aid donations	149,487	0	149,487	152,968
	Tax recoverable	36,046	1,956	38,002	40,390
	Other	1,848	0	1,848	1,728
	Open collections	4,697	2,233	6,930	705
	Other donations	11,716	10,005	21,721	13,419
		<u>203,794</u>	<u>14,194</u>	<u>217,988</u>	<u>209,210</u>
2(b)	<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>				
	Legacies/Memorial donations	10,000	250	10,250	5,000
	Grant - Listed Places of Worship Scheme	1,184	0	1,184	884
		<u>11,184</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>11,434</u>	<u>5,884</u>
2(c)	<i>Income from operating activities to further the Council's objects</i>				
	Wedding fees	4,291	0	4,291	2,891
	Flowers	2,677	0	2,677	1,342
	Funeral fees	1,854	0	1,854	3,440
	Church and hall letting	20,637	0	20,637	8,638
		<u>29,459</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29,459</u>	<u>16,311</u>
2(d)	<i>Income from operating activities to generate funds</i>				
	Sale of teas	7,042	0	7,042	2,275
	Sunday tea/coffee	1,576	0	1,576	613
	Musical events	0	4,231	4,231	3,602
		<u>8,618</u>	<u>4,231</u>	<u>12,850</u>	<u>6,490</u>
2(e)	<i>Income from investments</i>				
	Bank interest	54	29	83	41
		<u>54</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>41</u>
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>253,109</u>	<u>18,704</u>	<u>271,814</u>	<u>237,936</u>

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3	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
		Funds	Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
3(a)	<i>Grants:</i>				
	Bishop's Lent Appeal	0	0	0	852
	Kew Neighbourhood Association	0	0	0	526
	Richmond Foodbank	0	0	0	855
	Mission Commitment				
	United Society Partners in the Gospel	0	0	0	2,000
	Kew Neighbourhood Association	1,000	0	1,000	2,000
	Winston's Wish	-	0	0	2,000
	Dose of Nature	1,000	0	1,000	2,000
	Age UK Richmond	1,000	0	1,000	2,000
	The King's School	1,000	0	1,000	500
	Richmond Welcare Trust	0	0	0	1,000
	Churches Together in Kew	0	0	0	300
		<u>4,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>14,033</u>
3(b)	<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church:</i>				
	Ministry : Southwark parish support fund	150,300	0	150,300	147,000
	Assistant clergy & Junior church	6,827	0	6,827	10,438
	Church: Running expenses	29,461	733	30,194	14,439
	Maintenance	6,494	0	6,494	17,996
	Organ/piano repairs	0	0	0	234
	Upkeep of services	5,436	5,033	10,469	9,748
	Equipment inc Audio system/Processional Cross	3,618	11,290	14,908	1,615
	Organists' fees	12,752	0	12,752	9,908
	Junior church	1,142	0	1,142	0
	Change of incumbent	0	0	0	6,536
		<u>216,030</u>	<u>17,056</u>	<u>233,086</u>	<u>217,914</u>
3(c)	<i>Church management and administration:</i>				
	Printing and stationery	3,649	0	3,649	4,759
	Parish administrators and Verger	26,449	3,000	29,449	19,553
	Bank charges	202	0	202	198
		<u>30,300</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>33,300</u>	<u>24,510</u>
3(d)	<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>				
	Teas, hall	2,083	0	2,083	1,436
	Recitals, concerts	0	7,669	7,669	6,208
		<u>2,083</u>	<u>7,669</u>	<u>9,752</u>	<u>7,644</u>
	TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>252,413</u>	<u>27,725</u>	<u>280,138</u>	<u>264,101</u>

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COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 2022

3	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
		Funds	Funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
3(a)	<i>Grants:</i>				
	Bishop's Lent Appeal	0	852	852	0
	Kew Neighbourhood Association	0	526	526	0
	Richmond Foodbank	0	855	855	0
	Mission Commitment				
	United Society Partners in the Gospel	2000	0	2,000	2,100
	Kew Neighbourhood Association	2000	0	2,000	2,100
	Winston's Wish	2000	0	2,000	2,100
	Dose of Nature	2000	0	2,000	2,100
	Age UK Richmond	2000	0	2,000	2,100
	The Queen's School	500	0	500	500
	Richmond Welcare Trust	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
	Churches Together in Kew	300	0	300	300
		<u>11,800</u>	<u>2,233</u>	<u>14,033</u>	<u>12,300</u>
3(b)	<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church:</i>				
	Ministry : Southwark parish support fund	147,000	0	147,000	142,943
	Assistant clergy & Junior church	10,438	0	10,438	10,241
	Church: Running expenses	14,439	0	14,439	27,310
	Maintenance	17,996	0	17,996	3,971
	Organ/piano repairs	234	0	234	954
	Upkeep of services	4,715	5,033	9,748	5,138
	Processional Cross, Floodlights/Royal Gallery	0	1,615	1,615	5,304
	Organists' fees	9,908	0	9,908	9,267
	Junior church	0	0	0	248
	Change of incumbent	6,536	0	6,536	3,826
		<u>211,266</u>	<u>6,648</u>	<u>217,914</u>	<u>209,202</u>
3(c)	<i>Church management and administration:</i>				
	Printing and stationery	4,759	0	4,759	3,344
	Parish administrator	19,553	0	19,553	17,843
	Bank charges	198	0	198	243
		<u>24,510</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24,510</u>	<u>21,430</u>
3(d)	<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>				
	Teas, hall	1,436	0	1,436	929
	Recitals, concerts	0	6,208	6,208	4,801
		<u>1,436</u>	<u>6,208</u>	<u>7,644</u>	<u>5,730</u>
	TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>249,012</u>	<u>15,089</u>	<u>264,101</u>	<u>248,662</u>

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4 STAFF COSTS

The PCC employed 5 part-time employees (2022, 4), salaries £46,320 (2022, £39,286) and social security £nil (2022, £nil).

No PCC member receives any remuneration or reimbursement of significant expenses.

5 DEBTORS	2023	2022
Tax recoverable	9,316	6,249
Committed donations, rent	4,333	8,856
	<u>13,649</u>	<u>15,105</u>

6 LIABILITIES : AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Creditors for goods, services and committed donations	8,707	21,308
	<u>8,707</u>	<u>21,308</u>

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7 ANALYSIS OF ASSETS BY FUND	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUND BALANCE 2023 £
Cash at bank	164,343	42,933	207,276
Current assets (note 5)	13,649	0	13,649
Current liabilities (note 6)	(8,707)	0	(8,707)
Inter Funds Balances	(16,261)	16,261	(0)
FUND BALANCE	<u>153,024</u>	<u>59,194</u> (note 9)	<u>212,218</u>

8 FUND DETAILS

The Restricted Fund balances are as follows, with their objects:

	2023 £	2022 £
Music Fund (see note 9)	40,843	37,611
Ngmola (Kenya) Borehole Project Fund to maintain a borehole	1,020	1,010
Fabric Fund (see note 10)	2,696	2,696
Memorial Funds - churchyard, Hooker tomb and others	8,311	8,311
Vicar and Churchwardens Fund for use at their discretion	6,324	6,990
	<u>59,194</u>	<u>56,618</u>

9 MUSIC FUND

The Music Fund promotes high quality music in the church with the proceeds of musical events and sponsorship from patrons.

	2023 £	2022 £
Balance at 1st January	37,611	34,504
Add: Patrons' donations	7,880	8,140
Gift Aid on donations	2,435	1,956
Less: Liturgical enhancements	(5,988)	(5,033)
Instrument repairs and maintenance	(1,314)	0
Musical events - donations less musician costs	219	(1,956)
Balance at 31st December	<u>40,843</u>	<u>37,611</u>

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10 FABRIC FUND

The Fabric Fund consists of donations given for the specific purpose of enhancing the fabric of the church and associated fittings.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Balance at 1st January	2,696	2,196
Add: Friends of St Anne's for audio enhancements	10,000	615
Kew Village Market for defibrillator/Individuals	1,290	1,500
Less: Defibrillator, audio deposit/Processional Cross	(11,290)	(1,615)
Balance at 31st December	<u>2,696</u>	<u>2,696</u>

11 FRIENDS OF ST ANNE'S (Reg charity number 1085389)

The Friends of St Anne's, a registered charity whose object is to "aid in the restoration, preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement and beautification of St Anne's Church and its churchyard" does not form part of the PCC and is not reflected in these accounts other than as an independent third party.