

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALDERSBROOK ST GABRIEL

England & Wales · Charity number 1129673

Details

Other names ST GABRIEL'S PCC, ALDERSBROOK

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-05-18

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Church of England Religious activities

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Redbridge

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£190,677	£192,380	-	-
2023-12-31	£144,652	£162,047	-	-
2022-12-31	£146,580	£118,091	-	-
2021-12-31	£121,055	£111,701	-	-
2020-12-31	£89,219	£107,740	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev martyn hawkes	Chair	2011-05-23
Anthony Fallowfield		2023-04-30
Catherine Spencer Ellis		2023-04-30
DAVID PLUMBLEY		
Henry Lau		2023-04-30
KEVIN OLIVER THOMAS		2010-04-01
MICHAEL ALAN SMITH		2022-06-11
Rev Amy Rose Taylor		2025-09-10
Teresa Ellen Smith		2020-05-17
Willa Jane Wyvill King		2021-05-23

Accounts



St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook

Annual Report for year ending December 2024

PCC Review of the Year

The PCC led by Fr. Martyn continued to oversee the life of St. Gabriel's in its wider relationships within the West Roding Mission Partnership and Redbridge Deanery as well as the community of Aldersbrook. Fr. Martyn, or the Reverend Canon Martyn Hawkes, as he is now known after he was installed as a Canon at a service at Chelmsford Cathedral in April, continued in his role as Area Dean.

Congratulations were also given to Henry Lau, our Lay Minister, who successfully completed his training and was licensed at the Cathedral in July.

The PCC is responsible for co-operating with the incumbent to promote the ecclesiastical parish, the pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical mission of the church. It follows the church's objectives as set out in the Mission Statement, inspired by the Archangel Gabriel,

Through our worship we draw closer to God. In our lives we are messengers of God's love for all, seeking to bring wholeness, hope and joy in the communities where we live and work.

The PCC met 8 times in 2024 and continues to function as the key body for developing mission and outreach in the parish.

St Gabriel's stewardship and regular giving continued to be strong and the lifeblood of the church's mission in our parish. Thanks to everyone who organised and helped with church fundraising events.

Besides the income generated, more importantly, they strengthened our fellowship by having fun together and were a means to reach out to the

wider community. We were able to run an amazing Burns Night, a Summer Fun Day and a Christmas Market.

Review of Objectives for 2024

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Gabriel's, in particular we continued with our emphasis on children and families.

We designated 2024 as a year to focus on Wellbeing. Activities undertaken to meet this objective included;

- Setting up a pastoral network care for the congregation
- The formation of a Soul group to explore spirituality
- Promoting the church as a music venue
- Renewal of our Children and Families Co-ordinator's contract
- Continuing to develop the Church Hall as a top rate community resource

Pastoral Care

General

Fr Martyn and Henry are continuing to provide home communions where needed. St Gabriel's continues to make a good contribution to the work of the Snaresbrook Crown court chaplaincy team and to the 3 bereavement cafés at Christ Church, and St Marys, Woodford, with regular involvement from a number of our church members; the daytime sessions are going well, but at the end of the year it was decided that due to lack of take-up the evening session would be discontinued.

Pastoral Network

During the year a group made up of Father Martyn Hawkes, Henry Lau, Anne Dixon & Dotsy Horsford discussed and implemented the development of a Pastoral Network. This is a light-touch, evolving way of enabling us to do our best to look out for, and care for one another. It is not a means of making people come to church, or making them feel guilty for not doing so. The Network Helpers look out for their group in church getting an idea of their attendance pattern. If they are aware that they haven't seen a member of their group in a way that is not usual they can let a member of the core group know, or contact them themselves. In this way we can be more proactive in our pastoral care.

A group of Network Helpers were recruited from the congregation and the names on the electoral roll shared out among them. The Helpers started their 'watching brief' in September, being alert to unusual absences or concerns and determine how to address/ follow-up, if necessary.

Foodbank Report

The continued generosity of members of St Gabriel's church - and parish as a whole – is very much appreciated, and we are pleased to continue to offer this easy way for members to support those experiencing hardship. Sadly, the need seems to increase year on year, and the Tin in a Bin network helps to supply a growing number of local foodbanks and charities working with those on low income, the homeless, and young families.

As well as regular giving from members through the boxes in the foyer, and special Christmas collections, we have again benefited from larger financial donations from local groups who have nominated the foodbank in their charity fundraising events, among these the Wanstead Beer Festival and Santa's Milk Float Ride.

Gifts of non-perishable food, toiletries, or indeed cash, are always welcome; and we thank St Gabriel's for their invaluable work in this area. Helen Bonnick, on behalf of Tin in a Bin

Safeguarding

Safeguarding remained a high priority for the Parish of Aldersbrook and with the experienced guidance of our Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), Caroline Ferguson, St Gabriel's continued to seek a proactive approach, offering and encouraging safeguarding training and awareness for all, using the resources of the Church of England (CoE).

Our annual Safeguarding review was held at the September meeting of the PCC, when the CoE Safeguarding Checklist was reviewed and national safeguarding policy and practice re-adopted.

We celebrated Safeguarding Sunday in November which was followed, over coffee, by a large number of members of the congregation taking part in discussions around "What makes a healthy safeguarding culture?" and "How can we prevent safeguarding issues?" The outcomes of these discussions were then used by our PSO to inform the PCC where there may be gaps in our behaviours, culture and practice against the CoE National Safeguarding Standards.

Our PSO continues to work with the PCC, clergy and group leaders, to ensure that safe recruitment, DBS and training requirements are maintained.

There were no safeguarding concerns reported to our PSO or PCC in 2024.

Caroline Ferguson

Friends of St Gabriel's

The Friends of St Gabriel's continued their work in 2024, supporting the church by involving the community in the parish. The Friends organized into a fundraising group, mainly focusing on events and a strategic group, focused on the planning of the major improvement works. Additionally, they organized volunteer labour to carry out some of the works themselves.

Fundraising events included a St Patrick's Day Ceilidh held in church, a packed 'Wanstead at War', evening, a Scouts 'Curry and Quiz' night, and a church sleep in by the cubs. With generous help from several community members an appeal video was developed which made a key contribution to the Big Give Christmas appeal which ran through the week of our Christmas market. These ventures raised approximately £32,500.

Over 250 hours of volunteer work, over a number of days, were donated by the community. Tasks undertaken largely involved painting, but other maintenance work as well.

Much effort also went into researching and making application to sources of grant funding. In particular £15,000 from the National Lottery Community fund awards for all and £65,000 from the Veolia Environmental Trust. We will know the results of these in 2025. Rusty Livock

St Gabriel's Church Spirituality sessions: The Soul Group.

A year ago Fr Martyn wrote this about spirituality sessions at St. Gabriel's: 'I believe these courses offer the renewal of our sense of belonging and refreshment to each other in the community and our own feelings of the spirit of Christian life, it is about who we are and how we are touched by the everyday happenings in our world.'

The Soul Group is now established and meets monthly throughout the year. It has adapted, with an appropriate focus, to become a weekly

group during Lent. The group is open to everyone and all are welcome. In 2024 there were six or seven regular members, and others who have joined in as they wished. Our aim is to be a safe and comfortable space where everyone feels welcome: to reflect, discuss, be quiet, and pray together. We hope to experience a time of spiritual exploration and renewal while developing connection and friendships.

We have developed a rhythm for the sessions, beginning with a prayer followed by a short meditation. The main theme is decided week by week and members of the group have brought ideas and input to share. For example, we have dwelt with Joy, the value of music, singing, cross cultural images of Christ, The Holy Spirit, the quiet side of Christmas. All followed by discussion and time to make sense for ourselves, and together, of what we have encountered.

There is always time to offer and request prayers for concerns we have. The Soul Group is a spacious experience where one idea, or question, leads to another. We have the sense that something happens. We end with the Grace.

The Soul group meets in the Choir Vestry, which glows with welcome. We have refreshments afterwards, for those who feel able to stay a little longer: another opportunity to chat, to deepen friendships. Heather Goodman

Tai chi

With the guidance of our wonderful instructor Sam, we are getting fitter and healthier every week and learning some valuable lessons about balance and gentle movement. The numbers in the sessions have fluctuated over the year, mainly varying between 7 and 13. We would welcome and encourage more people to attend as spaces are readily available. An hour on Thursday mornings is a small time commitment for the long term benefits that tai chi can give you. Richard Pratley

Children

After-School Club 2024

For the year 2024 we had between 15-20 children ranging from Reception to Year 6 who we arrange to collect from school and escort to church. The children are fed and then various challenges take place followed by arts, crafts, games and ending with a Bible story. We have a great support team of volunteers who make the club run smoothly and I would like to thank them personally for their patience hard work and enthusiasm. They are Fr Martyn, Sandra Nathan, Tony Nairn, Anthony Yearwood, Sue Mutter, Jan and Tony Fallowfield, Sonia, Dotsy Horsford, Clare Reeves and Nick Riley. Kevin Thomas

Holiday Club

A joyful time was had by all our children who, thanks to the time and talents of all our kind volunteers, were treated to a range of art and craft activities and games all on the theme of Joy!

We shared a Bible story and act of worship with Fr Martyn each day on the theme of celebration. We were kindly taken to the forest for some forest school activities, had a cycle circuit made up for us on the flats and a gardening activity in the church garden, we all tried art activities exploring the styles of Britto, Kandinsky and Matisse.

Our activity day on Friday was hosted back at Chigwell Row. Children enjoyed activities like climbing, zorbing, caving, archery, grass sledging and trampolining. Despite all the planning and organisation throughout the week our children will of course tell you the highlight of the week was playing together with no organised activities in the big field after a lovely hotdog and fruit skewer lunch!

The children's individual achievements were celebrated by the table leaders in our leaving ceremony on Friday. We were also able to thank our brilliant leaders and our equally brilliant and endlessly enthusiastic

young leaders who went above and beyond this year to support both the leaders and the children. Clare Reeves

Messy Church

Messy Church 2024 met four times to celebrate the themes of loving, growing, gathering and giving. All ages and abilities have enjoyed trying new things as well as beloved traditions including gardening, cold cooking, science experiments, arts and crafts. Our giving session was unique in that guests took nothing home but everything made there was to benefit the church, charity or to be sold at the Christmas Market. We have also enjoyed sharing our small but significant worship sessions together and been united at the feast prepared with love by our volunteer caterers. Thank you to all our regular volunteers for both their activities and for empowering new volunteers to support and even lead their own activities this year; our team is growing as our little congregation grows too. Clare Reeves

Pre-School Playgroup – Stay and Play 2024

The Pre-School Playgroup, also known as Stay and Play, has met on Wednesdays during term time from 12 - 1.30pm. The numbers naturally vary, but we're often 30 adults and children.

The team comprises Kath Thomas, Willa King, Julie Thomson, with Fr Martyn playing his guitar. Clare Reeves, the Children & Families Ministry Coordinator has been on hand too. Anthony Yearwood and Henry Lau set up the tables, chairs and a carpeted play area. The 'many hands make light work' is greatly appreciated.

Julie curates the toys each week so there's a rotation of what's available – including kitchen, and supermarket, toys, Duplo, Brio, puzzles, colouring table and a dressing up box.

As ever we cater for all carers of the under 5s – parents, grandparents, and nannies (no child-minders currently.) It's a diverse group – age, race and cultural/ethnic backgrounds.

Eating lunch together has become a feature as they value being able to heat food with us, so the dining area now has two tables set up as one, everyone eating together. They are so comfortable as a group they bring snacks (cake, baked goods) to share on birthdays and celebration times. They also step in and lead singing when Fr. Martyn is absent. This enhances the community feel and experience. The feedback we receive is warm and enthusiastic for the beautiful space, singing and eating together. Willa King

Children's Choir

The children's choir was open to all children from Reception upwards with the function to offer another means of family participation within church services. In December, the choir catered for 9 children from the ages of 6 – 14yrs. This involved 4 rehearsals on Sundays and two performances: The Christingle and the Carol service. In rehearsals the children learnt several warm up songs and chant as well as the final carol for performance. Heather Wilcox

Sunday School

In 2024 our Sunday School continued to gather during the morning service. Our mission is to help children get to know Jesus through the same gospel message shared in the main service. We provided engaging Bible stories and craft time to nurture their faith through discussion and prayer. All children enjoyed it very much and eagerly shared what they had learned. In September 2024, Gigi stepped down as the Lead and passed the baton to our Family and Children Coordinator, Clare. The growth of Sunday School has been remarkable. We would like to say a Big thank you to Kate, Sue Mutter, and Heather Goodman for their time and dedication to nurturing our children's faith. Gigi Lau and Clare Reeves

Church Building/Fabric 2024

St Gabriel's repairs

After many years and many inspections we at last found the cause of two roof leaks over the side aisles. These had led to very bad staining and mould growth on the outside wall near the Lady Chapel and also the same position on the Park Road side. Repair work was carried out in June and by September the walls had dried out enough to redecorate.

The roofer also carried out many minor repairs and the application of new solar reflective paint.

In April two tiles were dislodged in high winds and slid down the roof and broke a cast iron gutter. The repair was a simple job but as they were high up near the ridge over the vestry entrance they were difficult for the roofer to access.

The fence between the car park and the church garden had reached the end of its life and has been replaced. Jaden who carried out the work later repaired a broken fence post on Aldersbrook Road.

The toilet cistern in the church developed a fault and the flushing mechanism has been replaced.

Fairly recently the fan heaters on the Vicarage side failed to work. A replacement actuator valve in the basement boiler room solved the problem.

In the Hall two areas of plaster repair have been carried out. One to the right of the stage, the other in the upper room over the entrance where, over the years dampness had caused plaster and paint to degrade.

Before the plastering to the upper room, the parapet was inspected and gutters and gullies cleaned out.

Richard Pratley

The Hall Project

We were able to make substantial progress in our plans to improve the Hall during 2024. Solar panels had been fitted in 2023 and all permissions secured for works to be undertaken.

Early in the year volunteers

- Painted the side walls and radiators of the hall.

- The stage wall and stairs were refreshed.

- Repainted all the loos in the building

- Fitted storage for potties in the ladies' loo area.

We brought in trades to

- Repair plaster work and paint the upper walls in the hall.

- Upgrade delivery of hot water to be thermostatically controlled

- Fitted motion sensor lighting in the entrance hall and ladies' loo.

- Lay new flooring in the kitchen and Loo areas.

During the summer holidays the Hall was out of use while the kitchen was professionally remodelled which included fitting of a new dishwasher and repair of the cooker.

This was a great success and users have commented very favourably on the improvements. We still have a great deal to do. We plan to lower the stage and create significant two storey storage areas. This modernisation will do away with the necessity to climb above or below the stage to store items. We will re-paint the ceiling, re-sand the floor, radically improve accessibility via an external ramp alongside the hall and safe access to the garden for the preschool. We will also renew the chairs and tables.

All of this has cost approximately £42,000 so with the major works yet to commence continued support for fundraising is really required. Rusty Livock

Outreach/Publicity

We continued to make good use of social media to communicate with our church community, including Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and our own website. Estate agents' boards advertising individual events are also well used to spread information. We improved our presence on the C of E website, 'A Church near you'.

There have been three editions of the parish magazine which were delivered across the parish, as were postcards detailing church services for Christmas and Easter

Aldersbrook School

St Gabriel's continues to have a good relationship with Aldersbrook School and its PTA through hosting events that cannot easily be accommodated in the school hall. Fr Martyn visits the school for input on the RE curriculum as well as hosting classes from the school to visit the church.

Parish Hall

The hall usage has gone from strength to strength in 2024, hosting a variety of regular users including Pre-school, Uniformed Groups, Playgroup, Dance Class, Pilates, Yoga, Football, 'Gamestaars', Karate, Badminton as well as private party bookings and charity functions. The PCC is most grateful to Nick Riley for managing the hall bookings so well.

Saturday Open Church with Organ Hour

Having proudly obtained her first Organ Diploma at St Gabriel's in 2023, Gigi embarked on a remarkable journey by launching the Saturday Open Church with Organ Hour. To ensure the preservation and active use of our 90-year Hill, Norman and Beard Organ and raise finance for the Organ Repair Fund This initiative invited the community to pray, stay, listen, reflect and find calm in this sacred space. Although the initial average attendance was zero, we remained steadfast in our mission.

With the support of a few dedicated regular attendees, they actively promoted this hour or contributed to the Organ Repair Fund. We're also privileged to have seen some of them join our Sunday services. Visitors often shared their appreciation for the beautiful music and the deep tranquility found during this hour. Henry Lau and Gigi Lau

Charity Giving

Christian Aid Week (CAW) was again an opportunity for our Church community, with friends in Aldersbrook and Lakehouse, to come together to raise vital funds to support projects and help people in so many different communities across the world. Collecting for CAW in the community has been a bit different this year. All our designated volunteers delivered CAW envelopes as Deliver-only (no knocking on doors saying hello and donations being collected back). However, we used the CAW Drop-back scheme to give an address on your CAW envelope where to drop-back donations in your red envelope. Thanks to Sue Mutter, Nick and all those involved.

The Christmas collections for the Children's Society through carol singing and Christingle again raised over £1000 this year, although we were hampered by bad weather reducing our reach across the Aldersbrook estate, and finding it hard to recruit carol singers. We are considering a slightly different format for 2025.

St Gabriel's again supported three charities with the money raised from tea and coffee after Sunday service: Chaos [a local charity providing holidays for East London children]; Refugee Employment Network [a national organisation supporting refugees into work or self-employment]; and Practical Action [an international environmental charity supporting the world's poor to find local solutions to issues of development and climate change].

Music

Music continued play a key role in our worship and in enriching the life of the church. After 40 years John Light, our organist, stepped down from his post this Christmas. A brilliant musician, he always played with real feeling, bringing out the meaning of the words of hymns. He conducted the choir, setting high standards and arranging anthems especially for them, we were blessed to have him with us for so long. We are grateful to those that stepped in to play on the occasions when John was unable to play for us towards the end of the year. We will seek to hire a new Director of Music in 2025.

Our Deanery developed a music and choir bid for national church funding as part of the wider diocesan bid. This, we hope, will mean Wanstead being a genesis church with 3 partner churches, of which St Gabriel's will be one. We would get a third of a person to work at developing music outreach and choir with children. The bid will be submitted in early 2025 and, if successful, it will provide an exciting new resource for our work with children.

Our aim to develop St Gabriel's as a well-regarded venue for external musicians and groups progressed well, attracting professional, semi-professional and amateur groups and artists who gave high-quality concerts throughout the year, keeping St. Gabriel's on the wider map for the future. Thanks go to David Plumbley for his stewardship during concerts.

Worship

Our worship pattern continued largely unchanged this year with a variety of services across each month on Sunday and during the week.

The 8.30am 'first Sunday of the month' service continued as before. The main 10.00am Sunday Eucharist remained constant each week at the usual time but on the first Sunday as a slightly shorter liturgy and without Sunday school. Henry joined as the Lead of the All-Age Gospel Reading Team in January. Here, generations young and old came together to read

or act out the gospel, encouraging adults and children to learn from and listen to one another. This initiative also opened pathways for the congregation to serve in our regular services. Our young people's Music Group and Choir members continued to enrich our worship with their live music. We would like to express our great thanks, especially to members of the All-Age Gospel Reading Team and our Choir and Music Group members.

Prayer/Healing at Eucharist is on to the second Sunday of the month.

Mid-week Holy Communion was held each Wednesday at 11am, and Evening Prayer remained at 5pm Mon-Thurs both in-person and on zoom. Twice monthly Tuesday evening prayer/contemplation also continued.

Our monthly Sunday evening service continued on the 4th Sunday and was mainly a traditional sung evensong.

Average communicant numbers of 57 on Sunday and 11 on Wednesday represent an increase on Sunday and a small reduction on Wednesday over 2023.

Festival services at Easter and Christmas were highlights of the year, as was the visit of Bishop Guli to our Patronal service in September. She was warmly welcomed and she gave an inspiring sermon on the angels in our midst.

Bible Reading Group

Starting January 2024, Henry Lau launched a Bible Reading Group to support the congregation in exploring their Bible reading habit. This initiative provides daily Bible reading plans, New Testament supporting material, and opportunities for monthly meetings focused on prayer and fellowship. Group members have the flexibility to establish their ideal daily time for Bible reading, apply the Scripture to their personal lives, and foster a deeper connection with God. After our first year, two congregation members completed reading the entire New Testament of the Holy Bible and received a Certificate of Completion during a service.

Looking ahead to 2025, we will expand this program to include an Old Testament Reading alongside the existing New Testament initiative.
Henry Lau

Communicants at major festivals

Easter Sunday – 98

Christmas Day - 143

Occasional Services in Church 2024

There were 6 funerals, but no weddings or baptisms held this year.
David Plumbley

Finance Review 2024

Total receipts on ordinary Unrestricted funds were £161,229 [2023: £144,652] and those of Restricted funds were **£29,448** [2023: £17,284] providing an overall income total of £190,677 [2023: £161,936]

£192,379, incl restricted funds [2023: £162,047] was spent to provide the Christian ministry of St Gabriel's Church. It also included the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The net result for the year was a negative balance of receipts over payments amounting to **-£1,702** [2023: -£1,259]. Such a figure perhaps hides the fact that income was notably higher than last year, as was spending. Money raised from fundraising and charitable activities formed the bulk of this increase with the hall renovation project being the focal point of expenditure. A new kitchen has been installed and the main hall and restrooms have been renovated. An ongoing project, this work has significantly enhanced hall users experience in the hall. The church also required further maintenance works after a quieter year previously. Outside of building works, the PCC had also agreed to an uplift in our Parish Share, with Parish Mission Children's and Family's Ministry Coordinator being renewed.

Considering bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31 December 2023 amounted to **£44,133** [2023: £72,017] for Unrestricted and Designated funds and **£2,949,371** [2023: £2,923,188] for Restricted funds.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds [if possible], which equates to approximately 3 months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time and will remain at 3 months. The balance of Unrestricted and Designated Reserves totals **£44,133** at the year-end and is over this target. Nick Riley

Structure, Management and Governance

St Gabriel's operates under Parochial Church Councils [Powers] Measure. Registered Charity number: 1129673.

Subcommittees are currently: Standing, Pastoral, Worship and Fabric. Members of the PCC are ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Council Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

PCC Members During 2024

Incumbent	Reverend Canon Martyn Hawkes
Lay Minister	Henry Lau
Churchwardens	Rachel Port Kevin Thomas
Deanery Synod Rep	Kevin Thomas Teresa Smith Henry Lau
Elected Members	Mike Smith David Plumbley Nana Osei- Bobie Willa King Kate Spencer Ellis Tony Fallowfield Lesley Bond
Treasurer	Nick Riley
Secretary	Teresa Smith

Other Officers

Safeguarding Officer	Caroline Ferguson
Coordinator for Children	Clare Reeves
Stewardship/Electoral Roll/Data Protection	Sara Bertrand

Independent Examiner: Daniel Keech

Name of Bankers: Cooperative Bank PLC

Registered No: 990937

Facts and figures 2024

There were 118 persons on the Electoral Roll at the end of December 2024

- Number registered: 118
- Number residing outside the parish: 58
- Number residing in the parish: 60

Deanery Synod

Deanery synod met three times in 2024, with meetings to discuss finances, deanery strategy, and substantial bids for national monies, including the one described above for music.

Aldersbrook St.Gabriel Charity No - 1129673

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

As at: 31 December 2024

		Balance	Previous balance
Tangible assets			
6430: Church Hall - Asset			
Church Hall Building Fund	Restricted	2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
		2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
Tangible assets		2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
Cash at bank and in hand			
6501: Co-op - Asset			
General fund	Unrestricted	44,073.81	65,960.64
Charity Fund	Restricted	2,001.95	2,661.16
Children and Youth Fund	Restricted	5,825.10	825.10
Church Hall Restoration Fund	Restricted	21,005.02	—
Church Roof Repair Fund	Restricted	3,800.00	3,800.00
Fabric Fund	Restricted	29,102.65	33,302.65
Flower Fund	Restricted	362.00	322.00
Holiday Club	Designated	58.75	58.75
Organ Fund	Restricted	8,073.93	6,662.24
Bereavement Cafe Advertising	Restricted	—	260.00
First World War Memorial Project	Designated	—	232.00
Snaresbrook Court Chaplaincy	Restricted	—	355.00
Agency collection	Restricted	(576.36)	(576.36)
		113,726.85	113,863.18
6505: Barclays BPA 205274 90197009 - Asset			
General fund	Unrestricted	—	4,928.04
		—	4,928.04
6506: Barclays BPA 205274 60682071 - Asset			
General fund	Unrestricted	—	349.29
		—	349.29
6509: Barclays BPA 205274 10682098 - Asset			
General fund	Unrestricted	—	42.24
		—	42.24
6595: Monies for Banking - Asset			
General fund	Unrestricted	—	446.58
		—	446.58
Cash at bank and in hand		113,726.85	119,629.33

			Balance	Previous balance
Agency accounts				
6699: Agency collections - Liability				
Agency collection	Restricted		(576.36)	(576.36)
			(576.36)	(576.36)
		Agency accounts	(576.36)	(576.36)
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year				
6601: Loans received - Liability				
Fabric Fund	Restricted		20,800.00	25,000.00
			20,800.00	25,000.00
		Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	20,800.00	25,000.00
		Grand Total	2,993,503.21	2,995,205.69

Aldersbrook St.Gabriel Charity No - 1129673

Receipts and Payments Account

For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	72,588.46	—	18,679.56	—	91,268.02	83,779.17
Income from charitable activities	55,471.28	—	312.00	—	55,783.28	43,138.88
Other trading activities	19,464.72	—	10,456.80	—	29,921.52	23,229.00
Investments	90.61	—	—	—	90.61	6.59
Other income	13,613.87	—	—	—	13,613.87	11,782.80
Total receipts	161,228.94	—	29,448.36	—	190,677.30	161,936.44
Payments						
Raising funds	82.47	—	—	—	82.47	285.80
Expenditure on charitable activities	189,646.45	—	2,650.86	—	192,297.31	162,909.22
Total payments	189,728.92	—	2,650.86	—	192,379.78	163,195.02
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	(28,499.98)	—	26,797.50	—	(1,702.48)	(1,258.58)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	847.00	—	—	—	847.00	948.68
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	(232.00)	(615.00)	—	(847.00)	(948.68)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	(27,652.98)	(232.00)	26,182.50	—	(1,702.48)	(1,258.58)
Net movement in funds	(27,652.98)	(232.00)	26,182.50	—	(1,702.48)	(1,258.58)
Reconciliation of funds						
All assets at 01 January 2024	71,726.79	290.75	2,923,188.15	—	2,995,205.69	2,996,464.27
All assets at 31 December 2024	44,073.81	58.75	2,949,370.65	—	2,993,503.21	2,995,205.69
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	44,073.81	—	—	—	44,073.81	71,726.79
Designated						
First World War Memorial Project	—	—	—	—	—	232.00
Holiday Club	—	58.75	—	—	58.75	58.75
Restricted						
Bereavement Cafe Advertising	—	—	—	—	—	260.00
Charity Fund	—	—	2,001.95	—	2,001.95	2,661.16
Children and Youth Fund	—	—	5,825.10	—	5,825.10	825.10
Church Hall Building Fund	—	—	2,900,000.00	—	2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
Church Hall Restoration Fund	—	—	21,005.02	—	21,005.02	—
Church Roof Repair Fund	—	—	3,800.00	—	3,800.00	3,800.00
Fabric Fund	—	—	8,302.65	—	8,302.65	8,302.65
Flower Fund	—	—	362.00	—	362.00	322.00
Organ Fund	—	—	8,073.93	—	8,073.93	6,662.24
Snaresbrook Court Chaplaincy	—	—	—	—	—	355.00

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Gabriel's Parish Church, Aldersbrook, Wanstead.

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this reports on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts 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 all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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
 - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - b. To prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook Annual Report for year ending December 2023

PCC Review of the Year

The PCC led by Fr. Martyn continued to oversee the life of St. Gabriel's in its wider relationships within the West Roding Mission Partnership and Redbridge Deanery as well as the community of Aldersbrook. Fr. Martyn continued in his role as Area Dean and Henry Lau, our Lay Minister completes his training in July 2024.

Fr. Mark Kenny said an informal farewell to St Gabriel's in 2023 in order to offer more support to St Margaret's, Ilford, both for his personal calling to minister locally, but also to meet the upcoming need for cover in that parish.

The PCC met times 6 times in 2023 and continues to function as the key body for developing mission and outreach in the parish.

1] Review of Objectives for 2023

2022 was designated a year to focus on ministry to children and families, renewing Sunday School, restoring Messy Church and reimagining our outreach service on 3rd Sunday of the month. With the formation of a Friends' group, there was also a

renewed focus on the fabric of hall and church. These objectives had been partly met but priority was given to further efforts in 2023 to progress the hall sustainability project through Friends of St Gabriel's fundraising and with the aim of installing solar panels on the hall roof.

A revived worship pattern was agreed with a monthly early service, all-age service and evening service to be run throughout 2023. With recognition that our current activities required more from an already highly committed group we felt that no new projects should be taken on without stepping back from others.

2] Stewardship, Fundraising and Mission Giving

St Gabriel's stewardship and regular giving continued to be strong and the lifeblood of the church's mission in our parish. In addition, we ran a wider community match-funding project from Christmas 2022 to January 2023 to offset the very high cost of heating the church and hall. This was a great success, and enabled us to keep hall rentals at a manageable level for users.

Thanks to everyone who organised and helped with church fundraising events. Besides the income, more importantly, they strengthened our fellowship by having fun together and were a means to reach out to the wider community. We were able to run an amazing Burns Night, a Summer Fun Day and a Christmas Market.

3] Friends of St Gabriel's

The Friends of St Gabriel's continued its work in 2023, with fundraising events including a St Patrick's Day Ceilidh in church, a packed local history evening, and by making a key contribution to the Big Give Christmas appeal which ran through the week of our Christmas market. These ventures raised a substantial amount of money for improvements to the church hall to be scheduled over Christmas, Feb half-term and Easter '24. In addition, a volunteer painting day [involving the wider community] took place to brighten up the main hall and entrance areas.

Also, in 2023 the Friends began to appraise and catalogue the church archive including making a deposit of papers to Essex County Archives [the last being in 2003] Thanks to archivist Becky Darnill for volunteering to do this work.

4] Charity Giving

We had a successful campaign for Christian Aid once again in the parish through the organisation of Sue Mutter and the help of many others. Sue, and the volunteers, continued to respond creatively to the challenge of door-to-door collection in the light of changes to people's giving patterns and a more cashless society. The Christmas collections for the Children's Society through carol singing and Christingle were also very successful.

St Gabriel's again supported three charities with the money raised from tea and coffee after Sunday service: **Chaos** [a local charity providing holidays for East London children]; **Refugee**

Employment Network [a national organisation supporting refugees into work or self-employment]; and **Practical Action** [an international environmental charity supporting the world's poor to find local solutions to issues of development and climate change].

5] Parish Hall

The hall usage has gone from strength to strength in 2023, hosting a variety of regular users including Pre-school, Uniformed Groups, Playgroup, Dance Class, Pilates, Yoga, Football, 'Gamestars', Knit and Natter, Badminton as well as private party bookings and charity functions. The PCC is most grateful to Nick Riley for managing the hall bookings so effectively.

6] Aldersbrook School

St Gabriel's continues to have a good relationship with Aldersbrook School and its PTA through hosting events that cannot easily be accommodated in the school hall. Fr Martyn visits the school for input on the RE curriculum as well as hosting classes from the school to visit the church. He recently became a community governor for the first time.

Pastoral Care - 2023

The summer of 2023 saw a farewell to our long-standing pastoral assistant, Amelia Hart, who has provided amazing pastoral support to our congregation and parish over many years. Her presence and work are already sorely missed, but a

team consisting of Dotsy Horsford, Anne Dixon, Henry Lau and Fr Martyn have attempted to maintain the regular round of home communions, and visits to parishioners in hospital or home. This work is being reviewed to find a way to sustain a good level of pastoral care into the future.

St Gabriel's continues to make a good contribution to the work of Snaresbrook Crown court chaplaincy team and to the Bereavement Café at Christ Church, Wanstead, with regular involvement from a number of church members. At the end of the year the bereavement café was looking to provide a monthly evening session to augment the provision. [Fr. Martyn]

Outreach/Publicity 2023

We continue to make good use of social media to communicate with our church community, including Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and our own website. Estate agents' boards advertising individual events are also well used to spread information.

There have been four editions of the parish magazine which were delivered across the parish, as were postcards detailing church services for Christmas and Easter. [Teresa Smith]

Foodbank Report 2023

St Gabriel's members continue to be extremely generous in donations to the Foodbank and to Tin in a Bin. The numbers of local charities supported through this network has grown further

as more and more people find it difficult to make ends meet. Special collections at Christmas and Easter are always much appreciated, and this year there has also been a fundraising drive to support the provision of meals by the council during the school holidays. A number of St Gabriel's members contributed to this or took part in the fundraising activities for which we are very grateful. Thank you as always for this expression of Christian faith and commitment. [Helen Bonnick on behalf of Tin in a Bin]

After-School Club 2023

For the year 2023 we had between 18-22 children ranging from Reception to Year 5 who we arranged to collect from school and escort to church. The children were fed and then various challenges took place followed by arts, craft, games and ending with a Bible story. We had a great support team of volunteers who made the club run smoothly and I would like to thank them personally for their patience, hard work and enthusiasm. They are Fr. Martyn, Lesley, Carol, Sandra, Tony, Anthony, Sue, Jan, Tony and Nick. [Kevin Thomas]

Messy Church/Holiday Club 2023

Messy Church has met four times this year to celebrate the themes of Spring, Father Figures, Harvest and Advent. We are welcoming new and returning guests each time to try a rotation of 5-6 themed crafts thoughtfully prepared and led by volunteers, an act of worship including a story and song and

then a feast prepared by volunteers for all to share. Thanks to our volunteers giving their time, energy and creativity, we are reaching out into our local community and even beyond.

Holiday Club ran during July on the theme of Peace. We welcomed children aged 5-10 from local schools to try crafts, Bible stories, cycling, gardening, and forest school activities. It was rounded off with a trip to Thriftwood Scout Campsite for a day of adventure. We ended the week with a thanksgiving in church where we bid farewell to Amelia, and thanked her and Anthony for all their work coordinating the volunteers to lead an amazing week for the children. [Clare Reeves]

Pre-School Playgroup 2023

The Pre-school Carers Group had a name change to Pre-School Playgroup simply because it was how people referred to it. We continued to meet on Wednesdays from 12 - 1.30pm with breaks over half-terms and school holidays. The team comprised Willa, Kath, joined by Julie at Christmas, with Fr Martyn playing his guitar. Lesley and Anthony kindly covered absences.

Most people gathered at the large table on arrival to eat their lunch, then the table converted to the playdough area. We created a carpeted area with toys, play kitchen and puzzles: this place expanded to cater for as many as 30. There was a train track area, too, as well as a colouring table.

We had a great mix of parents, child minders, nannies and their pre-school children. It was a diverse group - gender, age, race and cultural/ethnic backgrounds - which made for interesting conversations. However, we tended to lose people to work commitments. It was sad to see them go but fun to meet them out and about in the community. Feedback tells us people value the church space and the warm welcome. [Willa King]

Church Building/Fabric 2023

1] On-going Repairs

A rather strange event occurred in January: the chairs in church would no longer slide across the floor which made rearranging them for activities almost impossible. The cause might have been salt from icy pavements, but the result had to be the replacement of all the pads under the chair feet. A wonderful community turn out achieved this in a day.

A number of maintenance tasks were carried out in April including repairs to plaster following a roof leak over the vicar's vestry toilet, as well as gutter and drain gulley cleaning.

By the end of October, improvements to the choir vestry were almost complete, providing a cozy meeting room as well as a choir practice venue.

The asphalt roofs of the church were inspected in September and quotes received for essential repair work, planned for the

spring or early summer '24 when the weather would be better. Temporary repairs were carried out in the meantime.

2] The Main Project

As reported last year, the main task was to make improvements to the Hall and obtain the relevant permissions for the planned alterations, including:

- removal of the stage to form new meeting rooms and toilets
- improved access to the garden
- solar panels on the roof
- improved storage.

Solar panels were installed on the hall roof in November, supplying power to both hall and flat and allowing us to sell the excess back to our energy supplier. By January 2024 we had generated the first 1000 kilowatt hours of power.

The realities of building costs and our potential for fundraising forced a re-think towards the end of the year and a phased approach to the main project was adopted for a number of reasons after:

- further discussions with hall users about their needs which prioritized the refurbishment of our *existing* facilities
- quotes for the construction of the external store, received in August, were much higher than expected

- the cost estimate for the stage removal and new meeting rooms was £700,000, an enormous challenge in the current climate.

The revised approach is to remove the stage and use the area for improved storage. This will include the construction of a new first floor which can be converted later into the proposed meeting rooms.

St Gabriel's Hall opened in 1927 and we hope to celebrate the centenary with premises more suitable for the next 100 years.
[Richard Pratley]

Music in 2023

Our small but loyal and highly proficient adult choir continued to enrich our Sunday worship week by week, with the children's choir and instrumentalists appearing on special occasions. For our Christmas Carol Service we were again joined by the Brook Brass Quintet and Woodwind Quartet. Our own Anne Conoley gave a solo performance and we thank the many extra singers who also helped to make this annual event possible. For Passiontide we were able to provide music for a new Sunday evening devotion. Our well-equipped church building also continued to attract professional, semi-professional and amateur groups and artists to give high-quality concerts throughout the year, keeping St. Gabriel's on the wider map for the future. [John Light]

Safeguarding 2023

Safeguarding remained a high priority for the Parish of Aldersbrook and with the experienced guidance of our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Caroline Ferguson, St Gabriel's continued to seek a proactive approach, offering and encouraging safeguarding training and awareness for all, using the resources of the Church of England. Our annual safeguarding review was held at the January meeting of the PCC when the Church of England Safeguarding Checklist was reviewed and national safeguarding policy and practice re-adopted.

[Caroline Ferguson]

Structure, Management and Governance

St Gabriel's operates under Parochial Church Councils [Powers] Measure. Registered Charity number: 1129673.

Appointment of PCC members are according to Church Representation Rules. Subcommittees are currently: Standing, Pastoral, Worship and Fabric. The PCC is responsible for co-operating with the incumbent to promote the ecclesiastical parish, the pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical mission of the church. It follows the church's objectives as set out in the Mission Statement. Members of the PCC are ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Council Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

PCC Members During 2023

Incumbent	Fr. Martyn Hawkes
Curate	Henry Lau
Churchwardens	Rachel Port David Plumbley
Deanery Synod Rep	Kevin Thomas Teresa Smith Henry Lau
Elected Members	Mike Smith Susan Maudsley Willa King Kate Spencer Ellis Tony Fallowfield Lesley Bond
Treasurer	Nick Riley
Secretary	Felicity Brewis

Other Officers

Safeguarding Officer	Caroline Ferguson
Pastoral Assistant	Amelia Hart (until Sept. 2023)
Coordinator for Children	Clare Reeves
Stewardship/Electoral Roll/Data Protection	Sara Bertrand

Independent Examiner: Robert Munden

Name of Bankers: Cooperative Bank PLC Electoral Roll:

Registered No: 990937

Facts and figures 2023

There were 112 persons on the Electoral Roll at the end of December 2023

- Number registered: 112
- Number residing outside the parish: 52
- Number residing in the parish: 60

Finance Review 2023

Total receipts on ordinary Unrestricted funds were **£144,652** [2022: £144,936] and those of Restricted funds were **£17,284** [2022: £1,644] providing an overall income total of **£161,936** [2022: £146,580]

£162,047 [2022: £118,091] was spent to provide the Christian ministry of St Gabriel's Church. It also included the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The net result for the year was a negative balance of receipts over payments amounting to **-£1,259** [2022: £28,489] This is in marked contrast to last year. Whilst Total Income was remarkably similar to last year, a number of factors are responsible for this change. Our Parish Share increased and we renewed our Parish Mission. We experienced a substantial increase in our utility bills due to global factors, even when accounting for significant fundraising pledges and a grant from the Diocese. Additionally, as well as some smaller works in the Church [Choir Vestry and maintenance] St Gabriel's also took on a major project in the hall in installing solar panels.

Separately, a loan in the sum of £25,000 has been taken out to cover the cost of the solar panel installation and associated costs.

As such it is listed as a liability. Repayment by instalment has been agreed, commencing in 2024.

Considering bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31 December 2023 amounted to **£72,017** [2022: £89,413] for Unrestricted and Designated funds and **£2,923,188** [2022: £2,907,052] for Restricted funds.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds [if possible], which equates to approximately 3 months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. This has previously been 6 months but in the light of continuing performance post covid it will remain at 3 months. The balance of Unrestricted and Designated Reserves totals **£72,017** at the year-end is over this target. [Nick Riley]

Worship in 2023

Our Sunday worship pattern was only slightly altered this year.

The 8.30am 'first Sunday of the month' service continued as before. **The main 10.00am Sunday Eucharist** remained each week at the usual time but on the first Sunday the format was varied to be a more 'All Age' offering. This meant greater involvement of our youngsters and our young musicians and has replaced the previously separate Family Feast / Pop Up Church.

Prayer/Healing at Eucharist has thus been moved to the second Sunday of the month.

Our monthly **Sunday evening service**, which resumed at the end of the previous year, continued with a more varied content, other styles of worship joining our traditional sung evensong.

Mid-week Holy Communion was held each Wednesday at 11am, and **Evening Prayer** remained at 5pm Mon-Thurs both in-person and on zoom. Twice monthly **Tuesday evening prayer/contemplation** also continued.

Average communicant numbers of 53 on Sunday and 12 on Wednesday represents a slight reduction on Sunday and unchanged on Wednesday.

Communicants at major festivals

- Easter Sunday - 101
- Christmas Day - 121

Occasional Services in Church 2023

There were 3 Baptisms and 4 funerals, but no weddings held this year. [David Plumbley]

Deanery Synod

Deanery synod met three time in 2023, with meetings to discuss deanery strategy, parish finance with our Diocesan CEO and Anna Chaplains: a ministry to older people.

Aldersbrook St.Gabriel Charity No - 1129673

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

As at: 31 December 2023

			Balance	Previous balance
Tangible assets				
6430: Church Hall - Asset				
Church Hall Building Fund	Restricted		2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
			2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
Tangible assets			2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
Cash at bank and in hand				
6501: Co-op - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		65,960.64	83,808.88
Bereavement Cafe	Restricted		260.00	260.00
Advertising				
Charity Fund	Restricted		2,661.16	1,764.63
Church Roof Repair Fund	Restricted		3,800.00	—
Fabric Fund	Restricted		33,302.65	—
First World War Memorial Project	Designated		232.00	232.00
Flower Fund	Restricted		322.00	252.00
Holiday Club	Designated		58.75	58.75
Organ Fund	Restricted		6,662.24	3,594.93
Snaresbrook Court Chaplaincy	Restricted		355.00	355.00
Youth Fund	Restricted		825.10	825.10
Agency collection	Restricted		(576.36)	(576.36)
			113,863.18	90,574.93
6505: Barclays BPA 205274 90197009 - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		4,928.04	4,921.93
			4,928.04	4,921.93
6506: Barclays BPA 205274 60682071 - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		349.29	348.86
			349.29	348.86
6509: Barclays BPA 205274 10682098 - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		42.24	42.19
			42.24	42.19
6595: Monies for Banking - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		446.58	—
			446.58	—
Cash at bank and in hand			119,629.33	95,887.91

		Balance	Previous balance
Agency accounts			
6699: Agency collections - Liability			
Agency collection	Restricted	(576.36)	(576.36)
		(576.36)	(576.36)
	Agency accounts	(576.36)	(576.36)
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year			
6601: Loans received - Liability			
Fabric Fund	Restricted	25,000.00	—
		25,000.00	—
	Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	25,000.00	—
	Grand Total	2,995,205.69	2,996,464.27

Aldersbrook St.Gabriel Charity No - 1129673
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Note	From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
	Gift Aid - Bank	17,618.00	18,440.90
	Gift Aid - Envelopes	7,658.00	4,960.82
	Payroll giving	720.00	720.00
	Parish Giving Scheme	18,533.54	17,069.44
	CAF	350.00	—
	Other planned giving	1,125.00	1,123.00
	Cash collections	3,377.68	2,908.88
	Donations, appeals etc	2,873.47	4,741.44
	Charity Donations (Teas & Cakes)	46.71	—
	Donations - Votive Candles	387.15	438.92
	Donations - Sumup	629.00	(6,220.24)
	Donations - Messy Church	114.03	—
	Donations - Friends of Aldersbrook St Gl	6,877.00	17,422.14
	Donations - Archdeacon's retirement	—	228.61
	Donations - Fr M Kenny Leaving Gift	535.00	—
	Donations - Watts collection	—	290.00
	Donations - Amelia departing collection	402.82	—
	Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	10,083.20	5,324.41
	Tax recovered by Parish Giving Scheme	4,071.08	3,834.11
	Miscellaneous Income	158.00	140.00
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>75,559.68</i>	<i>71,422.43</i>
Income from charitable activities			
	Fees	(5,752.00)	436.00
	Hall hire	42,013.88	33,214.00
	<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	<i>36,261.88</i>	<i>33,650.00</i>
Other trading activities			
	Fundraising mixed	3,546.58	634.10
	Fetes, Bazaars, and other Fundraising	10,565.40	19,809.51
	Use of Church	5,915.30	6,210.00
	Easy Fundraising	163.72	151.31
	Brewing collective	—	30.00
	Magazine income - advertising	850.00	851.50
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<i>21,041.00</i>	<i>27,686.42</i>
Investments			
	Bank and building society interest	6.59	5.12
	<i>Total Investments</i>	<i>6.59</i>	<i>5.12</i>
Other income			
	Rent from Hall Flat	8,520.00	8,520.00
	Under 5s Group	365.80	—
	Holiday club income	1,560.00	1,742.00
	After School Club	1,337.00	1,910.00
	<i>Total Other income</i>	<i>11,782.80</i>	<i>12,172.00</i>
	Total income and endowments	144,651.95	144,935.97
Expenditure			

Note	From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
Raising funds			
Stewardship costs		285.80	69.60
	<i>Total Raising funds</i>	<i>285.80</i>	<i>69.60</i>
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Miscellaneous Expenses		900.40	20.50
Fundraising expenses		2,302.87	1,715.83
Friends of Aldersbrook St Gl expenses		1,475.77	12,713.09
Wanstead Art Group		55.06	—
After School Club		393.47	403.42
Departing collection - Amelia		585.00	—
Fr Mark Kenny Leaving Gift		540.00	—
Archdeacon's retirement		—	228.61
Charitable giving		3,262.19	3,048.55
Watts collection		—	290.00
Ministry parish share etc		64,167.00	60,000.00
Organists		4,765.00	4,320.00
Hall Bookings Manager		2,038.50	1,902.00
PCC Admin Services		2,038.50	1,937.25
Working expenses of the incumbent		3,227.72	2,484.22
Vicarage expenses		342.00	—
Vicar's telephone		687.42	658.46
Sunday School expenses		—	63.00
Parish Mission		2,982.18	—
Holiday club expenses		1,828.90	1,583.58
Church running - insurance		4,129.26	5,717.88
Organ/piano tuning etc		2,163.50	1,383.50
Church maintenance		9,310.90	1,806.04
Church cleaning etc		3,169.60	3,270.17
Worship Expenses		1,580.85	1,587.12
Administration		2,551.33	2,038.07
Sumup charges		287.43	—
Church running - electric		1,701.13	1,367.31
Church running - gas		7,320.98	3,106.60
Church running - water		827.05	850.68
Church running - refuse collection		796.32	1,108.11
Hall running - gas & electricity		—	48.66
Hall running - electricity		625.65	1,594.42
Hall Flat Electricity		181.49	(621.93)
Hall running - gas		8,746.49	(360.69)
Hall running - insurance		1,229.56	493.76
Hall running - maintenance		1,234.50	2,751.03
Hall running - cleaning		400.00	—
Hall running - water		512.16	—
Energy bills		16.71	—
Governance costs examination/audit fee		—	50.00
Church major works - structure		1,898.00	462.00
Hall + major works - structure		21,486.33	—
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<i>161,761.22</i>	<i>118,021.24</i>
Total expenditure		162,047.02	118,090.84
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(17,395.07)	26,845.13
Brought forward balance		89,121.86	62,276.73
Total carried forward balance		71,726.79	89,121.86

Note	From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
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BermntCeAg - Bereavement Cafe Advertising (Restricted) Fund

Brought forward balance	260.00	260.00
Total carried forward balance	260.00	260.00

Charity - Charity Fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations, appeals etc	148.00	—
Charity Donations (Teas & Cakes)	1,896.53	1,549.14
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>2,044.53</i>	<i>1,549.14</i>
Total income and endowments	2,044.53	1,549.14
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Charitable giving	1,148.00	—
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<i>1,148.00</i>	<i>—</i>
Total expenditure	1,148.00	—
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	896.53	1,549.14
Brought forward balance	1,764.63	215.49
Total carried forward balance	2,661.16	1,764.63

ChrchHIBlg - Church Hall Building Fund (Restricted) Fund

Brought forward balance	2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
Total carried forward balance	2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00

ChRoofRr - Church Roof Repair Fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations, appeals etc	300.00	—
Non-recurring one-off grants	3,500.00	—
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>3,800.00</i>	<i>—</i>
Total income and endowments	3,800.00	—
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	3,800.00	—
Total carried forward balance	3,800.00	—

Note	From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
Fabric - Fabric Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations, appeals etc		250.00	—
Donations - Big Give		8,052.65	—
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<u>8,302.65</u>	<u>—</u>
Total income and endowments		8,302.65	—
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		<u>8,302.65</u>	<u>—</u>
Total carried forward balance		8,302.65	—
WWIPROJ - First World War Memorial Project (Designated) Fund			
Brought forward balance		232.00	232.00
Total carried forward balance		<u>232.00</u>	<u>232.00</u>
Flowers - Flower Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations - Flowers		70.00	95.00
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<u>70.00</u>	<u>95.00</u>
Total income and endowments		70.00	95.00
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		<u>70.00</u>	<u>95.00</u>
Brought forward balance		252.00	157.00
Total carried forward balance		<u>322.00</u>	<u>252.00</u>
Club - Holiday Club (Designated) Fund			
Brought forward balance		58.75	58.75
Total carried forward balance		<u>58.75</u>	<u>58.75</u>
Organ - Organ Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Gift Aid - Envelopes		90.00	—
Donations, appeals etc		308.51	—
Donations - Sumup		480.80	—
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<u>879.31</u>	<u>—</u>
Other trading activities			
Fundraising mixed		1,788.00	—
Fetes, Bazaars, and other Fundraising		400.00	—
<i>Total Other trading activities</i>		<u>2,188.00</u>	<u>—</u>
Total income and endowments		3,067.31	—

Note	From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	3,067.31	—
	Brought forward balance	3,594.93	3,594.93
	Total carried forward balance	6,662.24	3,594.93
SnkCtCy - Snaresbrook Court Chaplaincy (Restricted) Fund			
	Brought forward balance	355.00	355.00
	Total carried forward balance	355.00	355.00
Youth - Youth Fund (Restricted) Fund			
	Brought forward balance	825.10	825.10
	Total carried forward balance	825.10	825.10

Aldersbrook St.Gabriel Charity No - 1129673

Statement of Financial Activities - summary

For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Total income	144,651.95	—	17,284.49	—	161,936.44	146,580.11
Total expenditure	162,047.02	—	1,148.00	—	163,195.02	118,090.84
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(17,395.07)	—	16,136.49	—	(1,258.58)	28,489.27
Gross transfers between funds - in	474.34	—	474.34	—	948.68	549.20
Gross transfers between funds - out	(474.34)	—	(474.34)	—	(948.68)	(549.20)
Net movement in funds	(17,395.07)	—	16,136.49	—	(1,258.58)	28,489.27
Total funds brought forward	89,121.86	290.75	2,907,051.66	—	2,996,464.27	2,967,975.00
Total funds carried forward	71,726.79	290.75	2,923,188.15	—	2,995,205.69	2,996,464.27
Unrestricted						
General fund	71,726.79	—	—	—	71,726.79	89,121.86
Designated						
First World War Memorial Project	—	232.00	—	—	232.00	232.00
Holiday Club	—	58.75	—	—	58.75	58.75
Restricted						
Bereavement Cafe Advertising	—	—	260.00	—	260.00	260.00
Charity Fund	—	—	2,661.16	—	2,661.16	1,764.63
Church Hall Building Fund	—	—	2,900,000.00	—	2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
Church Roof Repair Fund	—	—	3,800.00	—	3,800.00	—
Fabric Fund	—	—	8,302.65	—	8,302.65	—
Flower Fund	—	—	322.00	—	322.00	252.00
Organ Fund	—	—	6,662.24	—	6,662.24	3,594.93
Snaresbrook Court Chaplaincy	—	—	355.00	—	355.00	355.00
Youth Fund	—	—	825.10	—	825.10	825.10

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Aldersbrook St Gabriel

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) 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 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement.

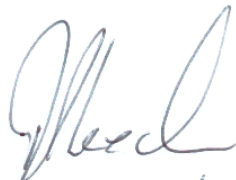
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion on the accounts.

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 s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts, which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Daniel Keech
38 Shepard Close
Leigh on Sea
SS9 5YR


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Accounts



St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook

Annual Report for year ending December 2022

PCC Review of the Year

The PCC led by Fr. Martyn continued to oversee the life of St. Gabriel's in its wider relationships within the West Roding Mission Partnership and Redbridge Deanery, and the community of Aldersbrook. Fr Martyn continued in his role as Area Dean, and until October as Interim Priest-in-charge of Wanstead Parish when that baton was passed on to Fr. James Gilder as the new incumbent of Wanstead.

Fr. Mark Kenny remains Associate Priest at St Gabriel's alongside occasional ministry in the parish of St Margaret's Ilford where he lives. St Gabriel's was also blessed with the ministerial support of Henry Lau, who arrived in 2022 with his family and is in the second year of training to be a Licensed Lay Minister.

The PCC met 9 times in 2022 and continues to function as the key body for developing mission and outreach in the parish.

Review of Objectives for 2022

No new objectives had been set for 2021 except to review and rebuild church life in the light of the Covid pandemic. 2022 was designated as a year to focus on ministry to children and families, renewing Sunday School, restoring Messy Church and re-imagining our outreach service on 3rd Sunday of the month. With the formation of a Friends group, there is also a renewed focus on the fabric of hall and church.

Stewardship, Fundraising and Mission Giving 2022

- **Regular Giving** has held up very well during both the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis. Many thanks are due to those who continue to give tax efficiently in regular ways as this continues to be the life-blood of St Gabriel's mission. Both Sara Bertrand and Nick Riley in their respective roles have ensured the continued strength in this area.

- **Income from Parish Hall** 2022 has seen the return to greater normality of activities and full capacity of the main hall, which has assisted with income generation. Our hall continues to provide for a wide variety of activities for all ages and is a key community resource.
- **Fund Raising** Thanks also to everyone who organised and helped with church fundraising events. Besides the income, more importantly, they strengthened our fellowship by having fun together and are a means to reach out to the wider community. We were able to run an amazing Burns Night, a Summer Fun Day and a Christmas Market.
- **Friends of St Gabriel's** The most significant new development in 2022 was the first full year of the Friends of St Gabriel's, following its launch in September 2021. There were some very successful fundraising activities with a well-attended and inclusive Eco Day in March and the amazing Taste of Aldersbrook event in October which brought fine dining into the church building and sold out in a few short days. A beer festival at the end of October, again in church, concluded a very positive year, with substantial funds raised towards the hall project.
- **Charity Giving** We had successful support for Christian Aid once again in the parish, through the organisation of Sue Mutter and the help of many others. Sue, and the volunteers continue to respond creatively to the challenge of door-to-door collection in the shadow of the pandemic and changes to people's giving patterns and a more cashless society. The Christmas collections for the Children's Society through carol singing and Christingle were also very successful, with a new single night record collection achieved.
- **Chosen Charities** St Gabriel's again supported three charities with the money raised from tea and coffee after the service: **A Rocha International** [an environmental charity with reach into conservation] our overseas charity; **Inclusive Church** - our national charity supporting inclusion in all aspects of church life; and **Project Malachi** a local homelessness project spearheaded by the Salvation Army in Ilford. We were able to return to pre-covid levels of support for these three charities in 2022. In the coming year we will be supporting new charities for a 3-year period: **Chaos** (a local charity providing holidays for East London children); **Refugee Employment Network** [a national organisation supporting refugees into work or self-employment]; and **Practical Action** [an international environmental charity supporting the world's poor to find local solutions to issues of development and climate change].

Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod met three times in 2022 and high on the agenda was the new parish share scheme which was to be introduced in 2023, involving a great deal more deanery input and negotiation. Synod also welcomed Bishop Guli to our November meeting and had a welcome service for Bishop Lynne, the new Bishop of Barking. The other meeting contained a presentation from the Church Urban Fund on a new study course called Growing Good, which ultimately St Gabriel's decided to use for its 2023 Lent course.

[Fr. Martyn]

Other Activities in 2022

Parish Hall

The hall usage has gone from strength to strength in 2022, hosting a variety of regular users including Pre-school, Uniformed Groups, Playgroup, Dance Class, Pilates, Yoga, Football, 'Gamestaars', Knit and Natter, Badminton as well as private party bookings and charity functions. The PCC is most grateful to Nick Riley for managing the hall bookings so effectively.

Aldersbrook School

St Gabriel's continues to have a good relationship with Aldersbrook School and its PTA through hosting events that cannot easily be accommodated in the school hall. We were delighted to welcome the return of Christmas concerts after Covid.

Pastoral Care - 2022

Pastoral care reflects God's love as we care for each other as the Body of Christ. St Gabriel's Pastoral Care Team consists of Amelia Hart, Margaret Filer, Dotsy Horsford and Anne Dixon. Together they provide the ministry of care and support to the parishioners. Margaret Filer has had to step back from pastoral work in September due to health reasons. Fr. Martyn, our vicar, has control and oversight of this ministry and helps to guide the work of the team. We are also encouraged by the many church members who care for each other in seen or unseen ways.

The government moved to their 'Living with Covid' strategy in February 2022. This encouraged us to continue with all pastoral activities either by phone or visits to homes, hospitals or care homes. The team have managed to stay connected with most of the parishioners who are bereaved, vulnerable or isolated. We now support them by enabling them to regain confidence in their journey towards healing and wholeness.

A 'Newcomers Party' was held in September to welcome newcomers to the parish and to get to know them better. Invitation cards were sent to last year's bereaved families with information on November's All Souls Service. 'Mothering Sunday' invites was still a work in progress by end of 2022. They are expected to be ready in time for 2023's Mothering Sunday.

The Pastoral team and volunteers from St. Gabriel's are again helping to staff the MMU partnership's Bereavement Cafe and Crown Court Chaplaincy. Members of MMU Pastoral Teams have undergone Pastoral Care Training last year, and continued to meet for support and to explore ways of closer working every six months. The latest initiative we explored was a 'Welcome Directory' to support and help ex-prisoners to find a spiritual home in an appropriate church on release. After reflection, it was the consensus that we lacked the capacity to pursue this further.

In the coming year the Pastoral team will: -

1. Continue to support parishioners to enable their journey of healing in body, mind and spirit.
2. To implement the invitation cards for 'Mothering Sunday' services.
3. To design and produce a card 'The Ways We Pray at St. Gabriel's' for distribution.

[Amelia Hart]

Outreach/Publicity 2022

Communication with our church community and the wider parish has continued on various fronts this year. Twitter, Instagram and Facebook have continued to be good vehicles for spreading our news. There have been three editions of the parish magazine which have had a good mix of articles by parishioners, news of upcoming events and adverts. During Advent and Lent postcards detailing church services for Christmas and Easter were delivered across the parish. Please see <https://www.stgabrielsaldersbrook.org.uk/>.

There have been ongoing issues with the website. It became infected with malware which proved impossible to remove, rendering the site useless. Moving it to a website host with a better reputation for such things seems to have sorted the problem and the website is again accessible.

[Teresa Smith]

Foodbank Report 2022

It would be wonderful to be able to report that the need for the foodbank had decreased in the last year but sadly, as we are all aware, the cost-of-living crisis has meant that even more families are now struggling to put food on the table each day so the regular and

generous donations by members of St Gabriel's have been very gratefully received. We continue to be part of the Tin in a Bin network based in Wanstead and stretching out to Woodford and beyond. This makes for a more efficient collection and distribution of food to the places it is most needed.

New volunteers are always welcome, whether for collecting or sorting. Thank you, St Gabriel's.

[Helen Bonnick on behalf of Tin in a Bin]

Work with Youth and Children in 2022

- **Messy Church** There were two Messy Church days this year – themed for St George's Day and Harvest. Children and parents enjoyed a wide range of craft activities such as folding flying dragons, seed planting, making and decorating biscuits, paper flower making. Acts of worship and shared food were appreciated by all. Thanks to Gaynor and her team of helpers.
- **Youth Worker** St Gabriel's, along with St Mary's Woodford and Wanstead Parish, has in the past employed a shared youth worker. In 2022 we agreed to appoint a Children and Families Coordinator on a part-time basis and we welcomed Clare Reeves in that role in the autumn of 2022. Her brief so far has been to carry on and develop the good work done in Messy Church and to strengthen communication with children and families in the wider parish.
- **After-School Club** Membership of the After-School Club held up well in 2022. There are between 18 – 24 children from Reception to Year 6 who we arrange to collect from school and escort to church. The children are fed and then various challenges take place followed by arts, craft, and games, ending with a Bible story. We have a great support team of volunteers who make the club run so smoothly and I would like to thank them personally for their patience, hard work and enthusiasm. They are Fr. Martyn, Lesley, Carol, Sandra, Jill, Dotsy, Anthony, Sue, Jan, Tony and Nick.

[Kevin Thomas]

- **Holiday Club** The annual Holiday Club ran for a week in July for youngsters aged 5 to 10 years old. With the theme of 'Celebrating God's Love' there were 4 mornings of hall-based activities, cycling on the Flats, music and prayers with a final full day trip to Thriftwood Scout Camp for more adventures. Over 40 children took part and the week proved very popular. Thanks to Amelia for organizing the Club, to Fr Martyn and family and the many other people who helped.

- **Pre-School Carers Group** This group meets on Wednesdays from 12.00 -1.30 pm run by Kath, Willa and Fr Martyn, who plays his guitar, Lesley and Anthony covering absences. We have a large carpeted play area suitable for babies and toddlers and space for train tracks, a rocking horse and a playdough table. There's a great mix of ages, race, cultural and ethnic backgrounds. With the pre-school nursery changing its hours, we considered changing ours, too, but decided to stick with those that suit us best for this year, given the church schedule. Attendance has been variable - from 6 to 35. The request for £2 donation per family towards the heating has been met with generosity. The feedback is that it's a welcome change of scene, toys and friendship for adults and children alike. [Willa King]

Church Building / Fabric 2022

Similar to last year it was a fairly peaceful year regarding work to the fabric of the Church, but a slightly busier one for the Hall. Roof leaks continue to be a problem in a number of places in Church. The causes of some have been identified with, remedial work yet to be carried out, but regular clearing of the roofs and the gullies is helping to reduce the problem.

The entrance doors to the Church have been difficult to open and close. Minor repairs have been carried out but replacement of some ironmongery has not yet been done.

Work to the Hall will benefit from the enthusiastic fundraising of the Friends of St Gabriel's. Proposed alterations include

- Removal of the stage to form new meeting rooms and toilets
- Improved access to the garden and improved storage
- Solar panels on the roof

Necessary approvals from Redbridge Council - including planning permission, listed building consent and conservation area consent -were received on the 16th June 2022.

Permission is also required from the Diocese for the proposed work. An application was made to the Diocesan Advisory Committee on the 30th June for the installation of the solar panels. This Committee requested some further information on energy use and the structure of the hall roof. Their approval is required before we can apply for a 'Faculty' to carry out the works. As of December 2022, we await their decision.

Once the solar panels are installed, the next step for the Hall work is the construction of a new chair and table store on the north side of the building as well as new internal storage. This will enable the main work to take place i.e. the removal of the stage and construction of the meeting rooms.

A start needs to be made on fund raising for this major project. The Hall opened in 1927 and we hope to celebrate the centenary with a Hall fit for the next 100 years.

[Richard Pratley]

Safeguarding in 2022

Safeguarding remains a high priority for the Parish of Aldersbrook and with the experienced guidance of our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Caroline Ferguson, St Gabriel's continues to seek a proactive approach, offering and encouraging safeguarding training and awareness for all, using the resources of the Church of England. At the November meeting of the PCC our annual safeguarding review was held when the Church of England Safeguarding Checklist was reviewed and national safeguarding policy and practice re-adopted.

[Caroline Ferguson]

Music in 2022

Our music at St. Gabriel's seems to be recovering quite nicely after the difficulties of the pandemic. Our small but loyal and highly proficient adult choir continues to enrich our Sunday worship week by week, with our newly-formed children's choir and instrumentalists appearing on special occasions. For our Christmas Carol Service we were again joined by the Brook Brass Quintet and Woodwind Quartet to enliven proceedings along with the regular inimitable solo contribution from our own Anne Conoley; and I have to thank the many extra singers who also helped to make this annual event memorable. We are very fortunate in having a church building that also makes an excellent and well-equipped concert venue, including an excellent August Forster grand piano and a recital-standard organ that is rated as one of the best for some miles around. It's therefore very pleasing when we can then attract professional, semi-professional and amateur groups and artists to give concerts throughout the year, which will obviously help to put St. Gabriel's on the wider map and enhance awareness in the local community. Having firmly re-established ourselves musically hopefully we can expect even better in the future.

[John Light]

Finance Review 2022

Total receipts on ordinary Unrestricted funds were £144,936 [2021: £120,450] and those of Restricted funds were £1,644 (2021: £605) providing an overall income total of £146,580 (2021: £121,055).

£118,091 (2021: £111,701) was spent to provide the Christian ministry of St Gabriel's Church. It also included the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy. For 2022 St Gabriel's was given a lower parish share figure from the Diocese due to Fr. Martyn's interim ministry work in the parish of Wanstead. In the event St Gabriel's overpaid on this figure significantly thus supporting ministry more widely in the Deanery.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments amounting to £28,489 (2021: £9,354).

A number of factors contributed to this figure including a substantially higher hall income, greatly increased fundraising through activities and events over the previous year, as well as the continuing presence of the Friends of St Gabriel's. On the other side of the coin, outlay on maintenance and repair of the building remained low, with unanticipated or planned expenditure in this area.

Considering bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31 December 2022 amounted to £89,413 [2021: £62,567] for Unrestricted and Designated funds and £2,907,052 (2021: £2,905,408) for Restricted funds.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately six months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of Unrestricted and Designated Reserves total £89,413 at the year-end is over this target.

[Nick Riley]

Structure, Management and Governance

St Gabriel's operates under Parochial Church Councils Measure and is a Registered Charity, Charity number: 1129673.

Appointment of PCC members are according to Church Representation Rules.
Subcommittees are currently: Standing, Pastoral, Worship and Fabric.

Function of PCC

Responsible for co-operating with the incumbent to promote the ecclesiastical parish, the pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical mission of the church.

To follow the church's objectives as set out in the Mission Statement. Members of the PCC are ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Council Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules

During 2022 the following served on the PCC:

Incumbent	Fr. Martyn Hawkes	May 2011
Associate Priest	Fr. Mark Kenny	Ex-officio
Curate	Henry Lau	Ex-officio 2022 -
Churchwardens	Rachel Port	2020-
	David Plumbley	2016 -
Deanery Synod Reps	Kevin Thomas	2020-2023
	Pat Pratley	2020-2023
	Teresa Smith	2020-2023
Elected Members	Lilian New	2020-2023
	Dorothy Horsford	2020-2023
	Sue Maudsley	2021-2024
	Willa King	2021-2024
	Mark McKee	2021-2022
	Mike Smith	2022-2025
Hon Secretary	Ken Lang	2019-2022
Hon Secretary	Felicity Brewis	2021-2024
Hon Treasurer	Nick Riley	2019 -

Other Officers

Safeguarding Officer	Caroline Ferguson
Pastoral Assistant	Amelia Hart
Stewardship Officer	Sara Bertrand
Electoral Roll Officer	Sara Bertrand
Data Protection Officer	Sara Bertrand

Independent Examiner: Robert Munden

Name of Bankers: Cooperative Bank PLC

Registered No: 990937

Facts and figures

Electoral Roll: There were 111 persons on the Electoral Roll at the end of December 2022

Number registered: 111

Number residing outside the parish: 49

Number residing in the parish: 62

Worship in 2022

Following the Covid disruptions of the previous two years, 2022 saw a return to something more like normality with our worship at St Gabriel's. Our Sunday worship pattern gradually evolved during the year.

The previous weekly 8.30am service remained suspended for most of the year but was restarted (now on a monthly basis) from December. The main 10am Parish Sung Eucharist remained constant throughout, (as did the inclusion of healing on the first Sunday of each month).

Hoping to grow attendance, the monthly 11.30am Sunday Feast family service was relaunched as Pop Up Church and ran for much of the year. A monthly evening service was also restarted from December, but this was now intended to be of more varied content, not just evensong. Mid-week Holy Communion was held each Wednesday at 11am, and Evening Prayer remained at 5pm Mon-Thu both in-person and on zoom. Twice monthly Tuesday evening prayer/contemplation also continued.

Average communicant numbers of 55 on Sunday and 12 on Wednesday represented a return to more normal numbers following Covid.

Communicants at major festivals

Easter Sunday – 104 Christmas Day – 102

Occasional Services in 2022

There were 5 baptisms, 2 weddings and 3 funerals in church.

[David Plumbley]

Aldersbrook St.Gabriel
Statement of Financial Activities - summary
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Total income	144,935.97	—	1,644.14	—	146,580.11	121,055.17
Total expenditure	118,090.84	—	—	—	118,090.84	111,701.26
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	26,845.13	—	1,644.14	—	28,489.27	9,353.91
Gross transfers between funds - in	274.60	—	274.60	—	549.20	615.66
Gross transfers between funds - out	(274.60)	—	(274.60)	—	(549.20)	(615.66)
Net movement in funds	26,845.13	—	1,644.14	—	28,489.27	9,353.91
Total funds brought forward	62,276.73	290.75	2,905,407.52	—	2,967,975.00	2,958,621.09
Total funds carried forward	89,121.86	290.75	2,907,051.66	—	2,996,464.27	2,967,975.00
Unrestricted						
General fund	89,121.86	—	—	—	89,121.86	62,276.73
Designated						
First World War Memorial Project	—	232.00	—	—	232.00	232.00
Holiday Club	—	58.75	—	—	58.75	58.75
Restricted						
Bereavement Cafe Advertising	—	—	260.00	—	260.00	260.00
Charity Fund	—	—	1,764.63	—	1,764.63	215.49
Church Hall Building Fund	—	—	2,900,000.00	—	2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
Flower Fund	—	—	252.00	—	252.00	157.00
Organ Fund	—	—	3,594.93	—	3,594.93	3,594.93
Snaresbrook Court Chaplaincy	—	—	355.00	—	355.00	355.00
Youth Fund	—	—	825.10	—	825.10	825.10

Aldersbrook St.Gabriel
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Note	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Gift Aid - Bank		18,440.90	17,053.00
Gift Aid - Envelopes		4,960.82	7,189.34
Payroll giving		720.00	2,620.00
Parish Giving Scheme		17,069.44	13,861.50
Other planned giving		1,123.00	1,050.00
Cash collections		2,908.88	2,623.05
Donations, appeals etc		4,741.44	3,631.21
Donations - Votive Candles		438.92	362.93
Donations - Sumup		(6,220.24)	1,271.07
Donations - Youth Worker		—	191.00
Donations - Friends of Aldersbrook St Gl		17,422.14	4,444.77
Donations - Fr Chris Leaving gift		—	475.00
Donations - Archdeacon's retirement		228.61	—
Donations - Watts collection		290.00	—
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		5,324.41	7,556.90
Tax recovered by Parish Giving Scheme		3,834.11	3,461.93
Legacies		—	5,001.00
Miscellaneous Income		140.00	2,328.29
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>71,422.43</u>	<u>73,120.99</u>
Income from charitable activities			
Fees		436.00	1,858.00
Hall hire		33,214.00	20,976.95
	<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	<u>33,650.00</u>	<u>22,834.95</u>
Other trading activities			
Fundraising mixed		634.10	—
Fetes, Bazaars, and other Fundraising		19,809.51	10,829.03
Use of Church		6,210.00	1,780.00
Easy Fundraising		151.31	237.07
Brewing collective		30.00	750.00
Magazine income - advertising		851.50	1,090.00
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<u>27,686.42</u>	<u>14,686.10</u>
Investments			
Bank and building society interest		5.12	5.16
	<i>Total Investments</i>	<u>5.12</u>	<u>5.16</u>
Other income			
Rent from Hall Flat		8,520.00	8,160.00
Holiday club income		1,742.00	1,075.51
After School Club		1,910.00	567.00
	<i>Total Other income</i>	<u>12,172.00</u>	<u>9,802.51</u>
Total income and endowments		144,935.97	120,449.71
Expenditure			

Aldersbrook St.Gabriel
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)
As at: 31 December 2022

			Balance	Previous balance
Tangible assets				
6430: Church Hall - Asset				
Church Hall Building	Restricted		2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
Fund				
			<u>2,900,000.00</u>	<u>2,900,000.00</u>
		Tangible assets	<u>2,900,000.00</u>	<u>2,900,000.00</u>
Cash at bank and in hand				
6501: Co-op - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		83,808.88	56,968.87
Bereavement Cafe	Restricted		260.00	260.00
Advertising				
Charity Fund	Restricted		1,764.63	215.49
First World War	Designated		232.00	232.00
Memorial Project				
Flower Fund	Restricted		252.00	157.00
Holiday Club	Designated		58.75	58.75
Organ Fund	Restricted		3,594.93	3,594.93
Snaresbrook Court	Restricted		355.00	355.00
Chaplaincy				
Youth Fund	Restricted		825.10	825.10
Agency collection	Restricted		(576.36)	(576.36)
			<u>90,574.93</u>	<u>62,090.78</u>
6505: Barclays BPA 205274 90197009 - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		4,921.93	4,917.18
			<u>4,921.93</u>	<u>4,917.18</u>
6506: Barclays BPA 205274 60682071 - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		348.86	348.52
			<u>348.86</u>	<u>348.52</u>
6509: Barclays BPA 205274 10682098 - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		42.19	42.16
			<u>42.19</u>	<u>42.16</u>
		Cash at bank and in hand	<u>95,887.91</u>	<u>67,398.64</u>
Agency accounts				
6699: Agency collections - Liability				
Agency collection	Restricted		(576.36)	(576.36)
			<u>(576.36)</u>	<u>(576.36)</u>
		Agency accounts	<u>(576.36)</u>	<u>(576.36)</u>
		Grand Total	<u><u>2,996,464.27</u></u>	<u><u>2,967,975.00</u></u>

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
Raising funds			
Stewardship costs		69.60	59.94
	Total Raising funds	69.60	59.94
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Miscellaneous Expenses		20.50	419.98
Fundraising expenses		1,715.83	2,642.14
Friends of Aldersbrook St GI expenses		12,713.09	—
Brewing Collective expenses		—	624.61
After School Club		403.42	84.13
Leaving gift for SYW		—	100.00
Archdeacon's retirement		228.61	—
Leaving gift for Fr Chris		—	475.00
Charitable giving		3,048.55	1,580.00
Watts collection		290.00	—
Ministry parish share etc		60,000.00	65,247.48
Organists		4,320.00	4,110.00
Hall Bookings Manager		1,902.00	1,752.00
PCC Admin Services		1,937.25	1,824.00
Working expenses of the incumbent		2,484.22	3,063.93
Vicarage expenses		—	312.00
Vicar's telephone		658.46	604.02
Sunday School expenses		63.00	252.00
Holiday club expenses		1,583.58	585.18
Church running - insurance		5,717.88	6,654.72
Organ/piano tuning etc		1,383.50	1,487.11
Church maintenance		1,806.04	3,974.40
Church cleaning etc		3,270.17	2,677.99
Worship Expenses		1,587.12	1,825.25
Administration		2,038.07	2,097.41
Church running - electric		1,367.31	3,604.27
Church running - gas		3,106.60	—
Church running - water		850.68	—
Church running - refuse collection		1,108.11	267.15
Hall running - gas & electricity		48.66	—
Hall running - electricity		1,594.42	3,733.44
Hall Running - TV Licence		—	91.10
Hall Flat Electricity		(621.93)	(825.40)
Hall running - gas		(360.69)	—
Hall running - insurance		493.76	—
Hall running - maintenance		2,751.03	606.42
Hall running - cleaning		—	17.70
Hall running - water		—	253.29
Governance costs examination/audit fee		50.00	—
Church major works - structure		462.00	—
	Total Expenditure on charitable activities	118,021.24	110,141.32
Total expenditure		118,090.84	110,201.26
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		26,845.13	10,248.45
Brought forward balance		62,276.73	52,028.28
Total carried forward balance		89,121.86	62,276.73

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
BermntCeAg - Bereavement Cafe Advertising (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		260.00	260.00
Total carried forward balance		260.00	260.00
BuildingGt - Building Grants Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		—	—
Charity - Charity Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Charity Donations (Teas & Cakes)		1,549.14	605.46
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<i>1,549.14</i>	<i>605.46</i>
Total income and endowments		1,549.14	605.46
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Charitable giving		—	1,500.00
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<i>—</i>	<i>1,500.00</i>
Total expenditure		—	1,500.00
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		1,549.14	(894.54)
Brought forward balance		215.49	1,110.03
Total carried forward balance		1,764.63	215.49
ChrchHIBlg - Church Hall Building Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
Total carried forward balance		2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
ChurchHeat - Church Heating Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		—	—

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
Fabric - Fabric Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		—	—
WWIPROJ - First World War Memorial Project (Designated) Fund			
Brought forward balance		232.00	232.00
Total carried forward balance		232.00	232.00
Flowers - Flower Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations - Flowers		95.00	—
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<i>95.00</i>	<i>—</i>
Total income and endowments		95.00	—
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		95.00	—
Brought forward balance		157.00	157.00
Total carried forward balance		252.00	157.00
Club - Holiday Club (Designated) Fund			
Brought forward balance		58.75	58.75
Total carried forward balance		58.75	58.75
Organ - Organ Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		3,594.93	3,594.93
Total carried forward balance		3,594.93	3,594.93
SnkCtCy - Snaresbrook Court Chaplaincy (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		355.00	355.00
Total carried forward balance		355.00	355.00

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
Youth - Youth Fund (Restricted) Fund			
		825.10	825.10
Brought forward balance			
Total carried forward balance		825.10	825.10
Emerg2010 - Emergency Appeal 2010 (Restricted) Fund			
		—	—
Brought forward balance			
Total carried forward balance		—	—
Office - Office Fund (Restricted) Fund			
		—	—
Brought forward balance			
Total carried forward balance		—	—

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Gabriel's Parish Church, Aldersbrook, Wanstead.

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this reports on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts 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 all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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
 - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - b. To prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook Annual Report for year ending December 2021

PCC Review of the Year

The PCC led by Fr. Martyn continues to oversee the life of St. Gabriel's in its wider relationships within the West Roding Mission Partnership and Redbridge Deanery, and the community of Aldersbrook. Fr Martyn continues in his role as Area Dean, and since the end of April as Interim Priest-in-charge of Wanstead Parish.

Fr Chris Smaling became associate priest in the parish of St Giles in the Fields in the Diocese of London at the end of 2022, concluding 7 years of very effective and popular ministry at St Gabriel's. Fr Mark Kenny remains associate priest at St Gabriel's alongside occasional ministry in the parish of St Margaret's Ilford where he lives. St Gabriel's was also blessed with the ministerial support of the Revd Jane Quinton between June and October, bringing to the church a new weekly prayer gathering among many other things.

The PCC met 9 times in the past year, with a number of those meetings taking place on zoom. Throughout 2021 the PCC sought to build up activities and services which had been curtailed during the pandemic as well as exploring new ventures and possibilities for ministry.

The pre-school carers group was able to restart on a Wednesday lunchtime, and an after-school club was started with 15 children from Aldersbrook School, growing to a capacity of over 20 by the end of the year. The summer holiday club returned in the first week of the holidays.

A new project was launched with the Friends of St Gabriel's starting on the weekend of the patronal festival at the end of September. The Friends and supporters exist to raise funds for the upkeep of the hall, church and grounds and at year's end had already run their first event: a Christmas table decoration-making evening in the church.

Other Activities

Parish Hall

The hall made a substantial return to pre-covid busyness for parts of 2021, hosting a variety of regular users including Pre-school, Uniformed Groups, Playgroup, Dance Class, Pilates, Yoga, Football, Gamestaars, Knit and Natter, Badminton as well as private party bookings and charity functions. The PCC is most grateful to Nick Riley for managing the hall bookings so effectively.

Aldersbrook School

St Gabriel's continues to have a good relationship with Aldersbrook School through hosting school events that cannot easily be accommodated in the school hall. We still await the return of Harvest, Christmas, and end of Year gatherings which have not yet returned since Covid, but have welcomed class visits to the church.

Pastoral Care

Providing pastoral care to those in the parish in the context of the pandemic was challenging. The pastoral team, Amelia Hart, Margaret Filer, Dotsy Horsford and Anne Dixon continued to support the parishioners and offered spiritual, emotional and practical support as far as possible.

Despite the limitations of face-to-face contact during early part of the year, the team worked together and managed to stay connected with parishioners who are vulnerable, isolated or just fearful by listening, talking to and praying with them during this time. It is also encouraging to find that many parishioners have their own friendship groups that stepped up and supported each other.

Visits to parishioners at home, care home or hospital were curtailed, simply to stay connected was limited to telephone contacts and home communion was not always possible. Coming out of the lock down phase, during the Government's rapid changes, presented different challenges in having to adapt constantly to new covid-19 safe ways of working.

All these activities have now resumed. So were the MMU partnership's Bereavement Cafe and Crown Court Chaplaincy. MMU pastoral teams

have undergone Pastoral Care Training recently and continued to meet six monthly for support and explore ways of closer working. The latest initiative to explore is the 'Welcome Directory' to support ex-prisoners.

In the coming year the Pastoral team will: -

- Continue to support the parishioners who need to regain their confidence in their daily life.
- To welcome the new comers to the parish by holding a 'Newcomers Party' in September.
- To implement the invitation cards for 'All Souls' and 'Mothering Sunday' services.

Stewardship, Fundraising & Mission Giving

It has remained a challenge this past year to keep our stewardship and fundraising on track during the Covid pandemic. We thank all who continue to support the church through regular giving in the various methods – this is the core source of support for our mission as a church and we are grateful that so many already had in place Standing Orders, Parish Giving scheme accounts or other planned giving that continued during lockdown. This aspect of income held up well this past year, and was bolstered by some generous one-off donations.

Thanks also to everyone who organised and helped with fundraising events. Besides the income, more importantly, they strengthened our fellowship by having fun together and are a means to reach out to the wider community. We were able to run an amazing virtual Burns Night, a Summer Fun Day, Treasure Hunt quiz trail, Thanksgiving Dinner, and a full Christmas Market.

We had amazing success with support for Christian Aid once again in 2021, through the organisation of Sue Mutter and the help of many others. We also broke parish records once again for Carol singing fundraising for the Children's Society in December.

St Gabriel's again supported three charities with the money raised from tea and coffee after the service: A Rocha International (an environmental charity with reach into conservation – our overseas charity); Inclusive Church our national charity supporting inclusion in all aspects of church life; and Project Malachi a local homelessness project spearheaded by the Salvation Army in Ilford. We were able to return to pre-covid levels of

support for these three charities in 2021. In the coming year we will be supporting new charities for a 3 year period.

Outreach/Publicity

A communications group continues to work to fulfil our commitment to be an inviting church. This has worked on our Twitter, Instagram and Facebook presence as well as the more traditional means of fliers, posters and noticeboards.

The parish magazine has returned to regular publication in 2021 thanks to the work of Teresa Smith and Chris Wilcox and we have been able to publish quarterly throughout the year, delivering to almost every home in the parish. Chris has brought a flair to our posters and fliers which has been well-received.

Foodbank report

Over the last year the congregation at St Gabriel's, as well as members of the local community have continued to support the work of Redbridge Foodbank through donations to Tin in a Bin. The box situated in the church foyer is part of a larger neighbourhood network of collection points for food and household necessities, which ultimately find their way to a number of local foodbanks, charities supporting the homeless and young families, as well as individuals known to the group. The need for basic support has increased massively over the last year, as more and more families face food insecurity due to the cost of living rise. As always, St Gabriels' members have stepped up to the challenge and continue to do so. We thank everyone for their donations however small – every little helps.

Youth and Children's Work

Youth work across the 3 parishes of Aldersbrook, Wanstead and Woodford continued until the leadership of Becca Kemal from January to August 2021. This work was again curtailed at times by

Covid, but opportunities to attend Signpost and Bridge remained available to St Gabriel's Youth.

Kevin writes about the After-School Club: *The After-School Club started April 2021. We have had between 19 to 24 children in this time. We share with the children food, craft, games, lego, indoor football and cricket, arts and craft and finish with a story from the bible. We have a great support team of volunteers who make the club run so smoothly and I would like to thank them personally for their patience hard work and enthusiasm. They are Lesley, Tony, Carol, Sandra, Father Martyn, Jill, Dotsy, Sue, Jan & Tony and Anthony.*

With the start of a new after-school club for primary school aged children at St Gabriel's, two youths assisted as volunteers with the club for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. Young leaders also enabled the Summer Holiday Club to be a great success.

At the end of August we said goodbye to Becca after 6 years in her role as youth worker. She left behind a team ready to continue the After-school club, and many excellent memories of working with our young people in music, singing, bible study, Lent and confirmation courses.

From September onwards the work of the After-school club continued, and a children's choir for Christmas brought the year to a close on a joyful note just before omicron struck once again.

Church Building / Fabric

Another fairly peaceful year regarding work to the fabric of the Church, a slightly busier one for the Hall.

Roof leaks continue to be a problem in three places in the Church. These have been difficult to resolve entirely, although regular clearing of roofs and the gullies is helping to reduce the problem.

Another severe roof leak occurred on the flat roof over the toilet near the vestry. This has been repaired but we will need to carry out further work in this area including repairs to the walls damage by the leak.

The entrance doors to the Church have been difficult to open and close. Minor repairs have been carried out but replacement of some ironmongery is in hand.

The quinquennial report by our inspecting architect is due to be carried out in February 2022. We expect this to reveal a number of issues to be addressed over the coming couple of years.

Work to the Hall has benefited from the enthusiasm of the Friends of St. Gabriel's. Money has been raised which we expect to put to good use in 2022 to improve the entrance to the hall both in appearance and convenience of use.

The main, but unseen, change to the Hall is for a planning application to be submitted early in 2022. Following a good deal of research and discussion that began back in the centenary of St Gabriel's 2014 but since refined, a number of improvements are proposed including:

New meeting rooms and toilets.

Improved access to the garden.

Solar panels on the roof.

Improved storage.

So, once again, no shortage of things to do in the years to come.

Finance Review

Total receipts on ordinary Unrestricted funds were £120,450 (2020: £88,908) and those of Restricted funds were £605 (2020: £311) providing an overall income total of £121,055 (2020: £89,219).

£111,701 (2019: £107,740) was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Gabriel's Church. It also includes the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy. For 2021, we returned to our full contribution after previously having reduced contributions due to covid shortfalls. The sum that the churches in the

Deanery have had to find is shared between the churches according to a formula that is based mainly on a head count of the congregations.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments amounting to £9,354 (2020: -£18,522). This was due to a near normal resumption of activities as we were able to open the church and church hall and experienced very little in terms of outlay on maintenance and repair of the building and related expenditure.

Considering bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31 December amounted to £62,567 (2020:£ 52,319) for Unrestricted and Designated funds and £2,905,408 (2020:£ 2,906,302) for Restricted funds.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately six month's unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of Unrestricted and Designated Reserves total £62,567 at the year-end is over this target.

Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod elections were held in 2021, following the formation of the new synod, with a new Standing committee elected. There were 3 meetings held including discussions relating to Environment, Living in Love and Faith and Elections to Diocesan Synod. Elections for General Synod, the national church governance body, were also held, with Deanery Synod members being the electors.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains a high priority for the Parish of Aldersbrook and with the experienced guidance of our Parish Safeguarding Officer Caroline Ferguson St Gabriel's continues to seek a proactive approach, offering and encouraging safeguarding training and awareness for all using the resources of the Church of England. Our July meeting of the PCC was our annual safeguarding review and to re-adopt the Church of England safeguarding policy and work through the safeguarding checklist.

Review of Objectives for 2021

No new objectives were set for 2021 except to review and rebuild church life in the light of the Covid pandemic. 2022 has been designated as a year to focus on ministry to children and families, renewing Sunday School, restoring Messy Church and reimagining our outreach service on 3rd Sunday of the month. With the formation of a Friends' group, there is also a renewed focus on the fabric of hall and church.

The PCC Membership

During the year, the following served on the PCC:

Incumbent	Fr. Martyn Hawkes	From May 2011
Associate Priest	Fr. Mark Kenny	Ex-officio
Associate Priest	Fr. Chris Smaling	Ex-officio until Dec 2021
Churchwardens	Rachel Port	2020
	David Plumbley	2016
Deanery Synod Reps	Kevin Thomas	2020-2023
	Pat Pratley	2020-2023
	Teresa Smith	2020-2023
Elected Members	Lilian New	2020-2023
	Dotsy Horsford	2020-2023
	Sue Maudsley	2018- 2021
	Ken Lang	2018 – 2021
	Rachel Port	2018-2021 (elected c/w)
	Nick Riley	2019-
	Felicity Brewis	2021-2024
	Willa King	2021-2024
	Mark McKee	2021-2024
Hon Secretary	Ken Lang	2019-
Hon Treasurer	Nick Riley	2019-

Other officers

Safeguarding Officer	Caroline Ferguson
Pastoral Assistant	Amelia Hart
Stewardship Officer	Sara Bertrand
Youth Worker	Becca Kemal until August 2021
Electoral Roll Officer	Sara Bertrand

Data Protection Officer Sara Bertrand

Structure, Management and Governance

Operates under Parochial Church Councils Measure.

Is a Registered Charity, Charity number: 1129673.

Appointment of PCC members are according to Church Representation Rules.

Subcommittees are currently: Standing, Pastoral, Worship and Fabric.

Function

Responsible to co-operate with the incumbent to promote the ecclesiastical parish, the pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical mission of the church.

To follow the church's objectives as set out in the Mission Statement. Members of the PCC are ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Council Meeting in accordance with the church representation rules.

Independent Examiner: Robert Munden

Name of Bankers: Cooperative Bank PLC

Registered No. : 990937

Facts and figures

Electoral Roll: The roll was completely renewed in December 2021

Number registered: 111

Number of registrations: 111

Number residing in the parish: 63

Worship

Although appearing at the end of our annual report worship remains the heartbeat of our life at St Gabriel's. 2021 has required regular review of Covid-19 guidelines circulated by the Diocese of Chelmsford and our Organist and Choir Director John Light has found creative ways to provide uplifting music both with and without full choir as regulations have dictated. This has included regular musical support from Kerry Light and anthems from choir and solos from Anne Conoley.

The serving team, sidespersons and regular reading and intercessions rotas have been re-formed to restore the fuller liturgical pattern that St Gabriel's has missed through covid.

There are normally two Sunday services, Holy Communion at 8:30am and Parish Sung Eucharist at 10am (with healing on the first Sunday of the month). Due partly to reduced numbers, and partly to stretched clergy resources the 8.30am service was suspended at the end of 2021 with an aim to review in 2022.

The Sunday Feast service at 11.30am on the 3rd Sunday of the month ran from May – November.

Mid-week Holy Communion service was held each week on Wednesday at 11am.

Sunday Evensong, which was a monthly service prior to the pandemic has yet to be restored. Monthly services of prayer and contemplation at the blessed sacrament on 2nd Tuesday at 7pm, and Contemplative prayer on 4th Tuesday also at 7.30pm. A new offering of Meditation for those of all faiths or none on Thursday lunchtimes was also started through the guidance of Lesley Bond and Heather Goodman.

Morning prayer, which had been suspended during covid became part of the vicar's responsibility in the Parish of Wanstead. Evening prayer at 5pm was held Mon-Friday both in-person and on zoom at St Gabriel's.

When in person services were possible, average communicant numbers at Sunday 10am and Wednesday 11am services grew over the year to 50+ on Sundays and 13 on Wednesdays.

Communicants at major festivals:-

Easter Sunday - 85

Christmas – 80

Occasional Services in 2021 :-

There were 2 Baptisms, 0 weddings and 4 funerals in church.

St Gabriel's Aldersbrook

End of Year Financial Statements

Year Ending 2021

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Basis of this Report

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Independent Examiner's statement

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Aldersbrook St.Gabriel
Statement of Financial Activities - summary
For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Total income	120,449.71	—	605.46	—	121,055.17	89,218.50
Total expenditure	110,201.26	—	1,500.00	—	111,701.26	107,740.22
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	10,248.45	—	(894.54)	—	9,353.91	(18,521.72)
Gross transfers between funds - in	307.83	—	307.83	—	615.66	430.26
Gross transfers between funds - out	(307.83)	—	(307.83)	—	(615.66)	(430.26)
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	2,195,447.00
Net movement in funds	10,248.45	—	(894.54)	—	9,353.91	2,176,925.28
Total funds brought forward	52,028.28	290.75	2,906,302.06	—	2,958,621.09	781,695.81
Total funds carried forward	62,276.73	290.75	2,905,407.52	—	2,967,975.00	2,958,621.09
Unrestricted						
General fund	62,276.73	—	—	—	62,276.73	52,028.28
Designated						
First World War Memorial Project	—	232.00	—	—	232.00	232.00
Holiday Club	—	58.75	—	—	58.75	58.75
Restricted						
Bereavement Cafe Advertising	—	—	260.00	—	260.00	260.00
Charity Fund	—	—	215.49	—	215.49	1,110.03
Church Hall Building Fund	—	—	2,900,000.00	—	2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
Flower Fund	—	—	157.00	—	157.00	157.00
Organ Fund	—	—	3,594.93	—	3,594.93	3,594.93
Snaresbrook Court Chaplaincy	—	—	355.00	—	355.00	355.00
Youth Fund	—	—	825.10	—	825.10	825.10

Aldersbrook St.Gabriel

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

As at: 31 December 2021

			Balance	Previous balance
Tangible assets				
6430: Church Hall - Asset				
Church Hall Building	Restricted		2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
Fund				
			2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
	Tangible assets		2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
Cash at bank and in hand				
6501: Co-op - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		56,968.87	46,725.58
Bereavement Cafe	Restricted		260.00	260.00
Advertising				
Charity Fund	Restricted		215.49	1,110.03
First World War	Designated		232.00	232.00
Memorial Project				
Flower Fund	Restricted		157.00	157.00
Holiday Club	Designated		58.75	58.75
Organ Fund	Restricted		3,594.93	3,594.93
Snaresbrook Court	Restricted		355.00	355.00
Chaplaincy				
Youth Fund	Restricted		825.10	825.10
Agency collection	Restricted		(576.36)	757.56
			62,090.78	54,075.95
6505: Barclays BPA 205274 90197009 - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		4,917.18	4,912.40
			4,917.18	4,912.40
6506: Barclays BPA 205274 60682071 - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		348.52	348.18
			348.52	348.18
6509: Barclays BPA 205274 10682098 - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		42.16	42.12
			42.16	42.12
	Cash at bank and in hand		67,398.64	59,378.65
Agency accounts				
6699: Agency collections - Liability				
Agency collection	Restricted		(576.36)	757.56
			(576.36)	757.56
	Agency accounts		(576.36)	757.56
	Grand Total		2,967,975.00	2,958,621.09

Aldersbrook St.Gabriel
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Note	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Gift Aid - Bank		17,053.00	15,951.00
Gift Aid - Envelopes		7,189.34	6,548.96
Payroll giving		2,620.00	2,744.00
Parish Giving Scheme		13,861.50	11,714.55
Other planned giving		1,050.00	669.37
Cash collections		2,623.05	1,665.30
One-off Gift Aid gifts		—	260.00
Donations, appeals etc		3,631.21	4,524.83
Donations - Votive Candles		362.93	293.20
Donations - Food bank		—	290.00
Donations - Sumup		1,271.07	1,152.92
Donations - Messy Church		—	32.84
Donations - Youth Worker		191.00	—
Donations - Friends of Aldersbrook St Gl		4,444.77	—
Donations - Fr Chris Leaving gift		475.00	—
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		7,556.90	7,582.13
Tax recovered by Parish Giving Scheme		3,461.93	2,913.92
Legacies		5,001.00	—
Miscellaneous Income		2,328.29	—
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>73,120.99</u>	<u>56,343.02</u>
Income from charitable activities			
Fees		1,858.00	1,975.00
Hall hire		20,976.95	11,243.15
Parish magazine sales		—	50.00
	<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	<u>22,834.95</u>	<u>13,268.15</u>
Other trading activities			
Fetes, Bazaars, and other Fundraising		10,829.03	9,409.83
Use of Church		1,780.00	1,695.00
Easy Fundraising		237.07	31.55
Brewing collective		750.00	—
Magazine income - advertising		1,090.00	—
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<u>14,686.10</u>	<u>11,136.38</u>
Investments			
Bank and building society interest		5.16	—
	<i>Total Investments</i>	<u>5.16</u>	<u>—</u>
Other income			
Rent from Hall Flat		8,160.00	8,160.00
Holiday club income		1,075.51	—
After School Club		567.00	—
	<i>Total Other income</i>	<u>9,802.51</u>	<u>8,160.00</u>
Total income and endowments		120,449.71	88,907.55
Expenditure			

Note	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
Raising funds			
Stewardship costs		59.94	85.96
Fundraising expenses		2,642.14	228.00
Brewing Collective expenses		624.61	—
<i>Total Raising funds</i>		<u>3,326.69</u>	<u>313.96</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Leaving gift for Fr Chris		475.00	—
Charitable giving		1,580.00	3,027.54
Ministry parish share etc		65,247.48	53,484.08
Organists		4,110.00	4,180.00
Hall Bookings Manager		1,752.00	1,740.00
PCC Admin Services		1,824.00	1,821.00
Working expenses of the incumbent		3,063.93	665.04
Working expenses of the curate		—	399.45
Vicarage expenses		312.00	—
Vicar's telephone		604.02	526.99
Sunday School expenses		252.00	249.00
Parish Mission		—	4,000.00
Holiday club expenses		585.18	—
Church running - insurance		6,654.72	6,580.21
Organ/piano tuning etc		1,487.11	586.69
Church maintenance		3,974.40	2,530.14
Church cleaning etc		2,677.99	2,847.80
Worship Expenses		1,825.25	1,136.28
Administration		2,097.41	1,793.25
Church running - electric		3,604.27	3,145.39
Church running - gas		—	1,969.39
Church running - refuse collection		267.15	857.70
Hall running - electricity		3,733.44	2,113.15
Hall Running - TV Licence		91.10	155.65
Hall Flat Electricity		(825.40)	(780.00)
Hall running - gas		—	1,395.73
Hall running - maintenance		606.42	1,646.59
Hall running - cleaning		17.70	189.31
Hall running - water		253.29	995.88
Miscellaneous Expenses		419.98	—
Church major works - structure		—	10,170.00
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<u>106,690.44</u>	<u>107,426.26</u>
Other expenditure			
After School Club		84.13	—
Leaving gift for SYW		100.00	—
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>		<u>184.13</u>	<u>—</u>
Total expenditure		110,201.26	107,740.22
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		10,248.45	(18,832.67)
Brought forward balance		52,028.28	70,860.95
Total carried forward balance		62,276.73	52,028.28

Note	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
BermntCeAg - Bereavement Cafe Advertising (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		260.00	260.00
Total carried forward balance		260.00	260.00
BuildingGt - Building Grants Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		—	—
Charity - Charity Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Charity Donations (Teas & Cakes)		605.46	290.95
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<i>605.46</i>	<i>290.95</i>
Total income and endowments		605.46	290.95
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Charitable giving		1,500.00	—
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<i>1,500.00</i>	<i>—</i>
Total expenditure		1,500.00	—
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(894.54)	290.95
Brought forward balance		1,110.03	819.08
Total carried forward balance		215.49	1,110.03
ChrchHIBlg - Church Hall Building Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		2,900,000.00	704,553.00
Gains & losses		—	2,195,447.00
Total carried forward balance		2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00
ChurchHeat - Church Heating Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		—	—

Note	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
Fabric - Fabric Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		—	—
WWIPROJ - First World War Memorial Project (Designated) Fund			
Brought forward balance		232.00	232.00
Total carried forward balance		232.00	232.00
Flowers - Flower Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations - Flowers		—	20.00
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<i>—</i>	<i>20.00</i>
Total income and endowments		—	20.00
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		—	20.00
Brought forward balance		157.00	137.00
Total carried forward balance		157.00	157.00
Club - Holiday Club (Designated) Fund			
Brought forward balance		58.75	58.75
Total carried forward balance		58.75	58.75
Organ - Organ Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		3,594.93	3,594.93
Total carried forward balance		3,594.93	3,594.93
SnkCtCy - Snaresbrook Court Chaplaincy (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		355.00	355.00
Total carried forward balance		355.00	355.00

Note	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
Youth - Youth Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		825.10	825.10
Total carried forward balance		825.10	825.10
Centenary - Centenary (Designated) Fund			
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		—	—
INSUL - Church Insulation Removal (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		—	—
Emerg2010 - Emergency Appeal 2010 (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		—	—
Marathon - Marathon (Designated) Fund			
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		—	—
Office - Office Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		—	—

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St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook

Annual Report for year ending

December 2020

1. PCC Review of the Year

The PCC led by Fr. Martyn continues to oversee the life of St. Gabriel's in its wider relationships within the West Roding Mission Partnership and Redbridge Deanery, and the community of Aldersbrook. Fr Martyn continues in his role as Area Dean, and alongside Amelia Hart as secretary began a 12 month term leading the West Roding Mission Partnership.

Fr Chris Smaling, deputy head at a school in Islington continues as SSM associate priest, to offer key support as ex-officio member of the PCC, and in the development of missional strategy. Fr Mark Kenny remains associate priest at St Gabriel's as well as working in changing full-time teaching and chaplaincy role in secondary education and occasional ministry in the parish of St Margaret's Ilford where he lives.

The PCC met 9 times in the past year, including a mixture of Sunday and Tuesday meetings. In 2020 the PCC looked at ways of reaching out more effectively to the wider community had developed a proposal and publicity for a new monthly service for children and families, which it hoped to start after Easter 2020 but was curtailed due to Covid 19 lockdown restrictions.

The year began well with a grant to towards paying for the refurbishment of the car park which was arranged to complete in January, but due to weather conditions and Covid 19 was not completed until later in the year. The electrical works were completed in the hall.

New outreach mornings were set up in church, with stay and play on Mondays Tai Chi on Thursday mornings, there would also be a Golden oldies singing group on Tuesday afternoons for the older generation in the hall. Becca was to arrange activities for the younger generation through her youth work.

We then had lock down and needed to change all our plans. Fr. Martyn had PCC meetings and all church services arranged on Zoom. By midsummer fund raising was curtailed and the hall was closed. But by creative thinking saw a photographic grow your own vegetable show, a Covid 19 Cook Book organised, a Thanks Giving Quiz Night, and an invitation Quiz Night organised on Zoom with great success. Then an inspired table top Christmas Market organised in the car park.

Christmas services were organised as ticketed entrance events, also on Zoom and you tube which once again proved a great success. The Carol and Crib services (run twice to enable capacity) were particular highlights.

Other Activities

Parish Hall

The hall remained a busy place for the first 3 months of 2020, hosting a variety of regular users including Pre-school, Uniformed Groups, Playgroup, Dance Class, Pilates, Yoga, Football, Gamestaars, Knit and Natter, Badminton as well as private party bookings and charity functions. This came to an abrupt halt in March with Covid restrictions stopping all activities. The only user who was able to return during 2020 was the Pre-school, with the obvious financial implications for church income. The PCC is most grateful to Nick Riley for managing the hall bookings so effectively.

Aldersbrook School

St Gabriel's continues to have a good relationship with Aldersbrook School through hosting school events that cannot easily be accommodated in the school hall. For obvious reasons these have been almost non-existent in 2020, with class visits to church in the early part of the year only.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is of prime importance at St. Gabriel's. The pastoral team, Amelia Hart, Margaret Filer and Dotsy Horsford provided support by listening, talking and praying with parishioners who needed a little additional support. This includes visits to parishioners at home, care home or hospital prompted by illness, bereavement or isolation. Home Communion may also be offered during one of our Pastoral Visits.

Pastoral care had to be adapted or suspended in 2020 because of the global pandemic. The first lockdown in March 2020 meant places of worship were closed for in person services. St. Gabriel's moved onto holding worship online. Pastoral Assistant, Amelia Hart, spearheaded and co-ordinated a team that included Margaret, Dotsy and Clare, to 'ring around' to stay connected with parishioners. The team shared the task of contacting parishioners by telephone to offer pastoral support and updates on church notices. In particular, those who were isolated, vulnerable and shielding or those who have no access to modern technology were ensured to be supported. This remained the main way of pastoral support throughout the year. As restrictions eased, we were able to resume some face to face contacts by arranging doorstep visits or walk in the park. It was reassuring to find that most parishioners are resilient and often have their own friendship groups that provided mutual support.

Other pastoral activities including home visits, home communion and hospital visits were suspended. So were groups such as 'Connections for Older People', Tai Chi and the planned monthly 'Goldies Sing-along', Bereavement Cafe and Crown Court Chaplaincy.

Restrictions lifted early last summer, Churches were re-opened for private prayers, then In-person services with mask and social distancing in place and no singing. Some pastoral activities resumed briefly before the second Lockdown in October. Little 'Bags of Cheers' were made and delivered to parishioners to lift their spirits. It was disappointing to end the year in another lockdown.

In the coming year, the Pastoral team will:-

- Continue to support the isolated, vulnerable and anxious parishioners by telephone or in person according to the rules.
- Re-start 'in person' pastoral activities as and when restriction eases.
- To identify further pastoral needs when we emerge from the lockdown.

Stewardship, Fundraising & Mission Giving

It has been a challenge this past year to keep our stewardship and fundraising on track during the Covid pandemic. We thank all who continue to support the church through regular giving in the various methods – this is the core source of support for our mission as a church and we are grateful that so many already had in place Standing Orders, Parish Giving scheme accounts or other planned giving that continued during lockdown. This aspect of income held up well this past year, and was bolstered by some generous one-off donations.

Thanks also to everyone who organised and helped with fundraising events. Besides the income, more importantly, they strengthened our fellowship by having fun together and are a means to reach out to the wider community, especially during these isolating times. We produced a lockdown cookbook, had a bingo night, a Christmas market outdoors, took part in the jumble trail and had our own treasure hunt and quiz, and thanksgiving quiz.

We had amazing success with online support for Christian Aid in 2020, surpassing pre-covid fundraising efforts through the organisation of Sue Mutter and the help of many others. We also broke parish records for Carol singing fundraising for the Children's Society in December and raised money to support Refugee Welcome Wanstead through the Vicar's virtual London Marathon fundraising.

St Gabriel's continues to support three charities with the money raised from tea and coffee after the service: A Rocha International (an environmental charity with reach into conservation – our overseas charity); Inclusive Church our national charity supporting inclusion in all aspects of church life; and Project Malachi a local homelessness project spearheaded by the Salvation Army in Ilford. Despite raising very little money due to no post-service refreshments we were able to contribute to each of these charities in 2020.

Outreach/Publicity

A communications group continues to work to fulfil our commitment to be an inviting church. This has worked on our Twitter, Instagram and Facebook presence as well as the more traditional means of fliers, posters and noticeboards.

We have been limited in the more traditional methods of communication with the parish in postcards and magazine, but have been able to deliver two publications in 2020 and prepare to return to more distributions in 2021.

9. WWA Youth Work

We had such a different year in 2020, but God moved mightily. Incredibly the church shone bright and adapted quickly to lockdown restrictions moving online using Zoom for all our youth groups. Throughout lockdown, Signpost and The Bridge youth clubs were offered more frequently than normal, meeting weekly and provided a great way to check in with one another, have fun and explore faith. We also offered game afternoons on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and on Sundays held a weekly youth Bible Study, prayer & check-in. Our summer Camp-Aquasports- moved online with daily devotions and a Zoom night. Opening again in September, our clubs met face-to-face and it was so lovely to see each other once more. Becca developed a new vision and strategy to ultimately glorify God in all we do, working in unity across our MMU, making followers of Jesus through the leading of the Holy Spirit. By the time lockdown two hit in November, we moved everything online smoothly, and launched a social media account to host an online youth worship night, daily posts to connect young people to God & joined in with the #PrayerForTheNation- with the Church of England- praying daily Live at 6pm together across the UK. The Youth Music group were able to support Christmas Services, youth groups had face-to-face Christmas parties, and gift boxes delivered of Christmas treats to families just before lockdown three began.

A lot of change this year in so many ways, but the church has remained, often on the frontlines serving where it can, and Jesus steadfast, the rock

we all needed. It has been powerful to witness many young people grow in faith in this season, taking more time to pray for others, read scripture, and to take time to think and reflect, to question what is going on. Some struggled deeply with mental health, with boredom, with loss, with grief, fear, and doubt, and many discovered that thankfully God is with us in the good and the storms. He remains. We have an incredible team who believe in investing time, energy, talents, and skills into the lives of young people in our church, as well as our wider community. Thank you, we are so grateful for all the support, volunteering and prayers gifted. Thank you church family. May God bless you as you continue to honour the LORD and serve in His Kingdom. With lots of love, Becca. wwayouth@hotmail.com 07490 459850

Church Building / Fabric

A fairly peaceful and unusual year for work on the fabric of the Church and the Hall.

The carpark was resurfaced in July and transformed the broken uneven surface to a smooth tarmac finish. The work had been due to take place at the end of March but was delayed due to the lockdown. We now have a safer and more attractive surface with the added benefit that the area is now used by youngsters on skateboards and scooters.

For many years there has been a problem with water from the side aisles roofs backing up and entering the building. Regular clearing of the roofs is necessary, and this year we have installed new 'cages' on the drain outlets to reduce the problem of blockages.

Repairs and repainting has been carried out where water had caused damage on the wall near the statue of Our Lady. There is still a rather mysterious intermittent leak nearby over the organ loft. This is due to be investigated.

Work has started on the boxing in of the new heating pipe work in the glass box and behind the font. Some safety measures have been carried out in the organ 'blower' room. This involved installing a safety cage over the drive shaft of the blower.

The Church is very aware of the use of gas for heating the Church and the Hall and the urgency of moving towards a carbon neutral solution. A revised scheme for an air sourced heat pump system was considered, but

the capital cost and the removal of the Government incentives prevented this going ahead. At present the installation of solar panels on the Hall roof is under consideration. Our list of future projects to the Church include:

- Improvements to the original toilet by the vicar's vestry.
- Remounting and lighting the mosaic in a slightly higher position behind the font.
- Restoration and rebuilding of the Church windows.
- The viability of insulating the church roof.

Future work to the hall include:

- Replacement of the old doors to the basement and the flat.
- Removing the stage and inserting a new floor level with an additional meeting room.

So, once again, no shortage of challenges in the years to come.

Finance Review

Total receipts on ordinary Unrestricted funds were £88,908 (2019: £123,741) and those of Restricted funds were £311 (2019: £2,492) providing an overall income total of £89,219 (2019: £126,233).

£107,740 (2019: £139,116) was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Gabriel's Church. It also includes the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy our contributions for 2020 were reduced during the last 4 months of the year due to significant shortfall in revenue from coronavirus. The sum that the churches in the Deanery have had to find is shared between the churches according to a formula that is based mainly on a head count of the congregations.

The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts amounting to £18,522 (2019: £12,883). This was due to a shortfall in income due to coronavirus restrictions preventing normal operation of the church and church hall.

Considering bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31 December amounted to

£52,319 (2019:£ 71,152) for Unrestricted and Designated funds and £2,906,302 (2019:£ 710,544) for Restricted funds. It must be noted that this large rise is as a result of revisions by our insurer to the insurance value of the church hall.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately six month's unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of Unrestricted and Designated Reserves total £52,319 at the year-end is slightly under this target.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Deanery synod meetings in 2020 were very limited due to the covid pandemic, with meetings cancelled and then a single zoom meeting in November to prepare for Synod elections and new Standing committee appointments due in January 2021.

Review of Objectives for 2020 and New objectives for 2021

1. Community

Objectives for 2020

1. St Gabriel's commits to continue to engage with the climate emergency and take forward our PCC resolution to be a zero Carbon church by 2030. The next step towards that aim is an Eco Church Award.
2. To work towards an older people's outreach event with Goldies.

Objective 1 was met with Bronze award attained. Objective 2 was in place to be met until Covid prevented such gatherings from occurring

No new objectives have been set for 2021, with the priority being to build back stronger as a parish from Covid-19

2. Developing our skills and growing leaders

2020 Objectives

1. Through a new Sunday morning service to develop opportunities for both young and old to be part of leading and directing a new venture for St Gabriel's.

This objective was set to be met until Covid restrictions prevented the new service from starting. No new objectives have been set for 2021.

3. Worship

2020 Objective:

To start and develop a new monthly service called The Sunday Feast to meet the needs of families and children new to Aldersbrook or new to church

This objective was set to be met until Covid restrictions prevented it from taking place. No new objectives have been set for 2021.

The PCC Membership

During the year, the following served on the PCC:

Incumbent	Fr. Martyn Hawkes	From May 2011
Associate Priest	Fr. Mark Kenny	Ex-officio
Associate Priest	Fr. Chris Smaling	Ex-officio
Churchwardens	Rachel Port	2020
	David Plumbley	2016
Deanery Synod Reps	Kevin Thomas	2020-2023
	Pat Pratley	2020-2023
	Teresa Smith	2020-2023
Elected Members	Lilian New	2020-2023
	Dotsy Horsford	2020-2023
	Sue Maudsley	2018- 2021
	Ken Lang	2018 – 2021
	Rachel Port	2018-2021 (elected c/w)
	Nick Riley	2019-
Hon Secretary	Ken Lang	2019-
Hon Treasurer	Nick Riley	2019-

Other officers

Safeguarding Officer	Caroline Ferguson
Pastoral Assistant	Amelia Hart
Stewardship Officer	Sara Bertrand
Youth Worker	Becca Kemal
Electoral Roll Officer	Sara Bertrand
Data Protection Officer	Sara Bertrand

Structure, Management and Governance

Operates under Parochial Church Councils Measure.

Is a Registered Charity, Charity number: 1129673.

Appointment of PCC members are according to Church Representation Rules.

Subcommittees are currently: Standing, Pastoral, Worship and Fabric.

Function

Responsible to co-operate with the incumbent to promote the ecclesiastical parish, the pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical mission of the church.

To follow the church's objectives as set out in the Mission Statement. Members of the PCC are ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Council Meeting in accordance with the church representation rules.

Independent Examiner: Robert Munden

Name of Bankers: Cooperative Bank PLC

Registered No. : 990937

Facts and figures

Electoral Roll:

Number registered: 111

Number residing in the parish: 64

Worship

There are normally two Sunday services, Holy Communion at 8:30am and Parish Sung Eucharist at 10am (with healing on the first Sunday of the month). Mid-week Holy Communion service is held each week on Wednesday at 11am. Approximately monthly there is a Sunday Evensong. Also monthly are services of, prayer and contemplation at the blessed sacrament followed by Eucharist, on 2nd Tuesday at 8pm, and Contemplative prayer on 4th Tuesday also at 8pm. On Monday-Thursday, Morning Prayer is at 8am with Evening Prayer at 5pm.

This pattern had to be adjusted in 2020, but much was able to continue online. Our new "Sunday Feast" service aimed at Families and children did manage a tentative start during the year, but then had to suspend until a restart in 2021.

When in person services were possible, average communicant numbers at Sunday 10am and Wednesday 11am services were estimated to be at about two-thirds normal levels, (ie: Sun 40, Wed 10), with others participating online.

Communicants at major festivals:-

Easter Sunday - 0 (Easter was during first full lockdown)

Christmas - 107 72 (Much reduced by anticipation of Jan2021 lockdown)

Occasional Services in 2020 :-

There were 0 Baptisms, 1 wedding and 3 funerals in church.

Lent and Advent Quiet events could only be held virtually, however an Epiphany Messy Church event was run in January before Covid intervened.

We also have a Spiritual Book Club and a Bible Study Group. We usually run a biennial Parish retreat to Pleshey, and also run an annual three parish pilgrimage with St Luke's, Ilford and St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford in September each year, but obviously neither of these were possible in 2020.

St Gabriel's Aldersbrook

End of Year Financial Statements

Year Ending 2020

Aldersbrook St.Gabriel
Statement of Financial Activities - summary
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Total income	88,907.55	—	310.95	—	89,218.50	126,233.46
Total expenditure	107,740.22	—	—	—	107,740.22	139,115.89
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(18,832.67)	—	310.95	—	(18,521.72)	(12,882.43)
Gross transfers between funds - in	215.13	—	215.13	—	430.26	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(215.13)	—	(215.13)	—	(430.26)	—
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	2,195,447.00	—	2,195,447.00	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(18,832.67)	—	2,195,757.95	—	2,176,925.28	(12,882.43)
Total funds brought forward	70,860.95	290.75	710,544.11	—	781,695.81	794,578.24
Total funds carried forward	52,028.28	290.75	2,906,302.06	—	2,958,621.09	781,695.81
Unrestricted						
General fund	52,028.28	—	—	—	52,028.28	70,860.95
Designated						
Centenary	—	—	—	—	—	—
First World War Memorial Project	—	232.00	—	—	232.00	232.00
Holiday Club	—	58.75	—	—	58.75	58.75
Marathon	—	—	—	—	—	—
Time For God Volunteer	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted						
Agency collection	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bereavement Cafe Advertising	—	—	260.00	—	260.00	260.00
Building Grants Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Charity Fund	—	—	1,110.03	—	1,110.03	819.08
Church Hall Building Fund	—	—	2,900,000.00	—	2,900,000.00	704,553.00
Church Heating Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church Insulation Removal	—	—	—	—	—	—
Emergency Appeal 2010	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fabric Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Flower Fund	—	—	157.00	—	157.00	137.00
Icon/Mosaic	—	—	—	—	—	—
Office Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Organ Fund	—	—	3,594.93	—	3,594.93	3,594.93
Parapet Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Snaresbrook Court Chaplaincy	—	—	355.00	—	355.00	355.00
Youth Fund	—	—	825.10	—	825.10	825.10

Aldersbrook St.Gabriel

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

As at: 31 December 2020

			Balance	Previous balance
Tangible assets				
6430: Church Hall - Asset				
Church Hall Building	Restricted		2,900,000.00	704,553.00
Fund				
			2,900,000.00	704,553.00
	Tangible assets		2,900,000.00	704,553.00
Cash at bank and in hand				
6501: Co-op - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		46,725.58	65,373.33
Bereavement Cafe	Restricted		260.00	260.00
Advertising				
Charity Fund	Restricted		1,110.03	759.74
First World War	Designated		232.00	232.00
Memorial Project				
Flower Fund	Restricted		157.00	137.00
Holiday Club	Designated		58.75	58.75
Organ Fund	Restricted		3,594.93	3,594.93
Snaresbrook Court	Restricted		355.00	355.00
Chaplaincy				
Youth Fund	Restricted		825.10	825.10
Agency collection	Restricted		757.56	(1,329.00)
			54,075.95	70,266.85
6505: Bank deposit account #1 xxxx7009 - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		4,912.40	4,912.40
			4,912.40	4,912.40
6506: Bank Deposit Account #2 xxxx2071 - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		348.18	348.18
			348.18	348.18
6509: Premium Account xxxx2098 - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		42.12	42.12
			42.12	42.12
6595: Cash for Banking - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		—	184.92
Charity Fund	Restricted		—	59.34
Agency collection	Restricted		—	826.74
			—	1,071.00
	Cash at bank and in hand		59,378.65	76,640.55

	Balance	Previous balance
Agency accounts		
6699: Agency collections - Liability		
Agency collection Restricted	757.56	(502.26)
	<u>757.56</u>	<u>(502.26)</u>
Agency accounts	<u>757.56</u>	<u>(502.26)</u>
Grand Total	<u><u>2,958,621.09</u></u>	<u><u>781,695.81</u></u>

Aldersbrook St.Gabriel
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Gift Aid - Bank		15,951.00	12,815.00
Gift Aid - Envelopes		6,548.96	8,431.80
Payroll giving		2,744.00	1,954.40
Parish Giving Scheme		11,714.55	14,513.31
Other planned giving		669.37	1,480.20
Cash collections		1,665.30	4,719.02
One-off Gift Aid gifts		260.00	4,420.00
Donations, appeals etc		4,524.83	1,361.09
Donations - Votive Candles		293.20	661.18
Donations - Food bank		290.00	—
Donations - Sumup		1,152.92	143.14
Messy Church		32.84	56.70
Miscellaneous Income		—	1.00
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		7,582.13	6,546.70
Tax recovered by Parish Giving Scheme		2,913.92	3,628.57
Non-recurring one-off grants		—	5,000.00
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	56,343.02	65,732.11
Income from charitable activities			
Fees		1,975.00	3,663.00
Hall rents		11,243.15	28,233.74
Parish magazine sales		50.00	—
	<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	13,268.15	31,896.74
Other trading activities			
Fetes, Bazaars, and other Fundraising		9,409.83	12,281.85
Use of Church		1,695.00	825.69
Easy Fundraising		31.55	58.77
Magazine income - advertising		—	810.00
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	11,136.38	13,976.31
Investments			
Bank and building society interest		—	10.55
	<i>Total Investments</i>	—	10.55
Other income			
Business Banking Loyalty Reward		—	126.90
Rent from Hall Flat		8,160.00	8,160.00
Retreat Monies		—	2,488.00
Holiday club income		—	1,350.00
	<i>Total Other income</i>	8,160.00	12,124.90
Total income and endowments		88,907.55	123,740.61
Expenditure			
Raising funds			
Stewardship costs		85.96	84.56
Fundraising Expenses		228.00	351.90
	<i>Total Raising funds</i>	313.96	436.46

Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
Expenditure on charitable activities			
		3,027.54	1,561.80
Charitable giving			
Ministry parish share etc		53,484.08	64,741.08
Organists		4,180.00	4,235.00
Hall Bookings Manager		1,740.00	1,584.00
PCC Admin Services		1,821.00	616.00
Working expenses of the incumbent		665.04	3,377.09
Working expenses of the curate		399.45	475.38
Council tax		—	632.62
Vicarage expenses		—	3,067.43
Vicar's telephone		526.99	233.22
Sunday School expenses		249.00	240.00
Parish Retreat expenses		—	2,535.00
Parish Mission		4,000.00	3,507.52
Holiday club expenses		—	753.50
Church running - insurance		6,580.21	6,412.63
Organ/piano tuning etc		586.69	1,449.44
Church maintenance		2,530.14	2,420.99
Church cleaning etc		2,847.80	2,554.90
Worship Expenses		1,136.28	1,275.67
Upkeep of grounds		—	12.10
Administration		1,793.25	3,400.13
Bank charges		—	666.17
Church running - electric		3,145.39	665.45
Church running - gas		1,969.39	685.59
Church running - water		—	67.22
Church running - flowers		—	100.00
Church running - refuse collection		857.70	—
Magazine expenses		—	124.07
Hall running - electricity		2,113.15	(744.16)
Hall Running - TV Licence		155.65	151.84
Hall Flat Electricity		(780.00)	—
Hall running - gas		1,395.73	1,468.24
Hall running - maintenance		1,646.59	1,540.49
Hall running - cleaning		189.31	469.46
Hall running - water		995.88	825.12
Energy bills		—	3,328.96
Miscellaneous Expenses		—	243.28
Church major works - structure		10,170.00	10,301.28
Hall + major works - structure		—	9,596.00
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<i>107,426.26</i>	<i>134,574.51</i>
Total expenditure		107,740.22	135,010.97
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(18,832.67)	(11,270.36)
	Brought forward balance	70,860.95	82,131.31
Total carried forward balance		52,028.28	70,860.95

Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
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BermntCeAg - Bereavement Cafe Advertising (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations, appeals etc	—		260.00
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	—		260.00
Total income and endowments	—		260.00
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	—		260.00
Brought forward balance	260.00		—
Total carried forward balance	260.00		260.00

BuildingGt - Building Grants Fund (Restricted) Fund

Brought forward balance	—		—
Total carried forward balance	—		—

Charity - Charity Fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Charity Donations (Teas & Cakes)	290.95		1,547.08
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	290.95		1,547.08
Other trading activities			
Fetes, Bazaars, and other Fundraising	—		225.77
<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	—		225.77
Total income and endowments	290.95		1,772.85
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Charitable giving	—		4,004.92
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	—		4,004.92
Total expenditure	—		4,004.92
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	290.95		(2,232.07)
Brought forward balance	819.08		3,051.15
Total carried forward balance	1,110.03		819.08

Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
ChrchHIBlg - Church Hall Building Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		704,553.00	704,553.00
Gains & losses		2,195,447.00	—
Total carried forward balance		2,900,000.00	704,553.00
ChurchHeat - Church Heating Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		—	—
Fabric - Fabric Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		—	—
WWIPROJ - First World War Memorial Project (Designated) Fund			
Brought forward balance		232.00	232.00
Total carried forward balance		232.00	232.00
Flowers - Flower Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations - Flowers		20.00	20.00
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<i>20.00</i>	<i>20.00</i>
Total income and endowments		20.00	20.00
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Worship Expenses		—	100.00
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<i>—</i>	<i>100.00</i>
Total expenditure		—	100.00
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		20.00	(80.00)
Brought forward balance		137.00	217.00
Total carried forward balance		157.00	137.00

Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
Club - Holiday Club (Designated) Fund			
		58.75	58.75
		58.75	58.75
Organ - Organ Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
			85.00
		—	85.00
		—	85.00
		—	85.00
			85.00
		3,594.93	3,509.93
		3,594.93	3,594.93
SnkCtCy - Snaresbrook Court Chaplaincy (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
		—	355.00
		—	355.00
		—	355.00
			355.00
		355.00	—
		355.00	355.00
Youth - Youth Fund (Restricted) Fund			
		825.10	825.10
		825.10	825.10
Centenary - Centenary (Designated) Fund			
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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Gabriel's Parish Church, Aldersbrook, Wanstead.

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020 is in respect of an examination carries out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2011 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts 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 all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention, other than that disclosed below, in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements.

- a. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- b. To prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met.

In carrying out my examination I noted the following:

- a. The Church Hall had been revalued to £2,900,000 (£704,533 - 2019). It had been confirmed this was based on the property's valuation for insurance purposes, which had been carried out during the year. It is unclear from the valuation whether this is a 'market value' or 'total rebuild cost' and it is my opinion that attention should be drawn to the PCC of these changes and copies of the insurer's valuation made available.
- b. Barclays bank accounts were not available for inspection. Although the accounts showed no movement during the year a balance on the accounts remain. It would be prudent to examine copies showing movement, if any, and confirmation of year-end balance from bank statements. If the bank accounts are no longer to be used, it is my opinion that they be closed.



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