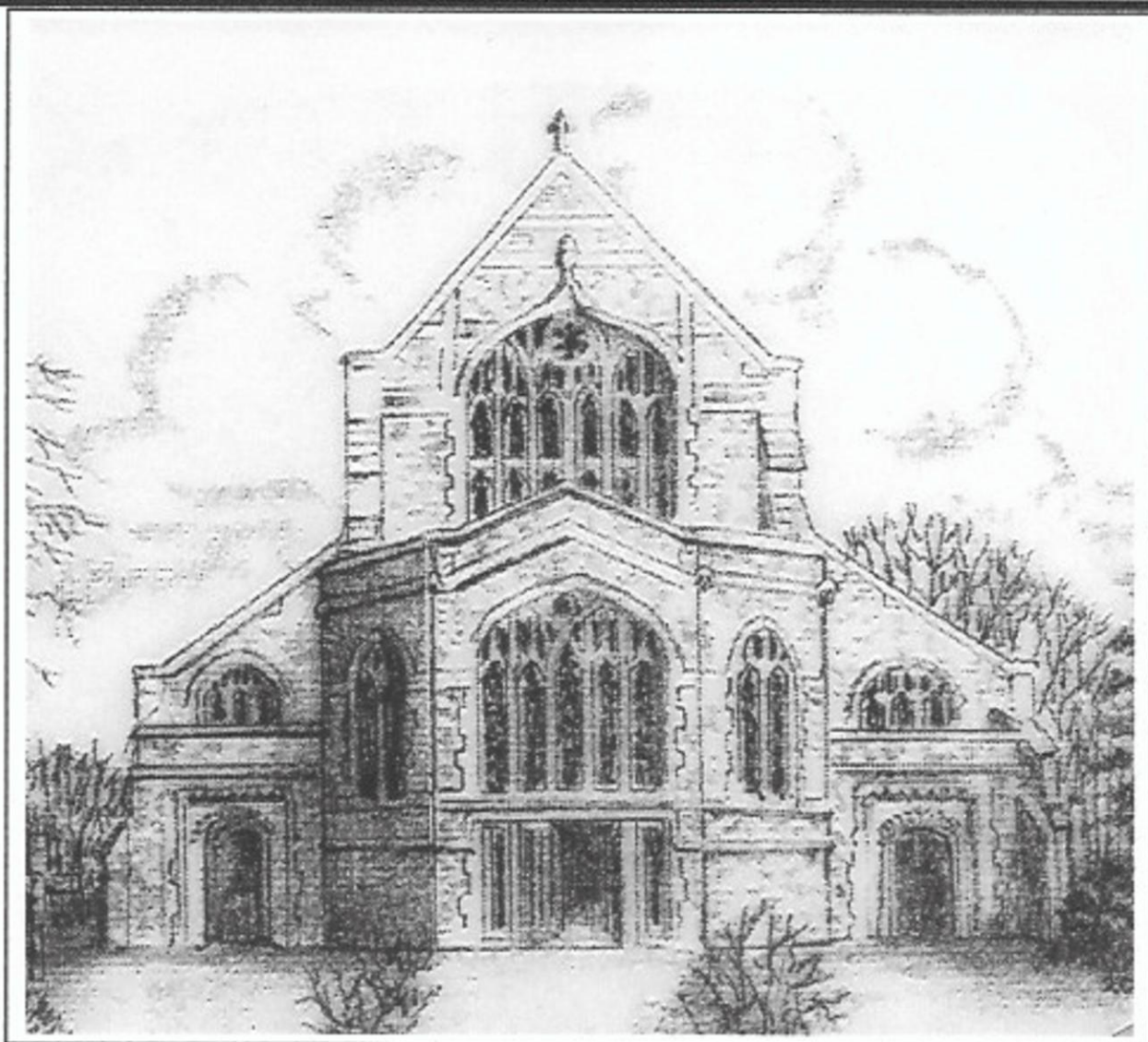


Annual Review

2023



The Parish of
All Saints', East Finchley

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, EAST FINCHLEY
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

All Saints' Church is situated in Durham Road, East Finchley, London N2 9DP. It is in the Edmonton Area of the Diocese of London within the Church of England. The correspondence address is All Saints' Vicarage, Twyford Avenue, London N2 9NH.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity, Charity Commission Number 1130392.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2023 are:

Incumbent:

Fr Ian Chandler SSC Chairman

Honorary Assistant:

Fr Richard Buckingham Co-opted

Wardens:

Ms Jennifer Daybell
Mrs Joan Law (from 22 May 2022)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod (Term of Office – 2020-23):

Mrs S Atkinson (Elected APCM 2020) (Also Electoral Roll Officer)
Mr Brian Hooper (Elected APCM 2020)

Elected members (Members are elected at the APCM and the term of office normally runs for 3 years).

Mr Peter Kinch (2022-25)
Mrs Joan Law (2020-23, co-opted on 11 August 2023)
Ms Francesca Ross (2022-25)
Mr John Shepherd (2021-24)
Mr Nicholas Starling (2021-24)
Mr Robert Wills (2022-3 January 2023)
Mrs S Atkinson (Co-opted 24 January 2024, also Electoral Roll Officer)
Mr Brian Hooper (Co-opted 24 January 2024)

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll, and the number on the Roll in 2023 was 68.

Objectives and Activities

All Saints' PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting within the parish the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical).

We are:

- a family of people of all ages, for whom God is important and has a central place in our lives;
- ordinary people who try to follow Jesus Christ;

- people who care about the values of our society and the life of our local area as well as the world around us;
- part of the Church of England, administering the sacraments and teaching the faith as received from the Apostles; and
- a very social group of people who enjoy meeting together for quiz evenings, beetle drives, parties, afternoon teas and much more...

An "Open Church" strategy lies at the heart of our thinking in terms of outreach and mission. As a church in the Catholic tradition, we hope to bring the life of prayer and the transformation of all things in Christ to the day-to-day concerns of all men and women of good will in our community. We want our church to be an Open Church.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Masses are usually said on four weekdays as well as on Sunday, and the Thursday morning service is followed by refreshments and has a regular attendance.

Members of the congregation regularly attend Forward in Faith services, and in October Fr Ian led a small group of parishioners on pilgrimage to Walsingham. Our organist Graham Lunn continued the musical tradition of the parish, with a small but excellent choir.

We held several social events in 2023. After the Easter Vigil service we celebrated with sparkling wine and canapes, and then we held a frugal lunch in May for Christian Aid Week. In June we celebrated the King's Coronation with sparkling wine and a cake and in July we held our Summer Fair, our main fund-raising event of the year. Several members of the congregation went on pilgrimage to Walsingham for the weekend in October. In November we celebrated All Saints' Day with a parish lunch. We were pleased to hold the ecumenical Advent Carol service in November, inviting other members of Churches Together in Finchley. We had a full range of Christmas services including Carols by Candlelight the week before Christmas and the ever-popular children's service on Christmas Eve. Bookings to use the church for recordings continue to provide much needed income.

We are most grateful to Fr Ian for continuing to serve the parish and encouraging us in our spiritual life.

SAFEGUARDING

The PCC has given due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, by accepting and endorsing the principles set out in the Diocesan policy for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults, 'Safeguarding in the Diocese of London'. The PCC has adopted a policy statement which confirms, as follows:

- Every person has a value and dignity, which comes directly from the creation of people in God's image. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.
- We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and adults at risk.
- We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working with children or vulnerable adults.
- We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or vulnerable adult may have been harmed, cooperating fully in any investigation.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.

- We will seek to offer pastoral care to anyone who has suffered abuse.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

The PCC has appointed a Church Safeguarding Officer and a Children's Champion, as required by the Diocesan policy.

RESERVES POLICIES

Main Deposit Account	General unrestricted funds held in this account to be used at discretion of PCC. Minimum reserve should be able to meet the costs of the PCC for at least 6 months (£50,000). Reserve, if possible, of one to two years' costs of the PCC (£100,000 to £200,000).
White/Lord Bequest	Restricted. The interest from this account can only be used for floral beautification of the church. £2,000 of the original capital is also restricted as above. The rest of the original capital (£4,885 @ 31/12/19) can be used for general funds, but only if absolutely necessary.
Brett/Waller Fabric Fund	Restricted, first call for altar or vestments, then fabric.
Vicar and Churchwardens' Discretionary Fund	Fund restricted to use for capital purchases or specific projects at the Vicar's and Churchwardens' discretion. No difference between capital and interest. Not to be used to meet general expenditure.
Music Fund	Fund restricted to paying for music related items. (ie purchase of sheet music, hire of singers etc). No difference between capital and interest.
Barclays Current Account	General cash fund. Maintain at least £2000 to meet day to day expenditure. If fund grows to over £8000 transfer of some monies to the Main Deposit Account should be considered.

The Baker Fund, a charitable trust whose income supports the parish, is administered by trustees and is not part of the parish funds.

It is our general policy to invest our funds balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. Balances of accounts as of 31st December 2023 are detailed in the draft Financial Statements.

REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC, 2023

The Parochial Church Council met once in person during 2023, and also made decisions by email.

Sadly our Treasurer, Robert Wills, died at the beginning of the year. As nobody volunteered as Treasurer the Churchwardens have had to spend much of their time on parish finance. It has been agreed to purchase an accounting package to simplify the record-keeping and any handover of the parish's financial records in future. The parish's financial situation is not strong; regular congregational giving has fallen, while costs have increased and for the first time for many years we failed to pay our quota in full to the Diocese. It was agreed to join the Parish Giving Scheme (recommended by the

Diocese) and to hold a general Stewardship Campaign at the same time, and also to buy a card-reader so visitors can easily make donations.

Although the Annual Meeting of Parishioners was held in 2023 to elect the Church Wardens, no Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held because we were waiting for the 2022 accounts to be audited. This means that there were no elections to the PCC, and therefore Sally Atkinson, Joan Law and Brian Hooper were co-opted until the next APCM could take place.

Sally Atkinson, PCC Secretary

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

Fabric Report

Under the "Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991" the Churchwardens are required to:

- compile and maintain a full terrier of all lands appertaining to the church
- compile and maintain an inventory of all articles appertaining to the church
- record all changes in a log-book.
- make an annual inspection of the fabric and furnishings of the Church.

They are also required to report on the above to both the PCC and the APCM.

As a result of the Churchwardens' inspections of 2021 / 2022 the following were identified, and works undertaken:

The following maintenance was undertaken:

- the annual heater maintenance.
- the annual fire extinguisher maintenance.
- the replacement of lamps as necessary
- repairs were carried out as required during the year

The logbook was updated. The terrier and inventory are in the process of being renewed and updated.

Review of the Year

This year we were able to use the church fully, unlike in the previous two years. Bookings for recordings have been steadily coming in and adding to the Church income which is much needed.

The most significant element of our outgoings is our Common Fund payments to the Diocese and we have undertaken to meet 75% of our parish cost on a year-by-year basis. For the first time in several years we were unable to meet our commitment to the Diocese, as Church funds are so low. These costs as well as the general running costs of the church will continue to rise. We have continued to take an income from our investments and that is going some way towards balancing the books. We are grateful to all those who have continued with their regular contributions throughout the year. However we do ask that everyone continue to review their giving on a yearly basis.

We have a good working relationship with Fr. Ian and greatly appreciate all his support in our work. We are thankful for his leadership, care and support in all aspects of our parish life. Fr Ian continued to ensure that Mass was available on a regular basis.

As a parish we are blessed to be able to call upon Fr Richard and we thank him for all the support he gives us.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped to keep the church running during the year and all those who have given their time in various ways to enable us to run as a parish once again. We thank all of you who have continued to support the church. We would like to thank everyone who continues to worship here; you are an important part of the All Saints' family and without your regular attendance, prayers and encouragement All Saints' would not be able to flourish.

Jennifer Daybell, Churchwarden
Peter Kinch, Churchwarden

REPORT ON BARNET DEANERY SYNOD

In 2021 Central Barnet and West Barnet Deaneries joined together and became the new Barnet Deanery. There used to be two representatives from All Saints' on the Barnet Deanery Synod – Sally Atkinson and Brian Hooper – but from 2023 our representation was reduced to one member.

Two formal meetings were held during the year. In March there was a presentation on fostering, and in November the topic was the Archbishops' Commission Report on Families and Households. In addition in September the Synod met for evensong, followed by refreshments.

Sally Atkinson

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023, HELD ON SUNDAY 30 JULY 2022

Present: Fr Ian and 22 members of the congregation.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Carol and Robert Andrewes, Richard Doman, Gillian Lack and John Shepherd.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2021, and any matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2021 were agreed and signed.
There were no matters arising.

3 Election of Churchwardens

Three nominations had been received for the post of Churchwarden: Jennifer Daybell, Brian Hooper, and Peter Kinch. Voting papers were distributed, and Sally and William Atkinson acted as tellers.

Jennifer Daybell and Peter Kinch were elected, and Fr Ian admitted them to office.

There being no other business, Fr Ian closed the meeting.

Chairman

Date:

**Independent Examiner's Report
to the Trustees (the PCC) of All Saints' Church, East Finchley**

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church'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
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act) and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the 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 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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



Mr Jeffrey Nettleton BA FCA
7 April 2024
13 Stanhope Court, East End Road, London, N3 1JJ

Financial Review

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £56,709. The share portfolio, which is held in trust for the church, started the year with a value of £101,983.27 and the value at 31 December 2023 was £105,251.73. We received restricted income of £15,211.

Excluding costs relating to maintenance, £82,184 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from All Saints' Church, including the contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy. The PCC agreed that, due to uncertainty about the level of income in 2022, the parish's Common Fund contribution for 2023 should remain at £62,000. £4165 was spent during the year on maintenance of the church, hall and grounds.

£135 was spent on social and fund-raising activities. £2460 was paid to charity during the year.

The net result for the year was a deficit of income over expenditure of £26234. The net balance carried forward at 31st December 2023 for restricted and unrestricted funds, including investments, totalled £119,890.

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The PCC is aware that there are various works with respect to the fabric of the church, which will be required in the next few years. The PCC is aware that, there are other maintenance projects to be addressed without delay: modernising the heating system; renovation of the organ; and redecoration of the church hall and kitchen.

It is our general policy to invest our funds balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. Balances of accounts as of 31st December 2023 are detailed in the Financial Statements.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by The Revd Ian Chandler (PCC Chairman).

Signed:



Dated:

22.2.24.

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary receipts:						
Planned giving		18,846			18,846	22,948
Collection at services		726			726	839
All other giving/voluntary receipts	5a	3,257	11,769		15,017	9,722
Gift Aid recovered					-	6,742
		22,829	11,769		34,598	40,251
Activities for generating funds	5b	2,349	-		2,349	2,914
Investment income	5c	21,574	1,595		23,169	21,324
Church activities	5d	9,857	1,856		11,713	34,391
Total income		56,709	15,211		71,920	98,880
Reduction in debtors						478
Total receipts		56,709	15,211	-	71,920	99,358
PAYMENTS						
Charitable giving and donations	5e	60	2,400		2,460	3049
Church activities	5f	98,349	-		98,349	97,191
Cost of generating funds		135	-		135	114
Support costs	5g	9,210	-		9,210	10,643
Total expenditure		98,754	2,400	-	98,154	110,907
Reduction in creditors						7845
Total payments		98,754	2,400	-	98,154	118,842
Excess of receipts over payments		-	39,811	-	39,811	19,524
Transfers between funds						
Increase/reduction in funds		-	39,811	-	39,811	19,524
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January		96,289	49,835		146,124	155,648
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		57,244	62,646	-	119,890	146,124
Deposit accounts		53,824	51,350		105,174	101,983
Current accounts		3350	11,296		14,638	44,141
		57,244	62,646	-	119,890	146,124

5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts:						
Donations		3257	1,664		4,921	4,722
Leisure/Request			10,000		10,000	5,000
Mother's Union Subs			96		96	
		<u>3,257</u>	<u>11,760</u>		<u>15,017</u>	<u>9,722</u>
b) Activities for generating funds:						
Parish magazine - advertising		2212			2,212	2,890
Fund-raising events		137			137	224
Candle sales		<u>2,349</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,349</u>	<u>2,914</u>
c) Investment income:						
CCLA Deposit Fund interest		1,674	1,595		3,269	1,324
Ten pence from trust account		20,800			20,800	20,000
		<u>21,674</u>	<u>1,595</u>		<u>23,269</u>	<u>21,324</u>
d) Church activities:						
Fees for weddings and funerals		747			747	1,220
Church and Hall Lettings		9050			9,050	28,895
Other:-						
Energy grants						2,641
Bank Loyalty Payment		40			40	65
Electricity refunds		10			10	30
Walsingham deposits			1,856		1,856	1,540
		<u>9,857</u>	<u>1,856</u>		<u>11,713</u>	<u>34,391</u>
Payments						
DEC Turkey/Syria appeal			100		100	-
East Finchley Food Bank			268		268	62
Christian Aid					-	480
DEC Pakistan appeal					-	410
DEC Ukraine appeal					-	369
Walsingham		60	1,856		1,916	1,722
Mother's Union			96		96	-
		<u>60</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>3,049</u>
f) Church activities:						
Diocesan parish contribution		50,500			50,500	62,000
Clergy and staffing costs		2124			2,124	3,538
Church running expenses		14,228			14,228	12,553
Hall running expenses		9720			9,720	7,642
Church repairs and maintenance		1,730			1,730	1,708
Hall repairs and maintenance		65			65	909
Garden Maintenance		2,370			2,370	3,270
Altar requisites		2,342			2,342	1,996
Printing and stationery		1,861			1,861	2,314
Advertising		1,403			1,403	718
Training					-	60
Youth club prior years					-	480
		<u>86,349</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,349</u>	<u>97,191</u>
g) Support costs:						
Choir & Organist		8,850			8,850	10,140
Bank charges		360			360	503
		<u>9,210</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,210</u>	<u>10,643</u>

