

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

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Details

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all, provision of sacred space for prayer & contemplation, pastoral work inc visiting sick & bereaved, teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses & groups, taking religious assemblies in schools, provision of youth club with Christian ethos, promotion of Christianity through events, meetings and literature, supporting other charities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£392,771	£311,983	-	-
2023-12-31	£306,754	£318,555	-	-
2022-12-31	£358,571	£315,166	-	-
2021-12-31	£283,448	£285,156	-	-
2020-12-31	£265,973	£271,833	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev PAUL HULLYER	Chair	
Carolyn Mary WHITE		2018-04-29
Dr KATHERINE SUSAN PINCHING FRCPCH		
Dr Karina Johnson ACA PhD		2013-10-25
Elizabeth Taleska		2023-07-18
Emmie McGregor		2023-05-25
Hilary Jean Gould		2021-05-16
Michael Richard Lawrey		2024-05-19
Morella Jane BOON		2011-10-06
Olivia Thorndon		2024-05-19
Penelope Ann French		2021-05-16
Rev Benjamin Bloom BAHons MA		2025-06-29
Rev Mark James Arnold		2020-10-18
Rosemary Lay		2024-05-19
STEPHEN MICHAEL BROWN LRAM ARCM		
Sarah Elizabeth Hullyer		2021-05-16
Verena Olby		2025-07-16

Accounts

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

SUNDAY 25 MAY 2025

April 2025

Dear Friends,

The Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings

Sunday May 25th 2025

I am writing to invite you to the Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings, which take place on Sunday, 25 May in the Church Hall at 11.30 am. The pattern of worship that day will be Eucharists at 8am and 10am.

This document includes reports from our church organisations and bodies, as well as the Vicar's report. I would ask you to please read all of these with care, as they reflect the diversity and reality of our life together here at Pinner Parish Church.

At the two meetings themselves (The Vestry and the Parochial) the Churchwardens are elected, as are members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). In order to vote you need to be present at the meetings – voting in absentia is not allowed by the Church Representation Rules.

I look forward to seeing you all on 25 May.

Yours,



The Rev'd Paul Hullyer. CF.
Vicar of Pinner

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

The Annual Vestry Meeting of Parishioners will be held on
Sunday, 25 May 2025 in the Parish Hall at 11.30 am

AGENDA Parish Vestry Meeting

- 1 Opening Prayer, then the Secretary reads the notice convening the meeting
- 2 Apologies for absence for both meetings
- 3 Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of 2024 (found in the Annual Report)
- 4 Election of Two Churchwardens

**The Annual Parochial Meeting will be held on
Sunday, 25 May after the above meeting**

AGENDA Annual Parochial meeting

1. Opening Prayer, then the Secretary reads the Notice convening the meeting
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 2024 (found in the Annual Report)
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Notification of Any Other Business for this meeting
5. Elections to the Parochial Church Council from May 2025 – May 2028 (*5 spaces if the electoral roll is under 200, 8 spaces if over 200*)
6. Elections to the Harrow Deanery Synod (*There are no vacancies at this APCM*)
7. Electoral Roll report
8. Report on the Financial Affairs of the Church
9. Election of an Independent Examiner
10. Safeguarding issues
11. Questions
12. Any other business as per item 4
13. The Grace

PARISH OF PINNER

The **Meeting of Parishioners** was held on Sunday 19th May 2024 at 11.30am in the Church Hall.

PRESENT: - The Rev'd Paul Hullyer (Chair), Angela Kenny, Penny French (Churchwardens), the Secretary and members of the Church Council and congregation (See Appendix A).

1. Opening Prayer was said by Revd Paul Hullyer.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Sue Bardwell, Lewis and Isabel Beddison, Jude Brampton, David Chilton, Joy and David Chittleborough, Sue and Peter Ellis, Dawn Friday, Hilary Holloway, Thomas Hullyer, Phil and Jeannine Lawder, Mary Lawrey, Dorothy Natrass, Nick and Valerie Ridge, Elizabeth Taleska, and Ian Trimmer.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

3. **Minutes of the Vestry meeting of 2023 (found in the Annual report):** The adoption of the Minutes of the last Vestry meeting held on Sunday 21st May 2023 was proposed by Emma Webber and after being duly seconded by Anita Lomax was agreed unanimously by all those present and signed by Rev'd Paul Hullyer as a true record of the Meeting.
4. **Election of two Churchwardens:** The Vicar informed the meeting that Penny French was prepared to remain in office for another year and Rosemary Lay has submitted her name to fill the vacancy following the retirement of Angela Kenny. Having been duly proposed by David Chittleborough and Penny French and seconded by Joy Chittleborough and Emmie McGregor, Penny French was unanimously re-elected and Rosemary Lay unanimously elected unopposed.

The Vicar took the opportunity to thank both Angela and Penny for their support during the year together with their spouses Chris and Roger. The Vicar continued by giving Angela special thanks. Angela served as Churchwarden for 5 years. During those years she had to cope with all the implications to the church during periods of the Covid 19 lockdown. The Vicar and members of the meeting took the opportunity to present Angela with a card, bouquet of flowers and a special gift.

This concluded the business of the Meeting of Parishioners.



The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** was held on Sunday 19th May 2024 at 11.45am in the Church Hall

PRESENT: - The Rev'd Paul Hullyer (Chair), Penny French, Rosemary Lay, (Churchwardens), the Secretary and members of the Church Council and congregation (See Appendix A).

1. Opening Prayer was said by Rev'd Paul Hullyer.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Sue Bardwell, Lewis and Isabel Beddison, Jude Brampton, David Chilton, Joy and David Chittleborough, Sue and Peter Ellis, Dawn Friday, Hilary Holloway, Thomas Hullyer, Phil and Jeannine Lawder, Mary Lawrey, Dorothy Nattrass, Nick and Valerie Ridge, Elizabeth Taleska, and Ian Trimmer.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

3. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 2023 (found in the Annual report):** - The adoption of the Minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 21st May 2023 was proposed by Morella Boon and after being duly seconded by Sue Sabry-Grant was approved unanimously by all those present and signed by Rev'd Paul Hullyer as a true record of the Meeting.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:** - None
5. **Notification of Any Other Business for this meeting:** -
 - Bell ringing
 - Vicar's statement
6. **Election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the term May 2024 to May 2027:** - An election was held to fill 11 vacancies and having been duly proposed by Hilary Gould, Emmie McGregor, Emma Webber and Penny French and seconded by Carolyn White, Sue Sabry-Grant, Katherine Pinching, and Alice Renaud:- Hilary Gould, Sarah Hullyer, Richard Lawrey and Carolyn White were duly elected unopposed.
7. **Election to the Deanery Synod for the term May 2024 to May 2026:** An election was held to fill 3 vacancies and having been duly proposed by Susan Cooper and Ann Fuller and seconded by Stephen Brown and Sue Sabry-Grant:- Morella Boon and Olivia Thorndon were duly elected unopposed.
8. **Electoral Roll Report:** - Janet Huszczo reported that since the review of the Electoral Roll at the last Annual Parochial Meeting on 21st May 2023, 6 new members had been added and 12 deleted through death or removal, resulting in 223 members remaining on the electoral roll. Next year the current Electoral Roll will be completely renewed whereby all parishioners have to reapply. The Vicar thanked Janet on behalf of himself and the parish for all she does in undertaking the responsibilities of a Parish Administrator and maintaining the smooth running of the Parish Office.
9. **Report on the Financial Affairs of the Church (Attached in the Annual Report):** - Our Hon. Treasurer, Joanna Kothary, highlighted certain salient points from the Financial Statements for the year to 31st December 2023:

For the year there was a net deficit of £11,801. Compared year on year there has been a reduction in income which was largely due to the receipt of a number of large legacies in 2022.

Substantial contributions towards income were as follows:-

- Stewardship (Planned Giving) £150,244
- Hall Income £54,641
- PMF and MPS £23,181
- Rent from investment properties (Curate Houses) £49,873
- Interest from deposit accounts £11,917

Substantial items of expenditure are as follows:

- Contribution towards Common Fund (Diocesan quota) £113,425
- Curate House expenses £21,505
- Salaries and Organists' costs £29,114
- Sundry activities including PMF and MPS £23,449
- Church Hall £19,666
- Utilities and insurance £24,000
- Running costs of the investment properties £14,000
- Church maintenance £17,390 which included electrical works, repaving the church hall garden, and the cost of a new external notice board
- Donations to charities in line with recommendation from our Charities Committee £14,000

Fixed Assets:

- A revaluation of the rental properties by our managing agents resulted in an overall reduction of £75,000
- The addition of £9,000 represented the cost of our new CCTV and will be depreciated over time

The Treasurer concluded her presentation by saying that we should be mindful of not creating overspends (deficits) regularly on a year-on-year basis as this would quite quickly deplete our reserves.

In reply to a question, it was explained that the figure of £3,586 for charitable giving from special collections represented the cash element received from our special collections. All cheques and electronic transfers went direct from the donors to the relevant charities.

It was suggested that future Financial Statements should have "Page Numbers" as it would be easier to follow.

The Treasurer thanked everyone in the finance team for their help. In reply the Vicar thanked the Treasurer for all her efforts in preparing the annual accounts together with Chris Lomax who takes responsibility for dealing with authorized payments from the church's General Operations account. According to the Church Times, over 50% of Anglican churches do not have a full complement of Churchwardens and over 60% do not have a Treasurer. To conclude, the Treasurer proposed acceptance of the Financial Statements for the year to 31st December 2023 and after being duly seconded by Chris Lomax, this was approved unanimously by all those present.

10. **Election of Independent Examiner:** - The Treasurer, proposed that Buckingham & Company should be appointed for another year and after being duly seconded by Chris Lomax was agreed unanimously by all those present.

11. **Questions:** - None

12. **Any Other Business:** -

- Bellringing Practice - Michael Hetreed, in his capacity as Tower Captain wished to give an update to supplement Sue Ellis's report on pages 24 and 25 of the 2023 Annual Report. Due to a complaint made to Harrow Council by a local resident about the noise of bellringing practise on a Tuesday evening, the times have had to be changed at the request of the Council. Practice is now from 4.30pm to 7pm. Michael Hetreed and the new Steeplekeeper, Patrick Erwin are actively researching sound control measures. To remedy the situation, our bellringers are being supported and advised by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers together with the Diocese of London. To conclude, the Vicar and members of the meeting took the opportunity to thank Michael for all his endeavours.
- Emma Webber's last mass will be at 11am on Sunday 30th June at which time she will complete her curacy at St John's. The service will be followed by a "bring and share lunch". Thereafter Emma and Colin will leave Pinner and move to Emma's own parish wherever that may be.
- The Vicar then went on to describe difficulties he had encountered during the last year especially a period of ill-health over the months spanning Advent, Christmas and the New Year. In this respect the Vicar thanked the Ministry Team, Churchwardens and in particular Emma and Mark Arnold for taking over and overseeing services and other Christmas activities on the Vicar's behalf.
- The Vicar then went on to say that it was his opinion that churches like ours, being in its wider sense "liberal catholic" parish churches with a Eucharistic centre, were being frittered away within the Church of England. Consequently, we as a congregation need to make a stand against what is happening. There are some conservative evangelical churches who are refusing to pay their contribution towards the Common Fund but still expect to receive the benefits available to them from the Diocese. Consequently, they are being subsidised by churches who continue to pay towards the Common Fund and in particular those whose contribution is above the basic costs of maintaining their own vicar. Those who lead the Church of England appear to be obsessed about the number of people attending church rather than the teaching of the Eucharistic centred Anglican Church.
- Further to this, the Vicar thanked Martin Singleton for maintaining the choral tradition in our church, in particular a fully robed Evensong each Sunday. Richard Lawrey supported by the Vicar, then took the opportunity to ask for members of the congregation to volunteer to be servers at the altar or to become lay assistants.
- Before the meeting was brought to an end, Penny French on behalf of the congregation thanked the Vicar.

13. **To close the meeting the Lord's Prayer was said together.**

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Appendix A

Members of the Congregation attending both the Parish Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Meeting who signed the attendance register:

57 members signed the attendance register

REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL DURING 2024

The PCC met 7 times during the year.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 29th January 2024

Churchwardens Business: Penny French was thanked for her work in bringing the installation of the new CCTV system to a satisfactory conclusion.

Eastcote Road and Chamberlain Way Properties: – 37 Eastcote Road has been redecorated and carpeted and is currently being marketed at £2,450 per month. We have had viewings by three promising prospective tenants including one who is coming back for a second viewing. 47 Chamberlain Way is being decorated and should be ready for marketing imminently.

Noise Complaint: – Harrow Council has ruled that the time of the bell ringers practice must be changed from the evening to between 4pm and 6pm on a Tuesday afternoon. Michael Hetreed, Tower Captain, has written to our local councillor and leader of Harrow Council appealing the decision. Initially the complaint was about the noise of the church clock chiming at night. This has been investigated by Harrow Council, and they have confirmed that the noise of the bell does not exceed the “noise threshold” whereby it would be categorised as unacceptable. The same applies to the sound of the bells when they are pealed before Sunday services.

Church Floodlighting: – The first set of floodlights were installed in 1988 following a specific bequest to the Friends of Pinner Parish Church. During the first stage of restoration the bulbs were replaced by new LED lighting, but by 2021 these had also failed. Ian Galloway is producing a report regarding the failure of the floodlighting system. After a discussion which took into account light pollution and cost, the consensus of opinion was that the church should be floodlit bearing in mind the building was an important landmark at the top of Pinner High Street. The Vicar

will research the possibility of obtaining advice and costings from specialist floodlighting companies.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 19th March 2024

Parish Finances: - Copies of the partially completed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st of December 2023 were circulated.

The Hon Treasurer highlighted the following:

- Overall deficit for the year of £25,474.
- Income – Main items of income are Stewardship £150,000, Music Concerts £23,000, Hall Income £55,000, Property Rentals £50,000, and bank/ investment interest of £12,000.
- Expenditure – Common Fund £113,000, Curate House £21,000, Salaries £26,000, Music Concerts £23,000, Church Hall expenses £19,000, Utilities £28,000, Running Costs of rented properties £25,000, Maintenance £17,000 and Charitable Donations of £14,000.
- Income Endowments – Voluntary income has dropped from £225,312 in 2022 to £161,556 in 2023 (-£63756) mainly due to large legacies received during 2022 as compared to those received in 2023. Church activities have increased by £7,053 mainly due to an increase in Hall Rentals. Income from investments has increased by £5,595 due mainly to higher interest rates.
- Expenditure – Upkeep has increased by £15,485 mainly due to repairs to the Eastcote Road property incurred prior to reletting to new tenants.
- Loss on Revaluation of Investments - £74,504 mainly due to the revaluation of our investment properties.

The Hon Treasurer also highlighted the following:

- The budget shows a surplus of £655 for the year.

- Incoming Resources – Hall Income is estimated at £52,000, being an increase of £10,000 above the 2023 budget. Interest received has been estimated at £6,000 for the year. There is an estimate for Planned Giving for 2024 of 128,652 which is an increase of £2,052 above 2023 budget. Rent from our investment properties during 2024 will increase to £63,000.

Churchwarden's Business:- Penny requested it be minuted that the PCC were extremely grateful to the Friends of Pinner Parish Church for their financial contribution towards the cost of the new CCTV system installed in December last year.

The asbestos ceiling in the boiler house has now been encapsulated. The ceiling was already quite safe but following the last annual inspection and recommendations by Blue A Ltd asbestos services, a decision was made to have the ceiling sealed. The work was completed on 7th March and cost just under £2,000. The Friends have also agreed to make a contribution towards this expenditure.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 23rd May 2024 – held in the Church Hall

Matters Arising :- Church Floodlighting – St John's has received an unrestricted legacy of £20,000. The Vicar has discussed with the deceased's family, the possibility of using part of the legacy to install a new flood lighting system to which they have readily agreed. The family has also requested that part of the legacy should be used for the purchase some item that would be used in worship. The PCC unanimously supported the decision.

Parish Finances: -

The letter of engagement and letter of representation from Buckingham & Company were duly noted. The letter of engagement was signed by the Vicar together with the letter of representation in respect of our financial statements for the year to 31st December 2023.

Children and Youth Group update: - SNIP is having a "Murder Mystery" evening in July and an outing to Hyde Park during the summer. Planning is now well underway for Holiday Club (29th July to 2nd August 2024). The theme is entitled "In the Castle" and is based around kings and queens in the Bible.

Eco Church Report: - Emma reported that our church was working towards a silver award. With Emma leaving, her Eco Committee will take over the future progress of Eco Church.

Safeguarding update: - With Katherine's permission, the Vicar proposed that Katherine Pinching should be adopted as the Parish Safeguarding officer and was agreed unanimously by all those present.

A copy of the revised Diocesan Safeguarding policy version 8 published on November 2023 was duly noted. The Vicar proposed adoption of the Diocesan Safeguarding policy for 2023/2024 and was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 16th July 2024 – held in the Church Hall

Matters Arising:- Noise Complaint – Olivia Thorndon updated the PCC regarding the installation of sound insulation within the Bell Tower. On Sunday 19th May the bellringers measured the sound levels outside of the church while the bells were being rung. On 1st June Michael Hetreed supervised the installation of basic soundproofing, and on 30th June the sound levels were remeasured, and have been effective in reducing them.

Matters arising: – Church Floodlighting

The Vicar and Ian Galloway will determine the way forward with a view to obtaining advice and competitive estimates. A company recommended by the Diocese will be visiting St. Johns on Tuesday 27th August. Initially the brief for the new floodlighting is to be (1) Environmentally friendly, (2) lights operated by a timer controlled by the reduction in ambient light, (3) the possibility of reducing the

number of floodlights, in particular for the illumination of the cross.

Safeguarding: - The Vicar confirmed that those who had completed their online safeguarding training will not have to retake the online course for another 3 years. New members of the PCC will be expected to complete their safeguarding training as soon as possible.

Parish Finances: - Copies of the 2024 budget were distributed by the Hon Treasurer. It was noted that income was estimated at £292, 853 with expenditure at £285,431 resulting in a surplus of £7, 422 as compared to a deficit for the year 2023. The Treasurer sounded a warning note that the level of Stewardship will inevitably fall over the coming months and there could be unforeseen increases in expenditure.

Standing Committee recommendation for Common Fund increase for 2025 –At the Standing Committee meeting on 17th June it was agreed that a recommendation to the PCC should be made to increase our Common Fund contribution for 2025 to just above the current rate of inflation (2.23%). Currently we pay £103,425 for 2024. The recommendation to the PCC is that we increase our contribution for 2025 to a total of £106,000 which shall also include the 1% allocation to the Diocesan schools. The proposal was agreed by all those present.

Parish Hall Committee update: - Sarah Hullyer on behalf of the Hall Committee reported:-

Electrical work – Florescent tubes in the main hall need to be replaced together with another light fitting in the storeroom. Two electricians have inspected the lighting and expressed the view that not only should the tubes be replaced with new LED lights, but also the components and fittings which are extremely old. Acceptance of Ashmore Electrical's quote of £1,525 (free of VAT) was agreed by a majority of all those present with one abstention.

External repainting / varnishing of the woodwork for the Hall- There is a provision of £4,500 in the Hall budget for this work. A quote has been obtained from Chris Roach Ltd to varnish all the doors for £3,510 against a second quote of £7,500.

Acceptance of Chris Roach Ltd's quote of £3,510 (free of VAT) to varnish all the Hall's external doors and was agreed unanimously by all those present.

It was noted at a previous meeting that there was a restricted Church Hall Fund with a balance in the region of £4,546. Joanna agreed that this money could be used to contribute to the cost of the above redecorations and varnishing.

AOB:-

Flooding of the Lady Chapel - The Vicar reported that the Lady Chapel was recently flooded. The Vicar and Ian Galloway cleaned out the gutters and it is hoped that has rectified the problem. A video of the damage has been forwarded to our architect Julian Harrap Architects in case further remedial action is required.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 22nd September 2024

Bellringing at Pinner Parish church – Draft letter to be sent to residents close to church: - The PCC met after the service to agree a letter to be circulated to neighbouring properties advising that our bellringers' evening practice time would be reinstated from 8th October 2024 as sound insulation is now in place. The first such practice will occur on 8th October from 7.30 – 9.00 pm, finishing earlier than previously (7.30 to 9.15pm).

Hall Painting 22nd August 2024: A report by the Hall Committee detailing 3 quotations for revarnishing of the hall doors and other external panels, and repainting of the woodwork on the outside of the high level windows on the south side of the main hall was considered. The PCC approved the Hall committee's recommendation to award the total works to Martin Moore at a total cost of £7,015.

**Short Report of the Meeting of the
Parochial Church Council on 14th
October 2024**

Parish Finances: - Following the theft of our credit/debit card terminal there was a discussion about replacing the machine. The police are still investigating the theft of our original machine. CCTV footage has been circulated by the Metropolitan police, but the perpetrator has so far not yet been identified.

At the request of the PCC, Morella agreed to investigate the possibility of using Quick Response codes (QR codes) as a feasible substitute. Morella will report back to the PCC at a future date regarding QR codes together with the possibility of using “Cloud” based software for claiming and recording Gift Aid, GADS and Stewardship.

Churchwardens Business:

47 Chamberlain way- the tenant will vacate the property on 27th November. Gibbs Gillespie has reported that there have been several viewings by prospective tenants, but their views are that the property is “rather dated and old fashioned”. The options are to reduce the rent, upgrade the maisonette, change the managing agents to an estate agent nearer to the property e.g. Northwood Hills or, as a very last resort, sell the property.

Burhill Grove property – The new fire door is about to be fitted at a cost of approximately £3600.

Eastcote Road property – The hot water / central heating boiler has failed and has been replaced at a cost of approximately £4,000.

Parish Hall Committee update: - All agreed upgrades to the electric lighting inside the Church Hall and outside the fire exit door have been completed. Due to deteriorating weather the external repainting and varnishing has had to be postponed until Spring 2025.

The Boiler in the church hall failed its annual inspection. Essential repairs cost £920 but are covered by the Hall budget for 2024.

Children and Youth Group update: - Numbers in Kids Church and SNIP are rather on the low side, but still viable.

On Monday 23rd December there will be a Christmas Craft Morning in the church hall and Christingle making in the church.

This year’s Holiday Club was very successful and generated a surplus of £59.10.

AOB:-

Mission & Charities Committee – Recommendations for Advent & Christmas 2024 and Lent 2025 charity appeals: - A report prepared by Peter Wilson recommended “Kids Can Achieve” for the Advent & Christmas appeal and the Alzheimer’s Society for our Lent appeal. The PCC approved the charity, Kids Can Achieve, for our Advent & Christmas appeal (excluding the Christingle service). The proposal to adopt the Alzheimer’s Society for our Lent appeal was agreed by a majority.

Report on the Outcome of PMF – 2024 – A report prepared by Prof Pinching on the outcome of PMF-2024 was duly noted. The proposals to accept the report and financial outcome and approve the donation of £3,492 to Bereavement Care were agreed unanimously by all those present.

**Short Report of the Meeting of the
Parochial Church Council on 3rd
December 2024**

Parish Finances: Financial report: -

A Performance Management report prepared by our Hon Treasurer for the eight months to 30th August was read aloud:- There is an overall net income for the period 1st January – 31st August 2024 of £61,485.

This is mainly driven by:

- 1) legacy income of 32,056
- 2) net hall income of £21,000
- 3) donations from FRIENDS of £6,000 for CCTV (which was accounted for in the 2023 accounts and therefore no expenditure incurred in 2024)

Highlights from Incoming Resources are:

- Special/Charity receipts include donations from FRIENDS of £6,000 for CCTV and £2,000 for the boiler room.
- Unrestricted legacies included in the Designated funds column received of £12,000 from Monica Gardner's Estate, and £20,000 from Andrew Raj.

Highlights from Resources used are:

- Charitable giving showing and income of £1,250 in the unrestricted funds column for 2023 donation returned by Kitrinos which ceased activity. Amounts paid out in the period were £884 to Children's Society, £1,500 to Centrepont and £876 to MSF.
- Common Fund is lower compared to prior year since the fund was reduced by £10,000 for 2024.
- Church maintenance included £2,000 for asbestos inspection and removal and -£2,000 for 2023 VAT reclaim.

Churchwardens Business: -

Rent for Burhill Grove has been increased by 5.5% to £1,345 per calendar month from February 2025.

The tenants of 37 Eastcote Road will be vacating the property on 15th February so that it can be made ready for our new curate later in the year.

New tenants will be moving into 47 Chamberlain Way on 6th December at a monthly rental of £1,625.

A cheque was recently received from Ecclesiastical Insurance. They are running a scheme whereby any new insurer can nominate a church to receive a donation of £130. This money will be used to develop the children's corner in our church.

Parish Hall Committee update: - A report and draft budget for Church Hall 2025 prepared by Ian Galloway, was duly noted and agreed unanimously by all those present.

Children and Youth Group update: - SNIP is meeting on Sunday and it is hoped they can obtain cinema tickets to see "Paddington 3". After Christmas there are plans to go ice-skating at one of the London winter ice rinks.

Twenty children have already signed up for the Christmas Craft Morning on Monday 23rd December.

Safeguarding update: - Each parish has to complete a Safeguarding audit by the end of March 2025. The audit compares that required of parishes compared with what has actually been achieved. The audit will be presented to the PCC during the March meeting for approval. There is a recommendation that all members of the PCC should be DBS checked. This will be discussed in more detail within the PCC early next year and possibly at the next APCM in May 2025.

The Vicar recommended to members of the PCC that they should read the "Makin report".

AOB:-

Church Broadband – Morella Boon and Janet Huszczo have renegotiated the church's broadband contract with BT. The benefits include a substantial increase in broadband response with increased coverage especially in the Church Hall using a booster. Our monthly fee has also been reduced to £80 per month.

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults - The PCC has discussed the topic of safeguarding on several occasions over the course of the year and confirms that it has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Helen Walsh, PCC Secretary

Trevor Mitchell, PCC Minutes Secretary

Vicar's report on Parish Life

To say that the past year has been something of a momentous one for the Church of England is something of an understatement. The safeguarding scandal and subsequent revelations concerning who knew what and when concerning the appalling abuse perpetrated by John Smyth over many years and in many places has rocked the church, not only within itself but has also severely damaged its reputation in the eyes of the wider public and made its place in the public square seem not only more precarious but also called into question. The fact that, within a certain constituency of the church, many individuals either knew directly of this abuse or, by their own admittance, simply refused to avail themselves of the evidence is shocking and unacceptable. It is also deeply counter-faithful.

Safeguarding is a matter for everyone in any institution or walk of life: how we model that approach to care for one another, be they deemed vulnerable or not, is indicative of how we attempt to model the love at the heart of our faith to one another and in that public square. I said in a sermon during Advent that the faith is *"taught and inherited, not beaten into one another"*, and abuse, be it physical, mental or spiritual has absolutely no place within society, but especially not within a faith community. Bearing in mind that it is Lent as I write this, and that we are all called to examine our consciences and standing before God during this season of repentance, we are reminded that none of us are as good as we would like to be. However, the safeguarding scandal has revealed a level of control and abuse, especially with Conservative evangelical circles, far above and beyond even the wildest imaginations of many.

I was saddened that at the recent General Synod the option not to move towards a fully independent scrutiny of Church safeguarding measures and procedures was adopted, the main reason given being that the Church was not fully prepared and that more work needed to be done. I have to say that I feel this to be a grave error: it is

always the easy option to mark one's own homework, with little outside scrutiny or comment. The path of least resistance was taken, despite the lead Bishops for Safeguarding advising that independent scrutiny be adopted.

However, all should not be tarred with the same brush, for each "wing" of the Church has its faults, and we exist in a church that is currently struggling with issues concerning the ordained ministry of women (yep, still struggling with that) and more recently the issues surrounding the status of same-sex relationships: the Living in Love and Faith process, and the subsequent Prayers of Love and Faith issued last year are still subject to continual discussion and debate.

These issues may not seem to touch the everyday life of many congregations, and yet they are very much at the forefront of many church issues. In my ministry as organiser of and Chaplain to the London Deacon's ordination retreat, these integrities have to be carefully taken into consideration, and put into place with care for those being ordained, yet it saddens me when some refuse to receive the Sacrament from me on the basis of what they think my theological position on LLF to be, as has been the case of late, without even asking. For me any Christian community has to be fully inclusive, and that includes people who are same sex attracted. It is a clear issue of discrimination if we think ourselves to be "right" on doctrinal matters to the point where those who do not think alike are refused Communion, made unwelcome in our congregations, or not encouraged to grow in their discipleship.

It takes us back to the issue of safeguarding, where abuse can so easily become manifest in order to win another over to one's theological point of view: who is "saved" and who is "not saved" by issues of predestination are fine theological points which butter no parsnips with the wide majority of the non-church attending public. That is not to say that such theological positions are invalid – we all disagree on the finer points of systematic and salvation theology – but we are called

to love one another despite the differences, failings and thoughts of others when they do not agree with our own, let alone pursue that Lenten examination of our own spiritual life and thought processes. To be “certain” is a difficult and dangerous phrase to use. For myself I know “*that my redeemer liveth*”, but at the heart of my sense of belief is a profound awareness of just how little I know of the identity and purposes of God, either for me or for others. What I do know is that we are called to love one another as Christ has loved us, and to play a part both spiritually and financially within the wider church.

Over the Advent and Christmas seasons I was acutely aware of a sense of thankfulness and support for parish ministry, and this was felt by many of my clerical colleagues and friends in all sorts of parishes and cathedrals across many dioceses. At a recent Deanery Synod, we were asked to name a fear. I said that my fear was that many would assume the “hierarchy” of the church to actually *be* the church, whereas the everyday common round of parochial ministry is the cutting edge. The vast majority of people who do not attend church are not concerned with counting the proverbial Angels on the head of a pin, but are concerned that the local church, irrespective of style, is open, welcoming, offers worship well and accommodately, and is a living presence within their community. This is something that I believe that we offer in our own church, and I am grateful for it.

A friend of mine recently said that, with regards the church and after (like me) 28 years of ordained ministry, he couldn’t work out if he was a realist or a cynic. Fair point, it can be hard to tell, but I do firmly believe that the parish system needs all the support that can be offered to it by the hierarchy, rather than funds being directed towards short-termism or the current ecclesiastical fashion. This needs to be fought for: the parish system isn’t redundant, nor are parish clergy the “*limiting factors*” as we were once recently described to be. The parochial system is alive and well but could do with more support and energy being put into it rather

than endless discussions as to its viability or necessity, and this is something that I will continue to fight for.

So, in terms of parish life we take safeguarding extremely seriously and I am very grateful to Katherine Pinching, our Parish Safeguarding Officer for all that she does in ensuring that I am up to date with the copious requirements and ever-changing legislation, as well as parish DBS checks and alike. Thank you, Katherine.

We have had the usual round of annual parish events, with schools continuing to attend either for concerts, end of year events of simply class visits. These are always thoroughly enjoyable, as is the relationship with Pinner Parish Pre-School on a daily basis. The Pinner Music Festival and Music in Pinner series continue to be a success, and we have hosted a good many other concerts in the past year and hope to continue to do so. Our 2024 Lent groups were well attended, as have the various NET events been throughout the year, along with Advent and Lent Compline. The church building continues to be open for all to say their prayers or simply to find a silent solace, and our worship seems to gradually be attracting new people, both in the morning but also at Evensong. I would like however to draw attention to the Wednesday morning Eucharist at 10.am which has seen numbers really drop in the past few years. A quiet service of half an hour, it is a time of reflection and to receive the Sacrament, and I have no intention of stopping it, but it would be good if more people attended once in a while.

I am grateful to many people within the parish, and I sincerely hope that you know who you are, but I would like to thank Helen Walsh who, with Trevor, has been our PCC Secretary for almost my entire 17 years here. Helen is standing down at the APCM, so further thanks there, but we will miss her graciousness and professional manner, so thank you Helen. I would also like to say thank you to Michael Hetreed and the Bellringers, who have endured two complaints in the past two years regarding the ringing of the bells and have weathered the storms with grace under pressure.

Sound-proofing measures have been taken in the ringing chamber, and the time of Tuesday practice cut short by 15 minutes to finish at 9pm, but it has been moved back to the evening from a trial period of late afternoon as many ringers simply could not attend at that earlier time. This we were not prepared to countenance as it would have a deleterious effect on the future of ringing in Pinner, which now makes a joyful noise and which, judging by my conversations with many of my neighbours, is greatly appreciated and seen as an intrinsic art of living in Pinner.

We had a wonderful week in July with the Holiday Club, which was well attended and great fun. My thanks to Sarah and her team of willing and able helpers who prepared for months beforehand to give everyone a thoroughly enjoyable time. I especially enjoyed the Holiday Club service and a game of Play your cards right, which, naturally, I lost, with the accompanying forfeit to be endured. Also, there was a Christmas craft day for younger children, and there is an Easter day in Holy Week this year. Special mention goes also to Richard Hillman, who has been a SNIP (Sunday night in Pinner) helper for 28 years and is stepping down this summer. SNIP is small, but fun and meets on most Sunday evenings for an hour and a half, with games chat, baking, ice-skating, trips out..... if you know of a young person aged 12-18 who might be interested in joining us, please mention it to them. Thank you, Richard.

Thanks to Martin and the choir, who joyfully imbue our worship with real skill and care, and who continue the tradition of a robed choir and the Anglican Choral style of worship. Also, to Janet our administrator, without whom much would not be possible, and to all who help with Junior Church, flowers, cleaning, refreshments, SNIP youth group, serving,

administering the Chalice, ministry, repair work, playing the organ, finances, serving on the PCC and much else in our life together. I am truly grateful and extremely fortunate. Also, to Penny and Rosemary our Churchwardens, much of whose work is sight-unseen but extremely valuable to us all and who support me a great deal both in prayer and action.

We look ahead to the arrival and ordination of Ben Bloom, currently being formed for ordination at the College of the Resurrection in Mirfield. Ben joins us as Assistant Curate for 3 years in early June but doesn't begin his ministry until Sunday, June 29th. Please come to his ordination service at St. Paul's Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday, June 28th and support him and his loved ones. Please also continue to pray for Alice as her ordination training continues towards the end of her second year.

I want to finish by saying thank to Sarah, Tom, Toby and Tilly (Patterdale terrier type). In terms of my health, 2024 was not a good year, and their support and love has seen me through some difficult times into, now, much better ones. I know that they will hate reading this, but it needs to be said: thank you.

We look forward to what will be an exciting year with much going on in our life together, and my prayer is that God will give us the strength and grace to continue to celebrate the Sacraments, expound Holy Scripture and sing His praises.

With prayers,

Fr. Paul.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property and Maintenance

The parish owns three residential properties:

37, Eastcote Road - In October 2024 a new boiler was fitted at the house, after the previous one was condemned. This house is in a very acceptable condition.

6, Burhill Grove - A new fire door was fitted in November 2024, as directed by the freeholder. A water leak was repaired under the sink and bath in December 2024.

47, Chamberlain Way - The tenants left in November 2024 and new tenants arrived in December 2024. During the year new water boosters were installed on the hot taps to increase pressure. The shrubs in the front garden were pruned. New hinges were installed on the bedroom and kitchen doors. The immersion heater was repaired and the extractor fan was replaced.

Gibbs Gillespie continue to manage the properties for us and inspect them twice a year. All the statutory gas and electric checks are up to date and all three properties are in a good state of repair.

Maintenance and inspections of a number of items takes place every year; fire alarm (Hall), fire extinguishers, intruder alarm (Sacristy), boilers (Hall and Church), lightning conductor, PAT testing and gutter clearance. These have all been undertaken this year and the necessary certificates received.

Work undertaken at the church this year includes:

- The boiler house has been tidied.
- The Asbestos board in the Boiler house has been encapsulated and a certificate received.
- The church kneelers have been repaired by Mrs Gill Edgar.
- The white lines outside have been repainted.
- Paving repair around the church is ongoing.

- In the Calvary Garden the raised stone structure has been repaired and continues to be planted and maintained by Mrs Susan Beattie.
- The grounds were maintained from April to October by B. Wilson Gardening Services.

We would like to thank Janet Huszczo, Ian Galloway and the Hall committee and other volunteers for all they have done this year to repair and maintain the fabric of the Church and Hall.

Rosemary Lay and Penny French
Churchwardens

Hall Committee

The hall continues to be well used for church events, and by regular and casual hirers. As well as refreshments after the Sunday morning service, church events include Kid's Church, SNIP, NET talks, the Lent course and the children's Holiday Club and activity mornings.

Our regular hirers include Pinner Parish Pre-school, Pinner Theatre Dance, Rainbows, Tai Chi, Taekwondo, Yoga and Pilates classes. Pianobeats classes, teaching children keyboard skills, are popular and run 7 days per week in the side rooms. With the RSPB and Women's Institute holding monthly evening meetings, we are virtually fully booked during the week. We were pleased to once again host the Pinner Sketch Club Summer Exhibition in August and the PAC Christmas lunch in December.

At weekends the hall is popular for children's parties and other social gatherings.

We are grateful to these outside groups for their use of the hall which provides a significant contribution to church income.

During the year we replaced the fluorescent lights in the main hall and store with new LED lights. We had planned to have the external woodwork on the hall revarnished last year, but due to delays in getting suitable quotations, this work is now planned to be carried out this summer.

My thanks to the hall committee members, Sarah Hullyer and Vito Preetham, and to Janet Huszczo for fielding hall telephone enquiries in the office.

Ian Galloway
Chairman

Mission & Charities Committee

The Lent and Easter Appeal for 2024 was for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), and the speaker was Dr Sakib Burza, an associate professor from London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine who has worked for MSF for over twenty years. MSF provides medical services in all the major conflict zones, regardless of ethnicity, religion, or political affiliation. The appeal raised £5899.33 including the Gift Aid and Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme claims.

For Harvest 2024, the appeal was principally for Water Aid, which helps local communities in many countries to make clean water and improve sanitation and hygiene. Food donations went to Harrow Foodbank. A total of £2111.25 (including Gift Aid and GASDS) was raised. We aim to support at least one charity relevant to climate change every year.

For Advent and Christmas 2024, the appeal was for Kids can Achieve (KCA) while Christmas presents were donated to Harrow Foodbank. KCA provides inclusive play opportunities for disabled children and young people and is the only charity to do so locally. This year KCA helped 167 children and young adults. KCA were raising money for a minibus to allow young people to access their services. A total of £4607.56 (including Gift Aid and GASDS) was paid to the charity. In addition, the Christingle service raised £920.36 including GASDS for the Children's Society

The Lent and Easter Appeal for 2025 is for the Alzheimer's Society, which provides expert online and telephone support for patients and carers, helps research into

improving diagnosis and treatment as well as raising awareness of the disease. The aim is to raise at least £5000 in support of the helpline and for research into new drug treatments. The Appeal was launched on 2/3/25 by Pippa Holdup from the Charity and hopefully will be well supported.

Annual giving was £11500 for 2024/5. The main groups are (a) Charities funded mostly by churches (b) locally based UK charities and (c) International groups. The current charities are (a) USPG, Christians against Poverty (debt counselling), Church Army, Firm Foundation (homeless people in Harrow) (b) Welldon Activity Group, Bereavement Care, St Luke's Hospice, Unseen UK (helpline supporting victims of slavery) (c) Hope and Homes for Children, Mildmay, Kitrinos Healthcare (for refugees). Kitrinos and the Welldon Activity Group had both unfortunately closed and the total of £2250 was returned to the Church account.

We would be interested to hear from anyone willing to help with the work of the Missions and Charities Committee.

Peter Wilson

Nurture Education and Training

The NET Group oversees a Study and Development Programme for all Church members and those interested in the topics. The current members of the organising group are: Peter Ellis (Chair), Ann Fuller, Karina Johnson, Angela Kenny, Chris Kenny, Jane Mayes, and Emmie McGregor. The Group usually meets about 4 times a year to plan events, but all these planned events are open to all.

Our events in 2024 were:

On 17 Feb Canon Andy Thompson talked about 'My pilgrimage to Iraq'.

About 30 people assembled in the Church Hall to hear the wonderful story of a pilgrimage in Iraq given by The Reverend Andrew Thompson MBE. Andy is currently Team Vicar in Uxbridge and worked in several Islamic countries as a

Christian priest in the Anglican Church between 2005 and 2020.

The talk was even more impressive as Andrew explained how he was born profoundly deaf, learnt to lip read and can now communicate through ordinary speech.

Canon Andy Thompson started with magic tricks with bangles but then launched into talking about this journey. He spoke about the battle of Karbala (and suggested later that we speak to any of our Shi'a friends about this). I was surprised about the large numbers doing this pilgrimage and that many of them were disabled. I was also surprised that in the pictures, Andy was wearing white robes in stark contrast to all those around him. We delved into the story of Iman Husein. There were comparisons to be made with Christianity:

- A journey towards death
- Women were witnesses
- Standing up against oppression

But there was a contrast in that there was no resurrection. I was rather horrified about the self-flagellation that went on. Some conclusions were that:

Christians have a definite place in the Shi'a story. There is a belief in a God who is righteous. Despite persecution rituals have endured. There were a lot of questions and comments about this topic, and I had to draw a reluctant stop after 12 noon. We will see Canon Andrew Thompson in Pinner again in 2025.

16 March Lent Quiet Day at SPEC with Audrey Hamilton

What a wonderful day we had at 'The Grail' (now known as SPEC at Waxwell House). The day was glorious with sunshine and warmth in the morning and no rain in sight for the entire day!

This is written of course with the background of rain, rain, and more rain. So, it was fitting that we focused on water in the scriptures. The day was expertly led by Audrey Hamilton who had concocted a visual scene of flowing stream made from material and candles (see photo).

In the morning, there were a few passages from the bible about river water.

'That person is like a tree planted by streams of water' yielding its fruit in season and its leaves not withering.

Time was then given for personal reflection. I chose to walk in the spacious grounds enjoying the warmth and the tranquility. We remained quiet throughout. At lunchtime, some chose to be silent in one room, but others had quiet conversation. After the lunch of soup and bread with cheese, we heard the story about the woman at the well and what she could give Jesus and what He gave to her. We were then left for further quiet contemplation.

We rounded off the day with a Eucharist in the Rotunda where Emma presided.

There was plenty of tea and cake before we left for our homeward journey. Thanks to everyone who attended and participated, and to Angie of SPEC who made us feel very welcome.



18 May 'Let's celebrate' Party in the Church Hall

The Church Party on Saturday 18th May was wonderful.

About 50 people came along and entertained themselves with a variety of games. Some people were very competitive indeed! When not playing games, there were sandwiches, cakes, scones, Prosecco, soft drinks and hot drinks: plenty of sustenance. We all had a lot of fun.



19 October 'Vicars, Vermin and Visitations: the work of a Church Warden' with Angela Kenny and Phil Lawder in the Church Hall

We had a most interesting morning on 19 October, being entertained and informed about the work of Churchwardens. About 50 people gathered in the Hall for this event. We started, as usual, with coffee and pastries, but then quickly progressed to a quiz about churchwardens. What did a terrier have to do with church life? What was the purpose of those intriguing sticks called 'wands' – and did they have magical powers?

After this gentle non-threatening quiz, Angela Kenny (a recent past churchwarden and professionally an archivist), took us through a fairly detailed history of the work involved as a churchwarden. We were reminded that the office of churchwarden dates back to before the 12th century when the main role was to care for the Church building and contents. We were told about the 'church box' containing money for the poor, which had 3 locks and 3 separate keys. We have such a box still in Pinner and the vicar says he will try to display this at the next APCM. It isn't locked now – and it doesn't contain any money!

Angela told us that during the years of religious disruptions, the churchwardens were responsible for making the necessary changes within the church in line with the chosen doctrine. The church wardens were expected to report any lax morals amongst the parishioners...oh dear! In the past, the churchwardens were quizzed about whether the Minister used prayers that he devised himself or altered the Book of Common Prayer. At one time, it was the churchwardens' responsibility to kill vermin throughout the parish. It was only in 1894 that the churchwarden's role was restricted to the ecclesiastical parish.

We were, by this time, all amazed at the amount of knowledge that Angela had gleaned from her research. So, it was now time for more refreshments - just briefly - before we launched back to more enlightenment. This time, Phil Lawder, a previous Churchwarden, told us about the

role of the Churchwarden in the present day. Churchwardens now work in cooperation with the PCC. Churchwardens themselves are appointed by, and report to, the Bishop.

Phil told us there are four major tasks that a churchwarden may face:

Faculty, Visitation, Quinquennial, and Interregnum. Phil discussed each one, and certainly the current churchwardens do not relish the thought of an Interregnum!

There were many questions, one of which 'Why does anyone do this onerous voluntary role?', caused more than a little hubbub. Our final session was as a breakout session where we were asked to discuss what we would do now, if we started with a blank sheet. Not surprisingly, there were no clearcut answers.

We thanked Angela and Phil for their excellent contributions, and we all left to further discuss issues as we each made our way home.

30 November Advent Quiet Morning in Church

We were thrilled by the excellent Quiet Morning. Father Mark had told me that he would lead a themed quiet time, and then later told me he had been inspired by C.S. Lewis' book, 'The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe'. So about 20 of us gathered within church for this period of reflection, themed around this best-selling book.

Mark gave us less 'quiet' time than usual (That was a 'positive' for me certainly, but others might disagree!) and there was no colouring, or writing/drawing. There was, however, an excellent selection of music throughout the quiet periods – thank you Mark for your 'mix'.

We reflected on what might be meant by 'become like children' and we spoke about 'the light shining in the darkness'. We heard about Mr. Beaver and pondered - in a dramatic reading - about whether He is safe. Finally, we shared our thoughts and went away into the usual hectic pre-Christmas scramble after this wonderful calming, quiet period of reflection. Thank you, Mark!



2025

Although this is the report of events for 2024, we have already started our 2025 programme.

1 March - Lent Quiet Day with Audrey Hamilton at SPEC.

Our Quiet days are always interesting, and SPEC (formerly the Grail), in Waxwell Lane, is a truly wonderful local venue. The day was very suitable for Lent in 2025.

Embracing god's life-giving invitation for us this Lent

'Come back to me with all your heart'
(Joel 2:12)



We had a glorious sunny day at SPEC, the ancient building on Waxwell Lane that most of us remember as The Grail.

We met on March 1st, to prepare for Lent in our various ways. We were very ably assisted in this by our friend and Retreat giver, Audrey Hamilton. The day started wonderfully with coffee and freshly prepared croissants!

Audrey then got us to ponder the words 'if anyone is seeking God, the Beloved is seeking that person much more'. We were all intrigued by the concept of what God calls us. Does he know our name? does he have a special name for us? or does the Lord just know us intimately and has no need for a name?

In our contemplations, we were able to wander through some of the wonderful grounds, viewing the snowdrops and an occasional crocus, and the quaint tumble-down out-buildings further from the house. We then had a superb lunch of homemade soup, fresh bread, cheese and ham.

Suitably refreshed after lunch, we continued our Quiet time, reflecting on the wonders of the Lord. We had contemplated the Transfiguration and had seen this as a pivotal moment where God and humans meet - and as a bridge between earth and heaven.

We finished the day with our Eucharist in the Rotunda. Father Paul arrived to administer the Mass to us.

Following that, we had more food! This time there was cake and tea – home-made cakes prepared specially by our own Jane Mayes. A truly magnificent day!

Our programme for 2025 will continue with:

March 29 - 'Competing Narratives – The Holy Land' Canon Andy Thompson in Church Hall. Andy Thompson is a brilliant speaker who has entertained us very well previously. He is highly knowledgeable about the Middle East and has agreed to help us understand what is happening there now.

May 17 - The Church Party in Church Hall. The Church Party will be amazing fun as always! There will be games, food, and drink – and lots of people! Do not miss this!

September 6 - Alice Elmer will talk about her 'Journey to Ordination' in Church Hall. Alice is well known to most of us. We are all excited about her journey towards ordination and we want to hear what she is doing during this trek.

November 29 - Advent Quiet Morning in Church. We are looking forward to this time of anticipation in Advent.

I do hope to see you all at several if not all of these events during 2025. Details of these will be posted in the weekly Bulletin before the events.

We continue to monitor the Prayer leaflets in the Lady Chapel, and the Gospel Imprint leaflets in the display rack and replace them when necessary.

I thank the members of the NET group for their commitment and hard work in maintaining our Study and Development Programme in 2024, and in planning the programme for 2025.

I would like to emphasise that the Programme from the NET Group is for all Church members and those interested in the topics.

If anyone wants something included in the NET Programme, then please do mention that, and we will make efforts to accommodate the request.

*Peter Ellis
Chair,*

Nurture, Education, and Training Group

STEWARDSHIP, YOUTH WORK FUND & OTHER VOLUNTARY GIVING - 2024

This report covers the financial contributions made by members of the congregation and visitors during 2024 to fund our church and its ministry. Funds come in in various ways, the majority of people pledge and give regularly, others give at services using the yellow Gift Aid envelopes or as cash in the plate or wallsafe. Some gave via the tap terminal in the porch. All gifts are welcome and appreciated.

Stewardship Giving

Well over half the church income is from Stewardship giving, in 2024 it was £129,523, an increase of £8,889 on the 2023 income. The increase was due to a

positive response to the Stewardship campaign at the end of 2023. Many people increased their giving, and a number of “new” people started giving regularly.

There was a small drop by year end in the number of people giving to 143 (if partners are added to the total, 170 contributed). The drop was due to people moving from the area, change of circumstances and sadly deaths. On a positive note, average giving **per person** increased to £63.50 per month (£762 per year), up on the previous year.

We were able to claim gift aid on 91% of Stewardship gifts, a sum of £29,505. Again, it should be mentioned that 50% of the income comes from 29 people, this is not unusual in a parish, but it could be an issue.

Pinner Parish Church is fortunate in that the vast majority of members of the congregation do give via Stewardship, this commitment means that we can budget for the year ahead. Looking ahead to 2025 we are likely to see Stewardship income drop by around £4000; we would welcome financial support from those who do not already contribute. Stewardship packs are available in the porch, on the website or by emailing:
giving@pinnerparishchurch.org.uk

Youth Worker Fund

Income for the Youth Worker Fund in 2024 was £980.00. We claimed gift aid of £245 which gave a total of £1225.

Other Gift Aided Giving

The yellow Gift Aid envelopes are a source of income where gift aid is claimable. In 2024 we received income of £2553.80 and claimed gift aid of £638.56. This figure includes that given via the PAYAZ terminal in the porch.

Cash Giving and GASDS

Gift Aid on Small Donations (GASDS) is claimable on cash gifts up to and including £30. HMRC stipulated in recent years that gifts given via a “tap terminal” and not gift aided could be counted as cash – but only if the card was tapped – in April 2024 that rule was quietly changed to include gifts made using chip and pin as well.

Last year we reported that a PAYAZ tap terminal had been installed in the porch in July 2023 at a minimal cost. It was sponsored by the Diocese of London. Unfortunately, in July 2024 it was broken into and the component parts stolen. There was no risk of data being accessed and the perpetrator was later caught, partly thanks to our new CCTV system. Replacement would cost around £350 and is still under consideration.

Cash gifts made during 2024 were:

Plate at services:	£1669.60
Wallsafe:	£1717.75
Payaz (1 Jan to 17 Jul)	£1144.00

Over the year the GASDS claimed on all eligible cash donations was £1466.59 of which £1029.59 went into church funds and the balance of £437.00 to the Easter, Harvest and Christmas charities. Details of money raised for these charities are available in the Missions and Charities report.

Other Voluntary Giving

Generous sponsorship for the church music events came to £5487.50 including gift aid.

I would like to record thanks to Trevor Mitchell, Stewardship Recorder, who banks (not in Pinner) and records all cash and cheques during the year.

Thanks also to Janet Huszczo who prints off all the documents for Stewardship campaigns, envelopes and literature for the charity appeals.

Morella Boon (Gift Aid Recorder)

Kids Church

Kids Church continues to enjoy meeting in the church hall on all Sundays in term time during the 10am Parish Eucharist for Bible reading and discussion followed by craft work and activities. Sessions are based on one of the Eucharist readings and the crafts are particularly enjoyed by all those attending aged 4 - 12 from both the congregation and the choir.

Thank you to all the Leaders and Helpers for the interesting sessions - Morella Boon, Jude Brampton, Dawn Friday, Sarah Hullyer, Joanna Kothary, Jane Lamprill, Helen Lawson, Katherine Pinching and Sally Smyth. We have recently welcomed Elizabeth Edwards and David Chilton to the team. A special thanks to Katherine who is stepping down from teaching after very many years of service.

Please let us know if you would like to join the team as a Leader or a Helper, or if you know of any young person who would like to give Kids' Church a try. New young members are always very welcome.

Hilary Gould and Carolyn White

Holiday Club and Craft Mornings

We had a very successful holiday club last summer. We invited children to come "In the Castle" and meet some of the kings and queens in the Bible. The theme was the idea of Francesca Wolff, who chose the stories and wrote the scripts, and the children and leaders had a wonderful time, finishing with a dress up day on Friday. We had just over 30 children attending and also another 16 teenagers helping in groups or on stage.

We learned about King Solomon's wisdom, David's bravery, Queen Esther, the parable of the unforgiving servant and Jesus, the King of Kings. There were crafts and activities linked to the stories, singing and dancing and a visit from an animal experience on the Friday, with a Royal Python amongst other creatures.

On Monday 23rd December we welcomed almost 40 children to a Christmas Craft morning in the hall. There were 3 groups – Angels, Shepherds and Wise Men – and each group had different crafts according to age. There were different crafts for each group - the older group made scented candles, the younger group made eggbox Nativity scenes and there were also crackers to be made and biscuits to ice amongst other things. The children all seemed to have a good time, and it was

lovely to welcome many new families that were joining us for the first time.

By the time you read this, we will have had an Easter Craft Morning, which children are booking in for at the moment and planning is well under way for this year's summer holiday club.

With many thanks to all the leaders and helpers who have made these events happen. I think we are building up a good number of new children and families who are interested in the events we are running. If anyone else is interested in helping at a future children's event, please do speak to me as it would be great to have more people involved.

Sarah Hullyer

Rainbows -1st Pinner Rainbows

Our Rainbow unit continues to thrive in Pinner. We have a full unit all the time with a very long waiting list still. Over the past year we have been busy with many different activities including crafts, cooking and science, as well as playing games and having fun. 14 new Rainbows have made their promise and those who have reached 7 years have mostly moved on to Brownies to continue in Girlguiding. As a unit we have worked for several Skills Builder Badges, including Camp (preparing to go away), Lead (learning how to work as a team) and Make Change (how to do something to help others). As part of our Make Change badge, we became Dementia Friends by completing an activity linked with Alzheimer's Society. We learned about dementia and also raised some money for the charity.

We also joined other Rainbow Units from across the county at The Willow Tree Centre in Harefield for several events. There was an environmentally themed craft day, an animal adventure event with a petting zoo and a Christmas Craft Day with Brownies too.

Over the past year we have had several girls join us as part of their volunteering section for the Duke of Edinburgh awards, and it is great to have their help. I would also like to thank the other leaders, Sally, Andrea and Natalia, who give up their time each week to help run the unit.

Sarah Hullyer

GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Bereavement Visitors

For many, many years Bridget Murray led the St John's team until she suddenly fell ill in March 2025 when I took over from her. We are grateful to Bridget for her extraordinary care and commitment to this work.

Our visitors are available to support and get alongside anyone in the parish who would like to talk about their experience of losing a loved one or a friend. Grief can be a lonely and painful time. It often helps to talk to someone outside your family and circle of friends and who you don't know. The team meets in a support group along with bereavement visitors from St Luke's, so if you wouldn't want to talk to anyone from St John's you could meet someone either from St Luke's or indeed from another local bereavement group.

Visitors are trained and supported by Bereavement Care for which Dr Dorothy Edwards, from St John's, was a Consultant Supervisor until her retirement in 2024 and we are grateful to Dorothy for having offered her expertise in that way.

Jane Mayes



Pinner Guild of Church Bell Ringers

Pinner is fortunate to have a strong and very friendly band of ringers. There are 17 members, 14 active ringers, 2 junior members and one life member. This year we rang for just one wedding when Lis Warren, a former ringer with us, married Derek. In April we rang for the burial of the ashes of Anne Payne and on St George's Day when, as usual, we opened the celebrations in Pinner High Street. In September we gave local cub scouts a tour of the church.

Managing noise complaints was the dominant theme of the past year and we are grateful to Patrick Erwin, Steeple keeper, for his ingenuity and skill in designing, constructing and installing effective sound control in our bell chamber. It has meant that Tuesday evening practices have resumed, our band has progressed with ringing skills, and we have been able to provide service ringing reliably.

There were two most enjoyable social events this year. Patrick and Jane hosted a barbeque in their garden in September and we enjoyed a dinner at Dona Theresa restaurant in Hatch End in October.

The bellringers of St John the Baptist are one of the most well supported bands in the Southwest district of the Middlesex County Association of Church Bell ringers. Thanks go from all the ringers to our Tower Captain, Michael Hetreed, for his patience and dedication. Also, to Christine Bennett our deputy captain and to Chris Lomax, 'captain emeritus.' This has ensured that the bells continue to ring in Pinner and that the band of bell ringers continues to grow.

Sue Ellis
Tower Secretary



Music Report

Once again, the landmark events of the year have gone well, most notably the Carol Service, which had a choir of over 30 singers with all parts well-represented, singing a wide variety of music and all over in exactly one hour! The Pinner Music Festival concert focused on the choral music of Stanford and his contemporaries. A particular highlight was the choir's singing of Stanford's *Beati Quorum Via* and Wood's *Hail Gladdening Light*. Saffron sang the solo in Stanford's *Magnificat* in G beautifully. The other children played their instruments well, and Celia's performance of a movement from a Handel Sonata for Violin was particularly enjoyable. The evening was rounded off with a rousing rendition of Brewer's *Magnificat* in D.

The junior choristers have sung most Sunday mornings, and we were delighted to be joined recently by Joe and Annie. Sadly, Miriam has stepped away from Pinner to sing in the Choir of St Paul's Cathedral. Whilst we are delighted with her success it is of concern that St Paul's and Westminster Abbey now have girls' choirs, which may affect recruitment to St John's.

We are always keen to recruit young choristers and in return for singing they receive generous pocket money and free coaching for Associated Board and Trinity singing exams. Notable achievements have included successes at grade 6 for Celia, Lydia and Nahla, with Keira passing grade 5. Annie and Joe have started work on the first of the 8 grades available. In the summer we were delighted that Saffron achieved a Distinction in the Gold Award, which is the highest grading offered from the RSCM.

Throughout the major events we have been excellently accompanied by Paul Jeanes, and I am most grateful to him for making our events a high priority in his diary. We are very lucky in having a pool of organists on which we can call, and I would like to express my gratitude to Ian Galloway and Sarah Hullyer for playing. Philippa Nunn has continued to help with the Tuesday

evening rehearsals and has also continued her excellent work recruiting new singers.

Finally, my thanks go to all the choir, whose loyalty I greatly appreciate and do not take for granted.

Martin Singleton

Church Flowers



We are a committed team of flower arrangers who take great pleasure in enhancing the beauty of our medieval Church with flowers and foliage. Apart from during Lent and Advent, floral arrangements are always to be found at the lectern, high altar and south porch. At the special times of Christmas, Easter and Harvest the Church looks glorious with additional flower arrangements on the pillars and windowsills.

Throughout the year we had the privilege of arranging flowers for parishioners in memory of their loved ones and also for the funeral of a long-standing member of the Church.

It was also a joy to decorate the Church with beautiful white flowers for the wedding of one of our parishioners, also a long-standing member.

Once again it was a pleasure to fill the Church with flowers to complement the highly successful Pinner Music Festival.

I would like to extend my grateful thanks to the whole team for their hard work and support in ensuring the Church is beautifully decorated. I would also like to thank Father Paul for his continued support and the parishioners for their appreciation and kind words throughout the year.

Judith Brampton

The Friends of Pinner Parish Church

In July 2024 we held another successful 'Hymns and Pimms' service and refreshments. We extend our grateful

thanks to Father Paul, the Director of Music Martin Singleton and the choir for their contribution to such an enjoyable event. This year's Hymns and Pimms is planned for 22nd June and will be held instead of Evensong on the Patronal Festival. You are warmly invited to come along.

We were very pleased to be able to donate nearly £2,000 to the Church to cover the cost of encapsulating the ceiling of the boiler house. This manages for the foreseeable future the risk associated with the presence of asbestos cement.

2024, in line with recent times, remained a challenging year for us and fundraising continued to be low. Whilst we were pleased to welcome a further member - Penny French - to the Committee, we have still been unable to find someone willing to take on the role of Chair. We therefore are unable to move away from the current difficult point in the life of this charity. We would however like to provide reassurance that the Committee - consisting of the Treasurer, Secretary and six members - remains wholly committed to the continued success of The Friends.

We would also like to express our thanks to Sue-Sabry-Grant, who is stepping down from the Committee at this year's AGM. Her commitment to the Friends over a number of years has notably contributed to its success - and we are grateful for her time and effort.

In order for the Friends to move forward - and to avoid perhaps having to make some tough choices and decisions - we still need the impetus of further new Committee members, and particularly a Chair. We would encourage you to consider whether you would be willing to contribute to - or further help - the purpose of The Friends.

On behalf of the Committee

House Groups

Ann Fuller - Our group is very small consisting of 3 people: Annie Grace, Lynne Williamson and myself. We normally meet at Annie's on a midweek afternoon on a

date which suits our diaries, as we are a very small group, if one person cancels, we either cancel the group or 2 of us just have tea and cakes!

The pattern of the afternoon is usually study, sharing, reflection and discussion, ending with prayer and followed by tea and cakes. Although we do study, reflect and pray, this is also a group for fellowship. Because we have been together for a long time, people are confident to share their thoughts and feelings, knowing it is a safe place.

In Lent 2024 we reflected on what Lent means to us with Bible readings, other prose readings poems, prayers.

We have had several enjoyable meetings where each person has brought pictures, music and readings (poems and prose, secular or Biblical) and have reflected on a theme such as *Summer, Angels, Autumn*. We normally finish the session with prayer (before the tea and cakes!)

One session was a communion service using previously consecrated hosts. In December we had lunch together.

Ann Fuller

Stephen Brown and Terri Trimmer - We are now a thriving group of regular attendees of between 6-8 members, and we meet every 5-6 weeks throughout the year.

We have been continuing our study of a climate change book recommended by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, entitled 'Sleepers Wake—Getting Serious about Climate Change' by Nicholas Holtman. This book greatly impacts on our society as a whole, with an influence on the Eco Church with its ramifications on the way we lead our lives. This has led to a sharing of our ideas within the group, and the way in which we can contribute to a more carbon - friendly society, such as through recycling and respecting our natural resources.

We have backed this up with biblical references and a spiritual outlook, and we recommend this book to read. We were pleased that Emma (our Curate and Church

Eco Rep.) was able to join our March meeting before moving on to her new church.

For two meetings towards the end of 2024, we each chose and discussed extracts from the Bible that either interested or had some meaning to us. Our final meeting of the year was 'Advent' - discussing customs both here and around the world.

In 2025 we plan to study a book by John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford, entitled 'Living faithfully' which is designed to deepen our commitment to Christ and develop our Christian discipleship at work and in the world.

Stephen Brown and Terri Trimmer

Pinner Parish Review

With gratitude to Audrey Taylor for her long service as Editor of the Review, and the wide range of articles it has featured over the years. I hope I can continue the good work in encouraging the members of our congregation to submit varied and engaging articles for the edification and enjoyment of all.

I am grateful to the Review team – Fr. Paul, Janet Huszczo, Gordon Williams, Michael Hetreed, and Carolyn White, for their good advice and invaluable contributions.

Many thanks to the congregation for submitting articles on such a wide array of topics as 'A Rambling Romance' and 'Religious Vestments Exhibition at Ely Cathedral'. Please continue to send articles and photographs to review@pinnerparishchurch.org.uk so we can keep up the good work.

Olivia Thorndon

Pinner and District Faiths Dialogue

We have had two meetings in the past twelve months.

On 7 May 2024 we had presentations and a discussion on "Pluralism and Unity:

denominations within our religions”, held at the Ark Synagogue in Northwood, with speakers from Pinner United Synagogue: Merrill Dresner, from Pinner Methodist Church: Colin Nunn, and from SICM-Mehfil Harrow: Umar Ebrahimsa.

On 6 November 2024 we had a discussion in St Luke’s Parish Centre, Pinner, led by Rabbi Naomi Goldman from Kol Chai Synagogue, about “Who or what is God for you?”

Both events were well attended, and I am grateful to the Ark Synagogue and St Luke’s Church for allowing us to use their halls.

My Co-chair, Jenny Nemko has stepped down from the position as she has moved away and is greatly missed. However, Anila Hashim from SICM-Mehfil Harrow has taken her place as co-chair, and it is a pleasure working with her. Our next meeting is due to be held on 30 April 2025 at SICM-Mehfil.

Katherine Pinching-co-chair



The logo for the Pinner Music Festival (PMF) features the lowercase letters 'pmf' in a stylized, red, cursive font. Below this, the words 'Pinner Music Festival' are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Pinner Music Festival

The Pinner Music Festival has been a consistent part of the Parish activities for nearly 60 years, for the first 50 of which it was directed by Michael Turvey, the Church’s Director of Music, and colleagues. It comprises a week of concerts, normally in early June. PMF is a part of the wider community activities of the Parish Church. It has raised substantial funds for smallish, locally-based charities (about £25,000 in the last 8 Festivals) – as well as bringing music and musicians of a high standard to St John’s, Pinner, and the surrounding community.

Pinner Music Festival is formally a Parish activity, its Committee being a sub-committee of PCC and answerable to PCC. In the Autumn, PMF sends the PCC a proposed plan and draft budget for approval, together with a suggested charity,

for the following year’s Festival, as well as sending a report on the financial and artistic outcome of the June Festival. Finances are held within PCC accounts (as a separate PCC-PMF account, with parish officers as signatories) and subject to audit, as part of Parish Accounts. Reserves of £6,000 have been built up. We are very grateful to the Parish Treasurer, Jo Kothary, and especially Chris Lomax, Paymaster, for their help and support through the year. The PMF Committee is chaired by Professor Anthony Pinching (who is also Director of PMF), and includes Paul Jeanes, Emmie McGregor and Stephen Brown (PCC Representative), with Shirley Wootten, Marketing Consultant, co-opted.

Pinner Music Festival – 2024 (10th – 15th June) featured a marvellous range of classical music played by outstanding musicians. We began with our usual Seminar, chaired by Petroc Trelawny, introducing some of our artists and programmes; Skaila Kanga (RAM Harp Ensemble), Madeleine Mitchell (London Chamber Ensemble at PMF-2025), Amber Emson and George Strivens, who provided fascinating insights into their careers and programmes, as well as the wider world of music.

At the opening concert, the Pinner Parish Church Choir sang anthems marking Stanford’s anniversary and performed solo pieces by church musicians under the direction of Martin Singleton. We showcased the Royal Academy of Music Harp Ensemble, thanks to a local link, for a sold-out lunchtime concert of lovely ballet music, *Dancing with Harps*. The Boyle String Quartet performed works by Mozart, Borodin, Haydn and Dvorak, in a lovely evening recital. Young Artists Amber Emson and Leah Nicholson gave thrilling and virtuosic accounts of César Franck’s great violin sonata, an early Beethoven sonata and Ravel’s *Tzigane*. George Strivens returned with The Mera Horn Trio, playing wonderful works by Richard Strauss, Clara Schumann and Brahms, and featured the exceptional Alexandra Lowe (soprano) in George’s own arrangement of *Four Last Songs* and other songs; George also premiered *The Rites Observed* for solo

French horn by Martin Bussey, drawn from his *A Brother Abroad*, commissioned for PMF–2021 and recently released on CD in late 2024, along with the solo pieces for flute and for French horn. We concluded with Paul Jeanes conducting Soloists, Festival Choir & Orchestra in fine accounts of three of Handel’s *Coronation Anthems* and Haydn’s glorious *Nelson Mass*.

Overall, this was a highly successful Festival in all regards, and we saw a big rise in audience numbers. As a result, from refreshment donations and a substantial positive overall balance, we were able to donate around £4,500 to our Charity of the Year, Bereavement Care.

Our plan for the 59th PMF–2025 (9th–14th June) is well advanced and follows the usual format. Ian Skelly chairs our Seminar. The Parish Church Choir will sing anthems and Haydn’s *Little Organ Mass* with Paul Jeanes on organ, the Church organ entering its 50th year. On Wednesday, Emma Abbate & Julian Perkins (piano duo) will give a lively lunchtime recital, *Let’s Dance!* and that evening the London Chamber Ensemble will perform works by Haydn, Howells and Ravel (150th Anniversary). The Thursday lunchtime recital is by the early music group, Sounds Historical in *600 Years! From Hildegard to Haydn*. On Friday evening, acclaimed cellist Raphael Wallfisch will introduce and perform four of JS Bach’s Cello Suites. The final choral concert will present a wonderful trio of works: Haydn’s *Te Deum*, Handel’s 9th *Chandos Anthem* and Mozart’s *Coronation Mass*.

The PMF Committee does an enormous amount of voluntary work throughout the year to plan, publicise and coordinate the Festival. It is strongly supported by many volunteers from the Parish, who help with the practical aspects and to create the particular ambience that is Pinner Music Festival, and which is always appreciated by artists and audiences. We benefit from substantial business sponsorship and personal donations, and are very grateful for these, which make the quality of our Festivals possible.

We very much appreciate the continuing support and oversight of the Vicar and the PCC.

*Professor Anthony J Pinching
Festival Director, PMF,
on behalf of the PMF Committee*

Harrow Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod met for three sessions during the year with a time of worship led by the hosts, who were invited to give a profile of their mission and ministries before the Synod prayed for them. Hosts also kindly provided refreshments. At each meeting reports were tabled or presented on the recent sessions by those elected to the Diocesan and General Synods.

The first meeting was held on 6 February at the London School of Theology in Northwood with the theme of “Engaging with our Communities”. Revd Julian Gadsby, Church Engagement Specialist of the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity spoke on discipleship, making a difference where we are, and shared the 6 Ms of Discipleship. These are: Model a godly character, Make good work, Minister grace and love, Mould Culture, Mouthpiece for truth and justice, Messenger for the Gospel. He reminded us that we are called to love our neighbour. We are called to tell everyone about Jesus. We should live our lives authentically for Jesus. We need to treat people we meet as people not projects. Noah Kelly of St Alban’s North Harrow spoke about the Willesden Area Ministry Experience Scheme.

The second meeting was held on 13 June at All Saints Harrow Weald. The meeting started in the Forest School which is located to the north of the church. Synod opened with a minute’s silence in memory of John Dolling, Lay Chair of the Synod for many years, who had died. Revd John Barker gave a brief profile of the church. He said that there were four parts of the church and its worship:- the Forest School, the Pre-School, the Church Hall, and the Parish. Revd Dave Bookless, Head of Theology of A Rocha International, spoke



Pinner Association of Churches

about the ECO-Church programme in England and Wales which was started by A Rocha 8 years ago and 7,000 churches are already enrolled in it. There are five areas in the ECO-Church Survey and to gain the awards parishes need to show that they have made progress in all five. These are Worship and Teaching; Management of Church Buildings; Management of Church Land; Community and Global Engagement; and Lifestyles. Tom Johnson, Treasurer of St Alban's North Harrow, spoke about the project that they had recently undergone to install Solar Panels on the Hall roof for electricity generation.

Clive Scowen had been elected as Lay Chair, David Green as Treasurer, Sarah Archer and Jon Lindsay-Scott as Clergy Representatives on the Standing Committee, Robert May, Toby Partridge and Judith Shepherd as Lay Representatives on the Standing Committee, and Mike Still as the third Deanery representative on Harrow Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education. Matthew Szurgot, the Head of School at Holy Trinity Northwood Church of England School was co-opted to Synod. The Deanery Accounts for 2023 were approved.

The third meeting was held on 23 November at St Jerome's Bilingual Church of England School in Harrow on the theme "Growing Younger: Improving our Provision for Children and Youth in our parishes". Synod members had been asked to submit questions for a panel of practitioners consisting of Sarah Agnew, Children and Families Ministry Advisor for the Diocese; Carol Sormaz, Children Families and Community Worker Christ Church Roxeth; Andy Carson, Youth Worker Christ Church Roxeth and Harley Lloyd-Fix, Re:Generation Harrow Schools Worker. A summary of the Questions and Answers was included in the minutes of the meeting for parishes.

Robert May
Honorary Secretary

This is my second year as PAC representative for St John's Church and I hold the position of Vice Chair this year.

The Walk of Witness on Good Friday was a great success despite the inclement weather. Hot cross buns were enjoyed afterwards at St Luke's.

In September the PAC Worshipping Together and Tea was held at Pinner Methodist Church. This was reasonably attended.

In November the PAC AGM was held at Pinner Baptist Church. This was followed by a United Service and tea.

A very successful Torchlight Carols around the Christmas tree was held in December, and on Christmas Day the lunch at St John's was appreciated by many, the volunteering being impressive.

In January a Service of Christian Unity was held at St Luke's. We do hope to see better attendance next year.

Coffee mornings were held every Friday at St Luke's, every Saturday at Pinner Methodist Church and every Thursday at Cannon Lane Methodist Church. Welcome lunches were also held in May, July and August.

Food bank collections are made every fourth Saturday at Pinner Baptist Church.

Helen Lawson

Walking Group

The walking group walks almost every Wednesday mostly either in London, Hertfordshire or the Chiltern Hills. This year we had a well-timed visit to Flamstead before the second Bomber Harris (Harris hawk) started attacking mainly tall men! We will not be returning until Bomber is no longer a threat.

On average we have about 12 to 15 walkers, which makes for a good, sociable event. Mostly we walk about 7 or 8 miles, sometimes a little longer, although we have

some keen walkers who add on an optional section before and/or after the scheduled walk. In the summer we sometimes stop for a pub drink at the end of our walks.

The composition of the group continues to change to a less church-based proportion of participants - anyone is welcome to join us. Of our six current walk leaders three are from St John's. Usually there are a minority of walkers who are regular attenders at the parish church.

In addition to the weekly walks, I organise residential trips of 4 nights. In 2024, for the first time to my knowledge, we had sole occupancy of an HF country house at Abingworth (South Downs) in August with 42 people and we also visited Keswick (Lake District) in May with a group of 33.

The walking group has spawned a couple of single sex social groups who enjoy meals, social evenings or theatre trips together from time to time, at the instigation of either Ashlie or Derek/Paul.

A particular highlight this year was the wedding of Derek Parsons and Lis Warren at St John's, which was well attended by the group. In the week preceding the wedding Lis and Derek generously arranged a walk followed by a meal at the Queens Head at which many walkers, former walkers and some long-term friends enjoyed their hospitality and toasted their future happiness.

I commend walking as a healthy gentle exercise giving opportunities to be in the company of others while breathing mostly fresh air and enjoying good views. Please give it a go!

Nick (and Judith) Childs



Music in Pinner Series

Classical and Jazz Concerts:

'24 – '25 Season

Annual Report to APCM – March 2025

Music in Pinner Series (mps) is a monthly series of Saturday concerts, conducted under the aegis of Pinner Parish Church and its PCC.

Music in Pinner Series is formally a part of Parish community activities, with corresponding benefits to the Parish of raised profile and goodwill. It is run as a sub-committee of PCC and answerable to PCC. In Spring, MPS sends the PCC a proposed plan and draft budget for approval early in the year for the following Season. MPS also sends the PCC a report on the financial and artistic outcome of the previous Season. Finances are held within PCC accounts (within the PCC-PMF account, but clearly separated from PMF, with parish officers as signatories) and subject to audit, as part of Parish Accounts. Reserves of £7,500 have been kindly provided by PCC from part of the proceeds of Pinner Jazz. The Church receives 12.5% of ticket income for concerts on site, and 5% for those offsite; it receives 5% for charity concerts. Profits from any year are added to reserves held in the designated account to support future seasons.

MPS is directed by Professor Anthony Pinching, with a supporting team including Stuart Natrass (Jazz Advisor), Stephen Brown (PCC Representative) and Trevor Mitchell (MPS Stage Manager), with Shirley Wootten (Marketing Consultant) co-opted. Parish Treasurer, Jo Kothary, and paymaster Chris Lomax, manage the PCC-PMF account, supported by Kevin Ogilvie (Bookkeeper), with budget-setting and financial oversight by the MPS Director.

We planned an 8-concert MPS Season '24-'25, with four jazz concerts & four classical, one of which being a charity concert for Music Mind Spirit Trust, which raised over £1,250. Audience numbers have improved somewhat on recent years for the classical concerts. Our jazz series

has remained popular and draws from a wider catchment area, thanks to the impact of our predecessor, Pinner Jazz. We project that we shall remain in good positive balance by careful management of expenditure.

The season opened with a narrated concert, Soundscapes, based on the book of that name by late violinist Paul Robertson, at which the music was played by Fenella Humphreys (violin) and Viv McLean (piano), with text selected and read by me, Anthony Pinching. Audience feedback was that the concert was very moving and that Paul was 'present'. The first jazz concert was by the Art Themen Organ Trio, in which the 85 year-old tenor sax player was joined by Pete Whittaker on organ and George Double on drums – all very skilful and fun! Acclaimed clarinettist Emma Johnson, in a welcome return to Pinner brought us her Clarinet Celebration, performing with brilliance and tenderness, supported ideally by Gregory Drott on piano in a wide range of styles, presented with consummate artistry.

Our December lunchtime concert was by the Gabriel Latchin Trio, with Calum Gourlay on double-bass and Josh Morrison on drums – both displaying great virtuosity and integration with Gabriel's superb piano playing.

In January, we returned to Pinner United Synagogue, where the Jazz Repertory Company contrasted Vintage Jazz numbers from New Orleans onward with Trad Jazz from the mid-20th C revival. Richard Pite (drums) & Ian Bateman (trombone) provided and introduced music by bands from each period; with Enrico Tomasso (trumpet, vocals), Trevor Whiting (reeds), Martin Litton (piano), Tom Langham (banjo, guitar, vocals) & Harry Evans (double bass, sousaphone) they evoked the flavours of earlier eras – entertaining and authentic. Pianist Phillip Dyson entertained

us mightily in February at lunchtime in an eclectic mix of popular works – from Schubert & Chopin to Debussy & Ravel, from Scott Joplin to Billy Mayerl.

Our evening concert in March was a terrific gig by Five-Way Split, a fabulous contemporary jazz quintet – comprising Vasilis Xenopoulos (tenor & soprano saxes), Quentin Collins (trumpet & flugelhorn), Rob Barron (piano), Matyas Hofeker (bass) & Matt Home (drums) – a polished ensemble in original compositions and arrangements.

The final April concert will be by ChamberMusicBox in Piano Quartets by Mozart & Dvorak and String Trios by Weinberg & Kodaly, performed by Sasha Grynyuk (piano), Tanya Sweiry (violin), Stanislas Popov (viola) & Julia Morneweg (cello).

We anticipate, on the basis of good ticket sales to date, that a further MPS season will be feasible for '25-'26, and have submitted our plans to PCC. This will comprise four jazz and four classical concerts of tremendous variety and high quality, with two winter concerts again being at lunchtime. Artist bookings have been made, subject to later PCC approval.

The volunteers behind Music in Pinner Series do a great deal of work throughout the year to plan, publicise and coordinate these concerts, strongly supported by others on each concert day. Audience and artists always appreciate the welcome that they get and the very engaged audiences that they experience at these concerts, as well as the fine acoustic of St John's Church. We are very grateful for the support and oversight of the PCC.

*Anthony Pinching,
Director, Music in Pinner Series*

Charity Number 1130752

*Ecclesiastical Parish of
St. John the Baptist, Pinner*

Financial Statements

31 December 2024

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

Parochial Church Council Members year ending 31 December 2024

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the PCC. Members of the PCC Standing Committee are marked with an asterisk.

Clergy:	Reverend Paul Hullyer* Mark Arnold
Church Wardens:	Rosemary Lay* (first elected 2024) Penny French* (first elected 2021)
Diocesan Synod:	Stephen Brown (first elected 2024)
Deanery Synod:	Stephen Brown (first elected 2023) Olivia Thorndon (first elected 2024) Morella Boon (first elected 2024)
Elected to PCC:	Retiring 2025 (elected in May 2022) Karina Johnson* Retiring 2026 (elected in May 2023) Morella Boon Muriel McGregor Elizabeth Taleska Retiring 2027 (elected in May 2024) Carolyn White* Sarah Hullyer Hilary Gould Richard Lawrey

Safeguarding Officer: Katherine Pinching (co-opted)

Treasurer: Joanna Kothary* (co-opted)

The following are not members of the PCC but are in attendance in order to fulfil their functions

PCC Secretary: Helen Walsh

Minutes Secretary: Trevor Mitchell

**THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH
OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER**

**ANNUAL REPORT
For the year ended 31 December 2024
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Introduction

The Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Baptist, Pinner - Charity No. 1130752 - (the "Church") have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and to become part of our Parish community of St John the Baptist. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups living within our Parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning activities for the year the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's Guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific Guidance on Charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our Parish community through worship and prayer, provision of pastoral care and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St John the Baptist.

It is a requirement for parishes with a gross income of over £250,000 to include a statement in the Annual Report of their risk assessment and consequent management systems established and this has been completed.

The Statutory Accounts comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and Notes to the Accounts.

Overview

At the end of the year 2024 the Church funds totalled £1,989,984 (2023 £1,909,060), an increase of £80,924 for the year. These funds are as follows:

Funds		2024	2023
		£	£
Unrestricted	General Fund	8,325	-9,319
	Special Receipts Unspecified	2,869	2,869
	Legacies	132,952	95,897
	Youth Committee	679	679
	Capital Reserves	200,375	200,375
	Church Fabric and Buildings	3,520	3,520
	Missions & Charities	480	480
	Music in Pinner	6,455	6,455
	Jazz in Church	13,179	13,179
	Hall Fund	163,355	128,518
	Sub-Total	532,189	442,653
	Fixed Assets & Investments	1,407,273	1,416,337
	Total Unrestricted Funds	1,939,461	1,858,990
Restricted	Special Receipts, Nominated	239	2621.5
	Hall Fund	4,546	4546
	Tower (Bell Ringers)	1,477	1,330
	Flower Arrangers	396	440
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	IT/Software/Web/Training	1,331	1,340
	Total Restricted Funds	50,523	50,070
Total All Funds		1,989,984	1,909,060

Risk Assessment and Management

Risks associated with the affairs of Pinner Parish Church are periodically reviewed by the members of the Standing Committee. The Committee advises the PCC that appropriate arrangements are in place to identify, assess and manage risks that arise from the running of the Church (e.g. statutory health and safety, fire, food hygiene, insurance of properties, public liability, reputation, child protection, handling of money, data protection). The Committee reports annually to the PCC and submits a revised Risk Register of significant risks. A copy is posted in the Church porch and details of health and safety arrangements are available on the website.

Review of the year 2024

Summary

Total Incoming Resources for the year ended 31 December 2024 were £392,771 (2023 - £306,754) and total expenditure was £311,983 (2023 - £318,555) leading to an income of £80,788

Incoming Resources

Key points to note are:-

- Within voluntary income, planned giving increased by £11,631 and income from legacies by £37,056.
- Income from Hall rental remained similar to 2023.
- Total Income and Endowments increased by £86,017. This was mainly attributable to an increase in Legacies, planned giving & investment income.
- Income from the rental of the three investment properties owned by the Church, and income from hiring the hall made up 29% of the church's income (2023 - 34%)

Overall Resources Used

Key points to note are:-

- The parish contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund was £103,425 and was paid in full.
- Ministry costs decreased by £19,766 which were mainly reduction in Curate house expenses and the Diocesan quota
- Expenditure on Activities, such as the music concerts (PMF, and MPS) increased by £4,194.
- Upkeep Costs increased in 2024 due to one off expenses incurred for Fire doors, water leak, property repairs, plumbing & new boiler

Reserves and Reserve Policy

The reserves we maintain are:-

General Reserves, which contain all non-restricted reserves including non-specific legacies received.

Capital Reserves for funding expenditure of a capital nature and future contingencies in respect of general operating costs.

Restricted Reserves such as ancillary activities, which include sums held by PMF, MPS, Bellringers, Church Flowers, current restoration activities and any other specific reserves.

“Reserves” also exist in the form of the “investment” properties.

The policy of the Church is to maintain an adequate reserve to meet all eventualities and has in previous years been based on one year’s unrestricted costs (designed to cover running costs and any unforeseen and urgent capital requirements that may arise). This year’s reserve continues to remain at £200,375. This is lower than policy dictates due to a transfer from Capital Reserves to the Restoration fund for the restoration work carried out in a prior year, which was approved by PCC prior to the commencement of works. The reserve total requires to be substantial but not excessive, in order to protect against the impact of potential major repairs costs for our medieval Church.

The Outlook for the Future

In 2024 we report an income of £80,788 (2023: deficit £11,801). Income from hall rentals and rents of our properties continue to contribute a significant part of our total income (29%). Hall income has remained static in 2024. 37 Eastcote Road will be used for the incoming curate in 2025.

Acknowledgements

The devolved finance system cannot work without the many dedicated people performing their responsible tasks conscientiously. I would like to express my gratitude and offer my thanks to Carolyn White, for managing the fees system, Jude Brampton, for managing the intricacies of the flower fund, Martin Singleton, for managing the junior choir pay system, Trevor Mitchell, for banking all cash income and keeping immaculate accounts, Morella Boon for handling Gift Aid and GASDS claims from HMRC, Nick Childs for managing the reclaim of VAT and Chris Lomax for managing payments. I should also like to acknowledge the service of our bookkeeper, Kevin Ogilvie, and the devolved payroll service of David Graham Associates.

Joanna Kothary, Treasurer
29 April 2025

THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

Independent Examiners' Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Baptist, Pinner (Charity No. 1130752)

I report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You are satisfied that the charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts and the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Anthony Phillips FCCA

On behalf of:

Buckingham & Company Ltd

27A Maxwell Road

Northwood

Middlesex

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THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2024

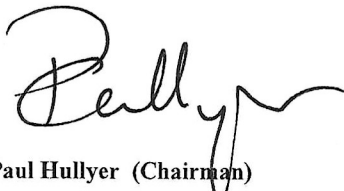
		2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted Funds (Inc. fixed assets)	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS					
Voluntary Income	3(a)	205,733	5,265	210,998	161,556
Activities for Generating Funds	3(b)	16,729	30,853	47,582	28,186
Income from Church Activities	3(c)	55,718	0	55,718	55,222
Income from Investments	3(d)	78,473	0	78,473	61,790
Other Income		0	0	0	0
TOTAL INCOME & ENDOWMENTS		356,653	36,118	392,771	306,754
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on raising funds	4(a)	0	0	0	55
Church Activities					
Grants payable under charitable objects	4(b)	11,500	6,225	17,725	17,586
The Ministry	4(c)	134,322	0	134,322	154,088
Support costs for services	4(d)	21,904	144	22,048	19,858
Activities	4(e)	380	27,643	28,023	23,988
Upkeep	4(f)	77,564	0	77,564	75,707
Management and administration	4(g)	32,179	122	32,301	27,273
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		277,849	34,134	311,983	318,555
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS/LOSSES		78,804	1,984	80,788	-11,801
GAIN ON REVALUATION OF INVESTMENTS	8&4(h)	133	0	133 -	74,504
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE BEFORE TRANSFERS		78,937	1,984	80,921	-86,305
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	7	1,534	-1,534	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		80,470	451	80,921	-86,305
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2024		1,858,990	50,070	1,909,060	1,995,364
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2024		1,939,461	50,523	1,989,984	1,909,060

THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

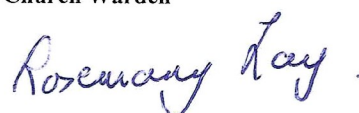
	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Fixed Assets and Investments	8	1,407,273	1,416,337
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments	9	5,819	15,885
Debtors	9	3,595	5,122
Short term deposits	12	333,599	316,784
Cash at bank and in hand	12	248,057	177,393
		<u>591,070</u>	<u>515,184</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors due within one year	10	8,358	22,461
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>582,712</u>	<u>492,723</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,989,985</u>	<u>1,909,060</u>
FUNDS			
	11		
Unrestricted		532,189	442,653
Restricted		50,523	50,070
Total Restricted and Unrestricted		<u>582,712</u>	<u>492,723</u>
Capital Funds		1,407,273	1,416,337
Total		<u>1,989,985</u>	<u>1,909,060</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 25/5/2025 and signed, on its behalf by:


Rev Paul Hullyer (Chairman)



Church Warden



THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ASSESSMENT OF GOING CONCERN

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Report Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011. The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The PCC consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered to be material in relation to these financial statements.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

- (a) collections are recognised when made;
- (b) amounts receivable under covenant are recognised only when honoured by the covenantor;
- (c) income tax recoverable on covenanted or gift aid donations is recognised when claimable;
- (d) grants and legacies are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the amount due;
- (e) funds raised by Church events are accounted for gross;

Other ordinary income

- (a) rental income from the letting of Church premises is accounted for when earned;
- (b) Parochial fees due to the PCC for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Application of resources

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

Costs directly related to the work of the Church

The Diocesan quota (Common Fund) is accounted for when payable.

Fixed assets for use by the Church

Consecrated land and buildings and movable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96 (2) (a) of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on the unmovable Church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, whether maintenance or improvement is written off.

Other land and buildings

Other land and buildings held for the PCC for its own purposes is shown at cost. No depreciation is charged against such properties but any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

Investment properties

Properties which are let and held as investment properties are shown at the last known market value.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Office equipment used within the Church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off in the period in which the asset is acquired.

Fixtures & fittings are depreciated on a straight line basis over 10 years.

Current assets

- (a) amounts owing to the PCC as at 31 December 2024 in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable;
- (b) short-term deposits consist of cash held on deposit at the Central Board of Finance.

Risk management

All PCCs with income and expenditure over £250,000 must have a policy with regard to the management of risks. This policy is reviewed annually by the PCC which is satisfied that appropriate systems are in place to mitigate those risks identified.

3 INCOME & ENDOWMENTS

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
3(a) Voluntary Income					
Planned giving:	Gift Aid	129,523	1,003	130,526	121,934
	Tax recovered	31,108	241	31,349	28,310
Collections		7,510	0	7,510	6,333
Special receipts		0	3,841	3,841	4,049
Sundry donations		36	180	216	430
Legacies		37,556	0	37,556	500
Church Restoration		0	0	0	0
Sub-total		205,733	5,265	210,998	161,556
3(b) Activities for generating funds					
Publications		122	0	122	116
Fees		4,470	51	4,521	1,437
Children and youth		1,243	0	1,243	991
Sundry receipts		10,894	242	11,136	2,461
Events receipts (PMF & MPS)		0	30,560	30,560	23,181
Sub-total		16,729	30,853	47,582	28,186
3(c) Income from Church activities					
Use of Church		861	0	861	581
Hall contributions		54,857	0	54,857	54,641
Sundry		0	0	0	0
Sub-total		55,718	0	55,718	55,222
3(d) Investment income					
Rent from houses		58,696	0	58,696	49,873
Interest from deposit accounts		19,777	0	19,777	11,917
Investment Fund income		0	0	0	0
Sub-total		78,473	0	78,473	61,790
TOTAL INCOME & ENDOWMENTS		356,653	36,118	392,771	306,754

4 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
4(a) Expenditure on raising funds	-	-	-	55
	-	-	-	55
Church Activities				
4(b) Expenditure on Charitable activities				
Overseas missions	0	0	0	0
Relief agencies	0	0	0	0
Home missions	0	0	0	0
Secular charities	0	0	0	0
Charitable giving from general fund	11,500	0	11,500	14,000
Charitable giving from special collections	0	6,225	6,225	3,586
Sub-total	11,500	6,225	17,725	17,586
4(c) The Ministry				
Clergy expenses	3,702	0	3,702	4,365
Curate house expenses	12,068	0	12,068	21,505
Parish Administrator	14,358	0	14,358	14,277
Cost of Youth Minister	0	0	0	0
Children & Youth Work	769	0	769	516
Diocesan quota	103,425	0	103,425	113,425
Sub-total	134,322	0	134,322	154,088
4(d) Support costs for services				
Sacristan	2,551	0	2,551	1,496
Service books, posters	102	0	102	138
Robes	0	0	0	0
Music	1,242	0	1,242	1,032
Choir costs	924	0	924	1,087
Organists' costs	15,407	0	15,407	14,837
Training	0	0	0	0
Quiet days/pilgrimages	558	0	558	0
Flowers for Church	1,120	144	1,264	1,268
Sub-total	21,904	144	22,048	19,858
Carried forward	167,726	6,369	174,095	191,587

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
4 EXPENDITURE (continued)				
Brought Forward	167,726	6,369	174,095	191,587
4(e) Activities				
Books and materials	71	0	71	158
Refreshments	309	0	309	381
Sundry activities (inc MPS, Music Festival)	0	27,643	27,643	23,449
Library	0	0	0	0
700th anniversary events	0	0	0	0
Donations (MPS)	0	0	0	0
Choir Tour Costs	0	0	0	0
Sub-total	380	27,643	28,023	23,988
4(f) Upkeep				
Vicarage and garden	295	0	295	565
Burhill Grove	6,939	0	6,939	2201
Eastcote Road	16,081	0	16,081	2,963
Chamberlain Way	4,995	0	4,995	2815
Church running expenses	23,420	0	23,420	25,107
Church maintenance	1,514	0	1,514	17,390
Organ and piano	85	0	85	390
Churchyard	0	0	0	0
Church Hall	20,021	0	20,021	19,666
Gardener	4,214	0	4,214	4,610
Sub-total	77,564	0	77,564	75,707
4(g) Management and administration				
Computing	634	9	643	703
Postage, telephone	1,290	0	1,290	1,753
Books, stationery	382	0	382	228
Printing, photocopying	1,209	0	1,209	1589
Fees, subscriptions, gifts	720	80	800	637
Accountancy	3,946	0	3,946	3,571
Property Management Fees Burhill Grove	2,427	0	2,427	1,959
Property Management Fees Eastcote Rd	5,343	0	5,343	2,669
Property Management Fees Chamberlain Way	3,880	0	3,880	1,854
Bank charges	253	33	286	293
Sundry Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Audit & Legal Fees	2,898	0	2,898	2,820
Depreciation	9,197	0	9,197	9,197
Suspense Transfers	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditure used	0	0	0	0
Sub-total	32,179	122	32,301	27,273
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	277,849	34,134	311,983	318,555
4(h) Gain on Revaluation of Investments	133	0	133	133

5 STAFF COSTS (including Social Security)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Director of Music	12,743	12,112
Parish Administrator	14,358	14,277
	27,101	26,389

The above notes represent staff costs and emoluments.

During the year, the PCC employed and contracted (i) a Director of Music & (ii) a Parish Administrator.

None of the PCC received any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the Charity.

6 FUND DETAILS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General	8,325		8,325	-9,319
Special Receipts, Unspecified	2,869		2,869	2,869
Legacies	132,952		132,952	95,897
Youth Committee	679		679	679
Capital Reserve	200,375		200,375	200,375
Church Fabric and Building	3,520		3,520	3,520
Missions and Charities	480		480	480
Music in Pinner	6,455		6,455	6,455
Jazz in Church	13,179		13,179	13,179
Hall Fund	163,355		163,355	128,518
	532,189		532,189	442,653
Fixed Assets and Investments	1,407,273		1,407,273	1,416,337
Total	1,939,461		1,939,461	1,858,990
Restricted Funds				
Special Receipts, Nominated		239	239	2622
Hall		4,546	4,546	4546
Tower (Bell Ringers)		1,477	1,477	1,330
Flower Arrangers		396	396	439.88
Music Festival		11,318	11,318	10,727
Music in Pinner		8,330	8,330	7430
Youth Worker		17,950	17,950	16,739
Church Restoration		0	0	-39
Choir Tour		4,936	4,936	4,936
IT/Software/Web/Training		1,331	1,331	1,340
Total		50,523	50,523	50,071
TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS	1,939,461	50,523	1,989,984	1,909,061

7 TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

There were transfers between the General Fund and Music in Pinner & Pinner Music Festival Funds for venue hire and music licence fees incurred in 2024

8 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

	Investments £	Investment Properties £	Infrastructure & Office Equipment £	Total £
At 1 January 2024	5,895	1,400,000	91,970	1,497,865
Revaluation	133	0	0	133
Additions		0	0	0
Disposals		0	0	0
At 31 December 2024	6,028	1,400,000	91,970	1,497,998
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2024	-	-	81,528	81,528
Charge for the year			9,197	9,197
At 31 December 2024	-	-	90,725	90,725
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2024	6,028	1,400,000	1,245	1,407,273
At 31 December 2023	5,895	1,400,000	10,442	1,416,337

Investment Properties

The Investment Properties shown above relate to 37 Eastcote Road, 47 Chamberlain Way and 6 Burhill Grove. In accordance with FRS 102, each year the PCC obtain a professional market valuation for the above properties and as at the Balance Sheet date the market value of these three properties was £1,400,000.

9 DEBTORS	2024	2023
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	3,009	3,192
Prepayments	5,820	15,885
Other debtors	587	1,930
Total Debtors	9,416	21,006

10 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Agency Collections	0	0
Deferred Income	0	1,630
Trade Creditors & Accruals	8,358	20,831
Total Creditors	8,358	22,461

11 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets (Net)	1,401,245	0	1,410,442
Investments	6,028	0	5,895
Fixed Assets and Investments	1,407,273	0	1,416,337
New Current Assets	532,189	50,523	492,723
Fund balance	1,939,462	50,523	1,909,060

12 ANALYSIS OF BANK BALANCES

	2024	2023
	£	£
General Current Account	234,813	131,154
Restoration Account	0	0
Deposit Accounts	333,599	316,784
Other Associated Bank Accounts & Cash	13,244	46,239
Total Bank Accounts	581,656	494,177

Accounts

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024

April 2024

Dear Friends,

**The Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings
Sunday 19 May 2024**

I am writing to invite you to the Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings, which take place on Sunday, 19 May in the Church Hall at 11.30 am. The pattern of worship that day will be Eucharists at 8am and 10am, with Evensong at 6.30 pm.

This document includes reports from our church organisations and bodies, as well as the Vicar's report. I would ask you to please read all of these with care, as they reflect the diversity and reality of our life together here at Pinner Parish Church.

At the two meetings themselves (The Vestry and the Parochial) the Churchwardens are elected, as are members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). In order to vote you need to be present at the meetings – voting in absentia is not allowed by the Church Representation Rules.

I look forward to seeing you all on 19 May.

Yours,



**The Rev'd Paul Hullyer
Vicar of Pinner**

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

The Annual Vestry Meeting of Parishioners will be held on
Sunday, 19 May 2024
in the Parish Hall at 11.30 am

AGENDA

Parish Vestry Meeting

- 1 Opening Prayer, then the Secretary reads the notice convening the meeting
- 2 Apologies for absence for both meetings
- 3 Minutes of the last Vestry Meeting of 2023 (found in the Annual Report)
- 4 Election of Two Churchwardens

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The **Annual Parochial Meeting** will be held on
Sunday, 19 May after the above meeting

AGENDA

Annual Parochial meeting

1. Opening Prayer, then the Secretary reads the Notice convening the meeting
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 2023 (found in the Annual Report)
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Notification of Any Other Business for this meeting
5. Elections to the Parochial Church Council from May 2024 – May 2027
6. Elections to the Harrow Deanery Synod
7. Electoral Roll report
8. Report on the Financial Affairs of the Church (found in the Annual Report)
9. Election of an Independent Examiner
10. Questions
11. Any other business
12. The Grace

PARISH OF PINNER

The **Meeting of Parishioners** was held on Sunday 21st May 2023 at 11.30am in the Church Hall.

PRESENT: - The Rev'd Paul Hullyer (Chair), Penny French (Churchwarden), the Secretary and members of the Church Council and congregation (See Appendix A).

1. Opening Prayer was said by Rev'd Paul Hullyer.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Angela and Christopher Kenny, Gillian Andrews, Jane Mayes, David Chilton, Olive Thornton, Mary and Richard Lawrey, Judith and Nick Childs, Dorothy and Stuart Nattrass, Bridget Murray, Isabel and Lewis Beddison, Sarah and Tom Hullyer, Sue and Peter Ellis, Phil Lawder, and Ian Galloway.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

3. **Minutes of the Vestry meeting of 2022 (found in the Annual report):** The adoption of the Minutes of the last Vestry meeting held on Sunday 15th May 2022 was agreed unanimously by all those present and signed by Rev'd Paul Hullyer as a true record of the Meeting.
4. **Election of two Churchwardens:** The Vicar informed the meeting that Angela Kenny and Penny French were prepared to remain in office for another year. Having been duly proposed by Carolyn White and Ian Trimmer and seconded by Morella Boon and Terri Trimmer, they were unanimously re-elected unopposed.

The Vicar took the opportunity to thank both Angela and Penny for their support during the year. Their work, especially at a time when there are so few volunteers within the church to spread the load, was very much appreciated.

This concluded the business of the Meeting of Parishioners.



The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** was held on Sunday 21st May 2023 at 11.35am in the Church Hall

PRESENT: - The Rev'd Paul Hullyer (Chair), Penny French (Churchwarden), the Secretary and members of the Church Council and congregation (See Appendix A).

1. Opening Prayer was said by Rev'd Paul Hullyer.
2. **Apologies for absence:** - Angela and Christopher Kenny, Gillian Andrews, Jane Mayes, David Chilton, Olive Thornton, Mary and Richard Lawrey, Judith and Nick Childs, Dorothy and Stuart Nattrass, Bridget Murray, Isabel and Lewis Beddison, Sarah and Tom Hullyer, Sue and Peter Ellis, Phil Lawder, and Ian Galloway.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

3. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 2022 (found in the Annual report):** - The adoption of the Minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 15th May 2022 was agreed unanimously by all those present and signed by Rev'd Paul Hullyer as a true record of the Meeting.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:** - None
5. **Notification of Any Other Business for this meeting:** -
Personal funeral instructions.
6. **Election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the term May 2023 to May 2026:** -
An election was held to fill 11 vacancies and having been duly proposed by Katherine Pinching and seconded by Jane Mayes, Morella Boon was duly elected unopposed.
(Note – At a meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Thursday 25th May 2023, after being duly proposed by Stephen Brown and seconded by Trevor Mitchell, Emmie McGregor was also duly elected as a member of the PCC.
At a meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Tuesday 18th July 2023, after being proposed by Trevor Mitchell and seconded by Stephen Brown, Elizabeth Taleska was also duly elected as a member of the PCC)
7. **Election to the Deanery Synod for the term May 2023 to May 2026:** An election was held to fill 4 vacancies and having been duly proposed by Christopher Lomax and seconded by Penny French, Stephen Brown was duly elected unopposed.
8. **Electoral Roll Report:** - Janet Huszczo reported that since the review of the Electoral Roll at the last Annual Parochial Meeting on 15th May 2022, 4 new members have been added and 8 deleted through death or removal resulting in 229 members remaining on the electoral roll. The Vicar thanked Janet on behalf of himself and the parish for all she did in undertaking the responsibilities of a Parish Administrator and maintaining the smooth running of the Parish Office.
9. **Report on the Financial Affairs of the Church (Attached in the Annual Report):** -
Our Hon. Treasurer, Joanna Kothary, highlighted certain salient points from the Financial Statements for the year to 31st December 2022.
 - There was a surplus of income over expenditure for the year amounting to £43,405. However, this was mainly due to substantial legacies received during the year totalling £40,333.
 - The primary drivers of our income are Stewardship, lettings of our church hall, and rents from our residential properties.
 - With regards our expenses, there is the significant payment made to the Common Fund, also housing our Curate, salaries for our Music Director and Parish Administrator, insurance and utility bills.

- Our managing agents Gibbs Gillespie have advised that the value of our residential properties remains the same as last year.
- The Balance Sheet shows total assets of £1,995,362 of which £1,491,038 represents fixed assets and investments.
- Debtors of £7,933 are monies owed to us during 2022 and Creditors of £4,893 represent monies that we owe, but which were unpaid as at 31st December 2022.

The Treasurer warned that although we have quite substantial reserves they would be quickly depleted if we make losses year on year. This concluded the Treasurer's report. The Vicar thanked Joanna for undertaking the role of Hon Treasurer and fitting it into her busy working day. Joanna also thanked those on the finance team who dealt with the church's finances on a day-to-day basis,

The Vicar then proposed that the APCM accept the Financial Statements as presented which was agreed unanimously by all those present. The Financial Statements will now be signed by the Vicar and Churchwardens with copies being lodged with our Independent Examiner and the Charity Commission.

10. **Election of Independent Examiner:** - The Treasurer, proposed that Buckingham & Company should be appointed for another year and was agreed unanimously by all those present.
11. **Questions:** - A question was raised regarding the restricted balance shown as "Youth Worker - £15,232" bearing in mind that we currently do not have a Youth Worker. The Vicar explained that this was the residue of a fund which was at one time used to finance the salary of a Youth Minister / Worker. It is now used to support various youth activities and Holiday Club. Some parishioners are still giving to this fund as part of their Stewardship. In view of this query the Vicar suggested that the Treasurer may want to change the description of the fund.
12. **Any Other Business:** -
 - At one time there was a form available whereby parishioners could set out their wishes for conducting their funeral. The Vicar confirmed that he held a file containing completed documents and that the appropriate blank forms can be obtained from the Church Office. Mark Arnold is in fact already drafting a small leaflet covering this topic. It was suggested that the form in question could be made available on our church's website. In addition there is an "Advanced Personal Information Pack" readily available from the Bereavement Care website (https://drive.google.com/file/d/10ZfTyV1RirKJlCOR_U409MAgE2sFSF3h/view) which is very helpful. The check list, and the form which follows, will make it much easier for families to cope, following the death of a loved one.
 - The Vicar mentioned that we are going to have a dedicated financial Stewardship campaign in October. With regards finances and trying to save on costs, the Vicar mentioned that after making an appeal for volunteers to tend the churchyard and mow the grass, there was only one person who was willing to help which the Vicar found rather disappointing. Consequently, the PCC will have no option but to employ an outside contractor to undertake this work on a monthly basis. Parishioners will have to accept that without volunteers, the church must pay the market rate for outside professional help.

- Susan Cooper is not seeking re-election to the PCC or Deanery and Diocesan Synods. Consequently, the Vicar, on behalf of the PCC and our parishioners, expressed their heartfelt thanks to Susan for her 30 years of dedicated service to the Anglican Church in her diverse synodical rolls. In reply Susan said that it was a great privilege to represent not only this church, but also the Diocese on General Synod. Susan urged anyone who was thinking of standing for Deanery Synod to put themselves forward for nomination. It was very important to have the voice of our church heard in the Deanery Synod as this Synod elects representatives to the Diocese Synod who in turn elect nominees to the General synods.
- By way of fundraising the Friends of Pinner Parish Church are holding a “Hymns & Pimms” afternoon on Sunday 2nd July at 5pm.
- Finally, the Vicar thanked all those on the Ministry Team for their help and support.

13. To close the meeting the Grace was said together.

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Appendix A

48 Members of the Congregation attending both the Parish Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Meeting signed the attendance register

REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL DURING 2023

The PCC met 6 times during the year.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 26th January 2023

Parish Finances:- Parish Finances and Financial Update:- The Performance Management Accounts (PMA) for the year to 31st December 2022 and previously circulated were duly noted. At the year-end there was a surplus of £39,410.

Churchwardens Business:-

Installation of new handrails outside the Vestry external door: – Penny French reiterated that at the last PCC meeting she mentioned that she had received a quote for installing a handrail on the left-hand side of the steps leading from the external Vestry door for between £2,500 and £3,000 which was outside our price range. A second quote had been sought which amounted to £960. A much simpler design, but quite adequate. The Vicar confirmed that a faculty is not required.

CCTV Update: – The Vicar explained that CCTV had been installed shortly after lead was stolen from the side aisle roof. That was over fifteen years ago. The CCTV was paid for by the Friends. This system is no longer fit for purpose and needs replacing. The Friends have recently indicated that they have quite a substantial reserves in place and would be open to suggestions as to where this money could be spent. Paul asked the PCC if he had their permission to ask if the Friends would consider covering the cost of installing a new CCTV system together with meeting the cost of the new external notice board. The PCC agreed unanimously to this suggestion.

Parish Hall Committee business: - A report prepared by Ian Galloway on behalf of the Hall Committee and Churchwardens dealing with the resealing of the Church and main Hall floors, and previously circulated was duly noted. The options were discussed in some detail. Once all options and opinions had been considered, Sarah Hullyer, on behalf of the Hall committee proposed that the PCC approve the request to award the sanding and resealing of the main Hall, Chancel and Lady Chapel floors to AJ Flooring and approve for up to £4,600, being the quoted sum (£4,164) plus 10% contingency to cover unforeseen work, the badminton court red

lines and any work on the “circles” in the main body of the church. After being duly seconded by Morella Boon was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Children and Youth Group:- Both SNIP and Kids’ Church are successful and running smoothly. Since the previous PCC meeting, SNIP have been ice-skating, and held a “bake-off” event. There was also a Christmas Craft morning. Twenty children attended and with the help of some members of SNIP, it was a most successful event.

AOB - Historical Artefact:- Pat Clark has recently given Mark Arnold a medieval tile. This was found during restoration work in the mid-1950s inside the church near the Choir stalls. The Vicar asked the PCC’s permission to have this tile framed and hung on the wall in the church. A faculty is not required. The PCC unanimously agreed to this proposal.

Lent Appeal – By an email dated 29th January the PCC Secretary circulated a proposal from the Missions and Charities Committee that the charity Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership (<https://www.wtrrp.org.uk/>) should be our nominated Charity appeal for Lent. The proposal was agreed by a majority.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 28th March 2023

Parish finances:- The draft Financial Statements for the Year to 31st December 2022 and previously circulated were duly noted. Joanna highlighted certain aspects of the draft accounts:-

- Net Income - surplus £36,784, but this figure included legacies received totalling £40,333. Without these legacies we were running a deficit on our day-to-day activities. It is envisaged that we shall have a Stewardship campaign later in the year and our financial policy is to be considered in more detail at the July PCC meeting. Currently we have cash reserves totalling £494,212 and properties valued at £1,485,639.

- Upkeep has increased from last year, £57,097 to £80,931. This was mainly due to increases in the cost of utilities especially electricity.

The draft budget for 2023 together with a commentary and previously circulated was duly noted. It is predicted that there will be an overall operating loss for the year of £33,920 compared to a budgeted loss of £34,682 for 2022.

Children and Youth Group report: The Vicar advised the PCC that attendance for SNIP on average is around 7 or 8 young people for a Sunday evening. They recently had a Pizza evening. There is also the possibility of arranging a “Narrowboat Weekend” in July. Sarah was able to confirm that 12 or more young children will be taking part in the Easter craft morning.

Eco Church Report: - Emma talked about toilet twinning (www.toilettwinning.org/). By donating £60 to twin a toilet, it will help fund a project in a community that will enable families to build a basic toilet and receive education. It was suggested that initially the choir could be asked if they would like to fund twinning one of the toilets in the vestry. Sarah also suggested that the Rainbows could fund another one in the church hall ladies toilets.

AOB:- Additional land to be granted to the Calvary Memorial Garden: The Vicar and Churchwardens would like to apply for a faculty to the Diocese to consecrate and enlarge the Memorial Garden. The Calvary Garden is where cremated ashes are interred. Paul proposed the application and after being duly seconded by Emma Webber was agreed unanimously by all those present.

AOB: Volunteering: Susan reported that following Volunteering Sunday, 10 members of the congregation volunteered to help.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 25th May 2023 – held in the Church Hall

Matters arising: – Churchwardens Business – External Notice Board: Penny French confirmed that the new external notice board was now in place. The PCC agreed that it was an impressive piece of work.

Matters arising: 2023 Quinquennial Inspection – The Vicar reported that, following the inspection by our architect, we are awaiting a structural engineer to report on the spiral staircase in the tower. The architect was concerned about the condition of the steps. There was a previous inspection in 2011 and at that time, the report confirmed there was nothing to worry about. The engineer is expected to inspect the staircase towards the end of June / beginning of July.

AOB: – Additional land to be granted to the Calvary Memorial Garden - The Vicar was pleased to report that after receiving advice from the Diocesan Registrar’s office and talking with the Archdeacon it will not be necessary for us to apply for a faculty to extend our Calvary Memorial Garden. The view was that the entire land was consecrated in 1321. This decision has been confirmed in writing.

Parish Finances: - The Vicar thanked Joanna for completing all the formalities in respect of the Annual Accounts for 2022. The Vicar noted that the PCC, during their July meeting, will have to fix the 2024 Common fund offer. The diocese is asking for an increase of above 4% e.g. 5% increase based on the agreed payment for 2023. i.e. from £113,000 to £119,000.

Contactless payment machine update – The Churchwardens have been contacted by the Diocese which is trying to facilitate contactless-giving in parishes. We were asked if we wanted to apply for a reduced-price machine to enable us to take donations. A decision was taken by the Churchwardens to apply for the “Grant” and we were successful in our bid. If we go ahead, we will be given the machine for a one-off payment of £30 and £4.20 per month sim costs. The diocese will help with training and set up and we shall have the machine for a year. If it is proving to work well in that time, we shall be given it to keep, but if not enough use is being made of the machine, it will be taken away and given to another church.

Lighting in church: – A report prepared by Angela Kenny and previously circulated was duly noted. This detailed the repair and replacement of emergency lighting in the Church nave together with the installation of emergency lighting in the chancel and lady chapel. It was noted that the lights behind the stained-glass windows get very hot, cost a huge amount to run and do not meet current required building standards. Consequently, it is recommended that they are replaced by LED lighting.

Angela has obtained quotes from two companies. Akehurst Electrical Services provided a quote for the entire work of £4,126.82. Whitton Electrical has quoted £2,593.52 for part of the work with the remaining being estimated at around £2,500. Angela recommended acceptance of Akehurst's quote, and this was then debated. The PCC accepted Angela's recommendation by a majority of all those present with one abstention. It was noted that all quotes exclude VAT, nevertheless this should be reclaimable from HMRC.

Church Garden Maintenance: Following the departure of Steve Davidson, and lack of volunteers, the Churchwardens have found it necessary to find a professional gardener to regularly cut the grass and undertake maintenance of the church grounds. Penny French has now found a gardening company who is willing to initially bring back the grounds into a good state of tidiness for £1,050. This includes, labour (2 men), materials, removal all the garden waste and is scheduled for Monday 12th June. Then from May to October they will visit fortnightly, cut the grass, weeding, pruning, trimming of shrubs and remove any litter. After an wide-ranging debate the PCC unanimously agreed to proceed, with the understanding with the proviso that after a period of 12 months of monitoring, the contract will be reviewed to ensure we are getting good value for money.

Children and Youth Group report: - SNIP was delighted with the amount of £274.40 they collected from the congregation for their cooked breakfast on Sunday 7th May 2023. The money collected has been given to the charity, FirmFoundation.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 18th July 2023 – held in the Church Hall

Matters arising: – 2023 Quinquennial Inspection. The examination of the spiral staircase within the tower will be carried out by the engineer during September.

Churchwardens Business:- Derek Marshall has installed the handrails beside the steps leading from the Vestry to the Nave.

Historical Artefact: – The medieval tile is currently with the framers in Ruislip Manor.

Extension of the Calvary Memorial Garden:- After the yew tree has been pollarded and pruned back at the end of this month the Vicar and Emma will move the posts and chains adjacent to the path. Thereafter they shall measure the new land into one-foot square plots and add them to the existing maps currently kept in the church office and Vestry safe.

Churchwardens business: - Lighting in church - Angela reported that Akehurst Electronics has installed new lighting behind the stained glass windows and replaced 7 sets of emergency lighting in the Nave and Aisles.

Parish Finances: - The Performance Management Report for the 5 months to May 2023 and previously circulated was duly noted. Joanna highlighted certain aspects of the report:-

- There was a surplus of £862 for the first 5 months of the year.
- The primary sources of our total income are Stewardship, rented property and church hall lettings. The largest outgoings are Common Fund, utilities, the rent for the Curate's accommodation and salaries.

The Standing Committee did not have any recommendation regarding the contribution to the Common fund for 2024 as the Diocese had not published the relevant figures at the time of the last Standing Committee. There followed a lively debate.

At the end of the debate the following proposals were voted upon-

- (a) Reduce our contribution to £100,000 plus 1% for church schools. This was recommended by our Treasurer with the proviso that if at the end of the year there was a surplus then we would discuss making an addition voluntary contribution to the Diocese.
- (b) Reduce our contribution by £10,000 to £103,425 plus 1% for church schools. With the proviso that if at the end of the year there was a surplus then we would discuss making an addition voluntary contribution to the Diocese.
- (c) Make the same contribution as for 2023 (£113,425) plus 1% for church schools. With the proviso that if at the end of the year there was a surplus then we would discuss making an addition voluntary contribution to the Diocese.

The votes, excluding the Vicar who abstained, were as follows (A) 4 votes (B) 6 votes (C) 2 votes. The Vicar will advise the Archdeacon that *“our parish shall reduce its contribution by £10,000 to £103,425 plus 1% for church schools. With the proviso that if at the end of the year there was a surplus then we would discuss making an addition voluntary contribution to the Diocese”*.

Parish Hall Committee report:- A report prepared by Ian Galloway was duly noted. The Hall committee was asking for permission to fund refurbishments to the church hall garden in particular the relaying of the existing paving slabs, levelling the existing sand underlay, supplementing with additional sand to fill the dips then to relay the existing slabs using new slabs to replace the pebbled areas. The work needs to be done quite soon as the paving slabs in the hall garden area have become very uneven and present a trip hazard. Despite repeated efforts the committee has only been able to obtain a single quotation of £5,000 to include labour, additional sand and 30 new slabs. Although this is not covered in the hall budget, the £4,500 allocated for external decoration will not be spent this year. Consequently, Sarah Hullyer on behalf of the hall committee requested the PCC to approve the expenditure of £5,000 to level and relay the hall garden paved area. The proposal was agreed unanimously, by all those present subject to confirmation that

removal of the decorative stones will not have an adverse effect on drainage.

Clock Bell: - The Vicar advised the PCC that he has received a complaint from someone who has moved into a house with close proximity to the church. The basis of the complaint was that the church clock bell chimed throughout the night. Michael Hetreed as Bell Captain was consulted and apparently a mechanism can be installed which would silence the bell each night. The cost of installing such a mechanism would be approximately £2,500. The view of the Vicar and PCC was to take no action, if and until Harrow Council issues the church with an official order of a “noise nuisance” to silence the clock bell between the hours of 11pm and 6am.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 5th October 2023

Churchwardens Business: – CCTV update:- The Vicar confirmed that the Friends of Pinner Parish Church have generously agreed in principle to make a contribution towards the cost of installing a new CCTV system for the church building, but specifically excluding the church hall. A final decision of the actual amount the Friends will pay is dependent on seeing an estimate from the chosen contractor. Penny French will obtain two quotes. It is thought the overall cost will be between £8,000 and £10,000.

Contactless Payment Machine update:- The machine has been installed in the South Porch and is accepting donations. Morella Boon estimates that donations received using the machine are approximately £40 per week.

Parish Finances: - Stewardship Sunday will be held on Sunday 29th October 2023 when stewardship packs will be distributed to the congregation.

The Diocese has been informed that our parish shall reduce its contribution to the Common Fund in 2024 by £10,000 i.e. £103,425 plus 1% for the church schools.

Churchwardens Business - Eastcote Road House: - Angela Kenny reported that the current tenants of our Eastcote Road property are not renewing their tenancy. Gibbs Gillespie have inspected the property and confirmed that it has been well maintained by the tenants during the

period of the tenancy. They believe that the property in its current state of decoration could be rented to new tenants at a figure of £2,000 per calendar month, but if we recarpet and also repaint the walls to refresh the internal decoration, then the rental figure could possibly be increased to £2,500 per calendar month.

Parish Hall Committee report: - Sarah Hullyer reported that the levelling and relaying the Hall's garden paved area was now complete. Subsequent to agreement at the July PCC meeting, a cheaper quote was obtained of just under £4,000. However, when the contractor became aware that we were a church and a charity they reduced their overall cost by 7.5% to £3,698.

It is very unlikely that there is any "RAAC" cement used in the construction of the church hall, but this is being checked by Ian Galloway who will notify the PCC if any RAAC is discovered within the building. The Vicar was able to confirm that RAAC was not used during restoration of the church.

The Hall Committee believe that actual rental for 2023 will exceed its budget by £10,000.

Eco Church Report: - Sarah Hullyer reported that Rainbows who have already sponsored 1 "Toilet Twinning", is well on the way to collecting sufficient donations to sponsor a second toilet. The church choir is also intending to sponsor their own "Toilet Twinning".

Emma and her team are shortly to launch a "Rubbish Campaign". Progress is being made towards our Eco silver award which will eventually involve the congregation's participation.

Safeguarding: - The Vicar reminded everyone on the PCC that they are expected to complete online safeguarding, Basic Awareness and Foundation courses through the "Church of England Safeguarding and Training portal:" <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

Noise Complaint: -The Council has written to the Vicar advising him of the complaint i.e. a statutory nuisance. The Vicar has replied to the Council, at the request of the PCC, asking what steps they intend to take to ascertain if the complaint is justified (See Appendix A). The Vicar will report back to the PCC when he receives a reply.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 4th December 2023

Parish Finances: -Financial report: - Joanna made the following comments:

- At the end of September there was an overall loss of £13,000. Not ideal, but there was already an overall loss budgeted for 2023.
- Income – Consisted mainly from Stewardship, Gift Aid, Hall income and Rental income. No legacies have so far been received this year.
- Expenses – Charitable giving comprises the usual donations that we make during the year. A further £14,750 will be distributed to designated charities before 31st December 2023. Electricity costs are higher than 2022. £14,500 spent on church maintenance includes electrical maintenance £4,000, paving of the garden outside the church hall £3,500, sanding and sealing of the Chancel and Lady Chapel floors £4,000, new handrails for the Vestry £900, the external notice board £1,500, and sound system maintenance £500.

Joanna will now draft the budget for 2024 which will be presented during the January PCC meeting.

Churchwardens Business:- CCTV Quotes for Discussion and Recommendations – Two quotes for CCTV, one from Fire Plus Security Ltd and the other from Viewpoint Connections and previously circulated on behalf of Churchwardens by Penny French were duly noted. Penny recommended acceptance of the quote from Fire Plus as this company was marginally cheaper than Viewpoint. Also Fire Plus has had experience in installing CCTV in both historic and listed buildings. Penny French proposed the acceptance of the quote of £9,000 from Fire Plus and after being seconded by Rev'd Emma Webber was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Eastcote Road and Chamberlain Way Properties redecoration:- A report detailing the cost of redecorating both the Eastcote Road and Chamberlain Way properties prepared on behalf of the Churchwardens by Angela Kenny and previously circulated was duly noted. Gibbs Gillespie has obtained quotes of £10,200 for the redecoration of the Eastcote Road property, and £2,000 for the Chamberlain Way property. It was noted that the tenants had not caused any

internal damage other than the usual “wear and tear”. Angela Kenny proposed acceptance of the quote for the Eastcote Road property, £10,200 including VAT, labour and all materials. After being seconded by Penny French it was agreed unanimously by all those present. Angela Kenny then proposed acceptance of the quote for the Chamberlain Way property, of £2,000 including VAT, labour and all materials. After being seconded by Rev’d Emma Webber was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Parish Hall Committee update: - A report prepared by Ian Galloway on behalf of the Hall committee and shown on screen was duly noted. The PCC have been asked to approve the budget for 2024. It was envisaged the income for the year will be £52,000 and outgoings £24,000. This figure includes the cost of external redecoration.

Report on Outcome of PMF 2023 and Draft Budget and Plans for 2024: – A report prepared by Prof Anthony Pinching on the outcome of the Pinner Music festival for 2023 and previously circulated was duly noted.

Morella Boon on behalf of Prof Pinching proposed the acceptance of his report and approval of the outcome donation of £1, 809 to Harrow Foodbank. After being seconded by Penny French this was agreed unanimously by all those present.

A report prepared by Prof Anthony Pinching of the plans and draft budget for the Pinner Music festival 2024 and previously circulated was duly noted. Angela Kenny on behalf of Prof Pinching proposed the acceptance of his plans, approval of the programme and draft budget for 2024 and agreement of the proposed beneficiary charity, Harrow Bereavement Care. This was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

- The PCC has discussed the topic of safeguarding on several occasions over the course of the year and confirms that it has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops’ guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Helen Walsh, PCC Secretary

Trevor Mitchell, PCC Minutes Secretary

Vicar's Report on Parish Life

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

2024 has seen much of the same in our life together. We have celebrated the Sacraments, listened to, and preached God's Word and lived together in community. These are, I think, the most important pieces of the puzzle of what it actually is to be a parish church in what are increasingly difficult times, not only in terms of church attendance but in the preservation of a Catholic Anglican tradition.

Increasingly more and more churches, when vacant, are becoming a repository for a church plant from another, more "successful" church, and this often results in the inherent traditions and style of worship being, eventually, allowed to wither away in favour of a different churchmanship. We see this quite clearly within our own Diocese, as well as others, and in the years to come this parish would do well to be aware of such ecclesiastical tendencies. Let alone the ongoing kerfuffle concerning the Prayer of Love and Faith for those in same-sex relationship who wish their love to be acknowledged and formally blessed by the church. Last Summer I sat through one of the most poisonous small groups as a part of Diocesan Synod that I have ever been involved in, and realised to my consternation that there are parts of the Diocese and Church of England that I simply do not recognise any longer as being within the Anglican tradition. I resigned my Diocesan Synod membership.

For the CofE there are interesting times ahead, and I do believe that the central tenets of Anglicanism will hold out, but it will not be without more heartache and synodical navel-gazing and while the Church does that, many wonder what we stand for and how inclusive we truly are. We will wait out but do need to remember that the Diocese of London is *far* from representative of the wider Church of England.

In terms of parish life, we have had the usual round of Occasional Offices, although weddings are now rare events and funerals even more unusual unless they are a member of the congregation. The tendency now is for Undertakers to go directly to Civil Celebrants unless people request otherwise. We have lost some dear friends in the past year: may they rest in glory.

We have had the successful Pinner Music Festival and Music in Pinner Series and our choir continue to go from strength to strength. There have also been the occasional concerts in church as well and we continue to be a popular venue for local musicians. The Hymns and Pimms and Carols and Barrels seemed to go well and will be repeated this summer and in Candlemas 2025. There have been the usual school visits, carol services, harvest festivals and we have welcomed the Hatch End Cubs and Beavers into church as well. The clergy have been into local schools as well to take the occasional assembly, although these are becoming rarer as well.

Civic services such as Remembrance Sunday continue to be a vital part of our local life, and I represented the church at Pinner Synagogue at their hastily arranged prayer service in October last year.

The usual round of clergy activities take place, and I am grateful to my ministerial colleagues for all that they do for us. We will say farewell to Emma this June, and also Colin, and so I want to say here how much I have valued Emma's ministry and collegiality during her curacy, as have we all, I know. More thanks to come in due course.....

Angela steps down as a Churchwarden, so thank you to Angela and also to Chris, for 5 years' dedicated work. As an incumbent it is a real blessing to have Wardens who can deal with some of the matters such as church properties, fabric, etc. Angela has been a real gift to us in that role, and I know that we have all valued her ministry as Warden. Penny continues, and a new warden will be appointed in the Vestry meeting in May but thank you to Penny also.

As ever, the parish continues to look for volunteers in many parts of life, especially PCC and synodical membership, servers at the Eucharist, readers and Lay Assistants. If you think that you may be able to help, please let me know.

My personal ministry outside of the parish includes Army life, spiritual direction, clergy mentoring and the Diocesan Ordination retreat. My prayers for us all as we look ahead to another year and, as always, my greatest thanks to Sarah, Tom, Toby and Tilly, whose support is, I assure them, never taken for granted.

With prayers,

Fr. Paul

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property and Maintenance

The parish owns three residential properties and two of these have had a change of tenants this year. Between tenants both the Chamberlain Way and Eastcote Road properties were completely repainted inside and the Eastcote Road house was fully recarpeted. Gibbs Gillespie, who continue to manage the properties for us, inspect them twice a year. All the statutory gas and electric checks are up to date and all three properties are in a good state of repair.

Maintenance of a number of items takes place every year; fire alarm (hall), fire extinguishers, intruder alarm (sacristy), boilers (hall and church), lightening conductor, PAT testing and gutter clearance. These have all been undertaken this year and the necessary certificates received.

The Quinquennial Inspection was carried out by the Diocesan Architect. As a result of this a Structural Engineer carried out a further inspection of the cracks in the tower. It was determined that these were historic and of no ongoing concern.

Work undertaken in the church this year includes: –

- The wood and glass screen by the South porch was re-attached to the wall;
- Bespoke wrought iron safety handrails were fitted to the outside of the vestry steps and to the inside steps leading to the vestry;
- The new church sign was erected;
- The large Yew tree in the Calvary garden was pruned (by Artemis, a local firm);
- The side gate to the Hall garden was repaired;
- A completely new CCTV system was installed in and around the Church Hall and the Church itself;
- The emergency lighting in the church was replaced and the lighting behind the stained glass was rewired and replaced with energy efficient lighting;
- The Chancel and the Lady Chapel floors were sanded, sealed and varnished at the same time as the Hall floor; and
- The grounds were maintained from April to October by B.Wilson Gardening Services.

We would like to thank Janet Huszczo, Ian Galloway and the Hall Committee for all they have done this year to maintain the fabric of the church and hall.

Penny French & Angela Kenny
Churchwardens

Hall Committee

The hall continues to be well used for church events, and by regular and casual hirers. As well as refreshments after the Sunday morning service, church events include Kid's Church, SNIP, NET talks, the Lent course and the children's Holiday Club.

Our regular hirers include Pinner Parish Pre-school, Pinner Theatre Dance, Rainbows, Tai Chi, Taekwondo, Yoga and Pilates classes. Pianobeats classes, teaching children keyboard skills, are proving increasingly popular and now run 7 days per week in the side rooms.

With the RSPB and Women's Institute holding monthly evening meetings, we are virtually fully booked during the week. We were pleased to once again host the Pinner Sketch Club Summer Exhibition in August, and the PAC Christmas lunch in December.

At weekends the hall is popular for children's parties and other social gatherings.

We are grateful to these outside groups for their use of the hall, which provides a significant contribution to church income.

During the year we had the paving slabs in the hall garden re-laid as their unevenness presented a tripping hazard. The main hall floor was sanded and revarnished, at the same time as the chancel and Lady Chapel floors were similarly treated. We also fitted new blinds in the side rooms and had various plumbing repairs carried out.

My thanks to the hall committee members: Sarah Hullyer and Vino Preetham, and to Janet Huszczo for fielding hall telephone enquiries in the office.

We urgently need some additional parishioners who would be prepared to serve on the hall committee. At present we are down to 3 committee members and there is a need to share the not

inconsiderable task of managing lettings and maintaining the hall.

If you would consider joining the committee, please talk to me.

Ian Galloway
Chairman

Mission & Charities Committee

The Lent and Easter Appeal for 2023 was for the Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership and Tim Whittaker, the Chair of Trustees, launched the Appeal on 19 February 2023. This local charity helps refugees and asylum seekers with the costly and difficult process of gaining the right to stay in this country. A total of £3403.75 (including Gift Aid and GASDS) was raised.

For Harvest 2023, the appeal was principally in aid of Water Aid, which helps local communities in many countries to make clean water and improve sanitation and hygiene. Food donations went to Harrow Foodbank. A total of £2944.50 (including Gift Aid and GASDS) was raised.

For Advent and Christmas 2023, the appeal was for Centrepont, a charity which works with homeless young people. As well as bed spaces and support, it provides a helpline, an independent living programme and guidance to prevent children at risk from becoming homeless. An extraordinary total of £5921.46 (including Gift Aid and GASDS) was paid to the charity. Donations were made in the plate at Christmas services, through Centrepont Gift Aid envelopes, directly to Centrepont and a few donations via the PAYAZ terminal.

The Lent and Easter Appeal for 2024 is for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), which provides medical services in all the major conflict zones, regardless of ethnicity, religion, or political affiliation. Dr Sakib Burza, an associate professor from London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine who has worked for MSF for over twenty years, gave an excellent talk at the service on 11 February 2024. The need for MSF work is especially urgent at present.

Annual giving was £13,750 for 2023/4. The main groups are (a) Charities funded mostly by churches – budget £6000 (b) locally based UK charities - budget £4000 and (c) International groups – budget £3750. The current charities are (a) USPG, Christians against Poverty (debt counselling), Church Army, Firm Foundation (homeless people in Harrow) (b) Welldon Activity Group, Bereavement Care, St Luke's Hospice, Unseen UK (helpline supporting victims of slavery) (c) Hope and Homes for Children, Mildmay, Kitrinos Healthcare (for refugees).

Peter Wilson

Nurture Education and Training

The NET Group oversees a Study and Development Programme for all Church members and those interested in the topics. The current members of the organising group are: Peter Ellis (Chair), Ann Fuller, Karina Johnson, Rosemary Lay, Jane Mayes, and Emmie McGregor. The Group usually meets about 4 times a year to plan events, but these planned events are open to all.

Christianity in the Gulf - On Saturday 25 February we had a very interesting and informative meeting on 'Christianity in the Gulf' given by The Reverend Andrew Thompson MBE. Andy visited Pinner to talk about his time working among Christians in the Gulf, although he is currently Team Vicar in Uxbridge. He was ordained in 2000 and worked in several Islamic countries as a Christian priest in the Anglican Church between 2005 and 2020. These included Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, and Bahrain. It was fascinating to hear him describe the different ways in which the Islamic authorities relate to the Christian communities in their midst.

Andrew's research showed that to some extent Christian – Muslim relations in the Gulf States are governed by the economy. There are several million foreign Christian workers in the Gulf States, mostly from the Philippines, India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia. In Bahrain, Christianity is the second largest religion. Comparing Saudi Arabia with Bahrain, there is a complete ban on Christian worship in Saudi Arabia whereas in Bahrain, Christianity and other religions enjoy the freedom to worship openly. Yet both countries have similar trading interests and economies.

The Christian Church is certainly present in Oman, but limited, and interestingly churches are only allowed here on the coast. This is linked historically to maritime trading.

The right to practice Christianity and other religions in the Gulf depends on the amount of religious freedom allowed by the different states and their governments.

The talk was even more impressive as Andrew explained how he was born profoundly deaf, learnt to lip read and can now communicate through ordinary speech.

Quiet Day - Our next session was the Quiet Day on Saturday 25 March at SPEC in Waxwell Lane. We received a warm welcome at the former home of the Grail Community in Waxwell Lane (now owned by the Catholic Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry and known as SPEC (Spiritual and Personal Encounter with Christ) Retreat Centre).

Jane Mayes gently led us through Luke's account of Gabriel's annunciation to Mary and later we reflected on a passage from Ephesians (3:14-21). There was enough time later to explore the lovely grounds, to pray in the chapel, to draw, write and look at pictures and poems.

At the end of the day Fr Paul presided at a Eucharist for the Annunciation. This was a peaceful reflective day which helped our journey through Lent. Cakes and with tea were a treat to round off our time together!

Some comments were:

- The Quiet Day gave time just for me; to think, to write, to read and to walk - in warmth and comfort and without pressure. The day was calm and peaceful without expectation or deadline. A time to stop.
- The Quiet Day was truly excellent - it gave time to reflect and think. Jane is an excellent facilitator and simply allowed things to happen – but of course it's not 'simple', it requires huge skill! I really enjoyed the tranquillity of the day aided by the beautiful surroundings.
- It was respite for me. A chance to put aside all the challenges of life and to just 'be' in the peace and tranquillity of a beautiful space. I felt renewed. Overall, it was an inspiring day in an interesting venue.

The NET Church Party - The next event was definitely not Quiet! The NET Party on Saturday 20 May 2023 went very well indeed. I had concerns that people wanted to sit and so wouldn't mingle. But the format worked well with Toby (as magician) being taken to each table. Tea, sandwiches, cakes, and Prosecco were a good mix, with a few games: Jenga always is a treat!

My Spiritual Journey - Then on Saturday 23 September, Emma Webber led a session on 'My Spiritual Journey'. As the talk began, I was surprised how open and honest Emma was about herself. We heard about her early life, coming from a non-Church family. She described her first career as an archaeologist, working in Scotland. She told us about her two baptisms. She mentioned briefly how she met Colin. I was surprised she had to be asked several times by friends why she did not consider becoming a priest. To me, it was a no-brainer! We were all enthralled by her experiences.

After more coffee and pastries, we discussed 'Spiritual Helps' – things that help us to think about God. Items mentioned were for example, walking, singing, poetry, engaging with others.

This was a truly uplifting morning. Thank you, Emma!

Quiet Morning - The Quiet Morning that followed was an excellent way to start the preparations for Advent.

We assembled in Church on Saturday November 25 - a week before Advent to prepare ourselves for this season. We eagerly anticipated Audrey Hamilton leading us in this Quiet Morning. Audrey was quiet and gentle and this allowed us to contribute in a similar quiet manner. We had 3 sessions of silence interspersed with input from Audrey.

People were invited to describe the first session in a single word: Hope, Love, Peace, Precious, Thankfulness, Togetherness were examples. In the second session Audrey had laid out pictorial scenes or images. It was interesting to see which pictures appealed to people to aid them in prayer; we are all different. We ended the session with a sense of relaxation, mystery, and of God being in our presence.

2024 - Although this is the report of events for 2023, we have already started our 2024 programme.

On 17 Feb Canon Andy Thompson talked about ‘My pilgrimage to Iraq’. About 30 people assembled in the Church Hall to hear the wonderful story of a pilgrimage in Iraq. Canon Andy Thompson started with magic tricks with bangles but then launched into talking about this journey. He spoke about the battle of Karbala (and suggested later that we speak to any of our Shi’a friends about this). I was surprised about the large numbers doing this pilgrimage and that many of them were disabled. I was also surprised that Andy was wearing white robes in stark contrast to all those around him. We delved into the story of Iman Husein.

There were comparisons to be made with Christianity:

- A journey towards death
- Women were witnesses
- Standing up against oppression

But there was a contrast in that there was no resurrection. I was rather horrified about the self-flagellation that went on.

Some conclusions were that:

- Christians have a definite place in the Shi’a story
- There is a belief in a God who is righteous.
- Despite persecution rituals have endured.

There were a lot of questions and comments about this topic and I had to draw a reluctant stop after 12 noon. We hope to see Canon Andrew Thompson in Pinner again, perhaps next year.

We have other events planned for 2024.

1. 16 March - Quiet Day at SPEC with Audrey Hamilton
2. 18 May - ‘Let’s celebrate’ Party in the Church Hall
3. 19 October - ‘The Work of a Church Warden’ with Angela Kenny and Phil Lawder in the Church Hall
4. 30 November - Quiet Morning in Church

We continue to monitor the Prayer leaflets in the Lady Chapel, and the Gospel Imprint leaflets in the Display Rack and replace them when necessary.

I thank the members of the NET group for their commitment and hard work in maintaining our Study and Development Programme in 2023, and also in planning the programme for 2024.

I would like to emphasise that the Programme from the NET Group is for all Church members and those interested in the topics.

If anyone wants something included in the NET Programme, then please do mention that, and we will make efforts to accommodate the request.

Peter Ellis

Chair,

Nurture, Education, and Training Group

Stewardship, Youth Work Fund & Other Voluntary Giving - 2023

Stewardship income in 2023 was **£120,644** down by £5,408 on 2022.

This 4% drop was expected as it was decided not to run a campaign at the end of 2022 to ask people to increase their giving as the financial situation in the country was somewhat volatile at that time. However, a successful giving campaign was run at the end of 2023 which increased pledges by £13,500, this should give a year end figure of around £128,000 in 2024.

Thanks must go to those who increased their pledged giving for 2024 and also to those who have managed, over a difficult year, to maintain their giving.

There was a drop in the number of people giving to 147 (including partners, 177). This was due to people moving from the area, change of circumstances and sadly deaths. Average giving per person increased slightly to £56.80 per month. Again, it should be mentioned that 50% of the income comes from 29 people, this is not unusual in a parish but it could be an issue.

On a positive note, we were able to claim gift aid on 88% of Stewardship gifts, this amounted to **£26,722**.

Stewardship income with the tax reclaim is over half the church’s income and is a vital contribution to the financial security of the church. The vast majority of people in the congregation do show their commitment and support the church financially; amounts given vary enormously but every gift of whatever size is welcome and appreciated.

Youth Work Fund - Income for the Youth Work Fund in 2023 was **£1230**.

We claimed gift aid of **£307.50** which gave a total of **£1537.50**. Thank you to those who give to support Youth Work, in most cases in addition to their regular giving.

Other Gift Aided Giving - Other Gifts where we claim gift aid are given mainly using the yellow church gift aid envelopes with a small amount from card donations via the PAYAZ terminal in the porch.

Gifts via the Yellow Church envelopes were £1670 as compared with £686 in 2022, a welcome increase. An additional £50 was given and gift aided using the PAYAZ terminal in the porch. The total tax reclaim was £430.

Cash Giving and GASDS - Gift Aid on Small Donations (GASDS) is claimed on most cash gifts up to and including £30. HMRC considers gifts tapped using the PAYAZ terminal as cash (but not ones which are given using “Chip & Pin”). Gifts can be gift aided.



The PAYAZ card terminal was installed in late July. The transaction fee is 34p per £10 given and there is a monthly charge of £4.20. In a full year it is likely that income will be around £2000.

Amounts given in 2023 totalled £4270.75:

Plate cash gifts	£1681.25
Wallsafe gifts	£1671.75
Card	£917.75

Over the year the GASDS claimed on all eligible cash donations was £1475 of which £974 went into church funds and the balance to the Easter, Harvest and Christmas charities.

Other Voluntary Giving

Generous sponsorship for the church music events came to £5375 including gift aid.

I would like to record thanks to Trevor Mitchell, Stewardship Recorder, who banks (not in Pinner) and records all cash and cheques during the year. Also, thanks to Janet Huszczo who prints off all the documents for Stewardship campaigns and envelopes for the charity appeals.

*Morella Boon
Gift Aid Recorder*

Kids Church

Kids' Church have enjoyed meeting for their sessions of discussion, craft work and activities each week in term time during the 10am Parish Eucharist. These sessions are based on one of the Eucharist readings for that particular week, with material generally drawn from the website Sermons4Kids.

We have been very happy to welcome younger children aged 3-4 as well as those who are older, up to the age of 12, from the choir and the congregation. Three of our members from Kids' Church have been Confirmed in this last year - Ava, Lydia and Nahla.

Thank you to the Leaders and Helpers for all the interesting sessions - Morella Boon, Jude Brampton (welcomed to the team in Spring 2023), Dawn Friday, Sarah Hullyer, Joanna Kothary, Jane Lamprill and Helen Lawson (both also recently welcomed to the team), Katherine Pinching and Sally Smyth. Please let us know if you would like to join the team as a Leader or a Helper, or if you know of any young person who would like to come to a session. New young members are always really welcome at Kids' Church.

Hilary Gould and Carolyn White

Holiday Club

In July 2023, we welcomed over 40 children to our Streetwise Holiday Club. Each day we had a Bible story drama about various residents of the fictional Luke Street and their encounters with Jesus. There was also singing and dancing in the hall and a time in smaller groups for activities, which included soap making, cooking and many other crafts. On Friday we had a Streetdance workshop, which was very much enjoyed by everyone. We were able to share our week with parents and the church congregation at the celebration service on Sunday.

With thanks to all those who helped on stage, leading groups, dancing, refreshments and behind the scenes

Sarah Hullyer

Rainbows -1st Pinner Rainbows

The Rainbow Unit in Pinner continues to thrive with a full unit of 18 girls and still a very long waiting list. Over the past year we have welcomed 14 new Rainbows as the older ones have moved up to Brownies.

Our Wednesday meetings have included working towards several badges as well as celebrating many special occasions such as the Coronation, Diwali, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Chinese New Year and Easter. Our activities have included crafts, cooking, planting, science as well as playing games and generally having fun!

We had a summer picnic at the Willow Tree Centre in Harefield and went on a winter walk across the farm to Harrow Garden Centre. As a unit we twinned 2 toilets in the hall - one with a toilet in Malawi and the other in Uganda.

By the time of the APCM, we will have joined many other Rainbows across Middlesex Northwest County for a Rainbow Fun Day at Willow Tree.

With thanks to all the leaders and helpers who have volunteered this year – Sally, Andrea, Shivani and Natalia, as well as several Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers who have chosen to do their placements with us at Rainbows.

Sarah Hullyer

GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Bereavement Visitors

Our Parish Bereavement Visiting Team supports bereaved people in the Church as well as those in the community who are referred to us via Bereavement Care by local GPs, social workers and other agencies. Support is offered either face-to-face or by telephone.

Our Memorial Service was held in November and the Lights of Life Tree in the Lady Chapel took place during the Christmas period. It provided a focus for anyone who wished to remember loved ones who have died. We are grateful to Ann Goldsworthy who inscribes the names of the departed in our Book of Remembrance, as well as to other parishioners who helped with these events in different ways.

The annual Bereavement Care Day Conference entitled “Coping with Life Alone” with the keynote speaker Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Romaine.

Bereavement Care offers ongoing training and support for all visitors, and we remain grateful to Dr. Dorothy Edwards, our Consultant Supervisor.

Bridget Murray



Pinner Guild of Church Bell Ringers

Pinner is fortunate to have a strong band of 19 members, including 17 active ringers of which 3 are junior members. Another teenager learnt to ring rounds for his Duke of Edinburgh award. Two life members died during the year, Anne Payne for whom we rang a touch of Grandsire doubles and Beryl Dew. A memorial service for Beryl was held in Eastcote.

Until just before Christmas regular practice has been well supported on Tuesday evenings. There were two visits of Cub Scouts to the bell tower and the church.

We have rung for service on almost every Sunday morning and most evenings and for the special weekday feast day services. We hosted a MCA district practice in March with refreshments of tea/coffee and cakes provided by the churchwardens.

Special occasion ringing included an open tower event for St Georges Day, on April 23rd, and ringing on consecutive days for the King's coronation from 5th to 8th of May. It was obvious to us that intensive practice does lead to improved striking. For the Big Help Out event on Monday we again had an open tower with refreshments provided by the band; it proved very popular. We have rung for two weddings - in June and October.

We have a new Steeplekeeper: Patrick, and with enthusiastic in-house skills are able to maintain and fix the bells as required.

Social events this year have included a bellringers' barbeque in August, hosted by Jane and Patrick in their delightful and secluded garden. In November our dinner was held in Sougtani, the Lebanese restaurant in Pinner. Olivia created the Bellringers' calendar which now hangs in the ringing chamber.

Following a complaint about the noise of bellringing practice on Tuesday evenings by one new local resident, officers of Harrow Council assessed the sound and declared that it was a statutory nuisance. There followed several communications and meetings involving the vicar, tower captain and a council member which at the time of writing (March 2024) have resulted in practice times being trialled between 4.30 and 6.30. The band includes 3 teenagers at school, 3 working adults and one member requiring childcare, so this time of practice has had very limited success. The church wardens agreed to comply with the time limit but pointed out that this would make effective practice impossible and lead to the end of bellringing in Pinner. In this reply therefore was a request to allow practice to be held between 19.00 – 20.30 and to consider the effect of sound control in the belltower that would reduce the level of noise below the level of nuisance. Patrick and Michael are actively researching effective sound control measures. Currently the bells can only be rung until 7pm on practice night.

The officers of Harrow Council have achieved their aim of stopping a noise nuisance due to a complaint by one local resident to which they had to respond.

The bellringers of St John the Baptist are one of the most numerous and well supported bands in the Southwest district of the Middlesex County Association of Church Bell ringers. The Association would be very concerned if the band were shut down by such a complaint and will offer appropriate support.

Thanks are due to the vicar and ringers of St Martin's Ruislip who have invited Pinner Ringers to practise there on Tuesday evenings until 9.15. Many of our ringers have taken up this offer.

Thanks go from all the ringers to our Tower Captain, Michael Hetreed, for his patience and dedication. This has ensured that the bells continue to ring in Pinner and that the band of bell ringers continues to grow. We all hope that the present situation will be resolved soon and that Pinner Practice Night may resume satisfactorily in Pinner.

Sue Ellis
Tower Secretary

Music Report



Perhaps a good way to assess how the choir is getting on is to look at what was achieved at the major musical events during the year.

The first of these was the Fauré's *Requiem* on Passion Sunday, at which we were joined by singers from the Amici Choir. At an additional service on the eve of the Coronation the choir sang Handel's *The King Shall Rejoice*, which was then reprised along with the Vivaldi *Gloria* with orchestra at the *pmf* opening concert. The year ended with the traditional Advent Procession and Carol Service. All these events maintained the high standard that Pinner is lucky to enjoy from its amateur choir. In particular, the Carol Service drew much praise from the good people of Pinner.

The choral evensongs have also gone well. Usually, our choir of about twenty puts on good performances of traditional Cathedral repertoire. Choral settings of the canticles and responses are a matter of routine, unlike any other parish church choirs in the area. Sunday mornings, however, have become more of a challenge. A faithful band of about 10 adults and 8 junior choristers have maintained the tradition but it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep going. In particular, the number of children taking part is not growing sufficiently to maintain the top line, mainly because the parents of new applicants, whilst happy for their children to enjoy the coaching for ABRSM exams on Tuesday nights, are not prepared to commit to singing on the Sunday mornings. We do still have several very good young singers led by our senior choristers Saffron, Alex and Celia. Lydia and Nahla have also made excellent contributions and their end of the service "What happened in Kids' Club?" slot has become one of the most eagerly anticipated parts of our Sundays. We look to the Archbishops and the Bishop of London for guidance in the area of recruitment.

We are still very lucky in having a large group of organists to call upon, but particular thanks must go to Ian Galloway for performing on most Sunday mornings, and Paul Jeanes for playing at many of our evensongs and most importantly, for making himself available for our special services and concerts.

Martin Singleton



Church Flowers

The team has once again taken great joy in the decoration of our medieval Church for the liturgical year, particularly, for Easter, Christmas and Harvest Festival. We have also continued to have the privilege of arranging flowers for parishioners in memory of their loved ones.

Yet again, we were pleased to fill the Church with flowers for Pinner Music Festival in June. We also decorated the Church for a wedding and represented St. John's with an arrangement entitled 'Renewal of Marriage Vows' at the Flower Festival held by St Lawrence Church, Eastcote.

I would like to thank the whole team for the support and help they have given me personally and for their commitment and hard work in ensuring the Church is always beautifully decorated. I would also like to express our gratitude for the kind words and appreciation we have received from parishioners and the clergy team.

Finally, we are a very supportive group and would warmly welcome any new members who love flowers.

Judith Brampton

The Friends of Pinner Parish Church

Whilst fundraising continued to be comparatively lower than the years pre-Covid, we held a very successful 'Hymns and Pimms' service and refreshments in July. We extend our grateful thanks to Father Paul, the Director of Music, Martin Singleton, and the choir for their contribution to such an enjoyable event.

We were very pleased to be able to contribute £6,000 towards a new CCTV system installed in the church and hall towards the end of the year. Our donation reflected 100% of the costs associated with the church building.

Despite the above, 2023 remained a challenging year for us. Whilst the Committee - consisting

of the Treasurer, Secretary and 5 members - remains wholly committed to the continued success of The Friends, we have still been unable to find someone willing to take on the role of Chair. We therefore remain at a difficult point in the life of this charity.

In order for the Friends to move forward - and to avoid having to potentially make some tough choices and decisions - we still need the impetus of new Committee members and in particular a Chair. We would encourage you to consider whether you would be willing to contribute to - or further help - the purpose of The Friends.

On behalf of the Committee

House Groups

We have been meeting regularly, about every 6 weeks during the year, with 6-9 members attending. We have been carefully studying a book recommended by the Archbishop of York, 'Sleepers Wake—Getting Serious about Climate Change' by Nicholas Holtman.

This topical book describes its serious ramifications on our society and spiritual lives. This has led to some interesting views and discussions within the group. We have shared our ideas on ways to conserve and recycle our materials and the impact of our changing environment on our social and economic position, with biblical references and from a spiritual outlook. This book is worth a read!

In future, we plan to read through a book of the Bible together, listen to an audio course, or look at a book with a Christian emphasis.

Stephen Brown and Terri Trimmer

Pinner Parish Review

Pinner Parish Review is published ten times a year. The church office prints seventy copies on a regular basis, and more are produced on occasions. The Review is on the Church's website and copies are to be found in the South Porch and in the foyer of the Church Hall. Being on-line means the Review has a wide circulation and readers are given an insight into life at St. John's.

Special thanks go to Anne Davis who left the Review team this year after many years, and we wish her a happy retirement from the team. Thanks also go to Carolyn White who now proof-reads for us.

Thank you to all contributors to the Review. Please continue to send articles and photographs which are suitable for inclusion to me at: audrey.taylor@pinnerparishchurch.org.uk so that the publication continues to flourish. With 'home-grown' material we do not have to worry about copyright.

Audrey Taylor

Pinner and District Faiths Dialogue

May 2023 Meeting: Prayer, Food for the Soul- participants brought their own prayers to share and discuss-held at St Luke's Parish Centre.

October 2023 Meeting: We joined the Jewish communities at Mosaic Synagogue in Stanmore, in a sukkah or booth, for a bible study on Ecclesiastes (Kohelet).

7 November 2023 Meeting: Interpreting our religious texts in modern times, held at Pinner Synagogue with speakers including Rev Stuart Natrass and general discussion.

*Katherine Pinching-co-chair with Jenny
Nemko of the United Synagogue.*



Pinner Music Festival

The Pinner Music Festival has been a consistent part of the Parish activities for nearly 60 years, for the first 50 of which it was directed by Michael Turvey, the Church's Director of Music, and colleagues. It comprises a week of concerts, normally in early June. PMF is a part of the wider community activities of the Parish Church. It has raised substantial funds for smallish, locally-based charities (about £20,500 in the last 7 Festivals) – as well as bringing music and musicians of a high standard to St John's, Pinner, and the surrounding community.

Pinner Music Festival is formally a Parish activity, its committee being a sub-committee of PCC and answerable to PCC. In the Autumn, PMF sends the PCC a proposed plan and draft budget for approval, together with a suggested charity, for the following year's Festival, as well as sending a report on the financial and artistic outcome of the June Festival. Finances are held within PCC accounts (as a separate PCC-PMF account, with parish officers as signatories) and subject to audit, as part of Parish Accounts. Reserves of £6,000 have been built up.

We are very grateful to the Parish Treasurer, Jo Kothary, and especially Chris Lomax, Paymaster, for their help and support through the year. The PMF Committee is chaired by Professor Anthony Pinching (who is also Director of PMF), and includes David Gould (until July 2023), Paul Jeanes (from July 2023), Emmie McGregor and Stephen Brown (PCC Representative), with Shirley Wootten, Marketing Consultant, co-opted.

Pinner Music Festival 2023 (12th – 17th June) was another wonderful display of lovely classical music played by outstanding musicians. We began, as has been our recent custom, with a Seminar, chaired by Anthony Pinching, introducing some of the artists and programmes; Jessica Duchén, Marco Galvani, Emma Halnan & Tim Hugh provided fascinating insights into these, and the wider world of music and music education.

The Pinner Parish Church Choir delighted us with Vivaldi's *Gloria* (with a splendid orchestra), anthems and solo pieces under the direction of Martin Singleton. The Aurora Trio entertained us wonderfully at the first lunchtime concert, in a fine mix of works for flute, viola and harp –including major works by Bax and Debussy. Emma Halnan gave the premiere of *La Rossa*, a piece for solo flute by Martin Bussey drawn from his *A Brother Abroad*, commissioned by PMF-2021 and recently recorded, along with the solo pieces for flute and for French horn, to be released on CD in summer 2024. In the evening, we were treated to a concert drama *Beethoven – Immortal Beloved* presented by Jessica Duchén, from her remarkable book, with linked music played supremely well by Viv McLean. The second lunchtime concert was by some of next generation of musicians, from Yehudi Menuhin School: a Debussy Prelude, a Beethoven Trio,

and a superb account of Poulenc's Violin Sonata. Our penultimate concert was by the international musicians of Trio Balthasar in stunning performances of Judith Weir and Dvorak Piano Trios, and Sally Beamish's wonderful arrangement of Debussy's *La Mer*. We concluded with Haydn's *The Creation* (Parts 1 & 2), with three soloists, Festival Choir & Orchestra conducted (for the last time) by David Gould. This glorious work was performed with much gusto and enjoyment by and for all. David has contributed enormously to Pinner Music Festival in many ways since 2016 and we are greatly indebted to him.

Overall this was another splendid Festival, but audience numbers have remained lower than before the pandemic. However, despite this, with extra donations and a modest rise in ticket prices, we were able to donate a substantial sum to our charity, Harrow Foodbank.

Our plan for PMF 2024 (10th–15th June) aims to sustain or increase audience numbers, while containing costs. Artists with local links form a major part of our Festival plan, and we shall have two lunchtime concerts again.

The Parish Church Choir mark Stanford's anniversary, and we showcase the Royal Academy of Music Harp Ensemble, thanks to a local link. Rebecca Boyle brings her own string quartet in popular works, as well as leading our Festival Orchestra at the end of the week. Young Artists, Amber Emson and Leah Nicholson bring us a delicious concert including César Franck's great violin sonata. George Strivens returns with his Mera Horn Trio, playing wonderful works by Richard Strauss, Clara Schumann and Brahms, and with Alexandra Lowe (soprano) will present George's own arrangement of *Four Last Songs*; he will also play *The Rites Observed*, another piece drawn from Martin Bussey's *A Brother Abroad*. We conclude with Paul Jeanes conducting soloists, Festival Choir & Orchestra in three of Handel's *Coronation Anthems* and Haydn's *Nelson Mass*.

The PMF Committee does an enormous amount of voluntary work throughout the year to plan, publicise and coordinate the Festival. It is strongly supported by many volunteers from the Parish, who help with the practical aspects and to create the particular ambience that is Pinner Music Festival, and which is always appreciated by artists and audiences. We benefit from substantial business sponsorship and personal

donations, and are very grateful for these, which make the quality of our Festivals possible. We very much appreciate the continuing support and oversight of the Vicar and the PCC.

*Professor Anthony J Pinching
Festival Director, PMF,
on behalf of the PMF Committee*

Harrow Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod met for three sessions during the year with a time of worship led by the host church or school, who were invited to give a profile of the parish or school and its mission and ministries before the Synod prayed for them. Hosts also kindly provided refreshments. At each meeting reports were tabled or presented on the recent sessions by those elected to the Diocesan and General Synods. There was also a short business meeting held using the Zoom Software. During the year a new triennium started, and elections were held in preparation for the opening meeting.

The first meeting was held on 8 February at St Alban's North Harrow with the theme of "Modern Slavery – what is it and what can we do about it?". Pattie Gercke, Development Worker for the Compassionate Communities Team of the Diocese, gave a presentation on Modern Slavery. Modern Slavery is a serious crime in which people are coerced or deceived into a situation where they are exploited for the purpose of making a profit. The offence is punishable by up to life imprisonment under the 2015 Modern Slavery Act. She described the various forms of slavery, the victims, the signs to look out for, the resources available, and what we in the parishes can do about it. She then answered questions.

At the Parish APCMs new lay representatives on the Synod were elected. Elections were made for the Triennium. John Dolling was elected as Lay Chairman; Robert May as Secretary; David Green, Barry Hingston, Ajay More and Emma Webber as Clergy Members of the Standing Committee; Mary Abbott, Toby Partridge and Clive Scowen as Lay Members of the Standing Committee; Derek Taylor-Mew as Independent Examiner; John Spencer as Representative on Bereavement Care Management Committee and Clementina Pagano as Foundation Governor of St John's School Stanmore. The three representatives on Harrow SACRE (Standing

Advisory Committee for Religious Education) had agreed to continue and were confirmed (Revd James Power, Alison Stowe, and Mary Abbott).

A meeting to discuss Synod business was held using the Zoom software on 15 June. Five applications for a grant from the Deanery Mission Fund had been received from St Mary's Kenton for notice boards, All Saints Harrow Weald for sound system improvements, St Peter's West Harrow for Messy Church equipment, Re:Generation Schools Work for equipment and materials and Holy Trinity Wealdstone for outreach events. These were all approved. The Deanery Accounts for 2022 were received and approved, subject to Independent Examination. Toby Partridge was confirmed as the Deanery representative on the Area Finance Committee.

The triennium opened with the 4 July session, which was held at St Mary the Virgin Kenton and started with a Eucharist. Bishop Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy addressed the Synod and answered questions. Synod agreed to coopt the Headteachers of two Church of England Schools to be members of the Synod. – Jo Hester at St John's Stanmore and Daniel Norris at St Jerome's Harrow.

The third meeting was held on 23 November at Bishop Ramsey Church of England School Ruislip. Dr Hilary Macaulay, Headteacher, introduced the school and its vision and activities. These included three projects:- *The Big Feast* providing a different experience of worship; the *Willesden Area Church of England Choir Project* where over two days twelve schools in the Area worked with the London Gospel Community Choir; *Common Good Schools* which was designed through the lessons and assemblies to get schools working with their community.

Synod was then given fifteen minutes for conversation in groups to consider three questions:- *“What is your response to these projects?”*, *“What volunteering opportunities could your church offer for students in your community?”* and *“Do you have any other ideas for how your church community could link with your local schools?”*.

Alison Stowe gave a report from Harrow SACRE (Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education). Ann Lynes announced

that she is stepping down as Area Dean and the Bishop will appoint a successor. A By-Election had been held to fill a vacancy for a Lay Representative of the Synod on the London Diocesan Synod. Noah Kelly of St Alban's North Harrow had been elected to fill this vacancy.

Robert May
Honorary Secretary



Pinner Association of Churches

I took over at the end of June as the Church's PAC representative. Since this time, we have had two Worshipping Together services. The first was the Eco-Harvest Worship on 24 September at St John's which Rev'd Emma Webber led. We worshipped God, celebrated the Harvest, and considered how we can protect harvests for future generations together. The second was combined with the AGM on 19 November at Cannon Lane Methodist Church when the new Chair took over.

The Welcome Lunches which happen six times at Pinner Methodist Church Hall continue to be well supported. They are for senior citizens who are housebound or live on their own. An additional lunch was added this year – a Christmas Welcome Lunch – which took place on Sunday 10 December.

The PAC Coffee Mornings are held every Friday from 11.00 am to 12 noon at St Luke's Parish Centre, Love Lane.

On Thursday 21 December at 6.30 pm for an hour, we held our annual Carols by Torchlight around the Christmas tree at the top of the High Street. This was much-enjoyed and rounded off by mince pies.

The Christmas Day lunch proved very popular this year with 70 guests receiving a delicious meal. Five takeaway meals were also provided. We were fortunate in that the event was supported by over 90 volunteers helping at the various stages of planning, delivery, clear-up, cooking, serving and driving the guests.

On Good Friday the Walk of Witness took place. It was very well supported and ended with hot cross buns at St Luke's Parish Church. Volunteers from each of the churches carried the cross and there were Bible readings at various points.

Helen Lawson

Walking Group

The group continues to offer weekly Wednesday walks of between 6 and 10 miles. We have a large mailing list who receive details of each walk and have been fortunate to attract a number of new people from outside the church who lead some of the walks and without whom the walks would be less frequent.

We walk locally (up to about an hour and a quarter journey time) and enjoy urban routes in the wetter months and countryside walks when the ground conditions are drier. When travelling by public transport we can often offer short cuts/exit points for those who prefer a shorter ramble.

Typically, there are about 12 to 15 people on each walk, but the numbers can rise to around 30. Sometimes we do special interest visits - a particularly popular one was a surprisingly entertaining tour of Highgate cemetery. Another walk paused at Kenwood House to appreciate the art there. We have also toured the Old Bailey in 2023 and had a guided tour of connected crime scenes in early 2024.

It is a friendly activity, and you would be welcome to join us but as most of the group are regular walkers it would be advisable for you to choose a route with an early exit if you wish to join us for the first time. If you intend to join us and want to receive details of the weekly walk meet up and route information, please contact us at nickandjudithchilds@gmail.com.

In addition to the weekly walks we typically offer a four night residential trip - in 2023 we doubled up with a trip to the Isle of Wight in March and one to the Yorkshire Dales (Malham) in May. These are becoming increasingly popular after some entertaining write ups in the Parish Review by church members. Some of those who join us prefer to pass on guided walking and use the country hotel as a base for exploring attractions in the local area.

I wish to thank my fellow walk leaders individually for their positive contribution and skill in identifying and planning suitable walks - Ashlie, Chris and Paul, Diana, Di, Haydee and Ken, David and Joy, Ed, Lis and Derek. I also wish to express my thanks to Judith, my wife, for her thoughtful advice and good sense of direction (!)

Do consider trying out this healthy and enjoyable activity if you can and are available on Wednesdays.

Nick Childs



Music in Pinner Series

Classical and Jazz Concerts: '23 – '24 Season

Music in Pinner Series (mps) is a monthly series of Saturday concerts, conducted under the aegis of Pinner Parish Church and its PCC. Music in Pinner Series is formally a part of Parish community activities, with corresponding benefits to the Parish of raised profile and goodwill. It is run as a sub-committee of PCC and answerable to PCC.

In late Spring, MPS sends the PCC a proposed plan and draft budget for approval early in the year for the following Season. MPS also sends the PCC a report on the financial and artistic outcome of the previous Season. Finances are held within PCC accounts (within the PCC-PMF account, but clearly separated from PMF, with parish officers as signatories) and subject to audit, as part of Parish Accounts. Reserves of £7,500 have been kindly provided by PCC from part of the proceeds of Pinner Jazz. The Church receives 12.5% of ticket income for concerts on site, and 5% for those offsite. Profits from any year are added to reserves held in the designated account to support future seasons.

MPS is directed by Professor Anthony Pinching, with a supporting team including Stuart Nattrass (Jazz Advisor), Stephen Brown (PCC Representative) and Trevor Mitchell (MPS Stage Manager), with Shirley Wootten (Marketing Consultant) co-opted. Parish Treasurer, Jo Kothary, and paymaster Chris Lomax, manage the PCC-PMF account, supported by Kevin Ogilvie (Bookkeeper), with budget-setting and financial oversight by the MPS Director.

We planned a 7-concert MPS Season '23-'24, with four jazz concerts & three classical; at least one of the jazz concerts should also appeal to a classical audience. Audience numbers have remained relatively low for classical concerts, as for post-Covid audience patterns across the sector. However, one lunchtime concert in February was well attended, with the time of day being one of the factors. Our jazz series has remained popular and draws from a wider catchment area, thanks to the impact of our predecessor, Pinner Jazz. We project that we shall remain in good positive balance by careful management of expenditure.

The season started with a bounce led by Quintet a Tete, a fine young jazz ensemble, recreating some jazz icons; we then had a great treat by pianist Patrick Hemmerlé in lovely French impressionist pieces and virtuosic opera transcriptions. Nat Steele's superb quartet recreated, and built upon the legacy of, the Modern Jazz Quartet. Scott Hamilton made a welcome return in January to Pinner United Synagogue playing brilliantly with his long-standing UK rhythm section to a capacity audience. Our February lunchtime concert was by the exceptional Ensemble Hesperis, whose outstanding performances and thoughtful introductions to their early music (Bach, Handel, Oswald, Telemann) repertoire charmed us all.

In March we shall hear the fine musicianship of the Dominic Alldis Trio in jazz arrangements of classical themes (evoking Jacques Loussier). The final concert in late April is to be by the Solarek Piano Trio, whose programme includes Hélène Liebmman, Fanny Mendelssohn & Brahms.

We anticipate, on the basis of good ticket sales to date, that a further MPS season will be feasible for '24-'25. This will comprise four jazz and four classical concerts, one of the latter being a Charity Concert, and two of the winter concerts being at lunchtime. Tentative artist bookings are being made, subject to later PCC approval.

The volunteers behind Music in Pinner Series do a great deal of work throughout the year to plan, publicise and coordinate these concerts, strongly supported by others on each concert day. Audience and artists always appreciate the welcome that they get and the very engaged audiences that they experience at these concerts, as well as the fine acoustic of St John's Church. We are very grateful for the support and oversight of the PCC.

*Anthony Pinching,
Director, Music in Pinner Series*

Charity Number 1130752

*Ecclesiastical Parish of
St. John the Baptist, Pinner*

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31 December 2023

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

Parochial Church Council Members year ending 31 December 2023

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the PCC. Members of the PCC Standing Committee are marked with an asterisk.

Clergy: Reverend Paul Hullyer*
Mark Arnold
Emma Webber *

Church Wardens: Angela Kenny* (first elected 2019)
Penny French* (first elected 2021)

Diocesan Synod: Susan Cooper

Deanery Synod: Stephen Brown

Elected to PCC: **Retiring 2024 (elected in May 2021)**
Carolyn White*
Sarah Hullyer
Hilary Gould

Retiring 2025 (elected in May 2022)
Karina Johnson*

Retiring 2026 (elected in May 2023)
Morella Boon
Muriel McGregor
Elizabeth Taleska

Safeguarding Officer: Katherine Pinching (co-opted)

Treasurer: Joanna Kothary* (co-opted)

The following are not members of the PCC but are in attendance in order to fulfil their functions

PCC Secretary: Helen Walsh

Minutes Secretary: Trevor Mitchell

**THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH
OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER**

**ANNUAL REPORT
For the year ended 31 December 2023
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Introduction

The Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Baptist, Pinner - Charity No. 1130752 - (the "Church") have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and to become part of our Parish community of St John the Baptist. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups living within our Parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning activities for the year the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's Guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific Guidance on Charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our Parish community through worship and prayer, provision of pastoral care and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St John the Baptist.

It is a requirement for parishes with a gross income of over £250,000 to include a statement in the Annual Report of their risk assessment and consequent management systems established and this has been completed.

The Statutory Accounts comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and Notes to the Accounts.

Overview

At the end of the year 2023 the Church funds totalled £1,909,060 (2022 £1,995,364), a decrease of £86,304 for the year. These funds are as follows:

Funds		2023	2022
		£	£
Unrestricted	General Fund	-9,319	37,995
	Special Receipts Unspecified	2,869	2,500
	Legacies	95,897	95,397
	Youth Committee	679	679
	Capital Reserves	200,375	200,375
	Church Fabric and Buildings	3,520	3,520
	Missions & Charities	480	480
	Music in Pinner	6,455	6,455
	Jazz in Church	13,179	13,179
	Hall Fund	128,518	93,428
	Sub-Total	442,653	454,008
	Fixed Assets & Investments	1,416,337	1,491,038
	Total Unrestricted Funds	1,858,990	1,945,046
Restricted	Special Receipts, Nominated	2,622	3,228
	Hall Fund	4,546	4,546
	Tower (Bell Ringers)	1,330	1,363
	Flower Arrangers	440	401
	Music Festival	10,727	11,652
	Music in Pinner	7,430	7,309
	Youth Worker	16,739	15,232
	Church Restoration	-39	281
	Choir Tour	4,936	4,936
	IT/Software/Web/Training	1,340	1,370
	Total Restricted Funds	50,070	50,318
Total All Funds		1,909,060	1,995,364

Risk Assessment and Management

Risks associated with the affairs of Pinner Parish Church are periodically reviewed by the members of the Standing Committee. The Committee advises the PCC that appropriate arrangements are in place to identify, assess and manage risks that arise from the running of the Church (e.g. statutory health and safety, fire, food hygiene, insurance of properties, public liability, reputation, child protection, handling of money, data protection). The Committee reports annually to the PCC and submits a revised Risk Register of significant risks. A copy is posted in the Church porch and details of health and safety arrangements are available on the website.

Review of the year 2023

Summary

Total Incoming Resources for the year ended 31 December 2023 were £306,754 (2022 - £358,570) and total expenditure was £318,555 (2022 - £315,166) leading to a deficit in the year of £11,801.

Incoming Resources

Key points to note are:-

- Within voluntary income, planned giving reduced by £8,005 and income from legacies reduced by £39,833.
- Income from Hall rental increased by £6,474
- Total Income and Endowments decreased by £51,813. This was mainly attributable to a reduction in Legacies.
- Income from the rental of the three investment properties owned by the Church, and income from hiring the hall made up 34% of the church's income (2022 - 28%)

Overall Resources Used

Key points to note are:-

- The parish contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund was £113,425 and was paid in full.
- Ministry costs increased by £2,797 but were offset by a £3,517 reduction in Parish administrator costs following a reduction in hours worked.
- Expenditure on Activities, such as the music concerts (PMF, and MPS) remained similar to 2022.
- Upkeep Costs increased in 2023 due to one off expenses incurred for lighting electrical work in the church, floor sanding, relaying of paving, new notice board and hand rails.

Reserves and Reserve Policy

The reserves we maintain are:-

General Reserves, which contain all non-restricted reserves including non-specific legacies received.

Capital Reserves for funding expenditure of a capital nature and future contingencies in respect of general operating costs.

Restricted Reserves such as ancillary activities, which include sums held by PMF, MPS, Bellringers, Church Flowers, current restoration activities and any other specific reserves.

“Reserves” also exist in the form of the “investment” properties.

The policy of the Church is to maintain an adequate reserve to meet all eventualities and has in previous years been based on one year’s unrestricted costs (designed to cover running costs and any unforeseen and urgent capital requirements that may arise). This year’s reserve continues to remain at £200,375. This is lower than policy dictates due to a transfer from Capital Reserves to the Restoration fund for the restoration work carried out in a prior year, which was approved by PCC prior to the commencement of works. The reserve total requires to be substantial but not excessive, in order to protect against the impact of potential major repairs costs for our medieval Church.

The Outlook for the Future

In 2023 we report a deficit of £11,801 (2022: £43,405). Income from hall rentals and rents of our properties continue to contribute a significant part of our total income (34%). Hall income has shown some growth in 2023. Rental income from 37 Eastcote Road is being used following the appointment of a new curate in 2021.

Acknowledgements

The devolved finance system cannot work without the many dedicated people performing their responsible tasks conscientiously. I would like to express my gratitude and offer my thanks to Carolyn White, for managing the fees system, Jude Brampton, for managing the intricacies of the flower fund, Martin Singleton, for managing the junior choir pay system, Trevor Mitchell, for banking all cash income and keeping immaculate accounts, Morella Boon for handling Gift Aid and GASDS claims from HMRC, Nick Childs for managing the reclaim of VAT and Chris Lomax for managing payments. I should also like to acknowledge the service of our bookkeeper, Kevin Ogilvie, and the devolved payroll service of David Graham Associates.

Joanna Kothary, Treasurer
16-Apr-24

THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

Independent Examiners' Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Baptist, Pinner (Charity No. 1130752)

I report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You are satisfied that the charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts and the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Anthony Phillips FCCA

On behalf of:

Buckingham & Company Ltd
27A Maxwell Road
Northwood
Middlesex
HA6 2XY

THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2023

		2023	2023	2023	2022
		Unrestricted Funds (Inc. fixed assets)	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS					
Voluntary Income	3(a)	155,908	5,648	161,556	225,312
Activities for Generating Funds	3(b)	4,702	23,484	28,186	28,895
Income from Church Activities	3(c)	55,222	0	55,222	48,169
Income from Investments	3(d)	61,790	0	61,790	56,195
Other Income		0	0	0	0
TOTAL INCOME & ENDOWMENTS		277,622	29,132	306,754	358,571
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on raising funds	4(a)	55	0	55	0
Church Activities					
Grants payable under charitable objects	4(b)	14,000	3,586	17,586	15,804
The Ministry	4(c)	154,088	0	154,088	154,808
Support costs for services	4(d)	19,684	174	19,858	20,322
Activities	4(e)	539	23,449	23,988	22,658
Upkeep	4(f)	75,387	320	75,707	74,901
Management and administration	4(g)	27,192	81	27,273	26,673
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		290,945	27,610	318,555	315,166
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS/LOSSES		-13,323	1,522	-11,801	43,405
LOSS ON REVALUATION OF INVESTMENTS	8&4(h)	-74,504	0	-74,504	- 701
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE BEFORE TRANSFERS		-87,827	1,522	-86,305	42,704
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	6 & 7			0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-87,827	1,522	-86,305	42,705
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2023		1,945,046	50,318	1,995,364	1,952,660
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2023		1,857,219	51,840	1,909,060	1,995,364

THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Fixed Assets and Investments	8	1,416,337	1,491,038
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments	9	15,885	7,101
Debtors	9	5,122	7,933
Short term deposits	12	316,784	306,948
Cash at bank and in hand	12	177,393	187,239
		<u>515,184</u>	<u>509,220</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors due within one year	10	22,461	4,893
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>492,723</u>	<u>504,327</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,909,060</u>	<u>1,995,364</u>
FUNDS			
	11		
Unrestricted		442,653	454,008
Restricted		50,070	50,318
Total Restricted and Unrestricted		<u>492,723</u>	<u>504,326</u>
Capital Funds		1,416,337	1,491,038
Total		<u>1,909,060</u>	<u>1,995,364</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 7/5/2024 and signed, on its behalf by:



Rev Paul Hullyer (Chairman)



Church Warden

THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ASSESSMENT OF GOING CONCERN

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Report Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011. The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The PCC consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered to be material in relation to these financial statements.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

- (a) collections are recognised when made;
- (b) amounts receivable under covenant are recognised only when honoured by the covenantor;
- (c) income tax recoverable on covenanted or gift aid donations is recognised when claimable;
- (d) grants and legacies are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the amount due;
- (e) funds raised by Church events are accounted for gross;

Other ordinary income

- (a) rental income from the letting of Church premises is accounted for when earned;
- (b) Parochial fees due to the PCC for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Application of resources

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

Costs directly related to the work of the Church

The Diocesan quota (Common Fund) is accounted for when payable.

Fixed assets for use by the Church

Consecrated land and buildings and movable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96 (2) (a) of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on the unmovable Church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, whether maintenance or improvement is written off.

Other land and buildings

Other land and buildings held for the PCC for its own purposes is shown at cost. No depreciation is charged against such properties but any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

Investment properties

Properties which are let and held as investment properties are shown at the last known market value.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Office equipment used within the Church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off in the period in which the asset is acquired.

Fixtures & fittings are depreciated on a straight line basis over 10 years.

Current assets

- (a) amounts owing to the PCC as at 31 December 2023 in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable;
- (b) short-term deposits consist of cash held on deposit at the Central Board of Finance.

Risk management

All PCCs with income and expenditure over £250,000 must have a policy with regard to the management of risks. This policy is reviewed annually by the PCC which is satisfied that appropriate systems are in place to mitigate those risks identified.

3 INCOME & ENDOWMENTS

		Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
3(a) Voluntary Income					
Planned giving:	Gift Aid	120,704	1,230	121,934	127,432
	Tax recovered	28,002	308	28,310	30,817
Collections		6,333	0	6,333	11,812
Special receipts		369	3,680	4,049	14,587
Sundry donations		0	430	430	330
Legacies		500	0	500	40,333
Church Restoration		0	0	0	0
Sub-total		155,908	5,648	161,556	225,311
3(b) Activities for generating funds					
Publications		116	0	116	70
Fees		1,351	86	1,437	2,815
Children and youth		991	0	991	1,180
Sundry receipts		2,244	217	2,461	1,885
Events receipts (PMF & MPS)		0	23,181	23,181	22,944
Sub-total		4,702	23,484	28,186	28,894
3(c) Income from Church activities					
Use of Church		581	0	581	1
Hall contributions		54,641	0	54,641	48,167
700th anniversary events		0	0	0	0
Sundry		0	0	0	0
Sub-total		55,222	0	55,222	48,168
3(d) Investment income					
Rent from houses		49,873	0	49,873	51,958
Interest from deposit accounts		11,917	0	11,917	4,236
Investment Fund income		0	0	0	0
Sub-total		61,790	0	61,790	56,194
TOTAL INCOME & ENDOWMENTS		277,622	29,132	306,754	358,567

4 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
4(a) Expenditure on raising funds	55	-	55	0
	55	-	55	0
Church Activities				
4(b) Expenditure on Charitable activities				
Overseas missions	0	0	0	0
Relief agencies	0	0	0	0
Home missions	0	0	0	0
Secular charities	0	0	0	0
Charitable giving from general fund	14,000	0	14,000	14,446
Charitable giving from special collections	0	3,586	3,586	1358
Sub-total	14,000	3,586	17,586	15,804
4(c) The Ministry				
Clergy expenses	4,365	0	4,365	2,308
Curate house expenses	21,505	0	21,505	21,323
Parish Administrator	14,277	0	14,277	17,794
Cost of Youth Minister	0	0	0	0
Children & Youth Work	516	0	516	1,081
Diocesan quota	113,425	0	113,425	112,302
Sub-total	154,088	0	154,088	154,808
4(d) Support costs for services				
Sacristan	1,496	0	1,496	2,014
Service books, posters	138	0	138	348
Robes	0	0	0	170
Music	1,032	0	1,032	769
Choir costs	1,087	0	1,087	737
Organists' costs	14,837	0	14,837	14,610
Training	0	0	0	0
Quiet days/pilgrimages	0	0	0	638
Flowers for Church	1,094	174	1,268	1,036
Sub-total	19,684	174	19,858	20,322
Carried forward	187,827	3,760	191,587	190,934

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
4 EXPENDITURE (continued)				
Brought Forward	187,827	3,760	191,587	190,934
4(e) Activities				
Books and materials	158	0	158	48
Refreshments	381	0	381	225
Sundry activities (inc MPS, Music Festival)	0	23,449	23,449	22,704
Library	0	0	0	0
700th anniversary events	0	0	0	0
Donations (MPS)	0	0	0	0
Choir Tour Costs	0	0	0	-319
Sub-total	539	23,449	23,988	22,658
4(f) Upkeep				
Vicarage and garden	565	0	565	376
Burhill Grove	2,201	0	2,201	3142
Eastcote Road	2,963	0	2,963	2,273
Chamberlain Way	2,815	0	2,815	1241
Church running expenses	25,107	0	25,107	22,155
Church maintenance	17,070	320	17,390	14,456
Organ and piano	390	0	390	402
Churchyard		0	-	157
Church Hall	19,666	0	19,666	20,888
Gardener	4,610	0	4,610	9,811
Sub-total	75,387	320	75,707	74,901
4(g) Management and administration				
Computing	673	30	703	698
Postage, telephone	1,753	0	1,753	1,556
Books, stationery	228	0	228	348
Printing, photocopying	1,589	0	1,589	1293
Fees, subscriptions, gifts	617	20	637	565
Accountancy	3,571	0	3,571	3,832
Property Management Fees Burhill Grove	1,959	0	1,959	2,047
Property Management Fees Eastcote Rd	2,669	0	2,669	3,052
Property Management Fees Chamberlain Way	1,854	0	1,854	1,690
Bank charges	262	31	293	292
Sundry Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Audit & Legal Fees	2,820	0	2,820	2,700
Depreciation	9,197	0	9,197	8,600
Suspense Transfers	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditure used	0	0	0	0
Sub-total	27,192	81	27,273	26,673
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	290,945	27,610	318,555	315,166
4(h) Gain on Revaluation of Investments	-74,504	0 -	74,504 -	74,504

5 STAFF COSTS (including Social Security)	2023	2022
	£	£
Director of Music	12,112	11,300
Parish Administrator	14,277	17,794
	26,389	29,094

The above notes represent staff costs and emoluments.

During the year, the PCC employed and contracted (i) a Director of Music & (ii) a Parish Administrator.

None of the PCC received any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the Charity.

6 FUND DETAILS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General	-9,319		-9,319	37,993
Special Receipts, Unspecified	2,869		2,869	2,500
Legacies	95,897		95,897	95,397
Youth Committee	679		679	679
Capital Reserve	200,375		200,375	200,375
Church Fabric and Building	3,520		3,520	3,520
Missions and Charities	480		480	480
Music in Pinner	6,455		6,455	6,455
Jazz in Church	13,179		13,179	13,179
Hall Fund	128,518		128,518	93,428
	442,653		442,653	454,006
Fixed Assets and Investments	1,416,337		1,416,337	1,491,038
Total	1,858,990		1,858,990	1,945,044
Restricted Funds				
Special Receipts, Nominated		2,622	2,622	3228
Hall		4,546	4,546	4546
Tower (Bell Ringers)		1,330	1,330	1,363
Flower Arrangers		440	440	401.2
Music Festival		10,727	10,727	11,652
Music in Pinner		7,430	7,430	7309
Youth Worker		16,739	16,739	15,232
Church Restoration		-39	-39	281
Choir Tour		4,936	4,936	4,936
IT/Software/Web Training		1,340	1,340	1,370
Total		50,071	50,071	50,318
TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS	1,858,990	50,071	1,909,061	1,995,362

7 **TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS**

There were no transfers between funds.

8 **FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC**

	Investments	Investment Properties	Infrastructure & Office Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2023	5,399	1,475,000	82,970	1,563,369
Revaluation	496	-75,000	0	-74,504
Additions		0	9,000	9,000
Disposals		0	0	0
At 31 December 2023	5,895	1,400,000	91,970	1,497,865
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2023	-	-	72,331	72,331
Charge for the year			9,197	9,197
At 31 December 2023	-	-	81,528	81,528
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2023	5,895	1,400,000	10,442	1,416,337
At 31 December 2022	5,399	1,475,000	10,639	1,491,038

Investment Properties

The Investment Properties shown above relate to 37 Eastcote Road, 47 Chamberlain Way and 6 Burhill Grove. In accordance with FRS 102, each year the PCC obtain a professional market valuation for the above properties and as at the Balance Sheet date the market value of these three properties was £1,400,000.

9 DEBTORS	2023	2022
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	3,192	2,770
Prepayments	15,885	7,101
Other debtors	1,930	5,162
Total Debtors	21,006	15,032

10 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Agency Collections	0	0
Deferred Income	1,630	0
Trade Creditors & Accruals	20,831	4,893
Total Creditors	22,461	4,893

11 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets (Net)	1,410,442	0	1,485,639
Investments	5,895	0	5,399
Fixed Assets and Investments	1,416,337	0	1,491,038
New Current Assets	492,723	0	504,327
Fund balance	1,909,060	0	1,995,364

12 ANALYSIS OF BANK BALANCES

	2023	2022
	£	£
General Current Account	131,154	151,420
Restoration Account	0	0
Deposit Accounts	316,784	306,947
Other Associated Bank Accounts & Cash	46,239	35,818
Total Bank Accounts	494,177	494,185

Accounts

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2022



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023

April 2023

Dear Friends,

**The Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings
Sunday 21 May 2023**

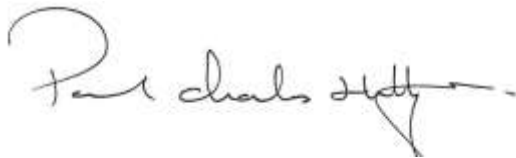
I am writing to invite you to the Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings, which take place on Sunday, 21 May in the Church Hall at 11.30 am. The pattern of worship that day will be Eucharists at 8am and 10am, with Evensong at 6.30 pm.

This document includes reports from our church organisations and bodies, as well as the Vicar's report and a comprehensive finance report. I would ask you to please read all of these with care, as they reflect the diversity and reality of our life together here at Pinner Parish Church.

At the two meetings themselves (The Vestry and the Parochial) the Churchwardens are elected, as are members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). In order to vote you need to be present at the meetings – voting in absentia is not allowed by the Church Representation Rules.

I look forward to seeing you all on 21 May.

Yours,



**The Rev'd Paul Hullyer
Vicar of Pinner**

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

The **Annual Vestry Meeting of Parishioners** will be held on
Sunday, May 21st 2023 in the parish hall at 11.30 am.

AGENDA

Parish Vestry Meeting

- 1 Opening Prayer, then the Secretary reads the notice convening the meeting
- 2 Apologies for absence for both meetings
- 3 Minutes of the last Vestry meeting of 2022 (found in the Annual Report)
- 4 Election of 2 Churchwardens

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The **Annual Parochial Meeting** will be held on Sunday, May 21st after the above meeting

AGENDA

Annual Parochial Meeting

1. Opening Prayer, then the Secretary reads the Notice convening the meeting
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 2022 (found in the Annual Report)
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Notification of Any Other Business for this meeting
5. Elections to the Parochial Church Council from May 2023 – May 2026
6. Elections to the Harrow Deanery Synod (4 parish places)
7. Electoral Roll report
8. Report on the Financial Affairs of the Church (found in the Annual Report)
9. Election of an Independent Examiner
10. Questions
11. Any other business
12. The Grace

Date of 2024 APCM:

Sunday, May 19th (the Feast of Pentecost) at 11.30 am in the hall after the Parish Eucharist.

PARISH OF PINNER

The **Meeting of Parishioners** was held on Sunday 15th May 2022 at 11.40am in the Church Hall.

PRESENT: - The Rev'd Paul Hullyer (Chair), Angela Kenny, Penny French (Churchwardens), the Secretary and members of the Church Council and congregation (See Appendix A).

1. Opening Prayer was said by Revd Paul Hullyer.
2. **Apologies for absence:** -these were noted.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

3. **Minutes of the Vestry meeting of 2021 (found in the Annual report):** The adoption of the Minutes of the last Vestry meeting held on Sunday 16th May 2021 was agreed unanimously by all those present and signed by Rev'd Paul Hullyer as a true record of the Meeting.
4. **Election of 2 Churchwardens:** The Vicar informed the meeting that Angela Kenny and Penny French were prepared to remain in office for another year. Having been duly proposed by Lesley Almond and Janet Woodger and seconded by Susan Bardwell and Morella Boon, they were unanimously re-elected unopposed.

All those attending the meeting joined the Vicar in expressing their thanks to Angela and Penny through what has been a difficult year coming out of Covid restrictions. Also dealing with all that was required to satisfy the requirements of the Archdeacon's Visitation. The Vicar was delighted to announce that we had passed the inspection with "flying colours".

This concluded the business of the Meeting of Parishioners.



The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** was held on Sunday 15th May 2022 at 11.46am in the Church Hall

PRESENT: - The Rev'd Paul Hullyer (Chair), Angela Kenny, Penny French (Churchwardens), the Secretary and members of the Church Council and congregation (See Appendix A).

1. Opening Prayer was said by Revd Paul Hullyer.

2. **Apologies for absence:** - these were noted.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

3. **Minutes:** - The adoption of the Minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 16th May 2021 was agreed unanimously by all those present and signed by Rev'd Paul Hullyer as a true record of the meeting.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes:** - The Vicar referred to Item 11 on page 9 of the Annual Report which referred to whether any memorial plaques in the church had a bearing on those, who in the past, were involved with slave trading. As far as the Vicar was aware we do not have any memorials which are associated with slavery. The Vicar thanked the Churchwardens and Mark Arnold for researching the 700 years of St John's history and providing the 7 banners which were hung in the church. Also the weekly rambles are continuing and will cumulate next Sunday with the "Beating of the Bounds"

5. **Notification of Any Other Business for this meeting:** - Publishing minutes of PCC meetings.

6. **Election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the term May 2022 to May 2025:** - An election was held to fill 9 vacancies and having been duly proposed by Emmie McGregor and seconded by Penny French, Karina Johnson was duly elected unopposed.

7. **Election to the Deanery Synod for the term May 2022 to May 2023:** - The Vicar and Susan Cooper explained the responsibilities of being a member of the Harrow Deanery Synod, but there were no nominations to fill our 2 vacancies.

8. **Electoral Roll Report:** - Janet Huszczo reported that since the review of the Electoral Roll at the last Annual Parochial Meeting on 16th May 2021, 9 new members have been added and 2 deleted through death or removal resulting in 233 members remaining on the electoral roll. The Vicar took the opportunity to thank Janet for all her work as Parish Administrator through what has been a most difficult year.

9. **Report on the Financial Affairs of the Church (Attached in the Annual Report):** - As our Treasurer was absent from the meeting due to a previous longstanding arrangement, Paul on behalf of the Treasurer, read aloud her written report.

"Firstly an apology as I am not able to be with you in person at today's APCM as I am currently travelling back from Wales having attended my goddaughter's wedding, so I hope you will forgive my absence. Should you have any questions following the presentation of my report, please send them to me via email or I can arrange a telephone call or meeting to discuss if necessary.

Before reviewing the Statement of Financial Activities from page 43, I would mention that we saw increased activities following the lockdown some of which were: - (a) The Calendar Project and commissioned paintings which resulted in a profit of £300.00, (b) the Flower Festival made a

profit of £1,336 which was transferred to the Restoration fund and (c) the Holiday Club made a small loss of £72.

There were increased expenses following the appointment of our new Curate (which we do not regret in the slightest). Also there were one-off expenses for electrical works on our let properties following the new rules which came into effect in 2021.

The 2021 Pinner Music Festival made a profit of £2,700 of which £2,400 was transferred to the Restoration fund. £13,750 of charitable donations was made on behalf of the PCC and from special collections that we had during 2021 as we normally did in previous years.

If you turn to page 43 I would ask you to have a look at that which sets out the Income and Expenditure which occurred in 2021. You will see an overall loss of £1,708 compared to a loss last year (2020) of £5,859. The main income came from Stewardship, Church Hall rental and rental of our 3 Parish properties which are detailed in note 3 on page 47 of the Annual Report. The main expenses were our contribution towards the Common Fund, Curate's housing, salaries for our Parish Administrator and Musical Director, our insurance and our utility bills which are detailed in note 4 on pages 48 and 49.

The gain on revaluation of investments of £130,000 is the increase in the value of the 3 properties that we hold.

*Moving on to the review of 2020 versus 2021, Voluntary Income: - **Stewardship** decreased by £4,920, but legacies of £6,000 helped to offset that loss. **Income from Church Activities:** - Hall lettings increased by £10,000. £5,000 of income was attributable to the Calendar Project and the Flower Festival. **The Ministry:** expenditure increase is mainly attributable to our Curate's housing and office expenses. **Activities:** expected increased cost for the Pinner Music Festival. There were also costs incurred with some of the 700th Anniversary events. In terms of upkeep for both the Church Hall and of the Church, £21,000 was spent on the restoration works in 2020. In 2021 £4,000 was spent on items including the sound system, fire alarms and extinguishers, their maintenance and some extensive work done in the bell tower, and ringing chamber on the bell ropes." This concluded the Treasurer's report.*

The Vicar then proposed, on behalf of the Treasurer, that the APCM accept the Financial Statements as presented and after being duly seconded by Joy Chittleborough was agreed unanimously by all those present. The Financial Statements will now be signed by the Vicar and Churchwardens with copies being lodged with our Independent Examiner and the Charity Commission.

Susan Cooper took the opportunity to move a vote of thanks to Joanna Kothary for the clarity of the 2021 Financial Statements that she had prepared for the 2021 Annual Report.

10. **Election of Independent Examiner:** - The Vicar, on behalf of the Honorary Treasurer, proposed that Buckingham & Company should be appointed for another year and, after being duly seconded by Peter Ellis, was agreed unanimously by all those present.
11. **Questions:** - There were no questions.

12. **Any Other Business:** - Concern was expressed that parishioners did not know what was being discussed and decided at PCC meetings. It was suggested that a short résumé of each meeting be included within the Review magazine and or the weekly Bulletin. At the moment this information is only being made available within the Annual Report. It was appreciated that the reduced version of the minutes could only be made available to the parishioners / congregation after they had been approved by the PCC which could be up to three months from the date of the meeting to them being published. The Vicar confirmed that this will be done in the future, but in the meantime copies of the complete minutes can already be found on the noticeboard in the South Porch. The Vicar confirmed that individual names would not be printed in the résumé. The format will be decided between the Vicar and Churchwardens. The Vicar confirmed that the 700th formal anniversary dinner in church had to be cancelled because only 39 people expressed an interest whereas the minimum requirement to make the dinner feasible was 60.

13. **To close the meeting the Grace was said together.**

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Appendix A

47 members of the Congregation attended both the Parish Vestry and Annual Parochial meetings

REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL DURING 2022

The PCC met 6 times during the year.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 24th January 2022 – held via zoom

Parish finances:- 700th Anniversary income - £2,537 donations received from the Flower Festival which produced an overall surplus of £851. The annual accounts are, at this time, being drafted.

Parish Hall report:- A report prepared by Ian Galloway and previously circulated was duly noted. The item for consideration was the refurbishment of the toilets. A quotation has been received from Whipp Construction to resolve the problem of crumbling plasterwork due to damp from the cavity, where the cisterns are located, between the men's and ladies' toilets, making good and redecorating the men's, ladies' and disabled toilets. The quoted price is £4,980 + VAT of £996. The Hall Committee have received a very generous offer to cover the £4,980 of the cost from a member of the congregation who wishes to remain anonymous. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was proposed to accept the quote as specified in the Hall Report and pay the VAT amounting to £996 which was passed by a majority of all those present with 5 voting against.

Eco Church:- Emma reported that, during the previous Saturday, she led the NET talk dealing with all matters Eco and Eco theology. Emma has been invited to speak at the Pinner and District faiths dialogue on this subject. The inaugural meeting of our own Eco Church working group will be held shortly.

AOB:-

Proposal for our Lent and Easter charity appeal. A proposal by the Charity Committee to the PCC that the beneficiary for this year's Lent and Easter charity appeal should be the Red Cross was agreed by a majority with 1 abstention.

Proposal for a telecoms installation inside the church tower – the Vicar gave an update. NET CS has yet to prepare general agreement drawings and a detailed report. Paul hopes to be able to visit one or more

churches within the Diocese where the telecoms installation has already been fitted before the next PCC meeting.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 22nd March 2022 - held via Zoom

Parish finances:- Agree draft accounts for 2021 currently being reviewed by our auditor – Annual Report – APCM – The accounts for 2021 and previously circulated by Joanna were duly noted:-

Overview: - There was an increase in activities during 2021 as restrictions applicable to the Covid pandemic were gradually eased. This allowed us to take forward the Calendar project which produced a net profit of approximately £300 and also hold our 700th anniversary Flower Festival. This produced a net profit of £1,336 which was transferred to the Restoration Fund. The Holiday Club was held during the summer and made a loss of £72.

During 2021 we had additional unexpected expenditure for upgrading electrical wiring in our rental properties. After being cancelled in 2020, the Pinner Music Festival was able to be staged in 2021 although was restricted by having to apply social distancing when allocating tickets. Nevertheless, the Festival made a profit which after increasing the PMF's reserves, was donated to the church's Restoration Fund.

Charitable Donations – £13,750 from the £16,000 previously agreed by the PCC to be donated to charities was actually paid in 2022.

The accounts show a net loss of £3,760 for 2021. Total income of £283,892 less total expenditure of £287,632.

Material monetary movements between 2020 and 2021 are as follows –

- Voluntary Income increased from £171,989 to £173,312 due to a fall in Stewardship Income of £5,000 but was offset by legacies of £6,000. Possibly we should hold a Stewardship Campaign during this year in an endeavour to increase our voluntary giving?
- Church Activities increased from £21,898 to £37,902. This relates to increased church hall letting during 2021 compared to 2020 together with profits from the Calendar project and Flower Festival.

Once Joanna has received approval from our Independent Examiner she will circulate the final version of the 2021 Annual Account to all members of the PCC for approval by convening a short Zoom meeting.

Hall report: - Sarah reported that Whipp Construction will commence refurbishing the toilets within the next couple of weeks.

Eco Church: - Emma reported that during each week of Lent, our bulletins are giving parishioners 7 Eco hints and tips. Meanwhile the Eco Group have been working their way through its review towards Eco Church status.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 24th May 2022 – held in the Church Hall

Matters arising: - Parish Finances – It was confirmed in the Treasurer's Annual report given at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) that the Flower Festival made a profit of £1,336 which was transferred to the Restoration fund.

AOB – The Vicar advised the PCC that sadly NET CS no longer wanted to install a telecoms transmitter / receiver in our church tower.

Churchwardens business: - Penny French confirmed that we have recently received the Asbestos survey relating to the ceiling in the boiler room. As the asbestos is sealed in cement it is quite safe unless the panels are disturbed. There is a notice in the boiler room advertising the presence of asbestos.

Hall Report:- Sarah was able to confirm that the refurbishment of the toilets should start this week.

The roof of the hall extension was re-covered 4 years ago by Aqua Roofing. The roof felt over the main hall (which did not need attention then) is now showing signs of cracking and the Hall committee consider that this should be attended to before it deteriorates further. Aqua Roofing has provided a quotation which, was only received yesterday, of £12,954 to re-cover the roof to the same specification that was used for the roof over the hall extension. In his report Ian confirmed that the committee will endeavour to obtain a check quote for an identical specification and guarantee period.

The Hall committee is investigating installing an electric combination lock on the main hall door. According to Ian's report, based on catalogue prices and allowing for fitting by a locksmith, the cost should be under £1,000. Sarah Hullyer proposed that the PCC agree expenditure of up to £1,000 for a new hall door lock and was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Safeguarding:- Adoption of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy for 2022/23 – The Vicar proposed the adoption of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy for 2022/23 which was duly agreed by all those present.

The Vicar proposed that Katherine Pinching be adopted as our Safeguarding Officer for the next year and co-opted to the PCC which was agreed unanimously by all those present.

AOB:- Music In Pinner Series – Stephen Brown, on behalf of the PMF committee, gave an update of the final preparations for this year's PMF. The Vicar proposed approval of the provisional Programme and Budget which was agreed unanimously by all those present.

***Short Report of the Meeting of the
Parochial Church Council on
7th July 2022 – held in the Church Hall***

Parish finances: - Standing Committee's recommendation for Common Fund increase for 2023 – Angela informed the meeting that currently we give £112,302 to the Common Fund together with an additional 1% to the Bishop's Community Fund, previously known as the Schools Fund. Following careful deliberations the Standing Committee recommends an increase of 1% as compared to 2% increase implemented for 2022. This produces an additional £1,123 to the Common Fund and an extra £11 to the Bishop's Community Fund. Altogether this would amount to £113,425 for the Common Fund and £1,134 for the Bishop's Community Fund, considering the current rate of inflation this in fact, reflects an actual overall reduction compared to our last year's contribution.

During the subsequent discussion the point was made that, although we have substantial capital reserves at the moment, taking into account rising costs these could quite easily disappear within the next 6 years. Bearing in mind the current financial situation it could also be argued that it will be unlikely our congregation will have spare resources to increase their financial commitment to our church, although there is the intention of holding a Stewardship campaign later this year. At the end of the discussion, acceptance of a 1% increase was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Churchwardens business: - Adoption of parish Sidepeople until May 2023 – Penny had produced an updated list of Welcomers for the 10am Sunday service and handed around copies. Penny read aloud all the names on that list. It was noted that there were not any Welcomers, Servers and Sound Operators for the 8am and Evensong Sunday services. Currently these duties are the responsibility of the Officiant. The list was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Hall report: - The refurbishment of the toilets is now complete. With regards the reroofing of the main hall roof, Aqua Roofing had provided the Hall

Committee with a quotation of £12,954 to re-cover the roof to the same specifications as they used for the roof of the hall extension, which also comes with their own 15 years guarantee. Barnet and Sons have since provided a quotation of £12,600 with their own guarantee of 10 years. Although Aqua Roofing's quotation is £354 more expensive (3%) the Hall Committee recommend awarding the work to Aqua on the basis of the longer guarantee and the Committee being satisfied with the work done on the hall extension roof in 2018. The PCC had already approved expenditure, of up to £14,250 and so agreed unanimously to accept Ian's recommendation to accept Aqua Roofing's quote.

At the last PCC it was agreed that up to £1,000 could be spent on purchasing and fitting a new combination door lock to the main hall door. The Hall Committee has obtained a quotation from Jaffa Locks (Ruislip) for £756 to fit a CodeLocks 5510 programmable smart combination lock. The Committee has not been able to find an equivalent from other manufacturers and Jaffa was not aware of an equivalent. The cost of the lock is £410 plus shipping costs, so Jaffa's charge for fitting the lock is in the order of £350. The Committee took the view that as Jaffa Locks are the nearest registered installer for CodeLocks and as the fitting charge is not unreasonable, they recommend awarding the work to Jaffa Locks.

Eco Church: - Emma asked if the PCC would agree expenditure of £85 for our bronze award plaque. A Rocha was also asking for an additional voluntary donation to the charity of £125.00. After a discussion it was suggested that we make a donation of £115 or £100. Emma then proposed paying £85 for the plaque together with a voluntary donation of £100.00.

Safeguarding: - Katherine informed the PCC that new DBS rules applied by the Diocese have been introduced from January 2022. All those eligible for a DBS check need to be checked every 3 years. Katherine will be discussing the ramifications with our Vicar.

USPG Harvest Appeal 2022 was approved as our Harvest Charity for 2022.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 13th October 2022

Parish finances: - A copy of the Performance Management accounts for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st July 2022 prepared by Joanna Kothary was duly noted. In the absence of Joanna, the Vicar read aloud her report.

Net Income up to July 2022 was £10,224

Main Drivers were:

- £92k income from stewardship and tax recovered
- £20k overall income from properties
- £18k overall income from the hall
- £65k paid to Common Fund
- £21k paid for Church upkeep (utilities & insurance)
- £28k paid for curate and employee costs.

Jo wished to highlight the following:

- **COLLECTIONS/DONATIONS** – 6k donations for the works completed in the hall offsets with hall expenses.
- **LEGACIES** – Unrestricted legacies received totalling £7k.
- **OTHER INCOME RECEIPTS** – includes £373 refreshments receipts which offsets with Refreshments expenses.
- **HALL INCOME** – comprises £13k from Pianobeats and £7k from Preschool. More income in 2022 compared to 2021 since Covid impacted 2021 bookings.
- **CHARITABLE GIVING** – donations for 2022 have not yet been paid, details will be confirmed with Charity Committee with a view to paying in the next month.
- **SACRISTY** – Mainly candles, communion supplies, and altar bread. Higher expenses in 2022 given impact of Covid in 2021.

- **700TH ANNIVERSARY COSTS** – (£564) refunded will be reclassified to Printing. Photocopying line.
- **CHURCH MAINTENANCE** – (£1,401) income is VAT refund received mainly on restoration works carried out in 2020 (timing issue as some invoices were paid in 2021 and therefore only claimed in the last 12 month cycle)
- **SUNDRY EXPENSES** - £696 was donation paid to Harrow foodbank which will be reclassified to correct line and removed from Sundry Expenses.”

Churchwardens business:-

Recommendations from the Charities Committee regarding annual levels of PCC giving (not including special appeals such as Advent, Lent etc.) – A report prepared by Peter Wilson and previously circulated was duly noted. The Committee had accepted that the Annual Giving has stayed at £16,000 for some year, despite declining income and the impact of the Covid pandemic. The Committee proposed instead a 10% share of stewardship income, currently £13,600 per annum while maintaining a minimum donation of £1,000 per charity. On behalf of the Charities Committee, Angela Kenny proposed acceptance of the Committee’s proposal that instead of a fixed £16,000 per year, their giving should be based on 10% of stewardship income, currently £13,600 with effect from 1st January 2023. This was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Possible defibrillator – Angela Kenny explained that we have been approached by the charity London Hearts (<https://londonhearts.org/>) to have a defibrillator on church premises. This has been discussed by the Standing Committee. The one recommended by London Hearts would be suitable for both adults and children and would be fitted in a locked cabinet attached to the external wall of the church hall. It is for the use of the community and its existence would be advertised on the church’s website and other local media publications. Although the cabinet is securely locked, anyone calling

999 will be given the access code to unlock the cabinet and gain entry to the machine. If the defibrillator is purchased for London Hearts which will be sold to us at a discount, it will cost £1,225 +VAT.

After a discussion, Angela proposed purchasing a defibrillator from the charity London Hearts together with added costs of fitting the cabinet to an external wall of the Church Hall and connecting to the mains electricity supply. This was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Children and Youth: - The Vicar explained that the leaders of SNIP, Holiday Club, Kids Church, and Choir are invited to form a group to share what each group does and best practice. The first meeting will be held in a couple of weeks' time. Participants will be the Vicar, Penny French, Sarah Hullyer, Richard Hillman, Carolyn White, Hilary Singleton, and Hilary Gould. Emma Webber and Mark Arnold are also welcome to participate. Katherine Pinching as Safeguarding Officer will also be present.

Parish Hall report: - Re-covering the main roof has been completed. A copy of the 15 year guarantee will be forwarded to the secretary of the Friends of Pinner Parish Church together with an accompanying formal request for a donation from the Vicar and Churchwardens as the Friends may be prepared to make a contribution towards the total cost of the work undertaken by Aqua Roofing.

PMF 2022 Outcome: - A report prepared by Prof Anthony Pinching and previously circulated was duly noted. As the financial outcome of the Festival was rather disappointing (A surplus of £366). The PMF Committee suggested that they draw on the £6,000 reserves and pay a further £1,000 to Michael Sobell Hospice increasing the total given to £1,366 being roughly the same level similar to previous years' charitable donations. The second option was to have Michael Sobell as the Charity of the Year for PMF 2023 which the PCC had a mind to support. As an alternative the Vicar suggested that as the Charities Committee was holding an emergency unspent surplus reserve of

£1,250 in their budget, there was a possibility they would be willing to use part of this and make a donation to £1,000 to Michael Sobell. This proposal was supported unanimously by all those present.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 1st December 2022

Matters arising from the above: -
Safeguarding – Since the last PCC meeting, the Vicar together with other members of the clergy have spoken to the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer. Next year all members of the PCC are expected to complete an online Level 1 Safeguarding module the requirements of which will form part of the Diocesan Safeguarding policy. In the circumstances The Vicar has decided that following the next APCM he will request members of our PCC as at May 2023 to complete the online Level 1 Safeguarding module. Hopefully, all will comply, but if one or more decline then that individual's decision will have to be accepted by the Diocese. This module is not a substitute for DBS checks which will continue as and when appropriate.

Parish Finances: - the Vicar reported that we had recently received another discretionary distribution by the Trustees from the estate of the late Dr Eunice Johnson amounting to £33,333.33. This sum is almost equal to the deficit for the year.

Adoption of local PCC fees for 2023: Standing Committee recommendation: - A schedule of proposed church fees for 2023 prepared by Carolyn White and previously circulated was duly noted. Carolyn explained that the statutory fees were set by and payable to the Diocese and could not be changed by the PCC. However, other fees could be fixed at certain levels by the PCC. These were clearly set out in two separate columns under the headings of Weddings, Funerals and Burial of Ashes. The statutory fees for 2022 have been increased by 10% for 2023 in line with one the cost of living indexes. This was considered to be rather high and so Carolyn had suggested that

those fees set by the PCC should only be increased by 5%. This proposal was accepted by the PCC.

Churchwardens Business:-

Defibrillator update: - Angela Kenny reported that the defibrillator is now in place on the outside wall of the church hall adjacent to the main entrance.

External Noticeboard: - The external notice board at the front of the west end of the church fronting the High Street is in a dilapidated condition. Penny French reported that she had obtained 2 estimates for a similar replacement. One quote was for £1,555 and the other for £1,250. Penny recommended the second quote from Spectrum who were responsible for all the signwriting on the frontage of the Queens Head and the work is of excellent quality. The existing noticeboard was provided by a donor from the congregation. It was agreed that this donor must be contacted and advised that the board will shortly be replaced. The Vicar suggested that the cost should be met from the money received for Dr Eunice Johnson estate. Penny French proposed acceptance of the quote in principle together with using money from Dr Eunice Johnson estate to fund the replacement noticeboard and was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Children and Youth Group report: - The Vicar reported that the Youth Group met on 7th November. There are 7 to 8 teenagers in SNIP who meet during Sunday evenings in the church hall for numerous activities. Reddiford and West Lodge schools are holding their Christmas concerts in our church together with a short service for our own preschool.

Christingle will be back this Christmas Eve after a few years' absence through Covid. There will be a collection for the Children's Society during the Christingle service.

Sarah is providing a Christmas craft morning on Monday 19th December.

Hilary Gould confirmed that Junior Church on Sundays during the 10am service is running smoothly. The Vicar is thinking about the potential for confirmations next year.

Parish Hall Committee report: - An anticipated Income and Expenditure budget for 2023 together with a report for the varnishing of the floors in the main church hall, Chancel and Lady Chapel prepared by Ian Galloway was duly noted. Angela Kenny spoke about the proposal by Ian for cleaning and recoating both the main church hall, Chancel and Lady Chapel floors by way of chemically scrubbing the floors and applying 2 coats of Granguard BP Sealant costing £2,500 together with a contingency reserve of £250. This is the better of two quotes received with a third currently being sought. A booking for February half term would need to be made now. After a discussion, the above was agreed unanimously.

AOB: 2023 Quinquennial Inspection. There will be an inspection of the church building by our architect next year. She hopes to visit us during February and let us have her report by the end of May.

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults:

The PCC has discussed the topic of safeguarding on several occasions over the course of the year and confirms that it has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

*Helen Walsh, PCC Secretary
Trevor Mitchell, PCC Minutes Secretary*

Vicar's Report on Parish Life

I write this as the 3rd anniversary of the first national lockdown is almost upon us. It scarcely seems possible that 3 years have passed since we were all told to stay at home, the majority of national life was suspended or lost, and churches and other places of worship were shut. Personally, I do not believe that we have even begun as a nation to emotionally process the events of the past 3 years, rather concentrating on a rush to return to "normal". My fear is that if we do not check, wait and have some sense of emotional review of the unprecedented events of the last 3 years then we will be inculcating into our national psyche a dangerous emotional fault-line that will become apparent at some stage in the future, especially for those whose education at all levels suffered so badly.

The church has a place in helping the nation to recover, to look forward, and also to theologically reflect on the past. Not just in a post-pandemic world but at all times and in all places. To provide a spiritual sense of the wonder of God and the knowledge that there is more in this world and to life than is apparent has been the role of the churches throughout the ages: to tell the Good News of Jesus Christ. I do hope that the current internal struggles and ponderous internal reflection will not tear the Church of England apart at the seams over discussions that to the majority of society are interesting at best and irrelevant at worst.

While the national church continues to fascinate a tiny percentage of the population with such dramas, many parishes continue in their best way to tell that Good News. Irrespective of church style or structure, many parishes throughout the land quietly continue in the face of dwindling congregations and national resources to celebrate Word and Sacrament, teach, minister to the sick, the dying and the lonely, to feed shamefully large numbers of the people of this country, to provide warm spaces and to offer shelter in co-operation with many organisations running day or night shelters, not only throughout the winter months but increasingly 365 days per year. The continuance of parish ministry is the great wonder of the Church of England, and it is in danger of obfuscation at best and disappearance at worst. To many parish clergy it increasingly feels as if we are being given fewer resources and less support from the greater church structures. Larger numbers of clergy than ever before are leaving parochial ministry due to stress, lack of any type of pastoral or ministerial assistance, pressure to achieve diocesan or national targets for growth, and a sadly increasing sense of failure, however that is defined. Also feeling isolated and lonely is not uncommon for clergy, especially in parishes geographically isolated, where clergy are running teams as large as 15 parishes in some diocese, or where everything just seems so metaphorically far away. More rural parishes seek half-time incumbents or job shares with a diocesan post, or look for House-For-Duty clergy who in reality can do nothing other than work the usual parochial hours but for half the stipend. The reality of the role requires nothing less. Role satisfaction is lower than ever among clergy across the 43 dioceses of the CofE and the constant requirement for change to meet the moving target of national expectations is tiring and bewildering.

Despite a growing sense of dissatisfaction among many in the church, good things happen and blessings surround us. Emma continues to be a blessing among us as she comes near to the end of her second year, ably supported by Colin. Emma's Priestly ordination and First Mass was the highlight of last summer. A really joyous celebration of the Eucharist with a great sense of priestly purpose and intention. I am very blessed to have Emma, Mark and Stuart as Priestly colleagues, and the support of Nick, Susan and Ann as Readers in the parish. The moving away of Janet and Dick Woodger was a real sadness for us all, for they had become such integral members of our community in the past 9 years. We continue to wish them well in the new life south of the Thames.

I have to report that all of the Occasional Offices are far fewer in number than before, reflecting not just the ever-changing demographic of the parish but also the lack of people who seek a Christian burial, marriage or Baptism.

The Churchwardens and I continue to put into place various recommendations from the Archdeacon's Visitation of 18 months ago, and we await the architect's Quinquennial report on the fabric of the church which is due in May. We will then look at the architect's recommendations and go forward from there, basing any future building or restoration work on what is said in the report.

Attendance at our Sunday 10.00 am is holding steady, but those at Sunday 8.00 am, Wednesday 10.00 am and Sunday Evensong remain small. I wrote last year about the fact that we are one of the few remaining parish churches who hold Evensong more often than not, and also an 8.00 am as many churches across the diocese are ceasing to hold a Sunday 8.00 am as numbers have dropped to 2 or 3 people on a regular basis. Do please support these services if you are able.

As ever we require volunteers to fill roles within our life together: servers, readers, PCC or hall committee members, church cleaners or grass mowers, choir members, etc... Without volunteers things do not happen. I know that I have said this before but the reality is that, despite these issues being brought to the fore during the year – most notably Volunteers Sunday organised by Susan Cooper – the rational that 10% of a congregation make 80% of things happen is broadly speaking true. For example, we cannot ask the same group of 5 people to serve at the Altar every week and at every service and moan – as some have to me – that we no longer have Incense every Sunday. The time may come when there will be no serving team at a Sunday Eucharist. Please do not think that such a development, should it occur, is “policy”. Rather it is a reflection of reality.

We have welcomed back schools for Harvest and Christmas, the Christingle service made a very welcome comeback this year, the PMF and MPS series continue in good form and need our support, and we have held a good number of concerts in church in the past 11 months.

This coming year’s issues that face us are: a financial stewardship campaign later in the year, an urgent need for volunteers for a variety of roles, the result of the quinquennial report and doubtless a few other things as well.

I am very grateful to Janet without whose administrative skills I would be lost and permanently at my desk. To Angela and Penny our superb Churchwardens and to Chris and Roger who support them so lovingly and prayerfully. To Jo our treasurer and to Ian Galloway and the tiny hall committee (more volunteers for that please) who do so much work that is sight-unseen from hall bookings to repairs. Steve Davidson retired as handy-person in January and the Wardens and I are currently looking at how to replace, if needed. For example, the request a few weeks ago for grass-cutting volunteers was one way that we can do something ourselves rather than pay a handy-person or external company to do it for us. So far 1 person has volunteered.

On a personal note I am no longer a Governor of Pinner High School, but we have good relationships with our local schools and several dates are already in the diary for visits etc in the coming academic years.

So, as we look ahead after that 3 year anniversary of lockdown, all churches need to ask themselves if they wish to continue in role and reason: of what their purpose is and how to go about telling the Good News of Jesus Christ. It may be in new and different ways, or the same: both are equally viable, but as those of us who are Incumbents in parishes are repeatedly told that we are the backbone of the church, while to be honest it feels at present far from that, then we do face an uncertain future. Our biggest congregation is the one that we do not see, so we know that the church fulfils a role and function within this place, but we must ensure that it carries on throughout the generations and, as we are increasingly removed from a world where the Christian faith is taught in the homes, this is harder and harder for us all.

My eternal thanks to Sarah, Tom and Toby and for their support and love.

From time to time churches and individual parishes go through “step-changes” or paradigm shifts and enter a new territory. My sense is that we as a national church are moving towards such a shift, and it will affect every parish and chaplaincy across the land in terms of prayer, expectations and literal ability to function. As such we all need to be prayerful, to study the Word and to rejoice in the Sacraments.

With prayers,

Fr Paul

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property and Maintenance

The three residential properties which are owned by Pinner Parish Church continue to be rented to long term tenants and all have recently renewed their tenancies for a further year. Gibbs Gillespie, now known as Romans, continue to act as managing agents for us. They inspect the properties twice a year and at last inspection the décor was mainly in good condition with a few areas in fair condition commensurate with age. The statutory gas and electric checks have been carried out and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors tested (and extra ones fitted.) All three properties are in a good state of repair. The PCC continues to use the rental income from one of the properties to rent alternative accommodation for the Curate.

We undertake maintenance of a number of items in the church and hall on an annual basis: fire alarm (hall), fire extinguishers (some replaced), intruder alarm (sacristy), boilers (hall and church) lightning conductor, PAT testing, and gutter clearance. All have been done and safety certificates received. In addition, outside lighting continues to be checked, cleaned and generally maintained. White safety lines on the edge of the outdoor steps have been repainted regularly. Asbestos in the boiler room has been checked and an annual inspection arranged. Pest control boxes have been set up around the outside perimeter of the hall and they are inspected and re-baited regularly.

A safety handrail has been commissioned outside the vestry steps and a new Church sign has been ordered.

Steve Davidson (SD Services Ltd) carried out handyman duties at St John's throughout 2022. He has since stepped down from this role and we would like to thank him for all his work maintaining the buildings and churchyard over the past few years. We would also like to express our thanks to Janet Huszczo and Ian Galloway and the Hall Committee, for all they have done this

year to maintain the fabric of the church and hall.

Penny French & Angela Kenny
Churchwardens

Hall Committee

The hall continues to be well used for church events, and by regular and casual hirers. As well as refreshments after the Sunday morning service, church events include NET talks, the Lent course, SNIP and children's Holiday Club. Following the interruptions due to COVID, we were pleased to once again host the Pinner Sketch Club Summer Exhibition in August and the PAC Christmas lunch in December.

Our regular hirers include Pinner Parish Pre-school, who in addition to morning sessions from Monday to Friday, now offer afternoon sessions on 4 days per week which provide a useful transition for the older children as they move up to full-time school.

As well as weekly dance classes for children and adults, the hall is used by Rainbows, Tai Chi, Taekwondo, Yoga and Pilates classes. Pianobeats classes teaching children keyboard skills are proving very popular and now run 7 days per week in the far side room. Finally, with the RSPB and Women's Institute holding monthly evening meetings, we are virtually fully booked during the week.

At weekends the hall is popular for children's parties and other social gatherings.

We are grateful to these outside groups for their use of the hall which provides a valuable contribution to church income.

In June the hall toilets were refurbished, which was paid for by a generous donation from a member of the congregation. In September we had the main hall roof recovered and would like to thank the Friends for their contribution towards the cost of this. With a view to the security of those using the hall, we changed the hall door lock to a programmable combination lock which gives us much better control of who can access the hall and when.

My thanks to the hall committee members, Sarah Hullyer and Vino Preetham, and to Janet Huszczo for fielding hall telephone enquiries in the office. Finally, my thanks to Steve Davidson, who has now retired as part-time parish handyman, for the various maintenance jobs which he carried out around the hall.

Ian Galloway
Chairman

Mission & Charities Committee

This year has seen a welcome recovery of donations following the pandemic and in line with an increase in attendance at services.

The Lent and Easter Appeal for 2022 was for Red Cross in Yemen where civil war has resulted in a severe famine and worsened by Covid-19 spreading through a vulnerable population. A representative of the Red Cross launched the Appeal on 27/2/22. A total of £4844.90 (including Gift Aid and GASDS) was raised.

For Harvest 2022, the appeal was in aid of USPG to improve food security and nutrition of small holder households through the Anglican Council of Malawi. The Plantation Community Development programme enables young women to continue in education as well as better conditions for those working on plantations. The full amount raised including bank transfers and Gift Aid was £3275.68.

For Advent and Christmas, the appeal was for Firm Foundation, although donations of food continued for Harrow Foodbank. Firm Foundation supports the homeless in Harrow. An impressive total of £4361.16 (including Gift Aid and GASDS) was raised. Although not part of the Committee's remit, the Christingle service resumed, raising £1102.30 for the Children's Society.

The Lent and Easter Appeal for 2023 is for the Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership and the Chair of Trustees launched the Appeal on 19/2/23. This local charity helps refugees and asylum seekers with the costly and difficult process of

gaining the right to stay in this country, once they have fled often appalling experiences in their home countries.

Annual giving of £14,750 for 2022/3 included a one-off payment to Michael Sobell House of £1000. Harrow Horizons was removed from the list following organizational changes by the charity. There is a minimum donation of £1000 per charity.

The main groups are

- (a) Charities funded mostly by churches – budget £6000
- (b) locally based UK charities - budget £5000 and
- (c) International groups – budget £3750.

The current charities are:

- (a) USPG, Christians against Poverty (debt counselling), Church Army, Firm Foundation (homeless people in Harrow)
- (b) Welldon Activity Group, Harrow Bereavement Care, St Luke's Hospice, Unseen UK (helpline supporting victims of slavery) and
- (c) Hope and Homes for Children, Mildmay, Kitrinos (Lesbos refugees).

As agreed by the PCC, for 2023/4, the total budget will be £13,750, which is approximately 10% of Stewardship income.

Peter Wilson

Nurture Education and Training

The NET Group oversees a Study and Development Programme for all Church members and those interested in the topics. The current members of the organising group are: Peter Ellis (Chair), Kath Adey, Ann Fuller, Karina Johnson, Rosemary Lay, Jane Mayes, and Emmie McGregor. Kath left the group during the year and Jane joined us. The Group usually meets about 4 times a year to plan events, but these events are open to all.

On Saturday 22 January, the NET Group hosted a really interesting morning in the Church Hall. Emma Webber, our Assistant Curate, led the well-attended session about the environment. It was titled **Eco-Theology**

for Beginners (that certainly included me and indeed many of those attending!) This talk was a reflection on why Christians should be leading the charge on caring for the environment – and introduced some of the arguments from Eco theology. We had a lively discussion about various issues. We discussed what we can do personally. Action was needed and the Churches should probably take the lead, as there is no clear message or direction from political parties.

Various options opened: make sure local resources are used, remember to Reduce, Re-use, Recycle.



As part of the St. John's 700th anniversary celebrations, it was fitting to hold the **Lent Quiet Day** in this beautiful rambling farmhouse, also a few centuries old. The theme of the day was Joy and Gratitude. Initially people arrived and mingled in the dining room with tea/coffee. Jane Mayes introduced each session by guiding us through a prayer & meditation on that theme. The afternoon session focussed on Imaginative Contemplation. This is basically imagining oneself in some scene from the Gospel, either as an onlooker or a participant, and seeing how the story unfolds. What comes up can be surprising and informative, and varied for different people. The day was rounded off perfectly by Fr Mark conducting Mass in the Rotunda. The benefits of the day continued to unfold for some time afterward.

On Saturday 1 May we got ready for the much-anticipated party – after a long break because of Covid. There were over 50 (!) of

us meeting in the hall for drinks, food, and fun. The food and drink were excellent and whilst partaking, some special guests arrived. These special people, otherwise recognised as young people from the Church Choir, entertained us with a variety of music. That was indeed excellent and there was rapturous applause. As well as eating and drinking, there were games of Giant Jenga going on – with much merriment. There was a pleasing buzz around - and predictably people were sad to leave.

We look forward to another Party in 2023.



About 25 of us gathered in the Church Hall on Saturday October 29 to learn about or even expand our knowledge of Icons. The session started, as usual in our NET sessions, with coffee and pastries, to waken the body and prepare our minds for knowledge. Father Mark Arnold spoke to us about praying with Icons and talked to us about Windows into Eternity. Mark gave us some background about the Art and History of Icons, and we looked at and discussed three Icons. These were stunning in their different ways: beauty and reflective.

On a cold but dry Saturday morning, 14 of us gathered in the Church vestry for Coffee. Suitably nourished, we then went into Church for the Quiet Morning. This was superbly led by Marguerite Kuhn and was given the title of 'The Gifting of Christmas'. We started with a short prayer: 'Come Holy Spirit, illuminate us. Help us to understand the Word today.' The morning was then split into short sessions of Quiet, each with a particular theme for Reflection and Thought. The time passed too quickly before we were back in the 'busyness' of Pinner and our usual lives. Quiet Mornings and Quiet Days are certainly to be recommended.



And that then led us to 2023. The sessions will properly be reported in the next APCM Report. But here is a brief flavour of the events.

On Saturday 25 February we had a very interesting and informative meeting on 'Christianity in the Gulf'.

Later, in the year, we plan to have a Quiet Day on Saturday 25 March at SPEC in Waxwell Lane.

We expect to have our NET Party on Saturday 20 May 2023. We would want to repeat the previous successful format – the event will be 4.30- 6.30, and consist of tea, sandwiches, cakes, Prosecco, with a few games. Please come to this Party and enjoy some spiritual uplifting as well as some nutrition for the body.

On Saturday 23 September, Emma Webber will lead a session on 'My Spiritual Journey'. Then, in November 2023, we plan an Advent Quiet Morning in Church.

We continue to monitor the prayer leaflets in the Lady Chapel, and the Gospel Imprint leaflets in the display rack and replace them when necessary.

I thank the members of the NET group for their commitment and hard work in maintaining our Study and Development Programme in 2022, and also in planning the programme for 2023.

I would like to emphasise that the Programme from the NET Group is for all church members and those interested in the topics.

If anyone wants something included in the NET Programme, then please do mention that, and we will make efforts to accommodate the request.

Peter Ellis

Chair,

Nurture, Education, and Training Group

March 2023

Stewardship, Youth Work Fund & Other Voluntary Giving - 2022

Stewardship Giving

In 2022 Stewardship income was:

£126,052

This is our main source of income and comes from regular gifts pledged by members of our church and is essential to support the church and its ministry. The majority of people who attend services, plus some who are no longer able, give in this way mostly by Standing Order but also by monthly envelope.

Gifts were down compared with 2021 by £3976 due to people moving away, change of circumstance and sadly a number of deaths. Their generous financial contributions to St John's, often over many years, are appreciated. Thanks must go to the 158 people (191 if partners are included) who have maintained their level of giving during another very difficult year.

Amounts given vary enormously – the average per donor was £66.48 per month in 2022 (£15.34 per week), this compares with the C of E average for 2021 of £67.16 per month. If partners are taken into account, the average at St John's was £54.99 per month per person. Half our income is given by 30 people, this is not unusual in a parish but there is an inherent vulnerability in the situation which needs to be mentioned.

The good news is that we were able to claim gift aid on 87% of the donations which brought in £27,316, a real bonus.

The forecast for 2023 is that Stewardship income could drop again by around £4000 if no action is taken. Covid and the financial

insecurity over the last few years has made it difficult to run a major Stewardship Campaign but as most of us do not review our giving or pledge to give unless asked, a campaign will be necessary in 2023. In the meantime, Stewardship packs are available in the porch and on the website for anyone who would like to review their giving to St John's. All gifts are welcome and the commitment to support St John's and its ministry is appreciated.

Youth Work Fund

Income for the Youth Work Fund in 2022 was: **£1380**

We claimed gift aid of £345 which gave a total of £1725. Thank you to those who give to support Youth Work, mostly in addition to their regular giving. It is appreciated.

Other Giving – Gift Aided

This covers gifts which are given via the yellow church gift aid envelopes. Income from this source was £686 with gift aid of £171.50, down on 2021. The reason for this was that some people transferred during 2021 to give by standing order as the plate was not available for much of that year.

Plate and Wallsafe Cash Giving

The collection plate has been available at the 10am service during the whole of 2023, cash gifts amounted to £1797. The wall safe cash gifts were £3234 giving a total of £5031 which is close to the 2019 figure prior to lockdown.

We claim "Gift Aid on Small Donations" of 25% on these cash gifts and this added £1258 giving a total of £6289. Thank you to church members and visitors for these gifts.

Other Voluntary Giving

Gifts with gift aid of £12,800 were received for specific purposes and for the sponsorship of church musical events.

There is information in the Mission and Charities report about giving to the charities supported at Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

The church claims GASDS on all cash gifts and passes the money on to the charities. Donations across the four charities with GASDS and Gift Aid amounted to £13582.

Thank you to Trevor Mitchell, Stewardship Recorder, who banks and records all cash and cheques during the year. His meticulous records make the claiming of GASDS and Gift Aid a straightforward task.

*Morella Boon
Gift Aid Recorder*

Kids Church

The young people (aged 3 - 13) at Kids Church have continued to enjoy sessions with their leader and helper with discussions, activities and craft work each week in term time in the hall during part of the 10am Parish Eucharist. They rejoin the service in time for Communion and at the end of the service, their discussions and work (based on one of the Eucharist readings for that week), is shared with the congregation.

Do look at the notice board in the hall (next to the kitchen hatch) where you can see some of their recent craft/work. Many thanks to the leaders for planning such interesting sessions and the helpers too for their time and commitment.

We are delighted to welcome two new helpers to the team next term. Please let us know if you would be interested in joining the team of leaders and helpers, or if you know of any young person who would like to join us on a Sunday morning.

Hilary Gould and Carolyn White

Holiday Club

In July, we held the Annual Holiday Club. In total, we had about 40 children attending as well as 20 teenage helpers involved during the week. The children were divided into 3 teams according to age - Blue Bears, Red Rovers and Yellow United.

We based our teaching and activities on the Scripture Union TEAMBUILDERS programme. The hall became the stadium where we had drama. Bible stories, singing, dancing and games. Stories about Joseph, Moses, Esther, Jesus and St Paul all had something to teach us about teamwork. We were able to have everyone back in the hall together this time after the previous year's Covid restrictions. On the Friday, we moved outside in the garden for an openair performance on the terraces!

Our crafts were linked with the Bible stories and teamwork in general. They included tie-dying T-shirts, cooking and other crafts and games as well as making a collective banner to show we are all part of Teambuilders! On Friday we had a drum workshop. Ray from 'Drum With Us' came to spend the morning with us and had everyone playing in a different sort of team, reminding us there are many ways to work together.

On the Wednesday, we had our family picnic, where many families came into the garden to join us for lunch. It was a chance for the parents to meet their children's leaders and for us to get to meet the families, some who have been coming every year for many years but also those joining holiday club for the first time this year.

On Sunday, we had our celebration service, which was well attended by many of the children, helpers and leaders, in which we shared some of the week's highlights with families and the wider church congregation.

Having returned to a more normal holiday club last year, we were unfortunately still affected by Covid, with several leaders and helpers having to miss parts of the week at the last minute after testing positive. However, the upside to this was that we found many hidden talents amongst our teenagers, who stepped up and took roles on

stage, tech management, dancing, etc. at very short notice. Altogether a real team effort! Thank you to everyone involved.

Sarah Hullyer

Rainbows -1st Pinner Rainbows

We continue to have a full unit of 18 girls who have enjoyed a varied programme at Rainbows, including cooking, crafts, outdoor activities and games.

As a unit we have worked together to earn several Stage 1 Skills Builder badges this year - First Aid, Feel Good, Make Change and Live Smart. These have involved the Rainbows learning skills for life, looking after themselves, other people and the planet. Some Rainbows have also worked at home to gain individual Interest Badges.

We have visited the Willow Tree Centre in Harefield for outdoor activities as a unit and also as part of a Division Guiding Day which the Rainbows enjoyed.

During the last year we welcomed Shivani as a new leader in training, as well as Jalpa and have had several girls volunteering with us as part of their D of E awards. We have just said good-bye to Katie and Georgie, who have been helping for some time now and will be greatly missed.

My continued thanks go to Sally, who has just gained her 10 years' service as a volunteer in Girlguiding, and to Andrea for their continued help.

Sarah Hullyer

GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Bereavement Visitors

During the Covid pandemic personal visiting could not take place, therefore bereavement support was offered by telephone. This unexpectedly proved to be a popular option and bereaved people are now asked whether they would prefer a visit face-to-face or by phone.

As always, our Memorial Service in church in November and the Lights of Life Tree in the Lady Chapel over the Christmas period were very well attended by those in the church and local community who wished to remember people who have died.

The annual Bereavement Conference is one opportunity for our visitors to learn, develop and network. There were two high profile speakers, a behavioural psychologist, and the Volunteer Co-ordinator at Jewish Women's Aid. Several different workshops followed which highlighted issues which may complicate the grief process.

Bridget Murray



Pinner Guild of Church Bell Ringers

2022 was a busy year for the bell ringers nationwide and for those of us in Pinner it was no exception!

We celebrated our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee with co-ordinated ringing at 11 o'clock on 3rd June coinciding with a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral. This event was much appreciated by the people of Pinner who came to listen as they enjoyed refreshments of tea and homemade cakes.

The next event was not a celebration but ringing to mark the death of our late Queen on 8th September, part of operation London Bridge. We rang the bells fully muffled on the following day and the sound was truly appreciated by the community of Pinner.

Later we rang all the bells open to celebrate the proclamation of the reign of King Charles III and then reapplied the double muffles for all ringing until the state funeral. We made good use of our new muffles, thoughtfully purchased 3 years ago.

Our regular ringing events continued: in February we hosted a Western district practice; in March we rang for a wedding; in April we rang to celebrate St George's Day; in November, unlike last year, we rang the bells half muffled on Remembrance Sunday. In addition, we provided service ringing on almost every occasion that it was required.

Our band is still strong with 11 active ringing members, one of whom is a junior, and two inactive members. There are also a number of learners who are making good progress. During 2022 we had three inactive life members but sadly Anne Payne died early in 2023.

The bells are regularly checked but during August when an unwanted 'thunk' noise was heard from the tenor bell it became obvious that attention was needed. Advice was sought, and a bells restoration officer from the Middlesex Association attended quickly and made the necessary adjustments. All was well for a few weeks until the treble bell started to make similar noises. Fearing that expensive repairs were needed we called for assistance from bellhangers Whites of Appleton who had done work on our bells a few years ago. Finally, after further advice from Nicholson Engineering, Michael and Luke were able to make adjustments to the position of the bell and our bells now swing as they should.

Our annual bellringers dinner was held in September at Casa Mia in Hatch End. 15 people attended and enjoyed the occasion.

Thanks go from all the ringers to our Tower Captain, Michael Hetreed, for his patience and dedication. This has ensured that the bells continue to ring in Pinner and that the band of bell ringers continues to grow.

We practise on Tuesday evenings at 8pm. If you are interested in giving it a go, contact

our Tower Captain Michael, or any of the ringers.

Sue Ellis
Tower Secretary



Music Report

New opportunities have presented themselves during the year. We have been successful in recruiting several new adults who sing mainly at evensong. We are most grateful to Philippa for spreading the word amongst local church choirs who do not have an evensong, and our tradition is safe for the time being.

Our lack of success in recruiting an Assistant Director of Music has turned out to be a blessing in disguise, for it has enabled us to invite the very able Paul Jeanes (Amici Chamber Choir's conductor) who shares the playing of Choral Evensongs with Philip Rees, who played regularly at Pinner many years ago. We are particularly grateful to Ian Galloway who cheerfully plays on nearly all Sunday mornings.

Throughout its history the choir has evolved and successfully adapted to present day circumstances. We either enthusiastically embrace these changes and thrive, or ignore and decline. Recently we have found that parents are unwilling to commit to the demands of having children in the choir. We are also competing with a host of sporting and other activities which would have been unimaginable occurrences on the Sundays in the days of yore. Please step forward if you would like to join the children on the treble line on Sunday mornings. This is already successfully happening at evensong.

A few neighbouring churches are now offering generous choral scholarships to teenagers. (Holy Trinity Northwood is offering as much as £750 a year!) I think that is something which Pinner should consider so that more local teenagers will benefit from the musical experience of singing in the Pinner choir.

We have extended the repertoire and maintained the traditional programme of concerts. We are most grateful to the senior choristers for providing the backbone of the treble line. Saffron has sung some beautiful solos during the year and she has been supported by Francesca, Alexa, Celia and Anika. Francesca gained her RSCM silver award in February.

Provided that we are able to embrace the changes that lie ahead we can look forward several more years of successful singing.

Martin Singleton



Church Flowers

Once again, the team enhanced the beauty of our medieval Church with enthusiasm, hard work and commitment.

To begin with, we had to remain socially distanced but this did not detract from the joy of working together at Easter after so long. We happily filled the church with flowers.

We then arranged flowers for the Pinner Music Festival and our thanks go to Jane Mayes for organising this and the decoration of the church for Harvest Festival.

In between, we were privileged to arrange flowers for weddings, funerals and in memory of loved ones. Finally, we came together to arrange flowers for Christmas.

Due to ill health issues, I had to step back from the team, and I would like to thank Judy for taking on the role of team leader for the year. With the help and support of the whole team she did an excellent job.

Judith Brampton

The Friends of Pinner Parish Church

2022 proved to be a particularly challenging year for The Friends. At last year's AGM Isabel Beddison retired as Chair after many years dedicated service. She actively tried to recruit someone to replace her but was unable to do so before she left. The Committee has subsequently been equally unsuccessful in finding someone willing to take on the role.

We were very pleased to be able to donate £10,000 towards the repairs to the Church Hall roof.

However, the effects of Covid and the ill-health of some of the Committee members has meant that there has been a significantly lower level of fund raising over the past 3 years. This has been further exacerbated by the absence of a Chair, which has left the Friends lacking in direction and the drive to run events and raise funds to preserve the Church as an important place of worship and centre of community life. In addition, 3 long-standing members of the Committee have decided not to seek re-election this year. We give our grateful thanks to Michael, Hilary and Eileen for all their valuable hard work in raising funds to maintain the fabric of the Church.

We now find ourselves at somewhat of a crossroads. In order for the Friends to move forward, we now need the impetus of new Committee members and in particular a Chair. The Friends welcomes members from the local community as well as the congregation of St John the Baptist.

The Committee is wholly committed to the continued success of The Friends but we equally recognise that unless we are confident in the ability to raise meaningful levels of funds, we may have to make the tough decision to move towards closing the charity.

On behalf of the Committee

House Groups

House groups continue as an enduring part of church activities despite setbacks stemming from the Covid pandemic.

Ann Fuller runs a group which meets in the afternoons. It maintains strong bonds of fellowship and combines both study (especially York courses), worship in the form of Compline, and even sacramental worship using consecrated hosts. However, it has only three members.

For multiple reasons neither Chris Lomax's nor Marilia Perrett's group met at all in 2022. However, Marilia's has recently been re-kindled and plans to meet more regularly in 2023.

The group hosted by Nick Ridge has closed but, like the Phoenix, a new group of nine members has risen (contact Stephen Brown) and meets about every six weeks. Study material is self-selected but is very focussed on bible reading.

The next study will be an examination of the Archbishop of York's Advent course, based on the impact of climate change.

Chris Lomax

Pinner Parish Review

Being an Eco church, we do not have so many paper copies of the Review now. About sixty copies are printed for each publication date. There are always some on the table in the South porch and some in the church hall lobby. Being on-line means that the Review is available to a very wide number of readers, giving an insight into the life and worship at St. John's.

I hope all our readers enjoy the colour photos which we are including.

Thanks go to the Review team.

I am immensely grateful to the congregation who submit the articles for the Review. With home-grown material we do not have to worry about copyright. Please continue to send articles and photographs to me at:

audrey.taylor@pinnerparishchurch.org.uk
so we can continue the good work.

Audrey Taylor

Pinner and District Faiths Dialogue

We continued to hold meetings during the past year and were able to meet in person for the first time since the pandemic.

On 18/05/2022 we discussed “Caring for our Planet” at Mehfil and Ali Salaam Centre, North Harrow. Speakers included our curate, Emma Webber, and speakers from the Jewish, Muslim and Jain communities. On 2/11/2023 we discussed “Our different approaches to prayer at Pinner United Synagogue. This again led to lively discussions.

Further meetings are planned for the coming year, including “Food for the soul - bring and share texts and prayers that inspire you” on 16/05/2023 at St Luke’s Parish Centre.

*Katherine Pinching-co-chair with
Jenny Nemko of the United Synagogue.*



Pinner Music Festival

The Pinner Music Festival has been a consistent part of the Parish activities for nearly 60 years, for the first 50 of which it was directed by Michael Turvey, the Church’s Director of Music, and colleagues. It comprises a week of concerts, normally in early June. PMF is a part of the wider community activities of the Parish Church. It has raised substantial funds for smallish, locally-based charities (about £18,500 in the last 6 Festivals) – as well as bringing music and musicians of a high standard to St John’s, Pinner, and the surrounding community.

Pinner Music Festival is formally a Parish activity, its Committee being a sub-

committee of PCC and answerable to PCC. In November/December, PMF sends the PCC a proposed plan and draft budget for approval, together with a suggested charity, for the following year’s Festival.

In September/October, PMF sends the PCC a report on the financial and artistic outcome of the June Festival. Finances are held within PCC accounts (as a separate PCC-PMF account, with parish officers as signatories) and subject to audit, as part of Parish Accounts. Reserves of £6,000 have been built up. We are very grateful to the Parish Treasurer, Jo Kothary, and Chris Lomax, Paymaster, for their help and support through the year. The PMF Committee is chaired by Professor Anthony Pinching (who is also Director of PMF), and includes David Gould, Emmie McGregor and Stephen Brown (PCC Representative), with Shirley, Marketing Consultant, co-opted.

Pinner Music Festival – 2022 (13th – 18th June) was another feast of fine classical music played by superb musicians and we were pleased to be able to showcase Pinner Parish Church Choir again. We started with Petroc Trelawny chairing the seminar, introducing some of the artists and music to be featured. The Choir delighted us with anthems and solo pieces in a programme that highlighted the musical talent that is nurtured here. They performed Russell Pascoe’s lovely *Hymn to St John the Baptist*, which PMF had commissioned for the choir for the 700th Anniversary, but which they were unable to perform last year. Our visiting artists included those whom we had to cancel in 2020.

Opera Anywhere gave us a magical opera evening, starting with a lovely mix of arias, duets and trios performed by Sorelle, followed by an immensely moving production of Puccini’s *Sister Angelica*. Virtuoso pianist Maki Sekiya played to a very full church for the lunchtime concert, including fine accounts of Beethoven’s *Waldstein Sonata* and Mussorgsky’s *Pictures at an Exhibition*. The Victoria String Quartet gave another capacity audience a marvellous evening of Haydn,

Dvorak, Elgar (a premiere of his *Six Fragments*) and ending with a rousing performance of Mendelssohn's D major Quartet. We heard a wide range of Bach's music amazingly transformed by Art of Moog with their brilliant use of synthesisers. The Festival Choir, Orchestra and three soloists concluded the week with Handel's splendid *Alexander's Feast*.

Overall this was a lovely Festival of fine music, but audience numbers (post-Covid) were lower than expected for many of the concerts, reducing the balance that we were able to donate to our charity, Michael Sobell Hospice, together with refreshment donations. The church's Missions & Charities Committee kindly added a further donation to bring the benefit to the Hospice to a comparable level to previous years' PMFs.

Our plan for PMF-2023 (12th–17th June) has been modified to try to enhance audience numbers and income, while reducing expenditure. We shall have two lunchtime concerts and four evening concerts, as well as the opening seminar. Ticket prices have gone up slightly. The programme includes our own choir performing Vivaldi's *Gloria* and the Festival forces performing Haydn's *Creation*.

Our visiting musicians include the Aurora Trio, Trio Balthasar and musicians from the Yehudi Menuhin School, as well as Jessica Duchon and Viv McLean in a concert drama. Music will have a wide range, featuring Beethoven, Dvorak, Debussy and many more, including a new solo flute piece by Martin Bussey based on *A Brother Abroad*, which we commissioned from him for PMF-2021.

The PMF Committee does an enormous amount of voluntary work throughout the year to plan, publicise and coordinate the Festival. It is strongly supported by very many volunteers from the Parish, who help with the many practical aspects and to create the particular ambience that is Pinner Music Festival, and which is always appreciated by artists and audiences.

This year, I wish to salute Trevor Mitchell, Emmie McGregor and Paul Hullyer in particular for picking up the reins midweek, when Covid struck the Director. We benefit from substantial business sponsorship and personal donations, and are very grateful for these, which make the quality of our Festivals possible.

We very much appreciate the continuing support and oversight of the Vicar and the PCC.

Professor Anthony J Pinching
Festival Director, PMF,
on behalf of the PMF Committee

Harrow Deanery Synod

The first meeting in 2022 was held on 23 February at Christ Church Roxeth. Revd Elaine Weaver shared information about the parish and led the opening worship. Emmanuel Gill spoke about the purpose and work of the London City Mission in Harrow. They work alongside teams from the churches to reach out to the Hindu and Muslim populations. The Area Dean introduced a discussion on the focus of the Deanery Synod to assist the Standing Committee with the choice of subjects for future meetings.

A service to welcome Bishop Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy to the Willesden Area was held at Emmanuel Church Northwood on 27 February. A Deanery Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Lusa was held in Holy Trinity Church Northwood on 7 June. The service was followed by a time of Fellowship when members of the churches could meet Bishop Lusa informally over refreshments.

A meeting to discuss Synod business was held using the Zoom software on 6 July. One application for a grant from the Deanery Mission Fund had been received from St Peter's West Harrow for £1,000 towards their work with young people; this was approved. The Deanery Accounts for 2021 were received and approved, subject to Independent Examination. Revd Emma Webber was elected to the vacancy for a clergy representative on the Deanery

Standing Committee. Pam Clissold was standing down as Deanery Treasurer and it was agreed that Revd David Green would act as Treasurer until an election is held in July 2023.

The third meeting was held on 10 November at St John's Church of England School, Stanmore. The school choir welcomed Synod to the school by singing some songs. Jo Hester, Headteacher, introduced the school and the pupil composition. She explained the school's ethos and vision, and that it is recognised as a Music Hub, Early Years Hub and Religious Education Hub. The music teacher explained that the school orchestra had over 50 members and there were choirs from both sections of the school. The Assistant Headteacher explained the curriculum and the main drivers. Four of the children shared their experiences at the school. The choir sang their vision song including the words "we make a difference".

Harrow Re:generation shared the resources that they provide to churches and schools in Harrow and their involvement during the year. They asked for continuing support from the churches for their work as a charity including volunteering, financial giving and prayer.

Representatives shared information about the Church of England Growth Report in respect of young people and the changes that churches need to make as a result of the pandemic. They explained that churches, some of whom do not have the volunteers for youth work that they had previously, need to partner with other churches and organisations and use the resources available from the Diocese. There was then a time for prayer in small groups. The 2021 Deanery Accounts had been Independently Examined successfully.

Monthly Prayer for Harrow has taken place on the first evening of each month under the leadership of Revd Malcolm Finlay and then Revd Ian Dowsett, using the Zoom software.

Reports on the sessions of the London Diocesan Synod and of the General Synod were received at meetings during the year.

Robert May
Honorary Secretary



Pinner Association of Churches

In November 2021 I became chair of the PAC for the last time. A round of successful events started from then.

A very successful torchlight carols around the Christmas tree was held in December. Later in the month, for the first time for two years (owing to COVID) the Christmas day lunch was held in our hall once more.

The Walk of Witness on Good Friday was well attended too, with the popular hot cross buns afterwards.

During the summer, after negotiations, our new, improved web site was launched. We hope that with proper management it will remain fresh and relevant.

In November, I ended my time as Chair and also as PAC representative for St John's Church. St Luke's Church took the reins as Chair, but, so far, no rep has been found for St John's.

Rosemary Lay

St John's Social Group

Since November 2021, the Social Group has visited the United Reformed Church in Hallowell Road, Northwood. We attend their once-a-month concert of either choral or orchestral concerts of high standard. These start with coffee and conclude with half an hour of concert.

As the numbers attending these concerts is not large, and COVID has made me more cautious about taking people into town, I have not yet extended my range of visits.

Rosemary Lay

Walking Group

The walking group has continued to evolve over the last year in that there has been some change in the people attending and also our average walk length has become longer (typically around 8 miles). Since the pandemic we have been walking weekly each Wednesday, although you may be unaware of this as we often do not make the cut off time for the church notices. If anyone is thinking of joining us and wants to know where we will be walking please ask me to add you to the email distribution list.

On average we have about 12 walkers but when incentivised (e.g. by an invitation to drop around to Michael and Alison Hetreed's for mulled wine and mince pies or stopping to appreciate a piano concert at our former curate Kunle's church in Highgate) the numbers can rise to 30 or more. We have enjoyed some glorious walking both in London and out in the countryside. Non-walking highlights in 2022 for me were a tour of the Old Bailey and a theatre trip to see Upstart Crow.

Contrary to the impression I may have just given the focus is very much on walking. Having a picnic rather than a pub lunch does enable us to walk in many more areas than previously.

Several former stalwarts have stopped walking with us in the last year or two because of their grandchildren caring responsibilities or other reasons. Nevertheless, we have grown recently by inviting friends/neighbours and even a few people from the Next-Door Pinner website. The people on the weekly walks are now split approximately one third from St John's and the majority from outside.

We have a team of 5 leaders/leader couples who take turns to organise walks, although anybody can volunteer to lead a walk. Where possible, particularly within Greater London, we offer early exit routes for people wanting a shorter walk or needing to attend to other matters in the afternoon. It is a sociable, healthy activity which seems to particularly appeal to people who live on their own or whose partner is not a walker.

In addition to the weekly walks, Judith and I coordinate short residential walking holidays. In 2022, 17 of us stayed in Whitby and in 2023 we will be part of a group of 11 to the Isle of Wight in March and 31 to Malhamdale in May.

If you can make time to do, so please consider joining in sometime.

Nick Childs



Music in Pinner Series

Classical and Jazz Concerts: 2022 – 2023 Season

Annual Report to APCM – March 2023

Music in Pinner Series (MPS) is a monthly series of Saturday concerts, conducted under the aegis of Pinner Parish Church and its PCC.

Music in Pinner Series is formally a part of parish community activities, with corresponding benefits to the parish of raised profile and goodwill. It is run as a sub-committee of PCC and answerable to PCC. MPS sends the PCC a proposed plan and draft budget for approval early in the year for the following season.

In May/June, MPS sends the PCC a report on the financial and artistic outcome of the previous season. Finances are held within PCC accounts (within the PCC-PMF account, but clearly separated from PMF, with parish officers as signatories) and subject to audit, as part of Parish Accounts. Reserves of £7,500 have been kindly provided by PCC from part of the proceeds of Pinner Jazz. The Church receives 12.5% of ticket income for concerts on site, and 5% for those offsite. Profits from any year are added to reserves held in the designated account to support future seasons.

MPS is directed by Professor Anthony Pinching, with a supporting team including Stuart Natrass (Jazz Advisor), Stephen

Brown (PCC Representative) and Trevor Mitchell (MPS Stage Manager), with Shirley (Marketing Consultant) co-opted. Parish Treasurer, Jo Kothary, and paymaster Chris Lomax, manage the PCC-PMF account, supported by Charity Bookingkeeping Services, with budget-setting and financial oversight by the MPS Director.

We planned a 7-concert MPS Season 2022-2023, including two sets of musicians whom we had had to cancel from 2020-2021. Audience numbers have remained lower than usual, especially for classical concerts, reflecting continuing post-Covid audience patterns, as seen across the sector. We project that we shall just remain in positive balance, as we did last year, through careful management of expenditure.

The season started with a fine piano recital by Young-Choon Park comprising Haydn, Schubert and two contrasting Beethoven sonatas. A great band co-led by Alan Barnes and Andy Panayi gave us a super evening's tribute to John Coltrane and Cannonball Adderley in November.

At the beginning of December, Miriam Kramer and Nicholas Durcan performed Beethoven and Elgar violin sonatas beautifully, with a lovely mix of other pieces. We were hosted in January by Pinner United Synagogue with a capacity audience for the Enrico Tomasso All-Stars giving an authentic and brilliant salute to Louis Armstrong.

In February, the impressive Rossetti Ensemble gave us four contrasting piano quartets, with a fine display of ensemble performances of excellent works: Mozart, Mahler and Brahms were joined (as were we) by composer David Matthews, 80 this year.

Two concerts remain: the Mark Nightingale Quintet play swinging jazz in a Cole Porter evening in March; and in April we welcome rising star mezzo-soprano Helen Charlston with Emma Abbate on piano portray Women in Song, a mix of pieces written by and for women.

We are starting to envisage that a further MPS season will be feasible 2023–2024, so long as we budget carefully. This will probably comprise four jazz and three classical concerts, given the better audience numbers for the former. Tentative artist bookings will be made, subject to later PCC approval.

The volunteers behind Music in Pinner Series do an enormous amount of work throughout the year to plan, publicise and coordinate these concerts, strongly supported by others on each concert day. Audience and artists always appreciated the welcome they get and the very engaged audiences that they experience at these concerts. We are very grateful for the support and oversight of the PCC.

*Anthony Pinching,
Director, Music in Pinner Series*

Charity Number 1130752

*Ecclesiastical Parish of
St. John the Baptist, Pinner*

Financial Statements

31 December 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

Parochial Church Council Members year ending 31 December 2022

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the PCC. Members of the PCC Standing Committee are marked with an asterisk.

Clergy:	Reverend Paul Hullyer* Mark Arnold Emma Webber *
Church Wardens:	Angela Kenny* (first elected 2019) Penny French* (first elected 2021)
Diocesan Synod:	Susan Cooper
Deanery Synod:	Stephen Brown Robin Youle (retired May 2022) David Poole
Elected to PCC:	Retiring 2023 (elected in November 2020) Morella Boon Dawn Friday Vino Manohar Retiring 2024 (elected in May 2021) Carolyn White* Sarah Hullyer Hilary Gould Retiring 2025 (elected in May 2022) Karina Johnson*
Safeguarding Officer:	Katherine Pinching (co-opted)
Treasurer:	Joanna Kothary* (co-opted)

The following are not members of the PCC but are in attendance in order to fulfil their functions

PCC Secretary:	Helen Walsh
Minutes Secretary:	Trevor Mitchell

**THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH
OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER**

**ANNUAL REPORT
For the year ended 31 December 2022
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Introduction

The Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Baptist, Pinner - Charity No. 1130752 - (the "Church") have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and to become part of our Parish community of St John the Baptist. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups living within our Parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning activities for the year the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's Guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific Guidance on Charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our Parish community through worship and prayer, provision of pastoral care and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St John the Baptist.

It is a requirement for parishes with a gross income of over £250,000 to include a statement in the Annual Report of their risk assessment and consequent management systems established and this has been completed.

The Statutory Accounts comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and Notes to the Accounts.

Overview

At the end of the year 2022 the Church funds totalled £1,995,364 (2021 £1,952,660), an increase of £42,704 for the year. These funds are as follows:

Funds		2022	2021
		£	£
Unrestricted	General Fund	37,995	65,112
	Special Receipts Unspecified	2,500	2,500
	Legacies	95,397	55,064
	Youth Committee	679	235
	Capital Reserves	200,375	200,375
	Church Fabric and Buildings	3,520	3,520
	Missions & Charities	480	480
	Music in Pinner	6,455	6,455
	Jazz in Church	13,179	13,179
	Hall Fund	93,428	66,149
	Sub-Total	454,008	413,069
	Fixed Assets & Investments	1,491,038	1,500,339
	Total Unrestricted Funds	1,945,046	1,913,408
Restricted	Special Receipts, Nominated	3,228	0
	Hall Fund	4,546	0
	Tower (Bell Ringers)	1,363	1,221
	Flower Arrangers	401	355
	Music Festival	11,652	10,480
	Music in Pinner	7,309	4,676
	Youth Worker	15,232	13,542
	Church Restoration	281	2812.75
	Choir Tour	4,936	4,676
	IT/Software/Web/Training	1,370	1,489
	Total Restricted Funds	50,318	39,252
Total All Funds		1,995,364	1,952,660

Risk Assessment and Management

Risks associated with the affairs of Pinner Parish Church are periodically reviewed by the members of the Standing Committee. The Committee advises the PCC that appropriate arrangements are in place to identify, assess and manage risks that arise from the running of the Church (e.g. statutory health and safety, fire, food hygiene, insurance of properties, public liability, reputation, child protection, handling of money, data protection). The Committee reports annually to the PCC and submits a revised Risk Register of significant risks. A copy is posted in the Church porch and details of health and safety arrangements are available on the website.

Review of the year 2022

Full church activities resumed in 2022.

Summary

Total Incoming Resources for the year ended 31 December 2022 were £358,570 (2021 - £283,892) and total expenditure was £315,166 (2021 - £285,157) leading to an income of £43,405.

Incoming Resources

Key points to note are:-

- Within voluntary income, planned giving reduced by £3,507 but was offset by an increase in income from legacies of £34,333.
- Income from Hall rental increased by £19,673 following the restrictions imposed by Covid 19 in the prior year.
- Total Income and Endowments increased by £75,119. This was mainly attributable to the increase in Hall income & significant Legacies.
- Income from the rental of the three investment properties owned by the Church, and income from hiring the hall made up 28% of the church's income.

Overall Resources Used

Key points to note are:-

- The parish contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund was £112,302 and was paid in full.
- Ministry costs increased by £10,044 mainly following the appointment of a new curate during 2021.
- Expenditure on Activities, such as the music concerts (PMF, and MPS) increased as concerts resumed following Covid restrictions in 2021.
- Upkeep Costs increased in 2022 partly due to increase in electricity costs.

Reserves and Reserve Policy

The reserves we maintain are:-

General Reserves, which contain all non-restricted reserves including non-specific legacies received.

Capital Reserves for funding expenditure of a capital nature and future contingencies in respect of general operating costs.

Restricted Reserves such as ancillary activities, which include sums held by PMF, MPS, Bellringers, Church Flowers, current restoration activities and any other specific reserves.

“Reserves” also exist in the form of the “investment” properties.

The policy of the Church is to maintain an adequate reserve to meet all eventualities and has in previous years been based on one year’s unrestricted costs (designed to cover running costs and any unforeseen and urgent capital requirements that may arise). This year’s reserve continues to remain at £200,375. This is lower than policy dictates due to a transfer from Capital Reserves to the Restoration fund for the restoration work carried out in a prior year, which was approved by PCC prior to the commencement of works. The reserve total requires to be substantial but not excessive, in order to protect ourselves against the impact of potential major repairs costs for our medieval Church.

The Outlook for the Future

In 2022 we report a surplus income of £43,405 (2021: -£1,709). Income from hall rentals and rents of our properties continue to contribute a significant part of our total income (28%). Hall income has shown some growth in 2022. Rental income from 37 Eastcote Road is being used following the appointment of a new curate in June 2022.

Acknowledgements

Taking on the role of Treasurer from 1 December 2021 it quickly became apparent that the devolved finance system cannot work without the many dedicated people performing their responsible tasks conscientiously. I would like to express my gratitude and offer my thanks to Carolyn White, for managing the fees system, Jude Brampton, for managing the intricacies of the flower fund, Martin Singleton, for managing the junior choir pay system, Trevor Mitchell, for banking all cash income and keeping immaculate accounts, Morella Boon for handling Gift Aid and GASDS claims from HMRC, Nick Childs for managing the reclaim of VAT and Chris Lomax for managing payments. I should also like to acknowledge the service of our bookkeeper, Kevin Ogilvie, and the devolved payroll service of David Graham Associates.

*Joanna Kothary, Treasurer
14 April 2023*

THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

Independent Examiners' Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Baptist, Pinner (Charity No. 1130752)

I report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You are satisfied that the charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts and the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

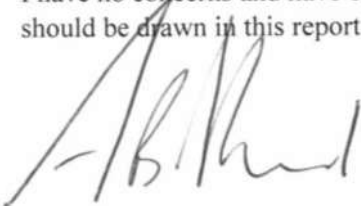
Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Anthony Phillips FCCA

On behalf of:

Buckingham & Company Ltd
27A Maxwell Road
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THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2022

		2022	2022	2022	2021
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
		Funds (Inc.	Funds		
		fixed assets)			
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS					
Voluntary Income	3(a)	201,219	24,092	225,312	173,192
Activities for Generating Funds	3(b)	5,522	23,372	28,895	23,069
Income from Church Activities	3(c)	48,168	0	48,169	37,902
Income from Investments	3(d)	56,194	0	56,195	49,285
Other Income		0	0	0	0
TOTAL INCOME & ENDOWMENTS		311,103	47,464	358,571	283,448
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on raising funds	4(a)	0	0	0	53
Church Activities					
Grants payable under charitable objects	4(b)	14,446	1,358	15,804	14,403
The Ministry	4(c)	154,808	0	154,808	144,764
Support costs for services	4(d)	20,287	35	20,322	16,770
Activities	4(e)	214	22,444	22,658	26,854
Upkeep	4(f)	63,348	11,553	74,901	57,097
Management and administration	4(g)	26,520	153	26,673	25,215
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		279,623	35,543	315,166	285,156
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		31,480	11,921	43,405	-1,708
GAIN ON REVALUATION OF INVESTMENTS	8&4(h)	-701	0	-701	130,761
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE BEFORE TRANSFERS		30,779	11,921	42,704	129,054
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	6 & 7			0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		30,779	11,921	42,704	129,054
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2022		1,913,408	39,252	1,952,660	1,823,606
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2022		1,944,187	51,173	1,995,364	1,952,660

THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Fixed Assets and Investments	8	1,491,038	1,500,339
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments	9	7,101	5,552
Debtors	9	7,933	6,234
Short term deposits	12	306,948	302,962
Cash at bank and in hand	12	187,239	165,115
		509,220	479,863
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors due within one year	10	4,893	27,542
NET CURRENT ASSETS		504,327	452,321
NET ASSETS		1,995,364	1,952,660
FUNDS			
	11		
Unrestricted		454,008	413,069
Restricted		50,318	39,252
Total Restricted and Unrestricted		504,326	452,321
Capital Funds		1,491,038	1,500,339
Total		1,995,364	1,952,660

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on _____ and signed, on its behalf by:

Rev Paul Hullyer (Chairman)

Church Warden

THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ASSESSMENT OF GOING CONCERN

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Report Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011. The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The PCC consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered to be material in relation to these financial statements.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

- (a) collections are recognised when made;
- (b) amounts receivable under covenant are recognised only when honoured by the covenantor;
- (c) income tax recoverable on covenanted or gift aid donations is recognised when claimable;
- (d) grants and legacies are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the amount due;
- (e) funds raised by Church events are accounted for gross;

Other ordinary income

- (a) rental income from the letting of Church premises is accounted for when earned;
- (b) Parochial fees due to the PCC for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Application of resources

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

Costs directly related to the work of the Church

The Diocesan quota (Common Fund) is accounted for when payable.

Fixed assets for use by the Church

Consecrated land and buildings and movable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96 (2) (a) of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on the unmovable Church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, whether maintenance or improvement is written off.

Other land and buildings

Other land and buildings held for the PCC for its own purposes is shown at cost. No depreciation is charged against such properties but any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

Investment properties

Properties which are let and held as investment properties are shown at the last known market value.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Office equipment used within the Church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off in the period in which the asset is acquired.

Fixtures & fittings are depreciated on a straight line basis over 10 years.

Current assets

- (a) amounts owing to the PCC as at 31 December 2022 in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable;
- (b) short-term deposits consist of cash held on deposit at the Central Board of Finance.

Risk management

All PCCs with income and expenditure over £250,000 must have a policy with regard to the management of risks. This policy is reviewed annually by the PCC which is satisfied that appropriate systems are in place to mitigate those risks identified.

3 INCOME & ENDOWMENTS

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
		2022	2022	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
3(a) Voluntary Income					
Planned giving:	Gift Aid	126,052	1,380	127,432	131,529
	Tax recovered	28,972	1,845	30,817	30,227
Collections		5,812	6,000	11,812	5,012
Special receipts		0	14,587	14,587	30
Sundry donations		50	280	330	376
Legacies		40,333	0	40,333	6,000
Church Restoration		0	0	0	18
Sub-total		201,219	24,092	225,311	173,192
3(b) Activities for generating funds					
Publications		70	0	70	117
Fees		2,660	155	2,815	4,521
Children and youth		1,180	0	1,180	1,046
Sundry receipts		1,612	273	1,885	560
Events receipts (PMF & MPS)		0	22,944	22,944	16,825
Sub-total		5,522	23,372	28,894	23,069
3(c) Income from Church activities					
Use of Church		1	0	1	165
Hall contributions		48,167	0	48,167	28,494
700th anniversary events		0	0	0	9,243
Sundry		0	0	0	0
Sub-total		48,168	0	48,168	37,902
3(d) Investment income					
Rent from houses		51,958	0	51,958	48,958
Interest from deposit accounts		4,236	0	4,236	327
Investment Fund income		0	0	0	0
Sub-total		56,194	0	56,194	49,285
TOTAL INCOME & ENDOWMENTS		311,103	47,464	358,567	283,448

4 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
4(a) Expenditure on raising funds	-	-	-	53
	-	-	-	53
Church Activities				
4(b) Expenditure on Charitable activities				
Overseas missions	0	0	0	0
Relief agencies	0	0	0	0
Home missions	0	0	0	0
Secular charities	0	0	0	0
Charitable giving from general fund	14,446	0	14,446	13,875
Charitable giving from special collections	0	1,358	1,358	528
Sub-total	14,446	1,358	15,804	14,403
4(c) The Ministry				
Clergy expenses	2,308	0	2,308	1,908
Curate house expenses	21,323	0	21,323	14,223
Parish Administrator	17,794	0	17,794	17,341
Cost of Youth Minister	0	0	0	0
Children & Youth Work	1,081	0	1,081	1,192
Diocesan quota	112,302	0	112,302	110,100
Sub-total	154,808	0	154,808	144,764
4(d) Support costs for services				
Sacristan	2,014	0	2,014	1,267
Service books, posters	348	0	348	306
Robes	170	0	170	0
Music	769	0	769	940
Choir costs	737	0	737	398
Organists' costs	14,610	0	14,610	12,587
Training	0	0	0	10
Quiet days/pilgrimages	638	0	638	0
Flowers for Church	1,001	35	1,036	1,262
Sub-total	20,287	35	20,322	16,770
Carried forward	189,541	1,393	190,934	175,990

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
4 EXPENDITURE (continued)				
Brought Forward	189,541	1,393	190,934	175,990
4(e) Activities				
Books and materials	48	0	48	111
Refreshments	225	0	225	13
Sundry activities (inc MPS, Music Festival)	0	22,704	22,704	18,061
Library	0	0	0	0
700th anniversary events	0	0	0	8669
Donations (MPS)	0	0	0	0
Choir Tour Costs	-59	-260	-319	0
Sub-total	214	22,444	22,658	26,854
4(f) Upkeep				
Vicarage and garden	376	0	376	363
Burhill Grove	3,142	0	3,142	3586
Eastcote Road	2,273	0	2,273	2,507
Chamberlain Way	1,241	0	1,241	1677
Church running expenses	22,155	0	22,155	16,801
Church maintenance	2,903	11,553	14,456	6,064
Organ and piano	402	0	402	360
Churchyard	157	0	157	689
Church Hall	20,888	0	20,888	16,170
Gardener/Handyman	9,811	0	9,811	8,880
Sub-total	63,348	11,553	74,901	57,097
4(g) Management and administration				
Computing	579	119	698	599
Postage, telephone	1,556	0	1,556	1,515
Books, stationery	348	0	348	86
Printing, photocopying	1,293	0	1,293	923
Fees, subscriptions, gifts	565	0	565	520
Accountancy	3,832	0	3,832	3,784
Property Management Fees Burhill Grove	2,047	0	2,047	1,903
Property Management Fees Eastcote Rd	3,052	0	3,052	2,226
Property Management Fees Chamberlain Way	1,690	0	1,690	2,137
Bank charges	258	34	292	289
Sundry Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Audit & Legal Fees	2,700	0	2,700	2,700
Depreciation	8,600	0	8,600	8,533
Suspense Transfers	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditure used	0	0	0	0
Sub-total	26,520	153	26,673	25,215
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	279,623	35,543	315,166	285,156
4(h) Gain on Revaluation of Investments	-701	0 -	701	130,761

5 STAFF COSTS (including Social Security)	2022	2021
	£	£
Director of Music	11,300	11,028
Parish Administrator	17,794	17,341
	29,094	28,369

The above notes represent staff costs and emoluments.

During the year, the PCC employed and contracted (i) a Director of Music & (ii) a Parish Administrator.

None of the PCC received any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the Charity.

6 FUND DETAILS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General	37,993		37,993	65,112
Special Receipts, Unspecified	2,500		2,500	2,500
Legacies	95,397		95,397	55,064
Youth Committee	679		679	235
Capital Reserve	200,375		200,375	200,375
Church Fabric and Building	3,520		3,520	3,520
Missions and Charities	480		480	480
Music in Pinner	6,455		6,455	6,455
Jazz in Church	13,179		13,179	13,179
Hall Fund	93,428		93,428	66,149
	454,006		454,006	413,069
Fixed Assets and Investments	1,491,038		1,491,038	1,500,339
Total	1,945,044		1,945,044	1,913,408
Restricted Funds				
Special Receipts, Nominated		3,228	3228	0
Hall		4,546	4546	0
Tower (Bell Ringers)		1,363	1363	1,221
Flower Arrangers		401	401	354.94
Music Festival		11,652	11652	10,480
Music in Pinner		7,309	7309	4676
Youth Worker		15,232	15232	13,542
Church Restoration		281	281	2,813
Choir Tour		4,936	4936	4,676
IT/Software/Web/Training		1,370	1370	1,489
Total		50,318	50,318	39,252
TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS	1,945,044	50,318	1,995,362	1,952,660

7 TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

There were no transfers between funds.

8 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

	Investments	Investment Properties	Infrastructure & Office Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2022	6,100	1,475,000	82,970	1,564,070
Revaluation	-701	0	0	-701
Additions		0	0	0
Disposals		0	0	0
At 31 December 2022	5,399	1,475,000	82,970	1,563,369
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2022			63,731	63,731
Charge for the year			8,600	8,600
At 31 December 2022	-	-	72,331	72,331
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2022	5,399	1,475,000	10,639	1,491,038
At 31 December 2021	6,100	1,475,000	19,239	1,500,339

Investment Properties

The Investment Properties shown above relate to 37 Eastcote Road, 47 Chamberlain Way and 6 Burhill Grove. In accordance with FRS 102, each year the PCC obtain a professional market valuation for the above properties and as at the Balance Sheet date the market value of these three properties was £1,475,000.

9 DEBTORS	2022	2021
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	2,770	2,788
Prepayments	7,101	5,552
Other debtors	5,162	3,446
Total Debtors	15,032	11,786

10 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Agency Collections	0	0
Deferred Income	0	0
Trade Creditors & Accruals	4,893	27,547
Total Creditors	4,893	27,547

11 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets (Net)	1,485,639	0	1,494,239
Investments	5,399	0	6,100
Fixed Assets and Investments	1,491,038	0	1,500,339
New Current Assets	504,327	0	452,321
Fund balance	1,995,364	0	1,952,660

12 ANALYSIS OF BANK BALANCES

	2022	2021
	£	£
General Current Account	151,420	143,296
Restoration Account	0	0
Deposit Accounts	306,947	302,962
Other Associated Bank Accounts & Cash	35,818	21,819
Total Bank Accounts	494,185	468,077

Accounts

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2021



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022

The Revd Paul C Hullyer
Vicar of Pinner

April 2022

Dear Friends,

The Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings
Sunday 15 May 2022

I am writing to invite you to the Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings, which take place on Sunday, 15 May in the Church Hall at 11.30.am. The pattern of worship that day will be Eucharists at 8am and 10am, with Evensong at 6.30.pm.

This document includes reports from our church organisations and bodies, as well as the Vicar's report and a comprehensive finance report. I would ask you to please read all of these with care, as they reflect the diversity and reality of our life together here at Pinner Parish Church.

At the two meetings themselves (The Vestry and the Parochial) the Churchwardens are elected, as are members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). In order to vote you need to be present at the meetings – voting in absentia is not allowed by the Church Representation Rules.

I look forward to seeing you all on 15 May.

Yours,

The Rev'd Paul Hullyer.
Vicar of Pinner.

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

The **Annual Vestry Meeting of Parishioners** will be held on
Sunday 15 May 2022

11.30.am

AGENDA – Parish Vestry Meeting

- 1 Opening Prayer, then the Secretary reads the notice convening the meeting
- 2 Apologies for absence for both meetings
- 3 Minutes of the last Vestry meeting of 2021 (found in the Annual Report)
- 4 Election of 2 Churchwardens

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The **Annual Parochial Meeting** will be held on Sunday 15 May 2022

AGENDA - Annual Parochial meeting

1. Opening Prayer, then the Secretary reads the Notice convening the meeting
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 2021 (found in the Annual Report)
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Notification of Any Other Business for this meeting.
5. Elections to the Parochial Church Council from May 2022 – May 2025
6. Elections to the Deanery Synod
7. Electoral Roll report
8. Report on the Financial Affairs of the Church (attached in the Annual Report)
9. Election of an Independent Examiner
10. Questions
11. Any other business
12. The Grace

PARISH OF PINNER

The **Meeting of Parishioners** was held on Sunday 16th May 2021 at 11.30am via Zoom Video Communications. (Due to the provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and, after seeking advice from the Diocesan Registrar, it was not possible to hold this year's Meeting of Parishioners on church premises.)

PRESENT: The Rev'd Paul Hullyer (in the Chair), Angela Kenny, Christopher Lomax (Churchwardens), the Secretary and members of the Church Council and congregation.

Opening Prayer was said by Revd Paul Hullyer

1. **Apologies for absence:** - Lewis and Isabel Beddison, Philip and Jeannine Lawder and Thomas Hullyer.
2. **The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.**
3. **Minutes:** The adoption of the Minutes of the last Vestry meeting held on Sunday 11th October 2020 was agreed by a majority of all those present. The Minutes were signed by Rev'd Paul Hullyer as a true record of the Meeting.
4. **Election of Churchwardens:** - The Vicar informed the meeting that Angela Kenny was prepared to remain in office for another year and Penny French had submitted her name to fill the vacancy following the retirement of Christopher Lomax. Having been proposed by Ian Galloway and Christopher Lomax and seconded by Bridget Murray and Susan Cooper, Angela Kenny was unanimously re-elected and Penny French unanimously elected unopposed.

All those attending the meeting joined the Vicar in expressing their thanks to Christopher Lomax for his unstinting service of 5 years to St John's Parish Church both as Churchwarden and latterly combining this role with that of Hon Treasurer. In addition, both Wardens had to deal with the many problems and difficulties that the Covid 19 pandemic had presented to the running of church business. There will be a formal presentation to Chris at next Sunday's service when Bishop Pete will preside at the Eucharist to celebrate the beginning of St John's 700th anniversary celebrations. The Vicar also thanked Chris Kenny and Anita Lomax for supporting their respective spouses through these testing times.

This concluded the business of the Meeting of Parishioners.



The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** was held on Sunday 16th May 2021 at 11.45am via Zoom Video Communications. (Due to the provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and, after seeking advice from the Diocesan Registrar, it was not possible to hold this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting on church premises.)

PRESENT: The Rev'd Paul Hullyer (in the Chair), Angela Kenny, Christopher Lomax and Penny French (Churchwardens), members of the Church Council and congregation.

Apologies for absence: - Lewis and Isabel Beddison, Philip and Jeannine Lawder and Thomas Hullyer.

1. **The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.**
2. **Minutes:** - The adoption of the Minutes for the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 11th October 2020 was agreed by a majority of all those present. The Minutes were then signed by Rev'd Paul Hullyer as a true record of the Meeting.
3. **Matters arising from the minutes:** - None
4. **Notification of Any Other Business for this meeting:** - None
5. **Election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the term May 2021 to May 2024:** - An election was held to fill 9 vacancies and having been duly proposed by Hilary Singleton, Andrea Makris and Anita Lomax and seconded by Martin Singleton, David Chittleborough and Lesley Almond, the following nominees were duly elected unopposed: - Hilary Gould, Carolyn White and Sarah Hullyer.
6. **Election to the Deanery Synod for the term May 2021 to May 2023:**
There were no nominations to fill 1 vacancy on Deanery Synod.
7. **Election of Parish Sidespersons / Welcomers for 2021/2022:** The Vicar read a list of Sidespersons aloud and, after removing Teresa Lanning's name, it was agreed by a majority of all those present that they be elected *en bloc*. Following their decision to stand-down the Vicar thanked Wendy Hardwick, Ann Goldsworthy and Teresa Lanning for the many years that they have served the church as Welcomers.
8. **The new Electoral Roll for 2021:** - Janet Huszczo reported that since the review of the Electoral Roll at the last Annual Parochial Meeting on 11th October 2020, 1 new member has been added and 7 members deleted through either death or removal resulting in 226 members remaining on the Electoral Roll.

The Vicar took the opportunity to thank Janet for all the work she has done in the office throughout a very difficult year

9. Report on the Financial Affairs of the Church: - Joanna (known as Jo) Kothary introduced herself as the new Hon Treasurer. Jo has been involved with the church for nearly 4 years as a volunteer for Junior Church and both of her children sing in the choir.

Jo explained that the Financial Statements for the year to 31st December 2020 were scrutinised by the PCC at their meeting on 23rd March 2021 after which queries were addressed, but these did not give rise to any changes, deletions, additions or amendments. Subsequently the PCC approved the Financial Statements on 23rd April 2021 which now appear in this year's Annual Report. Our Independent Examiner acknowledges that all recommendations made in 2019 have been actioned and there were no matters of concern with regards the 2020 Financial Statements.

Jo then continued by highlighting certain items as shown in the Statements. It was noted that on page 45 we ended the year with a net deficit of £5,859. However, during the year there was £24,000 of expenditure which related directly to Phase 4 of the restoration works which was drawn from our capital reserves and not from income received during 2020. If this figure is removed from daily expenditure, there was a surplus for the year.

Under the heading of "Voluntary Income", if we exclude the restoration works, and any legacies which would have been one-off items during both 2019 and 2020, Stewardship and gift aid thereon had fallen during the year. Similarly, income from hiring the church hall fell during 2020 when compared to 2019. Both these losses relate directly to the closure of the church and hall for part of the year because of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Moving on to expenditure, this remained fairly constant throughout the year. Nevertheless, Support Costs were much lower than for 2019, partly due to being able to claim support from the government's "Job Retention" scheme. This applied to the payment of our Music Director's salary.

Taking into account the effects of the pandemic and the expenditure on the completion of Phase 4 of the Restoration Project, our financial position for the year can be regarded as reasonable.

Looking forward to 2021, there is a steady decline in our Voluntary Giving which is a problem that we need to be mindful of and need to think of ways to increase our overall income. Net rental income will fall as we pay for rented accommodation for Emma, our new Curate, when she joins us in July this year.

Jo thanked all her colleagues as detailed on page 43 of the Annual Report. She commended in particular, Chris Lomax, for his help and detailed handover guidance and praised his ability to handle not only his Churchwarden duties, but also dealing with the complexities of administering St John's finances for a number of years.

In reply to a question raised about Stewardship, Jo was able to refer the questioner to page 49 note 3a of the Financial Statements whereby Stewardship had only fallen from 141,014 in 2019 to £136,449 in 2020.

To conclude, Jo Kothary formally proposed that the APCM accept the Financial Statements, as presented, and after being duly seconded by Christopher Lomax was agreed by a majority of all those present. The Financial Statements will now be signed by the Vicar and a Churchwarden with copies being lodged with our Independent Examiner and the Charity Commission.

- 10. Election of Independent Examiner:** - Jo Kothary proposed that Buckingham & Company should be appointed for another year and, after being duly seconded by Emmie McGregor, was agreed by a majority of all those present.
- 11. Questions:** - A question was raised about memorial plaques in church and whether any may have a bearing on those who in the past were involved with slave trading and things of that nature. This may be considered at a later date. However, currently Rev'd Mark Arnold and Angela Kenny are working on a presentation of the history of St John's as related to its 700th anniversary year. Those individuals mentioned during this presentation will have their background, wherever possible, carefully checked.

Gillian Andrew wanted to thank all those who have enabled those in our church to enjoy the weekly rambles.

- 12. Any Other Business:** - None.
- 13. To close the meeting the Grace was said together.**

Note: - There were 58 members of the parish participating in the meeting (42 individuals and 8 couples).



REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL DURING 2021

The PCC met 6 times during the year.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 25th January 2021 – held via zoom

Parish Finances: - The Performance Management Report for the year to 31st December 2020 was duly noted. Joanna Kothary, our Hon Treasurer, made the following comments. The report indicated that for the year there was an overall deficit of £10,343. This figure includes a receipt for an insurance claim of £3,865 covering damage to the church hall from a water leak and will be used to cover the cost of repairs during 2021.

New Curate: – Angela Kenny explained that due to current legislation pertaining to the pandemic, it is not possible to obtain vacant possession for the foreseeable future of our Eastcote Road property which is currently being rented to a tenant. Bearing in mind Emma and her husband will be joining us in July, it is proposed that we rent another property in Pinner for Emma. Emma and her husband will be involved together with the Vicar and Churchwardens in choosing a suitable property to accommodate the Curate during the 3 years she is with St John's. The advantages of this proposal are:-

- A property will be available for Emma to occupy at the beginning of her curacy.
- Had the Eastcote Road property been repossessed by the PCC, it would have to be completely redecorated internally before Emma occupied the property.

The Vicar took the opportunity to give some background information regarding Emma. Emma is 42 and married to Colin. She is from Reading where she resides at the moment and is completing residential theological training at Ripon College

Cuddesdon. Before deciding to enter the priesthood she was an archaeologist specialising in Celtic and Pictish archaeology. Although her theological training is supposedly “residential”, due to the pandemic it is now being taught virtually. Emma's first Sunday in the parish will be 4th July 2021.

Pinner Music Festival (PMF) 2021:- Plans and Draft Budget for 2021 prepared by Prof Anthony Pinching and previously circulated were duly noted. Anthony was able to join the meeting at this point to give an update and answer questions from members of the PCC. Anthony explained that since the last meeting of the PMF Management Committee and writing his paper to the PCC, the outlook for live performances had become more pessimistic. The Committee had decided to keep expenses to a minimum should the June Festival have to be postponed or cancelled. The Committee had looked at the possibility of postponing to the autumn and the Vicar had provided alternative dates. Any postponement to the autumn is not ideal although, if necessary, a revised program of concerts could be considered.

Although at this stage there is no legal obligation to pay cancellation fees, in our capacity as concert promoters the PMF Management Committee felt that in the circumstances some form of recompense should be made to the performers bearing in mind the current situation regarding the pandemic. Chris Lomax asked that the PCC's thanks to the Committee should be recorded for all its work in planning the Pinner Music Festivals. The PCC took the view, that bearing in mind the ever changing rules regarding the pandemic they would prefer to postpone making a final decision until the March PCC meeting. It appears that the majority of costs will only be incurred if the concerts go ahead and that sponsorships will cover the few costs if the

Festival has to be cancelled. With regard to attendance at concerts, it was also appreciated that by June, a substantial proportion of our target audience will have been vaccinated.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 23rd March 2021 - held via Zoom

Parish Finances:- End of year accounts to be agreed for the year 2020: - Copies of the Financial Statements for the year to 31st December 2020, which have been reviewed by our Independent Examiner, and previously circulated were duly noted. Our Hon Treasurer took the opportunity to highlight specific points.

- Overview – An increase in funds for the year of £89,463 is mainly due to the revaluation of the 3 investment properties and adjustments to the restricted Church Restoration fund.
- Statement of Financial Activities – *Voluntary Income*, appears to have dropped by £151,062, but it should be remembered that during 2019 The “Friends” made a £100,000 donation towards the cost of restoration and there were legacies received totalling £27,000. The balance of £24,062 was to be expected with the imposition of pandemic precautions which restricted church services.

Activities for Generating Funds, are below that of 2019 due to the cancellation of the 2020 Pinner Music Festival. *Income from Church Activities*, reflected the substantial drop in income (approx. 53%) from not being able to hire out the church hall for part of the year, again due to pandemic restrictions.

With regards expenditure, basic costs remained the same, but support costs were reduced by £11,620. Part of this reduction was due to our Music Director being furloughed for some months and we were

able to claim back from HMRC a proportion of his salary amounting to approximately £4,500 under the Government’s Job Retention Scheme.

Upkeep, is showing a reduction from £265,120 to £81,233 which was due to substantial spending in 2019 for the Phase IV restoration work.

Net Expenditure, before investment gains, resulted in an overspend of £5,859, but if expenditure for restoration works incurred during 2020 amounting to £24,000 is ignored, then we actually show a net profit for the year.

Balance Sheet – *Fixed Assets and Investments*, of £1,377,045 include, the investment properties, office equipment and a small endowment fund.

Current Assets, Prepayments of £5,887 of which a substantial part (approximately £3,000) is the insurance premium paid in 2020. With regard to Debtors shown as £8,519, this is made up of £2,375 for Income Tax recoverable, with the balance relating to VAT reclaimed from HMRC, but not yet received. Creditors of £11,180 is represented by an invoice of £4,900 for restoration work, but not paid before 31st December 2020 and audit fees of £2,700 with the balance consisting of unpaid invoices relating to general church maintenance.

Churchwardens Business:-

Hall Committee – A report prepared by Ian Galloway and previously circulated was duly noted. The PCC recorded their appreciation and thanks for all the work undertaken by the Committee during the current period of “Lockdown”.

Church Sound System – Following the installation of an additional amplifier, the speaker in the Lady Chapel is now functioning properly. The invoice of £1,753 which was within the budget previously agreed by PCC has been paid.

Flower Festival (10th to 12th September)

Judith Brampton is making good progress with preparations for the Festival and has identified that 44 displays can be exhibited. This will be a major contribution towards our 700th anniversary celebrations. Costs are now estimated to be within the budget of £2,500 previously agreed and underwritten by PCC.

Squirrel infestation in the church roof –

The last infestation was approximately 3½ years ago, but now the squirrels are back and are causing damage to the church roof. The Archdeacon has been informed so that she is aware of the problems that we are facing. Caroline Wilson, our architect, has also been consulted. An environmental health officer, who is Chris' next-door neighbour, has also visited the church. She takes the view that the route the squirrels are taking is from the tree outside the south west corner of the church. Branches overhang the flat roof of the Lady Chapel. Chris has asked our handyman, Steve Davidson to cut back these branches. Further precautions are being investigated, but in the meantime an electronic ultrasonic rodent repeller has been reinstalled underneath the roof at the west end of the nave.

Pinner Music Festival (PMF) 2021:-

A report prepared by Prof Anthony Pinching (Director PMF) at the request of the PCC, and previously circulated was duly noted. Based on this report, Prof Pinching is asking the PCC to approve both plans and budget for this year's PMF which is scheduled to run from 7th to 13th June. In line with the requirements and restrictions imposed by the Government's Road Map for dealing with the pandemic, Trevor Mitchell (Stage manager PMF) has calculated that the increased maximum seating capacity for each individual concert is 100. This is also based on the assumption the Church of England accepts Government recommendations for church performances. The submitted budget is based on this figure

of a maximum audience of 100 ticket holders. It was then proposed by Angela Kenny to confirm approval of the plans for PMF-2021 together with the updated budget and was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Bishop Pete's retirement and replacement:

- In the last few days the Bishop of London has distributed a consultation document to clergy within the Willesden Episcopal Area, Deanery Synods, Deans and other interested parties concerning the situation when the bishopric falls vacant. This will happen when Bishop Pete leaves to take up his new appointment assisting the Bishop of London with the formulation of policy for Vision 2030.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 26th May 2021 – held via zoom

Parish Finances:- Copies of the letter of representation to Buckingham & Co together with the revised budget for 2021 and the Performance Management Statements for the period 1st January to 30th April 2021 were duly noted.

Revised 2021 Budget; - The original budget for 2021 has been updated to reflect the costs relating to the appointment of Emma as our new curate. There were also additional costs for the 700th Anniversary celebrations (Flower Festival £2,500 as agreed by the PCC and £600 for other events). The projected overspend has now risen from £14,016 to £32,716 for the year 2021. Jo proposed that the PCC approve the updated budget which was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Performance Management Statements for the period 1st January to 30th April 2021; - Jo highlighted certain points. The Statements show a net overspend of £1,734 for the first four months of the year as compared to a surplus of £6,227 for the same period in 2020.

Under the heading of Property Costs there is an overspend of £3,336. This resulted from one off costs for essential electrical work and rewiring to the Burhill Grove property following the extensive revision of the Government guide for electrical wiring in rented accommodation. The next detailed inspection is not scheduled for another 5 years.

Expenditure of £6,518 contains a sum of £4,800 being repairs to the church hall floor following a flood, although we received the insurance monies during 2020.

Churchwarden's Business:- Penny was welcomed as the new Churchwarden. Emma and her husband viewed a half dozen suitable properties in Pinner and chose one situated on Marsh Road. The tenancy agreement started on 17th May and Emma and her husband will move in during June 2021.

Synodical reports:- We still have one vacancy on Deanery Synod. Susan urged members of the PCC to volunteer and fill this vacancy, the reason being there are elections to both the Diocesan and General Synods. With regard to filling this vacancy the Vicar stressed that being a member of the Deanery Synod was not just to vote for nominees to the upper Synods, but to consider how being a member of the Deanery Synod could benefit the Diocese of Harrow.

Diocesan Safeguarding policy for Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults to be agreed for 2021 / 2022:- The Vicar explained that it was necessary during the first PCC Meeting following the APCM to readopt the Diocesan Safeguarding policy. This policy was written in 2018 and since then the content has not been changed. Accordingly, the Vicar proposed to the PCC that we adopt this policy for another year. Angela Kenny seconded the proposal

which was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Election of 2 members to the Standing Committee – Karina Johnson and Carolyn White were elected to the Standing Committee unopposed.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 15th July 2021 – held via zoom

Parish Finances:- The Performance Management Statements for the period 1st January to 30th June 2021 was displayed on screen. For the first six months of the year the statement shows an overspend of £21,696 which was predicted due the current situation regarding the Covid pandemic. We have recently received a legacy of £1,000. The statements also reflect receipt of the Holiday Club fees although as yet no related expenses have been paid. Our Church Hall income remains quite low which is again expected as the hall was closed for part of the year. This brings the total income received to £113,218. Turning to expenses, it was noted that the rental costs for Emma, our new Curate, have been included and which amount to £5,422 for the period to the end of June. The figure for the church's investment properties costs amounts to £9,546. This figure now includes £1,000 for electrical work and £1,800 service charge for the Burhill Grove property. Also £1,000 insurance premium, plumbing and a new hob for the Eastcote Road property.

Diocesan Common fund donation for 2022 to be agreed:- In 2021 we are paying £110,100 for the full year together with 1% educational supplement (now renamed the Bishop's Fund for Community Causes). The level of donation for 2022 was discussed during the meeting of the Standing Committee on Thursday 17th June and consequently the Committee

recommend an increase of 2% which would amount to £112,302 plus the 1% supplement to the Bishop's Fund for Community Causes. In arriving at this recommendation, it was noted that our financial situation is much better than some other churches within the Diocese. We also have the benefit a Curate for the next 3 years and expect a reasonable increase in our Hall income for the remainder of this year (as advised by the Hall Committee) and also in 2022. Accordingly, it was proposed by Angela Kenny, on behalf of the Standing Committee, that the PCC agree to increase our Common Fund contribution by 2% together with a further sum of 1% (£1,123) to be made towards the Bishop's Fund for Community Causes.

Churchwardens Business:

Assistant Director of Music: - For some time there has been provision in the budget for funding an Assistant Director of Music. However, as there has been no music in church during the pandemic, the appointment was postponed. In anticipation of music and the choir returning in September this year as part of our worship the Vicar and our Music Director (Martin Singleton) believe that now is the time to make that appointment. Consequently, Martin has recommended Marcus Cox, who is already known to us, on the basis that he is a good musician and works well with people over a wide range of ages. In turn, the role of Assistant Director will increase his skill sets and widen his experience. The Vicar, together with our Music Director, proposed to open negotiations with Marcus Cox that he should be appointed as our Assistant Director of Music with effect from 1st September 2021, subject to receipt of satisfactory DBS checks. After being seconded by Carolyn White, the proposal was agreed by a majority with 8 votes for the proposal and 1 abstention.

Synodical reports: - Stephen Brown, in his capacity as a member of the Deanery Synod informed the PCC that, at their last synodical meeting, grants were made to a couple of churches. One grant being for the funding of English language classes at Holy Trinity Wealdstone, for the local residents where English is not their first language; and the second grant to cover the cost of a video camera installation St Michael All Angels Harrow Weald. The main topic of discussion was what individual churches can do to help lessen the impact of "Climate Change & Carbon Footprints". Robert May will collate the suggestions and recommendations and circulate the paper to members of the Synod. The Vicar added that during the month of September our own services will focus and celebrate the theme based on "Creation" and will culminate at the end of the month with Harvest Festival.

AOB:- Covid Pandemic - Changes to Government recommendations – The Vicar said that we are still awaiting guidance from the Recovery Group of the Church of England in response to the Government's decision to lift all restrictions on communal worship as from 19th July. The Vicar, Churchwardens, Emma and Mark are meeting on Monday 19th July to discuss the way forward for worship at St John's. The choir is scheduled to return to singing in services on Sunday 12th September 2021.

***Short Report of the Meeting of the
Parochial Church Council on
27th September 2021***

**Matters Arising:- Churchwardens
Business – Assistant Director of Music –**

The appointment of Marcus Cox has been postponed until July 2022 at which time he shall have completed his PGCE teacher training at Cambridge. Marcus will be available for Sunday services during holidays. In the meantime, Ian Galloway and Sarah Hullyer will help with playing the organ during Sunday services as and when required.

ECO Church – A paper prepared by Emma Webber and previously circulated was duly noted and discussed. The Vicar proposed, on behalf Emma that initially tonight the PCC make a statement of intent to support ECO church and ask Emma to put together a small team of people to take matters further and report back to PCC on a regular basis. It is envisaged that Hilary Singleton will be part of this group as she first brought ECO church to the attention of PCC before the Covid pandemic prevented any further action being taken by the PCC. This proposal was agreed unanimously by all those present. It was also agreed that the PCC will make a voluntary contribution of £125 as agreed at a previous PCC meeting when registering our church with Rocha UK.

Hall Report – A report prepared by Ian Galloway and previously circulated was duly noted. When ADT came to carry out their annual inspection of the church hall fire detection system they pointed out that the fire detector heads are now well past their recommended life span. ADT have provided a quotation of £866.46 for replacement of the 30 detector heads. The Vicar proposed on behalf of the Hall Committee that the PCC give approval to spend £866.46 on replacing the fire detector heads. This was agreed unanimously by all those present.

The older of the two fridges has stopped working for no obvious reason. Given its age, it would be prudent to replace it, rather than attempt to have it repaired. Because we may hope at some time to resume social events (both for church and external hirers) we should have two fridges available. Accordingly, the Vicar proposed on behalf of the Hall Committee that the PCC give approval to spend up to £400 on a new fridge. This was agreed unanimously by all those present.

PMF 2021 Accounts – Accounts for the 2021 PMF prepared by Prof Anthony Pinching and previously circulated were duly noted. The PCC accepted the report. It was noted in particular that the reserve for PMF had reached its target of £6,000 and the surplus of £2,425 was donated to the Restoration Fund. Again the PCC unanimously agreed the split between Reserves and the Restoration Fund.

Safeguarding: - The Vicar is checking to establish all those who need their DBS checks renewing. A question was raised regarding the safeguarding of children who attended piano / keyboard classes with Pianobeats being one of our regular hirers of the church hall. It was agreed that the Hall Committee should request sight of all the hirers DBS / enhanced DBS certificates.

***Short Report of the Meeting of the
Parochial Church Council on
22nd November 2021***

Parish finances:- A copy of the Performance Management Report for the 9 months from 1st January to 30th September 2021 and previously circulated was duly noted. Jo highlighted the following items:

- There is an overall loss of £770. However, during this period £4,200 was spent on the “Calendar Project” and income from the sale of calendars, prints

and original art work had yet to be received.

- Holiday Club produced a small loss of £72.06.
- Hall income is under budget due to the Church Hall being closed from January to March this year due to lockdown.
- 700th Anniversary income - £2,537 donations received from the Flower Festival which produced an overall surplus of £851.

A copy of the 2022 Budget and previously circulated was duly noted. Jo highlighted the following items:

- Planned Giving – A Stewardship Campaign is scheduled for 2022. The figure of £130,950 is based on what would actually be received in 2021. The figure includes the “Youth Work Fund” which is a restricted fund.
- The budget for total income of £40,000 applicable to the Church Hall was provided by the Church Hall committee. This figure is dependent on any further lockdowns during 2022 and Pianobeats continuing to rent rooms on a regular basis.
- Charitable Giving has remained at £20,000.
- Common Fund contribution and Education supplement are as agreed by the PCC.
- The figure for Church Hall maintenance has been increased by £8,000 and based on the figures produced by the Church Hall committee which included the refurbishment of the toilets.
- Audit and Accountancy fees have been increased by an estimated 2.5%.
- Estimated deficit for the year is £34,682 which will be drawn from our reserves.

Pinner Parish Church Fees:- Proposed for 2022:- A copy of the proposed Church Fees for 2022 and previously circulated was duly noted. Carolyn White explained that the

statutory fees have been set by the Church of England and have been increased within the range of 3% and 4%. Carolyn recommended that our own fees should be increased by 3½% with each category rounded either up or down to the nearest whole £. The Vicar mentioned that the church does not charge for any funerals for those under the age of 16. In such circumstances we also wave our own parish fees. The new fee structure will apply from 1st January 2022.

Churchwardens business: - Angela Kenny explained that annually the PCC has to review and endorse our church’s “Risk Assessment Policy.” A copy of this policy document previously circulated was duly noted. In reply to a question regarding the definition of vulnerable groups it was agreed that this would be clarified with the Diocese and subsequently the policy document will be brought back to the PCC for further consideration.

It was proposed that the Christingle service should be ticketed. This was agreed unanimously. (However, due to an increase in Covid infection rates following the PCC meeting, it was subsequently decided to cancel this service.)

Eco Church: - Emma Webber has agreed to setup and lead a working group by founding Eco Church for St Johns. In future Eco Church shall appear regularly on the agenda of future PCC meeting for Emma to update and report on progress. Currently Emma is establishing a working group to help drive the project forward. It is anticipated that the group’s inaugural meeting will be held in January, and the PCC shall be given the names of those comprising the working group. Currently there are 6 volunteers and Emma will be approaching 2 others to join her team.

AOB:-

PMF 2022 – Proposals and Draft Budget: -

A paper provided by Prof Anthony Pinching and previously circulated was duly noted. Prof Pinching proposed approval for the Programme and Draft Budget together with the proposal of Michael Sobell Hospice being the charity to benefit from surplus funds generated by PMF 2022. Both proposals were agreed unanimously by all those present.

Christmas Charity – The Charity Committee propose that the charity to benefit from our Christmas appeal should be Harrow Foodbank and was approved unanimously by all those present.

Proposal for a telecoms installation inside the church tower – An extensive and far-reaching paper prepared by NET CS Mobile Coverage Solutions, detailing a proposal to install telecoms antennas within the church tower and previously circulated was duly noted. The paper described by NET CS as a “desktop preliminary report for the installation of a telecom antenna within the building of St Johns” amounts to 20 pages. The Vicar and PCC took some time to discuss the contents and highlight the following points:-

- Under the terms of a post-Code agreement negotiated by the Church of England, the Church in Wales, CHECST, NET CS and Cornerstone (a company jointly owned by Vodafone and Telefonica O2) seven geographical payment bands were approved. For St John's the financial benefits include a one-off compensation payment of £5,000 together with a recurring consideration payment of £6,000 per annum paid quarterly. There should be no cost to ourselves. However, the figures quoted do imply that the annual payment is not inflation linked.

- The Diocese has already confirmed that there are 60 parishes with this equipment already installed within their churches.
- NET CS handles all the administration and paperwork relating to the installation and deals with any faculty that is required bearing in mind our church is a historic listed building.
- NET CS has assured us that the antenna will be completely contained within the tower and the electronics installed in the clock room.
- If required we could ask for Wi-Fi to be made available in church.

At this stage the PCC do not have to make any firm decisions to go forward with this proposal. Currently NET CS has prepared what is described as a “Desktop Feasibility Report” for consideration by the PCC and the Operator. At this stage the PCC are only asked to confirm tentative interest to NET CS. This does not imply a commitment by the PCC. If agreement is given then NET CS will prepare general arrangement drawings for approval by the operator and PCC including the Church Architect. At the end of the discussion the Vicar proposed that the PCC should “confirm tentative interest” which was agreed unanimously by all those present. It was also agreed that our Vicar will visit a church where such an installation has already been installed.

700th Anniversary Celebration: – The Vicar announced that it was the intention to have a formal “black tie” self-financing, catered dinner in church on the evening of 11th June 2022. Further details to follow in the New Year.

Clergy Wellbeing: – Angela Kenny chaired the remainder of the meeting following the departure of the Vicar, Sarah Hullyer and Emma Webber. A paper detailing the commitment to clergy wellbeing and previously circulated was duly noted. The points raised in the paper

had already been discussed with our Vicar during a previous discussion between Paul and the Churchwardens. Angela Kenny proposed that as Churchwardens and PCC, we commit ourselves to the wellbeing of our clergy and continue to encourage and support our clergy by following the Diocesan guidelines as detailed in the above-mentioned paper. This proposal was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

The PCC has discussed the topic of safeguarding on several occasions over the course of the year and confirms that it has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Helen Walsh, PCC Secretary

Trevor Mitchell, PCC Minutes Secretary

Vicar's Report for the Past Year

This year there is a little more to say than last, when we were circumscribed by lockdowns and everything that went with them: associated worry and concern, lower numbers in church than is usual, and continued restrictions on how we could worship and generally live our lives. We are still by no means out of the woods as regards COVID-19 but we are now, thankfully, able to worship as we would wish and are trying slowly to bring back that which we had lost, while trying to carefully maintain a set of sensible precautions.

As I write a little before Palm Sunday, we are re-introducing the administration of the Chalice on Maundy Thursday, along with the ministry of Lay Assistants. We hope to return to an offertory procession before long, and perhaps one day we will feel able or willing to greet one another with the usual form of the Peace. It does feel that surely but necessarily slowly, we are emerging into a familiar pattern.

In this I am deeply grateful to everyone for their extremely generous forbearance and willingness to accept spiritual and sacramental deprivations. Also to Angela and Penny who as Churchwardens have been invaluable in our life together in helping not just with all of the levels of administration – adding a September Archdeacon's Visitation into the mix just for good measure – but with their kindness and faithful service to us all. We also thank Chris and Roger for offering Angela and Penny their loving support.

The aforementioned Archdeacon's Visitation was held in September. For those not familiar with this, it is a triennial event during which the Archdeacon (or Area Dean) requires the Incumbent and Churchwardens to present vast quantities of paperwork for their inspection, to show that we are compliant with issues such as safeguarding, insurance, Health and Safety, employment law, key holders lists, inventory of all movable objects, record of all repairs to all church properties, building regulations and the faculty process, restoration issues, secure record keeping, and much else. The Incumbent has to show that the parish registers of all kinds are up to date and securely stored. There really is a huge amount of preparation involved, and my sincere thanks go to Janet, our parish administrator, not only for this but also for her work throughout the year, appreciated by us all. The Visitation was passed with two things outstanding, which is really very good indeed.

We have seen an increase in the numbers of junior members of the choir in the past few months, especially at the 10am Parish Eucharist. Testament to the excellent work of Martin Singleton our Director of Music, the choir is thriving with newer additions alongside familiar faces. Here I want to put in a plea for congregational attendance at Evensong. We are one of the very few parishes holding a Choral Evensong on a Sunday as part of our regular round of worship, but congregational numbers are often in single figures, a severe drop in recent years, and dating from well before the pandemic. I have said that in my time Choral Evensong will continue, and it will, but it does require that people make the effort to attend or else it may well become an issue on the PCC agenda for discussion: should it, for example, drop to once a month? So, do please support Evensong and come along. It is worship, participatory, and not a concert and needs greater support.

As does the Wednesday 10.am Eucharist, currently numbers in the congregation an average so far this year of 5. It is a quiet, ½ hour service in the Lady Chapel and provides a time of peaceful contemplation in the middle of the week. Many years ago we trialled an 8pm Wednesday Evening Eucharist for three years, where the average congregational attendance was one. After three years I decided that others judged by the levels of non-attendance there not to be the need for an evening Eucharist on a weekly basis, and I sincerely hope that this will not become the case with the Wednesday 10am. If it does drift towards that, then we will become de facto a “Sunday only” church, attending outside of a Sunday only for Festivals or Christmas and Holy Week. Although the Clergy say Morning Prayer Monday to Thursday where possible at 9am in the Lady Chapel (and all are very welcome to join us) that regularity of prayer should not be allowed to become the only weekday worship.

A plea also for new Servers and Lay Assistants. If you wish to do either, please see either myself or Richard Hillman and we will willingly have a chat. Numbers of both have dropped in the past few years and replacements are needed.

We welcomed Emma and Colin as a part of our family when Emma was Ordained as a Deacon in June of last year. Emma serves her Title here (her 1st three years of ordained life) and will be ordained as a Priest on Friday, July 1st – time and venue to be announced. Emma will celebrate her 1st Mass at 11am on Sunday, July 3rd and there will be no 8am that morning. Emma’s work on bringing Ecochurch and that entire agenda more to the fore in parish life has been impressive and welcomed and made us all think about how we live our lives in a deeper relation to one another and to God’s gift to us of creation. We will continue this year to have September as a Season of Creation.

The slightly delayed and belated 700th anniversary year was not what I would have hoped it to be, but we managed some events nonetheless and hope to squeeze in a few more before we reach the Patronal Festival on June 19th this summer.

We have welcomed schools back for tours and lessons in church, and hope to begin the visiting of local schools again. I continue as a parent governor at Pinner High School for another two years. My Army ministry also continues, as do various Diocesan activities, both membership of Diocesan Synod and others.

My thanks to you all in what has been a very difficult year for us all: to my clerical colleagues and Readers, and to Sarah, Tom and Toby in particular.

There are many challenges facing the parish in the next couple of years, and probably some changes that will have to be made in various areas of parish life. However, with prayer anything is possible.

With prayers,

Fr. Paul
Vicar

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property and Maintenance

The three residential properties which are owned by the parish continue to be rented to long term tenants and all have recently renewed their tenancies for a further year. Gibbs Gillespie, who manage the properties for us, usually inspect them twice a year. Because of the pandemic this was not always possible during 2021 but the statutory gas and electric checks have been carried out and remedial electrical work was carried out to meet current regulatory standards. In addition, one property had a new gas fire fitted. All three properties are in a good state of repair.

Because of the pandemic the law on giving notice to tenants was temporarily changed. This meant that we were not in a position to use any of our properties to house our new curate. Instead, the PCC decided to use some of the income generated from our rental properties to rent alternative accommodation for our curate for three years.

We undertake maintenance of a number of items in the church and hall on an annual basis: fire alarm (hall), fire extinguishers (some replaced), intruder alarm (sacristy), boilers (hall and church) lightning conductor, PAT testing, and gutter clearance. All have been done and safety certificates received. In addition, outside lighting has had defective bulbs replaced and lenses cleaned. White safety lines on the edge of outdoor steps have been repainted. Trees adjoining the church buildings have been professionally pruned to deter potential squirrel access to the roof.

SD Services Ltd have continued to carry out handyman duties at St. John's. This continues to be a very successful arrangement.

We would like to thank Steve Davidson (of SD Services Ltd), Janet Huszczo, Chris Lomax, Ian Galloway and the Hall Committee, for all they have done this year to maintain the fabric of the church and hall.

Penny French & Angela Kenny
Churchwardens

Hall Committee

After the disruptions of the previous year due to COVID, the 2021/2022 year has seen a gradual return to normal, with initially children's groups and then later adult groups resuming their activities in the hall.

In the summer the hall was used for the Friends' Sunday Afternoon Teas and also for the children's Holiday Club. We were glad to be able to host the Pinner Sketch Club Summer Exhibition in August, followed in October by our own exhibition of paintings of the church by Roy Rodgers commissioned to mark our 700th anniversary. NET group meetings and refreshments after the Sunday morning service also restarted.

As conditions improved we decided to resume private hirings, mainly for children's parties, in September. Unfortunately, due to COVID precautions, it was not possible for guests to attend the usual PAC Christmas Lunch in the hall, but the hall kitchen was used to prepare the meal which was then taken out to them.

At present, we are running at virtually full capacity for regular bookings during the week and the revenue provides a useful contribution to church income.

My thanks to the hall committee members, Jill Stokes, Sarah Hullyer, Sarah Wood and to Vino Preetham, who has just joined the committee, to Janet Huszczo for fielding hall enquiries in the office, to Steve Davidson and Michael Hetreed for various maintenance jobs around the hall and to Diana Bowles for issuing hall keys to casual hirers.

Ian Galloway
Chairman - March 2022

Mission & Charities Committee

The pandemic and now a European war continue to have an impact on our charity activities. The Lent and Easter Charity for 2021 was Women's Aid which supports victims of domestic violence through a helpline and a survivor's forum. A total of £2811.85 was raised from 40 donations. While this was still lower than pre-pandemic totals, it is an increase on last year and reflects the smaller numbers of people in church and lower attendance over Easter. Charlotte Mills of Women's Aid wrote to say the money will have a huge impact on their work to support women and children escaping domestic abuse.

For Harvest, the appeal was for Practical Action, a charity that helps to combat the effects of climate change and tied in with the eco-church theme for September. Ruth McNeil, for many years a trustee of Practical Action, gave a talk at the launch in September. The charity works with communities to develop ingenious solutions for agriculture, water and waste management, climate resilience and clean energy access. Wherever possible, they use local resources and their own labour, so the work is less reliant on big technology. They then share what's proven to work with others so many more people can change their world. A total of £2576.57 was raised.

The Advent and Christmas charity was Harrow Foodbank which is supported by the Trussell Trust. The reduction in Universal Credit and increase in food poverty made this appeal particularly topical. The appeal resulted in donations of £3144.75.

The Christingle Service was cancelled due to COVID-19.

The Lent Appeal for 2022 is for the Red Cross in Yemen where civil war has resulted in a severe famine. War, famine, displacement and disease has left millions on the edge of starvation. Moreover, COVID-19 is raging through a vulnerable and unvaccinated population. The Red Cross are providing medical staff and supplies, sanitation, clean water and tents and have the resources to reach those in need despite the violence. Niall O'Regan of the Red Cross launched the Appeal on 27/2/22.

Annual giving of £16,000 for 2021/22 followed the new structure agreed the previous year. A sum of £1,250 is kept as a reserve. In addition, the contribution of £1,000 to Harrow Horizons, which is now part of Barnardos, was held over pending clarification of the method of payment. The main groups are:

- (a) Charities funded mostly by churches – budget £6,000
- (b) International groups – budget £5,000
- (c) locally based UK charities - budget £5,000.

Low cost of fund-raising activity was an important consideration in the selection process. The current charities are:

- (a) USPG, Christians against Poverty (debt counselling), Church Army, Firm Foundation (homeless people in Harrow)
- (b) Hope and Homes for Children, Mildmay, Kittrinos (Lesbos refugees)
- (c) Welldon Activity Group, Harrow Bereavement Care, St Luke's Hospice, Harrow Horizons (young people with educational needs and disabilities), Unseen UK (helpline supporting victims of slavery).

*Peter Wilson
March 2022*

Nurture Education and Training

The NET Group oversees a Study and Development Programme for all church members and those interested in the topics. The current members of the organising group are: Kath Adey, Peter Ellis (Chair), Ann Fuller, Karina Johnson, Rosemary Lay and Emmie McGregor.

The Group usually meets 5 times a year, but in 2021 the group had limited meetings because of the Covid 19 pandemic. They assembled in January and, at that time, planned the Programme of Events for the year. However, because of the Coronavirus restrictions, the NET Group delivered a severely truncated programme in 2021.

However, we were delighted to start our actual meetings with a session about 700 years of Faith. On Saturday 16 October, the Revd Stuart Natrass led a session on **Faith (700 hundred years on)**. This involved the dilemmas between faith and science.

More than 30 of us gathered together in the main church hall for our first meeting since the start of the pandemic. We were all grateful to be meeting in person. At last, the Nurture, Education, and Training (NET) Events are able to take place! COVID 19 had played a significant part in the disruption of the planned NET programme for 2021, but now it was time to meet and enjoy the company of others.

We thought Stuart's session on faith would involve the dilemmas between faith and science, but there was far far more than that!



Stuart gave excellent personal illustrations, but he had also researched many books and papers which often gave contradictory views. One example was a learned author saying that perhaps religion needed to be humble enough to learn from science, whereas another prestigious author thought that religion and science were fundamentally incompatible and could never mix. You can see that we had interesting discussions!

We had coffee and refreshments at the beginning (and at the interval) and people did indeed seem to enjoy meeting each other. We were all very grateful to Stuart for the time he had given to preparing this talk and for stimulating our minds.

Then on Saturday 27 November, the NET Group had organised a time for reflection at the beginning of Advent. The Quiet Morning was called 'Celebrating 700 years: Is there No Room at the Inn?' Marguerite Kuhn led this in Church. This period of reflection allowed us to take time out from the more usual seasonal hectic activity.

And that then led us to 2022. The sessions will properly be reported in the next APCM Report. But here is a brief flavour of the events.

Emma Webber our Assistant Curate led a session on the morning of Saturday 22 January. Her topic for this was **Eco-Theology for Beginners** (that certainly includes me!).

Later, in the year, we plan to have a Quiet Day on Saturday 2 April at SPEC in Waxwell Lane. We are looking forward to this Quiet Day in the glorious tranquil setting in Pinner itself.

We expect to have our NET Party on Saturday 21 May 2022. We would want to repeat the previous successful format – the event will be 4.30- 6.30 pm, and consist of tea, sandwiches, cakes, Prosecco, with a few games. Please come to this party and enjoy some spiritual uplifting as well as some nutrition for the body.

In November 2022, we plan another Quiet Morning in church.

We continued to monitor the prayer leaflets in the Lady Chapel and the Gospel Imprint leaflets in the display rack and replace them when necessary. These imprints were, of course, removed during the pandemic.

I thank the members of the NET group for their commitment and hard work in maintaining our Study and Development Programme in 2021, and also in planning the programme for 2021/2022. The 2022 programme is, of course, already underway!

I would like to emphasise that the Programme from the NET Group is for all church members and those interested in the topics.

If anyone wants something included in the NET Programme, then please do mention that, and we will make efforts to accommodate the request.

*Peter Ellis
Chair,
Nurture, Education, and Training Group
March 2022*



Stewardship, Youth Work Fund & Other Voluntary Giving - 2021

We are very fortunate in that the majority of people who come to St John's give generously to support our church and its ministry.

The chart below shows voluntary giving to the church and the tax claimed over 2021. We claim gift aid on 88% of gifts and GASDS of 25% on cash gifts placed in the plate and wallsafe.

	Amount Given	Gift Aid	Given + Gift Aid
Stewardship	£130,028	£28,655	£158,683
Youth Work	£1,500	£375	£1875
Yellow envelopes	£923	£240	£1163
	Amount Given	GASDS	Given + Gift Aid
Total Cash plate & wallsafe. *	£5566	£1392	£6958

* £560 of the plate collections were passed on to the charities supported during the year.

Stewardship

As you can see from the chart, most of the money comes in via Stewardship where people pledge a regular amount which is usually paid by standing order. This is our main source of income and over the last two "unusual" years, has been especially important.

Stewardship giving in 2021 was, as expected, down on 2020, by £4,770. This was not because of Covid, in "normal" times losses would have been balanced by increased giving following a Stewardship Campaign but the unpredictable events of the year meant that this did not take place and will need to be addressed in 2022. Some people joined the Stewardship scheme and we welcome them. The average gift in 2021 was £63.35 per month, some given on behalf of a couple. This is slightly below the comparable average

national monthly figure of £64.13 given in the C of E statistics for 2020. Half our Stewardship income comes from 16% of donors which although not an unusual situation in a parish, it could make us vulnerable when people move on.

Thank you to the people who reviewed and increased their giving during 2021. Forms are available in the porch and on our website for those who wish to join Stewardship or make changes to their giving.

Youth Work Fund

Income for the Youth Work Fund was £1500 with gift aid of £375. Most people who give to this Fund also give via Stewardship Giving and their extra gifts are appreciated.

Other Giving – gift aided

Due to Covid restrictions the collection plate was not available until October, however gifts via the Yellow Church Envelopes or with gift aid forms from the website were received. With the 25% tax reclaim they amounted to £1,163 for church funds.

Cash Donations – not gift aided

Cash gifts were received in the wallsafe alone during 2021 until October when the plate was put out at the door. No booklets were available for purchase, so all monies attracted GASDS (Gift Aid on Small Donations Scheme) of 25%. The amount given directly for the church was £3519.58 which attracted GASDS of £879.89. Thank you to everyone, church members and visitors, who made financial contributions in this way.

We usually have cash collections over Easter, Harvest and Christmas for charities. This was limited in 2021 due to Covid restrictions, however, cash gifts allowed us to pass on £150 to Practical Action and £511 to Harrow FoodBank. Fortunately, people were able to give via other channels

and information on this is elsewhere in the Missions and Charities report.

In September a brilliant Flower Festival was organised by Jude Brampton. Entry was free but voluntary contributions of £1896 were collected including GASDS.

Members of the congregation also gave generously to sponsor church held events including the Flower Festival, Pinner Music Festival and Music in Pinner Series. This with gift aid amounted to £3506.

Thank you to Trevor Mitchell, our Stewardship Recorder who banks and records all cash and cheques. Again, I would like to say that I appreciate his meticulous records which make the claiming of GASDS and Gift Aid a straight forward task.

*Morella Boon
Gift Aid Recorder*

Kids' Church

As Kids' Church was not able to meet for 17 months due to COVID, we were really pleased to be able to re-start sessions in September. The young people (aged 3 - 13) with their Leader and Helper have enjoyed these sessions with discussions, craft work and activities each week in term time in the hall during the 10am Parish Eucharist. They rejoin the service for the Communion and their work (based on one of the Eucharist readings for that week), is then shared with the congregation at the end of the service. Kids' Church now have a notice board in the hall (next to the kitchen hatch) where you can see their recent craft/work. Many thanks to the Leaders for planning and running such enjoyable sessions and the Helpers too for their commitment - Jen Allsop, Morella Boon, Dawn Friday (recently welcomed to the team), Sarah Hullyer, Joanna Kothary, Rebecca Maggs, Katherine Pinching, Fiona Rich and Sally Smyth (also welcomed to the team in the autumn). Please let us know if you would

be interested in joining the team of Leaders and Helpers, or if you know of any young person who would like to experience Kids' Church.

Hilary Gould and Carolyn White

Holiday Club

Having missed a year in 2020 due to the pandemic, we were very pleased to be able to run a Holiday Club again last summer, albeit on a smaller scale to previous years. We had about 70 people involved in total (about 50 children/teenagers and 20 adults), so changed our timetable to allow safe distancing in the hall. Each day we had a Bible story and Waste Watchers had an eco-friendly theme with drama about looking after our world. Many of our crafts were made from recycled materials. On Friday we welcomed back the Animal Experience who brought a selection of animals for the children to see and hold.

With thanks to all the leaders and helpers who helped at Waste Watchers Holiday Club. To keep safe, we didn't have everyone in the hall together, so particular thanks to the actors and dancers on stage who had to repeat everything twice each day! Planning for this year is already underway and hopefully we will be able to have everyone in the hall together again.

Sarah Hullyer

Rainbows -1st Pinner Rainbows

The past year has been slowly getting back to a more normal programme for Rainbows. From just before Easter 2021 we have been able to meet in person, initially outdoors, which was good for the summer term, with outdoor activities in the hall garden, earning their Camp Stage 1 badge, and a trip to Oxhey Woods. We were then able to meet indoors again and initially kept our numbers lower than usual to maintain social distancing but are now back to full capacity.

12 of our rainbows have moved on to Brownies in the last year and we have welcomed 20 new girls into the unit.

The Rainbows have earned other badges during the year including the Innovate and Network Stage 1 badges, which involved inventing, science experiments and teamwork. We also created a display for the church flower festival.

With thanks to Sally, Andrea, Katie and Leeya for their help over the past year.

Sarah Hullyer

Pinner Parish Pre-School

Pre-school was closed in the lockdown of December 2020 and remained so until 8th March 2021. Upon opening, all safety procedures were followed to keep the viral spread to a minimum. During the lockdown all staff managed to receive their first vaccine which was a huge relief when going back to pre-school routine.

Soon after re-opening, we got busy in preparing children for the transition to Big School in September. However due to having been in lockdown, we did not get enough new children to fill the spaces in September. The start of the academic year September 2021 was slow and staff had to cut their hours voluntarily. The pre-school picked up business slowly in October which got us to 50% occupancy by December. Since September 2021, we have increased the afternoon sessions from two afternoons to four afternoons a week.

Although we started the year with a low number of children, we have steadily increased and now have 19 children on our books in March 2022. Currently, we have 5 staff on our payroll, which allows us to continue to offer the correct staff to child ratios of 1 adult to every 8 children for over three year olds and 1 adult to every four children under three. We also have two bank staff who are paid to work as and when needed.

We have continued with the weekly lunch club which is aimed at preparing the children for school. The afternoon sessions have proved to be very popular and helps attract new parents. We are looking into extending the afternoon hours to avail the 30 hours funding offered by government.

Children also continue to enjoy the regular dance and sports classes offered on subsidised rates. With the help of a parent volunteer, we are planning to start children's yoga classes at pre-school to embed mindfulness in early years.

A number of visits are planned for children this year. We visited Pinner library to mark World Book Day. We plan to visit Pinner fire station and the forest school in summer.

The previous committee has now resigned and we currently have four committee members including myself. Two of the members will be leaving in July 2022 and we are looking to recruit new members.

Due to Covid restrictions, we have not been able to hold any of our usual fundraising events. These events generally support the pre-school with much needed funds. Hopefully, with restrictions lifted, we may be able to hold the Halloween event in October. As in previous years, our finances are still tight due to the low number of children during the first term. Our cash flow is slowly improving as the numbers increase.

We are very grateful for the flexibility that the Church Hall Committee has shown towards the preschool.

Salimah Panjwani
Manager,
Pinner Parish Pre-School

GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Bereavement Visitors

The Covid pandemic continued to affect the support given to bereaved people during the past year which meant that the bereavement visitors gave their support on the telephone rather than in people's homes. We were pleased to welcome two new visitors to our team.

Fortunately we were able to hold the annual Memorial Service in the church in November, and the Lights of Life Tree in the Lady Chapel over the Christmas period provided a focus for anyone in the church and the local community who wished to remember their loved ones. We are as always very grateful to those in the congregation who helped with these events in a variety of ways, and also to our calligrapher Ann Goldsworthy who inscribes the names of those who have died in our Book of Remembrance.

Bereavement Care's annual Day Conference entitled "It's a Long Journey" was conducted by Zoom with three main speakers who talked about the length and complexity of prolonged grief.

Bridget Murray



Pinner Guild of Church Bell Ringers

At the start of the year there was no tower bell ringing allowed but we continued to use Ringing Room, the computer-based programme we used during the previous year. In April we resumed ringing on 4 bells. On the death of HRH Prince Philip the bells were rung half muffled for the service immediately after his death and 2 members tolled the tenor (99 times) to coincide with his funeral on 17th April.

Restrictions were lifted in July and 8-bell practice resumed. In August two weddings were held in the church but while ringing for the second of these the rope of the 7th broke! Upon detailed inspection several other ropes were found to be in unsatisfactory condition too. The ropes were removed and sent for repair. They were returned to us 3 months later complete with a 'sparkling set of vibrantly coloured and much fluffier sallies,' in dark red and gold. Practice resumed in November. So we have had little opportunity to develop a special method of ringing to celebrate the church's 700th anniversary but the opportunity may still arise.

In February we hosted a Middlesex District Practice at our church. Six ringers from Pinner and six from surrounding towers rang methods from Plain Hunt to Grandsire Triples with the more experienced ringers supporting the learners. A very successful morning.

Currently the band at Pinner has 10 active ringers and one junior ringer. A new and enthusiastic learner will hopefully join the band in the coming months. Janet Baker has rung at Pinner and All Saints Church Harrow Weald for about 30 years. Thanks go to Janet as she retires from ringing. She has given long service both in ringing and in her work both as Secretary and Treasurer of the SW district of the Middlesex Association of Church Bellringers. Anne Payne has also retired from ringing. She remains a life member of the Middlesex Association having rung in the Pinner tower for over 40 years. We owe both Janet and Anne thanks for their contributions to worship at St John's for so many years.

Thanks also go from all the ringers to our Tower Captain, Michael Hetreed, for his patience and dedication. This has ensured that the bells continue to ring in Pinner and that the band of bell ringers continues to grow.

We practise on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings at 8pm. If you are interested in giving it a go, contact our Tower Captain Michael.

Sue Ellis
Tower Secretary



Music Report

I am delighted to report that the worst fears of those who predicted the demise of the choir due to nearly two years of inactivity have not been realised, mainly thanks to the devotion of the adult members and the parents of the junior choristers. However, we have yet to regain the musical standards which we were reaching in March 2020.

This has been a time of consolidation for the top line. The two years 'lost' to Covid mean a significant amount of learning of what is for the children new repertoire. I am pleased to say that they have risen to the challenge, and I am particularly delighted with the musical progress of our newest members. The contribution made by our head chorister, Saffron, with her regular attendance on most Tuesdays and twice on Sundays, has been invaluable in helping to maintain the top line.

A parish church choir faces many challenges that never existed years ago. We are fortunate in Pinner that the problem with recruitment experienced by others is not a serious issue here at the moment. However, commitment to the choir is becoming more of a problem as families face ever increasing demands on their time, and sadly only one or two of the junior singers now attend both the morning and the evening services. We are the only church in the area to offer a weekly Choral Evensong, but it has become apparent that the only way we can maintain this tradition

is by recruiting adults to help with the top line. This we have been able to do without the need (yet) to resort to paid professionals, which is a route that neighbouring churches have followed.

Two notable events took place during the year. In June, the junior members displayed their instrumental and vocal talents by successfully providing solos for the choir's Pinner Music Festival concert, and in October, as part of the 700th anniversary celebrations, the Deanery Choirs Festival took place at Pinner. Mr Robert Crowhurst is to be congratulated for almost singlehandedly masterminding the arrangements for this event, and it was nice to witness Mr Michael Turvey working his magic from the conductor's rostrum. Thanks should also go to Mr Ian Galloway for taking over the role of organist for Sunday mornings.

I hope that we can now look forward with optimism to uninterrupted music making to enrich the worship of Pinner Parish Church.

Martin Singleton



Church Flowers

Due to lockdown regulations, we started our year by filling the Church with flowers for Easter. The congregation was overjoyed to see our Medieval Church decorated once again.

From then on we were extremely busy. We supported our 700th Anniversary celebrations by decorating the Church for Pinner Music Festival and for the special service taken by Bishop Sarah. However, I am proud to say that our major contribution was the Flower Festival in September. As well as displays by the team, many other Churches and other organisations took part. The feedback we received demonstrated that the Festival was a resounding success.

Interspersed with these events we had the privilege of arranging flowers in Church for funerals, weddings and in memory of loved ones.

We also decorated the Church for Harvest and Christmas.

The team worked extremely hard and I would like to thank them for their commitment, enthusiasm and for the support they gave me personally. I would also like to thank all the Church Members who helped to make the Flower Festival a success and Father Paul for his unstinting support

Judith Brampton

The Friends of Pinner Parish Church

Like everyone else, The Friends were unable to hold any events to attract the public. Fund-raising activities were limited to some Sunday afternoon teas served during the summer.

Once again these were very well attended and Hilary Holloway is to be congratulated for recruiting an enthusiastic band of helpers. Those visiting the Flower Festival were pleased to sit down with tea and cakes

It is with regret that Hilary feels unable to continue organizing this convivial event and we are very concerned that this social and outreach event should continue in some form or other.

In September, our secretary, Sheila Bishop was forced to resign owing to ill health. We are very grateful for her work both as a committee member and later as Secretary and also the booklet which she wrote "Travels Near and Far". It has sold well and raised money for our funds.

We are very pleased to welcome Carolyn White to our committee as our new Secretary. We are still looking for someone to run the 100 Club.

We were able to hold an AGM in November at which we amended our constitution. The changes now reduce the number required for meetings (for members) and also allow for proxy voting. These changes were recommended in relation to the membership numbers of The Friends which at 31 December was 106 paid-up members.

Our thanks go to our members for their continued support and additional donations. We like everyone else, look forward to a more productive year in 2022.

On a personal note, I shall not stand for re-election. I have been a member of the committee for the past 34 years and in the Chair since 2014. I hope my successor will enjoy their time as much as I have.

Isabel Beddison

House Groups

House groups in the church have been hit very hard by the Covid pandemic and few have met formally in the last twelve months. There has been a reluctance to meet as a group because of the risk of viral transmission and, in addition, there has been a noticeable fall in membership because of age, infirmity and relocation.

In spite of this, leaders have attempted to provide continuing personal support by telephone calls, Zoom and occasional lunch / coffee. Chris' group experimented with a Zoom meeting focussed on some pre-prepared material, but the impersonal PC failed to have the same impact as face-to-face meetings and was abandoned after the second session.

All leaders (Ann Fuller, Nick Ridge, Marilia Perrett and Chris Lomax) have a commitment to recommence and Chris' group have met twice during Lent to discuss daily readings from the BRF book Opening our lives.

Leaders say there is still a demand for their group, in spite of diminished size and we hope 2022/23 will see the house group system reinvigorated.

Chris Lomax

Pinner Parish Review

Last year I wrote that, due to the pandemic, publication of the Review had been solely on-line but in the Autumn of 2021, we again were able to publish in booklet form as well. Pinner Library receives a paper copy of the Review while the PAC churches have access to it on-line. As always, being on the internet means a wide number of readers given a window onto life at St. John's.

Thanks go to the Review team – Fr. Paul, Gordon Williams, Janet Huszczo, Anne Davis and Maggie Guiver who joined the team in the last few months as our proof-reader. Thank you also to Diana La Rue for her contribution over the last couple of years, who resigned from the team recently. During the nine years plus that I have been editor of the Review, I am pleased to say that my computer inbox has always supplied me with suitable material for publication.

With 'home grown' material we do not have to worry about copyright. So 'thank-you' to the congregation who have made that possible. Please continue to send articles and photographs to me at: audrey.taylor@pinnerparishchurch.org.uk.

Audrey Taylor

Three Faiths Dialogue between local Churches, Mosque and Synagogues

The Pinner 3 Faiths Dialogue has changed its name to "The Pinner and District Faiths Dialogue" in 2021, in order to become more inclusive.

Our planned meeting for Summer 2021 was delayed as it clashed with the date of the European Cup Final, and was held in

December 2021 on Zoom. We discussed “Our Fasting Traditions” with Rabbi Naomi Goldman from Kol Chai in Hatch End, Richard Almond from St Luke’s in Pinner and Sr Yasmin Hamid from the Islamic community. Their talks led to lively involvement from a good-sized audience. We are planning to have another meeting on “Caring for the Planet” this spring.

*Katherine Pinching-co-chair with
Jenny Nemko of the United Synagogue.*



The logo for the Pinner Music Festival (PMF) features the lowercase letters 'pmf' in a stylized, red, cursive font. Below this, the words 'Pinner Music Festival' are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Pinner Music Festival

The Pinner Music Festival has been a consistent part of the Parish activities for over 50 years, for the first 50 of which it was directed by Michael Turvey, the church’s Director of Music, and colleagues. It comprises a week of concerts, normally in early June. PMF is a part of the wider community activities of the Parish Church. It has raised substantial funds for smallish, locally-based charities (about £17,500 in the last 5 Festivals) – as well as bringing music and musicians of a high standard to St John’s, Pinner, and the surrounding community.

Pinner Music Festival is formally a Parish activity, its Committee being a sub-committee of PCC and answerable to the PCC. In November/December, PMF sends the PCC a proposed plan and draft budget for approval, together with a suggested charity, for the following year’s festival. In September/October, PMF sends the PCC a report on the financial and artistic outcome of the June festival. Finances are held within PCC accounts (as a separate PCC-PMF account, with parish officers as signatories) and subject to audit, as part of parish accounts. Reserves of £6,000 have been built up. We are very grateful to the

Parish Treasurer, Jo Kothary, and previously Chris Lomax, Acting Treasurer, for their help and support through the year.

The PMF Committee is chaired by Professor Anthony Pinching (who is also Director of PMF), and includes David Gould, Emmie McGregor and Stephen Brown (PCC Representative), with Shirley Wootten, Marketing Consultant, co-opted. Pinner Music Festival – 2021, the year that marked the 700th Anniversary of the church’s dedication, went ahead from June 7th to 13th, albeit with smaller audiences and modified programme, because of continuing Covid-19 restrictions. Despite these constraints, we were able to raise nearly £2,500 for our Charity of the Year, the Church Restoration Fund. Throughout the week, there was much joy for all in experiencing – for the first time for 15 months – live music-making, with the vital active interplay between musicians and audience.

The traditional Pinner Parish Church Choir concert was not possible, but instead the Director of Music, Martin Singleton gave a lovely organ recital, interspersed with 16 excellent instrumental or vocal solos by younger members of the choir. Our visiting musicians were: A4 Brass quartet, who gave a wonderfully entertaining concert; Revolutionary Drawing Room – a period instrument string quartet – in beautiful performances that served as a Memorial for lives lost during the pandemic; Ariana Kashefi (cello) with Petr Limonov (piano) giving a glorious and varied lunchtime recital; and Colin Stone (piano) performing a programme entitled *Beethoven in Heaven*, concluding with Schubert’s last Sonata.

The final Anniversary Concert included a performance of a commission intended for the Parish Church Choir: *Hymn to St John the Baptist* by Russell Pascoe, here sung by a superb vocal quartet and they concluded the evening with Bach’s Cantata #30 (for St John’s Day), performed with a small

ensemble; solo instrumental works were performed and a major event was *A Brother Abroad*, a cantata commissioned by PMF from composer Martin Bussey to a libretto by Anthony Pinching, which tells the story of Peter of Bologna, the Franciscan suffragan bishop who dedicated the church, sung by baritone Marcus Farnsworth with flute/piccolo, French horn and percussion. Our plan for PMF-2022 (13th–19th June) will be another feast of fine classical music played by superb musicians and showcasing Pinner Parish Church Choir, in our usual format. Our visiting artists included those whom we had to cancel in 2020 – Opera Anywhere, Maki Sekiya, the Victoria String Quartet, and Art of Moog, as well as the Festival Choir and Orchestra. We will be raising funds for our charity, Michael Sobell Hospice.

The PMF Committee does an enormous amount of voluntary work throughout the year to plan, publicise and coordinate the Festival. It is strongly supported by very many volunteers from the Parish, who help with the many practical aspects and to create the particular ambience that is Pinner Music Festival, and which is always appreciated by artists and audiences. We benefit from substantial business sponsorship and personal donations, and are very grateful for these, which make the quality of our Festivals possible. Our business sponsors were very generous in supporting PMF-2021, despite the fact that we were unable to offer our usual booklet advertising. We very much appreciate the continuing support and oversight of the Vicar and the PCC.

*Professor Anthony J Pinching
Festival Director, PMF,
on behalf of the PMF Committee*

Harrow Deanery Synod

2021 has been a year in our churches when we have begun to recover from the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic with most of the restrictions previously imposed being lifted giving us more freedom to meet and to worship. However, meetings of the Synod have continued to be held using the Zoom software during 2021.

A new three-year Deanery Synod began in December 2020 with elections taking place for the Deanery Officers and members of the Standing Committee. John Dolling was elected as Lay Chair, Robert May as Honorary Secretary, Pam Clissold as Honorary Treasurer. The Clergy members of the Standing Committee are Christine Britton, Malcolm Finlay, David Green and Rod Green. The Lay members of the Standing Committee are Mary Abbott, Susan Cooper, Toby Partridge and Clive Scowen. During the year Christine Britton resigned and Rod Green moved to be Archdeacon of Llandaff. They were replaced as clergy members of Standing Committee by Barry Hingston and Ajay More. Stuart Nattrass and David Tuck were elected by the PTO Clergy to represent them on Deanery Synod. Derek Taylor-Mew was appointed Independent Examiner for the Deanery Accounts. Our representatives on Harrow SACRE (Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education) continue to be Mary Abbott and Revd James Power. Alison Stowe was elected in July as the third representative. David Poole has continued to represent us on the Diocesan Board for Schools until the elections this autumn when the process changed. The Head Teachers of our Church of England Schools, Jo Hester and Daniel Norris, were co-opted to Synod.

The first meeting of the new Synod was held on 28 January which was Revd Ian Dowsett's last meeting as Area Dean. We welcomed Revd Ann Lynes as the new Area Dean from March. We were joined by

the new Archdeacon of Northolt, Ven Catherine Pickford, who gave us the opening talk based on Matthew 26. This was followed by the confirmation of the elections that had taken place by email. Synod heard about the launch of “Hope Church” reaching out to the residents of the new housing estates in Harrow View, and of “Mosaic Church” an intercultural church reaching out to people of other faiths and cultures in Harrow.

The second meeting was held on 6 July with a talk by Revd Dave Bookless of St Mary Norwood entitled “Caring for God’s Creation” encouraging churches to consider the Eco Church initiative and to take some actions. Toolkits are available for churches to use on “Climate Sunday”. A presentation was made to Ian Dowsett thanking him for his work as Area Dean over the past 5 years. Synod received presentations from two churches who had applied for grants from the Deanery Mission Fund. Grants of £1,000 for both were approved: Holy Trinity Wealdstone to subsidise their English Class and St Michael and All Angels Harrow Weald towards a camera and internet connection to livestream services. The Deanery Accounts for 2020 were approved, subject to independent examination. Dr John Spencer of Holy Trinity Northwood was elected as the representative on Bereavement Care Management. Graham Nicholson was elected to serve a further term as Governor of St John’s School, Stanmore and Graham Hamwijk was elected as a Governor of Holy Trinity School, Northwood.

The third meeting was held on 3 November with a talk by Revd Navina Thompson of St Giles Ickenham entitled “Swimming Against the Tide: An Exploration of Engaging with Difference”. Navina talked about her experiences as a child of Indian parents living and working as a woman priest in the Middle East and the diversity in that region. She encouraged us to live with our own prejudices and to live and

think differently by embracing cultural and theological diversity. Daniel Escott was elected as a Governor of St John’s School, Stanmore.

Following elections in the summer, Clive Scowen and Jody Stowell have been elected to represent the Diocese on General Synod; Johnette Clarke, Susan Cooper, John Dolling, Toby Partridge, Joshua Tate and David Green, Jody Stowell, Rachel Campbell and Paul Hullyer have been elected to represent the Deanery on the London Diocesan Synod.

Plans for a Deanery Prayer Evening at St Mary’s Harrow for “Thy Kingdom Come” already postponed from 2020 was unable to be held in 2021 but monthly ‘Prayer for Harrow’ has taken place under the leadership of Revd Malcolm Finlay using the Zoom software.

Reports on the sessions of the London Diocesan Synod and of the General Synod were received at meetings during the year.

Robert May
Honorary Secretary



Pinner Association of Churches

This has been a 'different' time for the PAC, as it has been for most organisations. With the Covid pandemic there were lots of occasions when we had to decide whether to have a meeting or function in person, or by Zoom. But throughout this time we have, as the PAC, kept very much in contact and together.

Most churches suspended their services during the pandemic and had services on line. They were considered a great way of keeping in contact. It was a joy to get back into church and even greater joy when we were allowed to sing the hymns!

Lots has changed in the PAC's 50 years of history and we have achieved much, but for a while we have felt the organisation needed to change and we have started to address our future. We have initiated a search for a website administrator and a secretary to help us. We are trying to be more outward looking and relevant, but still continue with the things we do successfully like the Walk of Witness on Good Friday, the Carols by Torchlight around the Christmas tree and the Christmas lunch in our church hall.

In 2020 at the height of the Covid pandemic, things had to be done differently and the Christmas lunch was bought and delivered, then cooked at home by those who received it, and, in 2021, at the last moment it was cooked in our hall and delivered to people. We have had to be flexible as Covid has escalated. But both years' lunches were served against all odds. A great achievement by the Christmas lunch team. So there is much to preserve and new things to be delivered.

Rosemary Lay

St John's Social Group

On the 23 January 2020 we went to the National Gallery with Jonathan Hutchins. This was, due to Covid, to be our last visit until November 2021, which was 22 months later.

Since November 2021 we have visited St John's Church, Hallowell Road, Northwood, for their third Tuesday of the month concerts. Some concerts are choral, some are orchestral. They start with coffee and conclude with a half an hour of concert. Attendance numbers for these visits have been lower than pre-pandemic numbers. My intention is to keep it local for a while until we understand how the pandemic is going.

Rosemary Lay



Music in Pinner Series

Classical and Jazz Concerts:

'21 – '22 Season

Music in Pinner Series (mps) is a monthly series of Saturday concerts, conducted under the aegis of Pinner Parish Church and its PCC.

Music in Pinner Series is formally a part of parish community activities, with corresponding benefits to the parish of raised profile and goodwill. It is run as a sub-committee of PCC and answerable to PCC. MPS sends the PCC a proposed plan and draft budget for approval early in the year for the following season. In May/June, MPS sends the PCC a report on the financial and artistic outcome of the previous season. Finances are held within PCC accounts (within the PCC-PMF account, but clearly separated from PMF, with parish officers as signatories) and subject to audit, as part of Parish Accounts. Reserves of £7,500 have been kindly provided by PCC from part of the proceeds of Pinner Jazz. The church receives 12.5% of ticket income for concerts on site, and 5% for those offsite. Profits from any year are added to reserves held in the designated account to support future seasons.

MPS is directed by Professor Anthony Pinching, with a supporting team including Stuart Nattrass (Jazz Advisor), Stephen Brown (PCC Representative) and Trevor Mitchell (MPS Stage Manager), with Shirley Wootten (Marketing Consultant) co-opted. The Parish Treasurer, Jo Kothary, manages the PCC-PMF account, supported by Kevin Ogilvie (Bookkeeper), with budget-setting and oversight of financial activity by the MPS Director.

The third Music in Pinner Series '20-'21 was fully planned, but it became clear that it would not be financially viable with constraints on live performances due to Covid-19. We cancelled all concerts, as we are critically dependent upon ticket sales to cover artists' fees.

After the success of putting on a modified Pinner Music Festival 2021, and after positive results from a survey of our mailing list, we planned a 6-concert MPS Season '21-'22, in which we gave priority to most of the musicians whom we had had to cancel last season. Audience numbers have been lower than usual, reflecting continuing Covid-19 concerns amongst our audience, even with our careful precautions. The January concert by the Scott Hamilton Quartet has had to be postponed to late April, because of the emergence of the Omicron variant, and has been relocated to the church from the plan to visit Pinner United Synagogue. Overall, the music has been wonderful and has reinforced the sense of rediscovering the especial value of live music-making with an audience present in person.

The season started with a mellifluous jazz concert by the fine Mark Crooks Quartet, which was followed by the marvellous Gould Piano Trio in contrasting works by Mozart, Dvorak and Harrow-born Rebecca Clarke. The final concert of 2021 was by members of the Fibonacci Sequence (clarinet, viola and piano) in trios by Mozart and Bruch, and the two late sonatas by Brahms. In February and March, we have had two young ensembles giving us riveting evenings; first the Kaleidoscope Saxophone Quartet in classical works (arrangements and new compositions) across 400 years, some influenced by jazz; and then the Misha Mullov-Abbado Band delighted us with their fresh take on jazz, informed by classical and other genres.

The many volunteers behind Music in Pinner Series do an enormous amount of work throughout the year to plan, publicise and coordinate these concerts, strongly supported by others on each concert day. Audience and artists always appreciated the welcome they get and the engaged audiences that they sense at these concerts, and especially so this season. We are very grateful for the support and oversight of the PCC.

*Professor Anthony J Pinching
Director, Music in Pinner Series
March 2022*

Charity Number 1130752

*Ecclesiastical Parish of
St. John the Baptist, Pinner*

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31 December 2021

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

Parochial Church Council Members year ending 31 December 2021

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the PCC. Members of the PCC Standing Committee are marked with an asterisk.

Clergy:	Reverend Paul Hullyer* Mark Arnold Emma Webber *
Church Wardens:	Chris Lomax (retired June 2021) Angela Kenny* (first elected 2019) Penny French* (first elected 2021)
Diocesan Synod:	Susan Cooper
Deanery Synod:	Stephen Brown Robin Youle David Poole
Elected to PCC:	Retiring 2022 (elected in April 2019) Karina Johnson * Katherine Adey Jonathan Hutchins (resigned May 2021) Retiring 2023 (elected in November 2020) Morella Boon Dawn Friday Vino Manohar Retiring 2024 (elected in May 2021) Carolyn White* Sarah Hullyer Hilary Gould
Treasurer:	Joanna Kothary* (co-opted)

The following are not members of the PCC but are in attendance in order to fulfil their functions

PCC Secretary:	Helen Walsh
Minutes Secretary:	Trevor Mitchell

**THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH
OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER**

**ANNUAL REPORT
For the year ended 31 December 2021
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Introduction

The Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Baptist, Pinner - Charity No. 1130752 - (the "Church") have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and to become part of our Parish community of St John the Baptist. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups living within our Parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning activities for the year the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's Guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific Guidance on Charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our Parish community through worship and prayer, provision of pastoral care and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St John the Baptist.

It is a requirement for parishes with a gross income of over £250,000 to include a statement in the Annual Report of their risk assessment and consequent management systems established and this has been completed.

The Statutory Accounts comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and Notes to the Accounts.

Overview

At the end of the year 2021 the Church funds totalled £1,952,660 (2020 £1,823,606), an increase of £129,054 for the year. These funds are as follows:

Funds		2021	2020
		£	£
Unrestricted	General Fund	65,112	77,784
	Special Receipts Unspecified	2,500	2,500
	Legacies	55,064	49,064
	Youth Committee	235	235
	Capital Reserves	200,375	200,376
	Church Fabric and Buildings	3,520	3,520
	Missions & Charities	480	480
	Music in Pinner	6,455	6,455
	Jazz in Church	13,179	13,179
	Hall Fund	66,149	53,853
	Sub-Total	413,069	407,446
	Fixed Assets & Investments	1,500,339	1,377,045
	Total Unrestricted Funds	1,913,408	1,784,491
Restricted	Special Receipts, Nominated	0	0
	Tower (Bell Ringers)	1,221	2,199
	Flower Arrangers	355	365
	Music Festival	10,480	15,165
	Music in Pinner	4,676	3,417
	Youth Worker	13,542	11,698
	Church Restoration	2,813	0
	Choir Tour	4,676	4,675
	IT/Software/Web/Training	1,489	1,596
	Total Restricted Funds	39,252	39,115
Total All Funds		1,952,660	1,823,606

Risk Assessment and Management

Risks associated with the affairs of Pinner Parish Church are periodically reviewed by the members of the Standing Committee. The Committee advises the PCC that appropriate arrangements are in place to identify, assess and manage risks that arise from the running of the Church (e.g. statutory health and safety, fire, food hygiene, insurance of properties, public liability, reputation, child protection, handling of money, data protection). The Committee reports annually to the PCC and submits a revised Risk Register of significant risks. A copy is posted in the Church porch and details of health and safety arrangements are available on the website.

Review of the year 2021

The Covid-19 pandemic brought many Church activities to a halt in 2020, and whilst base expenses continued, much of the incoming resources reduced.

Summary

Total Incoming Resources for the year ended 31 December 2021 were £283,892 (2020 - £265,973) and total expenditure was £285,157 (2020 - £271,833) leading to a deficit of £1,709.

Incoming Resources

Key points to note are:-

- Within voluntary income, planned giving reduced by £5,231 but was offset by income from legacies of £6,000
- Income from Hall rental increased by £10,461 following the restrictions imposed by Covid 19 in the prior year.
- Total Income and Endowments increased by £12,097. This was mainly attributable to the increased in Hall income.
- Income from the rental of the three investment properties owned by the Church, and income from hiring the hall made up 27% of the church's income.

Overall Resources Used

Key points to note are:-

- The parish contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund was £110,100 and was paid in full.
- Ministry costs increased by £18,181 mainly following the appointment of a new curate during 2021.
- Expenditure on Activities, such as the music concerts (PMF, and MPS) increased as concerts resumed following Covid restrictions in 2020.
- Sundry expenses relate to activities which took place to mark the 700th anniversary of the church.
- Upkeep Costs excluding the 2020 Restoration expenditure & one off expenses remained constant in 2021.

Reserves and Reserve Policy

The reserves we maintain are:-

General Reserves, which contain all non-restricted reserves including non-specific legacies received.

Capital Reserves for funding expenditure of a capital nature and future contingencies in respect of general operating costs.

Restricted Reserves such as ancillary activities, which include sums held by PMF, MPS, Bellringers, Church Flowers, current restoration activities and any other specific reserves.

“Reserves” also exist in the form of the “investment” properties.

The policy of the Church is to maintain an adequate reserve to meet all eventualities and has in previous years been based on one year’s unrestricted costs (designed to cover running costs and any unforeseen and urgent capital requirements that may arise). This year’s reserve currently stands at £200,375. This is lower than policy dictates due to a transfer from Capital Reserves to the Restoration fund for the remaining restoration expenses. This was approved by PCC prior to the commencement of phase IV works. The reserve total requires to be substantial but not excessive, in order to protect ourselves against the impact of potential major repairs costs for our medieval Church.

The Outlook for the Future

In 2021 we report a net deficit of £1,709 (2020: £5,859). Income from hall rentals and rents of our properties continue to contribute a significant part of our total income (27%) but Hall income was adversely affected in the first few months by the pandemic. Hall income has shown some growth in 2021. Rental income from 37 Eastcote Road is now being used following the appointment of a new curate in June 2021.

Acknowledgements

Taking on the role of Treasurer from 1 December 2020 it quickly became apparent that the devolved finance system cannot work without the many dedicated people performing their responsible tasks conscientiously. I would like to express my gratitude and offer my thanks to Carolyn White, for managing the fees system, Jude Brampton, for managing the intricacies of the flower fund, Martin Singleton, for managing the junior choir pay system, Trevor Mitchell, for banking all cash income and keeping immaculate accounts, Morella Boon for handling Gift Aid and GASDS claims from HMRC, and Nick Childs for managing the reclaim of VAT. I should also like to acknowledge the service of our bookkeeper, Kevin Ogilvie, and the devolved payroll service of David Graham Associates.

*Joanna Kothary, Treasurer
1 April 2022*

THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

Independent Examiners' Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Baptist, Pinner (Charity No. 1130752)

I report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You are satisfied that the charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts and the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Anthony Phillips FCCA

On behalf of:

Buckingham & Company Ltd

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THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2021

		2021	2021	2021	2020
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
		Funds (Inc.	Funds		
		fixed assets)			
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS					
Voluntary Income	3(a)	170,415	2,777	173,192	171,989
Activities for Generating Funds	3(b)	5,959	17,110	23,069	23,870
Income from Church Activities	3(c)	37,902	0	37,902	21,898
Income from Investments	3(d)	49,285	0	49,285	48,216
Other Income		0	0	0	0
TOTAL INCOME & ENDOWMENTS		263,561	19,887	283,448	265,974
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on raising funds	4(a)	53	0	53	18
Church Activities					
Grants payable under charitable objects	4(b)	13,875	528	14,403	17,371
The Ministry	4(c)	144,764	0	144,764	128,545
Support costs for services	4(d)	16,384	386	16,770	10,744
Activities	4(e)	8,743	18,111	26,854	8,490
Upkeep	4(f)	55,093	2,004	57,097	81,233
Management and administration	4(g)	25,075	140	25,215	25,432
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		263,987	21,168	285,156	271,833
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		-426	-1,281	-1,708	-5,859
GAIN ON REVALUATION OF INVESTMENTS	8&4(h)	130,761	0	130,761	95,322
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE BEFORE TRANSFERS		130,335	-1,281	129,054	89,463
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	6 & 7			0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		130,335	-1,281	129,054	89,463
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2021		1,784,491	39,115	1,823,606	1,734,143
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2021		1,914,826	37,834	1,952,660	1,823,606

THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Fixed Assets and Investments	8	1,500,339	1,377,045
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments	9	5,552	5,887
Debtors	9	6,234	8,519
Short term deposits	12	302,962	302,805
Cash at bank and in hand	12	165,115	140,530
		479,863	457,741
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors due within one year	10	27,542	11,180
NET CURRENT ASSETS		452,321	446,561
NET ASSETS		1,952,660	1,823,606
FUNDS			
	11		
Unrestricted		413,069	407,446
Restricted		39,252	39,115
Total Restricted and Unrestricted		452,321	446,561
Capital Funds		1,500,339	1,377,045
Total		1,952,660	1,823,606

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21 April 2022 and signed, on its behalf by:

Rev Paul Hullyer (Chairman)

Church Warden

THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ASSESSMENT OF GOING CONCERN

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Report Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011. The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The PCC consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered to be material in relation to these financial statements.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

- (a) collections are recognised when made;
- (b) amounts receivable under covenant are recognised only when honoured by the covenantor;
- (c) income tax recoverable on covenanted or gift aid donations is recognised when claimable;
- (d) grants and legacies are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the amount due;
- (e) funds raised by Church events are accounted for gross;

Other ordinary income

- (a) rental income from the letting of Church premises is accounted for when earned;
- (b) Parochial fees due to the PCC for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Application of resources

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

Phase IV Restoration

There remains a VAT refund of £948 to be received which is included in the restoration fund.

Costs directly related to the work of the Church

The Diocesan quota (Common Fund) is accounted for when payable.

Fixed assets for use by the Church

Consecrated land and buildings and movable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96 (2) (a) of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on the unmovable Church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, whether maintenance or improvement is written off.

Other land and buildings

Other land and buildings held for the PCC for its own purposes is shown at cost. No depreciation is charged against such properties but any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

Investment properties

Properties which are let and held as investment properties are shown at the last known market value.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Office equipment used within the Church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off in the period in which the asset is acquired.

Fixtures & fittings are depreciated on a straight line basis over 10 years.

Current assets

- (a) amounts owing to the PCC as at 31 December 2021 in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable;
- (b) short-term deposits consist of cash held on deposit at the Central Board of Finance.

Risk management

All PCCs with income and expenditure over £250,000 must have a policy with regard to the management of risks. This policy is reviewed annually by the PCC which is satisfied that appropriate systems are in place to mitigate those risks identified.

National restrictions, as a consequence of the Covid 19 pandemic, led to the closure of the church for parts of 2021. The vicar and wardens prepared a parish continuity plan which identified general and financial risks. Pastoral care visiting ceased and was replaced, in part, by regular telephone contact with church members and a weekly Bulletin containing a scriptural message, prayers and notices. PCC meetings continued via computer conferencing using Zoom software. The church web site was a key site for communication. The major financial risks were from a reduction in hall rental income and from plate collections at services. A review of expenditure identified some items that could reduce to mitigate the impact of reduced income. A key PCC activity in 2022 will be to monitor this closely.

3 INCOME & ENDOWMENTS

		Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
3(a) Voluntary Income					
Planned giving:	Gift Aid	130,029	1,500	131,529	136,449
	Tax recovered	29,852	375	30,227	30,538
Collections		4,533	479	5,012	3,983
Special receipts		0	30	30	269
Sundry donations		1	375	376	390
Legacies		6,000	0	6,000	0
Church Restoration		0	18	18	360
Sub-total		170,415	2,777	173,192	171,989
3(b) Activities for generating funds					
Publications		117	0	117	15
Fees		4,461	60	4,521	2,512
Children and youth		1,046	0	1,046	0
Sundry receipts		335	225	560	218
Events receipts (PMF & MPS)		0	16,825	16,825	21,125
Sub-total		5,959	17,110	23,069	23,870
3(c) Income from Church activities					
Use of Church		165	0	165	0
Hall contributions		28,494	0	28,494	18,033
700th anniversary events		9,243	0	9,243	0
Sundry		0	0	0	3,865
Sub-total		37,902	0	37,902	21,898
3(d) Investment income					
Rent from houses		48,958	0	48,958	46,655
Interest from deposit accounts		327	0	327	1,407
Investment Fund income		0	0	0	154
Sub-total		49,285	0	49,285	48,216
TOTAL INCOME & ENDOWMENTS		263,561	19,887	283,448	265,973

4 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
4(a) Expenditure on raising funds	53	0	53	18
	53	0	53	18
Church Activities				
4(b) Expenditure on Charitable activities				
Overseas missions	0	0	0	0
Relief agencies	0	0	0	0
Home missions	0	0	0	0
Secular charities	0	0	0	0
Charitable giving from general fund	13,875	0	13,875	17,101
Charitable giving from special collections	0	528	528	270
Sub-total	13,875	528	14,403	17,371
4(c) The Ministry				
Clergy expenses	1,908	0	1,908	1,603
Curate house expenses	14,223	0	14,223	0
Parish Administrator	17,341	0	17,341	16,842
Cost of Youth Minister	0	0	0	0
Children & Youth Work	1,192	0	1,192	0
Diocesan quota	110,100	0	110,100	110,100
Sub-total	144,764	0	144,764	128,545
4(d) Support costs for services				
Sacristan	1,267	0	1,267	999
Service books, posters	306	0	306	108
Robes	0	0	0	0
Music	940	0	940	1,270
Choir costs	398	0	398	85
Organists' costs	12,587	0	12,587	7,649
Training	10	0	10	0
Quiet days/pilgrimages	0	0	0	0
Flowers for Church	876	386	1,262	633
Sub-total	16,384	386	16,770	10,744
Carried forward	175,076	913	175,990	156,678

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
4 EXPENDITURE (continued)				
Brought Forward	175,076	913	175,990	156,678
4(e) Activities				
Books and materials	111	0	111	3
Refreshments	13	0	13	119
Sundry activities (inc MPS, Music Festival)	0	18,061	18,061	8,368
Library	0	0	0	0
700th anniversary events	8,619	50	8,669	0
Donations (MPS)	0	0	0	0
Choir Tour Costs	0	0	0	0
Sub-total	8,743	18,111	26,854	8,490
4(f) Upkeep				
Vicarage and garden	363	0	363	197
Burhill Grove	3,586	0	3,586	2132
Eastcote Road	2,507	0	2,507	1,728
Chamberlain Way	1,677	0	1,677	1815
Church running expenses	16,801	0	16,801	19,141
Church maintenance	4,060	2,004	6,064	34,517
Organ and piano	360	0	360	0
Churchyard	689	0	689	191
Church Hall	16,170	0	16,170	13,543
Gardener/Handyman	8,880	0	8,880	7,969
Sub-total	55,093	2,004	57,097	81,233
4(g) Management and administration				
Computing	491	108	599	628
Postage, telephone	1,515	0	1,515	1,369
Books, stationery	86	0	86	229
Printing, photocopying	923	0	923	791
Fees, subscriptions, gifts	520	0	520	377
Accountancy	3,784	0	3,784	4,072
Property Management Fees Burhill Grove	1,903	0	1,903	1,693
Property Management Fees Eastcote Rd	2,226	0	2,226	2,752
Property Management Fees Chamberlain Way	2,137	0	2,137	2,024
Bank charges	257	32	289	307
Sundry Expenditure	0	0	0	300
Audit & Legal Fees	2,700	0	2,700	2,700
Depreciation	8,533	0	8,533	8,190
Suspense Transfers	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditure used	0	0	0	0
Sub-total	25,075	140	25,215	25,432
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	263,987	21,168	285,156	271,833
4(h) Gain on Revaluation of Investments	130,761	0	130,761	95,322

5 STAFF COSTS (including Social Security)

	2021	2020
	£	£
Director of Music	11,028	5,482
Parish Administrator	17,341	16,842
	28,369	22,324

The above notes represent staff costs and emoluments.

During the year, the PCC employed and contracted (i) a Director of Music & (ii) a Parish Administrator.

Costs of organists who cover personnel for periods of absence are not included above for 2021.

In 2020 a claim was made under the government Job Retention Scheme totalling £4,557 for the six months that the Director of Music was furloughed.

None of the PCC received any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the Charity.

6 FUND DETAILS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General	65,112		65,112	77,784
Special Receipts, Unspecified	2,500		2,500	2,500
Legacies	55,064		55,064	49,064
Youth Committee	235		235	235
Capital Reserve	200,375		200,375	200,376
Church Fabric and Building	3,520		3,520	3,520
Missions and Charities	480		480	480
Music in Pinner	6,455		6,455	6,455
Jazz in Church	13,179		13,179	13,179
Hall Fund	66,149		66,149	53,853
	413,069		413,069	407,446
Fixed Assets and Investments	1,500,339		1,500,339	1,377,045
Total	1,913,408		1,913,408	1,784,491
Restricted Funds				
Special Receipts, Nominated		0	0	0
Tower (Bell Ringers)		1,221	1,221	2,199
Flower Arrangers		355	355	365
Music Festival		10,480	10,480	15,165
Music in Pinner		4,676	4,676	3,417
Youth Worker		13,542	13,542	11,698
Church Restoration		2,813	2,813	0
Choir Tour		4,676	4,676	4,675
IT/Software/Web/Training		1,489	1,489	1,596
Total		39,252	39,252	39,115
TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS	1,913,408	39,252	1,952,660	1,823,606

7 TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

There were no transfers between funds.

8 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

	Investments £	Investment Properties £	Infrastructure & Office Equipment £	Total £
At 1 January 2021	5,339	1,345,000	81,904	1,432,243
Revaluation	761	130,000	0	130,761
Additions		0	1,066	1,066
Disposals		0	0	0
At 31 December 2021	6,100	1,475,000	82,970	1,564,070
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2021			55,198	55,198
Charge for the year			8,533	8,533
At 31 December 2021	-	-	63,731	63,731
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2021	6,100	1,475,000	19,239	1,500,339
At 31 December 2020	5,339	1,345,000	26,706	1,377,045

Investment Properties

The Investment Properties shown above relate to 37 Eastcote Road, 47 Chamberlain Way and 6 Burhill Grove. In accordance with FRS 102, each year the PCC obtain a professional market valuation for the above properties and as at the Balance Sheet date the market value of these three properties was £1,475,000.

9 DEBTORS	2021	2020
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	2,788	2,375
Prepayments	5,552	5,886
Other debtors	3,446	6,144
Total Debtors	11,786	14,405

10 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Agency Collections	0	0
Deferred Income	0	0
Trade Creditors & Accruals	27,547	11,181
Total Creditors	27,547	11,181

11 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets (Net)	1,494,239	0	1,371,706
Investments	6,100	0	5,339
Fixed Assets and Investments	1,500,339	0	1,377,045
New Current Assets	452,321	0	446,561
Fund balance	1,952,660	0	1,823,606

12 ANALYSIS OF BANK BALANCES

	2021	2020
	£	£
General Current Account	143,296	112,555
Restoration Account	0	0
Deposit Accounts	302,962	302,805
Other Associated Bank Accounts & Cash	21,819	27,975
Total Bank Accounts	468,077	443,335

Accounts

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

**ANNUAL REPORT &
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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

SUNDAY 16 MAY 2021

Parochial Church Council Members
(as at 31/12/2020)

Clergy: Revd Paul Hullyer
Revd Mark Arnold

Churchwardens: Angela Kenny
Chris Lomax

Diocesan Synod: Susan Cooper
Katherine Pinching

Deanery Synod: Stephen Brown
Susan Cooper
David Poole
Robin Youle

Elected April 2018: Rosemary Lay
Carolyn White

Elected April 2019: Kath Adey
Jonathan Hutchins
Karina Johnson

Elected October 2020: Morella Boon
Dawn Friday
Vino Manohar

Hon Treasurer: Joanna Kothary

PCC Secretary: Helen Walsh
Minutes Secretary: Trevor Mitchell

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

The Annual Vestry Meeting of Parishioners will be held on Sunday 16 May 2021

Via Zoom at 11.30 am

AGENDA – Parish Vestry Meeting

- 1 Opening Prayer, then the Secretary reads the notice convening the meeting
- 2 Apologies for absence for both meetings
- 3 Minutes of the last Vestry meeting of 2020 (found in the Annual Report)
- 4 Election of 2 Churchwardens

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The **Annual Parochial Meeting** will be held on Sunday 16 May 2021 via Zoom

AGENDA - Annual Parochial meeting

1. Opening Prayer, then the Secretary reads the Notice convening the meeting
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 2020 (found in the Annual Report)
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Notification of Any Other Business for this meeting.
5. Elections to the Parochial Church Council from October 2020 – May 2021
6. Elections to the Deanery Synod (*if applicable during this year*)
7. Election of Parish Sidespersons/Welcomers for 2020/2021
8. Electoral Roll report
9. Report on the Financial Affairs of the Church (attached in the Annual Report)
10. Election of an Independent Examiner
11. Questions
12. Any other business
13. The Grace

Date of 2022 APCM: Sunday 15 May at 11.30am in the hall after the Parish Eucharist.

PARISH OF PINNER

The **Meeting of Parishioners** was held on Sunday 11th October 2020 at midday via Zoom Video Communications. (Due to the provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and, after seeking advice from the Diocesan Registrar, it was not possible to hold this year's Meeting of Parishioners on church premises.)

PRESENT: The Rev'd Paul Hullyer (in the Chair), Angela Kenny, Christopher Lomax (Churchwardens), the Secretary and members of the Church Council and congregation.

Opening Prayer was said by Revd Paul Hullyer

Apologies for absence: -

Lewis and Isabel Beddison, Peter and Sue Ellis, Michael and Alison Hetreed and Tom Hullyer.

1. **The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.**
2. **Minutes:** The adoption of the Minutes of the last Vestry meeting held on Sunday 28th April 2019 was agreed by a majority of all those present. The Minutes were signed by Rev'd Paul Hullyer as a true record of the Meeting.
3. **Election of Churchwardens:** The Vicar informed the meeting that Christopher Alan Lomax and Angela Kenny were prepared to remain in office until the next APCM which is due to be held during May 2021. Having been duly proposed by Andrew Raj and Sue Sabry-Grant and seconded by Mary Thomas and Janet Woodger, Christopher Alan Lomax and Angela Kenny were unanimously re-elected unopposed.

This concluded the business of the Meeting of Parishioners.



The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** was held on Sunday 11th October 2020 at 12.05pm via Zoom Video Communications. (Due to the provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and, after seeking advice from the Diocesan Registrar, it was not possible to hold this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting on church premises.)

PRESENT: The Rev'd Paul Hullyer (in the Chair), Angela Kenny, Christopher Lomax, (Churchwardens), members of the Church Council and congregation.

Apologies for absence: -

Lewis and Isabel Beddison, Peter and Sue Ellis, Michael and Alison Hetreed and Tom Hullyer.

1. **The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.**
2. **Minutes:** The adoption of the Minutes for the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 28th April 2019 was agreed by a majority of all those present. The Minutes were then signed by Rev'd Paul Hullyer as a true record of the Meeting.
3. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
Susan Cooper referred to Item 13 on Page 11 of the Annual Report in which she detailed the consultation process leading to the creation of Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London's "Vision for 2030". Susan understood that the official launch of "Vision for 2030" will be later this year. When this happens Susan will ensure that details are made known to the parishioners.
4. **Notification of Any Other Business for this meeting:**
Vicar's address to the meeting.
5. **Election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the term October 2020 to May 2023:**
An election was held to fill 9 vacancies and having been duly proposed by Trevor Mitchell, Susan Cooper and Angela Kenny and seconded by Hilary Holloway, Caroline White and Sue Sabry-Grant, the following nominees were duly elected unopposed: - Morella Boon, Vino Manohar and Dawn Friday.
6. **Election to the Deanery Synod for the term October 2020 to May 2023:**
An election was held to fill 5 vacancies and having been duly proposed by Hilary Holloway, Christopher Lomax, Ann Fuller, and Susan Cooper and seconded by Martin Singleton, Peter Ellis, Hilary Holloway and Ann Fuller, the following nominees were duly elected unopposed: - Stephen Brown, Robin Youle, Susan Cooper and David Poole.
7. **Election of Parish Sidespersons:** The Vicar read a list of Sidespersons aloud. (After revising the list with the additions of Lesley Almond, Maggie Guiver, and Carolyn McDonald) it was agreed by a majority of all those present that they be elected *en bloc*.
8. **The new Electoral Roll for 2019 onwards until next renewed:**
Janet Huszczo reported that this year due to the Coronavirus restrictions it was not practical to undertake a full revision of the Electoral Roll. However, Janet was able to make certain adjustments to reflect that over the past 18 months there were 4 new members added and 10 deleted through either death or removal resulting in 232 members remaining on the Electoral Roll.

The Vicar took the opportunity to thank Janet. The work that Janet does in the office and also at home during lockdown is immense and we could not manage so efficiently without her.

9. Report on the Financial Affairs of the Church:

Chris commenced his report by explaining that the first draft of the Financial Statements for 2019 were presented to PCC on 24th March 2020 and were duly scrutinised. Members of the PCC raised comments, suggestions and amendments which were forwarded to our Independent Examiner for consideration. All the amendments were accepted by our Examiner. This illustrates the care our PCC have taken to ensure the Church accounts are accurate together with the excellent supportive working relationship that we have with our Independent Examiner. In fact this year the Examiner commended us for the improvements we have made with the presentation of our accounts which she fully approved. The final draft of the Statements was accepted by the PCC on 9th July 2020.

Chris then continued with his report by highlighting certain key points:-

Although our total income rose by over £71,000 in 2019 it must be remembered that during that time £100,000 was received as a generous donation from the Friends of Pinner Parish church to help meet the cost of Phase 4 of the restoration project. Furthermore there were legacies received totalling £27,000. However, in respect of voluntary giving and Gift Aid thereon, there was a fall of 11%. Income from our 3 investment properties and hiring the church hall increased marginally and represented a significant proportion of the church's income.

Turning to expenditure, this was dominated by the Phase 4 of the Restoration Project which thanks to excellent project management by Tony Adamson was completed on time and under budget. In terms of strictly running the church i.e. leaving aside the Pinner Music Festival / Music in Pinner Series, Choir tours and restoration; expenditure was reduced from the previous year (2018) resulting in a healthy surplus of income over expenditure. Although the Financial Statements show a deficit of £65,000, this was a planned overspend in order for Phase 4 of the Restoration Project to be done. The overspend will be charged against our reserves.

Looking towards our future finances, Chris stressed that voluntary giving is falling through reduced attendance and demographic changes. Although our budgets have been prepared to reflect this reduced revenue, we need to seek ways of increasing our income. It must also be remembered that our rented properties are a major source of revenue, but 37 Eastcote Road may be required at some time in the future to house a Curate.

Chris in his capacity as acting Treasurer referred to page 45 of the Annual Report and thanked all those mentioned therein for their help and support during 2019.

In reply to a question regarding the increase in 2019 of the "Trade Creditors & Accrual" compared to 2018, Chris was unable to give an immediate breakdown.

To conclude Christopher Lomax formally proposed that the APCM accept the Financial Statements as presented, and after being duly seconded by Angela Kenny

was agreed by a majority of all those present. The Financial Statements will now be signed by Christopher Lomax and the Vicar with copies being lodged with our Independent Examiner and the Charity Commission.

Chris referred briefly to the financial situation for 2020 and the impact the pandemic was having on our income. Nevertheless, without the support of the parish through Stewardship, our church would not be able to survive through these troubled times and Chris offered his heartfelt thanks to all those who had continued to make a contribution this year. Chris also wished to express his thanks to Morella and Trevor for their huge help and support with Stewardship.

The Vicar took the opportunity to thank Chris for all he did to keep our finances running smoothly. There is the possibility of someone being willing to fill the vacant role of our Hon. Treasurer and there are ongoing discussions concerning this appointment.

10. Election of Independent Examiner:

Christopher Lomax proposed that Buckingham & Company should be appointed for another year and, after being duly seconded by Angela Kenny, was agreed by a majority of all those present.

11. Questions:

In reply to a question the Stewardship team agreed to look at electronic ways of making donations within church premises.

A question was asked about what is happening to the planned celebrations for St John's 700th anniversary. The Vicar replied that he hoped to publish on Advent Sunday a list of events for the anniversary in 2021.

12. Any Other Business:

The Vicar thanked the parishioners for their support through this most difficult of years. It was so deeply upsetting during the time when the church had to be locked especially during Lent and Easter time. The Vicar also thanked in particular, his two Churchwardens for their support and also undertaking the mammoth task of preparing the church for its reopening after lockdown.

Sadly we had to lose Holiday Club this year together with SNIP, NET groups, and PMF / MPS, but these activities will, in the fullness of time, return to parish life. However, it is heartening that our Sunday services have been nearly completely full. Special thanks go to our Welcomers who have ensured that everyone is seated correctly, recognising family bubbles and social distancing.

With regard to our Christmas services, special arrangements will also apply. Christingle will have to be cancelled together with Nine Lessons and Carols, but there will be services at Midnight on Christmas Eve and at 8am and 10am on Christmas Day. Also the annual memorial service for Harrow Bereavement Care has had to be cancelled, but on All Soul's day, Monday 2nd November, there will be Eucharist services at 10am and 8pm on that day. The annual Remembrance Day service in the

High Street will be scaled back from previous years although it will continue to be led by our Vicar.

We look forward to Rev. Mark Arnold joining our Ministry team from Sunday 18th October.

Thanks were given to Helen Walsh and Trevor Mitchell for their work in dealing with the PCC meetings.

Before the meeting was wound-up Angela Kenny thanked our Vicar for all his work especially facing the difficulties thrown up into parish life from the pandemic.

13. To close the meeting the Grace was said together.

Note: - There were 63 members of the parish participating in the meeting (49 individuals and 7 couples).



REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL DURING 2020

The PCC met 6 times during the year.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Monday 20th January 2020

Matters Arising: Restoration Stage 4 – Resealing and polishing the church’s wooden floor. It was confirmed that the whole church floor is to be resealed and polished which will may involve the church being closed for a week. This will happen sometime after Easter and before the Pinner Music Festival.

Parish Finance: Month 12 Income & Expenditure SOFA Report; Chris explained that this is the forerunner to the year-end financial report, and includes everything relating to church income and expenditure including PMF and MPS. On Page 2 it could be seen that there was a net deficit for the year of £49,875. This was mainly due to total expenditure for Phase 4 of the Restoration Project. The PCC had previously agreed that, after taking into account the £100,000 given by the “Friends”, any shortfall could be met from capital reserves.

Revenue Performance Management M12 Report; -This report deals with running costs for the year and indicates a surplus of £48,671. As far as actual running costs these appear to be satisfactory taking into account the review of Choir and Organist outlay, but the surplus does include legacies of £27,500. However, what is of concern is the marked drop in Stewardship income and tax recovered thereon as compared to 2018. The church is therefore very much reliant on house rents and hall income.

Chris summed up his report by stating that, although some of our cash reserves have

been used to complete the Phase 4 Restoration Programme, for this year we are showing a surplus of income over expenditure in our revenue accounts.

EcoChurch: Hilary Singleton highlighted the contents of the “Eco Church An A Rocha UK Project”. Hilary explained that this did not just involve the PCC, but rather the entire church ministry and congregation. Consequently, Hilary recommended that she would like to put together a small committee including an additional adult (preferably not from the PCC) and a young person to devise a programme to take our church forward in an eco-friendly way.

Youth Committee: - The Vicar will look at forming a Youth Committee before the next PCC and was able to confirm there will be 3 school visits planned between now and Easter.

Churchwarden’s Business: The charity beneficiary for this year’s Lent Appeal is yet to be chosen by the Charity Committee but further information will be circulated to all members of the PCC by Email (On 28th January members of the PCC were advised by email that the Charity Committee was recommending “World Vision” for our Lent Appeal.)

Following the retirement of Graham Bowles on 31st December, the Churchwardens recommended that the PCC enter into a contract with Steve Davidson for his company, SD Services, to provide “Handyman” services. The PCC agreed with the Churchwardens’ proposal and this was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Chris Lomax, on behalf of Ian Galloway, confirmed that the new speakers will be installed in church within the next few weeks and the entire system balanced by the installing sound engineers to eradicate negative feedback.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Tuesday 24th March 2020 - held via Zoom

Parish Finance: Performance Management Accounts for the months of January & February 2020:- Chris Lomax referred the PCC to the Financial Performance Report for February 2020 and highlighted the following;

There is an excess in income over expenditure of £2,088. Unfortunately, this is £10,122 lower than February last year and £1,543 lower than the 2020 projected budget.

Total Income amounted to £43,183. This was also lower than February last year by £3,878 and £3,361 below the 2020 projected budget and which is probably due to a delay in receiving claimed Gift Aid from HMRC.

Hall Income is also down on both budget and 2019 figures (£1,475 and £2,393 respectively). To add to the reduction in Hall income Chris has been refunding deposits paid for bookings in March and April and will continue to do so while current restrictions on group activities prevail.

Annual increase in Staff salaries for 2020 / 2021:- Staff salaries are reviewed in April of each year. The Standing Committee is recommending a 2.4% increase for April this year. This has been based around the RPI which has fluctuated between 2.1% and 2.2% over the last 6 months. It was proposed by Angela Kenny, on behalf of the Standing Committee, that staff salaries be

increased by 2.4% from April 2020 and was agreed by a majority by all those present.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Wednesday 20th May 2020 – held via zoom

Parish Finances: - Chris referred the PCC to his Financial Performance Report for April and highlighted the following;

There is a net surplus of £6,102 so, as at the end of April, we are financially balanced.

Planned giving has not fallen to the extent as shown in the budget and would appear to be remaining stable.

Church Hall income is below budget as the Hall remains closed for the foreseeable future.

There is a deficit of rents received. This is due to one of our long-term tenants having a short-term cash flow problem. We took a sensitive approach not to pressure him and that decision has been justified as the tenant has paid his March and half of his April's rent.

Our total expenditure at the end of April amounted to £78,423 which is £7,263 below budget and £18,139 lower than this time last year.

Gas expenditure of £4,429 against a budget of £1,425. This was brought about mainly by trying to obtain a comfortable temperature for services in church during a very cold winter. Due to the annual budget being divided by 12 for accountancy reasons the budget deficit will reduce over the summer months when the boiler is not being used.

PMF / MPS papers: - Copies of the Music in Pinner Series – Report for PCC produced by Prof Anthony Pinching (Director) and previously circulated was duly noted.

Copies of the Report to PCC on the Cancellation of 2020 PMF produced by Prof Anthony Pinching (Director) and previously circulated was duly noted and accepted by the PCC. Angela took the opportunity to thank Anthony and his Committee for producing these reports following a much disrupted season.

The charity for PMF 2020 was to have been the Michael Sobell Hospice. Angela on behalf of the PCC asked Morella, who is a member of the Missions and Charities Committee to raise at one of their meetings the possibility of this charity being chosen as the beneficiary of one of our three annual special charity collections.

Adoption of the Diocesan Safeguarding policy - It is exactly the same policy as last year and can be found at <https://www.london.anglican.org/support/safeguarding/>:- As the policy has not changed since last year, Angela proposed that the Diocesan Safeguarding policy should be accepted for another year and which was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Proposal to the PCC for Changes to Our Charitable Giving: - Philip Lawder on behalf of the Mission and Charities Committee, explained that the budget was to be divided into three separate groups; Church Funded, UK Focus and Overseas Focus. The PCC had no adverse comments to make regarding the allocation of funds between these three groups although concern was expressed regarding the reduction in the amount being given to USPG i.e. from £2,400 to £1,500. In the past St John's has always been a valued donor to this Anglican missionary society and who are very much dependent on the amount we give to them annually. Philip suggested that, although the Committee would be unwilling to change the amount being given to "Church-Funded" charities

there could be scope to reduce the amount being given to "Overseas Focused" charities from £1,250 to £1,000 each in addition to using part of the £1,250 reserve which has been earmarked this year for Christian Aid and make a payment to USPG of £2,500. To this suggestion Stephen Brown, who is St John's Christian Aid Representative, voiced his objection.

Sadly there is difficulty in recruiting house-to-house collectors from our church so Stephen, after consultation with our Vicar, would be proposing to hold a Christian Aid Sunday from 2021 onwards whereby members of our congregation can make their donations to Christian Aid via the collection plate. For this year Stephen therefore urged the PCC to confirm the proposal in the paper that Christian Aid should be a candidate to receive the entire reserve of £1,250 for 2020. Philip confirmed that this was the intention of his Missions and Charities Committee. Another comment was that reducing the donation to USPG from £2,400 to £1,500 would only have a small effect on funding whereas £1,500 given to Firm Foundation which is a small charity based in West Harrow would have a proportionally greater benefit.

Philip made the point that in addition to the reserve of £1,250, there were three further opportunities to choose additional charities to benefit from our Christmas, Lent and Harvest Festival special appeals.

Angela then proposed on behalf of Philip Lawder that the paper submitted by the Missions and Charities Committee should be accepted unaltered and be implemented immediately. This was agreed by a majority with 9 votes for and 3 against. There were no abstentions.

Zoom Chat: - It was advised that the invitation to join the Sunday Zoom Chat hosted by Susan was posted on the weekly church Bulletin. The Bulletin is sent to all

those by email who completed GDPR forms. Also the Bulletin can be found on St John's website. The PCC thanked Susan for hosting these weekly chats.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Thursday 9th July 2020 – held via zoom

Parish Finances:- Financial Statement for year ended 31st December 2019 – Response by Independent Examiner to queries raised by PCC and Deborah O'Neill's (Independent Examiner) letter dated 26th June 2020 addressed to Chris Lomax - Chris explained that the letter from Deborah contained responses to queries previously raised by the PCC in March 2020 and all changes were now incorporated within the final draft of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2019. Chris Lomax proposed that these should now be accepted by the PCC for presentation to the APCM and, after being seconded by Carolyn White was agreed unanimously by all those present. By the end of the month Chris will send them to the Diocese together with the appropriate supporting documentation.

Performance Management Report for May and June 2020: Referring both to the May and June Reports it was noted that whereas Stewardship income in May remained steady and greater than budget, in June the trend was down. This is also reflected with collections and donations which have remained static throughout the pandemic. In addition, there is a severe reduction in income from the Church Hall rentals resulting in a serious deficit which is developing in our projected income. Rents received from our rented properties are steady. The small deficit is a consequence of a late rental payment which remains under constant review by our agents, Gibbs Gillespie. Consequently, our income is

£25,753 below what we planned by the end of June (£13,629 at the end of May).

Turning to expenditure it was noted that the charity payments agreed at the May PCC meeting have been paid. Chris commended the PCC for agreeing to the early release of funds. The cession of church services resulted in major reductions in expenditure. The upshot is that expenditure has fallen considerably and is below budget, but sadly there is now an overall deficit for the first time this year. To sum-up Chris stressed that although we are far from bankrupt, we are beginning to feel the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on our finances although fortunately we have a sound baseline of Stewardship income. Without this we would be in serious difficulties which are a cautionary comment for future reference when our Stewardship is raised again in church or at future PCC meetings.

Diocesan Common fund for 2021:

The Vicar explained that normally at this time of year the Diocese would expect all PCCs to agree the level of Common Fund payable to the Diocese in 2021. However, due to the exceptional circumstances prevailing at the present time the Diocese has asked that any decision should be postponed until later in the year.

Update on worship during the current lockdown and the resumption of public worship on 12th July 2020: The Vicar explained that our church has been open for private prayer in the Lady Chapel for approximately 3 weeks. Once it becomes possible to resume public worship the Vicar and Churchwardens decided that it will be possible for our church from Sunday 12th July to comply with Government guidelines together with observance of social distancing. During lockdown there has been regular Sunday morning worship via Zoom followed by a social get-together hosted by Susan Cooper again using Zoom.

These have been very successful and the Vicar thanked Susan for her efforts in organising these virtual social events.

The work involved in preparing the church for public worship was quite time-consuming taking into account the Government's specified social distancing rules of 2 metres.

Communion will be a Said Eucharist in accordance with Diocesan guidelines and taken at the high altar, although this may be changed to the Chancel Step at a later date. Singing is not permitted by Government and National Church guidelines. Communion will be of one kind i.e. just the wafer and not the wine, with the Vicar wearing a face mask. Hand sanitizer will be readily available before and after receiving the "Host" with a one-way system in operation. There will be services at 8am and 10am on Sundays and 10am on Wednesday mornings, but no Sunday Evensong. The church will be professionally cleaned on Mondays. It is not necessary to deep clean again after the Wednesday service as more than 72 hours will elapse before the commencement of following Sunday services. Sadly, flowers in church are not yet permitted. In order to implement these changes, the following resolutions were proposed by the Vicar and Churchwardens;

(1) Agree to the resumption of public worship in the parish church on a Sunday with a Said Eucharist at 8am and 10am, beginning 12th July and in adherence to Government and National Church guidelines on Covid-19, in place now and for future amendments. Also to the resumption of a Said Eucharist on Wednesdays at 10am.

(2) Agree to the suspension of Evensong on a Sunday, as required by Canon B11, for the foreseeable future, with the full intention of resuming the usual pattern of Choral Evensong when current

Government Covid19 guidance changes to allow singing in places of worship.

Both resolutions were agreed unanimously by all those present with the Vicar abstaining.

Working with children during the current period of restricted contact:

- The question was raised about what work we were currently undertaking regarding keeping in touch with children that attended our church including our junior choristers. The Vicar was able to confirm that Thomas Hullyer and Richard Hillman organise weekly online meetings with members of SNIP. There is an element of "Child protection / safeguarding" with regard to online contact and so Katherine Pinching will need to advise the PCC on the way forward and the Vicar will speak to Katherine.

PAC: - It was noted that Rosemary Lay will be Chair of PAC from this year to November 2021, at which time she will resign from the PAC. Sarah Wood, who has been Rosemary's assistant representative and a leader in the 50th year celebrations for the PAC, will become the Representative for St John's Church.

Short Report of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Monday 21st September 2020 – held via zoom

Parish Finances:- The Performance Management Report for 8 months to the end of August together with a revised budget for 2020 previously circulated by Chris Lomax was duly noted. Chris explained that Stewardship was on target for the year but was £3,637 lower than this time last year. Total income for the 8 month is £157,889 which is £28,278 under budget. Turning to expenditure, there have over the last 8 months been some large savings. Total

expenditure for the 8 months is £160,969, resulting in an overall deficit of £3,070. However, the actual income received and expenditure paid is being compared with a budget agreed by the PCC prior to Covid 19 lockdown. In the circumstances Chris decided it was now sensible to revise the 2020 budget. The revised budget reflects the realities of reduced income and expenditure due to impact of the Covid 19 pandemic. The changes in the overall budget anticipate a small surplus at the end of the year amounting to £3,188. The PCC took the view that the revised budget was extremely helpful in understanding the current finances of the church based on a month by month basis. It was proposed by Chris Lomax that the revised budget be accepted and used for future PCC financial reports and, after being duly seconded was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Churchwardens Business:- Chris Lomax advised the PCC that both gas valves on the Church and Church Hall boilers were leaking and must be replaced. In reply to a question raised regarding the age of the Church boiler together with its continuing maintenance, Chris Lomax could only say that the boiler has a limited life expectancy and due to a recent quote from our heating engineer would be extremely expensive to replace. Fortunately, we have one of the few heating engineers available who is capable of maintaining our antiquated central heating boiler.

APCM:- Because we have limited space to hold our APCM in church, due to social distancing, the Vicar confirmed that after seeking advice from the Diocesan Registrar, we have been instructed to hold our meeting electronically by Zoom. The actual mechanics of managing such a meeting with so many participants will be discussed tomorrow between the Vicar, Churchwardens, Helen Walsh and Trevor Mitchell. Instruction for participating in the

APCM will be published in the Bulletin and the joining code and password emailed to all those on the church's Electoral Roll.

Church Hall:- A report prepared by Ian Galloway, Chair of the Hall Committee, and previously circulated was duly noted. Following flood damage to the corridor floor, our insurers have approved a quotation from Hoopers of North Harrow to sand and re-lacquer the floor (The cost of £3,198 will be met by the insurers). Ian has also obtained a quotation from Hoopers for sanding and re-lacquering the wooden floor in the first side room at the same time. The floor surface is considerably worn and has, in the past, suffered a small amount of water damage from the leaking roof in areas by the window. This cannot be claimed on our insurance. Accordingly, Ian Galloway proposed the approval of expenditure amounting to £1,740 for the work on the first side room floor. There is already an existing budget of £4,000 to cover this expenditure.

When the heating engineer came to undertake the annual service of the hall boiler, he advised that the gas valve was faulty and would have to be replaced at a cost of £373. Ian Galloway also asked him to give a quotation to re-route the condensate drain line from the boiler, so that there could not be any repetition of the flood which occurred last December.

Accordingly, Ian Galloway proposed that approval in principle be given by the PCC for these 2 items of expenditure and after being duly seconded by Angela Kenny was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Common Fund:- The Vicar explained that the Diocese has asked us to offer the same contribution that we are currently making this year (2020) for 2021. This request was proposed by the Vicar and after receiving support from Chris Lomax was agreed unanimously by all those present.

**Short Report of the Meeting of the
Parochial Church Council on Tuesday
24th November 2020 – held via zoom**

Parish Finances:- Appointment of Joanna Nesamani Kothary as Hon Treasurer:- Chris welcomed Joanna to the meeting and informed the PCC that Joanna had agreed to be our Hon Treasurer with effect from 1st December 2020 when she will take over all aspects of our church's finances. Accordingly, Chris proposed that Joanna should be co-opted to the PCC as a PCC member with full voting rights and at the same time also be appointed as Hon Treasurer. After being duly seconded by Angela Kenny the proposal was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Performance Management Report for October 2020 together with the proposed budget for 2021: - Dealing firstly with the PMR Chris highlighted the following;

Total Income for the 10 months was £60,733 lower than at the same time last year, although we had received legacies totalling £27,000 in 2019. Even so, due to the pandemic this has had a marked influence on our finances for 2020 and is reflected in our Hall lettings income which has fallen by £16,961 compared to last year.

Although planned giving is less than last year it is above budget for this year i.e. £1,917, but income from resources is substantially down when compared to last year and this year's budget.

Turning to expenditure we have underspent as compared with this year's budget and last year's actual spending. Nevertheless, we have an overall deficit at the end of October of £22,745.

With regards reserves, ignoring fixed assets of £1,289,11 together with designated and restricted funds, we hold a healthy capital reserve of £258,151. However, predicting

an overall deficit for both this year and next year is a matter of some concern.

Turning to the draft budget for 2021, Chris confirmed that arriving at the figures, he had in the first instance consulted individuals who had a hand in managing certain aspects of the church's finances. For example the Stewardship Recorder and Gift Aid Administrator were consulted when arriving at the £133,400 estimate for Planned Giving and £29,690 for Gift Aid. These figures project a 2% fall in Stewardship and an 8% rise in giving via the plate. Unfortunately, these two do not balance each other; the plate giving also is contingent upon regular service resumption by March 2021. With respect to the Hall, Chris has adopted the figures produced by the Hall committee. There were 3 scenarios provided by the committee - worst, best and mid-case. Chris has used the mid-case figures, but they may need to be changed depending on the outcome of the current pandemic. Ian's paper identifies a long list of essential and desirable repairs that should be undertaken in 2021.

In addition to the Hall budget, Ian Galloway had prepared another paper identifying problems with the church sound system and is recommending additional expenditure of £2,500 to rectify the problems.

It is hoped that income from the tenanted properties will remain stable as all tenants have signed their tenancy agreements for another year.

In summary the budget estimate shows a £14,016 deficit in income/expenditure. This includes major expense for Hall maintenance and improvement to the church sound system. Normally, planned deficits are low (between £2,000 and £3,000) and are often corrected by underspends during the year. However, the current budgetary demands will put considerable strain on our cash reserves.

Hall Maintenance: Ian Galloway's paper set out details of 3 options for next year's maintenance budget. (1) Lockdown case £10,300 (2) Mid case £19,000 and (3) Best case £27,230. Although the overall view was that the redecoration of the toilets was long overdue it was only included under the heading "Best Case". Following the end of the discussion Angela Kenny proposed that we accept the Hall's "mid case" budget of £19,000 and was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Further improvements in the church's sound system:- After a lengthy discussion the majority view was that everyone in church, whether they were sitting in the Nave, Choir, Sanctuary or Lady Chapel should be able to hear the service clearly. The estimate of £2,500 covers a new amplifier for the existing Lady Chapel speaker and a fix for the choir area problem.

700th Anniversary Flower Festival (planned for September 2021):- The view was this would be an important event for the anniversary celebrations but concern was expressed regarding the overall cost of £3,500. Fundraising activities were planned for the summer of this year, but because of the pandemic restrictions they all had to be cancelled. Consequently, the PCC approved the staging of a Flower Festival, but would like to be provided with a more detailed budget. Nevertheless, in the meantime the PCC tentatively allocated £2,500 to be included in next year's budget.

Parochial Fees for 2021 (NB: proposal is that they are the same for 2020):- Carolyn White explained that she had only recently received from the Diocese notification of the statutory fees for weddings and funerals. Understandably these fees have only been increased by a minimal amount and consequently Carolyn White recommended that we in turn do not increase the PCC element of these fees and

that the level of fees for 2020 should be adopted for 2021. This proposal was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Churchwardens Business:- Copies of the risk assessment which had been previously circulated by Angela Kenny was duly noted. Angela explained that the Risk Assessment Policy agreed by PCC in December 2019 remained unchanged. Accordingly, Angela proposed that this same Risk Assessment should be ratified for another year and was agreed unanimously by all those present.

Evensong & Services when the church reopens after 2nd December 2020:- The Vicar advised the PCC that when the church reopens, the first services will be on Sunday 6th December at 8am and 10am followed by the 10am service on Wednesdays. With regards services over Christmas, there will be Midnight Mass at 11.30pm and Christmas Day Eucharist's at 8.00, 10.00 and 11.30am. These services will this year be by ticket only. Details will be included in this Sunday's Bulletin and advertised on noticeboards around Pinner. There will be a service at 10am on Boxing Day and Sunday 27th December, but no 8am service. Also, there will not be any Christingle or Nine Lessons and Carols this year.

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

The PCC has discussed the topic of safeguarding on several occasions over the course of the year and confirms that it has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Helen Walsh, PCC Secretary

Trevor Mitchell, PCC Minutes Secretary

Vicar's Report for the Past Year

As we held the last APCM in October 2020, there is not really a great deal to say that has happened over the past 5 months.

I am extremely glad to say that we are one of the few churches in the area who have maintained public worship whenever we could. It seems to me that it is both my vocation as a Priest and my job as Vicar to ensure that Word and Sacrament are offered in worship as often as we can. All necessary measures have been put into place – adjusted several times to meet changing guidance – and it would have been far easier to have simply closed the building or not held worship, but as the worship of God is the primary purpose of the church, it is right that we do so. I had absolutely no intention of being told by Harrow Council what to do with the church and our patterns of worship. I have said from the very beginning that there is no expectation to attend church: people are staying away, shielding, etc, and absence is for a variety of reasons. There will be some who will not have attended because, in the words of one individual worship “It isn’t as it normally is”. No, it isn’t, and hasn’t been for the past 12 months, but I am extremely grateful to all who have assisted in making worship a reality. I do know that for many, both inside and outside of our community, this has been greatly appreciated. The keeping of the church open for private prayer every day is our normal pattern, but as other churches shut their doors, I have received a good many affirmative comments around our building being open.

The reality is that the life of every community will be changed by the pandemic and the events of the past 12 months, and the expectation that we will return to the way that things were previously is a false one. We simply cannot, or are unable to, return to that which was before, and this is true for us as for all religious communities.

Sadly many events planned to celebrate the 700th anniversary of this church building in 2021 have had to be either cancelled or postponed to later this year or early 2022. More details on some to follow, but we welcome for the last time as Bishop of Willesden, Pete Broadbent, on Pentecost Sunday (May 23rd) and the Bishop of London for our Patronal Festival on June 20th. The irony that, God-willing, all restrictions may be lifted on June 21st is not lost on me. We are hoping to hold a Holiday Club this year, although if it goes ahead, it will be a very different one as people have moved on and we need to see if there are enough people willing to help, but the dates for that are July 26-30th. There will be a flower festival in Church September 10-12th, and an anniversary Eucharist with the Vicar of Harrow, Patron of the Parish, at 8.00pm on September 23rd. Plans for the 2021 Pinner Music Festival are underway, and we are hoping to hold other musical events later in the year. In answer to the oft-asked question “When can we sing” I can give no answer. We will as soon as we can.

In June at Petertide, we will welcome Emma Webber as our new Assistant Curate, and her husband Colin. Emma is an archaeologist by profession and is currently in residential training at Ripon College, Cuddesdon. Emma’s ordination is scheduled for Saturday, July 3rd and we welcome her into her new ministry on Sunday, July 4th.

I would like to say a huge thanks to Angela Kenny and Chris Lomax our Churchwardens, and in particular to Chris who is standing down at the APCM this year after several years’ service. Chris nobly held the brief as Hon.Treasurer as well when nobody would take on the role, and did that extremely well, as well as his Warden’s duties. We all owe Chris a great debt of

gratitude for his careful and prayerful ministry, and we also need to say thank you to Anita for the support that she gives Chris.

Joanna Kothary has taken on the role of Treasurer, so thanks to her, and we could still do with a few more people prepared to be PCC members at the APCM so please do think of standing for election at the APCM this year on May 16th, via Zoom.

Thanks also to my colleagues on the Ministry team and to Janet our extremely able parish administrator.

There is a great deal to do in the years to come as we, hopefully, move away from the life of lockdown and begin to tentatively embrace life in a more normal pattern. Please pray for me as I pray for you as we journey forward.

With prayers,

Fr. Paul

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property and Maintenance

The three residential properties which are owned by the parish continue to be rented to long term tenants and all have recently renewed their tenancies for a further year. Gibbs Gillespie, who manage the properties for us, usually inspect them twice a year but this has not been possible during the pandemic. However, the statutory gas and electric checks have been carried out. All three properties are in a good state of repair.

We undertake maintenance of a number of items in the church and hall on an annual basis: fire alarm (hall), fire extinguishers, intruder alarm (sacristy), boilers (hall and church) lightning conductor, PAT testing, and gutter clearance. All have been done and safety certificates received. In addition, there has been substantial work done on the floors in the church hall (corridor and first side room).

The Restoration Project phase IV is complete with the final inspection by the architects (Harraps) and the issuance of the Certificate of Making Good.

From February 2020 the PCC contracted with SD Services Ltd to carry out handyman duties at St. John's. This has been very successful. We would like to thank Steve Davidson (of SD Services Ltd), Janet Huszczo and Ian Galloway and the Hall Committee, for all they have done this year to maintain the fabric of the church and hall.

*Chris Lomax & Angela Kenny
(Churchwardens)*

Hall Committee

Immediately after I had written last year's report, we entered the first COVID lockdown. One of our challenges throughout the year has been to pore through the government guidance notes as they are updated to determine which activities in the hall are permitted and which are not.

My thanks to the hall committee members, Jill Stokes, Sarah Wood & Sarah Hullyer, and also to Father Paul and the churchwardens who have double-checked my interpretation of the changing regulations throughout the year to ensure that we remain within the law and operate safely.

Pre-school was suspended between the end of March and the beginning of September, as were all our other regular hirings, with the exception of Pinner Theatre Dance and the Pianobeats keyboard class who managed to hold some sessions in August.

In September it looked as though we might have a return to near normal as most of our regular hirers were able to resume, albeit under socially distanced measures. This came to an abrupt end after Christmas, when all activities in the hall ceased. The only group currently using the hall is Pre-school who were permitted to re-start on 8th March.

There have been no private hirings of the hall during the last 12 months, as much driven by lack of demand, as by a policy decision that we took to decline any such bookings on the grounds that we would have insufficient control of how such an event would be run safely.

We missed being able to host the Pinner Sketch Club Summer Exhibition, the Christmas lunch, Holiday Club, Friends' lunches and all the other events that make the hall a social focus both for the church and the wider local community.

The lockdowns have had a severe impact on our income which over the last 12 months has been about a quarter of what it would otherwise have been. The only saving grace has been that with the hall closed, our expenditure on regular cleaning and on heating have been significantly reduced.

On a slightly brighter note, the wooden floors in the hall corridor and in the first side room have been sanded and revarnished. The cost of the corridor floor was covered by insurance following a water leak in December 2019.

Some of our regular hirers are starting to plan how they might resume their activities under the government's roadmap, so we hope and pray that the spring and summer may lead to a return to normality with the hall once again a centre for social contact for the church and local communities.

*Ian Galloway
Chairman
March 2021*

Mission & Charities Committee

In common with much of our daily lives, Covid-19 has had a major impact on fund-raising activities this year. The Lent and Easter Charity for 2020/21 was World Vision which supports sustainable farming in Yilmena Densa, Ethiopia. Jason Garrett came to speak to the congregation about their work in February 2020. Planting trees helps to prevent landslides and soil erosion, reduce local air temperatures, and regenerate lakes, rivers and farmland. Over

500 families have been able to improve their income and support themselves because of the charity's work. Due to the outbreak, donations had mostly to be made by bank transfer and over a shorter period than usual. Despite the problems, £1693.75 was raised.

For Harvest, the appeal was for food to deliver to the Harrow Food Bank. We collected over 90 kg of food as a result on Harvest Sunday.

As the Christingle Service could not be held, the Christmas Appeal was to send donations directly to the Children's Society.

The Lent Appeal for 2021 again reflects changes due to Covid-19. The Appeal is to support Women's Aid which supports those victims of domestic violence, a major problem during the lockdown. Home has not been a safe place for some and being isolated with the perpetrator has greatly increased the risk. The charity runs a Helpline, Survivors' Forum and promotes research. The Just Giving website is being used at the suggestion of the charity.

The plan for annual giving in 2021 was to be directed towards the 700th Anniversary but this has been postponed due to the pandemic. A new structure to the annual £16,000 budget was agreed by the PCC in 2020. The main groups are:

- (a) Charities funded mostly by churches – budget £6000
- (b) International groups – budget £5000
- (c) locally based UK charities - budget £5000.

Low cost of fund-raising activity was an important consideration in the selection process. The current charities are:

- (a) USPG, Bible Society, Christian Aid, Christians against Poverty (debt counselling), Church Army, Firm Foundation (homeless people in Harrow)

(b) Hope and Homes for Children, Mildmay, Kwendo Kor, Water Aid, Kitrinos (Lesbos refugees)

(c) Welldon, Harrow Bereavement care, St Luke's Hospice, Harrow Horizons (young people with educational needs and disabilities), Unseen UK (helpline supporting victims of slavery).

Peter Wilson

Nurture Education and Training

The NET Group oversees a Study and Development Programme for all Church members and those interested in the topics. Our current members are: Kath Adey, Peter Ellis (Chair), Ann Fuller, Karina Johnson, Rosemary Lay, and Emmie McGregor.

The Group usually meets 5 times a year, but in 2020 the group met only once because of the Covid 19 pandemic. They assembled only in January and, at that time, planned the Programme of Events for the year.

However, because of the Coronavirus restrictions, the NET Group then delivered the following truncated programme in 2020:

8 February: A session on Icons.

About 45 people came to hear our Vicar, the Rev'd Paul Hullyer, introduce us to the fascinating world of Icons. We were reminded that worship is for God alone, whilst veneration can be given to anything sanctified by God. We were told to spend time before the Icon. Importantly, it was suggested that we do not reach out to the Icon but let the Icon reach out to us.

7 March: Lent Quiet Day.

This was led by Jane Mayes and was held at Edgware Abbey. We started with Imaginative Meditation, followed by a

Silent reflection. A brief Lectio Divina preceded another Silent reflection. The session ended with Eucharist led by the Rev'd Dick Woodger.

During 2020 we had planned to discuss and report to the PCC on

- The Pilgrim Course (see separate report)
- Social Visits group (see separate report)
- House Groups (see separate report)

We continued to monitor the Prayer leaflets in the Lady Chapel and the Gospel Imprint leaflets in the Display Rack and replaced where necessary. These imprints were, of course, removed during the pandemic.

I thank the members of the NET group for their commitment and hard work in maintaining our Study and Development Programme in 2020, and also in planning the programme for 2021. The 2021 programme is, of course, already underway!

I would like to emphasise that the Programme from the NET Group is for all Church members and those interested in the topics.

If anyone wants something included in the NET Programme, then please do mention that, and we will make efforts to accommodate the request.

Peter Ellis

Chair,

Nurture, Education, & Training Group

March 2021

Stewardship Youth Work Fund & Other Voluntary Giving - 2020

The chart below shows voluntary giving and the gift aid claimed over 2020.

	AMOUNT GIVEN	GIFT AID	GIVEN + GIFT AID
Stewardship	£134,779	£29,744	£164,524
Youth Work	£1,670	£412	£2,082
Yellow envelopes	£520	£117	£637
	AMOUNT GIVEN	GASDS	GIVEN + GIFT AID
Cash in plate & wallsafe.	£2,241	£560	£2,801

Stewardship

Although Stewardship giving in 2020 was, as predicted, slightly down on 2019, the closure of the church for services during part of the year due to Covid-19 has had little impact on regular pledged stewardship giving. The majority of people give by Standing Order and have continued to do so. Letters were sent to those who usually give using stewardship envelopes asking them to change their way of giving if possible and most people switched to standing orders or sent cheques. Overall, 188 gifts were pledged representing 220 people (allowing for couples who give jointly). Gift amounts varied from £1 upwards per week, the average gift being £13.75 per week. The average across all dioceses according to the Church of England statistics for 2018 is £13.50. We are fortunate to be able to claim gift aid on 87% of the gifts, bringing in almost £30,000. The health of our finances is dependent on Stewardship Giving and we have to be grateful that the majority of people do commit to give regularly and continued to do so during a very difficult year.

Youth Work Fund

Income for the Youth Work Fund at £1670 was down by £470 on 2019. Most people who give to this Fund also give via Stewardship Giving and their extra gifts are appreciated.

Other Giving – gift aided

After March 2020 the church was closed for services for part of the year and when services restarted, the plate was not available at the door to receive cash gifts. This obviously had an impact. Gifts given in the church Yellow Envelopes (used mainly by visitors to services and the church) dropped from £4536 in 2019 to £520 in 2020. In addition we lost £1000 in gift aid.

Cash Donations – not gift aided

Cash donations, although not possible in the plate at services, could still be made via the wallsafe and over £2000 was given in this way. Needless to say it was down on last year's figure of £5200. We are able to claim 25% on gifts of this kind via the "Gift Aid on Small Donations Scheme" and £560 was claimed in this way.

Other Gifts

Generous gifts have also been received to help toward the costs of the Pinner Music Festival 2021.

A really big thank you this year to Trevor Mitchell, our Stewardship Recorder who banks all cash and cheques. This has involved driving elsewhere, as the Pinner bank branch has closed, and patiently queuing. Again, I would like to say that I appreciate his meticulous records which make the claiming of GASDS and Gift Aid a straightforward task.

In summary, although no area of income has increased during this very unusual year, our main source of income has remained fairly stable. Thank you to all who have contributed and also to some who have increased their giving without being asked. It will be necessary to ask people to review their giving in 2021 to prevent a further slide in our income. Those who wish to give will find forms and information available on the website and emails to giving@pinnerparishchurch.org.uk are welcome.

*Morella Boon
Gift Aid Recorder*

Rainbows -1st Pinner Rainbows

The past year has been a challenge for our Rainbow unit, as with so many other groups. We have kept going, meeting when we were able to and having weekly Zoom meetings when we couldn't meet in person.

The Rainbows have enjoyed the virtual meetings and we celebrated our 10th Birthday in March 2021 with a Zoom meeting, making individual birthday cakes. Girlguiding (both locally and nationally) has organised many virtual events from festivals, summer challenges and campfires which many of the Rainbows have taken part in. The girls have also been busy working towards many badges at home and some of our newer Rainbows made their promise virtually, which was quite a special event.

We are not up to our full capacity at the moment as we have had a few girls move on to Brownies and we have not yet replaced them. This is partly because some girls do not want to start while we are not meeting in person and also, numbers are likely to be restricted when we can meet again. We still have a very long waiting list and hope to be

able to welcome new Rainbows in the near future.

I wish to thank Sally and Andrea for their help and support this year.

Sarah Hullyer

Pinner Parish Pre-School

As in previous years, Preschool has continued to offer a valuable service to the parents' community of Pinner. However due to Lockdown in December 2020, we were unable to open our doors in January after the Christmas break. Although child care settings were allowed to stay open during Lockdown, Preschool could not open due to low uptake from parents. We are fully opened as of 8th March 2021.

- Our manager, Salimah Panjwani with her team at preschool, has continued to work very hard to keep the preschool up to standard, while making some changes, keeping in mind safety guidelines to minimise the risk of viral spread.
- The importance of hygiene has been embedded in preschool children by encouraging them to regularly wash hands and use hand gel before and after their play. All children have their temperature checked on arrival and parents are advised to maintain social distancing when dropping or picking children up at door. To minimise the risk, parents are not allowed to enter preschool premises and new parents are only allowed to stay in the garden to settle their children.
- The staff regularly clean and disinfect resources after children leave. All staff have had their first dose of vaccine and

are due their second dose shortly. We are very fortunate that there has not been a single positive case at preschool so far.

- We have had no significant staff changes this year but some staff had to drop hours due to low intake in September 2020.
- We currently have 5 staff on our payroll, which allows us to continue to offer the correct staff to child ratios of 1 adult to every 8 children for over threes and 1 adult to every four children under three. We also have three regular volunteers.
- Although we started the year with a low number of children, we have steadily increased throughout the year. We have had 21 children on our books, since opening after Easter.
- We have continued with the weekly lunch club on Fridays which is aimed at preparing the children for school.
- Children also continue to enjoy our regular dance classes. The manager is considering starting gym/ sports activity sessions for the children.
- Due to Covid safety guidelines, we are not planning many visits this year. Children will however, still be able to attend the Forest School at the end of the summer term.
- Our afternoon sessions on Mondays and Tuesday have continued to be popular and have increased numbers.
- We have started to fill the spaces for next year and we need to continue our advertising efforts.
- There has been number of changes of committee. There are currently three

committee members including Salimah. Two of the members will be leaving at the end of the school year and we are recruiting new members.

- As in previous years, our finances are quite tight due to the low number of children during the first term. Preschool closure in lockdown resulted in loss of fees and funding, which has not helped our finances. Our cash flow is expected to improve now due to the increase in numbers since Easter.
- Due to Covid restrictions, we have not been able to hold any fundraising events at preschool which has also contributed to a strain on our finances.
- With the Covid restrictions in place, parents, were unable to attend the Christmas concert. Staff recorded the children's performance and shared with parents who very much enjoyed watching it online.
- With the current unpredictable situation due to pandemic, we are very grateful for the flexibility that the Church Committee has shown towards the pre-school.

Salimah Panjwani
Manager
Pinner Parish Pre-School

GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Bereavement Visitors

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic our Bereavement Visitors have not been able to visit bereaved people in their homes since February 2020. However, we have offered support to them with ongoing telephone calls which have been gratefully accepted by those we have contacted.

Bereavement Care's Day Conference was conducted by Zoom with a record number of delegates attending. It was entitled "When Covid Strikes – responding to those bereaved during a pandemic" with the keynote address given by Julia Samuel, a well-known and highly regarded grief therapist.

Unfortunately, we could not hold our annual Memorial Service in Church in November. However, we were able to place a Lights of Life Tree in the Lady Chapel during the Christmas season which provided a focus for those wishing to remember loved ones who have died.

Our grateful thanks go to our very loyal team of bereavement visitors, all of whom have been affected by the particularly difficult circumstances experienced in different ways by our clients as a result of Covid 19.

Bridget Murray

Pinner Guild of Church Bell Ringers



For most of the past year, the bells at St John the Baptist Church, Pinner have remained silent. We rang 'normally' for only a few weeks before lockdown.

Then we progressed to socially distanced ringing, using 4 bells only. Fortunately, in our tower, the treble, 3, 5 and tenor harmonise well. This ringing too had to stop as restrictions tightened again. We rang for a wedding in September, using 4 bells for 15 minutes. On Remembrance Sunday we rang the tenor (unmuffled) slowly for 15 minutes before the 11th hour. So since March we have had no opportunity for practice and our bells have been silent most of the time.

Enter...the Ringing Room!

This is a computer programme that allows virtual ringing of bells using the keyboard. With a split screen and using Zoom, we could see and talk to each other and also see the ropes and hear the bells as they were being rung.

A group of 8 ringers met weekly and learnt how to ring virtual bells. Gradually we added methods on 5 or 6 bells to our virtual ringing repertoire including Plain hunt, Bob Minimus, Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, even Bob Minor. Indeed all participants have benefitted from Ringing Room. It is a very different activity from tower bell ringing requiring less physical effort but somehow much more mental concentration to sustain a method. Time will tell if we can transfer these skills learnt in the Ringing Room to ringing on tower bells.

Our annual dinner was held in February at Dona Theresa in Hatch End. It was an excellent social event arranged before lockdown.

Thanks go from all the ringers to our Tower Captain, Michael Hetreed, to Chris Lomax for leading us in our virtual Ringing Room, and to Christine Bennett for hosting Zoom sessions.

Sue Ellis
Tower Secretary



MUSIC REPORT

The last formal photograph of the choir was taken at the wedding of Hilary and Duncan, two of our members, in the Autumn of 2019. It looks down on me in the vestry as I shuffle things around. It's such a joy to see the 40 beaming faces sandwiched closely together on the west steps. Back then who had ever heard of social distancing, lockdowns or expected to be routinely wearing masks?

In the final months of the pre-Covid era, the Venables Awards took place using a slightly different format from previous years. We employed the services of our very own Marcus Cox to adjudicate each singer's choice of song, and the prizes were duly awarded after the Venables Evensong.

We also bid a sad farewell to our excellent Organ Scholar, Paul Greally, as he stepped down to concentrate on his A levels, to work towards his FRCO, and to prepare for his much anticipated move to the organ loft of King's College Cambridge. In the coming years, we all look forward to gathering around the television on Christmas Eve and spotting his hands on the famous organ console in that esteemed chapel.

Thanks should also go to Anna Gould, Head Chorister, for many years. She carried out this role with dedication and commitment, and I am sure that all the choir will miss her. We could rely on her to ensure that the younger members of the choir would walk into church correctly attired and with the right music.

Our final services before we were obliged to cease included an ever-flourishing and increasing number of children. We have tried to maintain contact through an occasional children's newssheet, Easter eggs delivered by the Easter bunnies from Moss Lane, birthday cards and Christmas cards. I very much look forward to the day when we can welcome them all back.

For the adults during lockdown we edited a fortnightly newsletter to which choir members gamely contributed photographs, articles and competitions. Through the wonders of Zoom we have held quizzes on a fairly regular basis and have been amazed at the formidable general knowledge exhibited by some of our members. Do you know where in London you will find displayed the seven letters of the Roman numerical system in one place? Also, Mr Hawley did sterling work, with the help of YouTube, in reminding us of the hymns and music we should have been singing as the church year progressed without us.

Thanks to the campaigning of the adults a few Evensongs were sung during the autumn, but Stainer's Crucifixion, the PMF concert with highlights from Handel's Messiah, Evensong in Westminster Abbey and a weekend singing the services in Chichester Cathedral are just a few of the events that could not take place.

Hopefully the post-Covid era is in sight and we will be able to start to re-build a choir of which Pinner can be proud once again.

Martin Singleton

Vestry Cleaning

There is no longer any need for an annual vestry cleaning report as Steve Davidson has now kindly taken over the vestry cleaning.

Dorothy Natrass

Church Flowers



Up to the beginning of Lent, we had the pleasure of decorating our Church for Sunday worship. Also, we had the privilege of arranging flowers for parishioners in memory of their loved ones.

Sadly, in January, one of our long-standing team members, Joy Daffon, passed away. Joy was a stalwart, highly valued and very popular member of the team. We will always remember her lovely arrangements on what, affectionately, became known as 'Joy's window sill'. We had the privilege of decorating the Church for her funeral.

It was during Lent that the National COVID lockdowns and restrictions came into force affecting all aspects of society, including places of worship. One consequence of this was that the flower arranging team was effectively stood down.

The Church was closed for Easter but open with limited numbers for Harvest and Christmas. With Father Paul's blessing and support, the team stood up to the plate for Harvest and Christmas by creating the arrangements at home and just placing them in Church. I know how appreciative the congregation was to see the Church decorated for these special occasions from the thanks and compliments I received.

Finally, on a positive note, I hope and pray that the Flower Festival we are planning for September 2021 in celebration of the 700th Anniversary of our Church will take place.

Judith Brampton

The Friends of Pinner Parish Church

In January, sadly we lost Joy Daffon to cancer. She had been one of our most active committee members and Secretary for 21 years. Sheila Bishop kindly took over the role of Secretary.

A Concert for young Musicians in January gave us a last chance to hear Paul Greally give a solo performance on the organ before leaving for University. Like Paul, the Horn Trio with Julian Chan (Piano), Izzy Howard (Violin) and George Strivens (Horn) showed exceptional talent and the prospect of sparkling careers.

In February we were able to hold our Lunch with Speaker and this year it was Ryan Leone from the London Air Ambulance. He told us about the virtues of having a highly specialized unit to supplement the N.H.S.

Also in February we launched a book of articles with illustrations, written by Sheila Bishop for the Parish Review over the past 20 years entitled "Travels Near and Far".

We were able to continue with the draws for the 70plus Club until the end of its year in June. It ran from July 2019 – June 2020. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to set up another years club for 2020-2021.

In September, thanks to Hilary Holloway and her team of helpers, we were able to hold three Sunday Afternoon Teas. The first two were outside in the sunshine.

Although our activities were severely restricted, we have been encouraged by receiving donations and bequests.

Isabel Beddison

House Groups

The Coronavirus pandemic has had a marked effect on the house groups as on every other aspect of church life. In one way, however, it has allowed one of the strengths of a house group to shine. All four groups ceased face to face meetings in March 2020 but fellowship was maintained via phone calls and, in some cases, Zoom sessions. As everybody sheltered at home a phone call from one group member to another was a welcome and helpful interruption to an otherwise repetitive day.

Nick Ridge's group began 2020 with some focussed bible study; Ann Fuller's group studied a York Course (Who are we Praying to?); Marilia Perrett's group took a broad view and discussed how the stories of two Marys (Magdalene and the mother of Jesus) are presented in scripture. After a shaky start to the year, my own group experimented with virtual meetings, using Zoom, based on the Lyfe material published by the Bible Society. However, virtual house group meetings were difficult and were discontinued after the initial four sessions.

As we fight to control this virus we look forward to less stringent requirements regarding group meetings and we will seek to reignite the flame that still flickers within our four house groups.

Chris Lomax

Pinner Parish Review

This last year has been very different for Pinner Parish Review as, due to the pandemic, publication has been solely on-line.

I am very grateful to the congregation who have continued to send in articles and photographs which has contributed to

making the Review an interesting read. As always, being on the internet means a wide number of readers and hopefully, as the year progresses and church groups restart their activities, the Review will be an even greater window onto life at St. John's.

Last year sadly saw the death of John Warren. He was our proof-reader and had worked hard to make sure the Review was always accurately proof-read before publication. He will be greatly missed.

Thanks go to the Review team – Fr. Paul, Gordon Williams, Janet Huszczo, Anne Davis and Diana La Rue. Hopefully, we will soon be able to go back to regular monthly meetings in the church hall to discuss ideas for forthcoming editions of the Review.

With 'home grown' material we do not have to worry about copyright. Please continue to send articles and photographs, suitable for publication to me at:
audrey.taylor@pinnerparishchurch.org.uk

Audrey Taylor

Three Faiths Dialogue between local Churches, Mosque and Synagogues

The planned meeting about Fasting in each faith was cancelled because of the pandemic, but we are planning to hold it this summer Wednesday evening 7 July on zoom.

The steering group has met several times during the past year (on zoom), including a recent meeting to review our aims for the future.

Robin Woolf has stepped back from the chair but will remain on the steering group. Sadly Angela Achenbach is no longer able to take part in meetings as she has moved

into St Vincent's Home. We are very grateful for all they have contributed to the Dialogue since it was founded 32 years ago.

Jenny Nemko from Pinner United Synagogue and myself have become co-chairs.

We would welcome anyone with an interest in our dialogue to join us on the steering group committee, which now includes participants from several synagogues in the area, the Salaam centre in N. Harrow, as well as from churches in the PAC.

Katherine Pinching

*St John the Baptist Church representative
on the Steering Group*



Pinner Music Festival

The Pinner Music Festival has been a consistent part of the Parish activities for over 50 years, for the first 50 of which it was directed by Michael Turvey, the Church's Director of Music, and colleagues. It comprises a week of concerts, normally in early June. PMF is a part of the wider community activities of the Parish Church. It has raised substantial funds for smallish, locally-based charities (about £15,000 in the last 4 years) – as well as bringing music of a high standard to St John's, Pinner, and the surrounding community.

Pinner Music Festival is formally a Parish activity, its Committee being a sub-committee of PCC and answerable to PCC. In November/December, PMF sends the PCC a proposed plan and draft budget for approval, together with a suggested charity, for the following year's Festival. In

September/October, PMF sends the PCC a report on the financial and artistic outcome of the June Festival. Finances are held within PCC accounts (as a separate PCC-PMF account, with parish officers as signatories) and subject to audit, as part of Parish Accounts. Reserves (to a target of £6,000) are being built up over several years. The PMF Committee is chaired by Professor Anthony Pinching, who is also Director of Pinner Music Festival, and includes David Gould, Emmie McGregor and Stephen Brown (PCC Representative), with Shirley Wootten, Marketing Consultant, co-opted.

Our plan for PMF-2020 (8th–14th June) promised another feast of fine classical music played by superb musicians and showcasing Pinner Parish Church Choir. Visiting artists included Art of Moog, Maki Sekiya, the Victoria String Quartet, Opera Anywhere, and the Festival Choir and Orchestra. Sadly, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, all this had to be cancelled. We were able to make the decision early enough to minimise losses (covered by donations), and, with the generous donation from Bradley & Jones, we were able to offer small cancellation fees to our younger artists. We plan to rebook all these artists for PMF-2022. We encouraged people to make direct donations to our charity, Michael Sobell Hospice.

We are now focusing on our Festival for 2021, the year that marks the 700th Anniversary of the Church's Dedication. Indications are that we shall be able to go ahead from June 7th to 13th, albeit with smaller audiences. We have reduced costs and increased flexibility in an adapted marketing strategy. PMF-2021 will include: Pinner Parish Church Choir (including a commission: *Hymn to St John the Baptist* by Russell Pascoe); A4 Brass quartet; Revolutionary Drawing Room – a period instrument string quartet; Ariana Kashefi

(cello) with Maxim Stsura (piano); and Colin Stone (piano). The final Anniversary Concert includes Bach Cantata #30 (for St John's Day) and an Elgar anthem sung by a superb vocal quartet, some solo instrumental works and *A Brother Abroad*, a cantata commissioned by PMF that tells the story of Peter of Bologna, who dedicated the church, sung by baritone Marcus Farnsworth with flute/piccolo, French horn and percussion.

The PMF Committee does an enormous amount of voluntary work throughout the year to plan, publicise and coordinate the Festival. It is strongly supported by very many volunteers from the Parish, who help with the many practical aspects and to create the particular ambience that is Pinner Music Festival, and which is always appreciated by artists and audiences. We benefit from substantial business sponsorship and personal donations, and are very grateful for these, which make the quality of our Festivals possible. We very much appreciate the continuing support and oversight of the PCC.

*Professor Anthony J Pinching
Festival Director, PMF,
on behalf of the PMF Committee*

Harrow Deanery Synod

2020 has been a difficult year for our churches due to the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions imposed by the National Government and the Church of England, in order to protect the vulnerable members of our communities. Use of our churches for public worship has been restricted for much of 2020 and many churches have been conducting services, coffee contact meetings, children's teaching and home groups, using the internet and various online software. We have adopted the working title of "Anglicans in Harrow" in order to

emphasise that our meetings are aimed at engaging all church members on key issues relating to our Deanery Strategy with the overall purpose of working together to see God's Kingdom come.

The three-year Deanery Synod from 2017 to 2020 was due to end in June 2020 with elections for lay parish representatives on the new Deanery Synod taking place at the 2020 March/April APCMs. The Church of England agreed to delay the start of the new three-year Deanery Synod until 1 December 2020, with APCMs held by the end of October 2020. Accordingly, a new Deanery Synod was elected too late for the initial meeting of the new Deanery Synod to be held in 2020 and so this was delayed into January 2021. There were therefore only two meetings of the Deanery Synod during 2020 and the format of the meetings needed to change.

The 5 February session was held at St Anselm's Church Hatch End with the theme "Outreach and Mission". Members of the parishes were encouraged to attend this meeting and to participate in the parish-centred discussions following the talk. We welcomed Bishop Ric Thorpe who shared the Diocese's thoughts on how churches can reach out to their communities, including church planting and activities outside their buildings. Revd Malcolm Finlay spoke about the launch of Hope Church Harrow View to serve the new housing development on the ex-Kodak site. Subsequent to the meeting this church was launched publicly in October 2020 and is currently providing services and an Alpha Course online. St Anselm's church provided Opening Worship, a Parish Profile and refreshments. A summary of the feedback from the parish discussions was attached to the minutes of this session. Andrew Morgan was elected as a Foundation Governor of St John's Church of England School, Stanmore.

Plans for a Deanery Prayer Evening at St Mary's Harrow for "Thy Kingdom Come" on Wednesday 20 May had to be postponed to 2021.

The 22 July session was held online using the Zoom software. It was encouraging that so many members of the Synod were able to join this meeting. Opening Worship was conducted by Revd Simon Durrant of Christ Church Roxeth. The main purpose of the meeting was to share what the churches were doing to continue their Mission and Ministry during the restrictions, to share what plans they had for reopening, and to encourage the churches to try new online methods. Four Applications for grants of £1,000 from the Deanery Mission Fund had been received and these were presented to the Synod. All four were approved:- St Alban's North Harrow for part funding of the youth support worker, All Saints Harrow Weald and St Edmund's Northwood Hills for Audio-Visual equipment for the live streaming of services, Mosaic Harrow (based at St Paul's South Harrow) for an intercultural outreach event with music and drama.

The Deanery Accounts for 2019 were approved, subject to independent examination. Reports on three recent sessions of the London Diocesan Synod and of the July sessions of the General Synod were received.

Robert May
Honorary Secretary



Pinner Association of Churches

2020 has been a very quiet year for the PAC. The excitement of the 50th Anniversary in 2019,

led to the quietness of 2020. The Executive Meeting in January, the Welcome lunch and Three Faith Dialogue in February were held, but when the Covid 19 lockdown was announced, all activity associated with the PAC was suspended, in accordance with the rules of the country.

On the 18 June 2020, the steering group of the PAC, which is composed of a lay representative of each of the 5 Pinner churches, held our first PAC Zoom meeting. We discussed what our churches were doing in lockdown, and our general hopes and concerns. Since then we have met by Zoom every month.

On the 19 December we said goodbye to the faithful supporter of the PAC, Father Robert Plourde of St Luke's. He had served there for 19 years. In a socially distanced meeting on the steps of St Luke's, Father Robert was presented with a cheque, plant and planter from the PAC.

On the 25 December the PAC Christmas Day lunch was held, but due to Covid not in its usual form. 58 people received lunches and a goodie bag. It was a delivered lunch to be cooked at home. Those delivering came from all religious organisations and none. Before the day there were 'phone calls to each recipient to introduce the delivery team to them. The lunch was well received and appreciated in difficult circumstances.

The Chair of the PAC is on a rotated basis between the 5 churches. The Baptist Chair, Kathy Walley, who should have ended her year of office in November 2020, because of Covid will end in June 2021. St John's will provide the next Chair, Rosemary Lay, after this. My term will end in May 2022.

Rosemary Lay

St John's Social Group

The last visit of this group, which was to the National Gallery, was on the 23 January 2020. When Covid hit in March 2020, for safety reasons these visits were suspended. I have every hope of starting them again when there is a demand and it is safe to do so.

Rosemary Lay



Music in Pinner Series

Music in Pinner Series (mps) is a monthly series of Saturday concerts, conducted under the aegis of Pinner Parish Church and its PCC.

Music in Pinner Series is formally a part of Parish community activities, with corresponding benefits to the Parish of raised profile and goodwill. It is run as a sub-committee of PCC and answerable to PCC. MPS sends the PCC a proposed plan and draft budget for approval early in the year for the following Season. In May/June, MPS sends the PCC a report on the financial and artistic outcome of the previous Season. Finances are held within PCC accounts (within the PCC-PMF account, but clearly separated from PMF, with parish officers as signatories) and subject to audit, as part of Parish Accounts. Reserves of £7,500 have been kindly provided by PCC from part of the proceeds of Pinner Jazz. The Church receives 12.5% of ticket income for concerts on site, and 5% for those offsite. Profits from any year are added to reserves held in the designated account to support future seasons.

MPS is directed by Professor Anthony Pinching, with a supporting team including Stuart Nattrass (Jazz Advisor), Stephen

Brown (PCC Representative) and Trevor Mitchell (MPS Stage Manager), with Shirley Wootten (Marketing Consultant) co-opted. The Parish Treasurer manages the PCC-PMF account, supported by Kevin Ogilvie (Bookkeeper), with budget-setting and oversight of financial activity by the MPS Director.

The final concert of the '19-'20 season was in March 2020, when celebrated British jazz musicians, Alan Barnes & Dave Newton, gave us a superb evening of entertainment. Within days, the country went into Lockdown and we had to postpone, and later to cancel, the performance by Rossetti Ensemble. The season still ended in modest positive balance.

The third Music in Pinner Series '20-'21 was fully planned, but it became clear that it would not be financially viable with continuing constraints on live performances. We therefore cancelled all the concerts. It is still not yet clear if a '21-'22 season can go ahead, as we are critically dependent upon ticket sales to cover artists' fees. As and when we can be confident of reasonable sized audiences attending, we shall restart MPS, possibly on a limited basis. We hope to give priority to the musicians whom we had to cancel last season.

The many volunteers behind Music in Pinner Series do an enormous amount of work throughout the year to plan, publicise and coordinate these concerts, strongly supported by others on each concert day. Audience and artists have much appreciated the welcome they get and the engaged audiences that they sense at these concerts. We are very grateful for the support and oversight of the PCC, and for their confidence in agreeing more seasons.

Anthony Pinching
Director, Music in Pinner Series

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Financial Statements

31 December 2020

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER**

Parochial Church Council Members year ending 31 December 2020

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the PCC. Members of the PCC Standing Committee are marked with an asterisk.

Clergy:	Reverend Paul Hullyer* Reverend Mark Arnold
Church Wardens:	Angela Kenny* (first elected 2019) Christopher Lomax* (first elected 2016)
Diocesan Synod:	Katherine Pinching Susan Cooper
Deanery Synod:	Stephen Brown Robin Youle Susan Cooper David Poole
Elected to PCC:	Retiring 2021 (elected in April 2018) Carolyn White* Hilary Singleton (resigned April 2020) David Poole Rosemary Lay Tansy Heymer Legg (resigned November 2019) Retiring 2022 (elected in April 2019) Karina Johnson Sandra Roycroft-Davis (resigned September 2020) Steve Davidson (resigned January 2020) Katherine Adey Jonathan Hutchins Retiring 2023 (elected in November 2020) Morella Boon Dawn Friday Vino Manohar
Treasurer:	Joanna Kothary*
PCC Secretary:	Helen Walsh
Minutes Secretary:	Trevor Mitchell

**THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH
OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER**

**ANNUAL REPORT
For the year ended 31 December 2020
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Introduction

The Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Baptist, Pinner - Charity No. 1130752 - (the “**Church**”) have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and to become part of our Parish community of St John the Baptist. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups living within our Parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning activities for the year the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's Guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific Guidance on Charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our Parish community through worship and prayer, provision of pastoral care and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St John the Baptist.

It is a requirement for parishes with a gross income of over £250,000 to include a statement in the Annual Report of their risk assessment and consequent management systems established and this has been completed.

The Statutory Accounts comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and Notes to the Accounts.

Overview

At the end of the year 2020 the Church funds totalled £1,823,606 (2019 £1,734,143), an increase of £89,463 for the year. These funds are as follows:

	Funds	2020	2019
		£	£
Unrestricted	General Fund	77,784	67,155
	Special Receipts Unspecified	2,500	2,500
	Legacies	49,064	64,063
	Youth Committee	235	234
	Capital Reserves	200,376	258,151
	Church Fabric and Buildings	3,520	3,520
	Missions & Charities	480	479
	Music in Pinner	6,455	6,455
	Jazz in Church	13,179	17,597
	Hall Fund	53,853	48,618
	Sub-Total	407,446	468,772
	Fixed Assets & Investments	1,377,045	1,289,913
	Total Unrestricted Funds	1,784,491	1,758,685
Restricted	Special Receipts, Nominated	0	-244
	Tower (Bell Ringers)	2,199	2,369
	Flower Arrangers	365	286
	Music Festival	15,165	4,763
	Music in Pinner	3,417	658
	Youth Worker	11,698	9,698
	Church Restoration	0	-48,343
	Choir Tour	4,675	4,675
	IT/Software/Web/Training	1,596	1,596
	Sub-Total	39,115	-24,542
	Total All Funds	1,823,606	1,734,143

Risk Assessment and Management

Risks associated with the affairs of Pinner Parish Church are periodically reviewed by the members of the Standing Committee. The Committee advises the PCC that appropriate arrangements are in place to identify, assess and manage risks that arise from the running of the Church (e.g. statutory health and safety, fire, food hygiene, insurance of properties, public liability, reputation, child protection, handling of money, data protection). The Committee reports annually to the PCC and submits a revised Risk Register of significant risks. A copy is posted in the Church porch and details of health and safety arrangements are available on the website.

Review of the year 2020

The Covid-19 pandemic brought many Church activities to a halt in 2020, and whilst base expenses continued, much of the incoming resources reduced.

Summary

Total Incoming Resources for the year ended 31 December 2020 were £265,973 (2019 - £442,216) and total expenditure was £271,833 (2019 - £507,433) leading to a deficit of £5,859.

Incoming Resources

Key points to note are:-

- Voluntary income reduced by £151,062. However, £100,000 of income in 2019 was attributable to a donation received for church restorations. Therefore, voluntary income from stewardship and gift aid fell by £51,062 (23%). This is on account of receiving Legacies in 2019 of £27,500 and a reduction in Collections, given the Church was closed for part of the year due to the pandemic.
- Excluding 2019 restoration income, total Income and Endowments fell by £76,243 (22%). This was mainly attributable to the Pinner Music Festival not taking place and a reduction in Hall income.
- Income from the rental of the three investment properties owned by the Church, and income from hiring the hall made up 24% of the church's income.

Overall Resources Used

Key points to note are:-

- The parish contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund was £110,100 and was paid in full.
- Charitable donations show a reduction from 2019 due to the pandemic.
- Ministry costs remained constant while Support costs significantly reduced due to reduced services.
- Expenditure on Activities, such as the music concerts (PMF, and MPS) reduced as PMF was cancelled due to the pandemic.
- Upkeep Costs excluding the 2019 Restoration expenditure remained constant in 2020.

Reserves and Reserve Policy

The reserves we maintain are:-

General Reserves, which contain all non-restricted reserves including non-specific legacies received.

Capital Reserves for funding expenditure of a capital nature and future contingencies in respect of general operating costs.

Restricted Reserves such as ancillary activities, which include sums held by PMF, MPS, Bellringers, Church Flowers, current restoration activities and any other specific reserves.

“Reserves” also exist in the form of the “investment” properties.

The policy of the Church is to maintain an adequate reserve to meet all eventualities and has in previous years been based on one year’s unrestricted costs (designed to cover running costs and any unforeseen and urgent capital requirements that may arise). This year’s reserve currently stands at £200,376. This is lower than policy dictates due to a transfer from Capital Reserves to the Restoration fund for the remaining restoration expenses. This was approved by PCC prior to the commencement of phase IV works. The reserve total requires to be substantial but not excessive, in order to protect ourselves against the impact of potential major repairs costs for our medieval Church.

The Outlook for the Future

In 2020 we report a net deficit of £5,859 (2019: £65,217). The deficits in 2019 & 2020 can be attributed mainly to the Restoration Project expenses, the remaining costs being included in 2020, and the ongoing pandemic. Income from hall rentals and rents of our properties continue to contribute a significant part of our total income (24%) but it should be noted that Hall income was adversely affected by the pandemic. As we come out of the pandemic we expect to see an increase in Hall income and will continue to be mindful of being over-reliant on the income from 37 Eastcote Road, as the house may be required in the future for a curate.

Acknowledgements

Taking on the role of Treasurer from 1 December 2020 it quickly became apparent that the devolved finance system cannot work without the many dedicated people performing their responsible tasks conscientiously. I would like to express my gratitude for the warm welcome and offer my thanks to Carolyn White, for managing the fees system, Jude Brampton, for managing the intricacies of the flower fund, Martin Singleton, for managing the junior choir pay system, Trevor Mitchell, for banking all cash income and keeping immaculate accounts, Morella Boon for handling Gift Aid and GASDS claims from HMRC, and Nick Childs for managing the reclaim of VAT. I should also like to acknowledge the service of our bookkeeper, Kevin Ogilvie, and the devolved payroll service of David Graham Associates. Finally, I thank my predecessor Chris Lomax for his thorough handover and continued guidance.

*Joanna Kothary, Treasurer
10 March 2021*

THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

Independent Examiners' Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Baptist, Pinner (Charity No. 1130752)

I report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You are satisfied that the charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts and the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Anthony Phillips FCCA

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended
31 December 2020

For the year ended 31 December 2020		2020			2019
		Unrestricted Funds (Inc. fixed assets)	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS					
Voluntary Income	3(a)	168,063	3,926	171,989	323,051
Activities for Generating Funds	3(b)	2,517	21,353	23,870	29,075
Income from Church Activities	3(c)	21,898	0	21,898	38,713
Income from Investments	3(d)	48,216	0	48,216	51,377
Other Income	3(c)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INCOME & ENDOWMENTS		240,694	25,279	265,973	442,216
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on raising funds	4(a)	18	0	18	55
Church Activities					
Grants payable under charitable objects	4(b)	17,101	270	17,371	26,444
The Ministry	4(c)	128,545	0	128,545	129,766
Support costs for services	4(d)	10,573	171	10,744	22,364
Activities	4(e)	122	8,368	8,490	36,020
Upkeep	4(f)	55,433	25,800	81,233	265,120
Management and administration	4(g)	25,398	34	25,432	27,464
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		237,190	34,643	271,833	507,233
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		3,504	(9,363)	(5,859)	(65,217)
GAIN ON REVALUATION OF INVESTMENTS	8&4(h)	95,322	0	95,322	750
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE BEFORE TRANSFERS		98,826	(9,363)	89,463	(64,467)
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	6 & 7	(73,020)	73,020	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		25,806	63,657	89,463	(64,467)
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2020		1,758,685	(24,542)	1,734,143	1,798,610
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2020		1,784,491	39,115	1,823,606	1,734,143

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Fixed Assets and Investments	8	1,377,045	1,289,913
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments	9	5,887	5,740
Debtors	9	8,519	6,255
Short term deposits	12	302,805	301,524
Cash at bank and in hand	12	140,530	164,999
		457,741	478,518
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors due within one year	10	11,180	34,288
NET CURRENT ASSETS		446,561	444,230
NET ASSETS		1,823,606	1,734,143
FUNDS			
	11		
Unrestricted		407,446	468,772
Restricted		39,115	-24,542
Total Restricted and Unrestricted		446,561	444,230
Capital Funds		1,377,045	1,289,913
Total		1,823,606	1,734,143

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on _____ and signed, on its behalf by:

Rev Paul Hullyer (Chairman)

Church Warden

THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ASSESSMENT OF GOING CONCERN

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Report Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011. The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The PCC consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered to be material in relation to these financial statements.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

- (a) collections are recognised when made;
- (b) amounts receivable under covenant are recognised only when honoured by the covenantor;
- (c) income tax recoverable on covenanted or gift aid donations is recognised when claimable;
- (d) grants and legacies are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the amount due;
- (e) funds raised by Church events are accounted for gross;

Other ordinary income

- (a) rental income from the letting of Church premises is accounted for when earned;
- (b) Parochial fees due to the PCC for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Application of resources

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

Phase IV Restoration

The restoration fund had a planned deficit of £72,775 (2019: £48,343). The further expenses arising in 2020 included invoices & VAT reclaims for the Phase IV Restoration works. The fund was net to nil by a transfer of £57,775 from Capital Reserves and £15,000 from the Legacies fund.

Costs directly related to the work of the Church

The Diocesan quota (Common Fund) is accounted for when payable.

Fixed assets for use by the Church

Consecrated land and buildings and movable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96 (2) (a) of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on the unmovable Church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, whether maintenance or improvement is written off.

Other land and buildings

Other land and buildings held for the PCC for its own purposes is shown at cost. No depreciation is charged against such properties but any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

Investment properties

Properties which are let and held as investment properties are shown at the last known market value.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Office equipment used within the Church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off in the period in which the asset is acquired.

Fixtures & fittings are depreciated on a straight line basis over 10 years.

Current assets

- (a) amounts owing to the PCC as at 31 December 2020 in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable;
- (b) short-term deposits consist of cash held on deposit at the Central Board of Finance.

Risk management

All PCCs with income and expenditure over £250,000 must have a policy with regard to the management of risks. This policy is reviewed annually by the PCC which is satisfied that appropriate systems are in place to mitigate those risks identified.

National restrictions, as a consequence of the Covid 19 pandemic, led to the closure of the church for parts of 2020. The vicar and wardens prepared a parish continuity plan which identified general and financial risks. Pastoral care visiting ceased and was replaced, in part, by regular telephone contact with church members and a weekly Bulletin containing a scriptural message, prayers and notices. PCC meetings continued via computer conferencing using Zoom software. The church web site was a key site for communication. The major financial risks were from a reduction in hall rental income and from plate collections at services. A review of expenditure identified some items that could reduce to mitigate the impact of reduced income. A key PCC activity in 2021 will be to monitor this closely.

3. INCOME & ENDOWMENTS

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
3(a) Voluntary Income					
Planned giving:	Gift Aid	134,779	1,670	136,449	141,014
	Tax recovered	30,174	364	30,538	33,168
Collections		2,970	1,013	3,983	12,900
Special receipts		0	269	269	5,050
Sundry donations		140	250	390	0
Legacies		0	0	0	27,500
Church Restoration		0	360	360	103,421
Sub-total		168,063	3,926	171,989	323,051
3(b) Activities for generating funds					
Publications		15	0	15	104
Fees		2,502	10	2,512	1,017
Children and youth		0	0	0	1,385
Sundry receipts		0	218	218	1,241
Events receipts (PMF & MPS)		0	21,125	21,125	25,328
Sub-total		2,517	21,353	23,870	29,075
3(c) Income from Church activities					
Use of Church		0	0	0	147
Hall contributions		18,033	0	18,033	38,566
Sundry		3,865		3,865	0
Sub-total		21,898	0	21,898	38,713
3(d) Investment income					
Rent from houses		46,655	0	46,655	48,215
Interest from deposit accounts		1,407	0	1,407	3,011
Investment Fund income		154	0	154	151
Sub-total		48,216	0	48,216	51,377
TOTAL INCOME & ENDOWMENTS		240,694	25,279	265,973	442,216

4. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
4(a) Expenditure on raising funds	18	0	18	55
	18	0	18	55
Church Activities				
4(b) Expenditure on Charitable activities				
Overseas missions	0	0	0	0
Relief agencies	0	0	0	0
Home missions	0	0	0	3,729
Secular charities	0	0	0	90
Charitable giving from general fund	17,101	0	17,101	16,345
Charitable giving from special collections	0	270	270	6,280
Sub-total	17,101	270	17,371	26,444
4(c) The Ministry				
Clergy expenses	1,603	0	1,603	2,505
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	0	0	0	0
Parish Administrator	16,842	0	16,842	16,884
Cost of Youth Minister	0	0	0	0
Children & Youth Work	0	0	0	2,005
Diocesan quota	110,100	0	110,100	108,372
Sub-total	128,545	0	128,545	129,766
4(d) Support costs for services				
Sacristan	999	0	999	1,757
Service books, posters	108	0	108	338
Robes	0	0	0	474
Music	1,270	0	1,270	2,091
Choir costs	85	0	85	1,273
Organists' costs	7,649	0	7,649	14,721
Training	0	0	0	97
Quiet days/pilgrimages	0	0	0	150
Flowers for Church	462	171	633	1,463
Sub-total	10,573	171	10,744	22,364
Carried forward	156,237	441	156,678	178,629

	Unrestriced Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
4. EXPENDITURE (continued)				
Brought Forward	156,237	441	156,678	178,629
4(e) Activities				
Books and materials	3	0	3	79
Refreshments	119	0	119	1,150
Sundry activities (inc MPS, Music Festival)	0	8,368	8,368	23,634
Library	0	0	0	16
Sundry expenses				0
Donations (MPS)	0	0	0	4,429
Choir Tour Costs	0	0	0	6,712
Sub-total	122	8,368	8,490	36,020
4(f) Upkeep				
Vicarage and garden	197	0	197	404
Burhill Grove	2,132	0	2,132	821
Eastcote Road	1,728	0	1,728	1,691
Chamberlain Way	1,815	0	1,815	407
Church running expenses	19,141	0	19,141	14,324
Church maintenance	8,717	25,800	34,517	221,236
Organ and piano	0	0	0	540
Churchyard	191	0	191	72
Church Hall	13,543	0	13,543	16,287
Gardener/Handyman	7,969	0	7,969	9,338
Sub-total	55,433	25,800	81,233	265,120
4(g) Management and administration				
Computing	628	0	628	628
Postage, telephone	1,369	0	1,369	1,448
Books, stationery	229	0	229	767
Printing, photocopying	791	0	791	653
Fees, subscriptions, gifts	377	0	377	725
Accountancy	4,072	0	4,072	3,543
Property Management Fees Burhill Grove	1,693	0	1,693	3,241
Property Management Fees Eastcote Rd	2,752	0	2,752	2,990
Property Management Fees Chamberlain Way	2,024	0	2,024	1,973
Bank charges	273	34	307	451
Sundry Expenditure	300	0	300	0
Audit & Legal Fees	2,700	0	2,700	2,724
Depreciation	8,190	0	8,190	8,191
Suspense Transfers	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditure used	0	0	0	130
Sub-total	25,398	34	25,432	27,464
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	237,190	34,643	271,833	507,233
4(h) Gain on Revaluation of Investments	95,322		95,322	750

5. STAFF COSTS (including Social Security)	2020	2019
	£	£
Director of Music	5,482	14,721
Gardener/Handyman	0	9,338
Youth Minister	0	0
Parish Administrator	16,842	16,884
Finance	0	0
	22,324	40,943

The above notes represent staff costs and emoluments.

During the year, the PCC employed and contracted (i) a Director of Music & (ii) a Parish Administrator.

The Gardener / Handyman retired at the end of 2019 and was replaced by a contractor whose expenses, for 2020 of £7,969, are no longer included in the above.

Costs of organists who cover personnel for periods of absence are not included above for 2020.

Director of Music 2019 staff costs were £10,050 (Organist costs were included in the comparative above). In 2020 a claim was made under the government Job Retention Scheme totalling £4,557 for the six months that the Director of Music was furloughed.

None of the PCC received any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the Charity.

6. FUND DETAILS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General	77,784		78,382	67,155
Special Receipts, Unspecified	2,500		2,500	2,500
Legacies	49,064		49,064	64,063
Youth Committee	235		235	234
Hall Committee	53,853		53,853	48,618
Missions and Charities	480		480	479
Music in Pinner	6,455		6,455	6,455
Church Fabric and Building	3,520		3,520	3,520
Capital Reserve	200,376		200,376	258,151
Jazz in Church	13,179		13,179	17,597
	407,446		407,446	468,772
Fixed Assets and Investments	1,377,045		1,377,045	1,289,913
Total	1,784,491		1,784,491	1,758,685
Restricted Funds				
Special Receipts, Nominated		0	0	-244
Tower (Bell Ringers)		2,199	2,199	2,369
Flower Arrangers		365	365	286
Music Festival		15,165	15,165	4,763
Music in Pinner		3,417	3,417	658
Youth Worker		11,698	11,698	9,698
Church Restoration		0	0	-48,343
Choir Tour		4,675	4,675	4,675
IT/Software/Web/Training		1,596	1,596	1,596
Total		39,115	39,115	-24,542
TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS	1,784,491	39,115	1,823,606	1,734,143

7. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

Transfers were made between Funds in respect of the Legacy Fund to the Restoration Fund, from Capital Reserves to the Restoration Fund and from The Special Receipts to the General Fund.

8. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

	Investments	Investment Properties	Infrastructure & Office Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2020	5,015	1,250,000	81,904	1,336,919
Revaluation		95,000	0	95,000
Additions	324	0	0	323
Disposals		0	0	0
At 31 December 2020	5,339	1,345,000	81,904	1,432,243
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2020	0	0	47,008	47,008
Charge for the year	0	0	8,190	8,190
At 31 December 2020	0	0	55,198	55,198
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2020	5,339	1,345,000	26,706	1,377,045
At 31 December 2019	5,015	1,250,000	34,897	1,289,913

Investment Properties

The Investment Properties shown above relate to 37 Eastcote Road, 47 Chamberlain Way and 6 Burhill Grove. In accordance with FRS 102, each year the PCC obtain a professional market valuation for the above properties and as at the Balance Sheet date the market value of these three properties was £1,345,000. The increase in the value had been adjusted through the Capital Reserve fund.

9. DEBTORS	2020	2019
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	2,375	2,363
Prepayments	5,886	5,740
Other debtors	6,144	3,892
	<u>14,405</u>	<u>11,995</u>

Total Debtors

10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Agency Collections	0	130
Deferred Income	0	5,349
Trade Creditors & Accruals	11,181	28,939
	<u>11,181</u>	<u>34,418</u>

Total Creditors

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

Unrestricted Restricted

	Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets (Net)	1,371,706	0	1,371,706
Investments	5,339	0	5,339
	<u>1,377,045</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,377,045</u>
Fixed Assets and Investments			
Net Current assets	446,561	0	446,561
	<u>1,823,606</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,823,606</u>

Fund balance

12. ANALYSIS OF BANK BALANCES

2020

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General Current Account	112,555	150,128
Restoration Account	0	0
Deposit Accounts	302,805	301,524
Other Associated Bank Accounts & Cash	27,975	14,871
	<u>443,335</u>	<u>466,523</u>

Total Bank Accounts