

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**

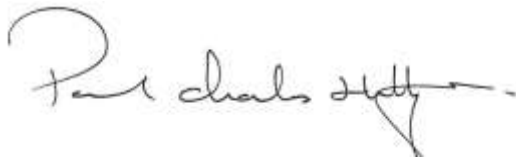
I am writing to invite you to the Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings, which take place on Sunday, 21 May in the Church Hall at 11.30 am. The pattern of worship that day will be Eucharists at 8am and 10am, with Evensong at 6.30 pm.

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
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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)
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Treasurer:	Joanna Kothary* (co-opted)
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The following are not members of the PCC but are in attendance in order to fulfil their functions

PCC Secretary:	Helen Walsh
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Minutes Secretary:	Trevor Mitchell
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**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.

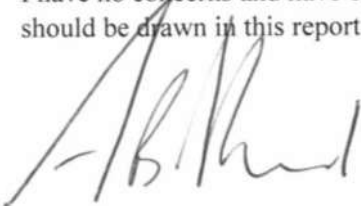
Independent examiner's statement

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
Northwood
Middlesex
HA6 2XY

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

