

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

SUNDAY 25 MAY 2025

April 2025

Dear Friends,

The Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings

Sunday May 25th 2025

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

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

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

I look forward to seeing you all on 25 May.

Yours,



The Rev'd Paul Hullyer. CF.
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The Annual Vestry Meeting of Parishioners will be held on
Sunday, 25 May 2025 in the Parish Hall at 11.30 am

AGENDA Parish Vestry Meeting

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

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

AGENDA Annual Parochial meeting

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

PARISH OF PINNER

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

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

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

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

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

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

This concluded the business of the Meeting of Parishioners.



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

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

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

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

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

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

Substantial contributions towards income were as follows:-

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

Substantial items of expenditure are as follows:

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

Fixed Assets:

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

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

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

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

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

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

11. **Questions:** - None

12. **Any Other Business:** -

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

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

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Appendix A

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

57 members signed the attendance register

REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL DURING 2024

The PCC met 7 times during the year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Hon Treasurer highlighted the following:

- Overall deficit for the year of £25,474.
- Income – Main items of income are Stewardship £150,000, Music Concerts £23,000, Hall Income £55,000, Property Rentals £50,000, and bank/ investment interest of £12,000.
- Expenditure – Common Fund £113,000, Curate House £21,000, Salaries £26,000, Music Concerts £23,000, Church Hall expenses £19,000, Utilities £28,000, Running Costs of rented properties £25,000, Maintenance £17,000 and Charitable Donations of £14,000.
- Income Endowments – Voluntary income has dropped from £225,312 in 2022 to £161,556 in 2023 (-£63,756) mainly due to large legacies received during 2022 as compared to those received in 2023. Church activities have increased by £7,053 mainly due to an increase in Hall Rentals. Income from investments has increased by £5,595 due mainly to higher interest rates.
- Expenditure – Upkeep has increased by £15,485 mainly due to repairs to the Eastcote Road property incurred prior to reletting to new tenants.
- Loss on Revaluation of Investments - £74,504 mainly due to the revaluation of our investment properties.

The Hon Treasurer also highlighted the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parish Finances: -

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Matters arising: – Church Floodlighting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AOB:-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Churchwardens Business:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AOB:-

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

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

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

Parish Finances: Financial report: -

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

This is mainly driven by:

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

Highlights from Incoming Resources are:

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

Highlights from Resources used are:

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

Churchwardens Business: -

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AOB:-

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

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

Helen Walsh, PCC Secretary

Trevor Mitchell, PCC Minutes Secretary

Vicar's report on Parish Life

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

With prayers,

Fr. Paul.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property and Maintenance

The parish owns three residential properties:

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

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

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

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

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

Work undertaken at the church this year includes:

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

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

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

Rosemary Lay and Penny French
Churchwardens

Hall Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ian Galloway
Chairman

Mission & Charities Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Peter Wilson

Nurture Education and Training

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

Our events in 2024 were:

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

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

Christian priest in the Anglican Church between 2005 and 2020.

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

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

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

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

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

16 March Lent Quiet Day at SPEC with Audrey Hamilton

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

The Church Party on Saturday 18th May was wonderful.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 November Advent Quiet Morning in Church

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

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

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



2025

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our programme for 2025 will continue with:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Peter Ellis
Chair,*

Nurture, Education, and Training Group

STEWARDSHIP, YOUTH WORK FUND & OTHER VOLUNTARY GIVING - 2024

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

Stewardship Giving

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Worker Fund

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

Other Gift Aided Giving

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

Cash Giving and GASDS

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

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

Cash gifts made during 2024 were:

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

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

Other Voluntary Giving

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

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

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

Morella Boon (Gift Aid Recorder)

Kids Church

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

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

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

Hilary Gould and Carolyn White

Holiday Club and Craft Mornings

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sarah Hullyer

Rainbows -1st Pinner Rainbows

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

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

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

Sarah Hullyer

GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Bereavement Visitors

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

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

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

Jane Mayes



Pinner Guild of Church Bell Ringers

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

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

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

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

Sue Ellis
Tower Secretary



Music Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

Martin Singleton

Church Flowers



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

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

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

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

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

Judith Brampton

The Friends of Pinner Parish Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

On behalf of the Committee

House Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ann Fuller

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stephen Brown and Terri Trimmer

Pinner Parish Review

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

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

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

Olivia Thorndon

Pinner and District Faiths Dialogue

We have had two meetings in the past twelve months.

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

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

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

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

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

Katherine Pinching-co-chair



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

Pinner Music Festival

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Harrow Deanery Synod

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

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

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



Pinner Association of Churches

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

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

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

Robert May
Honorary Secretary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Helen Lawson

Walking Group

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nick (and Judith) Childs



Music in Pinner Series

Classical and Jazz Concerts:

'24 – '25 Season

Annual Report to APCM – March 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Anthony Pinching,
Director, Music in Pinner Series*

Charity Number 1130752

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

Financial Statements

31 December 2024

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

Parochial Church Council Members year ending 31 December 2024

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

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

Safeguarding Officer: Katherine Pinching (co-opted)

Treasurer: Joanna Kothary* (co-opted)

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

PCC Secretary: Helen Walsh

Minutes Secretary: Trevor Mitchell

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

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

Introduction

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

Objectives and activities

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

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

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

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

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

Overview

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

Funds		2024	2023
		£	£
Unrestricted	General Fund	8,325	-9,319
	Special Receipts Unspecified	2,869	2,869
	Legacies	132,952	95,897
	Youth Committee	679	679
	Capital Reserves	200,375	200,375
	Church Fabric and Buildings	3,520	3,520
	Missions & Charities	480	480
	Music in Pinner	6,455	6,455
	Jazz in Church	13,179	13,179
	Hall Fund	163,355	128,518
	Sub-Total	532,189	442,653
	Fixed Assets & Investments	1,407,273	1,416,337
	Total Unrestricted Funds	1,939,461	1,858,990
Restricted	Special Receipts, Nominated	239	2621.5
	Hall Fund	4,546	4546
	Tower (Bell Ringers)	1,477	1,330
	Flower Arrangers	396	440
	Music Festival	11,318	10,727
	Music in Pinner	8,330	7,430
	Youth Worker	17,950	16,739
	Church Restoration	0	-39
	Choir Tour	4,936	4,936
	IT/Software/Web/Training	1,331	1,340
	Total Restricted Funds	50,523	50,070
Total All Funds		1,989,984	1,909,060

Risk Assessment and Management

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

Review of the year 2024

Summary

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

Incoming Resources

Key points to note are:-

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

Overall Resources Used

Key points to note are:-

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

Reserves and Reserve Policy

The reserves we maintain are:-

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

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

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

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

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

The Outlook for the Future

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

Acknowledgements

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

Joanna Kothary, Treasurer
29 April 2025

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

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

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

Anthony Phillips FCCA

On behalf of:

Buckingham & Company Ltd

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2024

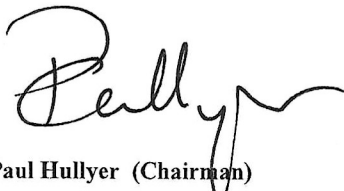
		2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted Funds (Inc. fixed assets)	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS					
Voluntary Income	3(a)	205,733	5,265	210,998	161,556
Activities for Generating Funds	3(b)	16,729	30,853	47,582	28,186
Income from Church Activities	3(c)	55,718	0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

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

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

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

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


Rev Paul Hullyer (Chairman)



Church Warden



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

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

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ASSESSMENT OF GOING CONCERN

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

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

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

Other ordinary income

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

Application of resources

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

Costs directly related to the work of the Church

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

Fixed assets for use by the Church

Consecrated land and buildings and movable Church furnishings

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

Other land and buildings

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

Investment properties

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

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

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

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

Current assets

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

Risk management

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

3 INCOME & ENDOWMENTS

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

4 EXPENDITURE

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

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

5 STAFF COSTS (including Social Security)

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

The above notes represent staff costs and emoluments.

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

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

6 FUND DETAILS

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

7 TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

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

8 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

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

Investment Properties

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

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

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

11 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

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

12 ANALYSIS OF BANK BALANCES

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