

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL  
PARISH OF CHRIST AND SAINT JOHN WITH SAINT LUKE, ISLE OF  
DOGS**

**Known as the Parish of the Isle of Dogs**

**CHARITY NO: 1130764**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**for the year ended  
31 December 2024**

**FIELD SULLIVAN LIMITED  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

**9 Hare & Billet Road  
Blackheath  
London  
SE3 0RB**

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint  
John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs**

**Status:** Charity registration No. 1130764

**Working name:** Parish of the Isle of Dogs

**Incumbent:** Rev. Thomas Pyke

**Parochial church council members:**

Rev. Thomas Pyke	
Joseph Lashmar	
Christopher Ezekiel	(resigned 19 May 2024)
Amanda Newbury	Churchwarden
Christine Lilley	
Syed Faramarzifar	(resigned 19 May 2024)
Linda Kissi	
Valerie Lashmar	
Joan Small	Churchwarden
Gregory Solomon	
Bill Chesshyre	Deanery Synod Representative
Michael Blaby	PCC Secretary
Kevin Watts	
Sylvester Small	
Jenny Clarke	
Dr Tamsin Williams	Deanery Synod Representative
Jagoda Keshani	Treasurer
Ionica Lashmar	Churchwarden, (appointed 19 May 2024)
Sabeeta Leghari	(appointed 19 May 2024)
Eugennie Gamble	(appointed 19 May 2024)

**Parochial church council officers:**

Rebecca Roles	Safeguarding Officer
Tony Lashmar	Deputy Churchwarden
Lisa Mitchell	Parish Administrator
Andrew Warner	PCC Secretary
Colin Todd	Book Keeper

**Address:** Christ Church  
Manchester Road  
Isle of Dogs  
London  
E14 3BN

**Independent examiner:** Field Sullivan  
Chartered Accountants  
9 Hare & Billet Road  
London SE3 0RB

**Bankers:** HSBC Bank Plc  
196A Piccadilly  
London  
W1V 0DY

The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund  
Senator House  
85 Queen Victoria Street  
London  
EC4V 4ET

## **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs**

Trustees' Report  
for the year ended  
31 December 2024

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at Christ Church and at St Luke's Millwall and to become part of our parish community on the Isle of Dogs. The PCC understands its mission, and the mission of the whole Church, to fall into five main categories: 1) proclamation of the Good News of the Kingdom of God 2) baptising and nurturing new believers 3) responding to human need through loving service 4) transforming unjust structures in our society 5) safeguarding the integrity of creation through wise and careful use of its resources. These themes we sum up in the banner statement 'Building a healthy community through our Christian faith'.

### **Objectives and Activities**

When planning our activities for the year, the Incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. The objectives for 2024, as described in Mission Action planning (MAP2016) by the PCC, are laid out in the agendas and minutes of the PCC in 2024, and are a matter of public record. The objectives of the Mission Action Plan are:

1. To make Christ Church a place to be
2. To create connections
3. To encourage an engaged community
4. For Christ Church to be the first port of call for support and sanctuary
5. To celebrate and model inclusivity and diversity
6. To make the Christian faith accessible

I am pleased to present our Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024. In previous reports I wrote that 2022 was about getting the big blocks of parish life back into place after the pandemic, and 2023 was about establishing (or re-establishing) a rhythm that we can live by. 2024 has been a year of growth, a gradual increase in our Sunday attendance at the Parish Mass measured by the traditional 'snapshot' of the Sundays in October, from hovering just below 40 adults and 7 - 15 children in 2023, to an average just below 50 adults and between 8 and 20 children in 2024. This is borne out in practical ways - we are needing to print more noticesheets for Sunday, and to allow for more bread at the Mass. Another positive sign of growth has been our ability to increase our Common Fund giving by £500 a month in 2025, so that we will be contributing £50,000 during the year. This growth is still not as much as we would like to see, of course, but the old saying is probably true, 'nothing breeds success like success'. There is a natural tipping point with church congregations where the sense of being a 'full' church reassures us that we are in the right place, and that we are not missing out on something special, and encourages us to come back the next week and the next week. It is a slow climb to that tipping point, and we are not there yet (I would put it at about 65 adults and 20 children in our case). We are vulnerable still to the effect that a particularly cold day (or a particularly fine day) has on attendance at church. The congregational photograph, taken at Pentecost 2024 makes that point. Sometimes we can't avoid being absent, and sometimes those absences added together mean that a considerable chunk of the congregation is missing. The most effective piece of Christian mission and witness that you can do is to be in church Sunday by Sunday, without fail. This is the way churches grow, and Christ Church is no different.

The start of 2024 was marked by funerals. Benice Sultan who was always such a prayerful supporter of my ministry had died in December 2023 had her funeral in church in January 2024. In February 2024 Sandra Ireland died peacefully at home, but estranged from her family and therefore without anyone to take responsibility for arranging her funeral. I stepped in to register her death and, with the help of the charities that were ultimately beneficiaries of her will, we are able to follow her wishes and give her a good funeral at Christ Church and a reception at the Waterman's Arms. In early 2025 we were to lose David Longbottom. I will write more about him next year in my report. To balance the loss of these and others, we have the joy of welcoming, by baptism, new members into the Church. It's even more joyful when their families immediately settle down and become regular members of the Sunday congregation. Tilly Ryan's baptism has brought us her parents David and Clara and her brother Alfie, and Kassia Rodrigues's baptism and confirmation has brought us her mum Crisanta.

## The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs

Trustees' Report  
for the year ended  
31 December 2024

Thanks to the organising zeal of Tamsin Vaughan Williams the parish had an outing to the Horizon 22 building on Bishopsgate. This new building has a 300 degree viewing deck on two levels, and from it you can see as far as Croydon to the south west, and can, with good binoculars, see Christ Church nestled in the trees beyond Millwall Park. Please follow Tamsin's lead, and if you see an opportunity for the congregation to do something out of the ordinary, don't stop to ask, (especially if it's a free event) book us up, and advertise it through the noticesheet.

Lent began early in 2024 (mid February) but not before we had a happy Shrove Tuesday pancake party in the crypt. Our Lent Course, in person and via Zoom, was focussed on the readings for the following Sunday. On Thursday evenings we met in the Parish Room for a 'holy hour' of adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Week was as busy as ever, though we were no longer able to depend on David Longbottom to lead one of the sessions of Stations of the Cross. The Easter Vigil and lighting of the New Fire happened on Easter Eve at 7pm rather than at dawn on Easter Day. This attracted a larger congregation than it would in the morning (24 adults and 4 children - some who joined the service simply came because they were passing and saw the brazier lit). We were a very international gathering, and were able to greet each other 'Christ is risen - He is risen indeed!' in many different languages. In 2025 we may need to revert to the dawn on Easter Day timing as we have a candidate for confirmation being presented at St Paul's Cathedral on Easter Eve. Apart from the Lent Course, the Parish Education programme has considered people's favourite saints, and then favourite hymns and religious poems. We are grateful for the time and effort that Jenny Ming Clarke put into arranging and encouraging these course, and also to those who hosted sessions in their homes.

Our annual confirmation service in 2024 fell on our Patronal Festival Sunday. 11 children from Years 5 and 6 at St Luke's Primary School were confirmed by Bishop Rob Wickham, the Bishop of Bradwell. I want at this point in my report to celebrate the close partnership we have with St Luke's School. Every week we lead Mass with an address at the school ('we' being Fr. Selwyn, from St Luke's Millwall and I) and I lead a discussion with a class about Bible readings for the following week. That class then takes a responsibility for reading the chosen Bible passage, for carrying in the Altar candles, and for ringing the Sanctus bell. Over the time that the children are at the school they have considerable exposure to the Christian faith, to the Church, to the Bible and to church worship, in addition to the Collective Worship that happens at other times, led by the teachers. All this means that confirmation classes are exactly that - the children are encouraged to draw on and confirm what they have already been exposed to and know confidently. It makes confirmation classes at the school a real joy. We do confirm earlier in children's lives than in some other church communities, but it makes sense to give them 18 months of experience as confirmed Christians before they leave to join their secondary schools, which may or may not have a Christian character. It has been good in the new academic year, 2024/25 to work with the new Headteacher at St Luke's School, Mr Calum Howard who opened our summer Fête for us, and who has returned since then to update us on changes at the school.

In early July we joined the Diocese of Chelmsford's annual Bradwell pilgrimage, paying back Bishop Rob for his visit to do our confirmations, if you like. By the time we arrived by minibus on the Dengie peninsula the weather was drawing in. Once we had processed to St Peter's Bradwell the rain was coming at us horizontally off the sea; and rather than being able to sit comfortably outside and join in worship and the picnics we'd all brought, we were penned in the lovely (but small) Saxon church. Bishop Rob, though, gave an excellent address about 'bad prayer', and after a while our prayers, bad or good, were answered by some sunshine. We were able to join in the outside activities that had been planned, but then abandoned, including an inspiring visit to the ecology gardens of the Othona Community next door. Pilgrimage is an activity that we can all make part of our Christian life. In a city like London, with so much 'holy history' you don't need to go far to make a pilgrimage. St Alfege's Greenwich, St John's Stratford, or St Peter's London Dock fill your imagination with what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, and how others have lived out that discipleship even at the risk of their lives. The pilgrimage was a good way to deflect us from worrying about the Fête, the following weekend. This went splendidly, as it always does. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wing Blaby for all the work that she and Mike did to make it such a success.

## The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs

Trustees' Report  
for the year ended  
31 December 2024

Over the summer our new Audio Visual system was installed, a drop down screen, a powerful projector and all the technology that makes it work together. Two changes to the original specifications were the addition of a 'confidence monitor' above the head of the organist, and the mounting there also of the PTZ camera that we were given four years ago by Alex Perex. The AV system means that we can show pictures and video, and we can livestream our services, including what is displayed on the screen. One of the first uses of the system was to bid David Longbottom 'God Speed' as he went north to Washington to live near his family. Since then it has been used for Bible maps and finance presentations, school services, sermon aids and families' funeral pictures. While we are not the sort of church that sings or prays from a screen, the AV system has added so many new possibilities; and it can be deployed and cleared away within moments. We are recruiting volunteers to run the camera and the livestream. If you would like to add this skill to your portfolio, please ask me and I will give you a demonstration.

The organ has had some restoration work in this last year. In particular, each of the pipes making up the trumpet stop have had new 'motors' or tiny leather bellows made for them. The trumpet stop now sounds magnificent, though it is loud! Our choir, under the direction of Julien Lee has grown in confidence, if not necessarily in numbers. Julien has left us as of the end of February 2025 and we are beginning the process of recruiting a replacement Director of Music. What is clear is how many talented musical friends we have, all of whom are keen to help out in the meanwhile. A big thank you to them.

We continue to add to the number of groups that use the church as a springboard to performances elsewhere. The London Docklands Singers have long regarded Christ Church as their base for rehearsals on Monday evenings. Merry Opera has joined them, and now rehearses for two touring shows a year in the church. In 2024 The Three Inch Fools, who put on pocket Shakespeare productions for schools, rehearsed a production of Macbeth here, complete with a moveable forest. Sharesy, a new online app which allows groups to book public spaces has been a real boon. We have had orchestral concerts, public meetings, memorial parties and the like through Sharesy, and in each case Sharesy brings in organisations and individuals who don't belong to the area, so it widens our outreach. We are experimenting with a similar app called Giggster which does the same for the creative industries. These rental opportunities add directly to the income of the church, as does the passive, yet ever present cardless terminal which was introduced by our PCC Treasurer, Jagoda Keshani. This would be a good moment for me to thank our PCC officer: and our churchwardens who do so much for us, Jagoda and Andrew and Michael, Joan and Amanda, and our warden emeritus, Sylvester Small. Together, as the PCC Standing Committee, it is remarkable how much experience, wisdom and vision we share.

The Diocese of London has this year prepared a mini report of 2024 to be embedded in our Trustees Annual Report. Here you get a flavour of what is happening for the Church of England across London:

'The Diocese of London is the largest and most diverse in the Church of England. We have over 500 churches and 750 licensed clergy. We are able to have a church in almost every community, supporting the vision for every Londoner to encounter the love of God in Christ. In 2024, 50 new deacons were ordained and early draft statistics indicate that Average Weekly Attendance in London grew by 7.5% to over 60,000.

During 2024, we have continued working towards our priorities of becoming a younger, safer and more racially just Church. For example:

19 London Youth Apprentices engaged 715 young people weekly and funding was granted to enable the launch of five youth ministers in Hackney and Islington.

In a challenging year for safeguarding, referrals to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team increased substantially, indicating more trust and confidence in the safeguarding service. 789 people were given safeguarding leadership training, and 3,808 DBS checks were carried out.

Churches across the Diocese engaged with Race Equality Week, Racial Justice Sunday, and Black History Month last year, reflecting on racial justice and committing to action.

# **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs**

Trustees' Report  
for the year ended  
31 December 2024

The breadth of parishes and Bishop's Mission Orders in London nurtured confident disciples, compassionate communities and creative growth in an amazing variety of ways. They also contributed over £23m in Common Fund, an increase of almost £1m. Alongside £13.2m income raised by the London Diocesan Fund (LDF) and £3.6m from LDF reserves, this paid to provide ministry and support parishes across the Diocese.'

## **Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Isle of Dogs the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The members of the PCC, all of whom have served from 1 January 2023 to the date this report was approved (except where noted) are set out on page 1.

## **Public Benefit**

The PCC confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and the supplementary public benefit guidance for charities whose aims include advancing religion when reviewing the PCC's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The objectives for 2021 were published and available to the public as the Parish's Mission Action Plan 2014.

## **Risk assessment**

The PCC regularly identifies and reviews major risks facing the charity and have put measures in place to mitigate them.

## **Financial Review**

Total income into the General Fund was £146,322 (2023: £136,065). Our congregations contributed £65,405 (2023: £64,963) (Unrestricted) of which £36,556 (2023: £33,549) was from Planned Giving. Income generated through the hiring of our properties was £47,699 (2023: £36,670) and income generated through the spire rental was £14,475 (2023: £14,475). Total expenditure from the General Fund was £126,519 (2023: £140,098), of which our contribution to the Common Fund was £44,004 (2023: £44,630). The current reserves in the CCLA accounts are a) 35,596 b) £12,369 c) 98,073.

## **Restricted Funds**

Total income into various restricted funds as shown in Note 14 to the accounts was £18,250 (2023: £17,033). After expenditure of £25,179 (2023: £620) from these restricted funds the balance at year end was £45,440 (2023: £49,429).

## **Endowment Fund**

The Parish Endowment Fund was instigated in 2009 to encourage congregation members to include the Parish as a beneficiary in their wills in order to provide long-term investment income for the parish.

## **Reserves Policy**

The PCC policy for reserves prioritises the ability to pay 9 months of full operating costs, to include the agreed payments to the Common Fund, and maintenance of Christ Church. Reserves are not to include tangible fixed assets relating to St Mildred's House.

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John  
with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs**

Trustees' Report  
for the year ended  
31 December 2024

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The PCC members, as charity trustees, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The PCC members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The PCC members are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report was approved by the Board on 18/05/2025 and signed on its behalf.

On behalf of the Management Committee

Thomas 

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Tim Sullivan FCA  
Field Sullivan Limited  
9 Hare & Billet Road  
Blackheath  
London  
SE3 ORB

Date: 16/6/25



# The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs

Statement of financial activities  
for the year ended  
31 December 2024

	Note	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2024	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>									
Incoming resources from generated funds:									
Donations and legacies	2	-	18,250	65,405	83,655	-	17,033	64,963	81,996
Other trading activities	3	-	-	70,061	70,061	-	-	60,711	60,711
Income from Investments	4	-	-	7,361	7,361	-	-	3,921	3,921
Income from charitable activities	5	-	-	3,495	3,495	-	-	6,470	6,470
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		-	18,250	146,322	164,572	-	17,033	136,065	153,099
<b>Resources expended</b>									
Expenditure on generating funds	6	-	-	1,961	1,961	-	-	935	935
Expenditure on Charitable activities	7	-	25,179	124,558	149,737	-	620	139,163	139,783
<b>Total resources expended</b>		-	25,179	126,519	151,698	-	620	140,098	140,718
<b>Net incoming/outgoing resources</b>		-	(6,929)	19,803	12,874	-	16,413	(4,033)	12,380
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>		-	2,940	(2,940)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		-	(3,989)	16,863	12,874	-	16,413	(4,033)	12,380
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>									
Total funds brought forward		12,369	49,429	320,651	382,449	12,369	33,016	324,684	370,069
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>12,369</u>	<u>45,440</u>	<u>337,514</u>	<u>395,323</u>	<u>12,369</u>	<u>49,429</u>	<u>320,651</u>	<u>382,449</u>

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John**  
**with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs**

Balance sheet  
as at  
31 December 2024

	Note	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	10		228,645		215,630
<b>Total fixed assets</b>			228,645		215,630
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	11	3,450		6,274	
Cash at bank and in hand		171,979		167,531	
<b>Total current assets</b>		175,429		173,805	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	(8,751)		(6,986)	
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>			166,678		166,819
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			395,323		382,449
<b>Net assets</b>	13		395,323		382,449
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
Restricted funds			45,440		49,429
Endowment funds			12,369		12,369
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated		228,151		229,799	
General fund		109,363		90,852	
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>			337,514		320,651
<b>Total charity funds</b>	14		395,323		382,449

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 18/05/2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Rev Thomas Pyke - Chair PCC

  
JAGODA KESHANI - PCC Treasurer

# The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs

Notes to the accounts  
for the year ended  
31 December 2024

## **1 Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

### **(i) Basis of accounting**

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Second edition October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **(ii) Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 13.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### **(iii) Incoming resources**

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts. Voluntary income and capital sources:

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- Planned giving under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.
- Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is recognised.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonable certain.
- Income from fundraising and similar events is accounted for gross.

#### **Other income**

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised on an accruals basis.

#### **Income from investments**

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrued. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

### **(iv) Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

- Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.
- The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs**

Notes to the accounts  
for the year ended  
31 December 2024

(v) Fixed assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

- Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s96(2)a Charities Act 2011.
- No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC which require a faculty for disposal.
- All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off.

Other tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life. The rates used are as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	Straight line over 10 years
Equipments	Straight line over 5 years

(vi) Current assets

- Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.
- Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

(vii) Debtors

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the trust will not be able to collect all amount due according to the original terms of the receivables.

(viii) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

(ix) Creditors

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price.

Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs**

Notes to the accounts  
for the year ended  
31 December 2024

**2 Donations and legacies**

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Appeals and donations				
Planned giving	-	36,556	36,556	33,549
Other giving	-	178	178	244
Collections	-	6,243	6,243	6,252
Sundry donations	-	8,967	8,967	9,488
Donations	5,572	13,461	19,033	24,464
Grants				
East End Community Foundation	-	-	-	8,000
Riverside Foundation	8,178	-	8,178	-
Other small grants	4,500	-	4,500	-
Total	18,250	65,405	83,655	81,996

**3 Other trading activities**

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Church property lettings	-	47,699	47,699	36,670
Fundraising events	-	7,887	7,887	9,566
Spire rental	-	14,475	14,475	14,475
Total	-	70,061	70,061	60,711

**4 Income from investments**

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Interest received	-	7,361	7,361	3,921
Total	-	7,361	7,361	3,921

**5 Income from charitable activities**

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Fees - Diocesan and other	-	3,495	3,495	6,470
Total	-	3,495	3,495	6,470

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs**

Notes to the accounts  
for the year ended  
31 December 2024

**6 Costs of generating funds**

	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Total funds 2024</b>	<b>Total funds 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Costs of generating voluntary income	-	1,961	1,961	935
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>935</b>

**7 Charitable activities**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Total funds 2024</b>	<b>Total funds 2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Ministry - common fund		44,004	44,630
Incumbent's and curates expenses		1,214	1,755
Church running expenses			
- Cleaning		2,275	4,559
- Heat, light and water		15,254	7,561
- Insurance		6,697	5,139
- Consumables		2,999	2,482
Church maintenance		4,878	5,663
Upkeep of services			
- Music and choir		905	981
- Sanctuary		1,933	1,895
- Organ		4,170	-
- Other service costs		2,873	4,206
Upkeep of churchyard		3,700	1,568
Director of music		13,563	11,294
Training and education			
- Adult		-	31
- Children and youth		337	120
- Berlin Link		115	94
Other parish activities			
- Home mission		296	645
- Food bank		7,364	14,401
- Flowers		343	620
- Relief and development		-	60
- Socials		1,017	1,158
Other PCC property upkeep		13,692	11,613
Depreciation		4,457	2,710
Support costs	<b>8</b>	17,651	16,598
<b>Total</b>		<b>149,737</b>	<b>139,783</b>

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs**

Notes to the accounts  
for the year ended  
31 December 2024

**8 Support costs**

	<b>Total funds 2024</b>	<b>Total funds 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Support	6,575	6,552
Communication and Publicity	1,493	-
Bank charges	169	170
Bookkeeping	5,100	4,825
Telephone, IT and stationery	2,310	3,124
Independent examination	2,004	1,926
	<u>17,651</u>	<u>16,598</u>

**9 Trustee remuneration and expenses**

No trustees received any remuneration during the year. Expenses amounting to £nil (2023: £nil) were reimbursed to trustees.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year (2023: nil).

**10 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Fixtures and Fittings</b>	<b>Freehold properties</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 January 2024	1,049	22,502	200,000	223,551
Additions	-	17,472	-	17,472
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,049</u>	<u>39,974</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>241,023</u>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>				
At 1 January 2024	420	7,500	-	7,921
Charge for the year	210	4,247	-	4,457
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>630</u>	<u>11,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,378</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 December 2024	<u>419</u>	<u>28,227</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>228,645</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>629</u>	<u>15,002</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>215,630</u>

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs**

Notes to the accounts  
for the year ended  
31 December 2024

**11 Debtors**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Income tax recoverable	257	403
Other debtors	1,987	3,491
Prepayments	1,206	2,380
Total	<u>3,450</u>	<u>6,274</u>

**12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Other creditors	383	4,495
Accruals	8,368	2,491
Total	<u>8,751</u>	<u>6,986</u>

**13 Analysis of net assets between funds**

**Current period**

	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>funds</u>	<u>funds</u>	<u>funds</u>	<u>funds</u>	<u>funds</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Tangible fixed assets	-	16,145	212,500	-	228,645
Current assets	12,369	101,969	15,651	45,440	175,429
Current liabilities	-	(8,751)	-	-	(8,751)
Net assets 31 December 2024	<u>12,369</u>	<u>109,363</u>	<u>228,151</u>	<u>45,440</u>	<u>395,323</u>

**Previous period**

	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>funds</u>	<u>funds</u>	<u>funds</u>	<u>funds</u>	<u>funds</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Tangible fixed assets	-	630	215,000	-	215,630
Current assets	12,369	97,208	14,799	49,429	173,805
Current liabilities	-	(6,986)	-	-	(6,986)
Net assets	<u>12,369</u>	<u>90,852</u>	<u>229,799</u>	<u>49,429</u>	<u>382,449</u>



**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs**

Notes to the accounts  
for the year ended  
31 December 2024

**14 Movements in funds**

Current period	At 1 January <u>2024</u> £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfer between funds £	At 31 December <u>2024</u> £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
New building funds					
St Luke's project	425	-	-	-	425
Christ Church extension	3,238	-	-	-	3,238
Other restricted funds					
AV Project	16,000	998	(17,472)	474	-
Bazaars	294	-	-	-	294
Bishop's Fund	60	-	-	-	60
Chair fund	4,514	-	-	-	4,514
Charity fund	12,679	-	-	-	12,679
Children's fund	2,242	-	-	-	2,242
Choir musician fund	250	-	-	-	250
Christian aid	83	-	-	-	83
Christmas Party for elderley	700	-	-	-	700
Churchyard furniture	40	-	-	-	40
Crib fund	303	-	-	-	303
Crypt Refurbishment Fund	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
Epic	15	-	-	-	15
Flower fund	743	609	(343)	-	1,009
Food Bank	1,439	14,143	(7,364)	2,940	11,158
Night Shelter	50	-	-	-	50
Robe fund	861	-	-	-	861
Sedor fund	110	-	-	-	110
Social fund	276	-	-	-	276
Sponsor Hymn Organ fund	60	-	-	-	60
Staff fund	679	-	-	-	679
Story telling project	197	-	-	-	197
Sunday School	60	-	-	-	60
Pakistan Flood Relief	22	-	-	-	22
Ukraine fund	-	-	-	-	-
Women's Group	93	-	-	-	93
IT Project	2,451	-	-	(474)	1,977
Tracy leaving	250	-	-	-	250
Toy Library fund	1,295	-	-	-	1,295
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>49,429</b>	<b>18,250</b>	<b>(25,179)</b>	<b>2,940</b>	<b>45,440</b>
<b>Endowment funds:</b>					
Parish Endowment fund	12,369	-	-	-	12,369
<b>Total endowment funds</b>	<b>12,369</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,369</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<b>Designated</b>					
St Mildred's House fund	200,000	-	-	-	200,000
Food bank	2,940	-	-	(2,940)	-
Garden of Remembrance	836	867	-	-	1,703
Retiement fund	50	-	-	-	50
Organ fund	8,143	1,245	(4,170)	-	5,218
The Isle of Dogs Parish Tri	-	3,350	-	-	3,350
Chair fund	17,502	-	-	-	17,502
Parish Link fund	328	-	-	-	328
<b>Total designated funds</b>	<b>229,799</b>	<b>5,462</b>	<b>(4,170)</b>	<b>(2,940)</b>	<b>228,151</b>
General fund	90,852	140,860	(122,349)	-	109,363
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>320,651</b>	<b>146,322</b>	<b>(126,519)</b>	<b>(2,940)</b>	<b>337,514</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>382,449</b>	<b>164,572</b>	<b>(151,698)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>395,323</b>

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John with Saint  
Luke, Isle of Dogs**

Notes to the accounts  
for the year ended  
31 December 2024

**14 Movements in funds (continued)**

Previous period	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfer between funds £	At 31 December 2024 £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
New building funds					
St Luke's project	425	-	-	-	425
Christ Church extension	3,238	-	-	-	3,238
Other restricted funds					
AV Project	-	16,000	-	-	16,000
Bazaars	294	-	-	-	294
Bishop's Fund	60	-	-	-	60
Chair fund	4,514	-	-	-	4,514
Charity fund	12,679	-	-	-	12,679
Children's fund	2,242	-	-	-	2,242
Choir musician fund	250	-	-	-	250
Christian aid	83	-	-	-	83
Christmas Party for elderley	700	-	-	-	700
Churchyard furniture	40	-	-	-	40
Crib fund	303	-	-	-	303
Epic	15	-	-	-	15
Flower fund	690	673	(620)	-	743
Food Bank	1,439	-	-	-	1,439
Night Shelter	50	-	-	-	50
Robe fund	861	-	-	-	861
Sedor fund	-	110	-	-	110
Social fund	276	-	-	-	276
Sponsor Hymn Organ fund	60	-	-	-	60
Staff fund	679	-	-	-	679
Story telling project	197	-	-	-	197
Sunday School	60	-	-	-	60
Pakistan Flood Relief	22	-	-	-	22
Ukraine fund	-	-	-	-	-
Women's Group	93	-	-	-	93
IT Project	2,451	-	-	-	2,451
Tracy leaving	-	250	-	-	250
Toy Library fund	1,295	-	-	-	1,295
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>33,016</b>	<b>17,033</b>	<b>(620)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,429</b>
<b>Endowment funds:</b>					
Parish Endowment fund	12,369	-	-	-	12,369
<b>Total endowment funds</b>	<b>12,369</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,369</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<b>Designated</b>					
St Mildred's House fund	200,000	-	-	-	200,000
Food bank	10,541	6,801	(14,401)	-	2,940
Garden of Remembrance	206	630	-	-	836
Retiement fund	50	-	-	-	50
Organ fund	143	8,000	-	-	8,143
Chair fund	17,502	-	-	-	17,502
Parish Link fund	328	-	-	-	328
<b>Total designated funds</b>	<b>228,770</b>	<b>15,431</b>	<b>(14,401)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>229,799</b>
General fund	95,914	120,634	(125,697)	-	90,852
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>324,684</b>	<b>136,065</b>	<b>(140,098)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>320,651</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>370,069</b>	<b>153,098</b>	<b>(140,718)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>382,449</b>

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs**

Notes to the accounts  
for the year ended  
31 December 2024

**14 Movements in funds (continued)**

Purposes of Restricted Funds:

Restricted funds fall into two groups:

New building funds

These funds relate to major planned building projects on the relevant sites. Expenditure has been incurred in advance of fundraising, for example on fees, hence these funds are currently in deficit.

The PCC anticipates that as the projects progress funds will become available to cover these costs.

Other funds

These represent funds where income has been gifted or raised for a specific purpose. In some cases a transfer is made from general funds to cover a shortfall in income. In the case of the Charity Fund the PCC has determined to transfer into this fund a sum equivalent to 5% of its unrestricted income, which is then given to various charitable causes alongside money raised from specific appeals.

Purposes of Designated Funds:

The major fund represents the value attributed to St. Mildred's House. The PCC are not aware of any restrictions arising from the original transfer of the house to the parish but for clarity consider that the property value should be included separately to the remainder of the PCC's funds.

Other designated funds have been raised or ear-marked for a purpose or project.

No verbal or written restriction is in force. With the completion of the purpose or project, funds will return to the general fund.

The church purchased 100 chairs, spending the restricted funds. As the chairs were capitalised, the net value after depreciation should be included separately to the remainder of the PCC's funds, so it was transferred to designated accounts.

Purposes of Endowment Funds:

The fund represents an endowment where the capital must be retained by the PCC but the income may be used for any general purpose of the PCC. Income from the fund is therefore included as part of the general fund.



