

**WOOD GREEN TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Aim and purposes

Wood Green Team Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Revd Ian Booth, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship with us and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture and music and sacrament.

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 supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Missionary and outreach work

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric and improve the facilities of our buildings.

Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

Up until March 2020 the worship and prayer life of the parish had settled into the patterns established the previous year as noted in red. As with last year, there has been an increase in the liturgical life of the parish and those joining us. Morning and evening prayer are offered daily, the usual Sunday services at 8.30am said Mass, 10.30am Parish Mass and the addition of 6.30pm Benediction mark the Lord's day. A full pattern of worship is offered throughout the week with Masses offered on Sunday Parish Eucharist 11am and Tuesday at St Michael at Bowes and Wednesday, Thursday evening holy hour, Friday and Saturday at St Michael's Wood Green. All major holy days are kept and these are advertised on notice boards and on social media. Lent and Advent study groups have also been introduced. It is regrettable that the pandemic saw the cessation of many of our public acts of worship, but we were able to offer services of prayer and spiritual communion online via our Facebook page and YouTube channel which was well received.

Pastoral care

The Incumbent regular takes communion to the house bound and those who are sick. Hospital visits are made when appropriate and care of the bereaved is offered before and after funerals. The Incumbent makes himself available after every service should people need to talk and a Saturday morning surgery operates for those seeking Baptism and Marriage enquiries, Confession or prayer. In July 2019 our Curate Fr Andy Coates who assists with all aspects of parish life and pastoral care was ordained into the priesthood. Again due to the legal requirements set out by the government it was difficult to offer face to face pastoral care so much of it moved over to telephone conversations. As part of our commitment to the parish a weekly email was sent out to all on the electoral roll and the clergy made weekly phone calls covering all those whose details we hold.

Mission and evangelism

A further casualty of the pandemic was the closure of our schools and our Sunday School. Confirmation classes were also put on hold also. We have been unable to operate our much loved drop-in or the Thursday afternoon Safe Haven. We hope to restore these once the lockdown eases completely. Our Sunday School (St Michael's Followers) attracts a good number of children many of whom are then prepared for Confirmation. Confirmation classes are led by the Rector and the curate with assistance from a member of the Church family. We have a good team of servers in their early teens and twenties who assist at the Parish Mass.

A drop-in operates on Wednesday which offers a simple meal, free of charge to those in need.

On Thursday afternoons a Youth Group runs from 3pm – 5pm offering a place of fun and security to children from Year6 upwards.

Deanery synod

A newly constituted synod was formed over the past year with East and West Haringey being combined into one deanery. 3 members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod and this provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church.

Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £154,656 of which £31,591 was recovered in gift aid from a backlog of claims and £15,902 was income from solar panels relating to previous years. Total payments on unrestricted funds amounted to £71,046 of which £10,000 was contributed to the London Diocesan Common Fund.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £83,610 on unrestricted funds. The balance to carry forward at 31 December 2020 on unrestricted funds was £175,694.

The balance to carry forward on restricted funds at 31 December 2020 was £20,272.

Reserves policy

It is the PCC policy to maintain the recommended balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. The cash balance on the unrestricted funds at the year-end is well in excess of this figure.

Volunteers

As with much else this year we have been unable to utilise our volunteer base as almost all activities in and around the Church have had to cease until further notice. Our volunteers remain keen however and are making plans for activities to resume when we are able to do so.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral role of the church. Members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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. New members have some induction and are made aware of their responsibilities.

The full PCC met fortnightly over the period of lockdown via Zoom to simply keep in touch and to ensure that any matters arising can be addressed. The average level of attendance at PCC meetings during the year was 92%.

Administrative information

The Wood Green Team is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England. The correspondence address is the Church Office, 1A Selbourne Road, London N22 7TL. The PCC is a corporate body (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011), and, from 28 July 2009, is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under charity registration number 1130781. Registration is in the name of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Michael, Wood Green with St Gabriel, Bounds Green and St Michael-at-Bowes.

The PCC members who have served during the year were as follows:

Incumbent:

Revd Ian Booth

Wardens:

Linda Bennet

Norma Walkes

Deanery synod:

Bisi Sanu

Norma Wilkes

Linda Bennett

Elected members:

Derrick Brown

David Ogufere

Elizabeth Ennin-Gyasi

Yvonne Graham

Festus Kuye

Dominic Rowlands

Beverley Beckett

Georgie Brown

Mitzi Gardier

Patricia Blalock

Carol Singh

Adrian Broomes

Approved by the PCC on 30 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I Booth', written over a horizontal line.

Revd Ian Booth

WOOD GREEN TEAM
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total 2020 | Total 2019 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Receipts | | | | |
| Voluntary receipts | 93,531 | 1,251 | 94,782 | 55,200 |
| Activities for generating funds | | | | 1,259 |
| investment income | 94 | | 94 | 390 |
| Church activities | 61,031 | 9,082 | 70,113 | 91,745 |
| Total receipts | <u>154,656</u> | <u>10,333</u> | <u>164,989</u> | <u>148,594</u> |
| Payments | | | | |
| Church activities | 71,046 | 12,047 | 83,093 | 166,101 |
| Total payments | <u>71,046</u> | <u>12,047</u> | <u>83,093</u> | <u>166,101</u> |
| Excess of payments over receipts | 83,610 | (1,714) | 81,896 | (17,507) |
| Cash at bank, 1 January 2020 | <u>92,084</u> | <u>21,986</u> | <u>114,070</u> | <u>131,577</u> |
| Cash at bank, 31 December 2020 | <u>175,694</u> | <u>20,272</u> | <u>195,966</u> | <u>114,070</u> |

WOOD GREEN TEAM**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total 2020 | Total 2019 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash funds | | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 175,694 | 20,272 | 195,966 | 114,070 |

Gift aid

The amount of gift aid to be recovered as at 31 December 2020 is estimated at £4,900 (£30,309).

Notes:

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. No cost has been attributed to the hall at St Michael's Wood Green as no record of the cost exists and the site has been held for many years.

3. Movement of reserves

| | Bal b/fwd | Receipts | Payments | Bal c/fwd |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| Education | 3,824 | | | 3,824 |
| Germany trip | 12,542 | 9,082 | 12,047 | 9,577 |
| Madrid Pilgrimage | 517 | | | 517 |
| Youth Centre / worker | 5,103 | 1,251 | | 6,354 |
| | 21,986 | 10,333 | 12,047 | 20,272 |
| General fund | 92,084 | 154,656 | 71,046 | 175,694 |
| | 114,070 | 164,989 | 83,093 | 195,966 |

4. Giving through planned giving and offerings includes approx. £5,000 received from PCC members.

5. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, for a considerable part of 2020, the church and halls have been closed or offering limited access. As a result, expenditure and receipts have varied from what would normally be expected. The results for 2021 will be similarly effected.

Approved by the PCC on 30 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by :



Revd Ian Booth

WOOD GREEN TEAM**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total 2020 | Total 2019 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Receipts | | | | |
| Voluntary income | | | | |
| Planned giving and offerings | 35,433 | | 35,433 | 51,186 |
| Gift aid recovered | 31,591 | | 31,591 | |
| Donations, candles and other income | 26,507 | 1,251 | 27,758 | 2,724 |
| Grants | | | | 1,290 |
| | <u>93,531</u> | <u>1,251</u> | <u>94,782</u> | <u>55,200</u> |
| Activities for generating funds | | | | |
| Fundraising | | | | 1,259 |
| | | | | <u>1,259</u> |
| Income from church activities | | | | |
| Church hall letting - nursery school | 21,000 | | 21,000 | 21,000 |
| Church hall lettings - other | 24,084 | | 24,084 | 52,865 |
| Income from solar panels | 15,902 | | 15,902 | |
| Germany trip | | 9,082 | 9,082 | 15,982 |
| PCC fees from weddings and funerals | 45 | | 45 | 1,898 |
| | <u>61,031</u> | <u>9,082</u> | <u>70,113</u> | <u>91,745</u> |
| Payments | | | | |
| Church activities | | | | |
| Charitable giving | 600 | | 600 | 600 |
| Diocesan Common Fund | 10,000 | | 10,000 | 67,500 |
| Expenses of clergy | 1,155 | | 1,155 | 2,787 |
| Visiting speakers | | | | 300 |
| Church running costs and maintenance | 10,040 | | 10,040 | 29,709 |
| Church major repairs | | | | 5,272 |
| Clergy houses water | 857 | | 857 | 837 |
| Hall running expenses and maintenance | 41,620 | | 41,620 | 41,686 |
| Germany trip | | 12,047 | 12,047 | 8,300 |
| Mini bus costs | 1,209 | | 1,209 | 1,000 |
| Upkeep of services | 3,775 | | 3,775 | 5,500 |
| Administration | 1,790 | | 1,790 | 2,110 |
| Book-keeping services | | | | 500 |
| | <u>71,046</u> | <u>12,047</u> | <u>83,093</u> | <u>166,101</u> |

Note: In certain instances the figures above for 2020 may not be comparable with those showing for 2019.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF WOOD GREEN TEAM**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:

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

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.



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30 May 2021