

WOOD GREEN TEAM ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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

It has been an encouraging year and although we have lost 14 members of the Church family through death, we have also seen an increase of new people through the doors. Some of our major services such as Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and St Michael's Day have seen attendance back to pre-pandemic days. We have much to build on as we enter St Michael's 180th year of consecration. We continue with a full pattern of daily worship and prayer and have made the conscious decision to cease online worship with the hope that those yet to return to worship will now feel confident to do so. The Church doors are open daily at regular times and we are pleased to see people making use of that opportunity amidst a busy community. Morning and Evening prayer are offered daily and the Eucharist is celebrated daily across the Wood Green Team

Pastoral care

The Rector and Team Vicar offer the full range of pastoral care and their numbers are displayed and readily available for those in need of pastoral care. Visits to the hospitals and those ill at home continue without the constraints imposed by the pandemic. The clergy keep in touch with the parish via a weekly parish email and 200 letters are not sent out every week.

Mission and evangelism

We are now preparing for St Michael's 180th celebration of consecration. Events across the Wood Green Team are being planned and we are using this as a fresh opportunity to reach out into the surrounding community. Our work with Schools continues and both the Rector and the Team Vicar are involved with weekly acts of collective worship. In addition there have been a number of visits to the churches from other schools within the parish boundary. Our Sunday School "followers" continues to encourage our younger members and watching our children grow in confidence week by week is a real joy. Messy Church plays a huge role in our sister Church and is encouraging young families especially amongst the Turkish speaking community. The Wednesday 'drop-in' continues and is back to full numbers attending. This provides a gentle introduction to the church family, and many have joined us in church via the drop-in. Our work with teenagers has grown significantly and have included some incredible moments over the last year. This includes Sunday morning take-over, when the 'Youth Council' took charge of the worship on Mothering Sunday and the feast of the Transfiguration. The Youth Council also visited the Houses of Parliament and had a Q & A session with our local MP. The teenagers make up most of our serving team and our younger children aspire to be like them. We have a newly formed women's prayer group called Agape and a Men's breakfast group where discussions are held about living the Christian life.

Deanery synod

Haringey Deanery Synod meet three times over the last year.

Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds was £173,082. Total payments on unrestricted funds amounted to £153,895 of which £50,000 was contributed to the London Diocesan Common Fund.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £19,187 on unrestricted funds. The balance to carry forward at 31 December 2023 on unrestricted funds was £182,367.

The balance to carry forward on restricted funds at 31 December 2023 is unchanged at £19,343.

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

In total we have 20 volunteers who assist with the running of the parish in a variety of ways. Finance team, social and fund-raising team, safe-guarding team, ministry team all have volunteers and all have undergone DBS checks and safe-guarding training

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 roll 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 PCC met on 6 occasions during the year. The average level of attendance at PCC meetings during the year was 72%.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Our parish Safe-guarding officer (PSO) is Tendy Lindsay and Carol Booth is our Children's Champion. Both have undertaken additional training during the year. We have an excellent relationship with our Diocesan Safe-guarding officer and she has attended a PCC meeting and a Safe-guarding committee meeting. Her advice has proved very helpful in some situations and she also keeps a close watch on our parish dashboard.

The PCC believes that it has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

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
Team Vicar:
Engin Yildirim
Wardens:
Linda Bennett
Norma Walkes
Deanery synod:
Bisi Sanu
Norma Walkes
Linda Bennett

Elected members:
Derrick Brown
Elizabeth Ennin-Gyasi
Yvonne Graham
Festus Kuye
Mitzi Gardier
Adrian Broomes
Eula Allen
Sunny Walker-Keir
Tendy Lindsay
Jeannette Descouneau
Patricia Blalock

Approved by the PCC on 9 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Revd Ian Booth

WOOD GREEN TEAM
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Receipts				
Voluntary receipts	74,181		74,181	60,965
investment income	1,201		1,201	118
Church activities	97,700		97,700	97,472
Total receipts	<u>173,082</u>		<u>173,082</u>	<u>158,555</u>
Payments				
Church activities	153,895		153,895	154,213
Total payments	<u>153,895</u>		<u>153,895</u>	<u>154,213</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	19,187		19,187	4,342
Cash at bank, 1 January 2023	<u>163,180</u>	<u>19,343</u>	<u>182,523</u>	<u>178,181</u>
Cash at bank, 31 December 2023	<u>182,367</u>	<u>19,343</u>	<u>201,710</u>	<u>182,523</u>

WOOD GREEN TEAM**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Cash funds				
Cash at bank and in hand	182,367	19,343	201,710	182,523

Gift aid

The amount of gift aid to be recovered as at 31 December 2023 is estimated at
£25,000.00

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	2,042			2,042
Madrid Pilgrimage	517			517
Children's work	2,064			2,064
Administrator	4,542			4,542
Youth Centre / worker	6,354			6,354
	19,343			19,343
General fund	163,180			163,180
	182,523			182,523

4. Giving through planned giving and offerings includes £4,440 received from PCC members.

Approved by the PCC on 9 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by :

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Revd Ian Booth

WOOD GREEN TEAM**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Receipts				
Voluntary income				
Planned giving, offerings and other giving	63,125		63,125	46,498
Gift aid recovered	2,000		2,000	0
Grants	9,056		9,056	13,467
	<u>74,181</u>		<u>74,181</u>	<u>60,965</u>
Income from church activities				
Church hall letting - nursery school	42,872		42,872	28,200
Church hall lettings - other	51,960		51,960	59,889
Income from solar panels	2,817		2,817	3,069
Germany trip	0		0	4,332
PCC fees from weddings and funerals	51		51	1,982
	<u>97,700</u>		<u>97,700</u>	<u>97,472</u>
Payments				
Church activities				
Charitable giving	600		600	600
Diocesan Common Fund	50,000		50,000	50,000
Expenses of clergy	1,179		1,179	3,191
Church and hall costs:				
Electricity and gas	39,107			
Water	1,059			
Insurance	13,513			
Waste removal	4,141			
Repairs and maintenance	<u>17,984</u>	75,804	75,804	66,360
Clergy houses water	1,520		1,520	1,247
Germany trip	0		0	11,867
Mini bus costs	3,964		3,964	865
Upkeep of services	7,042		7,042	6,695
Administration	3,669		3,669	2,435
Administrator cost	4,770		4,770	8,929
Fees paid to LDF	0		0	884
Professional fees	5,347		5,347	1,140
	<u>153,895</u>		<u>153,895</u>	<u>154,213</u>

Note: In certain instances the figures above for 2023 may not be comparable with those showing for 2022.

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 2023, 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.

Roger J Seaton FCA
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27 September 2024