

**WOOD GREEN TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**

What an exciting year we have had at St Michaels. We celebrated with great joy our 180th year of consecration with a number of additional services culminating in our festival on St Michael's Day 29th September 2024. This gave us an opportunity to reach out to the wider community and welcome back old members and a number of Schools. As a result this has generated an influx of new people to the Church and I am delighted to see them taking on roles within the congregation. Our major celebrations of Christmas, Easter, Pentecost have again been well attended and our Advent and Lent groups have been well received. We have now stopped all 'online services' and encouraged those who used them to attend once again which has also had some success. We have two additional clergy who joined us in July 2024, a Curate in training and a newly ordained retired Priest. This is a welcome addition to a busy Wood Green Team and has opened up ministries of prayer and anointing every Sunday, which has been well received. The Church is opened daily for morning and evening prayer and the Mass is celebrated daily in the team.

Pastoral care

The Rector, Team Vicar, Curate and assistant Priest continue to offer a full range of pastoral care and their details are readily available. We continue to provide a weekly parish email (200 on the mailing list), which has a thought and prayer for the week as well as information and notices of all that is going on. We have been able to increase home visits and can regularly be seen in our local hospitals, schools and Foodbank (which operates from the Church hall).

Mission and evangelism

Our weekly drop-in continues to provide food, warmth and hospitality to those who attend and continues to be a gentle opportunity for people to experience life at St Michaels. The 'Followers' Sunday School provides weekly teaching to our young people all based on the Gospel. It is thrilling for both children and the Church family when at the end of the service the children take the microphone to deliver a 'show and tell', this gives them confidence to read in church and many have gone on to become servers in their teenage years. Messy Church plays a vital role at our sister church of St Michael at Bowes, this gentle approach is well received by both the English speaking and the Turkish community. The Turkish Church run by the Team Vicar is producing candidates for Baptism and Confirmation.

The Youth Council continues to grow and once again they were invited back to Parliament, this time to meet Baroness Floella Benjamin in the House of Lords. A day they will never forget. Our teenagers also take part in services and lead Stations of the Cross for the congregation. Bible studies, prayer groups and men's breakfast club all contribute to the mission of the parish and we are very thankful for all they do.

Deanery synod

Haringey deanery synod met 3 times over the year and the meetings centred on meeting and welcoming the new Bishop of Edmonton, and issues surrounding racial awareness as well as an overview of the common fund and parish share. After serving for 7.5 years the Area Dean stood down and a new Area Dean was to be sought.

Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds was £189,837. Total payments on unrestricted funds amounted to £213,464 of which £60,000 was contributed to the London Diocesan Common Fund.

The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts of £23,627 on unrestricted funds. The balance to carry forward at 31 December 2024 on unrestricted funds was £158,740.

The balance to carry forward on restricted funds at 31 December 2024 increased to £21,448.

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 19 volunteers who assist with the running of the parish in a variety of ways. Finance team, social and fund-raising team, safeguarding committee, ministry team all have volunteers and have current DBS and on-line safeguarding opportunities.

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 PCC met on 6 occasions during the year. The average level of attendance at PCC meetings during the year was 79%.

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 valuable. The clergy have recently undergone leadership safeguard training.

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

Tendy Lindsay

Patricia Blalock

Approved by the PCC on 8 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Revd Ian Booth

WOOD GREEN TEAM
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Receipts				
Voluntary receipts	81,853		81,853	74,181
Church activities	105,953	6,955	112,908	97,700
investment income	2,031		2,031	1,201
Total receipts	<u>189,837</u>	<u>6,955</u>	<u>196,792</u>	<u>173,082</u>
Payments				
Church activities	213,464	4,850	218,314	153,895
Total payments	<u>213,464</u>	<u>4,850</u>	<u>218,314</u>	<u>153,895</u>
Excess of payments over receipts	(23,627)	2,105	(21,522)	19,187
Cash at bank, 1 January 2024	<u>182,367</u>	<u>19,343</u>	<u>201,710</u>	<u>182,523</u>
Cash at bank, 31 December 2024	<u>158,740</u>	<u>21,448</u>	<u>180,188</u>	<u>201,710</u>

WOOD GREEN TEAM**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Cash funds				
Cash at bank and in hand	158,740	21,448	180,188	201,710

Gift aid

The amount of gift aid to be recovered as at 31 December 2024 is estimated at £16,0000.

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. An amount of £12,500 was received from London Diocese in November 2024 of which 50% is grant and 50% is loan. The loan of £6,250 is repayable from November 2025 at £251 per month.

4. Movement of reserves

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
Restricted funds				
Education	3,824			3,824
Travel and tours	2,559	6,955	4,850	4,664
Children's work	2,064			2,064
Administrators	4,542			4,542
Youth Centre / worker	6,354			6,354
	19,343	6,955	4,850	21,448
General fund	182,367	189,827	213,464	158,740
	201,710	196,792	218,314	180,188

5. Giving through planned giving and offerings includes £6,500 received from PCC members.

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Revd Ian Booth

WOOD GREEN TEAM**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
Receipts			
Voluntary income			
Planned giving and offerings	58,308		58,308
Donations	7,502		7,502
Candles	1,281		1,281
Gift aid recovered	2,262		2,262
Grant / loan from London Diocese	12,500		12,500
	<u>81,853</u>		<u>81,853</u>
Income from church activities			
Church hall letting - nursery school	31,800		31,800
Church hall lettings - other	64,987		64,987
Fundraising	7,308		7,308
Travel and tours		6,955	6,955
PCC fees from weddings and funerals	1,858		1,858
	<u>105,953</u>	<u>6,955</u>	<u>112,908</u>
Payments			
Church activities			
Diocesan Common Fund	60,000		60,000
Expenses of clergy	4,108		4,108
Church and hall costs:			
Electricity and gas	30,599		
Water	2,284		
Insurance	12,366		
Waste removal	5,003		
Repairs and maintenance	<u>16,071</u>	66,323	66,323
Major repair works	57,671		57,671
Architect's fees	12,332		12,332
Travel and tours		4,850	4,850
Mini bus costs	1,269		1,269
Services and events	8,142		8,142
Administration	2,237		2,237
Charitable giving	675		675
Bank charges	707		707
	<u>213,464</u>	<u>4,850</u>	<u>218,314</u>

Note: The figures for 2023 are not shown as in many instances they are not comparable with those showing for 2024.

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 2024, 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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9 April 2025