

RECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

Another happy year has flown by at St Leonard's. As I write I am mindful that this is my seventh APCM and yet I continue to feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude for this community and a sense of anticipation about all that lies ahead in the year to come. At the back of this booklet is a copy of our Mission Action Plan, which sets out our priorities as a church and the progress we have made in each of these areas during 2023. It is a particular joy to me that we have appointed a Youth Work Apprentice this year to support and develop our work with young people at St Leonard's. When I arrived, there was no youth group at St Leonard's, as I write there are 35 young people on the books at Pulse, along with 22 Choristers, 28 children registered with Childrens Church and 30+ attending Toddler Church. This is a remarkable achievement, and my heartfelt thanks goes to all those who enable our work with children and young people to flourish.

Having said that, this booklet reflects the huge amount of energy, commitment and generosity that is shown by so many of you in so many different ways. Thank you to every single person who has contributed in any way.

For several years we have been working towards the return of our Church Hall to our care. In September we took back the upper floors and have had an outstanding contractor working on the refurbishment since September. There will be a lovely three-bedroom flat ready for tenants later this year, and we already have a superb Upper Hall facility now in use. On 18th April our lease with The Spires ends and the main hall becomes ours once again. The Spires will continue to use the Main Hall two mornings a week and we have a range of community groups and classes ready to start once we have redecorated. We are preparing a number of funding bids to help with the refurbishment of the hall in the months to come, not least to improve the toilet facilities and make the hall more sustainable. This development comes at a perfect time for St Leonard's as it will enable us to develop and deepen our community outreach, strengthen our current work, and generate much needed income. It's a game changer!

This year Eileen, our Parish Administrator, took maternity leave (we welcomed Ada into the world in November) and Barbara Booth stepped into her role, as well as starting as our PCC secretary. Barbara has done an extraordinary job of keeping the administration of the Parish afloat and we are so thankful for all she continues to do for St Leonard's.

I would like to thank the PCC for their incredible support this year, it is a wonderful team who have brought wisdom and courage to the decision-making table. This year we are losing several members who have served their term, and we look forward to welcoming newcomers and the insights they will bring.

I am indebted to Sien Yin, our Treasurer who brings a level of efficiency, and expertise that has transformed our finances and has made it possible to not only 'keep the show on the road' but also plan for future challenges.

Grateful thanks also go to Moyra and Nick, the very best of Church Wardens, without whose support I simply couldn't survive!

Worship remains at the very heart of what we exist for, and I am enormously grateful to Calum and his team for blessing us week by week with a quality of music that brings joy and strength to our faith.

We are also richly blessed by the assisting Clergy and Lay ministers who lead us in worship, prayer, open the scriptures to us and help us to grow together in Faith, Hope and Love.

Thank you all; It continues to be the greatest privilege of my life to serve as your Rector.

With my love and prayers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna', with a stylized, cursive script.

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

How is it that each year passes faster than the one before? At the last APCM we said a fond farewell (and huge thank you) to Sue Kearton for her 2-year tenure as churchwarden. Sue is replaced by Nick Turner.

Fareed Fetto has now taken on the role of sides person coordinator with the assistance of Liz Urben. Together they have organised a robust rota and streamlined the activities of the wonderful sides people, without all of whom our main services would not run so smoothly – thank you everyone.

The live streaming and sound team is expanding as Nick spearheads the training of some of the younger members of our congregation in this important role – thank you to everyone involved.

Open Church continues on Monday and Wednesday, with church watchers being John Brown and friends and Bob Edmonson and Andrew Johnson respectively. And, as part of this, they are the 'keepers of the bins' – out on Monday back on Wednesday – thank you gentlemen. Volunteers to Open Church on other days would be most welcome – let us know if you are interested.

The church buildings and churchyard continue to exercise us, especially the church hall where work has begun preparing the upstairs space, recently vacated by Spires, into a meeting room and flat. Our new architect is Tim Gough and Caroline Leveaux continues as our mistress of faculties and grant applications!

Church Hall maintenance issues continue – a new heating system was installed and we await Spires vacating in April 2024, when more extensive work will start (although Spires will then become one of our main rental tenants of the hall).

The church itself has been less of a maintenance issue this year and the Maintenance Group have been busy with gutter clearance and minor works. Work on fixing the damp patch on the wall near to the piano on the south wall is also underway.

The churchyard is looking lovely with more bulbs being planted. A Working Party spent a fun Saturday morning clearing the overgrowth and the sea scouts painted the railings. Steff Bradley continues to successfully liaise with Lambeth Landscapes (the council) for us.

The organ is getting regular tuning/voicing and our manual piano has been replaced by a digital instrument, which has made life easier for playing music for funerals/special services and for moving it safely.

Huge thanks to Sue and Phil Heeley who are stepping back from their roles of arranging visits by various firms to check rodents, the mobile phone arial, etc etc as Eileen in the office has taken on this responsibility. However, Eileen is currently on maternity leave and so we have the wonderful Barbara Booth who, as well as being PCC secretary, volunteers in the office and has taken over until Eileen returns after baby Ada!

The 'Curate's House' in Aldrington Road has been rented out to a family since early 2023 and Aiden Schulkes continues to oversee this arrangement.

We must not forget the many many other people who help quietly behind the scenes to enable our worship. We thank them sincerely.

Finally, as ever our heartfelt thanks go to Canon Anna who is inspirational as our indefatigable rector.

Moyra Heggie and Nick Turner, Churchwardens

Charity Number: 1131422

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2023

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Other incoming resources	2(f)	2,753	0	2,753	288
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RESOURCES EXPENDED					
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Designated funds	3(d)	700	4,698	5,398	17,110
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NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		52,382	27,516	79,898	22,711
DEFERRED INCOME		-5,000	5,000	0	0
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2023		199,767	28,009	227,776	205,065
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2023		247,149	60,525	307,674	227,776

The Parochial Church Council of St Leonard, Streatham

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

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CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	5	18,176	18,761
Investments	7	30,000	30,000
Short term deposits		106,347	56,251
Cash at bank		176,119	152,221
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LIABILITIES: AMOUNT FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
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Trade creditors	6	1,284	2,365
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CURRENT LIABILITIES			
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NET CURRENT ASSETS			
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The notes on pages 4 to 7 form part of these accounts.

The accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

Rector

Date

Alma Walker

10 TH MARCH 2024

Treasurer

Date

Sheela

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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The accounts have been prepared under the accruals accounting basis.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	2023	2023	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Unrestricted	Restricted	FUNDS	FUNDS
	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£

2(a) Incoming resources from donors

Planned giving:-

Gift Aid and Envelope donations	67,219	0	67,219	71,954
Income tax recoverable	22,924	0	22,924	22,643
Collections (open plate) at all services	28,378	0	28,378	17,658
	118,521	0	118,521	112,255

2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources

Donations, appeals, legacy etc	41,354	0	41,354	24,700
Youth and toddler group	0	20,000	20,000	240
Henry Smith Charity	0	12,400	12,400	12,400
Youth Apprentice Programme	0	0	0	0
Music Fund re Children's Choir	0	8,949	8,949	500
Choral Scholarship	0	549	549	7,883
In/Out Funds	0	1,080	1,080	575
	41,354	42,978	84,332	46,298

2(c) Income from operating activities to further the

Council's objects:-

Fees(weddings, funerals)	3,419	0	3,419	3,385
Aldrington Road Rent	24,200	0	24,200	18,299
Church hire	7,943	0	7,943	5,804
Church hall insurance contribution	2,351	0	2,351	2,750
Church hall rent	23,008	0	23,008	25,000
	60,921	0	60,921	55,238

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For the year ended 31 December 2023

		2023	2023	TOTAL	TOTAL
		Unrestricted	Restricted	FUNDS	FUNDS
		Funds	Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
2(d)	Income from operating activities to generate funds:-				
	Telephone mast rental	33,720	0	33,720	28,264
		33,720	0	33,720	28,264
2(e)	Income from investments				
	Dividends and interest including any reclaimable tax	5,468	138	5,606	1,570
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2(f)	Other incoming resources				
	Short Term Rental from Pines and Needles	2,350	0	2,350	0
	Tea and coffee	403	0	403	288
		2,753	0	2,753	288
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	262,737	43,116	305,853	243,913
3	RESOURCES EXPENDED				
3(a)	Activities directly relating to the work of the Church				
	Ministry: Quota	62,500	0	62,500	82,500
	Assigned fees	1,036	0	1,036	990
	Mission Action Plan	2,461	0	2,461	628
	Curate and ministry team expenses	421	0	421	902
	Church running expenses:				
	Insurance	9,330	0	9,330	9,462
	Gas, electricity and water	28,660	0	28,660	16,436
	Church maintenance	9,091	0	9,091	13,335
	Upkeep of services:-				
	Altar requirements	2,750	0	2,750	2,464
	Music expenses	12,495	700	13,195	8,513
	Children's church	188	0	188	271
	Sundry (candle box, book of remembrance)	191	0	191	63
	Organist stipend	6,699	0	6,699	7,179
	Legal expenses	2,422	0	2,422	0
	Director of music stipend	9,639	0	9,639	10,119
	Major works	45,246	0	45,246	19,496
	SUB-TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	193,129	700	193,829	172,358

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		2023	2023	TOTAL	TOTAL
		Unrestricted	Restricted	FUNDS	FUNDS
		Funds	Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
3	RESOURCES EXPENDED				
3(b)	Church management and administration				
	Photocopier costs	1,430	0	1,430	1,333
	Other costs including telephone	3,513	0	3,513	3,933
	Tea and coffee	750	0	750	591
	Independent examiner's fees	444	0	444	492
	Parish secretary	7,693	0	7,693	5,549
	Charitable donations	250	0	250	760
		14,080	0	14,080	12,658
3(c)	Cost of generating funds				
	Aldrington Road expenses	1,674	0	1,674	12,311
	Advertising and fund raising costs	772	0	772	412
		2,446	0	2,446	12,723
3(d)	Designated funds				
	Youth and toddler group	700	350	1,050	1,115
	Rector's Discretionary Hardship Expenses	0	43	43	2,109
	Choral Scholarship	0	4,200	4,200	6,250
	Parish Missioner	0	0	0	7,631
	Freedom Club	0	105	105	5
		700	4,698	5,398	17,110
3(e)	Grants:				
	Missionary and charitable giving				
	In/Out funds (Home):-				
	Lent Appeal	0	0	0	0
	Christian Aid	0	1,080	1,080	375
	Children's Society	0	0	0	0
	Other charities	0	0	0	200
	Henry Smith Charity	0	9,122	9,122	5,778
		0	10,202	10,202	6,353
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	210,355	15,600	225,955	221,202

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4	ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND				2023	2023	TOTAL
					Unrestricted	Restricted	FUNDS
					Funds	Funds	2023
					£	£	£
	Current assets				261,428	69,214	330,642
	Streatham Senior Connections				0	-3,239	-3,239
	Trade creditors				-1,284	0	-1,284
	Other Current Liabilities				-12,995	-5,450	-18,445
					247,149	60,525	307,674
5	DEBTORS					2023	2022
						£	£
	Income tax recoverable					4,762	3,901
	Prepayments					4,809	5,201
	Other debtors					8,605	9,659
						18,176	18,761
6	LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR						
	Streatham Senior Connections					3,239	3,477
	Trade creditors					1,284	2,365
	Accruals and deferred income					18,445	23,615
						22,968	29,457
7	INVESTMENTS						
	10,928.96 shares in the CBF Church of England						
	Global Equity Income Fund - market value at year end was £33,071.03					30,000	30,000

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3(b)	Church management and administration				
	Photocopier costs	1,430	0	1,430	1,333
	Other costs including telephone	3,513	0	3,513	3,933
	Tea and coffee	750	0	750	591
	Independent examiner's fees	444	0	444	492
	Parish secretary	7,693	0	7,693	5,549
	Charitable donations	250	0	250	760
		14,080	0	14,080	12,658
3(c)	Cost of generating funds				
	Aldington Road expenses	1,674	0	1,674	12,311
	Advertising and fund raising costs	772	0	772	412
		2,446	0	2,446	12,723
3(d)	Designated funds				
	Youth and toddler group	700	350	1,050	1,115
	Rector's Discretionary Hardship Expenses	0	43	43	2,109
	Choral Scholarship	0	4,200	4,200	6,250
	Parish Missioner	0	0	0	7,631
	Freedom Club	0	105	105	5
		700	4,698	5,398	17,110
3(e)	Grants:				
	Missionary and charitable giving				
	In/Out funds (Home):-				
	Lent Appeal	0	0	0	0
	Christian Aid	0	1,080	1,080	375
	Children's Society	0	0	0	0
	Other charities	0	0	0	200
	Henry Smith Charity	0	9,122	9,122	5,778
		0	10,202	10,202	6,353
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	210,355	15,600	225,955	221,202

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4	ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND				2023	2023	TOTAL
					Unrestricted	Restricted	FUNDS
					Funds	Funds	2023
					£	£	£
	Current assets				261,428	69,214	330,642
	Streatham Senior Connections				0	-3,239	-3,239
	Trade creditors				-1,284	0	-1,284
	Other Current Liabilities				-12,995	-5,450	-18,445
					247,149	60,525	307,674

5	DEBTORS	2023		2022	
		£		£	
	Income tax recoverable		4,762		3,901
	Prepayments		4,809		5,201
	Other debtors		8,605		9,659
			18,176		18,761

6	LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2023		2022	
		£		£	
	Streatham Senior Connections		3,239		3,477
	Trade creditors		1,284		2,365
	Accruals and deferred income		18,445		23,615
			22,968		29,457

7	INVESTMENTS	2023		2022	
		£		£	
	10,928.96 shares in the CBF Church of England				
	Global Equity Income Fund - market value at year end was £33,071.03		30,000		30,000