

**St Leonard's Church, Streatham.**

**Annual Report year end 2024**

**RECTOR'S REPORT**

*It is always a joy to settle down and read this annual booklet and this year is no exception.*

The reports that follow say everything you need to know about the way in which we are living out our vision to be a community of faith, hope and love, in the heart of Streatham. Although strictly speaking they should cover just up to the year end, they often spill over into the New Year as good news and wonderful achievements just keep coming! A fine example being our choir's visit to Southwark Cathedral in January. They sang beautifully, and it was a particular delight to see one former and two existing choristers singing with the adult choir; a real tribute to the valuable work Calum is doing with all our musicians. We said farewell to Travis Baker in June and welcomed our new Organist Dale DeWindt in the autumn. Dale is already adding terrific value to our flourishing music department.

Our work with Children and Young people continues to go from strength to strength, with Toddler Church, Pulse and Choristers experiencing further growth this year; the benefit of having Ela Yalcin as our Youth Worker is immeasurable. Our Freedom Club continues to provide a crucial place of belonging and friendship for the seniors in our community with a programme of events to make your head spin and it was a treat to enjoy a full roast Christmas lunch in the hall this year.

We have adopted a new mission partner 'New Generation' Burundi and celebrated both Safeguarding and Racial Justice Sundays. To mark the end of Black History month in October we enjoyed an African and Caribbean feast provided by the generosity of some of our GMH sisters. We are already looking forward to the next one!

These examples express just a fraction of the generosity of time, talent and resource that is given by so many people to make St Leonard's what it is; a remarkable church, brimming with life and love.

I am deeply grateful to you all and am so proud to be your Rector.

I cannot let this annual report go by without paying a heartfelt tribute to Moyra Heggie who has been a ferociously loyal, efficient and generous Church Warden for the past 6 years. I have loved every minute of working with Moyra and feel truly blessed to have had her at my side. We wish Moyra a well-earned rest as we release her from (some) of her duties!

With my love and prayers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna', written in a cursive style.

## CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

It has been another good year for your Church Wardens. Nick has been busy with lots of techy things like training volunteers for the live stream team and Moyra has continued her merry way meeting and greeting, although that concludes at this APCM.

The fantastic teams we work with at St Leonard's make the life of the church warden so much easier. The sides people have been magnificent, coordinated by Fareed's excellent organisational skills, and encouraging support. Thanks to all of you – Sundays, without you, would be unthinkable.

We have kept a watchful eye over the church buildings, including our wonderful hall and outside areas, and luckily, they haven't presented too many problems over the last year. In particular, it is exciting to see such progress being made in the church halls and with the flat being transformed, and we look forward to its imminent completion. The small meeting room is wonderful and well used, as is the hall, despite Spires relinquishing one of their two days since their lease ended. Richard's Streatham lunch club has become established on a Thursday, and we look forward to a Monday session in due course (double yum).

Constant minor maintenance has been undertaken by the stalwart Maintenance Team (you know who you are) and the work on the south wall seems to have solved the problem as the damp patch is drying out. The organ continues to have its regular checks, but the tower clock has been ailing – hopefully it will be functioning accurately soon.

Church Watch continued, on a Monday and Wednesday, with John Brown, Rob Edmondson, Andrew Johnson and the rest of the team – thank you gentlemen.

Eileen, back from maternity leave, has resumed holding the reins of the office, as well as coordinating hall bookings. And we must thank Barbara Booth for her sterling work keeping the office functioning when Eileen was away. Aiden liaises with us about the Curate's house, and Steff continues liaising with Ruth at Lambeth Landscapes about the churchyard.

Chris Shulkes is taking over the coordination of tellers – counting and banking cash donations – and Keith Riggs-Long has joined the team as caretaker/verger, again easing the workload on your wardens.

Without all of the volunteers at St Leonard's, very little would get done. But we don't take your volunteering for granted – we are profoundly grateful.

As we are to our wonderful Canon Anna, who leads us all so well. It is a struggle, but we do everything in our power to ensure she takes time to undertake granny duties for Christie, as well as having a little space for herself.

*Moyra Heggie & Nick Turner*

*Church Wardens*

A final thought! Collectively, we will be expressing our thanks at the APCM, but I will be eternally grateful to Moyra for holding the position of Church Warden for six years (two more than expected) and serving us so well throughout that time. Plus, she couldn't have been a better tutor to me over the last two years in how to be the perfect church warden. She will be sorely missed in her role, but is due a well-deserved rest. Thank you, Moyra. X

*Nick Turner Church Warden*

# **PARISH CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST LEONARD, STREATHAM**

**Charity Number: 1131422**

**Financial Statements for the  
Year ended 31 December 2024**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE  
PCC OF ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, STREATHAM**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 7, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

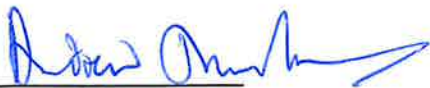
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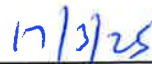
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- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations
- have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**ANDREW THURBURN**  
Chartered Accountant  
38 Tamworth Road  
Croydon, Surrey  
CR0 1XU



**Date**

# The Parochial Church Council of St Leonard, Streatham

## Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31 December 2024

		2024	2024	TOTAL	TOTAL
		Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
		Funds	Funds		
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Incoming resources from donors	2(a)	126,537	0	126,537	118,521
Other voluntary incoming resources	2(b)	6,258	20,871	27,129	84,332
Incoming resources from operating activities					
- to further the Council's objects	2(c)	70,249	0	70,249	60,921
- to generate funds	2(d)	31,197	0	31,197	33,720
Income from investments	2(e)	7,711	578	8,289	5,606
Other incoming resources	2(f)	1,518	0	1,518	2,753
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>243,470</b>	<b>21,449</b>	<b>264,919</b>	<b>305,853</b>
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<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3(a)	183,522	1,750	185,272	193,829
Church management and administration	3(b)	16,820	0	16,820	14,080
Cost of generating funds	3(c)	43,846	0	43,846	2,446
Designated funds	3(d)	0	19,723	19,723	5,398
Grants	3(e)	0	11,633	11,633	10,202
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>244,188</b>	<b>33,106</b>	<b>277,294</b>	<b>225,955</b>
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<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>-718</b>	<b>-11,657</b>	<b>-12,375</b>	<b>79,898</b>
<b>DEFERRED INCOME</b>		<b>-10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>INTER ACCOUNTS TRANSFER OF FUNDS</b>		<b>-14,839</b>	<b>14,839</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2024</b>		<b>247,149</b>	<b>60,525</b>	<b>307,674</b>	<b>227,776</b>
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2024</b>		<b>221,592</b>	<b>73,707</b>	<b>295,299</b>	<b>307,674</b>
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# **The Parochial Church Council of St Leonard, Streatham**

## **Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024**

		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Debtors and prepayments	5	13,889	18,176
Investments	7	30,000	30,000
Short term deposits		116,805	106,347
Cash at bank		170,658	176,119
		<b>331,352</b>	<b>330,642</b>
		=====	=====
<b>LIABILITIES: AMOUNT FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			
Streatham Senior Connections	6	2,882	3,239
Trade creditors	6	1,129	1,284
Creditors and accruals	6	32,042	18,445
		<b>36,053</b>	<b>22,968</b>
		=====	=====
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>36,053</b>	<b>22,968</b>
		=====	=====
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>295,299</b>	<b>307,674</b>
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>295,299</b>	<b>307,674</b>
		=====	=====
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>	4		
Unrestricted		221,592	247,149
Restricted		73,707	60,525
		<b>295,299</b>	<b>307,674</b>
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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

*Diana Walker*

Date

16.3.25

Treasurer

*Steve In*

Date

17.03.25



**The Parochial Church Council of St Leonard, Streatham**

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounts have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP FRS102.

The accounts have been prepared under the accruals accounting basis.

**2 INCOMING RESOURCES**

	2024	2024	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Unrestricted	Restricted	FUNDS	FUNDS
	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>2(a) Incoming resources from donors</b>				
Planned giving:-				
Gift Aid and Envelope donations	80,962	0	80,962	67,219
Income tax recoverable	21,243	0	21,243	22,924
Collections (open plate) at all services	24,332	0	24,332	28,378
	<b>126,537</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>126,537</b>	<b>118,521</b>
<b>2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources</b>				
Donations, appeals, legacy etc	6,258	0	6,258	41,354
Youth and toddler group	0	0	0	20,000
Henry Smith Charity	0	10,300	10,300	12,400
Youth Apprentice Programme	0	5,000	5,000	0
Music Fund re Children's Choir	0	0	0	8,949
Choral Scholarship	0	4,200	4,200	549
In/Out Funds	0	1,371	1,371	1,080
	<b>6,258</b>	<b>20,871</b>	<b>27,129</b>	<b>84,332</b>
<b>2(c) Income from operating activities to further the Council's objects:-</b>				
Fees(weddings, funerals)	2,069	0	2,069	3,419
Aldrington Road Rent	26,400	0	26,400	24,200
Church hire	9,613	0	9,613	7,943
Church hall insurance contribution	415	0	415	2,351
Church hall rent	31,752	0	31,752	23,008
	<b>70,249</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70,249</b>	<b>60,921</b>

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		2024	2024	TOTAL	TOTAL
		Unrestricted	Restricted	FUNDS	FUNDS
		Funds	Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
2(d)	Income from operating activities to generate funds:-				
	Telephone mast rental	31,197	0	31,197	33,720
		<b>31,197</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,197</b>	<b>33,720</b>
2(e)	Income from Investments				
	Dividends and interest including any reclaimable tax	7,711	578	8,289	5,606
		<b>7,711</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>8,289</b>	<b>5,606</b>
2(f)	Other incoming resources				
	Short Term Rental from Pines and Needles	1,300	0	1,300	2,350
	Tea and coffee	218	0	218	403
		<b>1,518</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>2,753</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>243,470</b>	<b>21,449</b>	<b>264,919</b>	<b>305,853</b>

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

3(a)	Activities directly relating to the work of the Church				
	Ministry: Quota	70,000	0	70,000	62,500
	Assigned fees	737	0	737	1,036
	Mission Action Plan	786	0	786	2,461
	Curate and ministry team expenses	35	0	35	421
	Church running expenses:				
	Insurance	9,024	0	9,024	9,330
	Gas, electricity and water	22,109	0	22,109	28,660
	Church maintenance	11,285	0	11,285	9,091
	Upkeep of services:-				
	Altar requirements	1,699	0	1,699	2,750
	Music expenses	6,598	1,650	8,248	13,195
	Children's church	546	0	546	188
	Sundry (candle box, book of remembrance)	165	100	265	191
	Organist stipend	5,581	0	5,581	6,699
	Legal expenses	544	0	544	2,422
	Director of music stipend	10,506	0	10,506	9,639
	Major works	43,907	0	43,907	45,246
	<b>SUB-TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>183,522</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>185,272</b>	<b>193,829</b>



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		2024	2024	TOTAL	TOTAL
		Unrestricted	Restricted	FUNDS	FUNDS
		Funds	Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
<b>3</b>	<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
3(b)	Church management and administration				
	Photocopier costs	1,254	0	1,254	1,430
	Other costs including telephone	4,395	0	4,395	3,513
	Tea and coffee	872	0	872	750
	Independent examiner's fees	456	0	456	444
	Parish secretary	9,401	0	9,401	7,693
	Charitable donations	442	0	442	250
		<b>16,820</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,820</b>	<b>14,080</b>
3(c)	Cost of generating funds				
	Aldrington Road expenses	843	0	843	1,674
	Advertising and fund raising costs	533	0	533	772
	Church hall expenses	35,978	0	35,978	0
	Church hall light, heat and water	6,492	0	6,492	0
		<b>43,846</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43,846</b>	<b>2,446</b>
3(d)	Designated funds				
	Youth and toddler group		7,991	7,991	1,050
	Youth apprentice programme		7,000	7,000	0
	Rector's Discretionary Hardship Expenses	0	316	316	43
	Choral Scholarship	0	4,400	4,400	4,200
	Freedom Club	0	16	16	105
		<b>0</b>	<b>19,723</b>	<b>19,723</b>	<b>5,398</b>
3(e)	Grants: Missionary and charitable giving				
	In/Out funds (Home):-				
	Lent Appeal	0	0	0	0
	Christian Aid	0	1,371	1,371	1,080
	Children's Society	0	0	0	0
	Other charities	0	0	0	0
	Henry Smith Charity	0	10,262	10,262	9,122
		<b>0</b>	<b>11,633</b>	<b>11,633</b>	<b>10,202</b>
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4	ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND	2024	2024	TOTAL
		Unrestricted	Restricted	FUNDS
		Funds	Funds	2024
		£	£	£
	Current assets	233,047	98,305	331,352
	Streatham Senior Connections	0	-2,882	-2,882
	Trade creditors	-1,130	0	-1,130
	Other Current Liabilities	-10,325	-21,716	-32,041
		<b>221,592</b>	<b>73,707</b>	<b>295,299</b>
5	DEBTORS	2024	2023	
		£	£	
	Income tax recoverable	1,025	4,762	
	Prepayments	4,922	4,809	
	Other debtors	7,942	8,605	
		<b>13,889</b>	<b>18,176</b>	
6	LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
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	Trade creditors	1,129	1,284	
	Accruals and deferred Income	32,042	18,445	
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7	INVESTMENTS			
	10,928.96 shares in the CBF Church of England			
	Global Equity Income Fund - market value at year end was £35,140.98	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	

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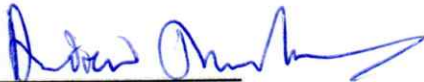
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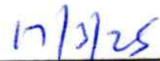
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