

SECRETARY'S REPORT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JULY 2024

The year has passed smoothly since the 2023 AGM.

Once again we moved into St. Andrew's Chapel for the months of January, February and March, saving on heat and electricity which again was a great success.

We still reach out to the community with the weekly Wednesday lunches, and on Sunday evenings Hope for Food gather in the Hall to feed 70-90 people a large proportion of whom are homeless.

My main task is to thank people who have worked so hard to keep the wheels turning during the week and on Sundays. First I must mention the Elders and thank them for their diligence and guidance and we are lucky to have such a dedicated team. Each fulfil different roles within the church. Also Edith Clarke for the Sunday morning coffee rota, Colin Dorsett for organising the Thursday coffees and the Wednesday lunches. Sue Starkey for finding weekly Sunday readers and stewarding on the door, Ann Gawler and Heather Crane and their helpers for our splendid flower arrangements and Sue and Adrian Marchant for their faithful work on the Memorial Garden. Peter Hansford Chairman of the Building Committee has undertaken a huge amount of work keeping up with both the church buildings and The Manse and we owe him a great debt of gratitude for this. John Guthrie took over as Treasurer one year ago, and has done a wonderful job keeping our finances in order.

Pause for Prayer continues each Thursday morning in St. Andrew's Chapel and we are most grateful to Agnes Copeland for fulfilling the task of finding people who lead this very special half hour every week. This provides us with many varied and interesting subjects. Most importantly those who are not well and need our prayers are always remembered, presented by one of the Pastoral team – Pat Williams, Lauren Baba-Slimane, Anne Piggott and Gay Hammadeh. Our thanks to them for their preparation of these reports.

Once a month Early Birds meet under the excellent leadership of Anne Piggott and her team. After they have met in St. Andrew's Chapel and the Hall they always come down to join our main service for a while and it is a joy to see them and learn of their activities.

A special word of appreciation to our brilliant caretaker, Stuart, for all he does here with patience and good humour at the centre of our activities.

I of course conclude this report with mention of our Minister Wilbert. He recently informed us that he would be taking up a new pastorate in Uxbridge and Ickenham and his last service would be on Sunday 28th July. We express our huge gratitude to him for all his leadership over nearly seven years at Richmond Hill St. Andrew's, his inspiring services and pastoral care for the congregation. He has been through some difficult personal times during which he faithfully carried out

his ministry.. We wish him every success and all good wishes for the future and also for Regina and the children as they start a new life in Uxbridge.

I must now as always give you the statistics for the year June 2023 to June 2024.

There were no BAPTISMS or WEDDINGS during this period.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED It is with great sadness we record the loss of twelve of our members and friends who have died during this church year.

Cynthia Sinclair - July 2023
Alan Rolf - July 2023
Suzanne Fulton - August 2023
Pat Garrioch - 13th October 2023
Revd. Brian Rawling - 31st October 2023
Alan Penhale - 28th November 2023
Trevor Fulton - February 2024
Doreen Hogg - 20th April 2024
Babs Darter - April 2024
Georgie Miller (A) - May 2024
Jean Simmonds (F) - May 2024
Michael Ponting (F) - June 2024

We express condolences to all their families

OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IS 77

We now enter a time of interregnum and challenging times ahead during which we must all pull together and trust in the words of the hymn that ' God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year.

Richmond Hill St Andrews United Reform Church
Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

Opening Balance	329,099	361,793
Income		
Legacies	6,800	15,058
Donations	38,217	41,087
Members Car Park	650	950
Fund Raising	-	96
Lettings	7,737	10,138
School of English	24,250	22,381
Commercial Car Park	26,678	26,265
Investment Income	2,090	980
Grants	6,500	-
Miscellaneous Income	562	-
Total Income	113,484	116,955
Expenses		
Ministry & Mission	48,039	55,890
Ministry & Manse Expenses	8,177	7,897
Early Bird Sal & Expenses	376	441
Churchkeeper, Organist & Choir	34,637	33,967
Administration	2,337	2,600
Church Maintenance	18,809	11,788
Utilities, Insurance & Cleaning	22,780	17,419
Loss on Investments	2,854	17,627
Church Refreshments	287	302
Sundries	3,280	580
Audit/Inspection	150	70
Charity Donations	393	870
Repairs	24,744	-
Commercial Car Park Rates	7,285	199
Total Expenses	174,147	149,650
Net Deficit	- 60,663	- 32,695
Total Funds b/f	329,099	361,794
Funds at Year End	268,436	329,099

Richmond Hill St Andrews United Reform Church
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

Non Current Assets

Brooks McDonald	201,882		261,882	
M&G Charibond	<u>23,073</u>		<u>25,907</u>	
Investments at Realisable Value		224,955		287,789

Current Assets

Debtors & Prepayments	14,300		15,450	
Loans	1,789		1,119	
Deposit Account	20,499		9,000	
Current Bank Accounts	7,543		18,449	
Cash Account	<u>-</u>		<u>93</u>	
		44,131		44,111

Total Assets

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less Current Liabilities

Creditors & Accruals	<u>650</u>		<u>2,801</u>	
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Richmond Hill St. Andrews United Reform Church, Bournemouth.

This report on the financial statements of the church for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 3, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees of the church and examiner

As the trustees of the church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

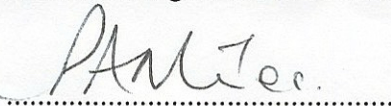
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.



Mr Peter A Miles
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Dated 21 May 2024

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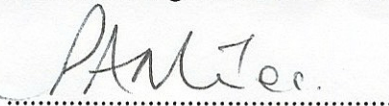
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