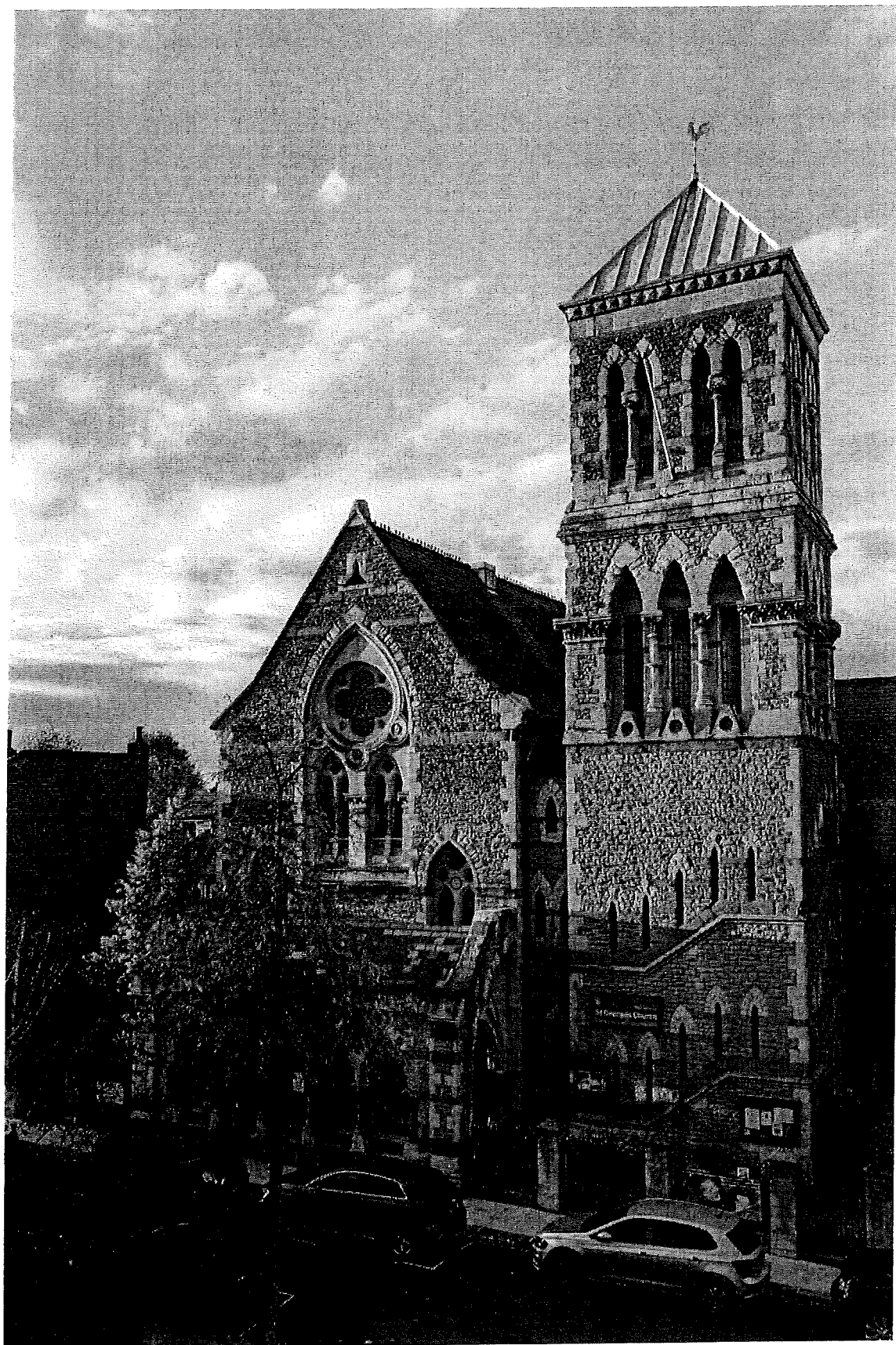


**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish
of St George the Martyr, Campden Hill, London, W8
Annual Report 2023**



St George's Church, Campden Hill

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Administrative Information

St George's Church is situated on Campden Hill, Kensington, in a United Benefice with St John the Baptist Church. It is part of the Church of England and is in the Diocese of London. The correspondence address is St George's Parish Office, Aubrey Walk, London W8 7JG. The Parochial Church Council constitutes a charity registered in England and Wales; its registered charity number is 1131866. The PCC members who have served from May 2023 until the date this report was approved were:

The Revd Dr James Heard	Chair	(Ex Officio)
The Revd Neil Traynor	Associate Vicar	(Ex Officio)
The Revd Peter Wolton	Associate Priest	(Ex Officio)
The Revd Dana English	Associate Priest	(Ex Officio)
Clare Heard	LLM & Deanery Synod Rep.	(Ex Officio)
Fiona Lindblom	Churchwarden	(Appointed 2022)
Guy Ranawake	Churchwarden	(Appointed 2020)
David Buckley	Hon. Treasurer	(Appointed 2020)
Sandra Hempel	Hon. Secretary	(Appointed 2020)
Joanna Allsop	Synod Rep.	(Appointed 2023)
William James	Synod Rep.	(Appointed 2023)
Lou Jones	Synod Rep.	(Appointed 2023)
Natasha Tahta	Safeguarding	(Appointed 2022)
Joy Puritz		(Appointed 2021)
Janet Lloyd		(Appointed 2021)
Richard Nicholls		(Appointed 2022)
Tilly Culme-Seymour		(Appointed 2023)
Isabelle Mee		(Appointed 2022)
Tim Evans		(Appointed 2023)
William James		(Appointed 2023)

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a registered charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent vicar, three associate vicars, church wardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The 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 managed.

Public benefit statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Aims and Purpose

The PCC is responsible for co-operating with the Vicar in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for St George's Church, its vicarage and the surrounding land.

Worship and Sacramental Care

The Parish Eucharist is the principal act of worship offered by the parish. It is celebrated week by week in accordance with the apostles' teaching and fellowship in the breaking of bread and prayer (Acts 2:42). The PCC is grateful to the sidespeople, readers and to all who contribute in many other ways to the life and worship offered to God by this parish. This year we conducted 15 baptisms, four funerals/memorials, and three weddings/blessings.

Daily Prayer

We continue to meet daily for prayer on zoom – 9.15am Monday to Friday for **Morning Prayer** and 9.30pm for **Compline** on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The **meditation group**, faithfully led by Gill Rowe continues to meet every Monday at 6.00pm both at St George's and on zoom. We have been encouraged by the significant increase in people for these services.

Pastoral and social care

Pastoral and social care of the parish continues to be shared by the ministry team and several pastoral visitors. Pastoral care is also exercised through such activities as the lunch club. This team make regular 'phone calls and visits in the parish.

Safeguarding

Natasha Tahta is the designated safeguarding officer for St George's and Clare Heard is our children's champion. Fr Peter is the lead DBS checker. The diocesan safeguarding dashboard is used and updated on a regular basis and we review safeguarding at every PCC meeting.

Evangelisation

St George's is committed to the Gospel imperative to 'make disciples of all the nations; baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' (Matthew 28:19), and to rising in future to the challenge of engagement in active evangelisation amongst all the peoples of the parish it serves. The Exploring Faith evenings continue with a variety of courses discovering together the richness of the Christian faith, welcoming others who are new to faith and also some non-churchgoers.

Ecumenical links

As a modern catholic parish of the Church of England, St George's Church honours the Lord's High Priestly prayer that all Christians may be one as he and the Father are one (John 17:21), and seeks to foster its local relationship with Christians of the great communions of East and West in furtherance of the full and organic unity of the Church. To this end we play our part in the membership of the Kensington Council of Churches.

Review of the year

The PCC met five times during the year. A revised electoral roll was drawn up in advance of this Annual Parochial Church Meeting. There are currently 166 people on the electoral roll.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approval

The Annual Report was approved by the PCC on 3 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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The Reverend Dr James Heard, PCC Chair, The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St George The Martyr, Campden Hill.

DAVID BUCKLEY
Hon. Treasurer

Vicar's Report – Fr James Heard

We are truly blessed as a United Benefice with a growing team, receiving excellent support from our office administrator, finance administrator, PCCs, and a dedicated group of volunteers. It is encouraging to note that, in many ways, we have emerged stronger than before the Pandemic.

This year has been marked by the growing strength and diversity of our team, characterised by a complementary blend of gifts, skills, and a shared vision. It has been a year of grace and growth. Fr Neil's report on the developments at St John's will be of further encouragement. Additionally, I would like to express my gratitude to all who generously contributed to the Associate Vicar's housing appeal. Our initial goal of raising £30,000 per year for three years has been surpassed, with a total of over £90,000 achieved. And I am delighted to report that we are optimistic about St John's Church covering the full costs of an Associate Vicar by the end of 2024.

Reflecting on the past year, there are several highlights:

Faithful Steps: We have taken various steps of faith, including launching an After-School Choir Club organised by Marcella Di Garbo, Jenny Thorn, and Richard Nicholls (currently on sabbatical). They now regularly sing at our All Age services. Additionally, we recruited a part-time youth worker, Eman Henein, who is shared with St James and St Clements. With the help of Dana and many volunteers, a Youth Club has been initiated on Friday afternoons, with many Holland Park pupils attending.

Worship and Pastoral Care: We have maintained a consistent pattern of worship, both online and in person, while offering pastoral care and support to those in need, especially the elderly, isolated, and bereaved. Morning prayer on Zoom continues to be well attended, as has the twice weekly compline, with its regular and faithful congregation. The Meditation Group has continued in strength, and it is a delight to see how it has grown since lockdown.

Community Engagement: The lunch club, meeting on the third Thursday of each month, continues to be a significant means of hosting elderly members from the community. A dedicated team of volunteers supports this initiative. The connection with Holland Park School, arranged by Mary Spain, has thrived, with students assisting the elderly and engaging in conversations during meals.



Charitable connections: We have continued to support a variety of charities, both locally and globally, and have raised over £20,000 through various events and activities, such as a quiz evening, the Harvest Supper, the Glass Door Sleep Out (well done Harriet!), Henry Poole's book launch, selling Bethlehem Baubles and a Christmas collection for the Al Ahli Gaza Hospital.

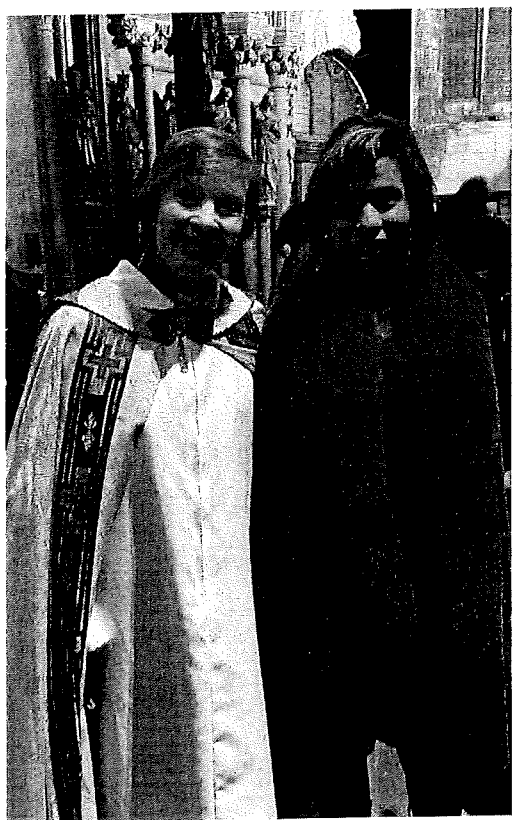
Special Occasions and Milestones: We celebrated significant events in the life of our Benefice, including Admission to Holy Communion, Luke Jerram Mars exhibition, and a confirmation service at St John's with Bishop Emma.

Welcomes: We welcomed the new Bishop of Kensington, the Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson, in February. We have also benefited from the wisdom and insight of Bishop Michael Marshall, who led our Lent Course on the Gospel of John.

RIPs: This year, we bid farewell to cherished members of the United Benefice, including Ailsa O'Brien, Alex Taylor, Judy Farrar, Mary Ivens, and Tom Stacey.

Area Dean Role: Since September 2020, I have continued to serve as the Area Dean of Kensington, fulfilling additional responsibilities within the wider church, including participation in the Kensington Area Leadership Team (KALT) and the Kensington Area Council (KAC), arranging deanery cover for sickness or holidays, conducting church visitations, and organising Bishop Emma's visit to the Kensington Deanery in March 2021.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our common life and mission in any way, big or small. You are all valued and appreciated.



Churchwardens' Report *by Guy Ranawake and Fiona Lindblom*

The Year 2023 saw a return to relative normality following the completion of the refurbishment and subsequent rededication of Saint George's in late 2022.

Churchwardens perform a number of different duties, including (i) representing the laity with the support of the PCC, (ii) co-operating with the ministry team, (iii) maintaining order and peace in the church and the churchyard in particular during services, and (iv) being legally responsible for all the property and movable goods belonging to the parish church.

Representing the laity with the support of the PCC

The PCC (consisting of the clergy, churchwardens and representatives of the laity) met five times since the last APCM held in May 2023, while the Joint Churchwardens (Standing Committee) meetings have taken place as required.

Fiona Lindblom and Guy Ranawake continue to act as Churchwardens for Saint George's

Co-operating with the ministry team

The ministry team led by Fr James and supported by the Revd Neil, Fr Peter and Revd Dana, continue to offer a comprehensive and fulfilling range of services and courses, including the Lenten talks, the Bible Study group, the Young Adults group, the excellent Launde Abbey retreat as well as the Lunch Club.

Maintaining order and peace in the church and the churchyard in particular during services

Perhaps not unsurprisingly, maintaining order and peace amongst the congregation is not the most onerous of tasks for the Churchwardens.

However, we have had to deal with a homeless lady who has attempted to gain unauthorised access to the church grounds and building. We are working with the relevant authorities and voluntary organisations to see how we may best be able to assist her.

Being legally responsible for all the property and movable goods belonging to the parish church

After two years of planning and waiting, a new sign is now visible on the facade of St George's. This setting-in-place completes the restoration and refurbishment of the church that has taken place during and since the pandemic.

Our fund-raising campaign was extremely successful, ensuring that the total cost of roughly £240,000 was covered for this important work.

We have appointed a new Quinquennial Inspection (QI) architect, Camilla Finlay, with Clews Architects. Camilla is an approved inspecting architect to the Diocese of Oxford, Peterborough and St Alban's and is also experienced in obtaining National Lottery Heritage Fund grants. Saint George's QI inspection is due to take place in 2025.



The Eco Church award system aims to encourage churches to demonstrate that we care for God's earth in different areas of our life and work. Having already achieved the Eco Church Bronze Award, we are now making good progress towards reaching the Eco Church Silver Award under the joint leadership of Fr James and Daniel and with the support of Revd Dana, Tim Evans and Graham Franklin.

The Travels and Travails of St George's Stained Glass (thanks to Fr. Peter)

St George's received a visit in the summer from Robert Eberhard who has created Church Stained Glass Recordings (<https://www.stainedglassrecordings.org.uk>) and wished to update our entry following the reinstallation of the three windows in the East Transept.



There is quite a story to this, the windows having been removed when the church remodelling took place in the early 1990s.

St James and St Michael are by Caroline Townshend (1878–1944), who also did St Elizabeth in the East Aisle. St Andrew is by Hugh Arnold, a local resident and stained glass designer, whose finest work is to be found at the Church of the Holy Cross at Crediton in Devon. Hugh Arnold's name seemed familiar, and I realised that his name was on the church war memorial.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission citation is as follows: "Son of Charles Thomas and Annie Jane Arnold, of Horsham, Sussex; husband of Mary Leslie Arnold, of 85, Bedford Gardens, Kensington, London. An artist and author. Joined in August 1914, the Public Schools and University Corps as a Private." At

time of death on 11 August 1915 at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, he was a Lieutenant (aged 42), 8th Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers. This had a connection for me as I visited Gallipoli in August 2015 to commemorate the death of my great uncle Owen who was killed at Suvla the day after Hugh Arnold.

Both Townshend and Arnold studied under Christopher Whall (1849-1924), who is best known for his stained glass at Holy Trinity, Sloane Street, and taught at the Central School of Art and Crafts in Southampton Row.

The link between Arnold and Townshend and their teacher Whall was strong. They were both based at the purpose-built stained-glass studio and workshop built in 1906 called the Glass House in Lettice Street, Fulham, which had been designed by Whall. The building ceased being a glass studio in 1993 and now is offices. My understanding is that our windows were taken away at the time of the reordering, possibly by the Birmingham based stained glass specialists, John Hardman and Sons. They were forgotten until thirty years later Morar Stirling saw a comment from a visitor, asking what had happened to the window of St. George, which they remembered from their childhood, and was no longer to be seen.

Morar got on the trail; not easy as John Hardman had ceased trading in 2008. A former director of Hardmans was tracked down, running the "modestly titled" (our architect Roderick MacClennan's words) new firm, Magnus Creatora and our four stained glass windows (St George, St Michael, St James and St Andrew) were located in a warehouse in Dorridge, near Solihull. Morar, together with Susanna Swallow and Christopher Buckmaster and Roderick arranged for their return, before which they were made sound with steel heart leads to the perimeter, and crated, all at a cost of just under £3,000.

The four windows have now all been re-installed, three in the north wall of the east transept and one in the east aisle. There are many people to thank, not least the donors who paid for the three to be erected in the east aisle and, to Morar for her sleuthing and persistence, and to Robert Eberhard for awakening my interest to what we have at St Georges.

Barlow House Update

As many of you know, St George's has for some years owned a three-bedroom flat at Barlow House in North Kensington. It is let through Notting Hill Genesis to families that are socially disadvantaged. The flat continues to be successfully let, and following the recent comprehensive round of improvements, expenditure on repairs and maintenance has been relatively modest this year.

Thanks

We are very grateful to those members of the laity, including Janie Spring, Shobha Taylor, Janet Lloyd, Tim Evans, Anne Wright, Joanna and Nigel Allsop, Peter Thomas, Natasha Tahta and Bill James, who have volunteered to act as sidesmen via the rota system to assist the Churchwardens with maintaining order and peace in the church and churchyard.

In addition, we would like to thank Janet Lloyd (intercessions), and Joanna and Nigel Allsop (refreshments) for taking responsibility for managing the rota for the various other elements of the Sunday service which helps reduce the administrative burden placed on the clergy. Tim Evans has offered to help. Finally, the church garden continues to be much admired not only by our community but by local residents and many other visitors all year round. This is entirely down to the tireless work and dedication of Graham Franklin, to whom we as ever extend our deepest thanks.



Revd Neil Traynor

2023 has been yet another really remarkable year at St John's: it's difficult to know where to begin, as so much has happened, and all of it positive. We've continued to grow, our finances are in better shape, more people have visited and used St John's, we've continued to improve the appearance and security, and we've even been able to undertake essential maintenance.

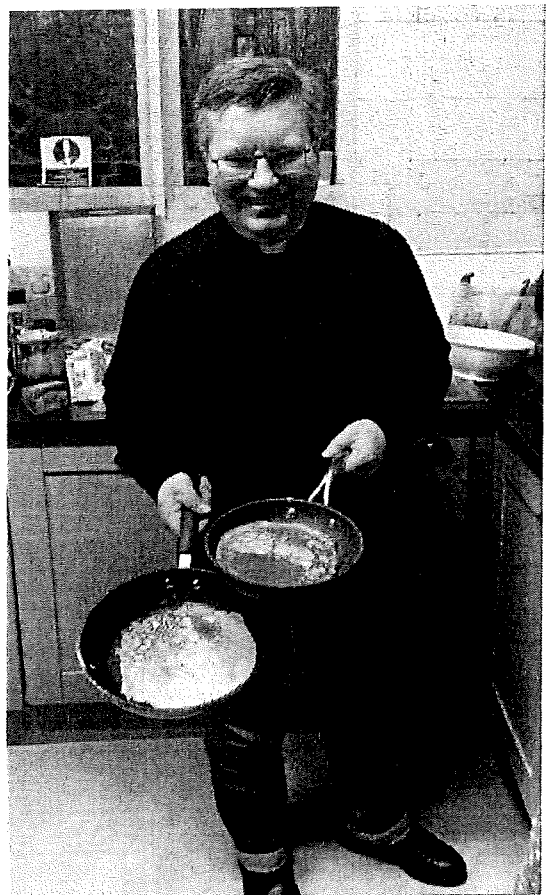
There are far too many people to thank, but the clergy, office team and wardens and treasurer as well as members of the congregation have come together to help make 2023 very special. We were delighted to have Tim Evans working with us over Mars: War & Peace, and also Neal Malcom. Neal stayed on with us until November, when his health meant he needed to take some time away. Additional help was very welcome and much needed. From January Daniel Gable, the United Benefice Administrator, has increased his hours and two days a week will be paid for by St John's.

You will see from the treasurer's report later that our bookings have increased markedly. From January 2024 we have outsourced our invoicing and payments to Forrest Burlinson, a firm of accountants, who are able to manage this on our behalf. Thanks are especially due to Steph De Mel our treasurer and Victoria O'Neill the finance officer, who suddenly found their workload increase significantly and without warning.

A sign of a healthy church is increased vocations. We have been delighted to have Daniella with us whilst she is on her course at St Melitus, and we will be sad to say goodbye once she is ordained at Petertide 2024 and moves to her curacy parish. We were equally pleased that Lindsay Fulcher was accepted on the Caleb Course for ordination in September. She's undertaking the course at the same time as proceeding with the vocation selection, and we hope that she too will be ordained. Another parishioner is considering joining the same course in September of 2024 and yet another is exploring Licensed Lay Ministry.

In 2023 we were also awarded the *Rocha* Eco Church Bronze award in recognition of our efforts to become more eco friendly. We were also pleased to be recognised by the Mayor of London as a "cool space" in the heat (we were not yet able to be a warm space in the winter). During 2023 we became an "Alzheimer's friendly church", and a "Single Friendly Church". We have continued our commitment as an Inclusive Church. We have also taken an active part in the Major Churches Group and we're proud to have been so designated.

Pastoral care has also been continuing, and our gentle and low key ministry to people with mental health difficulties has continued. Safeguarding has been constantly on our minds and we strive to promote best practice at all times.



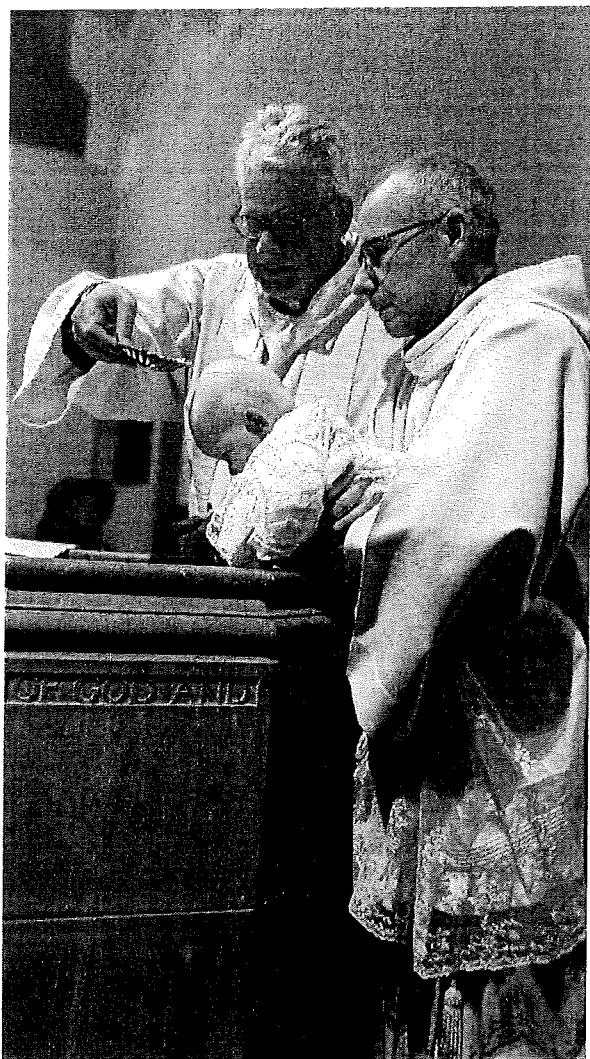
Fr Peter Wolton

2023 saw me complete my ninth year at the United Benefice. Fr James encourages members of the clergy team to innovate. In 2015 I introduced the idea of "Why me?" talks when, instead of a sermon at our 6:30pm service, a member of the United Benefice congregation gives an address about their journey of faith and how it links to their life. I can claim no originality, since it was something that had been taking place for many years at my sending church in Chiswick. 2023 saw the eighth series. We were much moved and inspired by the talks given by Angela Lascelles, Toby Ward, Angus Stirling, Anita Kouassignan and Clive Rowe. I also note with much sadness the deaths in 2023 of two of our earlier speakers, Alexandra Taylor and Tom Stacey. To re-read their talks is a reminder of the gift of faith and also all they brought to the life of the United Benefice.

Highlights during the year included the continuing growth of attendees of our online Daily Prayer services, taking a wedding in the Isle of Wight, and the baptism of the first child of a couple whose marriage I took in 2021.

I have also been active as an Assistant Director of Ordinands, and the first two candidates I have been working with on their discernment journey towards ordination, were both selected. The Church of England has been developing new pathways towards ordination. If you think this might be for you, do speak to me, or one of the other members of the clergy team.

Can I finish by saying how grateful I am to James and Neil for their leadership. It is a joy to be part of the ministry team at the Benefice. Our congregations are a source of constant encouragement, and my sense is this enables the work of the Holy Spirit to advance in Holland Park.



Revd Dana English

Assisting with the rota for preaching and presiding at both St George's and St John's is a great opportunity and pleasure. I assist in the coverage of worship at other churches, as needed. I lead daily prayer every fourth week, and visit various parishioners on a regular basis in conjunction with the rest of the clergy team. Other opportunities I have been privileged to have for sharing in the life of the congregation follow:

The Weekly Bible Study Every Tuesday at 1.30pm I lead a lively group of between 10-14 persons who gather on Zoom for an ongoing discussion of books of the Bible. We began with Genesis three years ago: having included the less familiar books of the Apocrypha, then approaching Paul's letters in chronological order, we have now arrived at the Gospel of Mark. The group has come to include participants from Germany and the U. S. as well as more locally; we have incorporated many references to paintings and other forms of art into our study.

The Young Adults' Group of the Benefice met every other Tuesday at 7.30pm for Bible study through the Spring. We met on Zoom, as the weekday evening time made gathering in person a challenge. The desire of the group was to cover the books of the New Testament. A group of eight met for a picnic and then for a performance of Mendelssohn's *Elijah* at the Proms on July 29th, a highlight of the year. Over the summer many young adults active in the group moved to other parts of London or England or even abroad, so we have not had a formal group since then.

Retreat Weekend at Launde Abbey, 10-12th November This opportunity to lead a group away from the familiar landscape of London has become an annual tradition for the Benefice. Nineteen of us spent Remembrance Sunday weekend with the theme of *How Christians Keep Time*. Reflecting on the nature of memory and remembrance, we read selected poems of WWI for our session on Sunday morning. We had the main house of Launde Abbey, as before, all to ourselves, with the front room for our presentations, looking out onto the hillside full of grazing sheep. Launde Abbey has come to expect us each year, with deluxe accommodation at a moderate price and excellent food. The weather was mild enough for the traditional long Saturday afternoon walk. We add compline on both Friday and Saturday nights to the regular schedule of services offered by the Abbey chaplain. This weekend has proven a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another better in a relaxed and beautiful setting. The age range of participants has been 21-86.

I put together **The Parish Newsletter**, printed three times a year, with many photos, to record events that go on throughout the church year. This has been especially helpful as a means of keeping up with those who do not have computers.

Children and Youth Ministries

Children are welcomed at all our Sunday Services. A monthly All-Age service has continued as a regular highlight throughout the year, with children participating in the readings, prayers and music. This year's All-Age services included a Mothering Sunday service focussed on the environment, a Harvest Festival, and a Christmas Pageant with excellent shepherds, sheep, angels, and holy family. A new feature of



our All-Age services has been the enthusiastic music provided by the newly gathered Children's Choir. Our Sunday School has slowly revived after the pandemic interrupted all habits of Sunday morning attendance. We now provide as a curriculum an excellent leaflet, *The Sunday Paper Junior*, that is tied to the lectionary readings for the Sunday. There is a roster of about ten families who attend regularly, including many children who are part of the many visitors to the church.

Youth at St George's Church As well as involving themselves in All-Age Sunday services, our youth participated in the three-times-a-year schedule of events for the initiative called Youth Ministry in Communion (YMIC). This initiative draws together secondary school-age youth from across the Kensington area to celebrate in a more sacramental tradition, with the bringing together of new friends from the separate churches. Events have included a mixture of games, crafts, and food. Highlights have included laser tag, inflatables (enjoyed by kids of all ages, even the ordained ones!) escape rooms, "the best burgers ever" and pizza making. Each session also included discussions on a topic, including hearing from refugees through their stories and thinking about social media from a Christian perspective. Every YMIC evening ends with a Eucharist or evensong, led by some of the older youth.



In addition, YMIC offers a yearly trip in the autumn to Taizé for the older members of the group (year 10 and above), which was a huge success in 2022, which Revd Dana helped to lead. We hope to be able to send some of our young people when they reach year 10.

The Youth Club In the autumn we welcomed Eman Henein, our new part-time youth worker, funded by the Diocese of Kensington and shared with St Clement and St James. Eman, who was born and grew up in Egypt, is full of enthusiasm, and assists Revd Dana on Sunday mornings to provide teaching for the Sunday School. She prompted us to try out a Youth Club on Friday afternoons, an effort at outreach to Holland Park School, a secondary school minutes away from St. George's, where 2000 students are enrolled, many of whom pass by the church each weekday afternoon. Eman and Dana stood outside for six weeks with specially made flyers publicising our offering. After a very successful welcome reception before Christmas the Club is slowly growing, with new table tennis and table football upstairs on the mezzanine and many eager volunteers of all ages to staff the afternoon meetings, from within the congregation. We offer hot chocolate and doughnuts to the kids, getting to know them as they unwind after a week of classes. We have been building relationships with youth from all over the area, both girls and boys. The Youth Club has already been a great success, by any measure.

The Children's Choir *by Jennifer Thorn*

We were delighted, after around 10 month's discussion and planning and no certainty of uptake, that in April 2023 the Choir Club opened its doors, and within a few weeks had eleven children involved, mostly from Fox school, but some from other primaries in the area; parents were keen and proactive. Marcella Di Garbo who answered when we cast out a net for a leader of the project, has been a wonderful and committed teacher and trainer, engaging the children in many different styles and bringing on their voices as well as their musical understanding throughout the year.

They have now contributed to several of our All Age services, and notably in the Christmas Pageant formed a core around which church family children could also gather and join in singing. We thank Andrew Wells for ably integrating us all when we join together on these occasions. Richard Nicholls, whose energy and vision have been key to the whole venture, is away on sabbatical since October and we are so grateful to all who have stepped in to help oversee the sessions and build relationships and the sense of connection with the church.

The arrival of Eman Henein has also been a gift and she has wonderfully taken on the role of engaging the group in creative ways at the beginning of each session while Marcella works with an individual child for 15 minutes: something we started to offer in October, which is helpful to all. The numbers joining each term have fluctuated; there are many after-school events competing for the children's attention. But given that, we are encouraged at the number who *are* committing to the choir in a longer term way, and we hope others will return. We are thankful for the support and encouragement of James and all the church team and PCC enabling this inaugural year, and look forward, we hope, to many more.



Director of Music's Report *by Andrew Wells*

As ever, many thanks to all who contribute to the musical life at St George's. The parish choir has given sterling service over the year. During Lent we celebrated 'Women Composer Sunday', singing and playing music from Ethel Smyth to Margaret Rizza. Our joint Palm Sunday service was enhanced for the first time by a trombone quartet as we marched in procession from Notting Hill Gate. They also gave a beautiful rendition of 'Locus Iste' as an introit. Exploring the Passion through Music was a quiet meditation given by Jennifer Thorn (viola) and organ with works of Bach and Pergolesi. The choir was augmented on occasions such as our Patronal Festival. We even had a small choir for Christmas Eve which we hope to develop.

Thanks to our youngsters for their musical contributions in the parish. We were also fortunate to have members of the Children's Choir Club under the direction of their wonderful director, Marcella Di Garbo, to sing our All Age All Saints' Day and Pre-Christmas Pageant. On the latter occasion we were also joined by three Celtic harps. Thanks to Charles Heard for his talented playing on piano, trumpet and drums. We always welcome vocal and instrumental talent across the ages to join in supporting the worship. We also thank David Buckley and others for playing in my absence. The organ has been slightly troublesome with wind-leaks and cyphers this year. We shall monitor the situation.

Our St George's Festival Concert in May this year entitled: 'Festive Music for Choirs and Piano Quintet' was a great success. We were joined by members of the brilliantly drilled choir of St Peter's, CE Primary, Chippenham Mews, Westminster, under the experienced leadership of Richard Nicholls. They also joined together with the Festival Chorus and members of the Aubrey Singers in Vivaldi's 'Gloria'. Marcella Di Garbo sang the solos. I was grateful to play my piano concerto with string quartet on this occasion!

We were pleased to continue to host the Aubrey Singers who rehearse on Sunday evenings. They gave sell-out concerts during the year. The piano virtuoso Alexander Karpeyev gave us another great recital (Russian and Ukrainian music) in February which was well supported.

Deanery Synod Report *by Sarah Tett*

As reported last year, meetings of the Synod followed the diocese's **Vision 2030** themes, taking one broad theme at each meeting:

- February's meeting was held at St Clement's Church. Jill Dodd the **Compassionate Communities** Development Worker gave an overview of the work of her team, and invited Synod to consider how they were already or could be engaging with this aspect of Vision 2030.
- The Spring Common Fund meetings were held both in person and on Zoom.
- In June Synod members enjoyed a summer garden party in the grounds of the St Mary Abbots Vicarage.
- St George's Campden Hill hosted the September meeting of Synod at which the Revd Richard Carter, author of 'The City is my Monastery', spoke on the theme of **Confident Disciples** and the life-giving Rule of Life he has developed.
- The last meeting of 2023 was hosted by St Thomas, Kensal Rise and was on the theme of **Growing Younger**. Jacob Holme presented the work of Youth Ministry in Communion; Jo Jones, the Kensington Area Schools and Youth Chaplain had provided a power point and offers for parishes to contact her if she could be of help. The work of St Luke's for Clergy Wellbeing was also promoted.

Throughout the year Safeguarding was a standing item on agendas, and members had been encouraged to get their churches engaging with the Safeguarding Dashboard.

Governors were also elected to the deanery LDBS schools.



Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st December 2023 *by David Buckley*



Introduction

The accounts attached to this report show the income and expenditure of St George's during the year together with a balance sheet as at 31st December 2023. GMAK Services Limited (Chartered Accountants) has carried out an independent review and its statement is set out on page 2 of the accounts.

The income of the Church derives principally from generous voluntary giving, income from its investments, and the rental of its space. During 2023 voluntary giving reverted to normal expected levels following the one-off refurbishment appeal which was reflected in the Church's 2021 and 2022 accounts. Investment income, together with the rental of Church space increased during the year.

During 2022, the United Benefice continued with its appeal to support the cost of housing for our Associate Vicar, with both St George's and St John the Baptist independently raising funds for this purpose. The 2023 accounts show monies received and subsequently paid out to the St John's Trust which is managing the Associate Vicar appeal independently from St George's.

I am pleased to report that the Church made a modest surplus of £7,482 in 2023 as compared to a loss of £223,576 in 2022. The loss in 2022 was exceptional as it reflected the costs of the refurbishment work that took place during the year, for which funds were raised in 2021 and 2022. Going forward, we would expect to see the Church continuing broadly to break even each year as it has done in the past.

The PCC is extremely appreciative of the very generous financial support it has received from members of the PCC, members of the congregation, the Church electoral role, friends, local residents, the Council and Church visitors. This generosity has enabled not only the success of the ongoing Associate Vicar appeal, but importantly it has provided the financial support required for the day-to-day running of the Church.

Income

Total income for the Church decreased in 2023 by £58,880 to £300,490 from £359,370 in 2022. These figures reflect the end of the fundraising activity for the refurbishment work, offset in part by the additional fundraising needed to support the Associate Vicar appeal.

Income generated from letting Church space increased during 2022 by 26% from £25,673 in 2022 to £32,425 in 2023, largely because of increased charges and improved utilization.

Investment income, which is derived principally from the Church's investments in property (Barlow House), M&G Charifund (a conservatively managed fund for charities) and cash, increased by 4.6% during the year from £70,882 in 2022 to £74,178 in 2023.

Continued uncertainty in financial markets reduced the value of the Charifund portfolio during the year by £7,718 to £320,745. Conversely, the valuation of Barlow House increased by £5,000 to £430,000. The Church did not sell any of its assets during the year and so it is important to note that no actual losses or gains were realized during the reporting period.

Expenditure

Total expenses for the Church reduced during the year from £533,572 in 2022 to £290,290 in 2023, largely because of the one-off expenditure on the refurbishment work that arose in 2022.

Despite inflationary increases on many expense lines, the Church continues to retain tight control over its expense base.

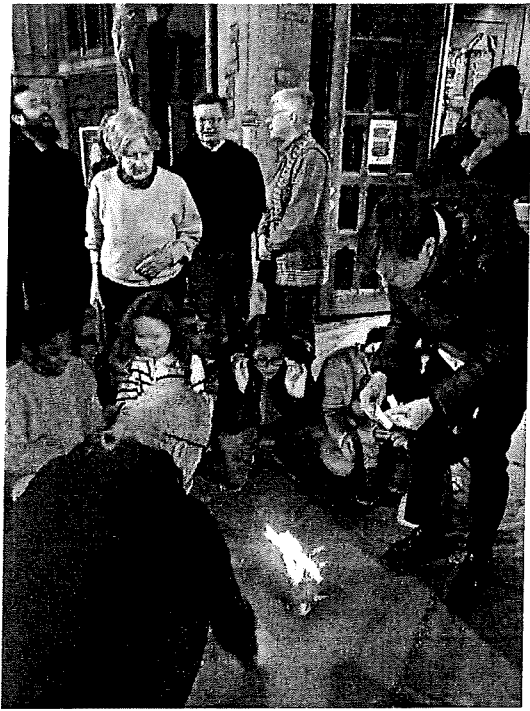
General Administrative costs decreased from £75,532 in 2022 to £49,992 in 2023 because of the payout of funds received earlier in the year on behalf of the Associate Vicar appeal.

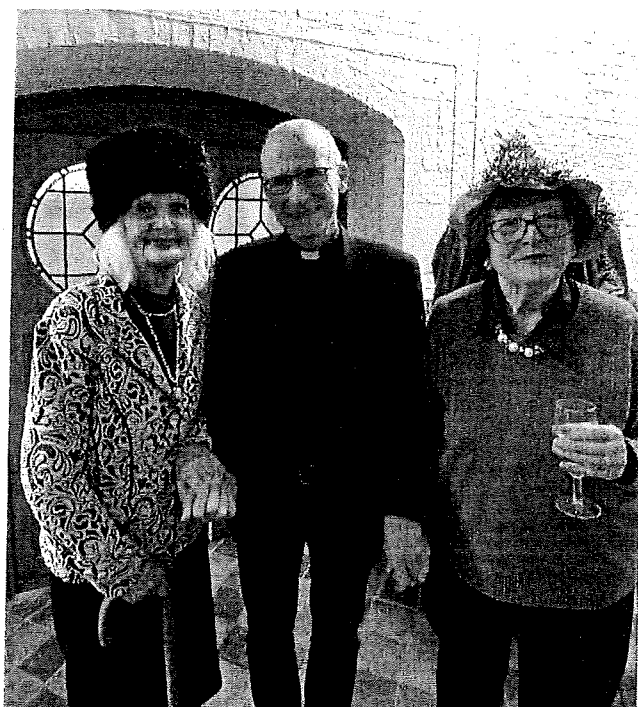
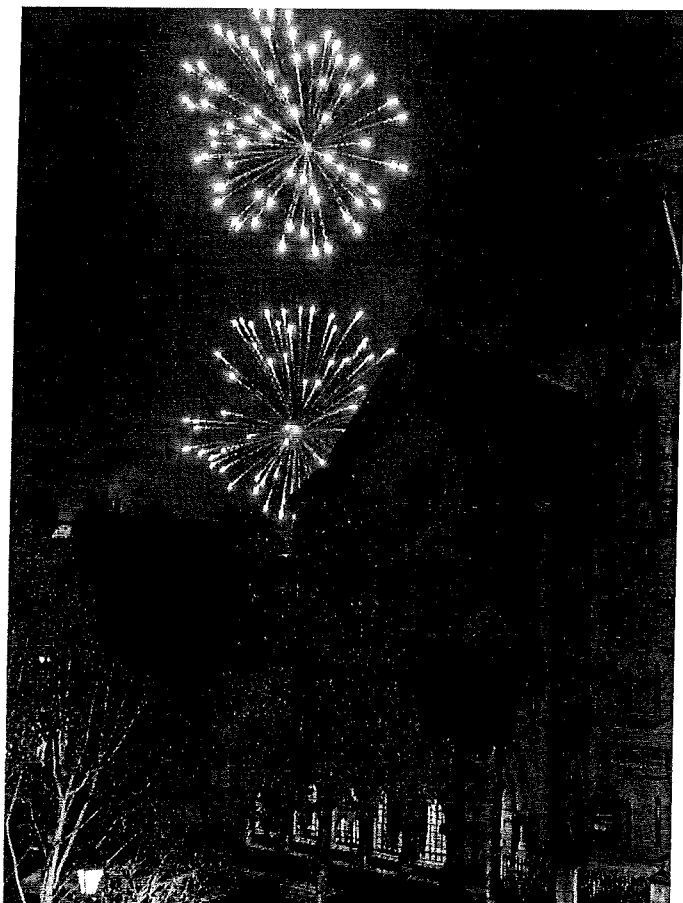
Our Common Fund contribution, which is the amount that St George's is required to pay the diocese to cover the salary and pensions of our clergy and the vicarage, together with a contribution to cover the costs, of the clergy of other parishes who cannot afford to cover their own costs was increased by the PCC in 2023 to £90,312 from £85,200 in 2022. This increase follows several years of the PCC determining either reduced or zero increases to our Common Fund contributions, as we have sought to manage our expenditure within budget over the long term.

Reserves policy

St George's holds in reserves a minimum of the equivalent of two months general running costs and an additional one month's salary costs. It is also our policy to hold an amount for likely building works at the next quinquennial inspection.







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St George's Church, Campden Hill

Charity No. 1131866

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 December 2023

St George's Church, Campden Hill
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
	Notes				
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	156,837	31,478	188,315	258,766
Other trading activities	4	5,572	-	5,572	4,049
Investments	5	106,603	-	106,603	96,555
Total		269,012	31,478	300,490	359,370
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	162,125	11,789	173,914	381,765
Other	7	84,567	31,809	116,376	151,807
Total		246,693	43,597	290,290	533,572
Net losses on investments		(2,718)	-	(2,718)	(49,374)
Net income/(expenditure)	8	19,601	(12,119)	7,482	(223,576)
Transfers between funds		(14,706)	14,706	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)		4,895	2,587	7,482	(223,576)
Other gains and losses					
Net movement in funds		4,895	2,587	7,482	(223,576)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		837,334	12,695	850,029	1,073,605
Total funds carried forward		842,229	15,282	857,511	850,029

St George's Church, Campden Hill

Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2023

Charity No. 1131866

		2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	22,004	23,631
Investments	11	750,745	753,464
		<u>772,749</u>	<u>777,095</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	7,558	3,492
Cash at bank and in hand		80,462	73,761
		<u>88,020</u>	<u>77,253</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	13	(3,258)	(4,319)
Net current assets		<u>84,762</u>	<u>72,934</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>857,511</u>	<u>850,029</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>857,511</u>	<u>850,029</u>
Total net assets		<u>857,511</u>	<u>850,029</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	14		
Restricted income funds		15,283	12,695
		<u>15,283</u>	<u>12,695</u>
Unrestricted funds	14		
General funds		215,854	210,960
Designated funds		626,374	626,374
		<u>842,228</u>	<u>837,334</u>
Total funds		<u>857,511</u>	<u>850,029</u>

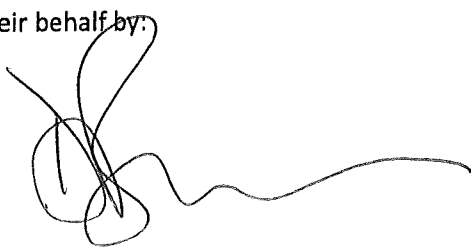
Approved by the trustees on 25 March 2024

And signed on their behalf by:

D. BUCKLEY

Trustee

25 March 2024



St George's Church, Campden Hill
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Notes to the Accounts

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Fixtures and fittings	10% Straight line
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Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period. Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred. All exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in independently administered funds.

St George's Church, Campden Hill

Notes to the Accounts

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	150,470	108,296	258,766
Other trading activities	4,049	-	4,049
Investments	96,555	-	96,555
Total	251,074	108,296	359,370
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	181,610	200,155	381,765
Other	100,536	51,271	151,807
Total	282,146	251,426	533,572
Net gains on investments	(49,374)	-	(49,374)
Net income	(80,445)	(143,131)	(223,576)
Transfers between funds	16,256	(16,256)	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)	(64,189)	(159,387)	(223,576)
Other gains and losses:			
Net movement in funds	(64,189)	(159,387)	(223,576)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	901,524	172,081	1,073,605
Total funds carried forward	837,335	12,694	850,029

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Regular donations	93,130	485	93,615	91,322
Sundry donations	17,686	30,733	48,419	123,623
Salary contribution	18,288	-	18,288	19,950
Income tax recoverable	27,732	261	27,993	23,871
	156,837	31,478	188,315	258,766

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Miscellaneous income	5,572	5,572	4,049
	5,572	5,572	4,049

St George's Church, Campden Hill

Notes to the Accounts

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Investment income	40,734	40,734	39,878
Rent	33,444	33,444	31,004
Use of church	32,425	32,425	25,673
	<u>106,603</u>	<u>106,603</u>	<u>96,555</u>

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>				
Ministry: diocesan common fund, clergy expenses and accommodation, intern	98,665	-	98,665	90,869
Church running and maintenance	33,950	11,789	45,739	261,686
Services/sunday school/events, music and flowers	20,248	-	20,248	21,060
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Accountancy fees including Independent Examination	9,262	-	9,262	8,150
	<u>162,125</u>	<u>11,789</u>	<u>173,914</u>	<u>381,765</u>

7 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Investment property service charges	2,110	-	2,110	8,078
Employee costs	62,648	-	62,648	66,752
Amortisation, depreciation, impairment, profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets	1,626	-	1,626	1,625
General administrative costs	18,183	31,809	49,992	75,352
	<u>84,567</u>	<u>31,809</u>	<u>116,376</u>	<u>151,807</u>

8 Net income/(expenditure) before transfers

	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	1,626	1,625

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Notes to the Accounts

9 Staff costs

	2023	2022
Salaries and wages	49,355	50,921
Social security costs	3,563	4,330
Pension costs	9,730	11,501
	<u>62,648</u>	<u>66,752</u>

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000. None of the trustees or anyone connected with them received any remuneration during the year. Two trustees claim sundry expenses in accordance with the Church's expense policy.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Piano	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 January 2023	9,000	16,256	25,256
At 31 December 2023	<u>9,000</u>	<u>16,256</u>	<u>25,256</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2023	-	1,626	1,626
Depreciation charge for the year	-	1,626	1,626
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>3,252</u>	<u>3,252</u>
Net book values			
At 31 December 2023	<u>9,000</u>	<u>13,004</u>	<u>22,004</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>9,000</u>	<u>14,630</u>	<u>23,630</u>

11 Investments

	Freehold Investment Property	Other investments - Listed	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 January 2023	425,000	328,463	753,463
Revaluation	5,000	(7,718)	(2,718)
At 31 December 2023	<u>430,000</u>	<u>320,745</u>	<u>750,745</u>
Net book values			
At 31 December 2023	<u>430,000</u>	<u>320,745</u>	<u>750,745</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>425,000</u>	<u>328,463</u>	<u>753,463</u>

12 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	3,015	3,492
Other debtors	4,543	-
	<u>7,558</u>	<u>3,492</u>

St George's Church, Campden Hill

Notes to the Accounts

13 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,658	2,269
Accruals	1,600	2,050
	<u>3,258</u>	<u>4,319</u>

St George's Church, Campden Hill

Notes to the Accounts

14 Movement in funds

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	Gross transfers £	At 31 December 2023 £
Restricted funds:					
Restricted income funds:					
Christian Education	3,165	-	-	-	3,165
Flowers	900	-	-	-	900
Accommodation SJB	-	17,390	(24,903)	7,514	1
Lunch club	4,419	5,813	(3,773)	-	6,459
Donations for specific charities	692	6,623	(7,286)	830	859
Building Fund	-	1,273	(7,635)	6,363	0
Future Hope	3,519	380	-	-	3,899
Total	12,695	31,478	(43,597)	14,706	15,283
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	210,960	269,012	(246,693)	(14,706)	218,573
Designated funds:					
	626,374	-	-	-	626,374
Total	626,374	-	-	-	626,374
Revaluation Reserves:					
Revaluation fund	-	(2,718)			(2,718)
Total revaluation reserves	-	(2,718)			(2,718)
Total funds	850,029	297,772	(290,290)	-	857,512

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Revaluation reserves Represent the amount by which investments exceed their historical cost.

Restricted funds:

Christian Education

Flowers

Accommodation SJB

Lunch club

Donations for specific
charities

Building Fund

Future Hope

St George's Church, Campden Hill

Notes to the Accounts

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	9,000	13,004	22,004
Investments	750,745	-	750,745
Net current assets	84,762	-	84,762
	<u>844,507</u>	<u>13,004</u>	<u>857,511</u>

16 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 January 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2023 £
Cash and cash equivalents	73,761	6,701	80,462
	<u>73,761</u>	<u>6,701</u>	<u>80,462</u>
Net debt	<u>73,761</u>	<u>6,701</u>	<u>80,462</u>

17 Commitments

Operating lease commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2023 Land and buildings £	2023 Other £	2022 Land and buildings £	2022 Other £
Operating leases with expiry date:				

Pension commitments

	2023 £	2022 £
The pension cost charge to the charity amounted to:	<u>9,730</u>	<u>11,501</u>

St George's Church, Campden Hill
Statement of Cash flows
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) per Statement of Financial Activities	7,482	(223,576)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,626	1,625
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(106,603)	(96,555)
Other gains/losses	-	-
(Increase)/Decrease in trade and other receivables	(4,066)	927
(Decrease)/Increase in trade and other payables	(1,061)	1,163
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(102,622)</u>	<u>(316,416)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	106,603	96,555
Net cash from investing activities	<u>106,603</u>	<u>80,299</u>
Net cash from financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,981	(236,117)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	73,761	260,505
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>77,742</u>	<u>24,388</u>
Components of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	80,462	73,761
	<u>80,462</u>	<u>73,761</u>

St George's Church, Campden Hill
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies				
Regular donations	93,130	485	93,615	91,322
Sundry donations	17,686	30,733	48,419	123,623
Salary contribution	18,288	-	18,288	19,950
Income tax recoverable	27,732	261	27,993	23,871
	<u>156,837</u>	<u>31,478</u>	<u>188,315</u>	<u>258,766</u>
Other trading activities				
Miscellaneous income	5,572	-	5,572	4,049
	<u>5,572</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,572</u>	<u>4,049</u>
Investments				
Investment income	40,734	-	40,734	39,878
Rent	33,444	-	33,444	31,004
Use of church	32,425	-	32,425	25,673
	<u>106,603</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,603</u>	<u>96,555</u>
Total income and endowments	269,012	31,478	300,490	359,370
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities				
Ministry: diocesan common fund, clergy expenses and accommodation, intern	98,665	-	98,665	90,869
Church running and maintenance	33,950	11,789	45,739	261,686
Services/sunday school/events, music and flowers	20,248	-	20,248	21,060
	<u>152,863</u>	<u>11,789</u>	<u>164,652</u>	<u>373,615</u>
Governance costs				
Accountancy fees including Independent Examination	9,262	-	9,262	8,150
	<u>9,262</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,262</u>	<u>8,150</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	162,125	11,789	173,914	381,765
Other expenditure				
Investment property service charges	2,110	-	2,110	8,078
	<u>2,110</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,110</u>	<u>8,078</u>
Employee costs				
Salaries/wages	49,355	-	49,355	50,921
Employer's NIC	3,563	-	3,563	4,330
Pension costs	9,730	-	9,730	11,501

St George's Church, Campden Hill
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

	62,648	-	62,648	66,752
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation				
Depreciation of Piano	-	-	-	-
Depreciation of Fixtures and fittings	1,626	-	1,626	1,625
Bank charges	617	-	617	686
General insurances	-	-	-	4,382
Software, IT support and related costs	5,602	-	5,602	3,766
Sundry expenses	10,902	31,809	42,711	65,447
Telephone, fax and broadband	1,062	-	1,062	1,071
	19,809	31,809	51,618	76,977
Total of expenditure of other costs	84,567	31,809	116,376	151,807
Total expenditure	246,693	43,597	290,290	533,572
Net gains on investments	(2,718)	-	(2,718)	(49,374)
	19,601	(12,119)	7,482	(223,576)
Net income/(expenditure)				
Transfers between funds	(14,706)	14,706	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)	4,895	2,587	7,482	(223,576)
Other Gains	-	-	-	-
	4,895	2,587	7,482	(223,576)
Net movement in funds				
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	837,334	12,695	850,029	1,073,605
Total funds carried forward	842,229	15,282	857,511	850,029

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST GEORGE'S CAMPDEN HILL**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of St George's Church, Campden Hill for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required 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:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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Date: 28 June 2024