

# The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St George the Martyr, Campden Hill, London, W8

## Annual Report 2024



## St George's Church, Campden Hill

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### Administrative Information

St George's Church is situated on Campden Hill, 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 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	Assistant Priest	(Ex Officio)
The Revd Dana English	Assistant Priest	(Ex Officio)
Clare Heard	LLM & Deanery Synod Rep.	(Ex Officio)
Fiona Lindblom	Churchwarden	(Appointed 2024)
Guy Ranawake	Churchwarden	(Appointed 2024)
David Buckley	Hon. Treasurer	(Appointed 2023)
Sandra Hempel	Hon. Secretary	(Appointed 2022)
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 2024)
Janet Lloyd		(Appointed 2024)
Richard Nicholls		(Appointed 2022)
Tilly Culme-Seymour		(Appointed 2023)
Isabelle Mee		(Appointed 2022)
Tim Evans		(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. 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.

#### The Diocese of London

The Diocese of London is the largest and most diverse in the Church of England. There are over 500 churches and 750 licensed clergy. There is a church in almost every community, supporting the vision for every Londoner to encounter the love of God in Christ. In 2024, 50 new deacons were ordained and early draft statistics indicate that Average Weekly Attendance in London grew by 7.5% to over 60,000. During 2024, we have continued working towards our priorities of becoming a younger, safer and more racially just Church.

## 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.

## Daily Prayer

We 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, meets on Mondays 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 makes 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.

## 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 177 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 29 April..... 2025 and signed on their

behalf by: ..... 

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

## Vicar's Report – Fr James Heard

This year has been full of encouraging developments, and I am immensely grateful to my colleagues and the congregation for making this such a wonderful place to minister. I feel truly blessed!

**Staffing Updates** We are delighted that Daniel, our office manager, moved from part- to full-time, providing much needed support to Neil at St John's. Victoria continues her invaluable work as our financial administrator, serving four hours a week.

**Remembering Jill Traynor** Our community was deeply affected by the passing of Jill Traynor, who battled cancer for over three years. Revd Neil arranged a deeply moving farewell, with a requiem followed by a funeral service, both featuring sublime music. Reflecting on the occasion, Neil shared: 'There has been sadness, but also much joy, hope, and goodness. We've been surrounded by a wave of love, inspired by music that was simply outstanding. More than one person told me they felt transported to heaven themselves!'

**Growing Our Ministry Team** Our ministry team continues to expand. This year, Jenny Davenport began the selection and training process for the priesthood through the Caleb Stream at St Mellitus. Daniel Gable was accepted into the three-year St Edmund's Course in Christian Studies to train for Licensed Lay Ministry (LLM). Meanwhile, Eman, Dana, and Clare continue to lead our children's and youth ministries, both of which are experiencing encouraging growth (see report below).

**Grow Course** As part of my fourth and penultimate year as Area Dean of Kensington, I organised a ten-month Deanery-wide Grow Course, run by the Diocese of London. This initiative encourages churches to be intentional about growth in health, depth, and impact. Six of us from the United Benefice participated in this, with the PCCs included in some of the course material and discussions about our strengths—such as discipleship, youth ministry, and organisation—and identifying opportunities for further growth.

One key realisation was that all four clergy are working at full capacity, and some events simply cannot happen without additional volunteers. A mapping exercise highlighted the many unseen, yet essential, contributions of our congregation, from washing altar linen to supporting the lunch club and youth club. Our Time and Talents initiative aims to broaden engagement and identify areas still needing support. Another aspect which was highlighted was the importance of all of us to actively look for newcomers and welcoming them. Welcome cards have been designed and printed and are now in use.

**Lent Course** The Lent Course, *Celebrating Difference: Listening and Learning from Those Who Have Been 'Othered'*, featured four evenings of study, reflection, discussion, and prayer at St George's and via Zoom. Speakers included Lindsay Fulcher, Fr Davidson Solanki (Kensington Area Dean of Racial Justice), Fr Gareth Wardell (Vicar of St Clement & St James), Evelyn Blake, and Fr Brian Leathard (Rector of Chelsea Parish and Chair of Glass Door). We were powerfully reminded of the Church's calling to welcome the stranger and to be transformed through these encounters.

**Confirmation** After a series of preparatory sessions, we were delighted to welcome Bishop Michael Marshall, who confirmed six candidates—three teenage boys and three adults. It was a deeply moving occasion, witnessing these individuals boldly affirming their faith. Do read or re-read his sermon on our website sermon blog.

**Rule of Life** London's Capital Vision encourages churches to adopt a Rule of Life. During Easter, we focused on five key areas: worship, rest, generosity, service, and learning. Like a trellis supporting a young plant, these practices help us grow in faith. Ultimately, it is not about what we do, but who we aspire to become.

**Prayers of Love and Faith (PLF)** The House of Bishops endorsed *Living in Love and Faith* prayers for same-sex couples, with their use at the discretion of clergy. The United Benefice clergy unanimously support their adoption, and the following motion was strongly supported by the PCC:

*The Vicar and PCC resolve to fully and immediately adopt the Prayers of Love and Faith (with Pastoral Guidance) so that same-sex couples in loving, faithful, and stable relationships may seek God's blessing.*

PLF will be available for private prayers or during public worship when requested, and pending future authorisation by the House of Bishops, may also be used as a standalone service. This aligns with our commitment as an Inclusive Church, which affirms: 'We believe in an inclusive church—a church that celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.'

**Celebrations** We rejoiced in the ordination of Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu at St Paul's Cathedral on 29<sup>th</sup> of June. She is now serving her curacy at St John's Notting Hill.

Additionally, we marked several significant anniversaries (see Churchwarden's Report). Finally, we had the pleasure of hosting Carsten Bolz, a minister from Berlin, as part of a 25-year partnership between the Diocese of London and the German Protestant Church in Berlin.



## **Churchwardens' Report** *by Guy Ranawake and Fiona Lindblom*

2024 was a very successful year for St George's Church with many wonderful moments to celebrate, including some notable anniversaries. On 30<sup>th</sup> June a drinks reception after the 10am service marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr James becoming vicar of St George's, along with Clare as an LLM; the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dana's ordination; the 10th anniversary of Peter being ordained. In addition, St George's hosted numerous recitals and performances of music and drama throughout the year, which were well attended by our congregation and members of the wider community.

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 2024, while the Joint Churchwardens (Standing Committee) meetings have taken place as required. Fiona Lindblom and Guy Ranawake continue to act as Churchwardens for St 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, continues to offer a comprehensive and fulfilling range of services and courses, including the Lenten talks, the Bible Study group, the excellent Launde Abbey retreat, as well as the Lunch Club. A new development during 2024 was the inauguration of the St George's Youth Club on Friday afternoons during term time. This came about through the hard work and persistence of Dana, Eman Henein and a host of volunteers and has proved to be a great success.

### **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, the problem that arose with the homeless lady in 2023 continued during the course of 2024. Unfortunately, there was an escalation in her antisocial behaviour in 2024, culminating in her being barred from the church and the police becoming involved. She persists in trying to gain unauthorised access to the church grounds and building and is suspected of committing a break-in which resulted in one of the church windows being broken in an attempt to gain entry. Throughout this time our local councillor and the Campden Ward police team have supported us and we continue to work with police, the relevant authorities and voluntary organisations and with the residents of neighbouring streets, who are also impacted by her behaviour, to see how we may be best able to assist her.

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

After the attempted break-in at St George's we applied for a Faculty to enable us to repair the broken window. This was a time-consuming process but we received the Faculty in December and were able to carry out the repair shortly afterwards.

The new Quinquennial Inspection (QI) architect, Camilla Finlay, with Clews Architects, has been appointed and has started her work. 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. St George's QI inspection is due to take place in September 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 previously achieved a Bronze Award, we were pleased to achieve the Eco Church Silver Award in March 2024 under the joint leadership of Fr James and Daniel and with the support of Revd Dana, Tim Evans and Graham Franklin. The Church was also pleased to lend some support to Rocha UK which assists other churches in achieving Eco Church status.

## **Barlow House Update**

St George's has for some years owned a three-bedroom flat at Barlow House in North Kensington. It continues to be successfully let through Notting Hill Genesis to families that are socially disadvantaged.

## **Nursery Update**

Under the expert leadership of Peter, we have been negotiating the extension of the lease for the Pooh Corner Nursery which operates out of St George's. As a result, the lease has been extended to 31st December 2025.

## **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 leadership and managing the rota for the various other elements of the Sunday service which helps reduce the administrative burden placed on the clergy.

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.

## Associate Vicar's Report - Revd Neil Traynor

Thanks are due to my colleagues James, Peter, Dana, Daniel, Clare and the Churchwardens for supporting me during my extended absence in 2024. From January 2024 I reduced my involvement at St George's to care for Jill, whilst continuing at St John's. From April to September I was on compassionate leave from the Benefice. The support and kindness shown by the congregations of St George's and St John's is greatly appreciated by Harriet and me.



It has been a joy to return from September in a more visible capacity, though the expansion of work at St John's has meant that my time at St George's has continued to be limited. (For full details, please see the St John's Annual Review.) The United Benefice of Holland Park continues to be one of the most exciting and vibrant in the Diocese of London – if not the entire Church of England – and it is a privilege to be a small part of what goes on here.

## Revd Dana English

I continue to be grateful for the collegial team of clergy with which I serve, preaching and presiding on a rota as well as leading daily prayer. I enjoy these opportunities, and know that it has been important to me, personally, to go through the church year together with these two congregations. I am grateful for all those who come through the door for the first time, and for those who come regularly. The opportunities, also, for pastoral care are many, and I look forward to times when I can meet one-on-one with members of the parish.

Particular points of engagement with the Benefice are the weekly **Bible study** that I lead in discussion. We entered our fifth year together, proceeding from the beginning, the book of Genesis, in January of 2020. In 2024 we read and discussed the books of Mark, Luke, and the Acts of the Apostles. This group of about 12-14 people meets on Zoom for an hour, now on Tuesdays from 1:30-2:30, welcoming any who would like to be part of this ongoing study.

I have continued to organise and lead the yearly congregational retreat to Launde Abbey in Leicestershire: this year's weekend was the 22-24th of November. This past year we used Rachel Mann's Advent book *Do Not Be Afraid: The Joy of Waiting in a Time of Fear*. Twenty-four people, the maximum, came to this year's retreat, including eight who had not been before. Despite the rain, we all enjoyed the beauty of the place and the excellent meals as well as worship together in the historic chapel that was part of the 12th c. Augustinian Priory there.



A deepened sense of congregational life always comes out of these yearly times away. I put together the Parish Newsletter for the Benefice three times a year, with the help of the office administrator Daniel.

Part of my ministry in the larger London area continues to be as one of the duty chaplains at St. Paul's Cathedral, serving in this capacity roughly once a month. I enjoy this opportunity to preside at the 12:30 eucharist there as well as give the prayers on the hour and be available to any who need to talk.

### Fr Peter Wolton

The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 saw an Anniversary Sung Eucharist take place at St. George's to celebrate multiple anniversaries of the Clergy team: ten years of service by Fr. James, forty years of Ordination by Dana and the tenth anniversary of my Ordination and arrival at the United Benefice. Fr. Kevin Morris of my sending church, St. Michael and All Angels, Bedford Park, who had also preached at my first Mass at St. John the Baptist in 2015, came to St. George's as our guest preacher.

It's been another busy and fulfilling year, paced by regular seasonal events such as our "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. In 2024 we were treated to five very different, moving and inspiring talks by Daniel Gable, Henry Poole, Eman Henein, John Arumainayagam and Tracy Turley. My heartfelt thanks to them for agreeing to speak

I completed a second year as an Assistant Director of Ordinands for the Diocese of Kensington, working with two candidates, assisting them in their discernment journey towards Ordination. 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. Our congregations are a source of constant encouragement, enabling the work of the Holy Spirit to advance in Holland Park. It is a joy to be part of the ministry team at the Benefice.



## Children and Youth Ministries

Dana continues to coordinate teaching for our regular weekly **Sunday School** for children during the worship service at St George's. She sometimes teaches, alternating with Eman Henein, our new part-time youth worker, and more recently with Marcella Di Garbo, the soprano and singing teacher, who had been leading the Children's Choir on Wednesday afternoons. Marcella has been extremely helpful in preparing the children for their contributions to the All-Age services we offer roughly once a month.

Dana and Eman have shepherded the **St George's Youth Club** that effectively began a year earlier on every other Friday afternoon, offering to some of the 2,000 students of Holland Park School a place to wind down and relax after their week of classes. Dana and Eman felt confident enough of staffing to begin to hold the Youth Club every Friday throughout each academic term, beginning in September. This has been a great challenge, but also a great success. We have addressed the challenges not only of adequate adult staffing and safeguarding, but of establishing effective recordkeeping for those who come. Roughly 60-70 kids of ages 11-16 attend the Club each Friday. We have formed good relationships with many of those who regularly come, which has been very gratifying. We provide basketball, ping-pong, table games, and refreshments on the mezzanine level and downstairs.

### Youth Ministry in Communion (YMiC)

Our youth continue to participate in a regular schedule of events for this initiative. It 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, a boat trip down the Thames, and some very large inflatables at the summer event. Most sessions also included a talk and discussion to stimulate reflecting about the Christian faith in today's world, often with guest speakers. Every YMiC evening ends with a Eucharist or Evening Prayer. This year, YMiC offered a residential retreat in October, which some of our youth joined, spending three nights at an activity centre. Clare Heard is on the YMiC advisory group.



## Director of Music's Report *by Andrew Wells*

The parish choir has prospered over the year and continues to enhance the worship at St George's and we were blessed by our resident soprano, Marcella Di Garbo, and other choral scholars. Exploring the Passion through Music was a choral and organ meditation given by our choir with passion music by Bach, Mozart and Tchaikovsky. The choir was augmented on occasions such as our Easter vigil, patronal festival, clergy anniversary Sunday in June, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Midnight Mass.

Thanks to Susan Shimonov and Charles Heard for their delightful piano contributions in the services. 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. Overall, the organ has given good service this year (though the cold weather sometimes tested its reliability!), with minor issues being resolved.

Our St George's Festival Concert in May 2024, entitled: 'Composers of St George's and St John the Baptist Holland Park', was well received. We were joined by the magnificent Choir of Holland Park School directed by Chloe Wedlake. A great evening was had by all.

The first recital in February 2025 (celebrating my 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year at St George's) was 'A Journey around Italy' with Baroque music for soprano and harpsichord. Marcella Di Garbo (a specialist in Italian Baroque singing) greatly contributed to an illuminating evening. We are 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 of Chopin and Liszt in October which was well supported.

Jennifer Thorn writes: "It is lovely that Marcella has been available to bring on the singing abilities within the Sunday school, joining them about twice a month and enabling them to contribute to our All-Age services.

The Wednesday After-school Choir Club celebrated the end of its second year (July 2024) with a great performance of some favourite songs, conducted by Marcella, giving each child a chance to shine, also using some instrumental items added to the programme. We had piano, guitar and a violin; what lovely musical children. Currently the Club is in suspension while we assess the possibilities for growth in the local community by increasing our communication with the Tri-Borough Music Hub and schools in the area."

As ever, many thanks to Jennifer Thorn and Marcella Di Garbo for the smooth running of the junior choir who continue to delight our congregation. Thanks to all who contribute to the musical life at St George's.

## Kensington Deanery Synod Report

Deanery Synod meetings in 2024 continued to align with London Diocese's *2030 Vision*, with each meeting focusing on a specific theme:

- **Compassionate Communities (February)** – Hosted by St Barnabas Church, this meeting centred on *Caring for God's Creation* and encouraged churches to engage with the Eco Church Awards. Andy Buckler illustrated the Five Marks of Mission using a rainbow metaphor, highlighting *Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform, and Treasure*—with the fifth mark emphasising the importance of treasuring God's creation. Due to a last-minute change, Charlotte Bannister-Parker, Associate Vicar of St John's, Notting Hill and Founder of The Hope4Creation Foundation, stepped in as the guest speaker. She spoke brilliantly about a journey of lamentation, pilgrimage, and hospitality, underscoring the necessity of an eco-spiritual faith and reflecting on humanity's impact on creation.
- **Spring Common Fund Meeting** – Held at Chelsea Old Church, this meeting provided an opportunity to discuss and review financial commitments within the deanery.
- **Summer Garden Party (June)** – With grateful thanks to Mother Emma, Synod members gathered in the beautiful gardens of St Mary Abbots Vicarage for a summer social event, fostering fellowship among clergy and laity.
- **Confident Disciples (November)** – St Philip's, Earl's Court Road hosted this session, introducing the *Grow Course*. The meeting featured a 'Barriers to Growth' video and testimonies from parishes currently undertaking the course, as well as reflections from St Barnabas on their experience of completing it.
- **Creative Growth (December)** – St Philip's, Gloucester Road hosted the final meeting of 2024, with a focus on *Cultural Diversity*. Revd Sally Bally, Vicar of Holy Trinity Hounslow, shared insights from her experience leading a multi-cultural and multi-lingual congregation. She emphasised that cultural diversity is a gift rather than a threat and encouraged churches to embrace the richness it brings.

## Key Ongoing Matters

- **Safeguarding** remained a standing agenda item at each meeting, with continued encouragement for churches to engage with the Safeguarding Dashboard.
- **Deanery Governance** – Governors were elected to serve on the deanery's LDBS schools, ensuring continued support and leadership in church schools.

We are hugely grateful to all who contributed to the Synod meetings throughout the year, fostering growth, learning, and unity across the Kensington Deanery.

## Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st December 2024 *by David Buckley*



### Introduction

The attached accounts provide a detailed overview of St George's income and expenditure for the year, along with a balance sheet as of 31st December 2024. 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 2024 regular voluntary giving decreased. Investment income, together with the rental of Church space, however, increased during the year as it did in 2023.

During 2024, 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 2024 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 in 2024 the Church increased its surplus to £14,837 from £7,482 in 2023. Going forward, and as we enter a period of global uncertainty, we would expect to see the Church continuing to broadly 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 provided the financial support required for the day-to-day running of the Church and enabled St. George's to continue its important missionary work.

### Income

The Church's total expenses decreased from £290,290 in 2023 to £281,067 in 2024, primarily due to reduced General Administrative costs. These figures reflect reduced voluntary giving, offset by increases in the rental and usage of Church space.

Income generated from letting Church space increased during 2024 by 10% from £32,425,673 in 2023 to £35,707 in 2024, largely because of 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 6.8% during the year from £40,734 in 2023 to £43,507 in 2024.

Modestly favourable financial markets increased the value of the Charifund portfolio during the year by £8,362 to £329,107. The valuation of Barlow House remained constant at £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 £290,290 in 2023 to £281,067 in 2024, largely because of the reduction in General Administrative costs described below.

Despite inflationary increases on many expense lines, the Church continues to retain tight control over its expense base. Although we have seen increases across almost all expense lines in 2024, these have been caused in part by inflationary cost increases, but also by active investment in Church activity (Music, youth programmes etc) which increases the outreach and missionary work that we do, and has brought many more people to the Church over the course of the year.

General Administrative costs decreased from £49,992 in 2023 to £13,932 in 2024 due to the payout of funds received for 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 2024 to £95,865 from £90,312 in 2023. This increase has only been possible because of the health of our finances, and remains under constant review.

## Reserves policy

St George's maintains reserves equivalent to at least two months of general running costs and 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**

**Trustee's Report and Unaudited Accounts**

**31 December 2024**

**St George's Church, Campden Hill**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>		
		<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
		<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
<b>from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	125,271	26,946	152,217	188,315
Other trading activities	4	4,572	-	4,572	5,572
Investments	5	130,753	-	130,753	106,603
<b>Total</b>		<b>260,596</b>	<b>26,946</b>	<b>287,542</b>	<b>300,490</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	6	181,903	5,695	187,598	173,914
Other	7	90,785	2,684	93,469	116,376
<b>Total</b>		<b>272,687</b>	<b>8,380</b>	<b>281,067</b>	<b>290,290</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		8,362	-	8,362	(2,718)
<b>Net income</b>	8	<b>(3,730)</b>	<b>18,567</b>	<b>14,837</b>	<b>7,482</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Net income before other gains/(losses)</b>		<b>(3,730)</b>	<b>18,567</b>	<b>14,837</b>	<b>7,482</b>
<b>Other gains and losses</b>					
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(3,730)</b>	<b>18,567</b>	<b>14,837</b>	<b>7,482</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		842,230	15,282	857,512	850,029
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>838,500</b>	<b>33,849</b>	<b>872,349</b>	<b>857,511</b>

**St George's Church, Campden Hill****Balance Sheet****at 31 December 2024****Charity No. 1131866**

		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	10	20,379	22,004
Investments	11	759,107	750,745
		<u>779,486</u>	<u>772,749</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	12	4,108	7,558
Cash at bank and in hand		92,680	80,462
		<u>96,788</u>	<u>88,020</u>
<b>Creditors: Amount falling due within one year</b>	13	(3,924)	(3,257)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>92,864</u>	<u>84,763</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>872,350</u>	<u>857,512</u>
<b>Net assets excluding pension asset or liability</b>		<u>872,350</u>	<u>857,512</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u>872,350</u>	<u>857,512</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
<b>Restricted funds</b>	14		
Restricted income funds		33,849	15,282
		<u>33,849</u>	<u>15,282</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	14		
General funds		203,764	215,856
Designated funds		626,374	626,374
		<u>830,138</u>	<u>842,230</u>
<b>Reserves</b>	14		
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>872,349</u>	<u>857,512</u>

Approved by the trustees on 31 December 2024

And signed on their behalf by:

D. BUCKLEY

Trustee

31 December 2024

**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.

**Notes to the Accounts**

**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.

**Leased assets**

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

**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.

**Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services**

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

## 2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	156,837	31,478	188,315
Other trading activities	5,572	-	5,572
Investments	106,603	-	106,603
<b>Total</b>	<b>269,012</b>	<b>31,478</b>	<b>300,490</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	162,125	11,789	173,914
Other	84,567	31,809	116,376
<b>Total</b>	<b>246,693</b>	<b>43,597</b>	<b>290,290</b>
Net gains on investments	(2,718)	-	(2,718)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>19,601</b>	<b>(12,119)</b>	<b>7,482</b>
Transfers between funds	(14,706)	14,706	-
<b>Net income before other gains/(losses)</b>	<b>4,895</b>	<b>2,587</b>	<b>7,482</b>
<b>Other gains and losses:</b>			
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>4,895</b>	<b>2,587</b>	<b>7,482</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Total funds brought forward	837,334	12,695	850,029
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>842,229</b>	<b>15,282</b>	<b>857,511</b>

## 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Regular donations	85,428	-	85,428	93,615
Sundry donations	2,469	23,575	26,044	48,419
Salary contribution	18,288	-	18,288	18,288
Income tax recoverable	19,086	3,372	22,457	27,993
	<u>125,271</u>	<u>26,946</u>	<u>152,217</u>	<u>188,315</u>

## 4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Miscellaneous income	4,572	4,572	5,572
	<u>4,572</u>	<u>4,572</u>	<u>5,572</u>

## Notes to the Accounts

## 5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Investment income	43,507	43,507	40,734
Rent	51,539	51,539	33,444
Use of church	35,707	35,707	32,425
	<u>130,753</u>	<u>130,753</u>	<u>106,603</u>

## 6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>				
Ministry: diocesan common fund, clergy expenses and accommodation, intern	102,905	-	102,905	98,665
Church running and maintenance	47,441	4,995	52,436	45,739
Services/sunday school/events, music and flowers	23,257	700	23,957	20,248
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Accountancy fees including Independent Examination	8,300	-	8,300	9,262
	<u>181,903</u>	<u>5,695</u>	<u>187,598</u>	<u>173,914</u>

## 7 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Investment property service charges	2,763	-	2,763	2,110
Employee costs	73,901	-	73,901	62,648
Amortisation, depreciation, impairment, profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets	1,626	-	1,626	1,626
General administrative costs	11,248	2,684	13,932	49,992
Legal and professional costs	1,247	-	1,247	-
	<u>90,785</u>	<u>2,684</u>	<u>93,469</u>	<u>116,376</u>

## 8 Net income before transfers

	2024	2023
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	1,626	1,626

## Notes to the Accounts

## 9 Staff costs

	2024	2023
Salaries and wages	59,414	49,355
Social security costs	5,416	3,563
Pension costs	9,071	9,730
	<u>73,901</u>	<u>62,648</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
	£	£	£
<b>Cost or revaluation</b>			
At 1 January 2024	9,000	16,256	25,256
At 31 December 2024	<u>9,000</u>	<u>16,256</u>	<u>25,256</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>			
At 1 January 2024	-	3,251	3,251
Depreciation charge for the year	-	1,626	1,626
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>4,877</u>	<u>4,877</u>
<b>Net book values</b>			
At 31 December 2024	<u>9,000</u>	<u>11,379</u>	<u>20,379</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>9,000</u>	<u>13,005</u>	<u>22,005</u>

## 11 Investments

	Freehold Investment Property	Other investments - Listed	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Cost or revaluation</b>			
At 1 January 2024	430,000	320,745	750,745
At 31 December 2024	<u>430,000</u>	<u>329,107</u>	<u>759,107</u>
<b>Net book values</b>			
At 31 December 2024	<u>430,000</u>	<u>329,107</u>	<u>759,107</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>430,000</u>	<u>320,745</u>	<u>750,745</u>

## 12 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	100	3,015
Other debtors	4,008	4,543
	<u>4,108</u>	<u>7,558</u>

## Notes to the Accounts

## 13 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	624	1,658
Accruals	3,300	1,599
	<u>3,924</u>	<u>3,257</u>

## 14 Movement in funds

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses )	Resources expended	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds:</b>				
<b>Restricted income funds:</b>				
Christian Education	3,165	-	-	3,165
Flowers	900	-	-	900
Accommodation SJB	-	20,530	-	20,530
Lunch club	6,459	3,029	(4,995)	4,492
Donations for specific charities	859	3,318	(3,384)	793
Future Hope	3,899	70	-	3,969
<i>Total</i>	<u>15,282</u>	<u>26,946</u>	<u>(8,380)</u>	<u>33,849</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>				
<b>General funds</b>	215,856	260,596	(272,687)	203,764
<b>Designated funds:</b>				
	626,374	-	-	626,374
<i>Total</i>	<u>626,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>626,374</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>857,512</u>	<u>295,904</u>	<u>(281,067)</u>	<u>872,349</u>

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

Christian Education

Flowers

Accommodation SJB

Lunch club

Donations for specific  
charities

Future Hope

## 15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	9,000	11,379	20,379
Investments	759,107	-	759,107
Net current assets	92,864	-	92,864
	<u>860,971</u>	<u>11,379</u>	<u>872,350</u>

## 16 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 January 2024	Cash flows	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	80,462	12,218	92,680
	<u>80,462</u>	<u>12,218</u>	<u>92,680</u>
Net debt	<u>80,462</u>	<u>12,218</u>	<u>92,680</u>

## 17 Commitments

*Operating lease commitments*

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

	2024 Land and buildings	2024 Other	2023 Land and buildings	2023 Other
	£	£	£	£

Operating leases with expiry date:

*Pension commitments*

	2024 £	2023 £
The pension cost charge to the charity amounted to:	<u>9,071</u>	<u>9,730</u>

**St George's Church, Campden Hill**  
**Statement of Cash flows**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
<b>Net income per Statement of Financial Activities</b>	14,837	7,482
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,626	1,626
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(130,753)	(106,603)
Other gains/losses	-	-
Decrease/(Increase) in trade and other receivables	3,450	(4,066)
Increase/(Decrease) in trade and other payables	667	(1,061)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<u>(110,173)</u>	<u>(102,622)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	130,753	106,603
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>	<u>130,753</u>	<u>106,603</u>
<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	20,580	3,981
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year</b>	80,462	73,761
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<u>101,042</u>	<u>77,742</u>
<b>Components of cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Cash and bank balances	92,680	80,462
	<u>92,680</u>	<u>80,462</u>

**St George's Church, Campden Hill**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies				
Regular donations	85,428	-	85,428	93,615
Sundry donations	2,469	23,575	26,044	48,419
Salary contribution	18,288	-	18,288	18,288
Income tax recoverable	19,086	3,372	22,457	27,993
	<u>125,271</u>	<u>26,946</u>	<u>152,217</u>	<u>188,315</u>
Other trading activities				
Miscellaneous income	4,572	-	4,572	5,572
	<u>4,572</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,572</u>	<u>5,572</u>
Investments				
Investment income	43,507	-	43,507	40,734
Rent	51,539	-	51,539	33,444
Use of church	35,707	-	35,707	32,425
	<u>130,753</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,753</u>	<u>106,603</u>
<b>Total income and endowments</b>	<b>260,596</b>	<b>26,946</b>	<b>287,542</b>	<b>300,490</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities				
Ministry: diocesan common fund, clergy expenses and accommodation, intern	102,905	-	102,905	98,665
Church running and maintenance	47,441	4,995	52,436	45,739
Services/sunday school/events, music and flowers	23,257	700	23,957	20,248
	<u>173,603</u>	<u>5,695</u>	<u>179,298</u>	<u>164,652</u>
Governance costs				
Accountancy fees including Independent Examination	8,300	-	8,300	9,262
	<u>8,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,300</u>	<u>9,262</u>
<b>Total of expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<b>181,903</b>	<b>5,695</b>	<b>187,598</b>	<b>173,914</b>
Other expenditure				
Investment property service charges	2,763	-	2,763	2,110
	<u>2,763</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,763</u>	<u>2,110</u>
Employee costs				
Salaries/wages	59,414	-	59,414	49,355
Employer's NIC	5,416	-	5,416	3,563
Pension costs	9,071	-	9,071	9,730

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

	73,901	-	73,901	62,648
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation				
Depreciation of Piano	-	-	-	-
Depreciation of Fixtures and fittings	1,626	-	1,626	1,626
Bank charges	538	-	538	617
Stationery and printing	7,725	-	7,725	5,602
Sundry expenses	1,897	2,684	4,581	42,711
Telephone, fax and broadband	1,088	-	1,088	1,062
	12,874	2,684	15,558	51,618
Legal and professional costs				
Other legal and professional costs	1,247	-	1,247	-
	1,247	-	1,247	-
<b>Total of expenditure of other costs</b>	90,785	2,684	93,469	116,376
<b>Total expenditure</b>	272,687	8,380	281,067	290,290
Net gains on investments	8,362	-	8,362	(2,718)
<b>Net income</b>	(3,730)	18,567	14,837	7,482
<b>Net income before other gains/(losses)</b>	(3,730)	18,567	14,837	7,482
Other Gains	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	(3,730)	18,567	14,837	7,482
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward	842,230	15,282	857,512	850,029
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	838,500	33,849	872,349	857,511

**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 2024, 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: 18 August 2025