

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SAINT JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1132150

## Details

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Other names	ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-10-16
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

**Activities:** Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Tower Hamlets

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£99,918	£133,589	-	-
2023-12-31	£88,015	£105,161	-	-
2022-12-31	£97,985	£83,140	-	-
2021-12-31	£70,805	£83,976	-	-
2020-12-31	£134,296	£159,695	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rev Darren John Wolf</b>	Chair	2023-09-21
BARBARA JEAN PERROTT		
CLARE JANE BARNETT		
DEBRA MAY FRAME		
Joy Madeline Stanton		2019-05-01
Lois Lewington		2017-04-23
Marcia Morine Charles		2021-05-29
Patricia Shaw		2022-07-16

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**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

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## Charity Information

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<b>Other operating names:</b>	St John on Bethnal Green
<b>Charity registration number:</b>	1132150
<b>Correspondence address:</b>	St John's Rectory 30 Victoria Park Square London E2 9PB
<b>Operations address:</b>	200 Cambridge Heath Road London E2 9PA
<b>Chair:</b>	Fr Darren Wolf (licensed 21 September 2023)
<b>Vice chair:</b>	Barbara Perrott
<b>Treasurer:</b>	
<b>Secretary:</b>	Joy Stanton
<b>Churchwarden:</b>	Debra Frame
<b>Electoral Roll Officer:</b>	Clare Barnett
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	<b>Zachary Ramsden FCA</b> 63 Deakin Leas Tonbridge Kent TN9 2JT
<b>Church Architect:</b>	<b>David Hills (appointed March 2024)</b> <b>Roger Mears Architects</b> Union Chapel Compton Avenue London N1 2XD
<b>Heritage Architect:</b>	<b>Jon Bolter</b> <b>Rees Bolter Architects</b> New North House 202 New North Road London N1 7BJ
<b>Bankers:</b>	<b>HSBC plc</b> 465 Bethnal Green Road London E2 9QW  <b>CCLA Investment Management Ltd The CBF</b> <b>Church of England Funds</b> Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4ET

# **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**

**(A Parochial Church Council registered as a charity, number: 1132150)**

The Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green (the PCC) present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to witnessing to the Christian Gospel through worship, nurture, pastoral care, and service. We seek:

- to maintain the tradition of prayer and worship that has taken place here since 1828 through regular services, the provision of occasional offices (Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals), and pastoral care;
- to nurture the worshipping community through preaching and teaching;
- to provide opportunities for service to the wider community through the provision of space in our crypt and hall for voluntary groups and social businesses;
- to facilitate these objectives, and to relate them to our Christian heritage, by maintaining and developing our buildings, especially the grade1 listed church, designed by Sir John Soane.

## **Membership**

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. PCC members are elected for a one-year appointment.

**During the year the following served as members of the PCC or assisted in the running of church activities.**

### **Elected members:**

Clare Barnett (Electoral Roll Officer, Safeguarding Officer)  
Lois Lewington  
Joy Stanton (Secretary)  
Marcia Charles  
Paul Kelly  
Patricia Shaw  
Sonny Chan (resigned January 2024)

### **Ex-officio members:**

Incumbent: The Reverend Darren Wolf (licensed 21 September 2023)  
Churchwarden: Debra Frame (also Children's Champion)  
Deanery Synod Representative: Barbara Perrott (Vice Chair)

## **Aim and Purposes**

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Darren Wolf, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building, together with its crypt and hall at 200 Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green.

## **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. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St John's the membership of the PCC consists of the parish clergy, churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All who regularly attend our services 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 spent.

## **Safeguarding**

The parish of St John on Bethnal Green is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer(s), PSOs. The Diocese of London's safeguarding pages contain vital links and information including contacts for the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (DSA) who advise our PSOs. The policy is reviewed by the PCC annually.

**Review of the Year**

In 2024 the PCC focused heavily on growing the functions of the church and services including an expansion of Evensong services and the establishment of the Junior Evensong choir to support two additional services per month. The church has seen a growth in the Sunday 10am Anglo-Catholic service and has been able to engage with local families and children through expanded schools work, youth outreach, and the establishment of the Tots and Toddlers baby group which seeks to address loneliness in families in the parish. We have continued to support local charities and businesses that work for the benefit of the community through rental space in the crypt.

**Public Benefit**

St John on Bethnal Green benefits the public by way of: regular worship that is open to all, the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation, pastoral work (including the visiting of the sick and the bereaved), teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups, expanded schools work and youth outreach across the borough, supporting parents and carers through the B and supporting charities in the UK and overseas.

**Financial Review**

The results of the period and financial position of the charity are shown in the annexed financial statements. The Statement of Financial Activities shows net income for the year of £(33,671) (2023:£(17,146)) and total funds of £57,116 (2023: £90,787).

**Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity**

Fixed assets are set out in Note 10 to the accounts.

**Reserves Policy**

The trustees consider that a policy of holding a minimum of 12 months income as a general reserve is appropriate for the charity. This is under review in 2025.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

*Barbara Perrott*

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**Barbara Perrott, Trustee**

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) Follow applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- e) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. 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.

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**to the PCC of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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.

Signed: *Zachary Ramsden*

Name: Zachary Ramsden FCA

Chartered Accountant

63 Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2JT

Date: 11th May 2025

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**  
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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
for the year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations, legacies and grants	3	37,738	-	37,738	41,452
Charitable activities	4	555	-	555	(166)
Other trading activities	5	59,604	-	59,604	45,400
Investments	6	2,021	-	2,021	1,329
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>99,918</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>99,918</b>	<b>88,015</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	7	17,121	-	17,121	22,874
Charitable activities	8	116,469	-	116,469	82,287
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>133,589</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133,589</b>	<b>105,161</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	6	-	-	-	-
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		<b>(33,671)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(33,671)</b>	<b>(17,146)</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets				-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(33,671)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(33,671)</b>	<b>(17,146)</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>88,387</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>90,787</b>	<b>107,933</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>54,716</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>57,116</b>	<b>90,787</b>

All incoming resources and resources expended are derived from continuing activities.  
The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**  
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**Balance Sheet**

**as at 31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>	Total funds 2023 £
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand	11	72,169	2,400	74,569	94,954
Debtors		677	-	677	
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>72,846</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>75,246</b>	<b>94,954</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	18,130	-	18,130	4,167
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<b>54,716</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>57,116</b>	<b>90,787</b>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted	14			54,716	88,387
Restricted	14			2,400	2,400
<b>Total funds</b>				<b>57,116</b>	<b>90,787</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


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**Debra Frame, Trustee**

*Barbara Perrott*  


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**Barbara Perrott, Trustee**

*The notes on subsequent pages form part of these accounts.*

## **Accounting Policies**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2024**

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#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- a) Applicable UK accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)'.  
and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)'.
- b) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102);
- c) the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Public benefit entity**

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

#### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue to operate and accordingly the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### **Income recognition**

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from trading activities includes rental income from the letting of church premises which is accounted for when earned. It is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

#### **Expenditure recognition**

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The PCC is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Expenditure included in Raising Funds includes amounts incurred in obtaining grants and other donations and property maintenance costs.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs expended in fulfilling the PCC's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the PCC. These include grants payable, governance costs and an apportionment of support costs.

- Grants payable are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the PCC's objects. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the PCC.
- Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees.
- Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.

#### **Restricted Funds**

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure which meets these criteria are identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

#### **Unrestricted Funds**

Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available as general funds.

#### **Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

## **Notes to the Accounts**

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### **Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Furniture & fittings	- 20% on cost
Office equipment	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

Items of equipment are only capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1000.

### *Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings*

Consecrated land and benefice property such as the church building and vicarage is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10 of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church contents are held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and require a faculty for disposal. They are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is expressed within the Statement of Financial Activities.

### **Investments**

Investments are shown in the balance sheet at closing market value. Surpluses or deficits on valuation are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities.

### **Trustees' emoluments**

Emoluments include salaries, fees, bonuses, expense allowances and estimated non-cash benefits receivable. All trustees serve in a voluntary capacity and do not receive payment for their services.

<b>2 Net incoming resources</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
are stated after charging	£	£
Independent Examiner's fees	400	1,200

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>3 Income from donations, legacies, and grants</b>				
Donations	12,523	-	12,523	16,956
Grants	25,215	-	25,215	24,496
	<b>37,738</b>	-	<b>37,738</b>	<b>41,452</b>
<b>4 Income from charitable activities</b>				
Service fees, net of amounts paid to the Diocese	555	-	555	(166)
<b>5 Income from trading activities</b>				
Art classes	4,068	-	4,068	5,566
Bar sales	3,913	-	3,913	5,635
Church hire	6,425	-	6,425	4,679
Crypt licences	18,389	-	18,389	10,615
Crypt utility income	6,219	-	6,219	-
Flat Rental	15,493	-	15,493	15,180
Hall hire	4,830	-	4,830	3,725
Production commission	268	-	268	-
	<b>59,604</b>	-	<b>59,604</b>	<b>45,400</b>
<b>6 Income from investments</b>				
Bank interest received	2,021	-	2,021	1,329
<b>Total income</b>	<b>99,918</b>	-	<b>99,918</b>	<b>88,015</b>

**Notes to the Accounts**

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>7 Expenditure on raising funds</b>				
Art classes	-	-	-	4,676
Bar expenses	2,637	-	2,637	3,901
Flat rental costs	14,483	-	14,483	14,297
	<b>17,121</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,121</b>	<b>22,874</b>
<b>8 Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Advertising & marketing	152	-	152	-
Bank charges	414	-	414	205
Cleaning	568	-	568	1,273
Clergy expenses	25	-	25	-
Common Fund	37,000	-	37,000	35,500
Freelance staff	1,875	-	1,875	-
Independent examination fees	400	-	400	1,200
Insurance	7,727	-	7,727	7,946
IT and website	553	-	553	350
Legal expenses	624	-	624	-
Light, Power, Water, Heating	17,805	-	17,805	20,207
Liturgical costs	361	-	361	1,257
Office costs	953	-	953	97
Pastoral costs	126	-	126	-
Repairs & maintenance	26,727	-	26,727	6,677
Salaries	1,719	-	1,719	-
Staff support costs	10,856	-	10,856	-
Subscriptions	1,208	-	1,208	25
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	2,319
Telephone & internet	1,059	-	1,059	2,049
Transaction fees	88	-	88	74
Upkeep of services	6,228	-	6,228	3,110
	<b>116,469</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>116,469</b>	<b>82,287</b>
<b>9 Staff costs</b>			<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
			£	£
Staff salaries			1,719	-

**Notes to the Accounts**

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**10 Tangible fixed assets**

None to report

**11 Bank and cash in hand**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
PCC: HSBC Community account	8,323	9,682
Arts: HSBC Community account	397	10,314
CBF Deposit fund 1	31,840	30,235
CBF Deposit fund 2	165	157
Development Fund: HSBC Community account	21,867	18,198
Development Fund: HSBC BMM account	11,776	26,368
Equals	200	
	<b>74,569</b>	<b>94,954</b>

**12 Creditors**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Trade creditors	16,530	1,767
Accruals	1,600	2,400
	<b>18,130</b>	<b>4,167</b>

<b>13 Movement of funds</b>	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing balance
Unrestricted funds	88,387	99,918	(133,589)	-	54,716
Restricted funds					
Memorial for Alan Green	2,400	-	-	-	2,400
Total funds	<b>90,787</b>	<b>99,918</b>	<b>(133,589)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,116</b>

<b>14 Movement of funds: prior year</b>	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing balance
Unrestricted funds	105,533	88,015	(105,161)	-	88,387
Restricted funds					
Memorial for Alan Green	2,400	-	-	-	2,400
Total funds	<b>107,933</b>	<b>88,015</b>	<b>(105,161)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,787</b>

**15 Related party transactions**

During the year total donations received from PCC members, their close family members and business associates was £3,498 (2023: £2,180). No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or their associates for services as a trustee during the year ended 31 December 2024 nor to 31 December 2023.

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<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	<b>Anthony Armstrong FCA</b> <b>Armstrong &amp; Co</b> <i>Chartered Accountants &amp; Statutory Auditor</i> 4a Printing House Yard Hackney Road London E2 7PR
<b>Church Architect:</b>	<b>David Hills (appointed March 2024)</b> <b>Roger Mears Architects</b> Union Chapel Compton Avenue London N1 2XD  <b>Robin Mallalieu</b> <b>Brady Mallalieu Architects</b> 90 Queens Drive London N4 2HW
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## **Trustees' Report**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2023**

The Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green (the PCC) present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to witnessing to the Christian Gospel through worship, nurture, pastoral care, and service. We seek:

- to maintain the tradition of prayer and worship that has taken place here since 1828 through regular services, the provision of occasional offices (Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals), and pastoral care;
- to nurture the worshipping community through preaching and teaching;
- to provide opportunities for service to the wider community through the provision of space in our crypt and hall for voluntary groups and social businesses;
- to facilitate these objectives, and to relate them to our Christian heritage, by maintaining and developing our buildings, especially the grade 1 listed church, designed by Sir John Soane.

#### **Membership**

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. PCC members are elected for a three year appointment with one third retiring each year. The retiring dates are provided below (\*).

**During the year the following served as members of the PCC or assisted in the running of church activities.**

#### **Elected members:**

Clare Barnett (Electoral Roll Officer, Safeguarding Officer) (\*2023)  
Lois Lewington (\*2025)  
Joy Stanton (Secretary \*2024)  
Paul Kelly (\*2025)  
Patricia Shaw (Treasurer \*2025)  
Sonny Chan (\*2026) (Resigned  
January 2024)

#### **Ex-officio members:**

Incumbent:	The Reverend Darren Wolf (licensed 21 September 2023)
Churchwarden:	Debra Frame (also Children's Champion)
Deanery Synod Representative:	Barbara Perrott (Vice Chair)
Deanery Synod Representative:	Marcia Charles

#### **Aim and Purposes**

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Darren Wolf, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building, together with its crypt and hall at 200 Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green.

#### **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. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St John's the membership of the PCC consists of the parish clergy, churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All who regularly attend our services 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 spent.

#### **Safeguarding**

The parish of St John on Bethnal Green is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer(s), PSOs. The Diocese of London's safeguarding pages contain vital links and information including contacts for the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (DSA) who advise our PSOs. The policy is reviewed by the PCC annually.

## **Trustees' Report**

**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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### **Review of the Year**

In 2023 the PCC focused heavily on maintaining the functions of the church and services without an incumbent. The church was able to maintain the Sunday service and supporting local charities and businesses that work for the benefit of the community through rental space in the crypt. The focus and capacity of the PCC was focused heavily on these areas for most of 2023. Rev. Darren Wolf was installed as Priest in Charge on the 21st of September 2023 and has been able to expand the capacity of church work again.

### **Services**

The church was able to continue the 10am service in the Anglo-Catholic tradition throughout 2023. We have also expanded to partner more closely with the local junior choir and school and offer a traditional Evensong service each month.

### **Public Benefit**

St John on Bethnal Green benefits the public by way of: regular worship that is open to all, the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation, pastoral work (including the visiting of the sick and the bereaved), teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups, taking school assemblies, promoting the whole mission of the church through its assistance to older people, parents and children, and supporting charities in the UK and overseas.

### **Financial Review**

The results of the period and financial position of the charity are shown in the annexed financial statements. The Statement of Financial Activities shows net income for the year of £(17,146) (2022: £14,845) and total funds of £90,787 (2022: £107,933).

### **Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity**

Fixed assets are set out in Note 10 to the accounts.

### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees consider that a policy of holding a minimum of 12 months income as a general reserve is appropriate for the charity.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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**Barbara Perrott, Trustee**

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) Follow applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- e) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. 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.

**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**to the PCC of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**

I report on the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 9 to 17. My report is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act').

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC and its members as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As described on page 7, the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under charity law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- b) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- c) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 material matters have 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 Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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 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.

*Anthony Armstrong*

**Anthony Armstrong FCA, Independent Examiner**  
**of Armstrong & Co**  
*Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor*

**4a Printing House Yard**  
**Hackney Road**  
**London E2 7PR**

**Dated: 22 May 2024**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

		Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations, legacies and grants	3	41,452	-	41,452	41,011
Charitable activities	4	(166)	-	(166)	4,187
Other trading activities	5	45,400	-	45,400	52,353
Investments	6	1,329	-	1,329	434
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>88,015</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88,015</b>	<b>97,985</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	7	22,874	-	22,874	25,169
Charitable activities	8	82,287	-	82,287	57,971
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>105,161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,161</b>	<b>83,140</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	6	-	-	-	-
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		<b>(17,146)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(17,146)</b>	<b>14,845</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets				-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(17,146)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(17,146)</b>	<b>14,845</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>105,533</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>107,933</b>	<b>93,088</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>88,387</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>90,787</b>	<b>107,933</b>

All incoming resources and resources expended are derived from continuing activities.  
The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**  
 (A Parochial Church Council registered as a charity, number: 1132150)

**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>	Total funds 2022 £
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand	11	92,554	2,400	94,954	110,611
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>92,554</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>94,954</b>	<b>110,611</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	4,167	-	4,167	2,678
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<b>88,387</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>90,787</b>	<b>107,933</b>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted	14			88,387	105,533
Restricted	14			2,400	2,400
Total funds				<b>90,787</b>	<b>107,933</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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**Debra Frame, Trustee**

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**Barbara Perrott, Trustee**

*The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these accounts.*

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement: reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Net cash flows from operating activities	(16,986)	-	(16,986)	14,689
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>				
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	1,329	-	1,329	434
Purchase of property, plant and equipment			-	-
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>434</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>	<b>(15,658)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(15,658)</b>	<b>15,123</b>
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	108,211	2,400	110,611	95,488
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>	<b>92,553</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>94,953</b>	<b>110,611</b>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
<b>Net surplus for reporting period as per statement of financial activities</b>	<b>(17,146)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(17,146)</b>	<b>14,845</b>
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation charges	-		-	-
Dividends, interest, and rent from investments	(1,329)		(1,329)	(434)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	0		-	-
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	1,489		1,489	278
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>(16,986)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(16,986)</b>	<b>14,689</b>

## **Accounting Policies**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- a) Applicable UK accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)'.
- b) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102);
- c) the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Public benefit entity**

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

#### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue to operate and accordingly the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### **Income recognition**

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from trading activities includes rental income from the letting of church premises which is accounted for when earned. It is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

#### **Expenditure recognition**

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The PCC is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Expenditure included in Raising Funds includes amounts incurred in obtaining grants and other donations and property maintenance costs.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs expended in fulfilling the PCC's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the PCC. These include grants payable, governance costs and an apportionment of support costs.

- Grants payable are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the PCC's objects. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the PCC.
- Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees.
- Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.

#### **Restricted Funds**

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure which meets these criteria are identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

#### **Unrestricted Funds**

Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available as general funds.

#### **Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**Accounting Policies**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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**Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Furniture & fittings	- 20% on cost
Office equipment	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

Items of equipment are only capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1000.

*Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings*

Consecrated land and benefice property such as the church building and vicarage is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10 of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church contents are held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and require a faculty for disposal. They are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is expressed within the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Investments**

Investments are shown in the balance sheet at closing market value. Surpluses or deficits on valuation are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities.

**Notes to the Accounts**

for the year ended 31 December 2023

**Trustees' emoluments**

Emoluments include salaries, fees, bonuses, expense allowances and estimated non-cash benefits receivable. All trustees serve in a voluntary capacity and do not receive payment for their services.

<b>2 Net incoming resources</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
are stated after charging	£	£
Independent Examiner's fees	1,200	1,200

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>3 Income from donations, legacies, and grants</b>				
Donations	16,956	-	16,956	14,125
Grants	24,496	-	24,496	26,886
	<b>41,452</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,452</b>	<b>41,011</b>

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>4 Income from charitable activities</b>				
Service fees, net of amounts paid to the Diocese	(166)	-	(166)	4,187

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>5 Income from trading activities</b>				
Art classes	5,566	-	5,566	9,259
Bar sales	5,635	-	5,635	8,832
Church hire	4,679	-	4,679	7,720
Crypt licences	10,615	-	10,615	11,823
Flat Rental	15,180	-	15,180	13,649
Hall hire	3,725	-	3,725	1,070
	<b>45,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,400</b>	<b>52,353</b>

<b>6 Income from investments</b>				
Bank interest received	1,329	-	1,329	434
<b>Total income</b>	<b>88,015</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88,015</b>	<b>97,985</b>

**Notes to the Accounts**

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>7 Expenditure on raising funds</b>				
Art classes	4,676	-	4,676	6,384
Bar expenses	3,901	-	3,901	4,510
Flat rental costs	14,297	-	14,297	14,275
	<b>22,874</b>	-	<b>22,874</b>	<b>25,169</b>
<b>8 Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Bank charges	205	-	205	275
Clergy expenses	-	-	-	75
Common Fund	35,500	-	35,500	22,189
Independent examination fees	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
IT and website	350	-	350	-
Liturgical costs	1,257	-	1,257	3,741
Office costs	97	-	97	2,679
Subscriptions	25	-	25	-
Sundry expenses	2,319	-	2,319	143
Telephone & internet	2,049	-	2,049	-
Transaction fees	74	-	74	-
Upkeep of services	3,110	-	3,110	-
Charitable donations made	-	-	-	95
Cleaning	1,273	-	1,273	-
Curtilage	-	-	-	1,572
Insurance	7,946	-	7,946	8,212
Light, Power, Water, Heating	20,207	-	20,207	10,474
Repairs & maintenance	6,677	-	6,677	7,256
Professional fees	-	-	-	60
	<b>82,287</b>	-	<b>82,287</b>	<b>57,971</b>

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or their associates for services as a trustee during the year ended 31 December 2023 nor to 31 December 2022.

**Notes to the Accounts**

for the year ended 31 December 2023

<b>9 Staff costs</b>				<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
				£	£
Staff salaries				-	-
<b>10 Tangible fixed assets</b>					
None to report					
<b>11 Bank and cash in hand</b>				<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
				£	£
PCC: HSBC Community account				9,682	28,312
Arts: HSBC Community account				10,314	13,382
CBF Deposit fund 1				30,235	29,296
CBF Deposit fund 2				157	152
Development Fund: HSBC Community account				18,198	13,486
Development Fund: HSBC BMM account				26,368	25,983
				<b>94,954</b>	<b>110,611</b>
<b>12 Creditors</b>				<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
				£	£
Trade creditors				1,767	
Accruals				2,400	2,678
				<b>4,167</b>	<b>2,678</b>
<b>13 Movement of funds</b>	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing balance
Unrestricted funds	105,533	88,015	(105,161)	-	88,387
Restricted funds					
Memorial for Alan Green	2,400	-	-	-	2,400
Total funds	<b>107,933</b>	<b>88,015</b>	<b>(105,161)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,787</b>
<b>14 Movement of funds: prior year</b>	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing balance
Unrestricted funds	93,088	92,944	(80,499)	-	105,533
Restricted funds					
Memorial for Alan Green	-	2,400	-	-	2,400
Church Energy Cost Support Grant	-	2,641	(2,641)	-	-
Total funds	<b>93,088</b>	<b>97,985</b>	<b>(83,140)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>107,933</b>

## **Notes to the Accounts**

for the year ended 31 December 2023

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### **15 Related party transactions**

During the year total donations received from PCC members, their close family members and business associates was £2,180 (2022: £3,500).

### **16 Gifts in kind**

During the year the charity benefitted from unpaid work performed by volunteers.

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# **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**

(A Parochial Church Council registered as a charity, number: 1132150)

## **Financial Statements**

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## **Trustees' Report**

**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**  
(A Parochial Church Council registered as a charity, number: 1132150)

**Charity Information**  
for the year ended 31 December 2022

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<b>Status:</b>	The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It is constituted and governed by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended) and the Church Representation Rules (2011). The members of the PCC are its trustees under charity law and are referred to as such throughout this report. It is a registered charity, number 1132150.
<b>Charity name:</b>	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green
<b>Other operating names:</b>	St John on Bethnal Green
<b>Charity registration number:</b>	1132150
<b>Correspondence address:</b>	St John's Rectory 30 Victoria Park Square London E2 9PB
<b>Operations address:</b>	200 Cambridge Heath Road London E2 9PA
<b>Chair:</b>	Fr Alan Green (until 25 December 2022)
<b>Vice chair:</b>	Barbara Perrott
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Patricia Shaw
<b>Secretary:</b>	Joy Stanton
<b>Churchwardens:</b>	Debra Frame
<b>Electoral Roll Officer:</b>	Clare Barnett
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	<b>Anthony Armstrong FCA</b> <b>Armstrong &amp; Co</b> <i>Chartered Accountants &amp; Statutory Auditor</i> 4a Printing House Yard Hackney Road London E2 7PR
<b>Church Architect:</b>	<b>Robin Mallalieu</b> <b>Brady Mallalieu Architects</b> 90 Queens Drive London N4 2HW
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<b>Bankers:</b>	<b>HSBC plc</b> 465 Bethnal Green Road London E2 9QW  <b>CCLA Investment Management Ltd</b> <b>The CBF Church of England Funds</b> Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4ET

## **Trustees' Report**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2022**

The Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green (the PCC) present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to witnessing to the Christian Gospel through worship, nurture, pastoral care, and service for – as far as this is possible – all who live in this diverse multi-faith parish. We seek:

- to maintain the tradition of prayer and worship that has taken place here since 1828 through regular services, the provision of occasional offices (Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals), and individual pastoral care;
- to nurture the worshipping community through preaching and teaching – Sunday School, preparation for First Communion and Confirmation, programmes centred on the themes of the year;
- to provide opportunities for service to the wider community through the provision of space in our crypt and hall for voluntary groups and social businesses;
- to engage in an exploration of spirituality and culture through engagement with a wide range of artists and artistic forms;
- to facilitate these objectives, and to relate them to our Christian heritage, by maintaining and developing our buildings, especially the grade 1 listed church, designed by Sir John Soane.

#### **Membership**

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. PCC members are elected for a three year appointment with one third retiring each year. The retiring dates are provided below (\*).

**During the year the following served as members of the PCC or assisted in the running of church activities.**

#### **Elected members:**

Clare Barnett (Electoral Roll Officer, Safeguarding Officer) (\*2023)  
Lois Lewington (\*2025)  
Joy Stanton (Secretary \*2024)  
Lisa Mock (until 14 April 2022)  
Paul Kelly (\*2025)  
Patricia Shaw (Treasurer \*2025)  
Sonny Chan (\*2026)

#### **Ex-officio members:**

Incumbent:	The Reverend Prebendary Alan Green, Chair (until December 2022)
Assistant Priest:	The Reverend Christine Hall (until November 2022)
Churchwarden:	Debra Frame (also Children's Champion)
Deanery Synod Representative:	Barbara Perrott (Vice Chair)
Deanery Synod Representative:	Marcia Charles

#### **Aim and Purposes**

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Prebendary Alan Green, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building, together with its crypt and hall at 200 Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green.

#### **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. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St John's the membership of the PCC consists of the parish clergy, churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All who regularly attend our services 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 spent.

The PCC has two sub-committees - Standing and Building - which are responsible and report back to it with recommendations or, when necessary, with decisions that require ratification.

Standing committee membership: since the PCC is so small at present, it was agreed that it should also constitute the Standing Committee.

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Building Committee membership: Fr Alan Green, Rev Christine Hall, John Bolter, Robin Mallalieu - Since August 2022, the building committee has also been incorporated into the PCC.

### **Safeguarding**

The parish of St John on Bethnal Green is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer(s), PSOs. The Diocese of London's safeguarding pages contain vital links and information including contacts for the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (DSA) who advise our PSOs. The policy is reviewed by the PCC annually.

### **Review of the Year**

Work has continued on Safeguarding. In June Clare Barnet (Safeguarding Officer) and Debbie Frame (Children's Champion) presented the current diocesan model safeguarding policy it was accepted by the PCC and displayed on the notice board. They also planned to meet to arrange DBS checks for Eucharistic Ministers and for themselves. It was noted that Frani Groombridge appeared to be the only active Eucharistic Minister.

Finance continued to be a problem having lost income from both concerts and church hire over the period of the pandemic. In June St John's was paying only 50% of our agreed Common Fund level. In July Debbie Frame and Marcia Charles reported on the Area Common fund meeting where parishes were being encouraged to consider a 3% increase where possible noting that Common Fund was a gift to the Diocese not a debt owed by parishes. The Diocese has been able to support struggling parishes by releasing £8million of resources. Fr. Alan planned to discuss our situation with the Area finance Adviser. Neither Fr, Alan nor Revd. Christine had claimed expenses for the past two years. In response to concern about collections at the Eucharist it was decided to reintroduce the collection plates at the Eucharist with masked people with the plates. Fr. Alan had previously introduced an electronic payment facility. In March it was noted that some time ago £2,000 was donated for altar frontals. Discussion and research was needed to see what we could get for this price.

In July Fr. Alan reported on his work on the gas and electrical apportionment of Crypt users. This had not been done since 2017/18. The PCC approved Fr Alan's proposal to write off 2019/21 and to begin reclaiming costs from a suitable juncture near the beginning of 2022 moving to regular quarterly invoices by the end of the year. There are five accounts church gas, church electricity, hall gas, crypt gas and crypt electricity. This has not been helped by bills for the previous three years being charged at commercial rates instead of as a charity. This has now been sorted out with the last three years bill being rescinded and is in the process of issuing new ones at the correct rate. Once these are issued the PCC will be able to correctly invoice the crypt users. As Fr. Alan reported he didn't have time to do this Clare Barnet agreed to take on this work.

In February it was reported that there were flooding problems in the crypt after heavy rain. When the gutter maintenance workers clear the drains of leaves and other debris it usually clears this up. There was some discussion about a longer-term solution.

In June there was discussion on reintroducing refreshments after mass which it was felt would encourage social engagement. Later mainly thanks to Marcia Charles this has been reintroduced using disposable cups to save on the problems of washing up.

Church cleaning was another subject of discussion and groups of the congregation have on occasions, especially for events, been helping. The cleaning of the hall has also been discussed and the need to have a deep industrial clean if the hall was to be hired out. Clare Barnet has been exploring this and is still trying to find a reputable firm to undertake this. In July it was reported that the leader of the Food Pantry had agreed to remove their things from the hall. More recently the PCC agreed to remove the piano and the electrical goods from the kitchen which were broken.

In the crypt now Lumen have moved there has been discussion about possible use for the space. Riaz Bhatti from the crypt put forward a proposal to use the space for an Escape Room. He was invited to a meeting to explain this. The PCC agreed in principle and asked for a written proposal. They will do a 'walk through' of it when it is ready before final approval. There has been for some time a discussion about extending the hall door to cover the doorway (where homeless people sometimes sleep) however after a break-in via the hall door a temporary cover for the doorway has been fitted.

In early August Fr. Alan announced that he would be leaving in December. Since then, the main focus of PCC meetings have been on arrangements for the interregnum. A hand over of the accounts was arranged with Debbie Frame, Marcia Charles and Barbara Perrott authorised though Barbara Perrott has yet to be set up to do this. There have been some extra meetings with the Archdeacon of Hackney and Area Dean and also a workshop led by Andy Ryder. Debbie Frame has been arranging the neighbouring priests to cover our Sunday mass. It is understood that the parish will be suspended, and a Priest in Charge will be appointed in due course. The PCC is in the process of writing a parish profile.

It was decided over the many services of Easter, St John's would hold some and visit neighbouring parishes for others. It was decided to hold Stations of the Cross and Easter Sunday at St Johns and for the others the congregation was invited to attend St Matthews and St Barnabas. For the Monday to Wednesday services of Holy Week it was decided to open the church for prayers and quiet reflection.

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There have been some concerts held during the year. In February the London Docklands Singers held a Memorial concert in honour of Fr. Stuart Lee who sadly died in March last year. In July the church was used as part of the Spitalfields Music Festival. In August the Royal College of Arts Collective held an art exhibition. Since then there have been a few concerts but a continuing problem has been volunteers from the congregation. It was decided at the April meeting to book no more than two concerts a month for the time being because although we still have the connections with event planners we are very short of people willing to help.

It was at the Memorial Concert in February that we became aware of problems with our heating so when the Beaver company comes to service our boilers Debbie Frame will ask them to troubleshoot the problems experienced.

This has been a difficult year for the PCC with not a full complement of members and since Fr. Alan left PCC members have had to fill in for all the work that Fr. Alan did. In fact until he left we weren't aware of all that he was doing for us so it is very important that we appoint at this meeting the full complement of members namely two church wardens (Debbie Frame has been holding this office down on her own for over a year), two Deanery Synod Representatives (since Sabine Butzlaff left Barbara Perrott has been the sole representative) and nine PCC members. During this difficult time all of the congregation (not just the PCC) need to pull together to keep us going until we get a full time priest.

### **Public Benefit**

St John on Bethnal Green benefits the public by way of: regular worship that is open to all, the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation, pastoral work (including the visiting of the sick and the bereaved), teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups, taking school assemblies, promoting the whole mission of the church through its assistance to older people, parents and children, and supporting charities in the UK and overseas.

### **Financial Review**

#### **Results for the year**

The results of the period and financial position of the charity are shown in the annexed financial statements.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net income for the year of £14,845 and total funds of £107,933.

#### **Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity.**

Fixed assets are set out in Note 10 to the accounts.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees consider that a policy of holding a minimum of 12 months income as a general reserve is appropriate for the charity.

#### **Independent Examiner**

The Independent Examiner, Anthony Armstrong FCA of Armstrong & Co, has indicated his willingness to be proposed for re-appointment.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

*Barbara Perrott*

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**Barbara Perrott, Trustee**

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) Follow applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- e) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. 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.

## **Independent Examiner's Report**

### **to the PCC of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**

I report on the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 9 to 17. My report is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act').

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC and its members as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As described on page 7, the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under charity law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- b) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- c) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 material matters have 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 Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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 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.

*Anthony Armstrong*

**Anthony Armstrong FCA, Independent Examiner  
of Armstrong & Co**  
*Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor*

**4a Printing House Yard  
Hackney Road  
London E2 7PR**

**Dated: 27 October 2023**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022			2021
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	35,970	5,041	41,011	27,371
Charitable activities	4	4,187	-	4,187	45
Other trading activities	5	52,353	-	52,353	43,366
Investments	6	434	-	434	23
<b>Total income</b>		<b>92,944</b>	<b>5,041</b>	<b>97,985</b>	<b>70,805</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	7	25,169	-	25,169	21,977
Charitable activities	8	55,330	2,641	57,971	61,999
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>80,499</b>	<b>2,641</b>	<b>83,140</b>	<b>83,976</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		12,445	2,400	14,845	(13,171)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward	13	93,088	-	93,088	106,259
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	13	<b>105,533</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>107,933</b>	<b>93,088</b>

All incoming resources and resources expended are derived from continuing activities.

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**  
 (A Parochial Church Council registered as a charity, number: 1132150)

**Statement of Financial Position**  
 as at 31 December 2022

	Notes	31 December 2022		31 December 2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets:</b>					
Cash at bank and In hand	11	110,611		95,488	
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>110,611</u>		<u>95,488</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	<u>2,678</u>		<u>2,400</u>	
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>			107,933		93,088
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u>107,933</u>		<u>93,088</u>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
Restricted funds	15		2,400		-
Unrestricted funds	15		105,533		93,088
<b>Total charity funds</b>	17		<u>107,933</u>		<u>93,088</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

*Debbie Fraume*

Debra Fraume, Trustee

*Barbara Perrott*

Barbara Perrott, Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these accounts.

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	1	14,689	(8,898)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		434	23
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</b>		<b>434</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		15,123	(8,875)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>	2	95,488	104,363
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	2	<b>110,611</b>	<b>95,488</b>

**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement**

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>1) Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities</b>		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	14,845	(13,171)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	-	97
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(434)	(23)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	-	4,200
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	278	(1)
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>	<b>14,689</b>	<b>(8,898)</b>
<b>2) Analysis of cash and cash equivalents</b>	2022 £	2021 £
Cash in hand	110,611	95,488
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>110,611</b>	<b>95,488</b>

## **Accounting Policies**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2022**

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#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- a) Applicable UK accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)'.
- b) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102);
- c) the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Public benefit entity**

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

#### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue to operate and accordingly the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### **Income recognition**

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from trading activities includes rental income from the letting of church premises which is accounted for when earned. It is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

#### **Expenditure recognition**

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The PCC is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Expenditure included in Raising Funds includes amounts incurred in obtaining grants and other donations and property maintenance costs.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs expended in fulfilling the PCC's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the PCC. These include grants payable, governance costs and an apportionment of support costs.

- Grants payable are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the PCC's objects. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the PCC.
- Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees.
- Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.

#### **Restricted Funds**

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure which meets these criteria are identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

#### **Unrestricted Funds**

Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available as general funds.

#### **Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**Accounting Policies**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

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**Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Furniture & fittings	- 20% on cost
Office equipment	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

Items of equipment are only capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £200.

*Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings*

Consecrated land and benefice property such as the church building and vicarage is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10 of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church contents are held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and require a faculty for disposal. They are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is expressed within the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Investments**

Investments are shown in the balance sheet at closing market value. Surpluses or deficits on valuation are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities.

**Notes to the Accounts**

for the year ended 31 December 2022

**1 Incoming resources**

The incoming resources and surplus are attributable to the principal activities of the charity.

**2 Net incoming resources**

*Net incoming resources are stated after charging:*  
Independent Examiner's fees - reporting service  
Depreciation - owned assets

	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent Examiner's fees - reporting service	1,200	1,200
Depreciation - owned assets	-	97
	<u>-</u>	<u>97</u>

**Trustees' emoluments**

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Emoluments include salaries, fees, bonuses, expense allowances and estimated non-cash benefits receivable. All trustees serve in a voluntary capacity and do not receive payment for their services.

**3 Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Personal donations	1,513	2,400	3,913	2,069
Free will offering	7,051	-	7,051	6,931
Church plate	3,161	-	3,161	759
Everyclick	-	-	-	17
Trusts & Foundations	24,000	-	24,000	24,000
National Heritage	-	-	-	(6,405)
Other grants	245	2,641	2,886	-
	<u>35,970</u>	<u>5,041</u>	<u>41,011</u>	<u>27,371</u>

**4 Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Assigned fees	4,187	-	4,187	45
	<u>4,187</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,187</u>	<u>45</u>

**5 Income from other trading activities**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Bar income	8,832	-	8,832	3,002
Flat rental	13,649	-	13,649	12,461
Church hire	7,720	-	7,720	9,757
Hall hire	1,070	-	1,070	1,290
Crypt licences	11,823	-	11,823	10,094
Art classes	9,259	-	9,259	6,762
	<u>52,353</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,353</u>	<u>43,366</u>

**6 Income from investments**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest received	434	-	434	23
	<u>434</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>23</u>

**7 Expenditure on raising funds**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Flat rental	14,275	-	14,275	14,149
Art classes costs	6,384	-	6,384	6,281
Bar expenses	4,510	-	4,510	1,547
	<u>25,169</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,169</u>	<u>21,977</u>

**Notes to the Accounts**

for the year ended 31 December 2022

8 Expenditure on charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	Total £	Total £
London Diocesan Fund - Common fund	22,189	-	22,189	35,500
Clergy expenses	75	-	75	441
Liturgical expenses	3,741	-	3,741	1,087
Curtilage	1,572	-	1,572	2,105
Office costs	2,679	-	2,679	2,172
Donations made	95	-	95	149
Insurance	8,212	-	8,212	7,881
Sundry expenses	143	-	143	-
Bank charges	275	-	275	5
Heat, light & water	7,833	2,641	10,474	7,140
Depreciation charge	-	-	-	97
Repairs & maintenance	7,256	-	7,256	3,922
Professional fees	60	-	60	300
Independent examination fees	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
	<b>55,330</b>	<b>2,641</b>	<b>57,971</b>	<b>61,999</b>

9 Staff costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff salaries	Nil	Nil
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or their associates for services as a trustee during the year ended 31 December 2022 nor to 31 December 2021.

10 Tangible fixed assets	Furniture & fittings	Office equipment	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
As at 1 January 2022	6,279	2,467	1,027	9,773
As at 31 December 2022	<b>6,279</b>	<b>2,467</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>9,773</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
As at 1 January 2022	6,279	2,467	1,027	9,773
As at 31 December 2022	<b>6,279</b>	<b>2,467</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>9,773</b>
<b>Net book value</b>				
As at 31 December 2022	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
As at 31 December 2021	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

On 18 March 2008 the PCC obtained ownership of 14 paintings by Chris Gollon, which have been commissioned over the last 8 years at a cost of approximately £3,000 each. These paintings depict the Stations of the Cross and are hung in the church building. They are further described in the PCC report. The appropriate accounting treatment for these is currently under consideration by the PCC and our external advisors.

11 Bank and cash in hand	2022	2021
	£	£
PCC: HSBC community account	28,312	13,241
Arts: HSBC community account	13,382	18,327
Hall: HSBC community account	29,296	28,916
Hall: CBF deposit fund	152	150
Development Fund: HSBC community account	13,486	8,910
Development Fund: HSBC BMM account	25,983	25,944
	<b>110,611</b>	<b>95,488</b>

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**  
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<b>12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		£	£
Accruals		2,678	2,400
		<u>2,678</u>	<u>2,400</u>

<b>13 The funds of the charity: current year</b>	<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>Resources arising</b>	<b>Resources utilised</b>	<b>Other movements</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Restricted funds</i>					
Restricted income funds	-	5,041	(2,641)	-	2,400
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
General funds	93,088	92,944	(80,499)	-	105,533
	<u>93,088</u>	<u>97,985</u>	<u>(83,140)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,933</u>

<b>14 The funds of the charity: prior year</b>	<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>Resources arising</b>	<b>Resources utilised</b>	<b>Other movements</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Restricted funds</i>					
Restricted income funds	6,405	(6,405)	-	-	-
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
General funds	99,854	77,210	(83,976)	-	93,088
	<u>106,259</u>	<u>70,805</u>	<u>(83,976)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,088</u>

<b>15 Restricted funds: current period</b>	<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Transfers &amp; gains/(losses)</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Church Energy Cost Support Grant	-	2,641	2,641	-	-
Stained glass memorial	-	2,400	-	-	2,400
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,041</u>	<u>2,641</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,400</u>

<b>16 Restricted funds: prior period</b>	<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Transfers &amp; gains/(losses)</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
National Heritage grant	6,405	(6,405)	-	-	-
	<u>6,405</u>	<u>(6,405)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**Restricted funds (continued)**

Projects financed by restricted funds are supported by unrestricted funding where necessary. This occurs where the funding is in arrears or the incidence of expenditure on the project occurs disproportionately at the beginning of the project compared to the income flows. Where restricted projects end the year with a deficit, this is met by after year-end restricted income or transfers from unrestricted funds.

Name of Restricted Fund	Purpose of restricted fund
<b>Church Energy Cost Support Grant</b>	Support from central church funds to help ally the costs of heating during the winter.
<b>Stained glass memorial</b>	Donation given for a memorial made of stained glass.
<b>National Heritage grant</b>	Emergency grant to cover essential costs, repairs and maintenance of the fabric .

<b>17 Net assets attributable to funds: current period</b>	<b>General funds</b>	<b>Designated funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
		£	£	£	£
Current assets	108,210	-	2,400	-	110,610
Current liabilities	(2,677)	-	-	-	(2,677)
Net assets represented by funds	<u>105,533</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,933</u>

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	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
		£	£	£	£
<b>18 Net assets attributable to funds: prior period</b>					
Current assets	95,488	-	-	-	95,488
Current liabilities	(2,400)	-	-	-	(2,400)
Net assets represented by funds	<u>93,088</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,088</u>

**19 Taxation**

The PCC is a registered charity. Accordingly, it is exempt from taxation in respect of income and capital gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

**20 Post balance sheet events**

There were no significant post balance sheet events.

**21 Contingent liabilities**

The charity had no material contingent liabilities at 31 December 2022 nor at 31 December 2021.

**22 Transactions with trustees/PCC members**

During the year the total amount aggregate donations made by PCC members, their close family members and business associates amounted to £3,500 (2021: £2,500).

**23 Gifts in kind and volunteers**

During the year the charity benefited from unpaid work performed by volunteers.

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# Accounts

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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical  
Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**

(A Parochial Church Council registered as a charity, number: 1132150)

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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**  
(A Parochial Church Council registered as a charity, number: 1132150)

**Charity Information**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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<b>Status:</b>	The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It is constituted and governed by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended) and the Church Representation Rules (2011). The members of the PCC are its trustees under charity law and are referred to as such throughout this report. It is a registered charity, number 1132150.
<b>Charity name:</b>	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green
<b>Other operating names:</b>	St John on Bethnal Green
<b>Charity registration number:</b>	1132150
<b>Correspondence address:</b>	St John's Rectory 30 Victoria Park Square London E2 9PB
<b>Operations address:</b>	200 Cambridge Heath Road London E2 9PA
<b>Chair:</b>	The Reverend Prebendary Alan Green
<b>Churchwardens:</b>	Debra Frame
<b>Electoral Roll Officer:</b>	Clare Barnett
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	<b>Anthony Armstrong FCA</b> <b>Armstrong &amp; Co</b> <i>Chartered Accountants &amp; Statutory Auditor</i> 4a Printing House Yard Hackney Road London E2 7PR
<b>Church Architect:</b>	<b>Robin Mallalieu</b> <b>Brady Mallalieu Architects</b> 90 Queens Drive London N4 2HW
<b>Heritage Architect:</b>	<b>Jon Bolter</b> <b>Rees Bolter Architects</b> New North House 202 New North Road London N1 7BJ
<b>Bankers:</b>	<b>HSBC plc</b> 465 Bethnal Green Road London E2 9QW  <b>CCLA Investment Management Ltd</b> <b>The CBF Church of England Funds</b> Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4ET

## **Trustees' Report**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2021**

The Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green (the PCC) present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to witnessing to the Christian Gospel through worship, nurture, pastoral care, and service for – as far as this is possible – all who live in this diverse multi-faith parish. We seek:

- to maintain the tradition of prayer and worship that has taken place here since 1828 through regular services, the provision of occasional offices (Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals), and individual pastoral care;
- to nurture the worshipping community through preaching and teaching – Sunday School, preparation for First Communion and Confirmation, programmes centred on the themes of the year;
- to provide opportunities for service to the wider community through the provision of space in our crypt and hall for voluntary groups and social businesses;
- to engage in an exploration of spirituality and culture through engagement with a wide range of artists and artistic forms;
- to facilitate these objectives, and to relate them to our Christian heritage, by maintaining and developing our buildings, especially the grade 1 listed church, designed by Sir John Soane.

#### **Membership**

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. PCC members are elected for a three year appointment with one third retiring each year. The retiring dates are provided below (\*).

**During the year the following served as members of the PCC or assisted in the running of church activities.**

#### **Elected members:**

Clare Barnett (Electoral Roll Officer, Safeguarding Officer) (\*2023)  
Justine Ifweagwu (\*2022)  
Lois Lewington (\*2022)  
Lisa Mock (2024)  
Joy Stanton (\*2022)  
Stan White (until May 2021)

#### **Ex-officio members:**

Incumbent:	The Reverend Prebendary Alan Green, Chair
Assistant Priest:	The Reverend Christine Hall
Churchwarden:	Debra Frame (also Children's Champion)
Deanery Synod Representative:	Sabine Butzlaff
Deanery Synod Representative:	Barbara Perrott (Vice Chair, Stewardship Officer)

#### **Aim and Purposes**

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Prebendary Alan Green, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building, together with its crypt and hall at 200 Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green.

#### **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. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St John's the membership of the PCC consists of the parish clergy, churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All who regularly attend our services 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 spent.

The PCC has two sub-committees – Standing and Building – which are responsible and report back to it either with recommendations or, when necessary, with decisions that require ratification.

Standing Committee membership: since the PCC is so small at present, it was agreed that it should also constitute the Standing Committee.

Building Committee: Fr Alan Green, Rev Christine Hall, Stan White, Jon Bolter, Robin Mallalieu

## **Trustees' Report**

**for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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### **Safeguarding**

The parish of St John on Bethnal Green is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer(s), PSOs. The Diocese of London's safeguarding pages contain vital links and information including contacts for the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (DSA) who advise our PSOs. The policy is reviewed by the PCC annually.

### **Review of the Year**

Once again the COVID-19 pandemic dominated the year, with the church once again closed as 2021 began. As for much of the preceding year Fr Alan maintained the pattern of Sunday and weekday Masses by celebrating alone in church with congregants joining either in the live stream or through the Act of Spiritual Communion, a mediative reflection on Holy Communion used at home at the time of the services and supported by a lectionary of readings and Collects sent out by post to all who requested it. For some, being able to see the celebration of the Mass online and to chat with other participants at the end of the service was the next best thing to being together in church; for others, the act of prayerful imagination brought them closest to their lived experience of a shared Mass at St John's. The Church Council maintained its cautious approach to the possibility of reopening both to safeguard the number of vulnerable individuals with congregation and to maintain a solidarity across the faith communities of Tower Hamlets, trying as much as possible to move together in responding both to regulations and to ability. Consequently St John's did not reopen for public worship until Palm Sunday on 28 March. The general pattern after Easter was that all services continued to be streamed with a congregation present on Sundays, opening on weekdays too from August. Shortly after that the weekday streaming option ended, but the Sunday Mass continued with both a congregation and an online stream throughout the year. Huge thanks are due to Sabine Butzlaff, based in the Rectory kitchen, who moderated every streamed service from April 2020!

We were once again able to hold services to mark life events through the year, gradually lifting restrictions on numbers towards the summer. It was, therefore, a pleasure to celebrate two weddings and two baptisms in church in 2021. We could also hold funerals in church once again, providing better opportunities to honour the departed and enable families and friends to grieve in ways that had not been possible in the previous year. Sadly, those who died in 2021 included a number of congregation members or their relatives – in particular Val Gore, Sheila Faye, Henry Lewington Stan White (previous Church Council member and Churchwarden) and Basil Charles. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. 2021 also marked the 25th anniversary of former curate Edmund Cargill-Thompson, who returned to St John's to hold a concelebrated Mass in June.

In a similar way, our arts programme began to re-emerge through the year. Gareth Dennis-Jones, a sound engineer who had worked at many of our concerts in the past, organised a series of streamed small-scale gigs in the church without an audience early in the year and with small audiences in the Spring. Art exhibitions began again in the Summer and in the Autumn we were delighted to welcome back our old friends The Grand Union Orchestra for a series of concerts. We made new friends too, with the beginning of a regular series of Saturday lunchtime concerts curated by Daylight Music.

These events began to bring in some extra income to the church. During the lockdown Christchurch London had found permanent premises in Bow so did not return to St John's. Our Church Hall was continuing to be used as a Food Pantry by Tuesday Bites and Alcoholics Anonymous have been using it for a smaller weekly meeting. Fortunately, congregation members were continuing to give regularly to the church and all Crypt users were able to pay their full rents. In addition the Pemberton Barnes Trust further increased the annual grant to St John's and guaranteed it for two further years for which we are very thankful. However this has still meant we have had to cut costs wherever possible, though we were still committed to paying our agreed Common Fund level to the Diocese.

Fr Alan continued to work at a borough level, as Chair of Tower Hamlets Inter Faith Forum to maintain the partnerships between faith communities and secular partners that had been such a feature of 2020. In particular, work with Public Health and Barts NHS Health Trust had made use of the knowledge and the resources of the faith communities to understand local needs, to reach some minority ethnic groups and to communicate messages about vaccine safety and other issues. By the end of 2021 it was clear that these relationships will continue to develop in future years rather than return to the more patchy state pre-pandemic.

Thanks are due to Rev Christine, Debra Frame and Frances Groombridge for continuing to head up pastoral care for the St John's community through the year whilst Fr Alan concentrated on the borough work and to all members of the Parochial Church Council and other volunteers for taking on so much work to maintain the ministry and mission of the church. The Parochial Church Council met informally online whenever needed throughout the year and ratified some issues of formal business in a meeting in November.

### **Public Benefit**

St John on Bethnal Green benefits the public by way of: regular worship that is open to all, the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation, pastoral work (including the visiting of the sick and the bereaved), teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups, taking school assemblies, promoting the whole mission of the church through its assistance to older people, parents and children, and supporting charities in the UK and overseas.

**Trustees' Report**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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**Financial Review**

**Results for the year**

The results of the period and financial position of the charity are shown in the annexed financial statements.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net expenditure for the year of £13,171 and reserves of £93,088.

**Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity.**

Fixed assets are set out in Note 10 to the accounts.

**Reserves Policy**

The trustees consider that a policy of holding a minimum of 12 months income as a general reserve is appropriate for the charity.

**Independent Examiner**

The Independent Examiner, Anthony Armstrong FCA of Armstrong & Co, has indicated his willingness to be proposed for re-appointment.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 13 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

*Alan Green*

***The Reverend Prebendary Alan Green, PCC Chairman, Trustee***

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) Follow applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- e) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. 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.

## **Independent Examiner's Report**

### **to the PCC of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**

I report on the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 17. My report is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act').

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC and its members as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As described on page 7, the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under charity law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- b) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- c) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 material matters have 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 Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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 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.

*Anthony Armstrong*

**Anthony Armstrong FCA, Independent Examiner  
of Armstrong & Co**  
*Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor*

**4a Printing House Yard  
Hackney Road  
London E2 7PR**

**Dated: 13 December 2022**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021			2020
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	33,776	(6,405)	27,371	45,054
Charitable activities	4	45	-	45	422
Other trading activities	5	43,366	-	43,366	42,524
Investments	6	23	-	23	152
<b>Total income</b>		<b>77,210</b>	<b>(6,405)</b>	<b>70,805</b>	<b>88,152</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	7	21,977	-	21,977	17,029
Charitable activities	8	61,999	-	61,999	81,056
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>83,976</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,976</b>	<b>98,085</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		<b>(6,766)</b>	<b>(6,405)</b>	<b>(13,171)</b>	<b>(9,933)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward	14	99,854	6,405	106,259	116,192
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	14	<b>93,088</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>93,088</b>	<b>106,259</b>

All incoming resources and resources expended are derived from continuing activities.

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Statement of Financial Position**  
 as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	31 December 2021		31 December 2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets:</b>					
Tangible assets	10		-		97
<b>Total fixed assets</b>			-		97
<b>Current assets:</b>					
Debtors	11	-		4,200	
Cash at bank and In hand	12	95,488		104,362	
<b>Total current assets</b>		95,488		108,562	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	2,400		2,400	
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>			93,088		106,162
<b>Total net assets</b>			93,088		106,259
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
Restricted funds	16		-		6,405
Unrestricted funds	15		93,088		99,854
<b>Total charity funds</b>	18		93,088		106,259

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 13 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

*Alan Green*

*The Reverend Prebendary Alan Green, PCC Chairman, Trustee*

*Debbie Frame*

*Debra Frame, Trustee*

*The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these accounts.*

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	1	<u>(8,897)</u>	<u>(29,670)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		23	152
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</b>		<u>23</u>	<u>152</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		(8,874)	(29,518)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>	2	104,362	133,880
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	2	<u>95,488</u>	<u>104,362</u>

**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement**

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>1) Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities</b>		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(13,171)	(9,933)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	97	132
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(23)	(152)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	4,200	(4,200)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	-	(15,518)
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>	<u>(8,897)</u>	<u>(29,670)</u>
<b>2) Analysis of cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Cash in hand	95,488	104,362
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>95,488</u>	<u>104,362</u>

## **Accounting Policies**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- a) Applicable UK accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)'.  
b) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102);
- c) the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Public benefit entity**

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

#### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue to operate and accordingly the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### **Income recognition**

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from trading activities includes rental income from the letting of church premises which is accounted for when earned. It is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

#### **Expenditure recognition**

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The PCC is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Expenditure included in Raising Funds includes amounts incurred in obtaining grants and other donations and property maintenance costs.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs expended in fulfilling the PCC's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the PCC. These include grants payable, governance costs and an apportionment of support costs.

- Grants payable are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the PCC's objects. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the PCC.
- Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees.
- Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.

#### **Restricted Funds**

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure which meets these criteria are identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

#### **Unrestricted Funds**

Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available as general funds.

#### **Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**Accounting Policies**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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**Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Furniture & fittings	- 20% on cost
Office equipment	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

Items of equipment are only capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £200.

*Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings*

Consecrated land and benefice property such as the church building and vicarage is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10 of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church contents are held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and require a faculty for disposal. They are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is expressed within the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Investments**

Investments are shown in the balance sheet at closing market value. Surpluses or deficits on valuation are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities.

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**1 Incoming resources**

The incoming resources and surplus are attributable to the principal activities of the charity.

**2 Net outgoing resources**

*Net outgoing resources are stated after charging:*  
Independent Examiner's fees - reporting service  
Depreciation - owned assets

	2021	2020
	£	£
Independent Examiner's fees - reporting service	1,200	1,200
Depreciation - owned assets	97	132
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**Trustees' emoluments**

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Emoluments include salaries, fees, bonuses, expense allowances and estimated non-cash benefits receivable. All trustees serve in a voluntary capacity and do not receive payment for their services.

**3 Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Personal donations	2,069	-	2,069	1,849
Free will offering	6,931	-	6,931	5,696
Church plate	759	-	759	709
Everyclick	17	-	17	253
Trusts & Foundations	24,000	-	24,000	-
LPOW grants	-	-	-	3,919
National Heritage	-	(6,405)	(6,405)	18,900
Other grants	-	-	-	13,728
	<u>33,776</u>	<u>(6,405)</u>	<u>27,371</u>	<u>45,054</u>

**4 Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Assigned fees	45	-	45	422
	<u>45</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>422</u>

**5 Income from other trading activities**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Bar income	3,002	-	3,002	2,114
Flat rental	12,461	-	12,461	13,840
Church hire	9,757	-	9,757	11,781
Hall hire	1,290	-	1,290	3,307
Crypt licences	10,094	-	10,094	9,572
Art classes	6,762	-	6,762	1,910
	<u>43,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,366</u>	<u>42,524</u>

**6 Income from investments**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest received	23	-	23	152
	<u>23</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>152</u>

**7 Expenditure on raising funds**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Flat rental	14,149	-	14,149	13,896
Art classes costs	6,281	-	6,281	1,528
Bar expenses	1,547	-	1,547	1,605
	<u>21,977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,977</u>	<u>17,029</u>

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8 Expenditure on charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	Total £	Total £
London Diocesan Fund - Common fund	35,500	-	35,500	35,500
Clergy expenses	441	-	441	432
Liturgical expenses	1,087	-	1,087	1,992
Curtilage	2,105	-	2,105	6,725
Office costs	2,172	-	2,172	2,459
Donations made	149	-	149	432
Insurance	7,881	-	7,881	7,852
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	189
Bank charges	5	-	5	-
Heat, light & water	7,140	-	7,140	7,438
Depreciation charge	97	-	97	132
Repairs & maintenance	3,922	-	3,922	13,200
Professional fees	300	-	300	3,505
Independent examination fees	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
	<b>61,999</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,999</b>	<b>81,056</b>

9 Staff costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff salaries	Nil	Nil
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or their associates for services as a trustee during the year ended 31 December 2021 nor to 31 December 2020.

10 Tangible fixed assets	Furniture & fittings	Office equipment	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
As at 1 January 2021	6,279	2,467	1,027	9,773
As at 31 December 2021	<b>6,279</b>	<b>2,467</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>9,773</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
As at 1 January 2021	6,279	2,467	930	9,676
Charge for the year	-	-	97	97
As at 31 December 2021	<b>6,279</b>	<b>2,467</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>9,773</b>
<b>Net book value</b>				
As at 31 December 2021	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
As at 31 December 2020	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>97</b>

On 18 March 2008 the PCC obtained ownership of 14 paintings by Chris Gollon, which have been commissioned over the last 8 years at a cost of approximately £3,000 each. These paintings depict the Stations of the Cross and are hung in the church building. They are further described in the PCC report. The appropriate accounting treatment for these is currently under consideration by the PCC and our external advisors.

11 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	4,200
	<b>-</b>	<b>4,200</b>

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12 Bank and cash in hand	2021	2020
	£	£
PCC: HSBC community account	13,241	27,616
Arts: HSBC community account	18,327	17,089
Hall: CBF deposit fund	150	150
Development Fund: HSBC community account	8,910	4,665
Development Fund: HSBC BMM account	25,944	25,942
Development Fund: CBF Deposit account	28,916	28,900
	<u>95,488</u>	<u>104,362</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals	2,400	2,400
	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>

14 The funds of the charity: current year	Opening balance	Resources arising	Resources utilised	Other movements	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
Restricted income funds	6,405	(6,405)	-	-	-
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General funds	99,854	77,210	(83,976)	-	93,088
	<u>106,259</u>	<u>70,805</u>	<u>(83,976)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,088</u>

15 The funds of the charity: prior year	Opening balance	Resources arising	Resources utilised	Other movements	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
Restricted income funds	-	22,819	(16,414)	-	6,405
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General funds	116,192	65,333	(81,671)	-	99,854
	<u>116,192</u>	<u>88,152</u>	<u>(98,085)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,259</u>

16 Restricted funds: current period	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers & gains/(losses)	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
National Heritage grant	6,405	(6,405)	-	-	-
	<u>6,405</u>	<u>(6,405)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

17 Restricted funds: prior period	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers & gains/(losses)	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
National Heritage grant	-	18,900	12,495	-	6,405
Crypt Toilets	-	3,919	3,919	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>22,819</u>	<u>16,414</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,405</u>

**Restricted funds (continued)**

Projects financed by restricted funds are supported by unrestricted funding where necessary. This occurs where the funding is in arrears or the incidence of expenditure on the project occurs disproportionately at the beginning of the project compared to the income flows. Where restricted projects end the year with a deficit, this is met by after year-end restricted income or transfers from unrestricted funds.

Name of Restricted Fund	Purpose of restricted fund
<b>National Heritage grant</b>	Emergency grant to cover essential costs, repairs and maintenance of the fabric .
<b>Crypt Toilets</b>	Grant from Garfield Weston Anniversary Fund for the construction of new toilets in the church crypt.

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<b>18 Net assets attributable to funds: current period</b>	<b>General funds</b>	<b>Designated funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
		£	£	£	£
Current assets	95,488	-	-	-	95,488
Current liabilities	(2,400)	-	-	-	(2,400)
Net assets represented by funds	<u>93,088</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,088</u>

<b>19 Net assets attributable to funds: prior period</b>	<b>General funds</b>	<b>Designated funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
		£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	97	-	-	-	97
Current assets	102,157	-	6,405	-	108,562
Current liabilities	(2,400)	-	-	-	(2,400)
Net assets represented by funds	<u>99,854</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,405</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,259</u>

**20 Taxation**

The PCC is a registered charity. Accordingly, it is exempt from taxation in respect of income and capital gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

**21 Post balance sheet events**

There were no significant post balance sheet events.

**22 Contingent liabilities**

The charity had no material contingent liabilities at 31 December 2021 nor at 31 December 2020.

**23 Transactions with trustees/PCC members**




During the year the total amount aggregate donations made by PCC members, their close family members and business associates amounted to £2,500 (2021: £1,620).

**24 Gifts in kind and volunteers**

During the year the charity benefited from unpaid work performed by volunteers.

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# Accounts

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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical  
Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**

(A Parochial Church Council registered as a charity, number: 1132150)

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# The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green

(A Parochial Church Council registered as a charity, number: 1132150)

## Charity Information

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### for the year ended 31 December 2020

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<b>Status:</b>	The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It is constituted and governed by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended) and the Church Representation Rules (2011). The members of the PCC are its trustees under charity law and are referred to as such throughout this report. It is a registered charity, number 1132150.
<b>Charity name:</b>	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green
<b>Other operating names:</b>	St John on Bethnal Green
<b>Charity registration number:</b>	1132150
<b>Correspondence address:</b>	St John's Rectory 30 Victoria Park Square London E2 9PB
<b>Operations address:</b>	200 Cambridge Heath Road London E2 9PA
<b>Chair:</b>	The Reverend Prebendary Alan Green
<b>Churchwardens:</b>	Debra Frame Lois Lewington (to October 2020)
<b>Electoral Roll Officer:</b>	Clare Barnett
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	<b>Anthony Armstrong FCA</b> <b>Armstrong &amp; Co</b> <i>Chartered Accountants &amp; Statutory Auditor</i> 4a Printing House Yard Hackney Road London E2 7PR
<b>Church Architect:</b>	<b>Robin Mallalieu</b> <b>Brady Mallalieu Architects</b> 90 Queens Drive London N4 2HW
<b>Heritage Architect:</b>	<b>Jon Bolter</b> <b>Rees Bolter Architects</b> New North House 202 New North Road London N1 7BJ
<b>Bankers:</b>	<b>HSBC plc</b> 465 Bethnal Green Road London E2 9QW  <b>CCLA Investment Management Ltd</b> <b>The CBF Church of England Funds</b> Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4ET

## **Trustees' Report**

**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

The Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green (the PCC) present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to witnessing to the Christian Gospel through worship, nurture, pastoral care, and service for – as far as this is possible – all who live in this diverse multi-faith parish. We seek:

- to maintain the tradition of prayer and worship that has taken place here since 1828 through regular services, the provision of occasional offices (Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals), and individual pastoral care;
- to nurture the worshipping community through preaching and teaching – Sunday School, preparation for First Communion and Confirmation, programmes centred on the themes of the year;
- to provide opportunities for service to the wider community through the provision of space in our crypt and hall for voluntary groups and social businesses;
- to engage in an exploration of spirituality and culture through engagement with a wide range of artists and artistic forms;
- to facilitate these objectives, and to relate them to our Christian heritage, by maintaining and developing our buildings, especially the grade 1 listed church, designed by Sir John Soane.

### **Membership**

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. PCC members are elected for a three year appointment with one third retiring each year. The retiring dates are provided below (\*).

**During the year the following served as members of the PCC or assisted in the running of church activities.**

#### **Elected members:**

Clare Barnett (Electoral Roll Officer, Safeguarding Officer) (\*2023)

Justine Ifweagwu (\*2022)

Lois Lewington (\*2022)

Joy Stanton (\*2022)

Stan White (\*2021)

#### **Ex-officio members:**

Incumbent:	The Reverend Prebendary Alan Green, Chair
Assistant Priest:	The Reverend Christine Hall
Churchwarden:	Debra Frame (also Children's Champion)
Deanery Synod Representative:	Sabine Butzlaff
Deanery Synod Representative:	Barbara Perrott (Vice Chair, Stewardship Officer)

#### **Other Church Officers**

Project Manager	Donna McDonald
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### **Aim and Purposes**

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Prebendary Alan Green, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building, together with its crypt and hall at 200 Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green.

### **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. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St John's the membership of the PCC consists of the parish clergy, churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All who regularly attend our services 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 spent.

## **Trustees' Report**

**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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The PCC has two sub-committees – Standing and Building – which are responsible and report back to it either with recommendations or, when necessary, with decisions that require ratification.

Standing Committee membership: since the PCC is so small at present, it was agreed that it should also constitute the Standing Committee.

Building Committee: Fr Alan Green, Rev Christine Hall, Stan White, Donna McDonald, Jon Bolter, Robin Mallalieu.

### **Review of the Year**

2020 began very much in keeping with other years, a quiet start after the religious and secular excitements of Christmas. We already had a good number of concerts and exhibitions in the diary for the year, which kicked off with the Braid Ensemble at the end of January and Jim Moray on 12 March. The week before that concert we had 130 people in church for the Annual Bethnal Green Tube Disaster Memorial Service. But then the COVID pandemic took hold and, a day in advance of the formal lockdown, we decided to close the church on 22 March, Mothering Sunday. Initially, I decided that would not attempt to stream services (I had no idea how to do that!), but would circulate to the congregation a form of mediative worship they could use at home with the Collects and readings at the times I would continue to celebrate the Eucharist by myself in church. This would prevent a two-tier congregation of those able to receive an online stream and those unable to do this. The Church of England announced confusing guidance, or was it regulation, that clergy were not to enter their churches, but lead services from home. Since I did not need to go onto a public highway to access the church I continued to maintain a regular pattern of daily prayer, Sunday Mass and two weekday Masses throughout the lockdown from the church with our bells automatically announcing each service.

By the end of April I was aware that the pandemic was going to be with us for much longer than I had previously hoped so that streaming would need to happen alongside the Act of Spiritual Communion, and we began to broadcast the three weekly Masses from 26 April, the 3rd Sunday of Easter. This was well-received and, on reflection, has not seemed to cause a rift in the congregation. Churches were permitted to reopen from the beginning of July but, partly to protect a very vulnerable congregation and partly to maintain solidarity with other faith groups in Tower Hamlets unable take this step, St John's remained closed and continued with the virtual and imaginative forms of worship.

Throughout this time I was very grateful to the Church Council – especially to Rev Christine and Debbie Frame – for maintaining a regular pattern of pastoral care, ensuring that congregation members were in contact with one another and offering support and comfort where necessary.

I was unable to play much of a part in this. As Chair of the borough's Inter Faith Forum I had become the point of contact between the faith communities and the Council and other statutory and voluntary services. This was (and remains) very time consuming but has greatly enhanced the partnership between secular and religious bodies in Tower Hamlets for the good of the whole community. Even as the pandemic has brought a magnifying glass to the disparities and injustices that exist locally, so too has it magnified the opportunities for positive development – and this has been an important move forwards.

St John's finally reopened for public worship on 13 September with a wide range of safety measures in place, much helped by a significant grant from the Emergency Fund of the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The second lockdown meant we closed again after All Saints Day, 1st November, and tried reopening at the end of that on 6 December. However, I felt the church was an unsafe venue and for the sake of the congregation closed again in the week before Christmas. This was disheartening, but preserving the health and lives of our community was paramount.

For most of the year St John's was without its major income streams - the weekly hire by Christchurch London and the concert and exhibition programme – whilst seeing little change in the pattern of expenditure. The PCC reviewed our finances and agreed that we were in a position to pay our way through the year even if this would significantly affect our future regeneration and development plans. On this basis we continued to pay 100% of our agreed contributions to the Diocesan Common Fund. We were helped in this through the maintenance grant from the Heritage Fund and by an increased grant from the Pemberton Barnes Trust. We are also very grateful to those organisations in the Crypt who were able to continue to pay their licence fees throughout the year.

Fr Alan

### **Public Benefit**

St John on Bethnal Green benefits the public by way of: regular worship that is open to all, the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation, pastoral work (including the visiting of the sick and the bereaved), teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups, taking school assemblies, promoting the whole mission of the church through its assistance to older people, parents and children, and supporting charities in the UK and overseas.

## **Trustees' Report**

**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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### **Financial Review**

#### **Results for the year**

The results of the period and financial position of the charity are shown in the annexed financial statements.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net expenditure for the year of £9,933 and reserves of £106,259.

#### **Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity.**

Fixed assets are set out in Note 11 to the accounts.

### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees consider that a policy of holding a minimum of 12 months income as a general reserve is appropriate for the charity.

### **Independent Examiner**

The Independent Examiner, Anthony Armstrong FCA of Armstrong & Co, has indicated his willingness to be proposed for re-appointment.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 February 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

*Alan Green*

***The Reverend Prebendary Alan Green, PCC Chairman, Trustee***

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities  
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) Follow applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- e) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. 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.

# **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**

(A Parochial Church Council registered as a charity, number: 1132150)

## **Independent Examiner's Report**

### **to the PCC of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**

I report on the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green for the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 9 to 17. My report is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act').

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC and its members as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As described on page 7, the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under charity law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- b) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- c) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 material matters have 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 Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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 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.

*Anthony Armstrong*

**Anthony Armstrong FCA, Independent Examiner  
of Armstrong & Co**  
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

**4a Printing House Yard  
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London E2 7PR**

**Dated: 28 February 2022**

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**  
(A Parochial Church Council registered as a charity, number: 1132150)

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020			2019
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	22,235	22,819	45,054	41,588
Charitable activities	4	422	-	422	1,471
Other trading activities	5	42,524	-	42,524	83,400
Investments	6	152	-	152	298
Income	7	-	-	-	7,539
<b>Total income</b>		<b>65,333</b>	<b>22,819</b>	<b>88,152</b>	<b>134,296</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	8	17,029	-	17,029	28,922
Charitable activities	9	64,642	16,414	81,056	130,773
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>81,671</b>	<b>16,414</b>	<b>98,085</b>	<b>159,695</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		<b>(16,338)</b>	<b>6,405</b>	<b>(9,933)</b>	<b>(25,399)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward	15	116,192	-	116,192	141,591
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	15	<b>99,854</b>	<b>6,405</b>	<b>106,259</b>	<b>116,192</b>

All incoming resources and resources expended are derived from continuing activities.

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**  
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**Statement of Financial Position**  
 as at 31 December 2020

	Notes	31 December 2020		31 December 2019	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets:</b>					
Tangible assets	11		97		229
<b>Total fixed assets</b>			<u>97</u>		<u>229</u>
<b>Current assets:</b>					
Debtors	12	4,200		-	
Cash at bank and In hand	13	<u>104,362</u>		<u>133,881</u>	
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>108,562</u>		<u>133,881</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	<u>2,400</u>		<u>17,918</u>	
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>			106,162		115,963
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u>106,259</u>		<u>116,192</u>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
Restricted funds	17		6,405		-
Unrestricted funds	15		<u>99,854</u>		<u>116,192</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	20		<u>106,259</u>		<u>116,192</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 February 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

*Alan Green*

**The Reverend Prebendary Alan Green, PCC Chairman, Trustee**

*Debbie Frame*

**Debra Frame, Trustee**

*The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these accounts.*

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	1	(29,671)	(28,201)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		152	298
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</b>		<u>152</u>	<u>298</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		(29,519)	(27,903)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>	2	133,881	161,784
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	2	<u><b>104,362</b></u>	<u><b>133,881</b></u>

**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>1) Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities</b>		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(9,933)	(25,399)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	132	132
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(152)	(298)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(4,200)	7,723
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(15,518)	(10,358)
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>	<u><b>(29,671)</b></u>	<u><b>(28,201)</b></u>
<b>2) Analysis of cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	£	£
Cash in hand	104,362	133,881
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u><b>104,362</b></u>	<u><b>133,881</b></u>

## **Accounting Policies**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- a) Applicable UK accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)';
- b) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102);
- c) the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Public benefit entity**

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

#### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue to operate and accordingly the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### **Income recognition**

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from trading activities includes rental income from the letting of church premises which is accounted for when earned. It is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

#### **Expenditure recognition**

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The PCC is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Expenditure included in Raising Funds includes amounts incurred in obtaining grants and other donations and property maintenance costs.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs expended in fulfilling the PCC's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the PCC. These include grants payable, governance costs and an apportionment of support costs.

- Grants payable are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the PCC's objects. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the PCC.
- Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees.
- Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.

#### **Restricted Funds**

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure which meets these criteria are identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

#### **Unrestricted Funds**

Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available as general funds.

#### **Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

## **Accounting Policies**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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#### **Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Furniture & fittings	- 20% on cost
Office equipment	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

Items of equipment are only capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £200.

#### *Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings*

Consecrated land and benefice property such as the church building and vicarage is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10 of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church contents are held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and require a faculty for disposal. They are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is expressed within the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### **Investments**

Investments are shown in the balance sheet at closing market value. Surpluses or deficits on valuation are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities.

# The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green

(A Parochial Church Council registered as a charity, number: 1132150)

## Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 1 Incoming resources

The incoming resources and surplus are attributable to the principal activities of the charity.

### 2 Net outgoing resources

*Net outgoing resources are stated after charging:*

Independent Examiner's fees - reporting service  
Depreciation - owned assets

	2020	2019
	£	£
Independent Examiner's fees - reporting service	1,200	1,200
Depreciation - owned assets	132	132
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Trustees' emoluments</b>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Emoluments include salaries, fees, bonuses, expense allowances and estimated non-cash benefits receivable. All trustees serve in a voluntary capacity and do not receive payment for their services.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>3 Income from donations and legacies</b>				
Personal donations	1,849	-	1,849	2,522
Free will offering	5,696	-	5,696	3,425
Church plate	709	-	709	6,857
Everyclick	253	-	253	384
Reclaimed gift aid	-	-	-	3,146
LPOW grants	-	3,919	3,919	9,769
National Heritage	-	18,900	18,900	-
Other grants	13,728	-	13,728	15,485
	<u>22,235</u>	<u>22,819</u>	<u>45,054</u>	<u>41,588</u>

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>4 Income from charitable activities</b>				
Assigned fees	422	-	422	1,471
	<u>422</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>422</u>	<u>1,471</u>

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>5 Income from other trading activities</b>				
Bar income	2,114	-	2,114	11,460
Flat rental	13,840	-	13,840	13,926
Church hire	11,781	-	11,781	30,446
Hall hire	3,307	-	3,307	5,119
Crypt licences	9,572	-	9,572	10,615
Art classes	1,910	-	1,910	11,834
	<u>42,524</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,524</u>	<u>83,400</u>

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>6 Income from investments</b>				
Bank interest received	152	-	152	298
	<u>152</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>298</u>

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>7 Other income</b>				
Insurance refunds	-	-	-	7,539
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,539</u>

# The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green

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## Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2020

8 Expenditure on raising funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
	£	£	Total	Total
Flat rental	13,896	-	13,896	13,438
Art classes costs	1,528	-	1,528	9,468
Bar expenses	1,605	-	1,605	6,016
	<u>17,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,029</u>	<u>28,922</u>

9 Expenditure on charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
	£	£	Total	Total
London Diocesan Fund - Common fund	35,500	-	35,500	33,630
Clergy expenses	432	-	432	2,805
Liturgical expenses	1,992	-	1,992	4,846
Curtilage	6,725	-	6,725	708
Office costs	2,459	-	2,459	1,190
Donations made	432	-	432	769
Insurance	7,852	-	7,852	7,812
Sundry expenses	189	-	189	601
Heat, light & water	7,438	-	7,438	9,874
Depreciation charge	132	-	132	132
Repairs & maintenance	84	13,116	13,200	66,131
Professional fees	207	3,298	3,505	1,075
Independent examination fees	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
	<u>64,642</u>	<u>16,414</u>	<u>81,056</u>	<u>130,773</u>

10 Staff costs	2020	2019
	£	£
Staff salaries	Nil	Nil
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or their associates for services as a trustee during the year ended 31 December 2020 nor to 31 December 2019.

11 Tangible fixed assets	Furniture & fittings	Office equipment	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
As at 1 January 2020	6,279	2,467	1,027	9,773
As at 31 December 2020	<u>6,279</u>	<u>2,467</u>	<u>1,027</u>	<u>9,773</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
As at 1 January 2020	6,279	2,467	798	9,544
Charge for the year	-	-	132	132
As at 31 December 2020	<u>6,279</u>	<u>2,467</u>	<u>930</u>	<u>9,676</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
As at 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>97</u>
As at 31 December 2019	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>229</u>

On 18 March 2008 the PCC obtained ownership of 14 paintings by Chris Gollon, which have been commissioned over the last 8 years at a cost of approximately £3,000 each. These paintings depict the Stations of the Cross and are hung in the church building. They are further described in the PCC report. The appropriate accounting treatment for these is currently under consideration by the PCC and our external advisors.



# The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green

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### Restricted funds (continued)

Projects financed by restricted funds are supported by unrestricted funding where necessary. This occurs where the funding is in arrears or the incidence of expenditure on the project occurs disproportionately at the beginning of the project compared to the income flows. Where restricted projects end the year with a deficit, this is met by after year-end restricted income or transfers from unrestricted funds.

Name of Restricted Fund	Purpose of restricted fund
Nave carpet replacement	Funds for replacement of the nave carpet.
National Heritage grant	Emergency grant to cover essential costs, repairs and maintenance of the fabric .
Crypt Toilets	Grant from Garfield Weston Anniversary Fund for the construction of new toilets in the church crypt.

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
<b>19 Transfers between funds: prior period</b>					
General to restricted	253		(253)		-
	<u>253</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(253)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
<b>20 Net assets attributable to funds: current period</b>					
		£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	97	-	-	-	97
Current assets	102,157	-	6,405	-	108,562
Current liabilities	(2,400)	-	-	-	(2,400)
Net assets represented by funds	<u>99,854</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,405</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,259</u>

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
<b>21 Net assets attributable to funds: prior period</b>					
		£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	229	-	-	-	229
Current assets	133,881	-	-	-	133,881
Current liabilities	(17,918)	-	-	-	(17,918)
Net assets represented by funds	<u>116,192</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,192</u>

### 22 Taxation

The PCC is a registered charity. Accordingly, it is exempt from taxation in respect of income and capital gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

### 23 Post balance sheet events

There were no significant post balance sheet events.

### 24 Contingent liabilities

The charity had no material contingent liabilities at 31 December 2020 nor at 31 December 2019.

### 25 Transactions with trustees/PCC members




During the year the total amount aggregate donations made by PCC members, their close family members and business associates amounted to £1,620 (2019: £1,620).

### 26 Gifts in kind and volunteers

During the year the charity benefited from unpaid work performed by volunteers.

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