

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF STRATFORD ST JOHN WITH CHRIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1132176

## Details

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Other names	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF STRATFORD ST JOHN WITH CHRIST CHURCH AND ST JAMES, ST JOHN'S WITH CHRIST CHURCH & ST JAMES STRATFORD
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-10-16
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## Activities

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

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## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE LOCAL.
- Newham

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£228,966	£191,379	-	-
2023-12-31	£187,935	£173,595	-	-
2022-12-31	£231,806	£260,223	-	-
2021-12-31	£182,903	£166,384	-	-
2020-12-31	£177,192	£179,305	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rev Young Lee</b>	Chair	2022-07-07
Ayodele Olunloyo		2020-10-04
Beverley Slings		2011-10-25
Corin Marcia Elizabeth Barton		2019-04-28
Dr SANDRA MARIE BESSON		2017-06-12
Eon Wade		2022-05-22
Hannah Joy Thomas-Davies		2023-05-14
IHINOSEN JANE OVBUDE		2012-10-15
JIMI PETERS		2017-04-30
Jacintha Bridget Richards		2022-05-22
Joseph Mugambwa		2025-05-25
Linda Ikenga		2023-05-14
MR TOLU BABARINSA		
Morohun Foluwa Mayowa Fabikun		2023-04-14
Olubumi-Olumayowa Opedare		2025-05-25
Omodolapo Peters		2022-05-22
Peper-Hade Shoyemi		2025-05-25
RICHARD JOHN LESLIE AUBREY		2018-04-29
Rev Daniel Mark Scott		2019-07-13
Rev NICHOLAS BRYZAK		2015-04-26
SYLVIA BECKLES		2024-04-28
Sandra Ballentine		2023-05-14

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# Accounts

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# St.John's Church, Stratford, E15

## APCM 2025

(ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING)

25<sup>th</sup> May 2025



**Incorporating the  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PCC AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS  
For the Parish of St John with Christ Church Stratford**  
(registered charity no.1132176)

*For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024*

## AGENDA

1. WELCOME
2. OPENING PRAYER
3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024
5. PRESENTATION & ELECTION
  - Election & Presentation of the Wardens
  - Presentation of the Church Electoral Roll
  - Presentation for Approval of Audited Accounts for the Year 2024 (attached)
  - Election & Presentation of P.C.C (Parochial Church Council) Members
  - Election & Presentation of Sidespersons
  - Election & Presentation of Deanery Synod Reps
  - Election of Auditor: Independent Examiner Mr. Peter Morley FCMA
6. REPORTS
  - Auditor's Report (attached)
  - Account Review for the year 2024 by Sandra Besson (Treasurer)
  - Wardens' Report
  - Vicar's Report (attached)
7. Q & A
8. CLOSING PRAYER

- **Everyone is warmly invited to the APCM** (Annual Parochial Church Meeting). It's a special opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for all that God has done at St John's over the past year.
- **Voting for Parish Churchwardens** is open to members of the Church Electoral Roll and to residents of the parish (if an election is required).
- **Voting on other matters** is reserved for members of the Church Electoral Roll only.
- **During the Q&A**, we may not always have immediate answers to every question. If that's the case, we will follow up with you as soon as possible.

## Vicar's Report for the APCM – Review of 2024

If there is no change, there is no growth. It's like the Dead Sea—always receiving water but never giving, with no flow, no movement, no transformation. And because of that, it becomes dead. Ministry in Christ is no different. If we cling only to our own traditions—doing things simply because we've always done them—or if we stay in the comfort of the familiar, there will be no growth. And without growth, sooner or later, it dies.

I have now been at St John's for over two and a half years. During the first year and a half, I focused on listening—to God, to the church, and to the wider community—to discern what He is calling us to be and to do. Out of that time of listening, God gave us His vision for St John's, which I shared with you at last year's APCM. Since then, we've been working to make that vision a reality. That means 2024 was a year of transition—an exciting journey, but also a challenging one.

Let me share some of the highlights and challenges of the year, which I hope will inspire us to continue seeking God's wisdom and provision together.

### Highlights

Throughout 2024, we have pursued our mission to **help everyone Encounter Jesus, Equip the saints, and Empower the community** through the good news of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### 1. Encountering Jesus:

We recognise that many in our community are spiritually curious—asking life's big questions, even if they remain sceptical about faith. Through the Alpha Course, monthly prayer walks, daily Facebook prayers, and the outreach efforts of our Gazebo team, we've created opportunities for people to encounter Jesus. I'm especially thankful for the volunteers who helped make these ministries possible, including those who supported Alpha, led our prayer initiatives, and engaged with the community every other Saturday.

#### 2. Equipping the Saints:

We want to grow into the people God has called us to be. Our services and prayer meetings continue to offer spaces for spiritual growth through word, worship, prayer, and fellowship. A new Lifegroup was launched and has become a strong hub for

discipleship and community—huge thanks to Charles and Hannah for hosting, and to David and Caryn for resourcing the group with their gifts. Healing Café has grown both in size and depth—thank you to Sheva, Iris, and the entire team. A particular focus this year has been supporting and developing our youth ministry. Jill Duncan, our Deanery Youth Advisor, served with us for six months, offering valuable training to our YPF volunteers. Our young people even renovated their meeting room, transforming it into a warm, welcoming space.

#### 3. Empowering the Community:

Empowered by Jesus, we sought to serve our community both locally and globally. In collaboration with other Stratford churches, we relaunched the *Love Stratford* event in June, welcoming around 2,000 guests. It was a joyful day of fun and connection, offering a safe, welcoming space to the public. We also hosted the *Easter Experience* with Faith in Schools, welcoming several hundred Year 4 pupils to encounter the Easter story. Our *Christmas Civic Carol Service*, held in partnership with Transform Newham, welcomed about 300 people, including community leaders and dignitaries, celebrating the transforming love of God at work in Newham.

Globally, we remained committed to mission, tithing 10% of our income to Christian organisations doing incredible work around the world. We also pray regularly for these partners and have welcomed speakers from The Leprosy Mission, Open Doors, Amos Trust, and CMS (including Andrew and Lisa, who minister in Bolivia). These partnerships help us glimpse the wider movement of God's Kingdom beyond our parish.

### Challenges

Though we have many reasons to thank God, this year has not been without real challenges.

#### 1. Financial Pressures:

We faced a serious financial crisis in 2024, resulting in a deficit that made it unsustainable to maintain two full-time staff roles. After prayerful consultation, the staff agreed to step down in July. This impacted both myself and our administration significantly. Yet, by God's grace, a number of volunteers stepped in to help sustain our ministry. I am deeply thankful for their sacrificial service. To manage operations more efficiently, the church office is now open weekdays from 10am–12pm.

## 2. Building Repairs:

St John's Centre, now 25 years old, has begun to show signs of wear. The most urgent issue was a leaking roof. We are grateful for a £10,000 grant from the LOB fund and a generous £5,000 private donation, which enabled us to complete repairs earlier this year. Our quinquennial inspection also identified other necessary repairs, which are now being addressed by the Buildings Committee. Please continue to pray for wisdom and provision as we move forward.

## 3. Disappointment and Bitterness:

Seasons of transition inevitably bring discomfort. I know that for some, the changes I've introduced have felt unsettling or even painful. If any of my decisions or leadership have caused hurt or disappointment, I sincerely apologise. Please forgive me. This journey has been personally costly—I've lost around 6kg since I began serving at St John's. I have made every decision through prayer and discernment, striving not to please people, but to please God. My desire has always been to ask: *What would delight the Lord? Who are the weak and vulnerable He is calling us to reach?* If we begin to focus only on "me" or "us," we risk becoming a social club rather than a church. And we are called to be Christ's Church.

## Looking Ahead: 2025–2026

Recently, the PCC reviewed and reaffirmed our vision (available on our website). We've discerned the following priorities for the year ahead:

### 1. Back to Basics:

We are being called back to our foundations—prayer and the Word. Every ministry at St John's will place prayer before preparation. We've begun praying at 9:45am on Sundays before setting up. This model will extend to all areas of ministry. Our Lifegroups are vital to this effort: the evening group at Charles and Hannah's, the daytime Healing Café group, and a new online Lifegroup meeting fortnightly with one in-person session each term. Together, we are building on solid ground.

### 2. Better Communication:

We recognise gaps in communication within the church—between leaders, volunteers, and congregants. To improve this, we've begun using the ChurchSuite system, coordinated by Hannah. We remain committed to also supporting those who prefer offline methods of connection.

## 3. Every-Person Ministry:

Every Christian is called to serve. Ministry is not for the few, but for all. We will continue developing ministry teams, helping people discern their gifts, and encouraging each person to find their place in God's work—so that more than half of our congregation is active in at least one area of service.

## 4. Cultivating a Culture of Honour:

As I mentioned earlier, disappointment is a natural part of ministry. But how we handle it matters. Whispering, gossip, and resentment are spiritually toxic. They divide and destroy. I am preparing a sermon series to help us grow in this area. In the meantime, let's each ask, "What would God want me to do?" rather than seeking to blame. If you are hurting or need to speak, please know that I—and the wider leadership—are here to listen.

## Conclusion

Friends, 2024 was a year of faith and faithfulness, of pruning and planting. We have seen God at work, even in the challenges, and I believe we are being prepared for a fruitful future. As we move forward into 2025–2026, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Let us walk in unity, serve with joy, and remain open to the Spirit's leading. Thank you for journeying together as the people of God at St John's. May we continue to grow in grace and in the mission God has given us—for His glory and the good of our world.

With love in Christ,

Revd. Young Lee

Vicar, St John's Church, Stratford

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE IN 2024

- Average Sunday morning attendance in 2024 is around 133 adults and 38 children
- The electoral roll on the day of APCM is 274 (last year, 266).

## LIFE EVENTS AT ST JOHN'S STRATFORD

- Baptism: We thank God for the gift of life through baptism. We had 2 baptisms in 2024.
- Confirmation: We had one confirmation service in November 2024. 19 candidates from St John's among others from different churches in the deanery were confirmed by the Bishop of Chelmsford.
- Wedding/ blessings: we had 2 weddings in 2024

- Funerals: we conducted 2 funerals in the church building officiated by Rev. Young Lee.

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL, MINISTRY TEAM AND SIDESPERSONS IN 2024

### MINISTERS

Revd Young Lee (since July 2022)  
Nick Bryzak (Associate Minister)

### CHURCH WARDENS

Tolu Babarinsa  
Corin Barton  
Richard Aubrey  
Bridget Richards

### PCC MEMBERS

Chuks Asuoha, Sylvia Beckles  
Hannah Thomas-Davies, Emmanuel Orakwue  
Justine Onu, Folu Fabikun  
Eon Wade (Evangelism Enabler)  
Jimi Peter, Lydia Quartey  
Ihinosen Jane Ovbude, Beverly Slingo  
Linda Ikenga, Sandra Besson (Treasurer)  
Ayodele Olunloyo (Deanery Synod Representative)  
Dolapo Ariyibi (Safeguarding Officer/ Deanery Synod Representative), Sandra Ballentine (Secretary)

### The followings are invited to be attendance at PCC meetings

Sheva Williams (Lay Reader)  
Annette Gorden (Ordinand)  
Dan Scott (Community vicar at Christchurch Three Mills)

### STAFF TEAM

Parish Administrator: Kay Garib (till July 2024)  
Verger: Radcliff Facey (till June 2024)

### SIDESPERSONS

Alister Probert, Grace Barnwell  
Sylvia Beckles, Millie Benjamin  
John Burman, Yvonne Edwards  
Mike Ibiayo, Daniel Ogbondah  
Blessing Ogbondah, Sarah Olemoh-Soyemi  
Justine Onu, Christine, Dola Peters, Jimi Peter, Bridget Richards

## PCC SECRETARY REPORT

**Report Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

**Prepared by:** Sandra Ballentine, Parish Secretary.

### **Purpose of Report:**

To give a summary of matters discussed by PCC members January 2024 to November 2024 and ask that the Annual Parochial Church meeting note the report contents.

### **Background:**

The **Parish Church Council (PCC)** is made up of 21 church members elected annually. The PCC is responsible for the care and maintenance of the church and its contents, the conduct of the financial affairs of the church and functions in relation to church services and administration. In performing their duties PCC members must act with integrity, honesty and openness and act in the best interests of the church and ensure that the church's activities remain true to its mission and purpose.

### **1. St John's Vision Document.**

We continue to develop this document which is reviewed annually setting out our church vision and priorities. As our church grows, our vision grows.

### **Our Identity:**

**We are gospel-centred:** St John's Church is a church built on the foundation of Jesus Christ. Jesus is central in how we make decisions, what we say and the actions we take. 1 Corinthians 3:11 "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."

**We are a worshipping community:** We were created for a relationship with God and others. Our worship together is an expression of our relationship.

**We are a diverse, loving community:** The salvation message of John 3:16 is a reminder that the gospel of Jesus Christ is for EVERYONE. St John's Church is diverse and offers the love of God to everyone in our community.

### **Our Value:**

**A gospel-centred** church and not a political-centred church.

**Every-Person Ministry:** We grow by serving God and others. We believe everyone is called to a ministry of service.

**Growing the next generation** in Christian faith and leadership is one of our best investments.

**Diversity** is our blessing, and it strengthens the community.

**God's plan A for His mission.** We are God's plan A for the transformation and thriving of our community in Stratford.

#### **Our Mission Statement**

Help **Everyone** to encounter Jesus, through weekday bible study/fellowship group. Promoting more prayers, both individual and corporate. Creating a seeker-friendly faith space.

To **Equip the saints** through growing the Children & Youth Group, developing a new Children and Youth curriculum and changing of our approach and attitude to children and young people through teaching and learning the culture of honour.

To **Empower the community** through the good news of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Making use of church buildings & technology for mission. Developing a 5-year Building Project and the St John's Centre refurbishments to make the building more welcoming and user-friendly refurbishing the Crypt and upgrading the church sound and visual system.

These are just a few examples of the ongoing works to develop our mission and priorities.

#### **2. Church Finances.**

2024 remained challenging for church finances which were kept tightly under review to ensure we remain financially resilient and make best use of resources. This involved a review of our needs and resources to ensure church funds were used efficiently and looking at ways to secure external funding and generate greater income such as increasing the rental charges for church rooms.

#### **3. St John's Building and Church House**

The repair, maintenance and upkeep of the church building and facilities have been kept under review. External lighting was installed in the church yard to improve lighting and safety in external areas of the church building. A review of the fabric of the church building has been undertaken and essential works carried out to the extension roof. Further works of repair will be kept under review and undertaken, when necessary, funds permitting.

#### **4. Courses.**

St John's hosted and facilitated during 2024 Part 1 of the Pastoral Care course and The Alpha course. These courses were designed to equip and build up the saints and were well attended by St John's members and others.

#### **Conclusion.**

We have managed to keep church finances and the building and church house under review to ensure that our needs and those of the community have been met. We also continue to review our vision and priorities to serve God, each other, and our local community.

In all things we give thanks to God and seek his wisdom, knowledge and discernment.

#### **REPORT ENDS.**

#### **SAFEGUARDING REPORT**

The safeguarding ministry as it's name suggests is to keep everyone especially the young and vulnerable members of our congregation safe and to ensure that the processes that enable safeguarding are embedded into our processes.

##### *What happened over the year?*

Volunteers were taken through the safer recruitment process which involves DBS checks, completion of application forms, training and referencing.

##### *What do you want to celebrate?*

We had a successful Safeguarding Sunday service on 17-Nov-24, this raised the awareness of Safeguarding to the congregation.

##### *What are the challenges?*

The main challenge is length of time it takes to complete the processes.

##### *How can the church pray for your ministry?*

I would like the church to pray that Lord gives me wisdom, humility, patience and strength. Also want to pray the Lord will helps everyone understand that we all have a role to play in safeguarding.

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Mrs Omodolapo Peters who may be contacted at church or by email at [safeguarding@stjohnse15.org](mailto:safeguarding@stjohnse15.org). No safeguarding issues were reported during 2024.

*Reported by Dola Peters*

**MINISTRY REPORT FOR 2024**

**BUILDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The St John's buildings group has been focusing on the resolution of the leaky roof to the St John's centre recently, which has taken a long time to make happen, but is now complete externally. Internally, some making good is required. The next mini-project will be to address issues in the church toilets, changing taps, solving the hot water issues, and unblocking plumbing.

Strategically, we still have a long way to go, and whilst a big vision is on the cards, and a Vision session will be organised with interested members of the congregation, it has been agreed to tackle some existing ministry challenges in the first instance.

The Building Committee is enormously grateful to the patient and generous volunteering of Pat Kennedy who has been particularly investing a lot of his time and professional gifts this year in helping with church buildings issues. Particularly this has focussed on improving the external presentation of the building - by resolving the external lighting that lights up the building, the general condition of the churchyard, repairing the plinth directly adjacent to the east steps and seeking to understand how the church clock can be cost effectively brought back into good order.

In the upcoming period we again need to look at making bigger investments into our building to keep it suitable and well-equipped for ministry to our community. There remain important roof and other repairs to resolve, picked up as part of our five-yearly inspection undertaken during the summer of 2024.

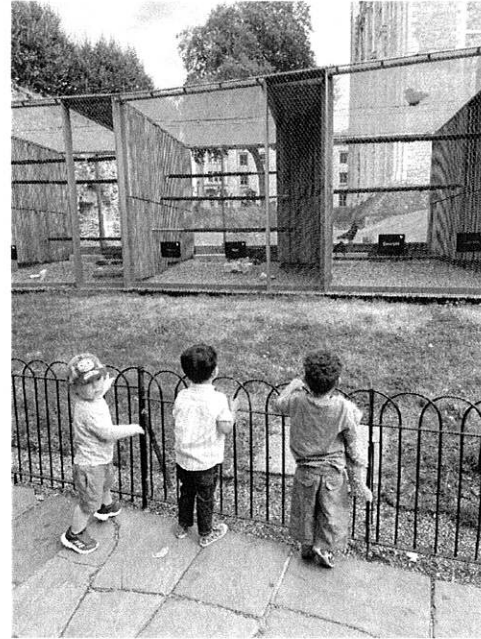
*Reported by Charles Thomas-Davies (Chair of the Building Committee)*

**BIBLE WITH BABY**

[Photo shared with permission]

Bible with baby continues to be a small group of parents meeting on a Wednesday to share the Bible with our children and to discuss it together. The children are building relationships together and parents find a rare opportunity for fellowship in the week whilst looking after their children. We're expecting the group to grow this year but remain a place where understanding of the Bible and relationships can deepen. This year we enjoyed

using the free tickets from the Tower of London for an outing together.



*Reported by Hannah Thomas-Davies (PCC)*

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE**

The aim of the Children and Young People's Ministry at St John's is to see our children and young people grow in their Christian faith and feel safe, welcomed and valued in our church. A main part of our ministry is Sunday Club and YPF, which take place during the Sunday morning services. With groups for all ages, 0-19, we aim to provide fun activities to enable the children and young people to explore the Christian faith and grow in their walk with Jesus.

During 2024 we prepared 17 young people for baptism and confirmation, which took place in November, during a service led by the Bishop of Chelmsford. We have also seen our young people involved in increasing areas of ministry in church including, sound (PA), audio visual, instrumental music, singing, reading, speaking, leading prayer and serving refreshments. A group of our teenagers also enjoyed a Christmas trip to the Dominion Theatre to see The Shepherd's Carol.

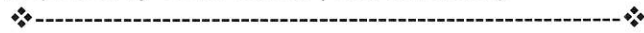
Staffing our Children and YP's Ministry has continued to be a challenge this year. During 2024 we were blessed to have Jill Duncan, a diocesan youth worker, based at our church for 6 months. Jill worked with YPF and helped them decorate and equip their own space in the crypt. She also led a training course for our ministry team which saw 7

leaders complete the Youthscape Essentials Training programme.

As we go forward into 2025, we still need more leaders and helpers for the weekly groups. We would also like to expand beyond Sunday ministry but need extra help to make this possible. Having seen Jill Duncan's impact, we are considering trying to access funding for a Children and Youth Worker who could help us to develop this vital area of our church ministry.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the leaders and helpers of each of our groups. Special thanks to Bridget, who has had the difficult task of ensuring each group is staffed and resourced each week. Thanks also to Chuks, who has recently stood down from YPF, after many years of dedicated service to our young people. Please continue to pray for this area of ministry and hold the children and young people in your hearts.

*Reported by Corin Barton (Churchwarden)*



**FACEBOOK LIVE EVENING PRAYER AND END OF MONTH NIGHT PRAYER**

The FB Evening Prayer and End of Month Night Prayer provides a consistent, welcoming space for the church to pause for prayer and Bible reflection, thereby fostering faith and fellowship.

This year, attendance and engagement grew, with members participating more actively. The monthly night prayers were spiritual, bringing peace and clarity. New prayer themes and rotating leaders added freshness and deepened our bond. We engaged in mid-year and end of year thanksgiving which gave the opportunity to rejoice in the Lord for His goodness.

Despite facing challenges of coordination of volunteers, the team responded with better planning and communication. The team grew in confidence and spiritual sensitivity.

We are especially grateful for answered prayers, the prayer leaders, and everyone who engaged prayerfully. Looking ahead, the ministry plans to keep praying for deeper spiritual growth and boldness in prayer among participants.

*Reported by Ayo (Licensed Lay Minister, PCC)*



**HEALING CAFÉ**

This ministry serves to help everyone who genuinely come to St. Johns on a Tuesday,

seeking God's help and guidance, or just for fellowship and friendship to combat loneliness.

God has worked wonders for us. The grant of £9,600 which we received from People Powered Places Council) was spent according to our plan.

We have had a very exciting year. We entertained over 300 people in our churchyard outreach and other events. We adhered to our diocesan good safeguarding policy. Newham Council congratulated us on our achievement as did all who took part in the events we organised. We received small donations from those we entertained which is helping towards the cost of our expenditure for this present year. Grants was not offered within category.

Our biggest challenge was keeping good account of all spending to give accurate report regularly to our church finance secretary and quarterly to People Powered Places.

More people are now attending. It is always difficult to know how many will be present for lunch as some people just drop in which is good. We provide for 15 but numbers range from 12 to 25.

Our hope for next year is to see more people come to the café to receive prayer and blessing. I also pray more retired prayer ministers will join and help with leading Bible teaching and prayer, to build us and others up in the love of Christ. Lastly to have 2 more helpers to prepare the lunch

We thank God for being so good to us and for all who have helped in many ways, physically, financially, spiritually and emotionally. I am honoured to serve in this ministry. Others have shared similar sentiments, and all who attend, or visit have expressed their appreciation.

Please pray for God's continued guidance and blessings on this ministry.

*Reported by Sheva Williams (Healing Café Leader/ Reader)*



**LIFEGROUPS**

This year, a new small group-based ministry was started, which focusses on building depth of relationships between individuals in groups of 8-12 (ish) people.

The first group started in February, and has been meeting fortnightly on a Tuesday evening following the Alpha Course that took place last summer. The

first 6 sessions focused on Galatians, led by David and Caryn, and the next series of 6 sessions are looking at Exodus, led from a book, and delivered/facilitated by a member of the group.

The group has been meeting at Charles & Hannah's house in Maryland.

The format that has worked well to date is:

- 19:00-19:30: simple food (normally soup and bread) and fellowship.
- 19:30-20:30: bible-based discussion.
- 20:30-21:00: we pray for each other.

If anyone would be interested in setting up or joining a Life Group, it's very straightforward, so please see Rev Young, Charles, Hannah, David or Caryn, or complete the following

form: <https://stjohnse15.churchsuite.com/-/forms/d9iddjft>

Reported by Charles Thomas-Davies

**MISSION GIVING COMMITTEE (MGC)**

The Mission Giving Committee has the responsibility of distributing the proportion of St John's regular giving which is directed towards the wider mission of the church. During 2024, regular beneficiaries included 12 local, national and international Christian organisations\*. These were:

Organisation	Region	Amount
Newham Faith in Schools	Local	£1000
St. Joseph's Hospice	Local	£650
Stratford Food Bank	Local	£650
Lifewords	National	£650
NAPAC	National	£650
Open Air Campaigners	National	£650
Through Faith Missions	National	£650
Amos Trust	International	£650
Christian Solidary Worldwide	International	£650
Church Missionary Society	International	£1850
Leprosy Mission	International	£650
Open Doors	International	£650
Total		£9350

\*NAPAC is not a Christian organisation but is a charity.

The MGC members establish links with the supported organisations and invite representatives

to speak at services where possible. During 2024 we welcomed several speakers including those from Amos Trust, CMS, Faith in Schools, and the Leprosy Mission. Other organisations help to resource St John's (e.g. Lifewords) while others have close mission links (such as Open Air Campaigners, Newham Faith in Schools, Through Faith Missions and Open Doors). Some help to meet pressing social or practical needs for local people (e.g. NAPAC, St Joseph's Hospice and Stratford Food Bank). The MGC take the responsibility of distributing church funds very seriously and prayerfully.

In additional to our regular giving, we were able to donate £1050 in Emergency giving to Embrace the Middle East in response to the crisis in Gaza/Israel. Underpayments from previous years were also identified in St John's accounts which allowed us to distribute a further £1992 as follows:

Organisation	Amount
CMS	£500
Newham Faith in Schools	£500
Stratford Food Bank	£500
NEWway Nightshelter (Newham)	£492
Total	£1992

We would like to say a special thanks to our outgoing Chair, Sarah Turner, who led the MGC with professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm for many years prior to moving away as part of her eventual return to Australia. If you are interested in exploring service on the MGC, please speak to Rev. Young.

Reported by Corin Barton (Churchwarden)

**PRAYER MINISTRY**

This ministry aims to draw us deeper in the love of Christ to confidently pray with and for those who come forward for prayer and to carefully listen to them without judging. Our desire is to see them healed and restored.

This year, more people came forward for prayer as opposed to last year and some shared testimonies of God's healing. Also Revd. Young, led a moving anointing service, and more prayer ministers were needed than the usual.

We have had one refresher course attended by most prayer ministers and three others. Two just wanted the experience. Everyone enjoyed and expressed their thanks and gratitude. We also had

a training seminar three people, one from Christ church Three Mills. Five ministers joined to give support, three from Christ church nine of us in total. I happily shared this seminar with another church in the diocese as requested by their vicar. It was well attended we were all touched by the powerful move of the Holy Spirit showing the importance of this ministry. All ministers in training are informed of our good safeguarding practice.

We have now overcome the difficulty we had in hearing each other because of loud sound from the music are thankful for the folding screen which we now use, it serves to block out the sound. But it now obstructs view to see when there's a queue waiting for prayer.

My hope and prayer is for us to get a transparent screen but most important to see God's anointing on all who come to St. John's that they may receive in good measure and go into the community blessed to bless.

*Reported by Sheva Williams (Prayer Ministry Leader/ Reader)*  
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**WOMEN'S GROUP**

The Women's Group exists to encourage and equip women in their faith, fostering connection, spiritual growth, and mutual support within the church community.

This year, we hosted regular gatherings that included prayer, Bible study, quizzes, and open discussions, creating a safe space for honest sharing and encouragement.

A highlight was having to rebuild the group through prayer, which brought deep fellowship, and a renewed sense of purpose for many.

Challenges included maintaining consistent attendance and balancing busy schedules, but through this, we are learning the value of flexibility, intentional follow-up and uplifting one another in fellowship.

We are grateful for the faithful women who gave their time, energy, and hearts to this ministry—especially our small group leaders and those who supported behind the scenes. Looking ahead, we hope to expand mentorship opportunities and create more outreach events to connect with women beyond our church walls.

*Reported by Ayo (Licensed Lay Minister, PCC)*  
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**GRIME BUSTERS**

The team has been depleted from 11 to 2 persons, Arnold and myself. Iris and Constance have recently had to step back. Our main ministry is to ensure that the church building is clean for Sunday worship. We usually clean on a Saturday morning. When I am away, Arnold is left to do it all alone.

This involves dusting the pews and window ledges, removing cobwebs, vacuuming the carpets and floor. We get a lot of satisfaction on Sundays knowing that we have cleaned the church for the congregation to use.

However, we do need volunteers. Please come and join the cleaning ministry. Give your time – It is worth it. God bless you all!

*Reported by Lydia Quartey (PCC)*  
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**MINISTRY TEAM REPORT**

My part in the ministry over the past year has focussed on teaching and pastoral work. I continue to share communion with our members who can't get to church and have asked to have Holy Communion at home. Not all of them are able to stream our services.

I lead Teen Live once a month and its been really encouraging to have a large number of young people joining in every week. I also lead evening prayer on Mondays and I learn as I study the scriptures. Its good to be able to take time out to pray together and I'm encouraged by all who join in. The healing cafe also provides a place where we can study the Bible together and learn from each other. Its a place for midweek fellowship and support.

As the ministry team, I think we work together, supporting one another and planning together. Young leads the team well and faithfully.

I have really appreciated having our prayer and praise time at the beginning of our services and I believe these times help us to focus on the Lord and prepare us to learn. Many thanks to Richard and Joseph, Youjin, our choir and band.

My prayer for this coming year is that others will see the importance of regular prayer for the people of our parish and want to join in with the monthly prayer walks. We may well be the only ones praying for all these people and we know they need a Saviour. *Reported by Iris Bryzak (Lay Reader)*  
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I pray that all believers will be established in their faith and in the love of God and that relationships will grow stronger.

I was glad that our Christmas and Easter services brought in new people and saw some previous members returning. I pray that the Lord would break down the barriers that have kept them away and help them to make a steadfast commitment to the Lord so that their lives may be transformed by the Holy Spirit. It would be good to see them re-established in their faith again.

*Reported by Nick Bryzak (Associate Minister)*

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Whilst attending St Johns Stratford, I have had an opportunity to experience a larger church context fellowship, this is different from what I have previously experienced.

I first wish to thank the PCC for allowing me to be doing my placement with St John's Church. I do believe that this is a good learning environment.

Whilst attending St Johns I have not been restricted with what and where I can support and serve within the church. I have been able to support Sunday clubs and YPF. I have Supported and assisted with Church events and or when the church is hosting an event. I have and continue to have the opportunity to practice leading services. I have been able to learn how to set up communion (wafers wine ect). I have had the opportunity to preach. St Johns could be described as a church with multiple fellowships operating within the church. I have been able to get involved with Alpha with the Chinese community

From my understanding, this is a complex church, which is still steeped in the past- previous ways of doing things and is still transitioning to be able to do things differently. This is a church fellowship with so much potential and opportunity. The local area is changing I believe this will impact on the church in the future. I have and look forward to the future whilst serving with this amazing fellowship.

*Reported by Annette Gordon (Ordinand)*

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## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

During 2024, voluntary income from direct giving was £129,482, an increase of £13,886 over 2023 mainly due to new regular donors. Rental Income at £33,767 were 10% higher than in 2023. Expenses of Church activities at £163,056 were slightly higher than in 2023. This included redundancy payment to two employees.

Last year St John's donated a total of £12,761 to various organisations, in line with our Mission and Charity donations policy to allocate up to 10% of giving income to charitable and mission work. We earned rental income of £20,328 on the curate's residence and received £15,000 in donations towards the extension roof renovations.

The General Fund had a positive net result of £2,875 a substantial improvement on the £22,736 deficit in 2023.

## **RESERVES POLICY:**

Our policy is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to approximately six months unrestricted payments (where possible). This policy is based on the following factors:

- Church membership is constantly changing within a community with a very transient population. Members' giving is therefore subject to fluctuation.
- Rents received for use of space in St John's church building are also subject to fluctuation because most users are community groups or Local Government departments, and are dependent on funding decisions for continued bookings.
- St. John's has significant liabilities for operational overheads, and significant roof renovations and other building repairs planned in the new year.

The PCC are encouraged by the positive result in the General Fund for 2024 and expect to continue with cost containment as we move to comply with the reserves policy.

St. John's has a designated Capital Asset Fund totalling £67,000 to meet some expected costs for building fabric and equipment replacement.

*Reported by Sandra Besson (Treasurer)*

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**PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER STATEMENT**

Monday, 12 May 2025

I report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St. John's Stratford (St. John's) on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the PCC of St. John's you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

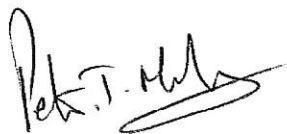
I report in respect of my examination of St John's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of St. John's as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

St Johns General Fund Income & Expenditure Account

<i><b>Income</b></i>	<i>2024</i>		<i>2023</i>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Voluntary Income</u>				
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	76,756.07		55,037.82	
Planned giving: Tax recovered	16,679.63		20,824.74	
Planned giving: Other	16,213.90		15,255.74	
Collections (open plate)	17,517.80		18,780.70	
Donations, appeals etc.	2,315.35		5,698.03	
		129,482.75		115,597.03
<u>Activities for Generating Funds</u>				
Donations for Heating	-		(320.00)	
		-		(320.00)
<u>Income from Investments</u>				
Dividends and interest including tax recoverable	4,499.96		1,263.50	
		4,499.96		1,263.50
<u>Church Activities</u>				
Contributions for use of Church & Hall	33,767.94		30,599.32	
Fees	798.56		565.40	
		34,566.50		31,164.72
<u>Other incoming resources</u>				
Other	3,023.95		2,025.23	
		3,023.95		2,025.23
<u>Transfers from other funds</u>				
Assigned from Housing Fund	4,890.47		-	
		4,890.47		-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>176,463.63</b>		<b>149,730.48</b>

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

St Johns General Fund Income & Expenditure Account

<i>Expenditure</i>	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<u>Costs of generating voluntary income</u>				
Giving Envelopes	128.52		116.84	
		128.52		116.84
<u>Fund-raising and trading costs</u>	-		-	
<u>Church Activities</u>				
Ministry - Diocesan parish share	67,541.76		66,050.88	
Ministry - Expenses	651.06		1,562.40	
Church - running expenses	28,184.58		29,542.07	
Church maintenance	6,374.44		7,430.80	
Upkeep of services	584.45		627.66	
Support Costs	3,399.00		2,158.26	
Salaries/wages/honoraria	49,527.34		46,867.69	
Printing and stationery	724.30		1,077.84	
Administration	1,471.61		1,445.84	
Equipment	290.78		880.96	
Depreciation	1,734.68		(152.42)	
Missions	927.80		-	
Sundry Expenditure	1,644.28		1,947.95	
		163,056.08		159,439.93
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assigned to Charities Fund [R]	10,403.68		10,300.00	
Assigned to Healing Café	-		210.00	
Assigned to Three Mills	-		2,400.00	
		10,403.68		12,910.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>173,588.28</b>		<b>172,466.77</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>2,875.35</b>		<b>(22,736.29)</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		(1,315.37)		21,420.92
Closing net assets at 31 December		1,559.98		(1,315.37)

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

St Johns Capital Asset Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Designated Fund

<i>Income</i>	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	-	-	-	-
Donations, appeals etc.	5,000.00		10,000.00	
		5,000.00		10,000.00
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Profit / Loss on disposal	-	-	-	-
		-		-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>5,000.00</b>		<b>10,000.00</b>
<b><i>Balance with General Fund &amp; CBF</i></b>				
General Fund Holdings	9,481.07		6,650.82	
CBF	50,687.31		47,541.87	
		<b>60,168.38</b>		<b>54,192.69</b>
<b><i>Historic Costs, to be carried forward</i></b>				
Computer Equipment	4,541.08		4,041.09	
Kitchen	1,914.00		1,914.00	
Church (Heaters)	8,600.01		8,600.01	
Café	1,600.00		1,600.00	
Print Room	9,256.75		9,256.75	
Heater - Christchurch Room	7,018.86		7,018.86	
Television / Video	1,367.96		1,108.96	
Music Equipment	2,714.00		2,714.00	
Flat Roof	25,000.00		25,000.00	
		<b>62,012.66</b>		<b>61,253.67</b>
<b><i>Accumulated Depreciation, to be carried forward</i></b>				
Computer Equipment Depreciation	2,875.28		2,585.74	
Kitchen Depreciation	1,914.00		1,831.20	
Church (Heaters) Depreciation	8,229.66		8,137.06	
Café Depreciation	1,600.00		1,600.00	
Print Room Depreciation	5,858.86		5,009.26	
Heater - Christchurch Room Depreciation	5,941.11		5,581.87	
Television / Video Depreciation	1,048.10		987.20	
Music Equipment Depreciation	2,714.03		2,714.03	
Flat Roof Depreciation	25,000.00		25,000.00	
		<b>55,181.04</b>		<b>53,446.36</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		62,000.00		52,000.00
Closing net assets at 31 December		67,000.00		62,000.00

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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**St Johns Charities Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund**

	<i>2024</i>		<i>2023</i>	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Charity Income	365.25		-	
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	<u>10,403.68</u>		<u>10,300.00</u>	
		10,768.93		10,300.00
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Missionary and charitable giving	12,761.25		10,525.00	
	<u>12,761.25</u>		<u>10,525.00</u>	
		12,761.25		10,525.00
<b>Deficit for year</b>		<u>(1,992.32)</u>		<u>(225.00)</u>
Opening net assets at 1 January		1,992.32		2,217.32
Closing net assets at 31 December		-		1,992.32

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St Johns Javelin Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Designated Fund

	2024		2023	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	8,600.00		4,500.00	
	<hr/>	8,600.00	<hr/>	4,500.00
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Missions	-		-	
Sundry Expenditure	2,000.00		-	
		2,000.00		-
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assign to General Fund	<hr/>	-	<hr/>	-
		-		-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<hr/>		<hr/>
		6,600.00		4,500.00
Opening net assets at 1 January		4,500.00		-
Closing net assets at 31 December		11,100.00		4,500.00

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St Johns Bookstall Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Designated Fund

<i>Income</i>	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Bookstall Income	<u>129.40</u>	129.40	<u>200.00</u>	200.00
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Bookstall Expenditure	<u>-</u>	-	<u>124.40</u>	124.40
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assign to General Fund	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>	-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b><u>129.40</u></b>		<b><u>75.60</u></b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		1,259.10		1,183.50
Closing net assets at 31 December		1,388.50		1,259.10

Parish Housing Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund

<i>Income</i>	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Rental Income	20,328.00		16,767.00	
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	-		-	
Assign from Housing Capital Fund [E]	<u>-</u>	20,328.00	<u>-</u>	16,767.00
<i>Expenditure</i>				
29 Maryland Park				
Insurance	406.18		400.01	
Water	-		68.86	
Repairs	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
		406.18		868.87
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assign to General Fund	<u>4,890.47</u>		<u>-</u>	
		<u>4,890.47</u>		<u>-</u>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b><u>15,031.35</u></b>		<b><u>15,898.13</u></b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		15,850.13		(48.00)
Closing net assets at 31 December		30,881.48		15,850.13

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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**St Johns Building Repair Fund (formerly Fabric Fund) Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund**

	2024		2023	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Collections in Church (boxes)	2,192.62		1,656.54	
Donations, appeals etc.	-		-	
Dividends and interest including tax recover	3.73		1.07	
		2,196.35	<u>1,657.61</u>	1,657.61
 <i>Expenditure</i>				
Major Repairs	-		-	
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>2,196.35</b>	<b>1,657.61</b>	
Opening net assets at 1 January		1,657.97		0.36
Closing net assets at 31 December		3,854.32		1,657.97

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**St Johns Organ Repair Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund**

	2024		2023	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Organ Recitals	-		-	
Dividends and interest including tax recover	376.44		220.24	
Donations, appeals etc.	-		-	
		<u>376.44</u>	<u>220.24</u>	220.24
 <i>Expenditure</i>				
Organ tuning etc.	-		-	
Publicity	-		-	
Organist Recital Fees	-		-	
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>376.44</b>	<b>220.24</b>	
Opening net assets at 1 January		7,788.81		7,568.57
Closing net assets at 31 December		8,165.25		7,788.81

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PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Three Mills Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund

<i>Income</i>	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Voluntary Income</u>				
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	-		-	
Planned giving: Tax recovered	-		-	
Planned giving: Other	-		-	
Collections (open plate)	-		(0.00)	
Donations, appeals etc.	-		0.00	
	<hr/>	-	<hr/>	0.00
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	-		2,400.00	
Grants	-		-	
	<hr/>	-	<hr/>	2,400.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>2,400.00</b>
 <i>Payments</i>				
<u>Church Activities</u>				
Ministry - Expenses	-		-	
Church - running expenses	-		2,400.00	
Upkeep of services	-		-	
Support Costs	-		-	
Publicity	-		-	
Missions	-		-	
Administration	-		-	
Equipment	-		-	
Sundry Expenditure	-		0.00	
Extraordinary Expenditure	-		-	
	<hr/>	-	<hr/>	2,400.00
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assign to General Fund	-		-	
	<hr/>	-	<hr/>	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>2,400.00</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January	-		-	
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Closing net assets at 31 December	-		-	
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PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Assistant Clergy Housing Capital - Endowment Fund

<i>Income</i>	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-
Dividends and interest including tax receive	7,864.12	-	3,723.66	-
		<u>7,864.12</u>	<u>3,723.66</u>	<u>3,723.66</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Capital Distribution	-	-	-	-
Assign to Housing Fund [R]	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>7,864.12</b>	<b>3,723.66</b>	
Opening net assets at 1 January		119,909.70	116,186.04	
Closing net assets at 31 December		127,773.82	119,909.70	

Men's Group - Designated Fund

<i>Income</i>	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	100.00	-	60.00	-
		<u>100.00</u>	<u>60.00</u>	<u>60.00</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	138.00	-	50.00	-
		<u>138.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
<b>Deficit for year</b>		<b>(38.00)</b>	<b>10.00</b>	
Opening net assets at 1 January		3,223.75	3,213.75	
Closing net assets at 31 December		3,185.75	3,223.75	

Women's Group - Designated Fund

<i>Income</i>	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	267.70	-	46.50	-
		<u>267.70</u>	<u>46.50</u>	<u>46.50</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>267.70</b>	<b>46.50</b>	
Opening net assets at 1 January		1,163.47	1,116.97	
Closing net assets at 31 December		1,431.17	1,163.47	

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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**Healing Cafe Fund - Designated Fund**

	2024		2023	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Grants/Monies Received	9,600.00			
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	-		210.00	
		9,600.00	210.00	
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Ministry - Expenses	-		-	
Sundry Expenditure	9,600.00		70.00	
		9,600.00		70.00
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assign to General Fund	-		-	
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		-	140.00	
Opening net assets at 1 January		140.00		-
Closing net assets at 31 December		140.00		140.00

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**Gill Carter Fund - Designated Fund**

	2024		2023	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	1,498.90		-	
		1,498.90		-
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Sundry Expenditure	1,998.84		-	
		1,998.84		-
<b>Deficit for year</b>		<b>(499.94)</b>		-
Opening net assets at 1 January		21,821.19		21,821.19
Closing net assets at 31 December		21,321.25		21,821.19

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PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Wither's Fund - Endowment Fund

	<i>2024</i>		<i>2023</i>	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Dividends and interest including tax recovery	1,067.06		1,029.82	
			-	
	<hr/>	1,067.06	<hr/>	1,029.82
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	1,290.00		-	
		1,290.00		-
Deficit for year		<hr/> <b>(222.94)</b>		<hr/> <b>1,029.82</b>
Unrealised (gain)/loss on investment		(789.46)		(2,941.04)
Opening net assets at 1 January		41,032.75		37,061.89
Closing net assets at 31 December		41,599.27		41,032.75
		-		

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

Statement of Cash Balances and Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2024

Account	2024													Totals			
	General Fund	Mor's Group	Women's Group	Bookstall Fund	Capital Fund	Healing Cafe Fund	Housing Fund (R)	Charities Fund (R)	Bible Repair Fund (R)	Organ Repair Fund (R)	Jane's Fund	Call Center Fund	Sub Total	Assistant Clergy Capital (E)	Widder's Fund (E)	2024	2023
<i>Monetary Assets</i>																	
National Westminster	77,366.54												77,366.54		5,864.50	83,231.04	66,187.07
Cash in hand	200.00			20.00									220.00			220.00	220.00
CBF					50,687.31				60.23	7,468.75			58,216.29	126,274.31	35,736.50	220,227.10	209,547.42
General Fund Holdings	(85,498.08)	3,185.75	1,431.17	1,368.50	9,481.07	140.00	32,981.48		3,794.09	696.50	11,100.00	21,321.25	1.73		(1.73)	0.00	(0.00)
Total cash	(7,931.54)	3,185.75	1,431.17	1,388.50	60,168.38	140.00	32,981.48		3,854.32	8,165.25	11,100.00	21,321.25	135,804.56	126,274.31	41,509.27	303,678.14	275,954.49
Stocks and work in progress																	
Debtors	11,740.57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,740.57	1,499.51	-	13,240.08	7,580.10
Creditors	(2,249.05)	-	-	-	-	-	(2,100.00)	-	-	-	-	-	(4,349.05)	-	-	(4,349.05)	(10,318.08)
Fixed Assets Historic Cost					62,012.66								62,012.66			62,012.66	61,253.67
Fixed Assets Acc Depreciation					(55,181.04)								(55,181.04)			(55,181.04)	(53,446.36)
	1,599.98	3,185.75	1,431.17	1,388.50	67,000.00	140.00	30,881.48		3,854.32	8,165.25	11,100.00	21,321.25	150,027.70	127,773.82	41,509.27	319,400.79	281,023.82

**PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ended 31 December 2024**  
**Registered Charity No: 1132176**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
Voluntary income	2a)	144,949.35	2,557.87	-	147,507.22	131,860.07
Activities for generating funds	2b)	129.40	-	-	129.40	200.00
Income from investments	2c)	4,499.96	380.17	8,931.18	13,811.31	6,238.29
Church activities	2d)	34,566.50	-	-	34,566.50	31,164.72
Other incoming resources	2e)	12,623.95	20,328.00	-	32,951.95	2,025.23
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>196,769.16</b>	<b>23,266.04</b>	<b>8,931.18</b>	<b>228,966.38</b>	<b>171,488.31</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
Cost of generating voluntary income	3b)	128.52	-	-	128.52	116.84
Fund-raising trading costs	3c)	-	-	-	-	124.40
Church activities	3a)	176,792.92	13,167.43	1,290.00	191,250.35	173,353.80
Governance Costs		-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>176,921.44</b>	<b>13,167.43</b>	<b>1,290.00</b>	<b>191,378.87</b>	<b>173,595.04</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>		<b>19,847.72</b>	<b>10,098.61</b>	<b>7,641.18</b>	<b>37,587.51</b>	<b>(2,106.73)</b>
Gross transfers between funds		(5,513.21)	<b>5,513.21</b>	-	-	-
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES</b>		<b>14,334.51</b>	<b>15,611.82</b>	<b>7,641.18</b>	<b>37,587.51</b>	<b>(2,106.73)</b>
Gains on investment assets: on disposal	4a	-	-	789.46	789.46	2,941.04
on revaluation	4b	-	-	-	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>14,334.51</b>	<b>15,611.82</b>	<b>8,430.64</b>	<b>38,376.97</b>	<b>834.31</b>
<b>Opening net assets at 1 January</b>		<b>92,792.14</b>	<b>27,289.23</b>	<b>160,942.45</b>	<b>281,023.82</b>	<b>263,742.51</b>
<b>Closing net assets at 31 December</b>		<b>107,126.65</b>	<b>42,901.05</b>	<b>169,373.09</b>	<b>319,400.79</b>	<b>264,576.82</b>

## PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

Registered Charity No: 1132176

	Notes	2024	2023
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible	4a)	6,831.62	7,807.31
Investment	4b)	-	
		<u>6,831.62</u>	<u>7,807.31</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stock		-	
Debtors	5	13,240.08	7,580.10
Short-term deposits		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		303,678.14	275,954.49
		<u>316,918.22</u>	<u>283,534.59</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors - amounts falling due in less than one year	6	4,349.05	10,318.08
<b>CURRENT NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		<u><b>312,569.17</b></u>	<u><b>273,216.51</b></u>
Total assets less current liabilities		319,400.79	281,023.82
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u><b>319,400.79</b></u>	<u><b>281,023.82</b></u>
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted		107,126.65	92,792.14
Restricted		42,901.05	27,289.23
Endowment		169,373.09	160,942.45
Total Parish Funds		<u>319,400.79</u>	<u>281,023.82</u>

**PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S**  
**NOTE 1 TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**2024**

- 1) Accounting Policies adopted
  - a) The accounts are maintained using the accruals basis, where income and expenditure are recorded when they are due not when they are paid.
  - b) The accounts are split into separate funds (described below). These are either general, designated, unrestricted, restricted or endowment in nature.
- 2) Remuneration paid to related parties
  - a) Remuneration was paid up to July 2024 or an Assistant Minister (Administration) and up to June 2024 for a Verger. Site Supervisors were paid throughout the year. One of the Site Supervisors, Beverley Slingso is a member of the PCC. She is paid only for the periods of time when she is on duty.
- 3) The cost to the PCC of employing staff
  - a) The Assistant Minister (Administration) was employed to handle the day-to-day administration of the church and hall.
  - b) The Verger was employed for taking care of the church building and hall.
  - c) The total cost (including taxes and national insurance) of employing staff during 2024 was £49,528 (2023 £46,868). This included redundancy payments totalling £19,038 (2023 Nil).
- 4) Description of any incoming resources that represent capital
  - a) The Council holds a capital fund for Assistant Clergy Housing which is for the purpose of future housing provision.
  - b) The capital in this fund was released in 2011 from the sale of 2 St. James Road, and part of the proceeds from the sale was distributed to settle the remaining balance on the Church Commissioner's shared equity mortgage for 29 Maryland Park.
  - c) The value of the property at 29 Maryland Park is not shown in these accounts. There are no immediate plans to dispose of this property.
- 5) Material movement between any restricted funds of the Council
  - a) The following amounts were assigned from the General Fund to restricted funds during 2024:
    - i) An amount of £10,404 (2023 £10,300) was assigned to the Charities Fund, in accordance with an earlier PCC resolution to give a proportion of budgeted income to charities.
    - ii) No amounts (2023 £210) were assigned to the Healing Café Fund to reflect the current balance.
    - iii) No further amounts (2023 £2,400) were assigned to Christchurch Three Mills Fund to clear the balance due to them.
  - b) The following amount was assigned to the General Fund from restricted funds during 2024:
    - i) An amount of £4,890 (2023 Nil) was assigned from the Housing Fund, to return amounts previously assigned to maintain a positive balance on the Housing Fund.
- 6) Any institution or body corporate connected with the Council
  - a) There are no institutions or bodies corporate connected with the Council.
- 7) Any guarantee given by the Council
  - a) There are no guarantees given by the Council.

**PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S**  
**NOTE 1 TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**2024**

- 8) Loans outstanding
- a) There are no loans outstanding.
- 9) Any fund in deficit
- a) There are no funds in deficit.
- 10) Remuneration paid to the Independent Examiner
- a) The Independent Examiner waives any remuneration for the work carried out on these accounts.
- 11) Grants made by the Council to another institution
- a) There was no payment this year from the Building Repair Fund to the St. John's Fabric Trust as was done in earlier years up to 2017.
- 12) Ex-gratia payments made by the Council
- a) Small gifts to a total of £221 (2023 £52) were given to people during the year.
- 13) Fixed Assets
- a) 2003 was the first year in which the fixed assets were shown in the accounts. Their cost was estimated at their replacement cost. Subsequent assets have been added at their historic purchase cost.
  - b) The capital fund will maintain its value over time. The value charged to the general fund for depreciation each year is exchanged in equal measure for an allocation of cash from the general fund 'Balance with the General Fund'. This effectively earmarks cash to pay for the replacement of assets at the end of their lives.
  - c) Freehold Interest in land and buildings
    - i) The parish house at 29 Maryland Park is not valued in these accounts.
    - ii) The church extension is not valued in the accounts, other than the flat roof that is deemed to have a finite life of 25 years. Its replacement cost is estimated at £25,000 and its current net book value is £0 having been fully depreciated.
  - d) All remaining assets recognised are 'fixtures, fittings and equipment'. Their estimated replacement cost is approximately £37,013 with a net book value of £6,832 (2023 £7,807).
- 14) Debtors
- a) The debtors in the accounts for 2024 are £8,610 (2023 £7,580), which constitute outstanding hall rental.
  - b) Accounts Receivable and Prepayments include deposit interest and prepaid water and subscription expenses.
- 15) Creditors
- a) The trade creditors are £2,249 (2023 £5,818).
- 16) Contingent Liabilities
- a) There are no recognised contingent liabilities.
- 17) Any other financial commitments
- a) There are no other known material financial commitments over and above those shown in the accounts or the notes to the accounts.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 .INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
2a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	76,756.07	-	-	76,756.07	55,037.82
Planned giving: Gross of Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Planned giving: Tax recovered	16,679.63	-	-	16,679.63	20,824.74
Planned giving: Other	16,213.90	-	-	16,213.90	15,255.74
Collections (open plate)	17,517.80	-	-	17,517.80	18,780.70
Collections in Church (boxes)	-	2,192.62	-	2,192.62	1,656.54
Donations, appeals etc.	17,781.95	-	-	17,781.95	20,304.53
Donations for Heating	-	-	-	-	-
Missions income	-	-	-	-	-
Charity Income	-	365.25	-	365.25	-
	<b>144,949.35</b>	<b>2,557.87</b>	-	<b>147,507.22</b>	<b>131,860.07</b>
2b) Activities for generating funds					
Bookstall Income	129.40	-	-	129.40	200.00
Organ Recitals	-	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising (coffee mornings)	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>129.40</b>	-	-	<b>129.40</b>	<b>200.00</b>
2c) Income from investments					
Dividends and interest including tax recoverable	4,499.96	380.17	8,931.18	13,811.31	6,238.29
	<b>4,499.96</b>	<b>380.17</b>	<b>8,931.18</b>	<b>13,811.31</b>	<b>6,238.29</b>
2d) Income from Church activities					
Contributions for use of Church & Hall	33,767.94	-	-	33,767.94	30,599.32
Fees	798.56	-	-	798.56	565.40
	<b>34,566.50</b>	-	-	<b>34,566.50</b>	<b>31,164.72</b>
2e) Other incoming resources					
Insurance Claim Income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	3,023.95	-	-	3,023.95	2,025.23
Rental Income	-	20,328.00	-	20,328.00	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>3,023.95</b>	<b>20,328.00</b>	-	<b>23,351.95</b>	<b>2,025.23</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>187,169.16</b>	<b>23,266.04</b>	<b>8,931.18</b>	<b>219,366.38</b>	<b>171,488.31</b>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>3. RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
3a) Church activities					
Missionary and charitable giving	-	12,761.25	-	12,761.25	10,525.00
Ministry - Diocesan parish share	67,541.76	-	-	67,541.76	66,050.88
Ministry - Expenses	1,617.06	-	-	1,617.06	1,562.40
Church - running expenses	28,184.58	-	-	28,184.58	31,942.07
Church maintenance	6,374.44	-	-	6,374.44	7,430.80
Major Repairs	-	-	-	-	-
Upkeep of services	584.45	-	-	584.45	627.66
Support Costs	3,399.00	-	-	3,399.00	2,158.26
Publicity	-	-	-	-	-
Salaries/wages/honoraria	49,527.34	-	-	49,527.34	45,867.69
Printing and stationery	724.30	-	-	724.30	1,077.84
Administration	1,471.61	-	-	1,471.61	1,445.84
Equipment	290.78	-	-	290.78	880.96
Depreciation	1,734.68	-	-	1,734.68	(152.42)
Disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim costs	-	-	-	-	-
Missions	927.80	-	-	927.80	-
Organ tuning etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry Expenditure	14,415.12	-	-	1,290.00	15,705.12
Extraordinary Expenditure	-	-	-	-	2,067.95
Payment to Fabric Trust	-	-	-	-	-
Extension Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Housing Expenditure	-	406.18	-	406.18	868.87
Capital Distribution	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>176,792.92</b>	<b>13,167.43</b>	<b>1,290.00</b>	<b>191,250.35</b>	<b>173,353.80</b>
3b) Generation of voluntary income					
Giving Envelopes	128.52	-	-	128.52	116.84
	<b>128.52</b>	-	-	<b>128.52</b>	<b>116.84</b>
3c) Fund-raising costs					
Bookstall Expenditure	-	-	-	-	124.40
Organist Recital Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	<b>124.40</b>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>176,921.44</b>	<b>13,167.43</b>	<b>1,290.00</b>	<b>191,378.87</b>	<b>173,596.04</b>
Unrealised (gain)/loss on Investment	-	-	(789.46)	(789.46)	(2,941.04)

4) FIXED ASSETS

(a) Tangible	(all unrestricted)	Freehold land & Church		
		buildings	Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST				
	At 31 December 2023	25,000.00	36,253.67	61,253.67
	Disposal	-	-	-
	Additions at cost	-	758.99	758.99
	At 31 December 2024	25,000.00	37,012.66	62,012.66
DEPRECIATION				
	At 31 December 2023	25,000.00	28,446.36	53,446.36
	Withdrawn on deposits	-	1,734.68	1,734.68
	Charge for the year	-	-	-
	At 31 December 2024	25,000.00	30,181.04	55,181.04
(b) Investments				
	Market value at 31 December	2024	2023	
	Disposal at carrying value	£	£	
	Purchases at cost			
	Revaluation (gain)/loss (Withers Charity)	(789.46)	(2,941.04)	

#### 5) DEBTORS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued interest		
Other debtors	13,240.08	7,580.10
	<b>13,240.08</b>	<b>7,580.10</b>

#### 6) LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due in one year ( <i>unrestricted funds</i> )		
Accruals for utility and other costs		
Other creditors	4,349.05	10,318.08
	<b>4,349.05</b>	<b>10,318.08</b>

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# Accounts

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# St. John's Church, Stratford, E15

## APCM 2024

(ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING)

28<sup>th</sup> April 2024



*(Community Event in May 2023)*

**Incorporating the  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PCC AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS  
For the Parish of St John with Christ Church Stratford**  
(registered charity no.1132176)

*For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023*

**AGENDA | SERVICE ORDER**

1. WELCOME
2. OPENING HYMN
  - Rejoice the Lord is King
3. OPENING PRAYER
4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023
6. SONGS
  - Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
  - Jesus' God's righteousness revealed
7. PRESENTATION & ELECTION
  - Election & Presentation of the Wardens
  - Presentation of the Church Electoral Roll
  - Presentation for Approval of Audited Accounts for the Year 2023 (attached)
  - Election & Presentation of P.C.C (Parochial Church Council) Members
  - Election & Presentation of Sidespersons
  - Election & Presentation of Deanery Synod Reps
  - Election of Auditor: Independent Examiner Mr. Peter Morley FCMA
8. A TIME FOR THANKSGIVING
9. SONG
  - Thank You, Jesus
10. REPORTS
  - Vicar's Report (attached)
  - Auditor's Report (attached)
  - Account Review for the year 2023 by Sandra Besson (Treasurer)
  - Churchwarden's Report during the sermon
11. BIBLE READINGS
  - 1 John 4:7-16, John 15:1-8
12. SERMON by Richard Aubrey
13. OFFERTORY HYMN
  - Holy Holy Holy
14. Q&A
15. FINAL HYMN
  - Guide me O thou Great Redeemer
16. CLOSING PRAYER
17. PROCESSIONAL SONG
  - These are the days of Elijah

- *Everyone is welcome to APCM. APCM gives us a space to celebrate what God has done at St John's over the year. Let us give thanks to the Lord.*
  - *Church Electoral Roll members and those who live in the parish are allowed to vote in the election of Parish Churchwardens if the election is necessary*
  - *Only Church Electoral Roll members are allowed to vote in other matters.*
  - *During Q & A, we may not be able to give you a complete answer to some questions straight away. In that case, we will come back to you soon another time.*

## REVIEW OF 2023 [ VICAR'S REPORT ]

In the Gospel, according to Luke, we are reminded that Jesus 'grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man' (Luke 2:52). Reflecting on this verse during my sermon on New Year's Day in 2023, I emphasised the importance of communal growth in our spiritual journey, drawing parallels to how Jesus engaged with others to enhance his understanding and knowledge.

Likewise, I urge our congregation to seek spiritual enrichment through collective exploration of challenging questions alongside fellow believers at varying points in their own paths. As we endeavour to follow Christ's example together, let us assess our progress in wisdom and maturity throughout this year.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) provides an opportunity to evaluate our current position and discern the direction in which God is leading us. Below, I offer a brief overview of both our gratitude for the blessings received and areas requiring concerted prayer and support.

### HIGHLIGHTS

**Family:** Lydia and Daniel have transitioned smoothly into their new academic settings, finding enjoyment in learning and forming new friendships. Maria, although initially feeling the absence of Lydia's company during her commute to school, has adapted well to her GCSE preparation. Additionally, Youjin finds fulfilment in her role within the primary school, and we are grateful for the convenient transportation links serving both our children and Youjin's workplace. Gratefully, my family's unwavering support and active involvement in various ministries have significantly enriched our church community. I am deeply thankful for their steadfast encouragement, which emboldens me to fulfil God's calling here in Stratford.

**New Vision:** Following a month of fervent prayer in September, we gathered words of encouragement and prophetic insights from the congregation to inform our church vision. Subsequently, in October 2023, our PCC and leadership team convened for a productive Away Day at Urswick School in Hackney. There, we collectively evaluated our ministry, discerned God's vision for St John's Church, and established our mission statements and priorities for the coming years. Details regarding our new vision can be found in the subsequent section.

### CHALLENGES

**Finance:** Regrettably, we find ourselves in a deficit this year. The PCC has diligently endeavoured to

curtail unnecessary expenses while seeking avenues to augment our income, including initiatives such as Giving Sunday and grant applications. Consequently, we have been compelled to restructure our staffing, necessitating significant adjustments to our weekday operations.

**Volunteers:** While we rejoice in the emergence of new volunteers in 2023, further support is needed to fulfil God's mission in Stratford effectively. Central to our objectives is the cultivation of an ethos of participation, wherein each member engages in ministry at least once a month, fostering growth through service, as exemplified by Jesus.

**Children & Young People:** Elevating children and youth ministry to a priority in 2023, we gratefully welcomed Jill Duncan, the deanery youth champion, who has provided invaluable guidance and support over the past six months. Her efforts have notably enhanced our youth space, and it is incumbent upon us to sustain and build upon this momentum.

In addition to these highlighted challenges, we continue to face ongoing concerns such as building maintenance, heating, AV systems, and team development. Embracing the perspective that challenges present opportunities for advancement, I view our current financial constraints as a catalyst for progress, propelling us toward new horizons and promised blessings that await us in God's plan.

Therefore, I want to encourage you to keep seeking His Kingdom and His Righteousness first this coming year, and we will experience God's amazing miraculous provision for His Church and His Mission.

*Reverend Young Lee, Vicar of St John's Church*

### OUR DIRECTION IN 2024

This can be found in the VISION DOCUMENT 2024-2034 on page 9 in this report.

### CHURCH ATTENDANCE IN 2023

- Average Sunday morning attendance in 2023 is around 137 adults and 39 children
- By November 2023, we had run a monthly taster Sunday evening service called 'High Five'. Around 10 guests attended the service. Our ministry team will review and evaluate the service soon and make a strategic decision about its future.
- The electoral roll on the day of APCM is 266 (last year, 217).

**LIFE EVENTS AT ST JOHN'S STRATFORD**

- Baptism: We thank God for the gift of life through baptism. We had 12 baptisms in 2023.
- Confirmation: We had one confirmation service in November 2023. Nine candidates from St John's among others from different churches in the deanery were confirmed by the Bishop of Barking.
- Wedding/ blessings: we had no wedding in 2023
- Funerals: we conducted 7 funerals in the church building officiated by Rev. Young Lee.

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL, MINISTRY TEAM AND SIDESPERSONS IN 2023**  
**MINISTERS**

Revd Young Lee (since July 2022)  
 Nick Bryzak (Associate Minister)

**CHURCH WARDENS**

Tolu Babarinsa  
 Corin Barton  
 Richard Aubrey  
 Bridget Richards

**PCC MEMBERS**

Chuks Asuoha, Chizoma Onwuka  
 Hannah Thomas-Davies  
 Justine Onu, Folu Fabikun  
 Eon Wade (Evangelism Enabler)  
 Jimi Peter , Lydia Quartey  
 Ihinosen Jane Ajayi, Beverly Slingo  
 Linda Ikenga , Sandra Besson (Treasurer)  
 Ayodele Olunloyo (Deanery Synod Representative)  
 Dolapo Ariyibi (Safeguarding Officer/ Deanery Synod Representative)

**The followings are invited to be attendance at PCC meetings**

Iris Bryzak (Lay Reader)  
 Sheva Williams (Lay Reader)  
 Dan Scott (Community minister at Christchurch Three Mills)

**STAFF TEAM**

Parish Administrator: Kay Garib  
 Verger: Radcliff Facey

**SIDESPERSIONS**

Alister Probert, Ohi Bare, Grace Barnwell  
 Sylvia Beckles, Millie Benjamin  
 John Burman, Yvonne Edwards  
 Mike Ibiayo, Daniel Ogbondah  
 Blessing Ogbondah, Sarah Olemoh-Soyemi  
 Justine Onu, Bunmi Opedare,  
 Dola Peters, Jimi Peters  
 Judy Quasie, Bridget Richards, Gideon Ugwu

**PARISH CHURCH COUNCIL AGENDAS AND EVENTS MAY 2023 TO MARCH 2024**

**Report Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**Prepared by:** Sandra Ballentine, Parish Secretary.

**Purpose of Report:**

This report highlights the main agendas and issues discussed by PCC members during May 2023 to March 2024.

**Recommendations:**

**That the Annual Parochial Church meeting consider and note the contents of this report.**

**Background:**

The **Parish Church Council (PCC) is made up of 22 church members who are elected annually.** The PCC has responsibility for a range of things including the care and maintenance of the church and its contents, responsibility for the conduct of the financial affairs of the church and functions in relation to church services and administration.

In performing their duties PCC members must act with integrity, honesty and openness and act in the best interests of the church at all times and ensure that the church's activities remain true to its mission and purpose .

**1.Youth Work**

St John's was blessed to have the services of Jill Duncan (Deanery Youth Champion) who provided support for 6 months and assisted with developing youth work with young church members. Jill's focus was to:

- build the spirituality of our youth including Teen Live and YPS,
- together with church members find ways to engage with young church members,
- consider how to get young people to return to church once they go off to university.

Jill also assisted with developing youth sessions and syllabus's and provided training to the youth volunteers.

**1.1. Baby & Parent Group**

This group was started to provide support to parents with young babies and although the numbers are small the group meet regularly and is going well.

**1.2.Ignite Youth Club**

A number of events were run by young church leaders which had an impact on a lot of young

people locally. The events were positive and went well.

### 1.3. The Youth Room

The youth room was redecorated to make it a better space for young people. The aim was for them to make the space their own, make it more welcoming and give them more ownership of their space. Funding was obtained from the dioceses to purchase new sofas, other furnishings such as lamps, bean bags and updated youth bibles were also obtained from church funds. The improvements made to the youth room have been a great success.

### 1.4 Youth Outing.

A trip to the Tower of London was a success.

## 2. St John's Building and Church House

- The church door was painted.
- The rental and repairs to 29 Maryland Road were completed.
- The Crypt has potential to be used and a review of its use was undertaken.
- The Church Yard. There was an issue with people putting up tents in the church yard who then become difficult to move on.
- External funding provided by the Police and Council will be used to put up lighting outside in the church yard to improve lighting the area as a safety measure and be of benefit to St John's. The lighting will be maintained by the council and is an opportunity to improve lighting in the external areas of the church building.
- New lighting for the Christ Church and St Stephen's rooms was provided following a contribution made by a donor.
- Improvement works continue to be made to the sound and visual system in the church. Tayo, one of our beloved sisters in Christ who sadly passed away resting in God's eternal peace, donated a new keyboard for our worship band and some financial contributions to improve our systems.
- The church website has also been reformed and improved.

## 3. Church Finances

Financially things were challenging during 2023 and remain so because income receipts were down, and rents were also down. Further the church insurance payments were increased year on year and also needed to be reviewed. Church finances also involved a review on restructuring staffing needs and resources.

Church finances will be kept tightly under review as we weather the effects of the cost-of-living crisis and

increased prices for food, gas, and electricity. It remains incumbent on PCC members to ensure we remain financially resilient and make best use of resources.

### 3.1. Room Rental Charges

The room rental charges had not been reviewed or increased for 5 years which meant the rooms were being rented at a loss. Following a review it was proposed that room rental charges were increased from January 2024.

### 3.2. Mission Giving

There was a review of donations given to organisation and charities some of whom are local, who rely on our support. Our mission giving of 10% represents our commitment to making a difference to people's lives. It is faith giving and one way where peoples giving can make a difference.

## 4. Mission Activities and Events.

### 4.1. PCC Away Day

This took place at Urswick School and provided an opportunity for PCC members to brainstorm, reflect and contribute to the new vision for St John's. The new vision incorporated listening, vision, discernment, and commitment.

### 4.2 PCC Breakfast.

This included an inspiring presentation by Charles Thomas-Davies, the chair of the building committee, on future works being considered.

### 4.3. The Bereavement Course.

This was held at St John's. It was well attended and went well.

### 4.4. The Marriage Course.

This was held at St John's for couples intending to get married. It was well attended and went well.

### 4.5. The Lent Course.

This was held online and was well received.

### 4.6. Future Courses.

St John's will host and facilitate the following course during 2024 designed to equip and build up the saints: The Pastoral Care. Part 1 and The Alpha course.

**REPORT ENDS.**

**MINISTRY REPORT FOR 2023****12-16s BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION COURSE**

The 2023 Baptism and Confirmation Course for young people aged 12-16 took place again this year, culminating in the annual Confirmation Service in November with Bishop Lynn.

*What happened over the year?*

Eight young people completed the 10 week course and went forward for Confirmation. It was a privilege for myself and Richard Aubrey to guide them through their learning and reflection. We saw growth in the young people's spiritual development and personal relationship with God. They were able to explore themes such as the Christian faith, the Bible, Prayer, the Holy Spirit and the Church.

*What do you want to celebrate?*

The Confirmation Service was a celebration of a very significant milestone for the young people and a chance to welcome them, along with two adult candidates, into formal membership of the Church of England. The young people were able to choose some of the music and invite family and friends to support them in their profession of faith.

Following the service we were able to present all the candidates with a Bible funded from the profits of the Bookstall. We were also able to have some fun on a trip to the Tower of London. The November weather was very cold, but we warmed up with hot chocolate and a glimpse of the Crown Jewels!

*What are the challenges?*

As we prepare for this year's course, we are conscious of the need to develop our young people's Bible literacy in an age where reading trends are changing and young people increasingly live in a digital world. We also need to think about how to encourage the link between membership of the Church and opportunities for young people to serve and develop their unique gifts.

*How can the church pray for your ministry?*

Please pray for the leaders as we begin this year's course in a few months time. Please pray for any young people thinking about Baptism or Confirmation, that they will know God's calling on their life and be excited to develop their relationship with him.

*Reported by Corin Barton (Churchwarden)*

**BUILDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT – APRIL 2024**

The Buildings Committee exists to keep an eye for the PCC on the condition and performance of our buildings, and to ultimately ensure that we can safely and operationally use our building for mission and ministry, plus as an appropriate physical contributor to our local community.

In recent months, we have been considering to what extent the church building needs to better serve the needs of the church. At present the building and it's context are tired, under-maintained, under-utilised (through the week) and falling short of their potential to become a net contributor to the positive life and finances of the church.

We are so blessed to have lots of space available in an exceptional location, but we are reviewing how as a church body need to make targeted interventions to leave a positive legacy to future generations of our community – at present we have a leaking roof, an unsustainable heating system, toilets in very poor condition, high vacancy rates and mediocre inclusivity within and around the building for those with additional needs (in the context of current best practice).

**This bleak context presents an exciting opportunity** – an opportunity to put together a comprehensive strategy to reposition the building as a heritage asset that is relevant to Stratford in 2024 and beyond, and secure third party (substantial) funding to help us achieve our ambitious objectives for the building, plus help us 'catch up' with maintenance that we can't afford to undertake without external support.

We are currently in the process of identifying potential partners and seeking to discern the appropriate interventions in order to move this forward. Over the coming years, we hope to identify a brief, develop a design, seek funding, and then implement the physical interventions required in a considered and prayerful way.

Prayer would be very welcome for:

- Great discussions that lead to direction and agreement of the level of ambition for maximum long term impact.
- Boldness to aim high – I believe St John's ought to be a beacon of life on Broadway – we need to make sure our local community can get a sense welcome and of what we

are about despite our big black railings and gates!

- Partners to work with us and support us to refresh our building and facilities to help everyone to encounter with Jesus, equip the saints and empower the community.
- Continued focus on Jesus and our vision as a church at the centre of this conversation – we are here for Him, and not to fundraise for a new roof!

In addition to the church building, The Buildings Committee keeps an eye on a house known as 29 Maryland Park which is currently leased to a tenant. It has historically been the home of curates training at St John's, but whilst we have no curate, it is providing financial support that is funding the day to day activities of the church – this isn't a sustainable position, as this property itself requires a substantial amount of maintenance. We have been very blessed that the tenant agreed to make investments into the condition of the building as part of the lease agreement.

*Reported by Charles Thomas-Davies (Chair of the Building Committee)*

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**BIBLE WITH BABY**



[Photo shared with permission]

Bible with Baby started in October 2023. We read a Bible story to our children then read some of the verses in the Bible ourselves and discuss what the verses mean to us. We normally meet in the St. Stephen's room at church but have also had an outing together to the Maritime Museum in Greenwich. We've had some fantastic discussions about whether Pharaoh would give Joseph a job in a modern dictatorship, the status of women in the Bible and the importance of children. Meeting together in the week has meant that parents who

came to church occasionally are coming more regularly and we are building a community of young parents within the Sunday service. Parents really appreciate an opportunity to discuss deeper topics and create relationships with other parents within the congregation. We are looking forward to more parents joining our group now it is established.

*Reported by Hannah Thomas-Davies (PCC)*



**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

The fundraising committee is responsible for looking for external funding to cover various St John's projects. Last year we successfully applied and won a £10k grant, for fixing the roof of the extension. We are currently looking into our 2024 projects, which require external funding. We are also looking for innovative ways to raise funds. We are always on the lookout for others to join the fundraising team.

*Reported by Folu Fabikun (PCC, Chair of Fundraising Committee)*



**FACEBOOK LIVE EVENING PRAYER**

The vision of the FB evening prayer is to continue in daily fellowship through worship, prayer, and the word of God. The Purpose is to encourage parishioners to continue fellowship during the week, by praising God together, sharing the word of God, to be encouraged and grow in faith.

*What happened over the year?*

There was an increase in numbers of those who attended the evening prayer, as more people joined to pray.

*What do you want to celebrate?*

Ongoing prayers and fellowship to encourage our parishioners daily during the week

*What are the challenges?*

The challenges we faced were advertising and getting more people to attend the fellowship.

*How can the church pray for your ministry?*

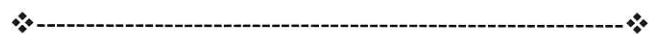
Pray for hearts that want to join in to pray for others.

Pray for hearts to be drawn, changed, and transformed.

Pray for more volunteers for the evening prayer.

Pray for more grace and strength for the current team that lead the evening prayer.

*Reported by Ayo (Licensed Lay Minister, PCC)*



**FAITH IN SCHOOLS**

Purpose & Vision - Our aim is for every child and young person in Newham schools to have the opportunity to meet local Christians from nearby churches and find out what it means to be a Christian. Our vision is that children across their Key Stages, have the opportunity to encounter the gospel, experience a diverse range of Christian denomination perspectives. We also want to enable churches and schools to build relationships.

Celebrations – Christmas Journey and Easter Experience



In addition to these cross-church events, we are glad to say that despite the retirement of one of our schools' workers in August, we have prioritised school visits to St Johns on request. Since last report, these schools include: School 21, Stratford Manor, Hartley, Scott Wilkie and Mossbourne Riverside Academy.

Challenges -

- **Fundraising.** We are about 45% towards our target of regular giving for sustaining our work beyond August. We need another 163 people or churches to give £10 a month (or equivalent). Next steps - summer fundraiser by FIS team; more publicity for Firm Foundation campaign.
- **Volunteer recruitment** This is a perennial task due to turbulence of people coming but then also going through various reasons. Next steps – Continue to offer 121 or church-based training (online or in person). Keep this as a prayer point in all

prayer networks – especially being specific about the numbers of volunteers needed for each event – that worked well at EE. With church leaders overwhelmed with emails and whatsapps, do we need to ask them

to **delegate an admin contact person** who can field our messages?

- **Areas where we have no designated worker (includes Stratford)** really relies on associate church ownership and varying levels of commitment. Volunteer and school liaison much slower going – since not building on regular school visits anymore. Next steps - some sessional liaison/admin support at the pinch points of CJ and EE.

*Reported by Alice Probert (Schools Team Leader Faith in Schools Newham)*



**END OF MONTH NIGHT PRAYER**

Vision – Our vision is to become a praying church and to raise intercessors (1 Tim 1:1-8). Prayer is usually the backbone of the church and a house of prayer (Mark 11:17). The vision is to ensure that we raise intercessors that can pray and intercede on behalf of the church, families, community, nation, and world at large on a regular basis.

Purpose - The purpose of the end of month night prayer is for a time to m

*What happened over the year?*

Many prayers were answered during 2023, we had many testimonies of healing, protection, provision and we had more people praying and joining us in fellowship.

*What do you want to celebrate?*

Increased Boldness and Confidence of members Great encouragement for more to participate in our fellowship. The Holy Spirit is constantly working in hearts and has given confidence to participate in the prayer group. Increased Growth, increase in the number of intercessors.

*What are the challenges?*

We still need more of our church members to rise to the task of praying, Jesus prayed, and we should also pray without ceasing, so how can our other members join us?

We need to think of a way to encourage our members to join us in prayers.

*How can the church pray for your ministry?*  
Pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to lead and direct us aright.  
Pray for the zeal and desire to pray more within our congregation/members.  
Pray for our current intercessors to be bold and encouraged in the Lord.  
Pray for grace for current intercessors to stand strong in this ministry.

*Reported by Ayo (Licensed Lay Minister, PCC)*



**GAZEBO TEAM**

Evangelists for St. John's church since 2013 call to spread the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ outside the foundation walls of the church. Jesus has given us the great commission to "go therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. The aim of our outreach team is to reach out to the public and spread the Gospel news.

It's good to celebrate that the Lord has given us the ability to come together in accord to spread good news and share our own testimony about how our Lord Jesus has changed our lives for the better. There are also many challenges we go through during our outreaches but God through our prayers always meets our needs to stay focused on our purpose in what we do in spreading the good news.

*Reported by Eon Wade (Evangelism Enabler, PCC)*



**GRIME BUSTERS**

The team consist of 5 people, namely Iris, Constance, Rose, Arnold and myself Lydia. Our main ministry is to make sure the Church is clean for Sunday worship. We normally clean on Saturdays at 10:30 am for about an hour. Sometimes we do get the chance to clean on Fridays from 3pm, which gives us a rest on Saturday. Normally we rotate monthly, which means we each take a turn to clean just 1 Saturday in a month with others, meaning 2 or 3 people. It involves vacuuming, dusting and wiping surfaces. Also cleaning the glass doors . We do enjoy cleaning the Church and a very satisfying thing to do.

I personally enjoy seeing people in Church on Sunday after I have cleaned it.  
To GOD be the glory.  
Come and join the ministry.  
Give your time, only an hour every month.  
GOD bless you all and give you HIS peace.

*Reported by Lydia Quartey (PCC)*



**HEALING CAFÉ**

This ministry is part of St. John's Church outreach, run mainly by myself and Iris also by other members of the prayer ministry team. We meet every Tuesday except after a bank holiday sometimes we may use those days for special occasions such as outings. The purpose of our meeting is to serve all people in the community and beyond through listening and befriending. We strive to extend God's love to all who come to us even if it is just for a cup of tea and a biscuit. We never judge anyone but treat everyone with kindness and respect.

During the year we continued to offer one to one prayer if requested, mini chair exercises, Bible reading with discussion, general prayers including those left on the church prayer board. We also played soft worship music and served a hot meal. Although this meal had to be reduced to fortnightly due to the inflation cost and also shortage of helpers with catering. Our away day to Southend was very enjoyable as was our fun day in the church yard.

I applied for a grant of £9,600 from Newham council through People Powered Places to promote the Healing Café. I was successful in getting it because many people saw our need to expand on the things we do for others and voted for our project. As a result we are now offering a hot meal weekly, a monthly mini massage, a trip to Southend seaside by train with lunch provided. Also a coach outing to the seaside in the summer, and a Christmas lunch followed by a walk to Stratford theatre to see the Pantomime Pinocchio, to round off the year.

We thank God for the grant, it is used to reduce the cost of these fun days to help people on low income who would not have been able to take part. Please pray for our ongoing communications with the Council to be successful and for more people to join the Healing café and to feel the love of God.  
*Reported by Sheva Williams (Healing Café Leader/Reader)*



### MISSION GIVING COMMITTEE (MGC)

In line with the Christian task of giving, St John's commits 10% of its budgeted offerings to mission giving, along with our support by building personal links and through prayer. It is part of our calling as the Church on earth to seek to bring God's hope and love to others in need and to fulfil Jesus's command to 'love our neighbour as ourselves'.

#### *What happened over the year?*

The MGC met several times throughout the year to pray for and discuss any changes and updates with our current regular giving and our emergency giving.

We started supporting a new charity Open Doors. We had interesting and informative visits from some of our charity groups, who gave presentations during the morning services of who they are and what they do.

#### *What do you want to celebrate?*

Celebrate that we can give support for local based, national, and international causes and projects.

Celebrate that we can assist missionaries to 'go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19)

#### *What are the challenges?*

There is never enough money to be able to give to all the charities who request help from the church so we need to have discernment about who and how much to give.

We need people who are keen to be involved and would like to become members of the committee as current numbers are low.

#### *How can the church pray for your ministry?*

- Pray for the committee to be effective in their duties and decision making for the benefit of the charities, for the Glory of God.
- Pray for new people from the congregation to want to join the committee to help with its running as we need to replace members who have left the committee.

*Reported by Sarah Turner (Chair of Mission Giving Committee)*



### PRAYER MINISTRY

The purpose of prayer ministry is to help ourselves and others to grow deeper in the faith and love of Christ by believing in His promises to hear and help us when we call on Him in Spirit and truth. Our vision is to see a powerful move of God's healing hand on every member in St John's church and for His love in us to be extended to the wider community.

I am happy to say that I believe the fear of being infected with coronavirus is now lifted. The dark cloud is removed, people are feeling safe to come forward to the prayer chapel for private prayer and to be touched.

During the year we have had two well attended sessions of refresher course. These courses are essential to bring prayer ministers together, one minister requested more time for prayer ministers to pray together. In these meetings we reviewed the rules and regulations on safeguarding and general guidelines. We read bible passages relating to the ministry and celebrated what God has done for us through the year. We also reflected on those who came forward to thank God for answering our prayers. Lastly, we prayed for each other with anointing and the laying on of hands.

We would appreciate your prayers for us and for more people to join this vital ministry. Also for the Spirit of God to move upon the hearts of those who would like to come forward for prayer but are reluctant because of the fear of being judged.

*Reported by Sheva Williams (Prayer Ministry Leader/Reader)*



### PRAYER WALKS

Our monthly prayer walks, which cover St John's parish in eighteen months, have three purposes:

- to make people aware that St John's is their parish church and to give them information on our services, and invite them to join us,
- to tell them that we are always ready to pray for them and with them,
- and to make sure that Pat and I get our exercise, especially in the tall blocks!

We pray and listen as we walk, asking for the Holy Spirit to break through the barriers that

people erect, and praying that finding the cards might spark an interest in those who receive them. Over the years there have been some responses and we are always aware that we may be the only ones praying for these people. We pray for peace among the streets we visit and for God's kingdom to come in each place. Anyone is welcome to join, whenever they can.

*Reported by Iris (Prayer Walks leader, Reader)*

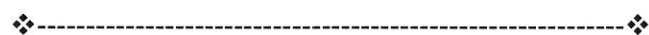


**PASTORAL CARE**

There are some of our members who through sickness, disability or age, can no longer come to our services. Some are happy to catch up on line but others welcome a home visit. As Pat is now serving at Christchurch, Three Mills, its been my privilege to visit these members to take them Holy Communion and spend time with them. Some are living with a family member, others in sheltered accommodation or residential care. Pat is available continue to share some of these visits and I'm grateful for that. All like to have someone to listen and to hear news of St John's. We read the Bible together, discuss the message, pray and share Communion. Numbers change: some have gone to glory and others have moved away to be nearer their families. New names have been added.

We have a large congregation and we aren't always aware that someone is no longer able to attend either temporarily or for the foreseeable future, and would like a visit. If you know someone in this situation, please let either Young or myself know and we will contact them to arrange a visit. We are the Lord's family and its important that no-one feels forgotten or left out.

*Reported by Iris (Prayer Walks leader, Reader)*



**SUNDAY CLUB**

We meet on Sundays during the morning service, we consist of four groups which are split into age groups.

- The Ark: age 1-4 which include school nursery.
- Kingdom Kids: reception and year 1,2,3
- The J Team: school year: 4,5,6
- Teen Live: school year: 7,8,9

Our purpose and Vision are to help our children to understand their journey, getting to know Jesus, each group has its own lesson plan , which includes bible reading and a range of activities to them understand the bible reading.. the children enjoy the craft and role play activities.. we aim to provide stimulating activities for the children to keep them focused and interested, The children will let us know what they enjoy and don't, which is very useful.

We have a dedicated team of Leaders and Assistants Who run the groups, un behalf of myself and Richard we would like to say a big Thank You for your time and dedication to our children.. Please pray for us to recruit new volunteers for Sunday Club.

*Bridget Richards (Sunday Club leader, Churchwarden)*



**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

During 2023, PCC income from direct giving was £115,597 which was £13,069 less than 2022 mainly due to a reduction in specified donations. Rental Income was £30,599, down £19,097 from 2022.

Running expenses fell from £183,644 to £159,440 with reduced parish share payments and efforts to contain costs.

During the year St John's donated a total of £10,525 to various organisations, in line with our Mission and Charity donations policy to allocate up to 10% of giving income to charitable and mission work.

We have now transferred all amounts due to Christ Church Three Mills. Transfers to other funds are shown in the full financial statements.

The net result for the year, in the general fund was a deficit of £22,736.

**RESERVES POLICY:**

Our policy is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, (if possible), which equates to approximately six months unrestricted payments. This policy is based on the following factors:

- Church membership is constantly changing within a community with a very transient population. Members' giving is therefore subject to fluctuation.
- Rents received for use of space in St John's church building are also subject to fluctuation because most users are community groups or

Local Government departments and are dependent on funding decisions for continued bookings.

- St. John's has significant liabilities for staff salaries and utilities, and upcoming heavy repair bills to the building, particularly the roof.

The balance in the St John's General Fund at the end of 2022 was completely wiped out by the deficit for 2023. The PCC must aim to restore the balance to our target level with increased fundraising throughout 2024 and beyond.

St. John's has a designated Capital Asset Fund totalling £62,000 to meet some expected costs for building fabric and equipment replacement.

*Reported by Sandra Besson (Treasurer)*



**SAFEGUARIDNG**

We (the PCC) are committed to Safeguarding children, young people, victims/ perpetrators of domestic abuse and vulnerable adults. The PCC has adopted the Church of England's policies and best practice on safeguarding which may be found on the Church of England's website.

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Mrs Omodolapo Peters who may be contacted at church or by email at [safeguarding@stjohnse15.org](mailto:safeguarding@stjohnse15.org). No safeguarding issues were reported during 2023.

**ST. JOHN'S VISION DOCUMENT 2024- 2034**

**Our Identity: Who We Are**

- **We are gospel-centred:** St John's Church is a church built on the foundation of Jesus Christ. Jesus is central in how we make decisions, what we say and the actions we take. 1 Corinthians 3:11 "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."
- **We are a worshipping community:** We were created for a relationship with God and others. Our worship together is an expression of our relationship. Ephesians 5:19-20, "...instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- **We are a diverse, loving community:** The salvation message of John 3:16 is a reminder that the gospel of Jesus Christ is for EVERYONE. St John's Church is diverse and offers the love of God to everyone in our community.

**Our Value: What's Important to Us**

- Be a gospel-centred church and not a political-centred church
- Every-Person Ministry: We grow by serving God and others. Therefore, we believe that everyone is called to a ministry of service.
- Growing the next generation in Christian faith and leadership is one of our best investments.
- We acknowledge that diversity is our blessing, and it strengthens the community.
- We believe that the local parish church is God's plan A for His mission. We are God's plan A for the transformation and thriving of our community in Stratford.

**Vision Statement**

Jesus said, "I came to give life – life in all its fullness." (John 10:10)

Therefore, we want to see

***Lives Transformed and Communities Thrive by God's Love in Action.***

**Mission Statement**

Our mission is to help **Everyone** to

- **Encounter with Jesus,**
- **Equip the saints** and

- **Empower the community** through the good news of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Our Priorities

#### • Encountering with Jesus

1. Building up weekday bible study/fellowship group
  - *Actions and timeframe required*
2. Promoting more prayers, both individual and corporate
  - Prayer course [during Lent 2024]
  - Introduce creative ways of corporate prayer during the service [occasionally]
3. Creating a seeker-friendly faith space
  - Run Alpha Course in 2024
  - Arrange a joint event with Through Faith Missions [after Easter 2024]
  - Producing 'Welcome Pack' for newcomers

#### • Equipping the saints

1. Growing Children & Youth Group
  - Promoting more volunteers [on Giving Sunday 2023]
  - Volunteers training [ongoing with Jill D]
  - YPF Room decoration [before Christmas 2023]
  - New curriculum [ongoing with Richard]
  - Social and outdoor activities [first trip to the Tower of London in November]
  - Change of our approach and attitude to the children and young people through teaching and learning – the culture of honour [constantly]
2. Every-Person Ministry
  - Giving Sunday [November 2023] for both financial and gift(skill) giving
  - Teaching and learning that EVERYONE is called to a ministry of service [constantly]
  - Creating 'Connect Card'
  - Structure the team ministry: identifying team leaders and members, drawing a ministry map [by the end of November 2023]
  - Rebuild Pastoral Care Team in 2024
  - Promoting the Culture of Honour: EVERYONE is valuable and has an inherent worth of God.[constantly] A new Teaching Series on Sunday [New year 2024]

#### • Empowering the community

1. Church buildings & technology for mission: How can we make the building best for the mission and to empower the community?
  - Launch the next 5 years Building Project [*Need to set timeframe*]
    - a) St John's Centre refurbishments: painting, floor, roof, toilet and security
    - b) Crypt refurbishments
    - c) Main church sound and visual system upgrade, including organ
      - Case Study: "A Creative Church for a Creative Community" project – St Mary's Walthamstow.  
<https://www.stmaryswalthamstow.org/creativechurch/>
      - Music Hall project:  
<https://www.stmaryswalthamstow.org/music-hall/>
  - New website and digital church management [by the end of November 2023]
    - ◇ New website design via Wix
    - ◇ New subscription to ChurchSuite for digital church management
2. Rebuild the partnership with Through Faith Mission and Stratford Churches Together.
  - Mission Week with TFM and Stratford Churches Together in 2024
  - Resume 'Love Stratford' event with Stratford churches together [summer 2024]
3. Ministry & space for University Students in partnership with Stratford BID
  - Welcome to Stratford Event [September 2024]
  - Monthly Students curry or culture night [Oct, Nov 2024]
    - ◇ A taster evening: Christmas meal for students [December 2023]

**This vision document is organic. As our church grows, our vision grows. We will review our vision and priorities annually at the next Leadership Team Away Day in 2024.**

Presented at the PCC meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

By Revd. Young Lee

**PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER STATEMENT**

Friday, 19 April 2024

I report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St. John's Stratford (St. John's) on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the PCC of St. John's you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

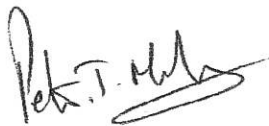
I report in respect of my examination of St John's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of St. John's as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

St Johns General Fund Income & Expenditure Account

<i>Income</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2022</i>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Voluntary Income</u>				
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	55,037.82		58,751.58	
Planned giving: Tax recovered	20,824.74		18,549.44	
Planned giving: Other	15,255.74		18,188.02	
Collections (open plate)	18,780.70		14,519.20	
Donations, appeals etc.	5,698.03		18,657.63	
		115,597.03		128,665.87
<u>Activities for Generating Funds</u>				
Donations for Heating	(320.00)		-	
		(320.00)		-
<u>Income from Investments</u>				
Dividends and interest including tax recoverable	1,263.50		683.49	
		1,263.50		683.49
<u>Church Activities</u>				
Contributions for use of Church & Hall	30,599.32		49,696.11	
Fees	565.40		1,342.00	
		31,164.72		51,038.11
<u>Other incoming resources</u>				
Other	2,025.23		562.64	
		2,025.23		562.64
<u>Transfers from other funds</u>				
Assigned from Housing Fund	-		-	
Assigned from Three Mills	-		2,594.42	
Assigned from Healing Café	-		210.00	
Assigned from Javelin Fund	-		435.35	
		-		3,239.77
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>149,730.48</b>		<b>184,189.88</b>

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

St Johns General Fund Income & Expenditure Account

<i>Expenditure</i>	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
<u>Costs of generating voluntary income</u>				
Giving Envelopes	116.84		113.44	
		116.84		113.44
<u>Fund-raising and trading costs</u>				
	-		-	
<u>Church Activities</u>				
Missionary and charitable giving	-		-	
Ministry - Diocesan parish share	66,050.88		78,871.68	
Ministry - Expenses	1,562.40		4,476.69	
Church - running expenses	29,542.07		34,183.02	
Church maintenance	7,430.80		5,994.70	
Upkeep of services	627.66		646.71	
Support Costs	2,158.26		1,534.75	
Other PCC Property Upkeep (see Housing Fund)				
Major repairs (structure) (see separate Fabric Fund)				
Salaries/wages/honoraria	46,867.69		47,600.97	
Printing and stationery	1,077.84		1,973.27	
Administration	1,445.84		1,543.24	
Equipment	880.96		816.73	
Depreciation	(152.42)		4,303.72	
Sundry Expenditure	1,947.95		1,698.20	
		159,439.93		183,643.68
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assigned to Charities Fund [R]	10,300.00		10,438.00	
Assigned to Healing Café	210.00		-	
Assigned to Building Repair Fund [R]	-		635.05	
Assigned to Housing Fund [R]	-		925.08	
Assigned to Three Mills	2,400.00		-	
Assigned to Capital Asset Fund	-		7,500.00	
		12,910.00		19,498.13
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>172,466.77</b>		<b>203,255.25</b>
<b>Deficit for year</b>		<b>(22,736.29)</b>		<b>(19,065.37)</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		21,420.92		40,486.29
Closing net assets at 31 December		(1,315.37)		21,420.92

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Three Mills Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund

<i>Income</i>	£	2023 £	2022 £	£
<u>Voluntary Income</u>				
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	-		9,935.00	
Planned giving: Tax recovered	-		-	
Planned giving: Other	-		-	
Collections (open plate)	(0.00)		1,663.04	
Donations, appeals etc.	0.00		33,259.04	
		0.00	<u>44,857.08</u>	
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	2,400.00		-	
Grants	-		1,925.00	
		<u>2,400.00</u>	<u>1,925.00</u>	1,925.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>2,400.00</b>		<b>46,782.08</b>
 <i>Payments</i>				
<u>Church Activities</u>				
Ministry - Expenses	-		331.95	
Church - running expenses	2,400.00		9,146.97	
Upkeep of services	-		1,191.61	
Support Costs	-		2,733.35	
Publicity	-		2,009.56	
Missions	-		5,358.66	
Administration	-		506.65	
Equipment	-		1,335.21	
Sundry Expenditure	0.00		2,210.62	
Extraordinary Expenditure	-		19,835.66	
		2,400.00	<u>53,874.08</u>	
 <u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assign to General Fund	-		2,594.42	
		-	<u>2,594.42</u>	2,594.42
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>2,400.00</b>	<b>56,468.50</b>	
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>(9,686.42)</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		<u>-</u>		<u>9,686.42</u>
Closing net assets at 31 December		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

St Johns Capital Asset Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Designated Fund				
	2023		2022	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	-		7,500.00	
Donations, appeals etc.	10,000.00			
		10,000.00		7,500.00
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Profit / Loss on disposal	-		-	
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>10,000.00</b>		<b>7,500.00</b>
<i>Balance with General Fund &amp; CBF</i>				
General Fund Holdings	6,650.82		49,480.02	
CBF	47,541.87			
		54,192.69		49,480.02
<i>Historic Costs, to be carried forward</i>				
Computer Equipment	4,041.09		3,154.18	
Kitchen	1,914.00		1,914.00	
Church (Heaters)	8,600.01		8,600.01	
Café	1,600.00		1,600.00	
Print Room	9,256.75		5,008.75	
Heater - Christchurch Room	7,018.86		7,018.86	
Television / Video	1,108.96		1,108.96	
Music Equipment	2,714.00		2,714.00	
Flat Roof	25,000.00		25,000.00	
		61,253.67		56,118.76
<i>Accumulated Depreciation, to be carried forward</i>				
Computer Equipment Depreciation	2,585.74		2,490.71	
Kitchen Depreciation	1,831.20		1,831.20	
Church (Heaters) Depreciation	8,137.06		8,309.81	
Café Depreciation	1,600.00		1,600.03	
Print Room Depreciation	5,009.26		5,008.75	
Heater - Christchurch Room Depreciation	5,581.87		5,581.87	
Television / Video Depreciation	987.20		987.20	
Music Equipment Depreciation	2,714.03		2,789.21	
Flat Roof Depreciation	25,000.00		25,000.00	
		53,446.36		53,598.78
Opening net assets at 1 January		52,000.00		44,500.00
Closing net assets at 31 December		62,000.00		52,000.00

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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St Johns Charities Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund

	2023		2022	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Charity Income	-		-	
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	<u>10,300.00</u>		<u>10,438.00</u>	
		10,300.00		10,438.00
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Missionary and charitable giving	<u>10,525.00</u>		<u>9,395.00</u>	
		10,525.00		9,395.00
<b>Deficit for year</b>		<u>(225.00)</u>		<u>1,043.00</u>
Opening net assets at 1 January		2,217.32		1,174.32
Closing net assets at 31 December		1,992.32		2,217.32

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PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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St Johns Javelin Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Designated Fund

	2023		2022	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	4,500.00		-	
	<hr/>	4,500.00	<hr/>	-
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Missions	-		-	
Sundry Expenditure	-		-	
		-		-
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assign to General Fund	-		435.35	
	<hr/>	-	<hr/>	435.35
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<hr/> <b>4,500.00</b>		<hr/> <b>(435.35)</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		-		435.35
Closing net assets at 31 December		4,500.00		-

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MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

St Johns Bookstall Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Designated Fund

<i>Income</i>	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Bookstall Income	200.00		-	
		200.00		-
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Bookstall Expenditure	124.40		-	
		124.40		-
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assign to General Fund	-		-	
		-		-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>75.60</b>		<b>-</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		1,183.50		1,183.50
Closing net assets at 31 December		1,259.10		1,183.50

Parish Housing Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund

<i>Income</i>	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Rental Income	16,767.00		-	
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	-		925.08	
Assign from Housing Capital Fund [E]	-		-	
		16,767.00		925.08
<i>Expenditure</i>				
29 Maryland Park				
Insurance	400.01		373.63	
Water	68.86		379.45	
Repairs	<del>400.00</del>		220.00	
		868.87		973.08
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assign to General Fund	-		-	
		-		-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>15,898.13</b>		<b>(48.00)</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		(48.00)		-
Closing net assets at 31 December		15,850.13		(48.00)

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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**St Johns Building Repair Fund (formerly Fabric Fund) Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund**

	2023		2022	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Collections in Church (boxes)	1,656.54		1,268.09	
Donations, appeals etc.	-		-	
Dividends and interest including tax recoveries	1.07		0.72	
		1,657.61		1,903.86
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Major Repairs	-		12,160.94	
		-		12,160.94
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>1,657.61</b>		<b>(10,257.08)</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		0.36		10,257.44
Closing net assets at 31 December		1,657.97		0.36

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**St Johns Organ Repair Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund**

	2023		2022	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Organ Recitals	-		-	
Dividends and interest including tax recoveries	220.24		89.21	
Donations, appeals etc.	-		127.06	
		220.24		216.27
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Organ tuning etc.	-		-	
Publicity	-		-	
Organist Recital Fees	-		-	
		-		-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>220.24</b>		<b>216.27</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		7,568.57		7,352.30
Closing net assets at 31 December		7,788.81		7,568.57

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PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Assistant Clergy Housing Capital - Endowment Fund

<i>Income</i>	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-
Dividends and interest including tax recove	3,723.66	-	1,508.30	-
		<u>3,723.66</u>	<u>1,508.30</u>	
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Capital Distribution	-	-	-	-
Assign to Housing Fund [R]	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>3,723.66</b>	<b>1,508.30</b>	
Opening net assets at 1 January		116,186.04	114,677.74	
Closing net assets at 31 December		119,909.70	116,186.04	

Men's Group - Designated Fund

<i>Income</i>	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	60.00	-	60.00	-
		<u>60.00</u>	<u>60.00</u>	
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	50.00	-	-	-
		<u>50.00</u>	<u>-</u>	
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>10.00</b>	<b>60.00</b>	
Opening net assets at 1 January		3,213.75	3,153.75	
Closing net assets at 31 December		3,223.75	3,213.75	

Women's Group - Designated Fund

<i>Income</i>	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	46.50	-	57.24	-
		<u>46.50</u>	<u>57.24</u>	
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	-	-	62.46	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>62.46</u>	
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>46.50</b>	<b>(5.22)</b>	
Opening net assets at 1 January		1,116.97	1,122.19	
Closing net assets at 31 December		1,163.47	1,116.97	

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Healing Cafe Fund - Designated Fund

<i>Income</i>	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	-	-	-	-
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	210.00	-	-	-
	<u>          </u>	210.00	<u>          </u>	-
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	70.00	-	-	-
		70.00		-
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assign to General Fund	<u>          </u>	-	<u>210.00</u>	210.00
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<u>140.00</u>		<u>(210.00)</u>
Opening net assets at 1 January		-		210.00
Closing net assets at 31 December		140.00		-

Gill Carter Fund - Designated Fund

<i>Income</i>	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	-	-	-	-
	<u>          </u>	-	<u>          </u>	-
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	-	-	-	-
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Opening net assets at 1 January		21,821.19		21,821.19
Closing net assets at 31 December		21,821.19		21,821.19

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Wither's Fund - Endowment Fund

	2023		2022	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Dividends and interest including tax receive	1,029.82		962.87	
			-	
	<hr/>	1,029.82	<hr/>	962.87
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	-		-	
		<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>1,029.82</b>		<b>962.87</b>
Unrealised (gain)/loss on investment		(2,941.04)		4,211.43
Opening net assets at 1 January		37,061.89		40,310.45
Closing net assets at 31 December		41,032.75		37,061.89
		-		

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

Statement of Cash Balances and Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2023

	Monetary - £ster											Totals					
	General Fund	Misc Group	Warrant Group	Bookroll Fund	Capital Fund	Holding Cap Fund	Housing Fund R	Charity Fund R	Blg Repair Fund R	Orgn Repair Fund R	Joint Fund	Call Centre Fund	Sub Total	Adjusted Clng Capital E	Wills's Fund E	2021	2022
National Westminster	60,099.63			20.00									60,099.63			66,187.07	72,033.93
Cash on hand	200.00												220.00			220.00	220.00
CBF																209,547.42	201,757.37
General Fund Holdings	(60,977.02)	3,223.75	1,163.47	1,239.10	6,650.82	140.00	17,950.13	1,992.32	1,601.47	56.50	7,092.31	4,500.00	21,821.19			(0.00)	(0.00)
Total cash	(677.39)	3,223.75	1,163.47	1,259.10	54,192.69	140.00	17,950.13	1,992.32	1,657.97	7,788.81	4,500.00	21,821.19	115,012.04	119,909.70	-41,032.75	275,954.49	274,011.30
Stocks and work in progress																	
Debtors		7,580.10														7,580.10	11,585.48
Investments																	
Creditors	(8,218.08)						(2,100.00)									(10,318.08)	(24,374.25)
Fixed Assets Historic Cost					61,253.67											61,253.67	56,118.76
Fixed Assets Acc Depreciation					(53,446.36)											(53,446.36)	(53,598.78)
	(1,315.37)	3,223.75	1,163.47	1,259.10	62,000.00	140.00	15,850.13	1,992.32	1,657.97	7,788.81	4,500.00	21,821.19	120,081.37	119,909.70	-41,032.75	281,023.82	263,742.51

**PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ended 31 December 2023**  
**Registered Charity No: 1132176**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
INCOMING RESOURCES	£	£	£	£	£
Note					
Voluntary income	129,883.53	1,656.54	-	131,540.07	175,035.34
Activities for generating funds	200.00	-	-	200.00	-
Income from investments	1,263.50	221.31	4,753.48	6,238.29	3,244.59
Church activities	31,164.72	-	-	31,164.72	51,038.11
Other incoming resources	2,025.23	16,767.00	-	18,792.23	2,487.64
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>164,536.98</b>	<b>18,644.85</b>	<b>4,753.48</b>	<b>187,935.31</b>	<b>231,805.68</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Cost of generating voluntary income	116.84	-	-	116.84	113.44
Fund-raising trading costs	124.40	-	-	124.40	-
Church activities	159,559.93	13,793.87	-	173,353.80	260,109.24
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>159,801.17</b>	<b>13,793.87</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>173,595.04</b>	<b>260,222.68</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	<b>4,735.81</b>	<b>4,850.98</b>	<b>4,753.48</b>	<b>14,340.27</b>	<b>(28,417.00)</b>
Gross transfers between funds	(12,700.00)	12,700.00	-	-	-
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES</b>	<b>(7,964.19)</b>	<b>17,550.98</b>	<b>4,753.48</b>	<b>14,340.27</b>	<b>(28,417.00)</b>
Gains on investment assets:					
on disposal	4a	-	2,941.04	2,941.04	(4,211.43)
on revaluation	4b	-	-	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<b>(7,964.19)</b>	<b>17,550.98</b>	<b>7,694.52</b>	<b>17,281.31</b>	<b>(32,628.43)</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January	100,756.33	9,738.25	153,247.93	263,742.51	296,370.94
Closing net assets at 31 December	92,792.14	27,289.23	160,942.45	281,023.82	263,742.51

## PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

Registered Charity No: 1132176

	Notes	2023	2022
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible	4a)	7,807.31	2,519.98
Investment	4b)	-	-
		7,807.31	2,519.98
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stock		-	-
Debtors	5	7,580.10	11,585.48
Short-term deposits		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		275,954.49	274,011.30
		283,534.59	285,596.78
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors - amounts falling due in less than one year	6	10,318.08	24,374.25
<b>NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		<b>273,216.51</b>	<b>261,222.53</b>
Total assets less current liabilities		281,023.82	263,742.51
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>281,023.82</b>	<b>263,742.51</b>
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted		92,792.14	100,756.33
Restricted		27,289.23	9,738.25
Endowment		160,942.45	153,247.93
		281,023.82	263,742.51

**PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S**  
**NOTE 1 TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**2023**

- 1) Accounting Policies adopted
  - a) The accounts are maintained using the accruals basis, where income and expenditure are recorded when they are due not when they are paid.
  - b) The accounts are split into separate funds (described below). These are either general, designated, unrestricted, restricted or endowment in nature.
- 2) Remuneration paid to related parties
  - a) Remuneration is paid for an Assistant Minister (Administration), Verger and Site Supervisors. One of the Site Supervisors, Beverley Slingo is a member of the PCC. She is paid only for the periods of time when she is on duty.
- 3) The cost to the PCC of employing staff
  - a) The Assistant Minister (Administration) is employed to handle the day-to-day administration of the church and hall.
  - b) The Verger is employed for taking care of the church building and hall.
  - c) The total cost (including taxes and national insurance) of employing staff during 2023 was £46,868 (2022 £47,601).
- 4) Description of any incoming resources that represent capital
  - a) The Council holds a capital fund for Assistant Clergy Housing which is for the purpose of future housing provision.
  - b) The capital in this fund was released in 2011 from the sale of 2 St. James Road, and part of the proceeds from the sale was distributed to settle the remaining balance on the Church Commissioner's shared equity mortgage for 29 Maryland Park.
  - c) The value of the property at 29 Maryland Park is not shown in these accounts. There are no immediate plans to dispose of this property.
- 5) Material movement between any restricted funds of the council
  - a) The following amounts were assigned from the General Fund to restricted funds during 2023:
    - i) An amount of £10,300 (2022 £10,438) was assigned to the Charities Fund, in accordance with an earlier PCC resolution to give a proportion of budgeted income to charities.
    - ii) An amount of £210 (2022 £0) was assigned to the Healing Café Fund to reflect the current balance.
    - iii) An amount of £2,400 (2022 £0) was assigned to Christchurch Three Mills Fund to clear the balance due to them.
- 6) Any institution or body corporate connected with the Council
  - a) There are no institutions or bodies corporate connected with the Council.
- 7) Any guarantee given by the Council
  - a) There are no guarantees given by the Council.
- 8) Loans outstanding
  - a) There are no loans outstanding.
- 9) Any fund in deficit
  - a) There are no funds in deficit.

**PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S**  
**NOTE 1 TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**2023**

- 10) Remuneration paid to the Independent Examiner
- a) The Independent Examiner waives any remuneration for the work carried out on these accounts.
- 11) Grants made by the council to another institution
- a) There was no payment this year from the Building Repair Fund to the St. John's Fabric Trust as was done in earlier years up to 2017.
- 12) Ex-gratia payments made by the Council
- a) Small gifts to a total of £52 (2022 £120) were given to people during the year.
- 13) Fixed Assets
- a) 2003 was the first year in which the fixed assets were shown in the accounts. Their cost was estimated at their replacement cost. Subsequent assets have been added at their historic purchase cost.
  - b) The capital fund will maintain its value over time. The value charged to the general fund for depreciation each year is exchanged in equal measure for an allocation of cash from the general fund 'Balance with the General Fund'. This effectively earmarks cash to pay for the replacement of assets at the end of their lives.
  - c) Freehold Interest in land and buildings
    - i) The parish house at 29 Maryland Park is not valued in these accounts.
    - ii) The church extension is not valued in the accounts, other than the flat roof that is deemed to have a finite life of 25 years. Its replacement cost is estimated at £25,000 and its current net book value is £0 having been fully depreciated.
  - d) All remaining assets recognised are 'fixtures, fittings and equipment'. Their estimated replacement cost is approximately £36,000 with a net book value of £7,807 (2022 £5,406).
- 14) Debtors
- a) The debtors in the accounts for 2023 are £7,580 (2022 £11,585), which constitute outstanding hall rental.
- 15) Creditors
- i) The trade creditors are £5,818 (2022 £4,539). A further £4,500 represents advance receipts towards expenditure to be incurred in 2024.
- 16) Contingent Liabilities
- a) There are no recognised contingent liabilities.
- 17) Any other financial commitments
- a) There are no other known material financial commitments over and above those shown in the accounts or the notes to the accounts.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 .INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
2a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	55,037.82	-	-	55,037.82	68,686.58
Planned giving: Gross of Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Planned giving: Tax recovered	20,824.74	-	-	20,824.74	18,549.44
Planned giving: Other	15,255.74	-	-	15,255.74	18,188.02
Collections (open plate)	18,780.70	(0.00)	-	18,780.70	16,182.24
Collections in Church (boxes)	-	1,656.54	-	1,656.54	1,268.09
Donations, appeals etc.	20,304.53	0.00	-	20,304.53	52,160.97
Donations for Heating	(320.00)	-	-	(320.00)	-
Missions income	-	-	-	-	-
Charity Income	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>129,883.53</b>	<b>1,656.54</b>	-	<b>131,540.07</b>	<b>175,035.34</b>
2b) Activities for generating funds					
Bookstall Income	200.00	-	-	200.00	-
Organ Recitals	-	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising (coffee mornings)	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>200.00</b>	-	-	<b>200.00</b>	-
2c) Income from investments					
Dividends and interest including tax recoverable	1,263.50	221.31	4,753.48	6,238.29	3,244.59
	<b>1,263.50</b>	<b>221.31</b>	<b>4,753.48</b>	<b>6,238.29</b>	<b>3,244.59</b>
2d) Income from Church activities					
Contributions for use of Church & Hall	30,599.32	-	-	30,599.32	49,696.11
Fees	565.40	-	-	565.40	1,342.00
	<b>31,164.72</b>	-	-	<b>31,164.72</b>	<b>51,038.11</b>
2e) Other incoming resources					
Insurance Claim Income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	2,025.23	-	-	2,025.23	562.64
Rental Income	-	16,767.00	-	16,767.00	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	1,925.00
Sundry Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2,025.23</b>	<b>16,767.00</b>	-	<b>18,792.23</b>	<b>2,487.64</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>164,536.98</b>	<b>18,644.85</b>	<b>4,753.48</b>	<b>187,935.31</b>	<b>231,805.68</b>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>3. RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
3a) Church activities					
Missionary and charitable giving	-	10,525.00	-	10,525.00	9,395.00
Ministry - Diocesan parish share	66,050.88	-	-	66,050.88	78,871.68
Ministry - Expenses	1,562.40	-	-	1,562.40	4,808.64
Church - running expenses	29,542.07	2,400.00	-	31,942.07	43,329.99
Church maintenance	7,430.80	-	-	7,430.80	5,994.70
Major Repairs	-	-	-	-	12,160.94
Upkeep of services	627.66	-	-	627.66	1,838.32
Support Costs	2,158.26	-	-	2,158.26	4,268.10
Publicity	-	-	-	-	2,009.56
Salaries/wages/honoraria	46,867.69	-	-	46,867.69	56,814.81
Printing and stationery	1,077.84	-	-	1,077.84	1,973.27
Administration	1,445.84	-	-	1,445.84	2,049.89
Equipment	880.96	-	-	880.96	2,151.94
Depreciation	(152.42)	-	-	(152.42)	4,303.72
Disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim costs	-	-	-	-	-
Missions	-	-	-	-	5,358.66
Organ tuning etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry Expenditure	2,067.95	0.00	-	2,067.95	3,971.28
Extraordinary Expenditure	-	-	-	-	19,835.66
Payment to Fabric Trust	-	-	-	-	-
Extension Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Housing Expenditure	-	868.87	-	868.87	973.08
Capital Distribution	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>159,559.93</b>	<b>13,793.87</b>	-	<b>173,353.80</b>	<b>260,109.24</b>
3b) Generation of voluntary income					
Giving Envelopes	116.84	-	-	116.84	113.44
	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>116.84</b>	-	-	<b>116.84</b>	<b>113.44</b>
3c) Fund-raising costs					
Bookstall Expenditure	124.40	-	-	124.40	-
Organist Recital Fees	124.40	-	-	124.40	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>124.40</b>	-	-	<b>124.40</b>	-
	<b>159,801.17</b>	<b>13,793.87</b>	-	<b>173,595.04</b>	<b>260,222.68</b>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Unrealised (gain)/loss on investment	-	-	(2,941.04)	(2,941.04)	4,211.43

4) FIXED ASSETS

(a) Tangible	(all unrestricted)	Freehold land & Church		
		buildings	Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 31 December 2022	25,000.00	31,118.76	56,118.76
	Disposal	-	-	-
	Additions at cost	-	5,134.91	5,134.91
	At 31 December 2023	25,000.00	36,253.67	61,253.67
DEPRECIATION	At 31 December 2022	25,000.00	28,598.78	53,598.78
	Withdrawn on deposits	-	(152.42)	(152.42)
	Charge for the year	-	-	-
	At 31 December 2023	25,000.00	28,446.36	53,446.36
(b) Investments		2023	2022	
	Market value at 31 December	£	£	
	Disposal at carrying value			
	Purchases at cost			
	Revaluation (gain)/loss (Withers Charity)	(2,941.04)	4,211.43	

**5) DEBTORS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)**

	2023	2022
Prepayments and accrued interest	£	£
Other debtors	7,580.10	11,585.48
	<b>7,580.10</b>	<b>11,585.48</b>

**6) LIABILITIES**

	2023	2022
Amounts falling due in one year ( <i>unrestricted funds</i> )	£	£
Accruals for utility and other costs	10,318.08	24,374.25
Other creditors	<b>10,318.08</b>	<b>24,374.25</b>

Note: Creditors in 2022 includes £19,835.66 to settle Three Mills balance

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# Accounts

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# St.John's Church, Stratford, E15

## APCM 2023

(ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING)

14<sup>th</sup> May 2023



*(the first Sunday with Reverend Lee and his family in July 2022)*

### VESTRY MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF WARDENS

IN CHRISTCHURCH ROOM AT 10.50AM

1. PRAYER
2. ELECTION OF CHURCH WARDENS: the nominations were as follows
  - a. Richard Aubrey
  - b. Tolu Babarinsa
  - c. Corin Barton
  - d. Bridget Richards

***APCM continues during the Sunday morning worship at 11am***

## AGENDA | SERVICE ORDER

1. WELCOME
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2022
4. EXPLANATION OF PROCEDURE AND OPENING PRAYER
5. SONGS
6. PRESENTATION & ELECTION
  - Presentation of the Wardens
  - Presentation of the Church Electoral Roll
  - Presentation for approval of audited account for the year 2022 (attached)
  - Election of P.C.C (Parochial Church Council) members
  - Election of Sidespersons
  - Election of Deanery Synod Reps
  - Election of Auditor: Independent Examiner Mr. Peter Morley FCMA
7. A TIME FOR THANKSGIVING
8. SONG
9. REPORTS
  - Vicar's report (attached)
  - Auditor's report (attached)
  - Account review for the year 2022 by Sandra
  - Churchwardens' report for the year 2022 by one of the wardens
10. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO GROUPS
11. BIBLE READINGS
12. SERMON BY YOUNG
13. OFFERTORY HYMN
14. Q & A
15. CHAIR'S REMARKS AND COMMENTS BY YOUNG
16. FINAL HYMN
17. CLOSING PRAYER
18. PROCESSIONAL SONG

- *Everyone is welcome to APCM. We are not doing church business but celebrating what God has done at St John's over the year. Let us give thanks to the Lord.*
  - *Church Electoral Roll members and those who live in the parish are allowed to vote in the election of Parish Churchwardens if the election is necessary*
  - *Only Church Electoral Roll members are allowed to vote in other matters.*
  - *During Q & A, we may not be able to give you a complete answer to some questions straight away. In that case, we will come back to you soon another time.*

## REVIEW OF 2022 [VICAR'S REPORT]

There was a hymn that my mum used to sing when I was young;

*"Count your blessings. Name them one by one. Count your blessings, see what God hath done..."*

It is from Psalm 103:2, where the psalmist encourages us not to forget all his benefits. Someone says, "When I count my blessings, I find you in everyone." I think this is true that we can find God through our thanksgiving.

We are having another APCM this year. APCM gives us a great opportunity to count God's blessings so that we can see what God has done for us and where God is moving us. There are many blessings that we should count, but I would like to mention some highlights.

### Highlights

I don't know how you find the interregnum. During the interregnum, I heard many people step forward to fulfil God's calling and mission at St John's. Interregnum must be a hard season to go through, and you might have found it daunting from time to time. But you could count the blessing as you look back. You have grown in leadership and in spiritual maturity. I want to say thank you to all the volunteers, lay leaders, PCC members and wardens. In particular, I can't thank enough Revd Robert for his leadership during the interregnum. Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to him and his family when his curacy ended, but praise God that God has placed him in a wonderful parish in All Saints, Newmarket. We will continue to pray for him and his family for their new chapter in their new parish.

Secondly, my highlight of the year is our move to St John's, Stratford. Both my family and I arrived in Stratford with excitement and trembling. We definitely have been enjoying our new parish, new ministry, new relationships and new challenges. One of our great joys is that my children still love coming to church and joining the ministry. And Youjin also has flourished in her gifts – hospitality and music, not only as a vicar's wife but also as Youjin, the person God has called her to be. My family want to say a heartfelt thank you to all who have welcomed us into this new community.

There are more things to say, but if I can mention just one more highlight, then I would like to say "People." Folks, you are awesome, wonderful, generous, gracious and gifted people of God. A church is not about beautiful worship, wonderful vision, or vibrant community engagement. You are the church of God. Without you, the church cannot exist. For the last few months, I found that the more I know you, the more I love my ministry at St John's. Your passion for worship and generous giving, both financial and time giving, demonstrated via IT Upgrade Giving and volunteer ministries, always moved my heart and made me thank God.

### Challenges

Our PCC has recognised five main challenges.

- Finance: our finance is very tight due to the decrease in the giving and the increase in bills and the running cost of the ministry. You can find the details in the final account report attached.
- Buildings: we need to reimagine how to use the building effectively for mission and ministry. Our building committee is seeking wisdom and idea on how to use the vacant crypt rooms, redecoration of St John's Centre, upgrade the AV system and replace the organ in the church. It must be a big project and needs lots of prayers, discernment, and a strategic plan.
- Digital Communication: We need to develop how we communicate with our congregation and the wider communities in Stratford. Praise God that we now have enough funds to upgrade our website and adopt digital communication tools through your generous giving in October 2022. However, we are still struggling with finding the right people with the gifts and passion to pursue this project.
- Team buildings: we have various ministries, but some ministries do not have a clear leadership structure and role descriptions. We need to rebuild and empower each ministry team.
- Children & Young people: the number of attendances has dropped significantly, and we need to revamp the Sunday Club and YPF.

### Our Direction

I believe that the other side of the challenge is called opportunity. These challenges are opportunities to grow us in mission and ministry. Our PCC will consider and plan a series of fundraising events. But the main purpose is not only making money but also raising fun and building up relationships as we work together. Therefore, I would like to call it Fun-Raising instead of Fundraising. It is not about how much money we raise but how we work together as the people of God.

Using a small screen which I happened to find in the storeroom, has already changed the atmosphere of our worship. We could use less paper. Congregations are more engaging as they don't need to put their head down to read the sheet. This small change enabled St John's to host a clergy Well-being event run by the Chelmsford Diocese recently. I want to see St John's Church becomes a centre of culture and learning. It will make the church more accessible to many.

I had a few meetings with various people to discuss our current website and digital communication. Some changes are coming, and new tools will be introduced. This will make the church more approachable to the local residents, particularly younger generations. And we

may also have a better communication system within the church.

In each ministry team, a ministry leader will be appointed, and a role description will be generated so that whoever wants to explore the ministry will clearly know the expectations and responsibilities – this is a part of the safer recruitment process in the Safeguarding policy. Every month, I will also introduce different ministry groups by interviewing them during the service so that their ministry will be recognised and thanked.

Recently I invited the deanery youth champion to explore YPF. I received her feedback, and I will discuss with the current team how we can revamp the children and youth ministry. There is Gill Carter's fund available for the Youth ministry, and we will find it out how effectively use them to grow and bless young people's ministry. I am working with someone to run a possible monthly youth group at St John's Church. When it becomes clearer, we will make a public announcement soon.

I am very excited by the challenges and opportunities at St John's. However, we're just scratching the surface of all that God can do through us. We are just getting a small taste of what it means to thrive as a church. I don't know about you, but I want more than just a taste! I invite you to feast on God's blessing in us and through us this coming year! Come, Lord Jesus. Have your way with us. Amen.

*Reverend Young Lee  
Vicar of St John's Church, Stratford, E15*

#### **Church Attendance in 2022**

- Average Sunday morning attendance in 2022 is around 130 adults and 30 children
- Our Sunday evening service attendance dropped significantly, so we paused the service from November 2022 till January 2023. And our new monthly taster evening service has launched in February 2023.
- The electoral roll on the day of APCM is 192 (last year, 326). We found that the ER hadn't been properly updated – we still had people who had left the church and the parish in our ER. After the update, the number dropped significantly.

#### **Life Events at St John's Stratford**

- Baptism: through baptism we thank God for the gift of life and in 2022 we had 5 baptisms
- Confirmation: we had one confirmation service in November 2022. 14 candidates from St John's, among others from different churches in the deanery were confirmed by the Bishop of Barking.
- Wedding/ blessings: we had 1 wedding in 2022
- Funerals: we conducted 10 funerals in the church building officiated by one of St John's Church ministers.

### **PRESENTATION OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL, MINISTRY TEAM AND SIDESPERSONS IN 2023**

#### **MINISTERS**

Revd Young Lee (since July 2022)  
Nick Bryzak (Associate Minister)

#### **CHURCH WARDENS**

Tolu Babarinsa  
Corin Barton  
Richard Aubrey  
Bridget Richards

#### **PCC MEMBERS**

Chuks Asuoha, Chizoma Onwuka  
Hannah Thomas-Davies  
Justine Onu, Folu Fabikun  
Eon Wade (Evangelism Enabler)  
Jimi Peter , Lydia Quartey  
Ihinosen Jane Ajayi, Beverly Slingo  
Linda Ikenga , Sandra Besson (Acting Treasurer)  
Ayodele Olunloyo (Deanery Synod Representative)  
Dolapo Ariyibi (Safeguarding Officer/ Deanery Synod Representative)

#### **The followings are invited to be attendance at PCC meetings**

Iris Bryzak (Lay Reader)  
Sheva Williams (Lay Reader)  
Dan Scott (Community minister at Christchurch Three Mills)

#### **MINISTRY TEAM**

Parish Administrator: Kay Garib  
Verger: Radcliff Facey

#### **SIDESPERSONS**

Alister Probert, Ohi Bare, Grace Barnwell  
Sylvia Beckles, Millie Benjamin  
John Bunman, Yvonne Edwards  
Mike Ibiayo, Daniel Ogbondah  
Blessing Ogbondah, Sarah Olemoh-Soyemi  
Justine Onu, Bunmi Opedare,  
Dola Peters, Jimi Peters  
Judy Quasie, Bridget Richards,  
Gideon Ugwu

## MINISTRY REPORT FOR 2022

We are the body of Christ, called to make Jesus Christ known in our community through words and actions. As one body, we have many parts. And we need each part, whether it is big or small because together we are His Church. This is only a snapshot of various ministries that are currently operating at St John's. Alongside these ministries listed, of course, there are many other ministries that serve our community behind the scene. I am sorry that we couldn't include all the ministries here on the paper. We want to say a 'Big Thank You' to all our volunteers and ministry teams for their faithful and sacrificial service over the year.

### 1. Building

#### Introduction

The St John's Buildings Committee is responsible for overseeing matters relating to the building fabric and use of spaces managed and controlled by St John's PCC. These are:

- a. The St John's Church building (the church itself).
- b. A residential house '29 Maryland Park', near Maryland station. This has historically been used by curates and was vacated by Rev'd Robert during the summer of 2022.

The Buildings Committee has also provided support to Rev'd Young and his family as they have prepared to occupy the Vicarage. The Vicarage is strictly outside the ownership of St John's Church, and belongs to the diocese, but is captured in this report for the benefit of the church to clarify some previously misunderstood assumptions.

The church grounds are maintained by the London Borough of Newham ('LBN') under an agreement between Rev'd Dave and LBN. The exact details of this are currently unknown and need to be explored/understood in due course.

#### St Johns Church

We are blessed to have a magnificent and prominent building that allows our reach to extend beyond Sunday worship and enables us to have a substantial physical presence in Stratford. However, Covid and other reasons have meant that some aspects of building maintenance have been a little 'behind the curve'. The last year has seen the Buildings Committee find its feet and start to identify and overcome some key matters that needed addressing.

The following are particularly significant matters addressed in the last 12 months:

- Gas Pipework Upgrade – as part of routine gas safety checks by qualified engineers, it was determined that there was an escape of gas somewhere within the building. Our engineers safely isolated the gas and identified that the issues were below ground somewhere beneath the 1990s

extension. It was established that the most cost effective means of resolving the issue was to run a new pipe above ground rather than below ground (to save the cost and disruption of digging large trenches under the café area. Unfortunately, this was not covered by our insurance and represented a significant cost outlay that was unplanned. We are blessed that the gas issue occurred in the spring so the isolation of the gas had no substantial impact on the comfort levels and didn't require an extensive hire of temporary heating equipment etc.

- Crypt Vaults Tenant – During the period, an informal tenancy with a user of the crypt has ended. This represented a source of income from the church, but it became apparent that the former occupier was not as respectful of the church and building fabric as was considered appropriate and reasonable.
- Organ condition – it has become apparent that the organ is in extremely poor condition and is not viable to repair, with a minimum cost into hundreds of thousands of pounds. At present it is regularly 'repaired' using adhesive tape.
- 1990s Extension Roof – a package of roof repair works are required to the extension to address water ingress. We are in discussions with a builder in order to address this.
- Heating Upgrades/Repairs – due to the age of the equipment, heating issues are becoming increasingly common and require resolution promptly in order to maintain comfort of the spaces for users.

The following are Opportunities that we expect to need to explore over the next 12 months:

- Building Spaces Leasing Review – we are blessed to have a range of spaces within the building that are available for use by our community. Alongside the development of an updated vision, we have an opportunity to review how our spaces can serve our community and bring an increased income for the work of St John's church; this includes the crypt vaults previously used by the tenant mentioned above.
- Review of Supply Chain – we need to find a new contractor to work with us. This is currently a source of inefficiency as key people we have previously worked with are no longer available or have new commitments.

In the longer term, we could be considering our sustainability and energy use profile – as a church we currently use a substantial amount of gas to heat the building. As a long term project we should be considering how we address this in order to reduce our environmental footprint and long term bills; particularly if grants are available.

#### 29 Maryland Park

29 Maryland Park is a 3-bedroom terraced house near Maryland Station. It has been a substantial period of time since a meaningful refurbishment has taken place

and therefore the property is in very poor condition. As a consequence, the Buildings Committee has been considering the extent of refurbishment (and therefore cost outlay) that will be required/is appropriate. We are very blessed that we have a new occupier identified for 29 Maryland Park who has agreed to undertake some limited aesthetic upgrades at their own cost; as part of a 12 month lease.

We should expect that 29 Maryland Park will require substantial investment from St Johns to prepare it for use by any longer-term occupier.

### **The Vicarage**

The church should be aware that the internal condition of the Vicarage (painting the walls, changing carpets etc) is the responsibility of the PCC. This was previously incorrectly understood, and it was thought that the whole house was the responsibility of Chelmsford Diocese.

We have been very fortunate that actually the extent of refurbishment work has been so substantial to the Vicarage, that the Diocese were required to redecorate the walls; the Lee Family also agreed a financial contribution to the flooring with the PCC, but this is not a normal precedent.

Therefore, it is reasonable to assume that within or during Rev'd Young's time at St John's, funds may need to be made available for some decorative work to address normal wear and tear in order to keep the property in good condition. The previous pattern was to leave the house for very long periods without interior maintenance.

### **An Opportunity to Get Involved**

If anyone would like to serve in the Buildings Ministry, please contact the church office. We meet on Teams once a month and discuss issues and progress on matters relating to our buildings. An additional active member or two would be welcome.

Prayer for identifying new local and competent small builder would be welcome. One of our challenges is that previously established relationships with those who have worked to undertake routine maintenance work on the church seem to have stalled with people moving on our having other commitments now, so we are seeking to identify a new trusted small builder who can help us with building maintenance activities.

*Charles Thomas-Davies*  
*Buildings Committee Chair*

## **2. Mission Giving**

### **Introduction**

In line with the Christian task of giving, St John's commits 10% of its budgeted offerings to mission giving, along with our support by building personal links and through prayer. It is part of our calling as the Church on earth to seek to bring God's hope and love to others in

need and to fulfil Jesus's command to 'love our neighbour as ourselves'.

### **What happened over the year?**

The MGC met several times throughout the year to pray for and discuss any changes and updates with our current regular giving and our emergency giving. We had interesting and informative visits from our charity groups CMS, Leprosy Mission, OAC, and also potential new group Open Doors, who gave presentations during the morning services of who they are and what they do.

### **Things to celebrate**

Celebrate that we can give support for local based, national, and international causes and projects. Celebrate that we can assist missionaries to 'go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19)

### **Challenges**

With the current living crisis, understandably the amount of giving was down so the MGC's budget was also therefore down from last year's figures by £1,812. This resulted in us giving £1,177 less to emergency appeals and using that amount to instead uplift what we were able to give to our annual regular giving charity groups. This still resulted in there being £635 less to give this year to our annual regular giving charity groups so we reduced a small amount from 6 of our charity groups.

### **How can the church pray for the ministry?**

Pray for the committee to be effective in their duties and decision making for the benefit of the charities for the Glory of God. Pray for new people to be interested to join the committee to help with its running. Pray for the 2023 budget to be increased from this year so we can once again return to our previous giving figures.

*Sarah Turner*  
*Mission Giving Committee Chair*

## **3. Sunday Club**

### **Introduction**

Our Ethos is Christmas and fun. The children enjoy learning it helps them to become followers of Jesus. They enjoy the bible reading, especially when we act it out in Drama, we also encourage the children to pray together also individually, they are very good. Some children are shy seeing others doing it is encouraging and makes them want to try. We have 4 groups at present.

- The Ark: Aged 1- 4 + Nursery (we lost Sparklers due to not enough children for the group)
- Kingdom Kids: Reception, Year's 1.2.3
- J Team: Year's 4.5.6
- Teen Live: Year's 7.8.9.

### **What happened over the year?**

We have had a wonderful year. Our combined classes worked well. From making crafts to watching DVDs based on our bible reading- the children also made

Christmas Cards which they sold to fund their party. It was encouraging to see the children contributing to shaping the type of lessons they would like. Sunday Club celebrates 32 years, and we look forward to many more!

#### ***What do you want to celebrate?***

We celebrated our birthday every year. We should also celebrate our Leaders and Assistants who make all this possible.

#### ***What are the challenges?***

Keeping them engaged. We're fortunate to have good leadership. One of the things we do is have a discussion with the children and get ideas. We mix up our lessons, and this keeps them engaged.

We need more new Leaders and Assistants, due to people leaving.

#### ***How can the church pray for the ministry?***

Pray for myself and our leaders and assistants and for some new people to join this ministry. It's such a wonderful ministry, the children enjoy learning and look forward to Sunday Club.

*Bridget Richards - Sunday Club Leader*

## **4. YPF (Young People Fellowship)**

### ***Introduction***

St. John's Youth Ministry is a vibrant program that aims to nurture the spiritual growth of young people in our church community. Our vision is to create a safe and welcoming environment where young people can explore and deepen their faith in Christ, build meaningful relationships with one another, and serve the community.

### ***What happened over the year?***

Over the past year, our ministry has continued to grow and thrive despite the challenges posed by the pandemic. We have adapted our activities to be safe and accessible, such as holding virtual Bible studies and youth group meetings. We also organised outdoor events, such as hikes and outdoor games, to allow for in-person interaction while following safety protocols.

### ***Things to Celebrate***

We want to celebrate the resilience and commitment of our youth during these challenging times. Despite the disruptions to their normal routines, they have continued to engage in the ministry, participate in service projects, and support one another.

We also want to celebrate the growth and maturity we have seen in our youth. We have witnessed them take ownership of their faith and become leaders within the ministry. It is inspiring to see them step up and serve as mentors and role models for their peers.

### ***Challenges***

One of the biggest challenges we face is the need to adapt and innovate in response to the ongoing pandemic. We are constantly reassessing our activities and events to ensure that they are safe and inclusive for all our youth, regardless of their comfort level with in-person gatherings.

Another challenge we face is the need to engage and connect with youth who may not be comfortable or able to attend in-person events or activities. We are exploring new ways to use technology and social media to reach out and connect with these youth, while also maintaining the personal and relational aspects of our ministry.

### ***How can the church pray for this ministry?***

We would appreciate the church's prayers for wisdom and guidance as we navigate these challenging times and continue to adapt our ministry to meet the needs of our youth. We also ask for prayers for our youth, that they may continue to grow in their faith and be a light to others in our community. Finally, we ask for prayers for our leaders, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and be effective in their roles as mentors and guides to our youth.

*Chukwudi Asuoha - YPF Leader*

## **5. Refreshments**

### ***Introduction***

The Refreshments ministry serves as an integral part of our church interactions. It brings together church members, new church attendees and even past members in conversation about our faith, politics, personal and other social topics. There is a quote that says: *"Food feeds the belly, thoughts feed the mind, but love is what feeds the heart"* As a church, our ultimate goal is to love each other as God loves us.

### ***What happened over the year?***

Over the year, our ministry has seen an increase in the number of men volunteering to serve as part of the Refreshments team. This has been wonderful to see as Refreshments at St John's was previously, by default, seen as the role of the women of the church.

### ***Things to Celebrate***

We want to celebrate that God has brought us back to being able to worship together in person and share Refreshments together.

### ***Challenges***

Only having a minimum number of volunteers, which means the same people continuously serve, or we struggle at times to find volunteers some weeks.

### ***How can the church pray for your ministry?***

It would be nice for the church to pray for our ministry to grow in the number of volunteers and/or we are able to organise things that work in the best way.

*Judy Quashie - Refreshments Team Leader*

## 6. Prayer Ministry

### **Introduction**

Our aim in this ministry is to draw closer to Jesus, to be blessed, to bless others and to help them at their point of need through the power of the Holy Spirit. Our vision is to see more people working for His praise and glory.

### **What happened over the year?**

We have had a slow start, I believe, due to the pandemic. Although the coronavirus restrictions were lifted, perhaps some people still felt safer to keep their distance. We have had a refresher training course that included measures for the prevention of the spread of infection. Thankfully things are now moving forward. Four people successfully completed the three weeks training course based on the Book of James and have now joined the prayer ministry team. They have worked alongside existing ministers, listened silently and interceded for those who came to the prayer chapel for prayer when this ministry is included during Sunday morning services.

### **Things to Celebrate**

I want to celebrate the love of Jesus for making this ministry possible and for enabling it to be resumed after the lockdown—a big thank you to Rev. Young for his encouragement. I also thank God for the love and faithfulness of all our prayer ministers and for our bond of unity.

### **Challenges**

Firstly, I suspect that one of the challenges we face might be overcoming the fear of getting too close to others, thinking of the spread of infection. This fear might deter people from coming forward for prayer. Secondly, prayer ministers may want to give up, thinking that not many people are coming forward for prayer as they did before Covid. The challenge is to keep on keeping on, and this we do through persistent prayer.

### **How can the church pray for this ministry?**

- The church can pray that all fears be removed from all who are prevented from coming forward for prayer because of the thought of becoming infected.
- Pray that fears will be replaced by confidence, faith, hope and love.
- Pray also that God will work powerfully through prayer ministers so that others may know that we are His faithful servants.

*Sheva Williams- Prayer Ministry Leader/ Reader*

## 7. Outreach (Gazebo Team)

### **Introduction**

Evangelist for St. John's - Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. KJV Matt. Ch:28 Verse 19-20

### **What happened over the year?**

The Gazebo Team, as it known in the Church is, comprises members of the Church congregation who are trained to minister in various ways. In the churchyard, we would set up the Gazebo Tent for the purpose of praying for the passerby, serving free tea, coffee and cold drinks in getting a conversation in sharing the gospel message. Last year we did a general survey to enquire certain aspects of religious interest from members of the public. We also offered some prayer with certain individuals in the public.

### **Challenges**

Getting the passer-by to stop and have a conversation.

### **How can the church pray for this ministry?**

It will be nice to have a prayer team while the outreach is out in the churchyard.

*Eon Wade- Evangelism Enabler*

## 8. End of Month Night Prayer

**Vision** – Our vision is to become a praying church and to raise intercessors (**1 Tim 1:1-8**). Prayer is usually the backbone of the church and a house of prayer (**Mark 11:17**). The vision is to ensure that we raise intercessors that can pray and intercede on behalf of the church, families, community, nation, and world at large on a regular basis.

**Purpose** - The purpose of the end of month night prayer is for a time to meet together in fellowship, to teach and encourage one another in prayer. The aim is to raise and encourage all participants to be a prayer warrior and a facilitator of the bible study.

During the prayer session, we praise and worship God with songs to appreciate the goodness and mercy of God. We thank God for all that He has done in the current month and for all He will do in the next month. We read the bible and reflect on the word; we pray and commit all our plans to the able hands of God Almighty. We intercede on behalf of our church and other churches and ask God to take authority over every challenging situation. We call down the power of God to manifest in our lives, families, church, businesses, careers, community, nation, and the world at large.

### **What happened over the year?**

Over the last year we have continued our fellowship via the Zoom platform. We encourage each other to invite family members to join us in our time of prayer. The attendance of the prayer meeting now includes other Christians from other Anglican churches within the Newham deanery and also from other nations across the world. We have Christian brothers and sisters joining us from Ghana, Nigeria, America, and South Africa.

### **Things to Celebrate**

**Increased Boldness and Confidence of members**

We have more members that have come out of their shell, they now participate in leading prayer segments, testimony and thanksgiving segment and bible study reflection. This is a delight to see, as I have always encouraged each person to participate in our fellowship, so it is so nice to see the Holy Spirit working in their hearts and giving them boldness to be participating members of the prayer group.

### **Increased Growth**

Our numbers within the group are growing steadily from a time when we were 6 members taking the prayers within the church premises, now we sometimes have up to 15 members during the prayer meeting on the zoom platform. I thank God for the zeal to prayer and the increase in the number of intercessors.

### **Challenges**

We still need more of our church members to rise to the task of praying, Jesus prayed, and we should also pray without ceasing, so how can our other members join us?

We currently have members who consistently attend the prayer session, but it would be nice for the whole church to embrace prayer. We normally announce the end of month prayer meeting to the church the Sunday before the Friday prayer meeting and the details of the meeting are in the newsletter for all to attend. We need to think of a way to encourage our members to join us in prayers.

### **How can the church pray for this ministry?**

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to lead and direct us aright.
- Pray for the zeal and desire to pray more within our congregation/members.
- Pray for our current intercessors to be bold and encouraged in the Lord.
- Pray for grace for current intercessors to stand strong in this ministry.

*Ayodele Olunloyo*

*End of Month Night Prayer Leader/ LLM in training*

## **9. Healing Café**

### **Introduction**

The purpose of this ministry is to reach people in the wider community especially those walking past the church who are feeling lost, lonely or sad for whatever reason. We are there to befriend all in need of help through listening, and personal prayer if requested. The ministry aims to build friendship and growth in Christ through socialising, bible reading, prayer and offering light refreshments.

### **What happened over the year?**

Each week, we began with brief stretch exercises, then opening prayer followed by bible reading. We studied many chapters of the Psalms and other books of the bible in relation to the Lord's prayer and His promises. Following a request from a healing café member, we

then moved to reading Proverbs, 'the wisdom of Solomon.' Next, we studied appropriate scriptures for the season of Lent. This led to all kinds of prayer including prayer requests from the church prayer board. Some weeks we sang as the Holy Spirit directed us. We also had a few fortnightly services in the church.

During the summer, we went on a fantastic outing to Southend seaside joined by a few friends and family. We celebrated the birthdays of members. Our main highlight of the year was the summer outdoor festival. After setting up with the help of some church members, we offered food, music, and manicures to all. Another highlight was our Christmas carol service followed by a four-course lunch, prepared and served by us. Both services were led by Reverend Young, our new Vicar.

### **Things to Celebrate**

I want to celebrate God's goodness, His guidance and His provision in every area of our work. We would like to celebrate the steady increase in our numbers of attendance. And we thank God for the active roles taken by prayer minister and members. Also for the generous monetary donations of our attendees, enabling us to enjoy a cooked meal prepared by one of us every two weeks. These donations also help to fund the cost of birthday celebrations. Finally, we would like to celebrate other church members who have given their time, out of love, to help us on special occasions.

### **Challenges**

The challenges can sometimes be dealing with misunderstandings and the need to be careful, always remembering to apply patience, kindness and gentleness, maintaining the love of Christ.

### **How can the church pray for this ministry?**

- Pray for us to have the wisdom of God to deal with every situation and circumstance wisely.
- Pray that nothing will discourage us from the work we are called to share.
- Pray that many will be drawn to Christ through the love and care they receive from us.

*Sheva Williams - Healing Café Leader/ Reader*

## **10. Prayer Walk**

Prayer walks at St John's were started by our former churchwarden, Gill Carter, who saw them as a way of reaching out to our local community with the good news.

Pat Laroque and I meet every month to visit a different part of our parish, delivering cards explaining who we are, our prayers for them and giving our contact details if they want to ask for prayer. We pray for the Holy Spirit to help them to respond. With all the new developments in Stratford, it now takes eighteen months to cover the whole parish and we encounter many locked doors but prayer and a friendly neighbour usually get us in. We believe that the Lord gets us into the places where he wants us to go. We often meet people who do want to

talk, and some who just want to argue!  
You can all be a part of our prayer walks by, when you see a prayer walk listed on the weekly newsletter, praying for the people we are going to visit, asking for the Holy Spirit to prepare their hearts to respond. Please also pray for any conversations we may have to be fruitful. Thank you for your prayers.

*Iris Bryzak - Prayer Walk Leader/ Reader*

## 11. Faith in Schools (FIS)

### **Introduction**

FIS aim is for every child in Newham to meet local Christians to explore what it means to follow Jesus today. We do this by partnering with churches (such as St Johns) and schools to deliver high quality Christianity teaching through RE visitor lessons and church visits.

### **What happened over the year?**

- Since Sept 2022 to date, we've partnered with St Johns to run 4 school visits for over 270 pupils plus school staff and parent volunteers (1 was cancelled by school due to lack of support adults); we have at least 1 more school visit booked for the summer term as well; many children have never visited a church before;
- supported 450+ Year 1 pupils (aged 5-6) learn about the birth of Jesus at Stratford Churches' 'Christmas Journey' (held at Highway); working alongside 5 other churches;
- hosted 540+ Year 4 pupils (aged 8-9) to have an 'Easter Experience' of Jesus' Resurrection through 6 creative workshops; working alongside 8 other churches;
- training, plans and resources are shared by Faith in Schools to support Young and other lay clergy and volunteers from St Johns to teach pupils appropriately in an educational context;
- Faith in Schools' experienced volunteers (from other churches) supported St John's school visits as needed and where available;

### **Things to Celebrate**

- It is great to see new members and young people such as Sarah, Darius, Elnaz and Arnold getting the chance to meet pupils and share their faith during Easter Experience.
- It is great to see Young confidently leading visits and hosting schools in an engaging and interactive way, especially through music. A new chapter for St John's but also something building on Dave and Carol's legacy...
- It is a blessing to know that St John's continues to regularly support Faith in Schools financially

### **What are the challenges?**

- Recruiting volunteers from the St John's members - we have none as yet visiting the local schools alongside us.
- Faith in Schools will need to find £70K to continue our work next year.

### **How can the church pray for this ministry?**

- Pray that God will call more members to gift their time and money to this mission to share the Gospel with the next generation in schools
- Pray that the Holy Spirit enables Young and other leaders at St John's to build on our partnership by developing relationships with the families from these local school communities.

*Alice Probert- Faith In Schools Leader*

## 12. Receptionist

Our receptionists have a very important & responsible role in our building, they are the first person who greets whoever comes through our doors so they need to be polite helpful & remember they are being used in the image of God.

They are doing it for God, not for mankind. Because a variety of people come through our door each day, either to Pray or to go to one of the groups that are meeting here. Everyone always says how helpful and friendly they are, and we want it to be that way always.

We have seven receptionists, not forgetting Bridget, who always helps whenever needed. I would like to thank all of our receptionists for all they do for ST Johns Church I know it is a challenging role, but you can do all things through CHRIST, who gives you the will to do it. I would like to know that when you finish your shift, you go home feeling challenged about how you did on that day.

Rev Young and I are always here for you and will continue to pray for GOD to use you in this ministry here at ST John's Church. All Glory To GOD, Hallelujah. Blessings Always.

*Kay Garib - Parish Administrator*

## 13. Safeguarding

### **Introduction**

The safeguarding ministry as it's name suggests is to keep the young and vulnerable members of our congregation safe and to ensure that the legal requirements are met as regards recruitment, etc.

### **What happened over the year?**

Volunteers were taken through the safer recruitment process which involves DBS checks, completion of application forms, training and referencing.

### **Things to Celebrate**

The process for safer recruitment is defined.

### **Challenges**

The process is very lengthy and laborious.

### **How can the church pray for your ministry?**

Wisdom, patience and strength. Also want to pray the Lord will protect us all from any form of abuse.

*Dolapo Ariyibi*  
*Parish Safeguarding Officer*

## 14. Deanery Synod

### **Introduction**

The Newham Deanery Synod is a committee of Newham's Anglican Churches, comprising Clergy and Lay elected congregational representatives that meet to discuss local and national issues and Diocese of Chelmsford matters. It is an intermediary between the PCC and the Diocesan Synod. St. John's lay representatives were Sandra Besson, John Burman, Dolapo Peters and Ayo Olunloyo.

### **What happened over the year?**

At the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March, Rev Christy spoke about the Inspire ministry at Westfield Shopping Centre and the great mission opportunity it provides to welcome persons into the space, listen and share faith. After reports on Diocesan and General Synods we had a welcome and Q & A session with newly appointed Bishop Guli who shared some early life experiences that shaped her theological understanding.

At the 13<sup>th</sup> July meeting there was a report on the June Diocesan Synod proceeding and recommendations. Rev Chigor Chike reported on the Archbishop's Commission on Racial Justice which he served on. The new parish share scheme was introduced to explain the model of how parishes would contribute to the Diocesan budget. This share model was developed after consultation with clergy, PCCs and treasurers across the diocese.

The final meeting in November welcomed a new Deanery Secretary, Hazel Thomas. John Meadway stepped down as Treasurer, that post is still vacant. The recently appointed Newham Youth Champion for Anglican churches Jill Duncan was introduced. She hopes to visit parishes including St John's to offer support and training in developing skills for working with young people.

### **Things to Celebrate**

A new feature of our meetings is the opportunity for churches to present good news stories about their parishes to inform others what they are doing and to inspire.

### **How can the church pray for your ministry?**

We pray for the Synod representatives who will be appointed for a new 3-year term, that they would make good use of this opportunity to foster closer relationships between parishes.

*Sandra Besson- Deanery Synod Rep*

## 15. Financial Review

During 2022, PCC income from direct giving of £115,750 was £6,687 less than 2021 mainly due to a reduction in planned giving. Rental Income was £49,696. Our IT Equipment donation drive raised £12,915.

Running expenses rose by 22% to £183,643.68 due to the effects of inflation, increased salary costs and the Diocesan Parish Share paid in full at £78,871. These Parish Share payments assessed by the Diocese of Chelmsford, go towards the cost of clergy stipends throughout the Diocese.

During 2022 St John's donated a total of £9,395 to 15 organisations, in line with our Mission and Charity donations policy to allocate up to 10% of giving income to charitable and mission work.

The net result for the year, in the general fund was a deficit of £19,065. Several transfers to and from other funds are shown in the full financial statements.

After three years of accounting for the financial activities of Christ Church Three Mills they are now registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and the balance on the Three Mills fund has been transferred to creditors to be paid over to them shortly.

### **RESERVES POLICY:**

Our policy is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, (if possible), which equates to approximately six months unrestricted payments. This policy is based on the following factors:

- Church membership is constantly changing within a community with a very transient population. Members' giving is therefore subject to fluctuation.
- Rents received for use of space in St John's church building are also subject to fluctuation because most users are community groups or Local Government departments, and are dependent on funding decisions for continued bookings.
- St. John's has significant liabilities for staff salaries and more recently utilities, and the possibility of heavy repair bills to the building in the future.

The balance in the St John's general fund at the year-end was £21,420 which is considerably below this target, and a decrease on the 2021 balance of £40,486. PCC aims to restore the balance to our target level with increased fundraising over the coming years.

St. John's has a designated Capital Asset Fund to meet some expected costs for fabric and equipment replacement. At the year-end this stood at £52,000.

*Sandra Besson*

*Acting Treasurer on behalf of the Finance Committee*

***More detailed financial information may be obtained from the annual accounts, printed on the following pages.***

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

St Johns General Fund Income & Expenditure Account

<i>Income</i>	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Voluntary Income</u>				
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	58,751.58		67,917.04	
Planned giving: Tax recovered	18,549.44		19,464.85	
Planned giving: Other	18,188.02		15,417.10	
Collections (open plate)	14,519.20		17,598.74	
Donations, appeals etc.	18,657.63		2,040.45	
		128,665.87		122,438.18
<u>Activities for Generating Funds</u>	-		-	
		-		-
<u>Income from Investments</u>				
Dividends and interest including tax recoverable	683.49		28.49	
		683.49		28.49
<u>Church Activities</u>				
Contributions for use of Church & Hall	49,696.11		45,084.37	
Fees	1,342.00		1,707.00	
		51,038.11		46,791.37
<u>Other incoming resources</u>				
Furlough Income	-		13,645.44	
Other	562.64		-	
		562.64		13,645.44
<u>Transfers from other funds</u>				
Assigned from Housing Fund	-		-	
Assigned from Three Mills	2,594.42		-	
Assigned from Healing Café	210.00		-	
Assigned from Javelin Fund	435.35		-	
		3,239.77		-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>184,189.88</b>		<b>182,903.48</b>

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

St Johns General Fund Income & Expenditure Account

<i>Expenditure</i>	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
<u>Costs of generating voluntary income</u>				
Giving Envelopes	113.44		103.12	
		113.44		103.12
<u>Fund-raising and trading costs</u>	-		-	
		-		-
<u>Church Activities</u>				
Missionary and charitable giving	-		-	
Ministry - Diocesan parish share	78,871.68		74,523.36	
Ministry - Expenses	4,476.69		345.03	
Church - running expenses	34,183.02		20,200.95	
Church maintenance	5,994.70		6,056.20	
Upkeep of services	646.71		615.85	
Support Costs	1,534.75		1,397.29	
Other PCC Property Upkeep (see Housing Fund)				
Major repairs (structure) (see separate Fabric Fund)				
Salaries/wages/honoraria	47,600.97		42,836.52	
Printing and stationery	1,973.27		1,458.05	
Administration	1,543.24		1,007.53	
Equipment	816.73		(425.02)	
Depreciation	4,303.72		2,151.87	
Sundry Expenditure	1,698.20		730.54	
		183,643.68		150,898.17
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assigned to Charities Fund [R]	10,438.00		14,673.34	
Assigned to Building Repair Fund [R]	635.05		-	
Assigned to Housing Fund [R]	925.08		709.11	
Assigned to Capital Asset Fund	7,500.00		-	
		19,498.13		15,382.45
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>203,255.25</b>		<b>166,383.74</b>
<b>Deficit for year</b>		<b>(19,065.37)</b>		<b>16,519.74</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		40,486.29		23,966.55
Closing net assets at 31 December		21,420.92		40,486.29

**PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S**

**MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**Three Mills Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund**

<i>Income</i>	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Voluntary Income</u>				
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	9,935.00		5,645.00	
Planned giving: Tax recovered	-		-	
Planned giving: Other	-		40.00	
Collections (open plate)	1,663.04		664.31	
Donations, appeals etc.	<u>33,259.04</u>		<u>17,956.55</u>	
		44,857.08		24,305.86
Grants	<u>1,925.00</u>		<u>1,750.00</u>	
		<u>1,925.00</u>		<u>1,750.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>46,782.08</b>		<b>26,055.86</b>
 <i>Payments</i>				
<u>Church Activities</u>				
Ministry - Expenses	331.95		172.34	
Church - running expenses	9,146.97		4,848.00	
Upkeep of services	1,191.61		1,699.95	
Support Costs	2,733.35		3,906.70	
Publicity	2,009.56		1,532.32	
Missions	5,358.66		4,030.57	
Administration	506.65		818.32	
Equipment	1,335.21		3,376.84	
Sundry Expenditure	2,210.62		592.50	
Extraordinary Expenditure	<u>19,835.66</u>		<u>-</u>	
		53,874.08		25,547.66
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assign to General Fund	<u>2,594.42</u>		<u>-</u>	
		2,594.42		-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>56,468.50</b>		<b>25,547.66</b>
<b>Deficit for year</b>		<b>(9,686.42)</b>		<b>508.20</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		<u>9,686.42</u>		<u>9,178.22</u>
Closing net assets at 31 December		<u>-</u>		<u>9,686.42</u>

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<b>St Johns Capital Asset Fund Income &amp; Expenditure Account - Designated Fund</b>				
	2022		2021	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	7,500.00		-	
		7,500.00		-
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Profit / Loss on disposal	-		-	
				-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>7,500.00</b>		<b>-</b>
<b><i>Balance with General Fund</i></b>				
General Fund Holdings	49,480.02		38,246.28	
		<b>49,480.02</b>		<b>38,246.28</b>
<b><i>Historic Costs, to be carried forward</i></b>				
Computer Equipment	3,154.18		2,864.52	
Kitchen	1,914.00		2,328.00	
Church (Heaters)	8,600.01		8,600.01	
Café	1,600.00		1,600.00	
Print Room	5,008.75		5,008.75	
Heater - Christchurch Room	7,018.86		9,892.81	
Television / Video	1,108.96		1,108.96	
Music Equipment	2,714.00		2,714.00	
Flat Roof	25,000.00		25,000.00	
		<b>56,118.76</b>		<b>59,117.05</b>
<b><i>Accumulated Depreciation, to be carried forward</i></b>				
Computer Equipment Depreciation	2,490.71		2,397.27	
Kitchen Depreciation	1,831.20		1,665.60	
Church (Heaters) Depreciation	8,309.81		7,608.55	
Café Depreciation	1,600.03		1,600.03	
Print Room Depreciation	5,008.75		7,529.92	
Heater - Christchurch Room Depreciation	5,581.87		4,863.39	
Television / Video Depreciation	987.20		865.40	
Music Equipment Depreciation	2,789.21		2,638.85	
Flat Roof Depreciation	25,000.00		23,000.00	
		<b>53,598.78</b>		<b>52,169.01</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		45,194.32		44,500.00
Closing net assets at 31 December		52,000.00		45,194.32

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MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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St Johns Charities Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund

	2022		2021	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Charity Income	-		174.32	
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	<u>10,438.00</u>		<u>14,673.34</u>	
		10,438.00		14,847.66
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Missionary and charitable giving	<u>9,395.00</u>		<u>14,673.34</u>	
		9,395.00		14,673.34
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<u><b>1,043.00</b></u>		<u><b>174.32</b></u>
Opening net assets at 1 January		1,174.32		1,000.00
Closing net assets at 31 December		2,217.32		1,174.32

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MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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St Johns Javelin Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Designated Fund

	2022		2021	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
	<hr/>	-	<hr/>	-
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Missions	-		-	
Sundry Expenditure	-		-	
		-		-
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assign to General Fund	435.35		-	
	<hr/>	435.35	<hr/>	-
<b>Deficit for year</b>		<b>(435.35)</b>		<b>-</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		435.35		435.35
Closing net assets at 31 December		-		435.35

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MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

St Johns Bookstall Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Designated Fund

<i>Income</i>	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Bookstall Income	-	-	20.00	20.00
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Bookstall Expenditure	-	-	-	-
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assign to General Fund	-	-	-	-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>20.00</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		1,183.50		1,163.50
Closing net assets at 31 December		1,183.50		1,183.50

Parish Housing Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund

<i>Income</i>	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Rental Income	-	-	-	-
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	925.08	-	709.11	-
Assign from Housing Capital Fund [E]	-	-	-	-
		925.08		709.11
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
29 Maryland Park				
Insurance	373.63	-	342.65	-
Water	379.45	-	366.46	-
Repairs	220.00	-	-	-
		973.08		709.11
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assign to General Fund	-	-	-	-
		-		-
<b>Deficit for year</b>		<b>(48.00)</b>		<b>-</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		-		-
Closing net assets at 31 December		(48.00)		-

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**St Johns Building Repair Fund (formerly Fabric Fund) Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund**

	2022		2021	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Collections in Church (boxes)	1,268.09		2,610.15	
Donations, appeals etc.	-		-	
Dividends and interest including tax recover	0.72		0.03	
		1,903.86		2,610.18
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Major Repairs	12,160.94		-	
		12,160.94		-
<b>Deficit for year</b>		<b>(10,257.08)</b>		<b>2,610.18</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		10,257.44		7,647.26
Closing net assets at 31 December		0.36		10,257.44

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**St Johns Organ Repair Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund**

	2022		2021	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Organ Recitals	-		15.00	
Dividends and interest including tax recover	89.21		(7.74)	
Donations, appeals etc.	127.06		200.00	
		216.27		207.26
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Organ tuning etc.	-		-	
Publicity	-		-	
Organist Recital Fees	-		-	
		-		-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>216.27</b>		<b>207.26</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		7,352.30		7,145.04
Closing net assets at 31 December		7,568.57		7,352.30

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MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Assistant Clergy Housing Capital - Endowment Fund

<i>Income</i>	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-
Dividends and interest including tax receive:	1,508.30	-	59.70	-
		<u>1,508.30</u>		<u>59.70</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Capital Distribution	-	-	-	-
Assign to Housing Fund [R]	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>1,508.30</b>		<b>59.70</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		114,677.74		114,618.04
Closing net assets at 31 December		116,186.04		114,677.74

Men's Group - Designated Fund

<i>Income</i>	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	60.00	-	274.00	-
		<u>60.00</u>		<u>274.00</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>60.00</b>		<b>274.00</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		3,153.75		2,879.75
Closing net assets at 31 December		3,213.75		3,153.75

Women's Group - Designated Fund

<i>Income</i>	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	57.24	-	-	-
		<u>57.24</u>		<u>-</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	62.46	-	270.00	-
		<u>62.46</u>		<u>270.00</u>
<b>Deficit for year</b>		<b>(5.22)</b>		<b>(270.00)</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		1,122.19		1,392.19
Closing net assets at 31 December		1,116.97		1,122.19

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Healing Cafe Fund - Designated Fund

	2022		2021	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	-		-	
			-	
		-		-
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Sundry Expenditure	-		-	
		-		-
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assign to General Fund	210.00		-	
		210.00		-
<b>Deficit for year</b>		<b>(210.00)</b>		<b>-</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		210.00		210.00
Closing net assets at 31 December		-		210.00

Gill Carter Fund - Designated Fund

	2022		2021	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	-		-	
		-		-
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Sundry Expenditure	-		-	
		-		-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		21,821.19		21,821.19
Closing net assets at 31 December		21,821.19		21,821.19
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MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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Wither's Fund - Endowment Fund

	2022		2021	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Dividends and interest including tax recove	962.87		931.61	
			-	
	<hr/>	962.87	<hr/>	931.61
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	-		639.96	
		-		639.96
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<hr/> <b>962.87</b>		<hr/> <b>291.65</b>
Unrealised (gain)/loss on investment		4,211.43		(4,499.35)
Opening net assets at 1 January		40,310.45		35,519.45
Closing net assets at 31 December		37,061.89		40,310.45
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PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

Statement of Cash Balances and Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2022

	General Fund	Three Mills Fund [R]	Men's Group	Women's Group	Bookstall Fund	Capital Fund	Healing Cafe Fund	Housing Fund [R]	Charities Fund [R]	Bldg Repair Fund [R]	Organ Repair Fund [R]	Javelin Fund	Gill Carter Fund	Sub Total	Assistant Clergy Capital [E]	Wether's Fund [E]	Totals	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Monetary Assets</i>																		
National Westminster	66,976.31	-												66,976.31		5,057.62	72,033.93	72,286.28
Cash in hand	200.00	-			20.00									220.00			220.00	220.00
CBF	46,637.83	-								55.43	6,872.07			53,565.33	116,186.04	32,006.00	201,757.37	204,003.04
General Fund Holdings	(79,604.44)	-	3,213.75	1,116.97	1,163.50	49,480.02	-	(48.00)	2,217.32	(55.07)	696.50	-	21,821.19	1.73	-	(1.73)	(0.00)	(0.00)
														-				
Total cash	34,209.70	-	3,213.75	1,116.97	1,183.50	49,480.02	-	(48.00)	2,217.32	0.36	7,568.57	-	21,821.19	120,763.37	116,186.04	37,061.89	274,011.30	276,509.32
Stocks and work in progress														-			-	-
Debtors	11,585.48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,585.48	-	-	11,585.48	13,607.89
Investments														-			-	-
														-			-	-
Creditors	(24,374.26)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(24,374.25)	-	-	(24,374.25)	(694.31)
Fixed Assets Historic Cost						56,118.76								56,118.76			56,118.76	59,117.05
Fixed Assets Acc Depreciation						(53,598.78)								(53,598.78)			(53,598.78)	(52,169.01)
	21,420.92	-	3,213.75	1,116.97	1,183.50	52,000.00	-	(48.00)	2,217.32	0.36	7,568.57	-	21,821.19	110,494.58	116,186.04	37,061.89	263,742.51	296,370.94

**PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ended 31 December 2022**  
**Registered Charity No: 1132176**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
Voluntary income	2a)	128,783.11	46,252.23	-	175,035.34	150,002.51
Activities for generating funds	2b)	-	-	-	-	35.00
Income from investments	2c)	683.49	89.93	2,471.17	3,244.59	1,012.09
Church activities	2d)	51,038.11	-	-	51,038.11	46,791.37
Other incoming resources	2e)	562.64	1,925.00	-	2,487.64	15,395.44
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>181,067.35</b>	<b>48,267.16</b>	<b>2,471.17</b>	<b>231,805.68</b>	<b>213,236.41</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
Cost of generating voluntary income	3b)	113.44	-	-	113.44	103.12
Fund-raising trading costs	3c)	-	-	-	-	-
Church activities	3a)	183,706.14	76,403.10	-	260,109.24	192,738.24
Governance Costs		-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>183,819.58</b>	<b>76,403.10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>260,222.68</b>	<b>192,841.36</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>		<b>(2,752.23)</b>	<b>(28,135.94)</b>	<b>2,471.17</b>	<b>(28,417.00)</b>	<b>20,395.05</b>
Gross transfers between funds		(9,403.71)	<b>9,403.71</b>	-	<b>(0.00)</b>	-
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES</b>		<b>(12,155.94)</b>	<b>(18,732.23)</b>	<b>2,471.17</b>	<b>(28,417.00)</b>	<b>20,395.05</b>
Gains on investment assets:						
on disposal	4a					
on revaluation	4b	-	-	(4,211.43)	(4,211.43)	4,499.35
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>(12,155.94)</b>	<b>(18,732.23)</b>	<b>(1,740.26)</b>	<b>(32,628.43)</b>	<b>24,894.40</b>
<b>Opening net assets at 1 January</b>		<b>112,912.27</b>	<b>28,470.48</b>	<b>154,988.19</b>	<b>296,370.94</b>	<b>271,476.54</b>
<b>Closing net assets at 31 December</b>		<b>100,756.33</b>	<b>9,738.25</b>	<b>153,247.93</b>	<b>263,742.51</b>	<b>296,370.94</b>

## PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022 Registered Charity No: 1132176

	Notes	2022	2021
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	4a)	2,519.98	6,948.04
Investment	4b)	-	
		2,519.98	6,948.04
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		-	
Debtors	5	11,585.48	13,607.89
Short-term deposits		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		274,011.30	276,509.32
		285,596.78	290,117.21
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due in less than one year	6	24,374.25	694.31
<b>NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		<b>261,222.53</b>	<b>289,422.90</b>
Total assets less current liabilities		263,742.51	296,370.94
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year			
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>263,742.51</b>	<b>296,370.94</b>
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted		100,756.33	109,330.65
Restricted		9,738.25	32,052.10
Endowment		153,247.93	154,988.19
		263,742.51	296,370.94

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
<b>2 .INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
2a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	58,751.58	9,935.00	-	68,686.58	73,562.04
Planned giving: Gross of Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Planned giving: Tax recovered	18,549.44	-	-	18,549.44	19,464.85
Planned giving: Other	18,188.02	-	-	18,188.02	15,457.10
Collections (open plate)	14,519.20	1,663.04	-	16,182.24	18,263.05
Collections in Church (boxes)	-	1,268.09	-	1,268.09	2,610.15
Donations, appeals etc.	18,774.87	33,386.10	-	52,160.97	20,471.00
Missions income	-	-	-	-	-
Charity Income	-	-	-	-	174.32
	<b>128,783.11</b>	<b>46,252.23</b>	-	<b>175,035.34</b>	<b>150,002.51</b>
2b) Activities for generating funds					
Bookstall Income	-	-	-	-	20.00
Organ Recitals	-	-	-	-	15.00
Fund-raising (coffee mornings)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	<b>35.00</b>
2c) Income from investments					
Dividends and interest including tax recoverable	683.49	89.93	2,471.17	3,244.59	1,012.09
	<b>683.49</b>	<b>89.93</b>	<b>2,471.17</b>	<b>3,244.59</b>	<b>1,012.09</b>
2d) Income from Church activities					
Contributions for use of Church & Hall	49,696.11	-	-	49,696.11	45,084.37
Fees	1,342.00	-	-	1,342.00	1,707.00
	<b>51,038.11</b>	-	-	<b>51,038.11</b>	<b>46,791.37</b>
2e) Other incoming resources					
Insurance Claim Income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	562.64	-	-	562.64	-
Rental Income	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Curates House Income	-	-	-	-	-
Furlough Income	-	-	-	-	13,645.44
Grants	-	1,925.00	-	1,925.00	1,750.00
Sundry Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>562.64</b>	<b>1,925.00</b>	-	<b>2,487.64</b>	<b>15,395.44</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>181,067.35</b>	<b>48,267.16</b>	<b>2,471.17</b>	<b>231,805.68</b>	<b>213,236.41</b>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>3 .RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
3a) Church activities					
Missionary and charitable giving	-	9,395.00	-	9,395.00	14,673.34
Ministry - Diocesan parish share	78,871.68	-	-	78,871.68	74,523.36
Ministry - Expenses	4,476.69	331.95	-	4,808.64	517.37
Church - running expenses	34,183.02	9,146.97	-	43,329.99	25,048.95
Church maintenance	5,994.70	-	-	5,994.70	6,056.20
Major Repairs	-	12,160.94	-	12,160.94	-
Upkeep of services	646.71	1,191.61	-	1,838.32	2,315.80
Support Costs	1,534.75	2,733.35	-	4,268.10	5,303.99
Publicity	-	2,009.56	-	2,009.56	1,532.32
Salaries/wages/honoraria	47,600.97	9,213.84	-	56,814.81	47,406.64
Printing and stationery	1,973.27	-	-	1,973.27	1,458.05
Administration	1,543.24	506.65	-	2,049.89	1,825.85
Equipment	816.73	1,335.21	-	2,151.94	2,951.82
Depreciation	4,303.72	-	-	4,303.72	2,151.87
Disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim costs	-	-	-	-	-
Missions	-	5,358.66	-	5,358.66	4,030.57
Organ tuning etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry Expenditure	1,760.66	2,210.62	-	3,971.28	2,233.00
Extraordinary Expenditure	-	19,835.66	-	19,835.66	-
Payment to Fabric Trust	-	-	-	-	-
Extension Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Housing Expenditure	-	973.08	-	973.08	709.11
Capital Distribution	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>183,706.14</b>	<b>76,403.10</b>	-	<b>260,109.24</b>	<b>192,738.24</b>
3b) Generation of voluntary income					
Giving Envelopes	113.44	-	-	113.44	103.12
-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>113.44</b>	-	-	<b>113.44</b>	<b>103.12</b>
3c) Fund-raising costs					
Bookstall Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Organist Recital Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>183,819.58</b>	<b>76,403.10</b>	-	<b>260,222.68</b>	<b>192,841.36</b>
Unrealised (gain)/loss on investment	-	-	4,211.43	4,211.43	(4,499.35)

#### 4) FIXED ASSETS

(a) Tangible	<i>(all unrestricted)</i>	Freehold land & buildings	Church Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 31 December 2021	25,000.00	34,117.05	59,117.05
	Disposal			-
	Additions at cost	-	(2,998.29)	(2,998.29)
	At 31 December 2022	25,000.00	31,118.76	56,118.76
DEPRECIATION	At 31 December 2021	23,000.00	29,169.01	52,169.01
	Withdrawn on deposits			-
	Charge for the year	2,000.00	(570.23)	1,429.77
	At 31 December 2022	25,000.00	28,598.78	53,598.78
<b>(b) Investments</b>		2022	2021	
		£	£	
	Market value at 31 December			
	Disposal at carrying value			
	Purchases at cost			
	Revaluation (gain)/loss (Withers Charity)	4,211.43	-	

#### 5) DEBTORS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	2022	2021
	£	£
Tax recoverable		
Prepayments and accrued interest		
Other debtors	11,585.48	13,607.89
	<b>11,585.48</b>	<b>13,607.89</b>

#### 6) LIABILITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts falling due in one year ( <i>unrestricted funds</i> )		
Accruals for utility and other costs		
Other creditors	24,374.25	694.31
Parish share		
	<b>24,374.25</b>	<b>694.31</b>

Note: Creditors includes £19,835.66 to settle Three Mills balance

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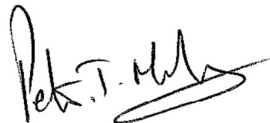
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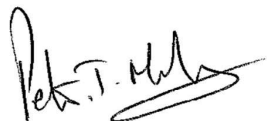
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# Accounts

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## **A REVIEW OF 2021**

The year 2021 will probably be remembered as the year our longest serving vicar Reverend David Richards and his wife Carol left us to go into retirement.

This was a great loss to the ministry of St John's and we will certainly miss them. Our prayers are with them as they move on to Swanage and, we wish them God's blessings for the future as the Lord leads them to better and greater heights.

May I begin by saying that this report will not be as comprehensive as it usually would be with contributions and reflections from the various different groups and ministries in the church. I have written the report to give a general overview of the church as it came out of the Covid pandemic lockdown situation and then the beginning of the Vacancy in September 2021 following the retirement of Reverend David Richards.

## **CHURCH ATTENDANCE IN 2021**

In 2021 we noted a gradual return of the congregation back to the church for Sunday services and other Services and activities during the week.

In 2021 the PCC were keen to offer a range of services during the week following the easing of the lockdown measures nationally and, over the course of the year our worshipping community found this both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. All are always welcome to attend our regular services and many visitors joined the church to worship in person as many other churches were not yet able to do so due to the effects of the Covid pandemic.

Through 2021 we saw an average of 107 people attending services in the morning and an average of 24 people in the evening. Many others preferred to join the services online however, this number was more difficult to determine since the services were posted on facebook and the numbers grew and continue to grow through the subsequent weeks.

On the day of the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021 the Parish Electoral Roll numbered 319 but this was an estimated number not including those worshipping through the online services.

Various church groups eventually returned to the church but not many as most group volunteers and leaders were reluctant to return because of the fear of the virus. However with a much smaller team overall group activities began to go back to a new normal.

The following section looks at life events at St John's church through the year.

## **LIFE EVENTS AT ST JOHN'S STRATFORD**

### **Baptisms**

In addition to our regular services, we enabled our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life and in 2021 we had 5 baptisms mainly children's baptisms.

### **Confirmations**

We had one confirmation service in April 2021 where 8 candidates from St John's, among others from different churches in the deanery, were Confirmed by the Bishop of Barking. This had been differed from the original date in November 2020, which we were unable to do because of the Covid lockdown restrictions.

### **Weddings/Blessings**

In marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing. We had 1 wedding and 1 marriage blessing in 2021.

### **Funerals**

Through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

In 2021 we conducted 11 funerals in the church building and one held at Cribbs funeral home chapel officiated by one of St John's Church Stratford ministers.

### **Church opening times**

We want our church to be open to our community for private prayer between 10.00am and 4pm from Monday to Friday and Saturdays up to 2pm, and this is achieved at St. John's through the employment of paid staff and the time generously given by our unpaid receptionists. However through 2021 most of our receptionists were unable to return due to various reasons including the fear of exposure to the Covid virus. Some were

too elderly to come back. We thank Bridget Richards, Violet McCormack, Beverley Slingo who took on the role of receptionists and site supervisor whenever needed and John Burman who was always available to cover as assistant vergger and also site supervisor at a moments notice. Below is a brief report by Beverley Slingo about her role as a receptionist.

### **Receptionist report by Beverley Slingo**

*'Before the Covid Pandemic we had a team of 12. We worked on a voluntary basis between 10am-1pm and 1pm-4pm Monday to Saturday, two people covering three hours each day. We welcomed people as they visited St John's each day; some to spend a quiet time of prayer, others to look around the church building and others for booked meetings in the various rooms in the church. We also welcomed school children from the local schools in Newham visiting on their school trips.*

*In 2021 the number of volunteers dropped to 3 as most volunteers have either got older and/or do not feel ready to come in to volunteer in the church'.*

### **Community benefits**

St John's Church benefits the wider community as a place for community meetings and activities and through our work of welcoming local schools for educational visits. We hosted several meetings through the year for the local Safer Neighbourhood ward panel Team (SNT). We also rented out our rooms to various groups who had previously used our spaces and new groups who had never used the church before.

### **Vergers Report**

*On the 16<sup>th</sup> of March last year (2021) I had been serving for 7 years in the capacity of vergger here at St John's. My role and responsibilities were two-fold; Sundays are one of my main working days through the week and as the Vergger my main responsibility was to assist the priest in the Church Services making sure they went off smoothly from beginning to the end.*

*The second role was equally important as the vergger. During the weekdays, I ensured that both the interior and exterior of the building were fully maintained to an acceptable standard. It was also part of my duty to see that all groups hiring rooms /spaces for meetings etc were catered for. However, it would be remiss of me if I didn't mention the three persons who gave me their continuous support over the years to make this possible.*

- 1. Ken who is now retired and was very supportive to me in his time.*
- 2. John Burman who was the cover vergger and a tower of strength. He arrived ahead of me every Sunday morning and got on with the tasks at hand. I will always admire and value him for his support, as without him my job would be more difficult.*
- 3. Bev Slingo who also gave me tremendous support in this area. I could always depend on her to act as vergger when John or myself were not available.*

*These three people were very reliable and always willing to go the extra mile any time. I am very fortunate to have them on my team as my job would not be that effective without their help.*

*We ask for your continuous prayers as we continue to serve the Lord in this ministry.  
(Radcliff Facey: Vergger And Building Service Supervisor)*

### **Newham Deanery Synod Representatives Report**

The Deanery Synod is an Assembly of Newham's Anglican Churches that meets 3–4 times a year. It comprises Clergy and Laity (elected representatives from the various church congregations in Newham) who discuss local and national issues as well as Diocese of Chemsford matters. St. John's lay representatives are Sandra Besson, John Burman, Henry Lau and Ayo Olunloyo who were elected for a 3-year term in 2020.

During 2021, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and associated social distancing and maximum guidelines, the Deanery Synod met twice by Zoom and twice in person.

The first meeting was held in February 2021 by Zoom. Reverend Sandra Eldridge led a discussion on the journey to being 'Carbon Neutral', talking about several ways that churches could become much more greener, including the use of eco-friendly utility suppliers. Revd Merrin Playle gave an update on the Bishops' report on Marriage and Same-sex Relationships.

The main agenda item for the second meeting in June, also held on Zoom, was a report presented by Rev Sue Lucas on the recent Diocesan Synod including the presidential address.

The third meeting held in person at St. Martin's Church Plaistow included a presentation by a charity, Care4Calais, who spoke about their experiences working with refugees both in Calais and in Newham and the support that they provide.

St. John's Stratford hosted the final meeting for the year in November 2021. The main agenda item was an address by Archdeacon Elwin Cockett in which he commended churches on persevering during the challenging past 20 months and gave his thoughts on a range of issues raised from the floor.

We hope to appoint a new lay representative to Deanery Synod at this year's Annual Parish Meeting.

*Respectfully submitted by John Burman and Sandra Besson (Deanery Synod Representatives)*

### **Administrator's report.**

2021 was a difficult year for the church overall. I was placed on furlough from 2020 and returned to work in September 2021. Upon my return I had to deal with a backlog of administrative paperwork, make contact with the various groups to let them know the church was open again, and to follow up various unpaid invoices and fees for the past year. On the whole this was done quickly without any major problems and with the help of Sandra Besson our assistant treasurer, for which I am very deeply grateful, this work was done on time and efficiently. I thank God for the great things He is doing at St John's and for keeping me serving here over the last 20 years. I would like to pay tribute and personally thank Dave and Carol Richards for all their support and guidance over the many years I have served at St John's church.

*Kay Garib (Assistant Minister of Administration)*

In conclusion 2021 was a year of ups and downs however, God was faithful to us as a church family through the very difficult times we went through. I believe this made us stronger and drew us closer to one another and to God. As we look into the future, we are reminded by the words of Jesus in Hebrews 13: 5b,6 that He will never leave us nor forsake us and that we should not be afraid because Jesus is our helper.

The following pages will give the St John's Church legal review and Accounts for 2021.

*Robert Otule (Assistant Curate, St John's Church, Stratford 2018-2022)*

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar/Minister in promoting the whole mission of the church pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the ecclesiastical parish of St. John with Christ Church Stratford.

### THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AS MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2018.

#### MINISTERS

Rev Robert Otule Assistant Curate (from July 2018)

Nick Bryzak Curate/Associate Minister

Kay Garib Assistant Minister, Administration

#### CHURCH WARDENS

Ihinosen Jane Ajayi (Church Warden, PCC member)

Tolu Babarinsa (Parish Warden/PCC Vice Chair)

Corin Barton (Church Warden, PCC member)

Richard Aubrey (Parish Warden, PCC member)

#### PCC MEMBERS

Chuks Asuoha (from April 2018)

Dami Babarinsa (Treasurer)

Sandra Besson (Assistant Treasurer, Deanery Synod representative)

John Burman (Deanery Synod representative)

Chizoma Onwuka (from...)

Beverly Slingo (PCC Secretary)

Joseph Mugambwa

Jimi Peters

Dan Scott (Community minister at Christchurch ThreeMills)

Ayodele Olunloyo

Jason Gibbons

Kay Garib (Church office Administrator)

Lydia Quartey

Sam Ansah

#### The following were invited to be in attendance at PCC meetings

Iris Bryzak Reader

Sheva Williams Reader

Eon Wade (Evangelism Enabler)

#### The following Clergy are Licensed as Associate Priests, but have no day-to-day responsibilities at St John's:

Rev Christiana Asinugo Co-ordinating Chaplain to Westfield Stratford City, which is within St John's Parish.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and all members of the Roll are eligible to stand for election to the PCC.

There is 1 church building within the parish, St. John the Evangelist, the Broadway, London E15 1NG

The PCC met on ?? occasions during 2021 at St John's Church on a Monday evening between 7.30pm to 9.30pm. We did not meet during the months of ??????. Membership consisted of ?? elected members of the congregation, plus Churchwardens and Assistant Wardens, all representatives on Deanery Synod, all Ordained Clergy and some Lay Ministers. Some Lay Ministers chose not to be on PCC, but are invited to attend meetings. Other members may be co-opted and some others may be invited to attend for special presentations, although they will not be able to vote on any proposals.

When planning our activities for the year, the Incumbent and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

- Missionary and outreach work.

**In order to discharge their responsibilities the following items were discussed by the PCC:**

- The PCC continued our policy of reviewing special events and projects
- We continued our planning for future mission events and projects, drawing up a calendar for the year
- We reviewed progress on our **18:30 service** and continued to work to strengthen this service.
- We continued to work at our welcome to newcomers, in the light of many thousands of new houses in our Parish and consequent new faces at services.
- We did a considerable amount of work to identify Ministry teams with in the Church and continued work to strengthen these teams.
- St John's has been designated a Training Hub for the local Area. We host a number of training courses and events in return for improved IT equipment.
- We launched a new Church Plant, Christchurch Three Mills, at the Western end of the parish with a bid to the Church Commissioners Strategic Support Fund in conjunction with Chelmsford Diocese.

**To facilitate their work the PCC has responsibility for the maintenance** of the fabric St. John's Church, the Broadway, London E15. During 2021 the following building issues were addressed:

- As a result of the 2019 Quinquennial Inspection which showed that the Church building was, generally, in good condition a number of minor repairs were undertaken
- The internal locks in the building were replaced
- Minor electrical works were undertaken.
- We continued to discuss a possible re-ordering of the chancel.

The PCC also has the following committees, which meet and report, as necessary, to full PCC meetings.

- ◇ **Standing Committee**, which transacts emergency business between PCC meetings and occasionally meets to consider business referred to it by PCC.
- ◇ **Parish Housing Committee**, which manages the assistant clergy house at 29 Maryland Park, owned by the PCC.
- ◇ **Building Committee**, which is responsible for the maintenance of St. John's church building.
- ◇ **Personnel Committee**, which oversees lay workers, both voluntary and paid, at St. John's
- ◇ **Mission and Charity Giving Committee**, which is responsible for giving away 10% of St. John's collections to missions and charities.
- ◇ **Giving Committee**, which organises our annual review of and presentation of needs to encourage Giving by the congregation

## **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

The PCC are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. All are welcome to attend our regular services.

- On the day of the 2021 Annual Meeting the Parish Electoral Roll numbered ???
- During 2021, average Sunday attendances at St. John's were ?? in the morning, and ?? in the evening.

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### **REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEWHAM DEANERY SYNOD**

*Report by John Burman*

### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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**PCC Vice-Chair:** Tolu Babarinsa, St. John's Church, Stratford Broadway, London E15 1NG

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**Bank:** Natwest Bank, 1-11 The Broadway, Stratford, London E15 4DX

**Independent Examiner:** Mr. Peter Morley FCMA

**Annual Accounts** for the year ended 31st December 2021 are on the following pages.

*Robert Otule, Assistant Curate      Date 22nd May 2022 (In post till 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022)*

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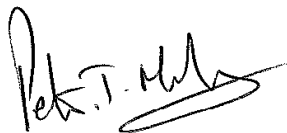
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PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

St Johns General Fund Income & Expenditure Account

<i>Income</i>	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
<u>Voluntary Income</u>				
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	67,917.04		67,529.44	
Planned giving: Tax recovered	19,464.85		16,514.37	
Planned giving: Other	15,417.10		14,754.83	
Collections (open plate)	17,598.74		11,921.45	
Donations, appeals etc.	2,040.45		2,530.00	
		122,438.18		113,250.09
<u>Activities for Generating Funds</u>	-		-	
		-		-
<u>Income from Investments</u>				
Dividends and interest including tax recoverable	28.49		303.10	
		28.49		303.10
<u>Church Activities</u>				
Contributions for use of Church & Hall	45,084.37		22,428.13	
Fees	1,707.00		993.00	
		46,791.37		23,421.13
<u>Other incoming resources</u>				
Furlough Income	13,645.44		21,382.81	
Other	-		280.78	
		13,645.44		21,663.59
<u>Transfers from other funds</u>				
Assigned from Housing Fund	-		-	
		-		-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>182,903.48</b>		<b>158,637.91</b>

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

St Johns General Fund Income & Expenditure Account

<i>Expenditure</i>	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
<u>Costs of generating voluntary income</u>				
Giving Envelopes	103.12		178.53	
		103.12		178.53
<u>Fund-raising and trading costs</u>	-		-	
		-		-
<u>Church Activities</u>				
Missionary and charitable giving	-		-	
Ministry - Diocesan parish share	74,523.36		74,651.04	
Ministry - Expenses	345.03		191.76	
Church - running expenses	20,200.95		18,264.59	
Church maintenance	6,056.20		2,832.11	
Upkeep of services	615.85		616.50	
Support Costs	1,397.29		1,628.72	
Other PCC Property Upkeep (see Housing Fund)				
Major repairs (structure) (see separate Fabric Fund)				
Salaries/wages/honoraria	42,836.52		44,425.78	
Printing and stationery	1,458.05		1,358.92	
Administration	1,007.53		1,224.83	
Equipment	(425.02)		171.36	
Depreciation	2,151.87		2,151.85	
Sundry Expenditure	730.54		188.94	
		150,898.17		147,706.40
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assigned to Charities Fund [R]	14,673.34		10,900.00	
Assigned to Housing Fund [R]	709.11		1,256.36	
		15,382.45		12,156.36
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>166,383.74</b>		<b>160,041.29</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>16,519.74</b>		<b>(1,403.38)</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		23,966.55		25,369.93
Closing net assets at 31 December		40,486.29		23,966.55

**PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S**

**MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**Three Mills Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund**

<i>Income</i>	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Voluntary Income</u>				
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	5,645.00		1,600.00	
Planned giving: Tax recovered	-		-	
Planned giving: Other	40.00		-	
Collections (open plate)	664.31		263.91	
Donations, appeals etc.	<u>17,956.55</u>		<u>14,069.01</u>	
		24,305.86		15,932.92
Grants	<u>1,750.00</u>		<u>-</u>	
		<u>1,750.00</u>		<u>-</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>26,055.86</b>		<b>15,932.92</b>
 <i>Payments</i>				
<u>Church Activities</u>				
Missionary and charitable giving	-		-	
Ministry - Diocesan parish share	-		-	
Ministry - Expenses	172.34		601.60	
Church - running expenses	4,848.00		855.10	
Upkeep of services	1,699.95		1,652.56	
Support Costs	3,906.70		1,415.18	
Salaries/wages/honoraria	4,570.12		-	
Publicity	1,532.32		831.75	
Missions	4,030.57		1,866.88	
Administration	818.32		843.81	
Equipment	3,376.84		895.88	
Sundry Expenditure	<u>592.50</u>		<u>684.63</u>	
		25,547.66		9,647.39
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>25,547.66</b>		<b>9,647.39</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>508.20</b>		<b>6,285.53</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		<u>9,178.22</u>		<u>2,892.69</u>
Closing net assets at 31 December		<u>9,686.42</u>		<u>9,178.22</u>

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St Johns Capital Asset Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Designated Fund

	2021		2020	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	-		-	
	<hr/>	-	<hr/>	-
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Profit / Loss on disposal	-		-	
	<hr/>	-	<hr/>	-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>
<i>Balance with General Fund</i>				
General Fund Holdings	38,246.28		36,094.41	
		<b>38,246.28</b>		<b>36,094.41</b>
<i>Historic Costs, to be carried forward</i>				
Computer Equipment	2,584.20		2,864.52	
Kitchen	1,914.00		2,328.00	
Church (Heaters)	8,600.01		8,600.01	
Café	1,600.00		1,600.00	
Print Room	5,008.75		5,008.75	
Heater - Christchurch Room	7,018.86		9,892.81	
Television / Video	1,108.96		1,108.96	
Music Equipment	2,714.00		2,714.00	
Flat Roof	25,000.00		25,000.00	
	<hr/>	55,548.78	<hr/>	59,117.05
<i>Accumulated Depreciation, to be carried forward</i>				
Computer Equipment Depreciation	2,397.27		3,044.87	
Kitchen Depreciation	1,665.60		1,582.80	
Church (Heaters) Depreciation	7,608.55		7,257.93	
Café Depreciation	1,600.03		1,600.03	
Print Room Depreciation	4,655.97		4,479.57	
Heater - Christchurch Room Depreciation	4,863.39		7,378.09	
Television / Video Depreciation	865.40		804.50	
Music Equipment Depreciation	2,638.85		2,563.67	
Flat Roof Depreciation	23,000.00		22,000.00	
	<hr/>	49,295.06	<hr/>	50,711.46
Opening net assets at 1 January		44,500.00		44,500.00
Closing net assets at 31 December		44,500.00		44,500.00

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St Johns Charities Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund

	2021		2020	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Charity Income	174.32		-	
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	<u>14,673.34</u>	14,847.66	<u>10,900.00</u>	10,900.00
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Missionary and charitable giving	<u>14,673.34</u>	14,673.34	<u>10,880.00</u>	10,880.00
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b><u>174.32</u></b>		<b><u>20.00</u></b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		1,000.00		980.00
Closing net assets at 31 December		1,174.32		1,000.00

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St Johns Javelin Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Designated Fund

	2021		2020	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
	<hr/>	-	<hr/>	-
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Missions	-	-	-	-
Sundry Expenditure	-	-	-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>	-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		-		-
Opening net assets at 1 January		435.35		435.35
Closing net assets at 31 December		435.35		435.35

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St Johns Bookstall Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Designated Fund

	2021		2020	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Bookstall Income	20.00		-	
		20.00		-
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Bookstall Expenditure	-		-	
		-		-
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
	-		-	
		-		-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>20.00</b>		<b>-</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		1,163.50		1,163.50
Closing net assets at 31 December		1,183.50		1,163.50

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Parish Housing Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund

	2021		2020	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	709.11		1,256.36	
Assign from Housing Capital Fund [E]	-		-	
		709.11		1,256.36
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
29 Maryland Park				
Insurance	342.65		306.13	
Water	366.46		350.66	
Repairs	-		1,978.62	
		709.11		2,635.41
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assign to General Fund	-		-	
		-		-
		-		-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>(1,379.05)</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		-		1,379.05
Closing net assets at 31 December		-		-

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**St Johns Building Repair Fund (formerly Fabric Fund) Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund**

	2021		2020	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Collections in Church (boxes)	2,610.15		-	
Donations, appeals etc.	-		-	
Dividends and interest including tax recove	0.03		0.33	
		2,610.18		0.33
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Major Repairs	-		8,172.83	
		-		8,172.83
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>2,610.18</b>		<b>(8,172.50)</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		7,647.26		15,819.76
Closing net assets at 31 December		10,257.44		7,647.26

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**St Johns Organ Repair Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund**

	2021		2020	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Organ Recitals	15.00		-	
Dividends and interest including tax recove	(7.74)		52.66	
Donations, appeals etc.	200.00		1,148.00	
		207.26		1,200.66
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Organ tuning etc.	-		-	
Publicity	-		-	
Organist Recital Fees	-		-	
		-		-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>207.26</b>		<b>1,200.66</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		7,145.04		5,944.38
Closing net assets at 31 December		7,352.30		7,145.04

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**Assistant Clergy Housing Capital - Endowment Fund**

	2021		2020	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Capital Receipts	-		-	
Dividends and interest including tax recove:	59.70		384.63	
			-	
		<u>59.70</u>	<u>384.63</u>	384.63
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Capital Distribution	-		-	
Assign to Housing Fund [R]	-		-	
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>59.70</b>		<b>384.63</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		114,618.04		114,233.41
Closing net assets at 31 December		114,677.74		114,618.04

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**Men's Group - Designated Fund**

	2021		2020	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	274.00		55.00	
			-	
		<u>274.00</u>	<u>55.00</u>	55.00
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	-		-	
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>274.00</b>		<b>55.00</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		2,879.75		2,824.75
Closing net assets at 31 December		3,153.75		2,879.75

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**Women's Group - Designated Fund**

	2021		2020	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	-		66.61	
			-	
		<u>-</u>	<u>66.61</u>	66.61
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	270.00		63.00	
		<u>270.00</u>	<u>63.00</u>	63.00
<b>Deficit for year</b>		<b>(270.00)</b>		<b>3.61</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		1,392.19		1,388.58
Closing net assets at 31 December		1,122.19		1,392.19

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**Healing Cafe Fund - Designated Fund**

	2021		2020	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	-	-	-	-
	<hr/>	-	<hr/>	-
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	-	-	-	-
		<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		-		-
Opening net assets at 1 January		210.00		210.00
Closing net assets at 31 December		210.00		210.00
		-		-

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**Gill Carter Fund - Designated Fund**

	2021		2020	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	-	-	-	-
	<hr/>	-	<hr/>	-
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	-	-	-	-
		<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		-		-
Opening net assets at 1 January		21,821.19		21,821.19
Closing net assets at 31 December		21,821.19		21,821.19
		-		-

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Wether's Fund - Endowment Fund

	2021		2020	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Dividends and interest including tax recovery	931.61		914.52	
			-	
	<hr/>	931.61	<hr/>	914.52
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	639.96		-	
		639.96		-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<hr/> <b>291.65</b>	<hr/> <b>914.52</b>	
Unrealised (gain)/loss on investment		(4,499.35)		(1,906.64)
Opening net assets at 1 January		35,519.45		32,698.29
Closing net assets at 31 December		40,310.45		35,519.45
		-		

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

Statement of Cash Balances and Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2021

	General Fund £	Three Mills Fund [R] £	Men's Group £	Women's Group £	Bookstall Fund £	Capital Fund £	Healing Cafe Fund £	Housing Fund [R] £	Charities Fund [R] £	Bldg Repair Fund [R] £	Organ Repair Fund [R] £	Javelin Fund £	Gill Carter Fund £	Sub Total £	Assistant Clergy Capital [E] £	Wither's Fund [E] £	Totals 2021 2020 £ £		
<i>Monetary Assets</i>																			
National Westminster	68,429.44	-												68,429.44		3,856.84	72,286.28	52,922.11	
Cash in hand	200.00	-			20.00									220.00			220.00	220.00	
CBF	46,032.39	-								54.71	6,782.86			52,869.96	114,677.74	36,455.34	204,003.04	199,189.83	
General Fund Holdings	(75,687.42)	(2,409.59)	3,153.75	1,122.19	1,163.50	38,246.28	210.00	-	1,174.32	10,202.73	569.44	435.35	21,821.19	1.73	-	(1.73)	0.00	-	
														-					
Total cash	38,974.41	(2,409.59)	3,153.75	1,122.19	1,183.50	38,246.28	210.00	-	1,174.32	10,257.44	7,352.30	435.35	21,821.19	121,521.13	114,677.74	40,310.45	276,509.32	252,331.94	
Stocks and work in progress														-			-	-	
Debtors	7,797.41	5,810.48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,607.89	-	-	13,607.89	10,738.62	
Investments														-			-	-	
														-			-	-	
Creditors	(0.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.01	-	-	0.01	0.39	
Fixed Assets Historic Cost						59,117.05	-							59,117.05			59,117.05	59,117.05	
Fixed Assets Acc Depreciation						(52,863.33)	-							(52,863.33)			(52,863.33)	(50,711.46)	
	46,771.82	3,400.89	3,153.75	1,122.19	1,183.50	44,500.00	210.00	-	1,174.32	10,257.44	7,352.30	435.35	21,821.19	141,382.75	114,677.74	40,310.45	296,370.94	271,476.54	

**PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ended 31 December 2021**  
**Registered Charity No: 1132176**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
Voluntary income	2a)	122,712.18	27,290.33	-	150,002.51	130,452.62
Activities for generating funds	2b)	20.00	15.00	-	35.00	-
Income from investments	2c)	28.49	(7.71)	991.31	1,012.09	1,655.24
Church activities	2d)	46,791.37	-	-	46,791.37	23,421.13
Other incoming resources	2e)	13,645.44	1,750.00	-	15,395.44	21,663.59
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>183,197.48</b>	<b>29,047.62</b>	<b>991.31</b>	<b>213,236.41</b>	<b>177,192.58</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
Cost of generating voluntary income	3b)	103.12	-	-	103.12	178.53
Fund-raising trading costs	3c)	-	-	-	-	-
Church activities	3a)	151,168.17	40,930.11	639.96	192,738.24	179,105.03
Governance Costs		-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>151,271.29</b>	<b>40,930.11</b>	<b>639.96</b>	<b>192,841.36</b>	<b>179,283.56</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>		<b>31,926.19</b>	<b>(11,882.49)</b>	<b>351.35</b>	<b>20,395.05</b>	<b>(2,090.98)</b>
Gross transfers between funds		(15,382.45)	<b>15,382.45</b>	-	-	-
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES</b>		<b>16,543.74</b>	<b>3,499.96</b>	<b>351.35</b>	<b>20,395.05</b>	<b>(2,090.98)</b>
Gains on investment assets:						
on disposal	4a)	-	-	-	-	-
on revaluation	4b)	-	-	4,499.35	4,499.35	1,906.64
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>16,543.74</b>	<b>3,499.96</b>	<b>4,850.70</b>	<b>24,894.40</b>	<b>(184.34)</b>
<b>Opening net assets at 1 January</b>		<b>96,368.53</b>	<b>24,970.52</b>	<b>150,137.49</b>	<b>271,476.54</b>	<b>271,660.88</b>
<b>Closing net assets at 31 December</b>		<b>112,912.27</b>	<b>28,470.48</b>	<b>154,988.19</b>	<b>296,370.94</b>	<b>271,476.54</b>

## PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021 Registered Charity No: 1132176

	Notes	2021	2020
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	4a)	6,253.72	8,405.59
Investment	4b)	-	-
		6,253.72	8,405.59
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		-	-
Debtors	5	13,607.89	10,738.62
Short-term deposits		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		276,509.32	252,331.94
		290,117.21	263,070.56
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due in less than one year	6	(0.01)	(0.39)
<b>NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		<b>290,117.22</b>	<b>263,070.95</b>
Total assets less current liabilities		296,370.94	271,476.54
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year		-	-
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>296,370.94</b>	<b>271,476.54</b>
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted		119,197.80	92,096.59
Restricted		22,184.95	29,242.46
Endowment		154,988.19	150,137.49
		296,370.94	271,476.54

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
<b>2 .INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
2a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	67,917.04	5,645.00	-	73,562.04	69,129.44
Planned giving: Gross of Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Planned giving: Tax recovered	19,464.85	-	-	19,464.85	16,514.37
Planned giving: Other	15,417.10	40.00	-	15,457.10	14,754.83
Collections (open plate)	17,598.74	664.31	-	18,263.05	12,185.36
Collections in Church (boxes)	-	2,610.15	-	2,610.15	-
Donations, appeals etc.	2,314.45	18,156.55	-	20,471.00	17,868.62
Missions income	-	-	-	-	-
Charity Income	-	174.32	-	174.32	-
	<b>122,712.18</b>	<b>27,290.33</b>	-	<b>150,002.51</b>	<b>130,452.62</b>
2b) Activities for generating funds					
Bookstall Income	20.00	-	-	20.00	-
Organ Recitals	-	15.00	-	15.00	-
Fund-raising (coffee mornings)	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>20.00</b>	<b>15.00</b>	-	<b>35.00</b>	-
2c) Income from investments					
Dividends and interest including tax recoverable	28.49	(7.71)	991.31	1,012.09	1,655.24
	<b>28.49</b>	<b>(7.71)</b>	<b>991.31</b>	<b>1,012.09</b>	<b>1,655.24</b>
2d) Income from Church activities					
Contributions for use of Church & Hall	45,084.37	-	-	45,084.37	22,428.13
Fees	1,707.00	-	-	1,707.00	993.00
	<b>46,791.37</b>	-	-	<b>46,791.37</b>	<b>23,421.13</b>
2e) Other incoming resources					
Insurance Claim Income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	280.78
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Curates House Income	-	-	-	-	-
Furlough Income	13,645.44	-	-	13,645.44	21,382.81
Grants	-	1,750.00	-	1,750.00	-
Sundry Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>13,645.44</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>	-	<b>15,395.44</b>	<b>21,663.59</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>183,197.48</b>	<b>29,047.62</b>	<b>991.31</b>	<b>213,236.41</b>	<b>177,192.58</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
<b>3 .RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
3a) Church activities					
Missionary and charitable giving	-	14,673.34	-	14,673.34	10,880.00
Ministry - Diocesan parish share	74,523.36	-	-	74,523.36	74,651.04
Ministry - Expenses	345.03	172.34	-	517.37	793.36
Church - running expenses	20,200.95	4,848.00	-	25,048.95	19,119.69
Church maintenance	6,056.20	-	-	6,056.20	2,832.11
Major Repairs	-	-	-	-	8,172.83
Upkeep of services	615.85	1,699.95	-	2,315.80	2,269.06
Support Costs	1,397.29	3,906.70	-	5,303.99	3,043.90
Publicity	-	1,532.32	-	1,532.32	831.75
Salaries/wages/honoraria	42,836.52	4,570.12	-	47,406.64	44,425.78
Printing and stationery	1,458.05	-	-	1,458.05	1,358.92
Administration	1,007.53	818.32	-	1,825.85	2,068.64
Equipment	(425.02)	3,376.84	-	2,951.82	1,067.24
Depreciation	2,151.87	-	-	2,151.87	2,151.85
Disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim costs	-	-	-	-	-
Missions	-	4,030.57	-	4,030.57	1,866.88
Organ tuning etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry Expenditure	1,000.54	592.50	639.96	2,233.00	936.57
Payment to Fabric Trust	-	-	-	-	-
Extension Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Housing Expenditure	-	709.11	-	709.11	2,635.41
Capital Distribution	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>151,168.17</b>	<b>40,930.11</b>	<b>639.96</b>	<b>192,738.24</b>	<b>179,105.03</b>
3b) Generation of voluntary income					
Giving Envelopes	103.12	-	-	103.12	178.53
-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>103.12</b>	-	-	<b>103.12</b>	<b>178.53</b>
3c) Fund-raising costs					
Bookstall Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Organist Recital Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>151,271.29</b>	<b>40,930.11</b>	<b>639.96</b>	<b>192,841.36</b>	<b>179,283.56</b>
Unrealised (gain)/loss on investment	-	-	(4,499.35)	(4,499.35)	(1,906.64)

#### 4) FIXED ASSETS

(a) Tangible	<i>(all unrestricted)</i>	Freehold land & buildings	Church Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 31 December 2020	25,000.00	34,117.05	59,117.05
	Disposal			-
	Additions at cost	-	(3,568.27)	(3,568.27)
	At 31 December 2021	25,000.00	30,548.78	55,548.78
DEPRECIATION	At 31 December 2020	22,000.00	28,711.46	50,711.46
	Withdrawn on deposits			-
	Charge for the year	1,000.00	(2,416.40)	(1,416.40)
	At 31 December 2021	23,000.00	26,295.06	49,295.06
<b>(b) Investments</b>		2021	2020	
		£	£	
	Market value at 31 December			
	Disposal at carrying value			
	Purchases at cost			
	Revaluation (gain)/loss (Withers Charity)	(4,499.35)	-	

## 5) DEBTORS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	2021	2020
	£	£
Tax recoverable		
Prepayments and accrued interest		
Other debtors	13,607.89	10,738.62
	<b>13,607.89</b>	<b>10,738.62</b>

## 6) LIABILITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due in one year ( <i>unrestricted funds</i> )		
Accruals for utility and other costs		
Other creditors	(0.01)	(0.39)
Parish share		
	<b>(0.01)</b>	<b>(0.39)</b>

**PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S  
FURTHER NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
2021**

- 1) Accounting Policies adopted
  - a) The accounts are maintained using the accruals basis, where income and expenditure are recorded when they are due not when they are paid.
  - b) The accounts are split into separate funds (described below). These are either general, designated / unrestricted, restricted or endowment in nature.
- 2) Remuneration paid to related parties
  - a) Remuneration is paid for an Assistant Minister (Administration), Vergers, Organist and Site Supervisors.
    - i) Site Supervisors: Beverley Slingo and John Burman are members of the PCC. They are paid only for the periods of time when they are on duty.
- 3) The cost to the Council of employing staff
  - a) The Assistant Minister (Administration) is employed to handle the day to day operation of the church and hall.
  - b) Vergers are employed for taking care of the church building and hall.
  - c) The total cost (including taxes and national insurance) of employing staff during 2021 was £42,836.52 (2020 £43,929).
- 4) Description of any incoming resources that represent capital
  - a) The Council holds a capital fund for Assistant Clergy Housing and is for the purpose of future housing provision.
  - b) The capital in this fund was released in 2011 from the sale of 2 St. James Road, and part of the proceeds from the sale was distributed to settle the remaining balance on the Church Commissioner's shared equity mortgage for 29 Maryland Park.
  - c) The value of the property at 29 Maryland Park is not shown in these accounts. There are no immediate plans to dispose of this property.
- 5) Material movement between any restricted funds of the council
  - a) The following amounts were assigned from the General Fund to restricted funds during 2021:
    - i) An amount of £14,673.34 (2020 £10,900) was assigned to the Charities Fund, in accordance with an earlier PCC resolution to give a proportion of budgeted income to charities.
    - ii) An amount of £709.11 (2020 £1,256) was assigned to the Housing Fund to make up a deficit
- 6) Any institution or body corporate connected with the Council
  - a) There are no institutions or bodies corporate connected with the Council
- 7) Any guarantee given by the Council
  - a) There are no guarantees given by the Council.
- 8) Loans outstanding
  - a) There are no loans outstanding.

**PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S  
FURTHER NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
2021**

- 9) Any fund in deficit
- a) There are no funds in deficit.
- 10) Remuneration paid to the Independent Examiner
- a) The Independent Examiner waives any remuneration for the work carried out on these accounts.
- 11) Grants made by the council to another institution
- a) There was no payment this year from the Building Repair Fund to the Fabric Trust as has done in earlier years up to 2017.
- 12) Ex-gratia payments made by the Council
- a) Small gifts to a total of £40 (2020 £5) were given to people during the year.
- 13) Fixed Assets
- a) 2003 was the first year in which the fixed assets were shown in the accounts. Their cost was estimated at their replacement cost. Subsequent assets have been added at their historic purchase cost.
  - b) The capital fund will maintain its value over time. The value charged to the general fund for depreciation each year is exchanged in equal measure for an allocation of cash from the general fund 'Balance with the General Fund'. This effectively earmarks cash to pay for the replacement of assets at the end of their lives.
  - c) Freehold Interest in land and buildings
    - i) The parish house at 29 Maryland Park is not valued in these accounts.
    - ii) The church extension is not valued in the accounts, other than the flat roof that is deemed to have a finite life of 25 years. Its replacement cost is estimated at £25,000 and its current net book value is £2,000.
  - d) All remaining assets recognised are 'fixtures, fittings and equipment'. Their estimated replacement cost is £30,548.78 with a net book value of £4,253.72, (2020 £5,406).
- 14) Debtors
- a) The debtors in the accounts for 2021 are £13,607.89 (2020 £10,738), which constitute outstanding hall rental (£7,797.41) plus contributions from the Diocese to Three Mills of £5,810.48.
- 15) Creditors
- i) The trade creditors are £0 (2020 £0)
- 16) Contingent Liabilities
- a) There are no recognised contingent liabilities
- 17) Any other financial commitments
- a) There are no other known material financial commitments over and above those shown in the accounts or the notes to the accounts.

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# Accounts

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## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020.**

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar in promoting the whole mission of the church pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the ecclesiastical parish of St. John with Christ Church Stratford.

### **THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AS MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020.**

#### **MINISTERS**

Rev. David Richards *Vicar*  
Rev Robert Otule *Curate*  
Rev Dan Scott *Curate with Special Responsibility for Christchurch Three Mills*  
Nick Bryzak *Associate Minister*  
Carol Richards *Assistant Minister, Children and Young People, Deanery Synod representative*  
Iris Bryzak *Reader*

#### **CHURCH WARDENS**

Jane Ajayi  
Tolu Babarinsa (*PCC Vice Chair*)  
Patricia Larocque (*to October 2020*)  
Tim Amor  
Richard Aubrey (*from October 2020*)

Chuks Asuoha  
Dami Babarinsa (*Treasurer*)  
Sandra Besson *Deanery Synod representative*  
John Burman *Deanery Synod representative*  
Corin Barton  
Eula Cook (*to October 2020*)  
Manny Ibiayo (*Assistant Treasurer to October 2020*)  
Maxine Kusiima (*to October 2020*)  
Alice Larh-Addo (*to October 2020*)  
Joseph Mugambwa  
Ayo Olunloyo *Deanery Synod representative (from October 2020)*  
Lydia Quarley (*co-opted, from October 2020*)  
Femi Osisanwo  
Jimi Peters  
Beverly Slingo (*PCC Secretary*)

#### **The following were invited to be in attendance at PCC meetings**

Sheva Williams *Reader*  
Eon Wade *Evangelism Enabler*  
Kay Garib *Assistant Minister, Administration*

#### **The following Clergy are Licensed as Associate Priests, but have no day-to-day responsibilities at St John's:**

Rev Christiana Asinugo *Co-ordinating Chaplain to Westfield Stratford City, which is within St John's Parish.*

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and all members of the Roll are eligible to stand for election to the PCC.

There is 1 church building within the parish, St. John the Evangelist, the Broadway, London E15 1NG

The PCC met on 7 occasions during 2020 at St John's Church on a Monday evening between 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Numbers of meeting were restricted due to Covid-19. Membership consisted of 10 elected members of the congregation, plus Churchwardens and Assistant Wardens, all representatives on Deanery Synod, all Ordained Clergy and some Lay Ministers. Some Lay Ministers chose not to be on PCC, but are invited to attend meetings. Other members may be co-opted and some others may be invited to attend for special presentations, although they will not be able to vote on any proposals.

When planning our activities for the year, the Incumbent and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of

religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

**In order to discharge their responsibilities the following items were discussed by the PCC:**

- The PCC continued our policy of reviewing special events and projects
- We reviewed our arrangements for Sunday and midweek services, and approved risk assessments , in the light of Covid-19 restrictions.
- PCC approved arrangements to place staff on Furlough, in conjunction with the Government Job Retention Scheme, and constantly reviewed transition between full and flexible Furlough.
- We continued to oversee building issues, mainly minor repairs and re-painting works
- We continued work on a Priorities Paper, a discussion document originally drawn up to help us plan for 2016-2020.
- We continued work to identify Ministry teams within the Church and continued work to strengthen these teams.
- We reviewed our security arrangements and submitted a grant application to the Home Office Places of Worship fund for CCTV, and other security measures.
- We continued the process of planting a new Church at the Western end of the parish under the leadership of Rev Dan and Ellie Scott, funded by the Church Commissioners Strategic Development Fund in conjunction with Chelmsford Diocese.
- The February meeting was devoted to the challenge of transitioning to be a Resource Church, and was attended by other leaders within the congregation.
- PCC spent some time over the summer thinking about our Mission statement and our Vision and Values, under a process entitled Who Are We?

**To facilitate their work the PCC has responsibility for the maintenance** of the fabric St. John's Church, the Broadway, London E15. During 2020 the following building issues were addressed:

- The 2019 Quinquennial Inspection showed that the Church building was, generally, in good condition
- A number of minor repairs were undertaken
- Minor electrical works were undertaken.
- We continued to discuss a possible re-ordering of the chancel, and temporarily removed some choir stall readers, to enable the musicians to re-located to the chancel, as part of our Covid-19 response.
- A Faculty application was prepared for some security fencing and CCTV, following a successful grant application to the Home Office Places of Worship fund

The PCC also has the following committees, which meet and report, as necessary, to full PCC meetings.

- ◇ **Standing Committee**, which transacts emergency business between PCC meetings and occasionally meets to consider business referred to it by PCC.
- ◇ **Parish Housing Committee**, which manages the assistant clergy house owned by the PCC.
- ◇ **Building Committee**, which is responsible for the maintenance of St. John's church building.
- ◇ **Personnel Committee**, which oversees lay workers, both voluntary and paid, at St. John's
- ◇ **Mission and Charity Giving Committee**, which is responsible for giving away 10% of St. John's collections to missions and charities.
- ◇ **Giving Committee**, which organises our annual review of and presentation of needs to encourage Giving by the congregation

## **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

The PCC are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. All are welcome to attend our regular services.

- On the day of the 2020 Annual Meeting (delayed until October because of Covid-19) the Parish Electoral Roll numbered 309
- During 2020, average Sunday attendances at St. John's were 122, morning, 277 Noon (including known Livestream views) and 29, evening.

From 22 March to 05 July and 08 November to 06 December 2020 all in-person services were suspended by law. A 12noon service was Livestreamed from the Church building by a small group of socially distanced people, which enabled the congregation to continue to participate in worship. When in-person services were allowed to resume an extra service was provided to enable numbers in Church at any time to be restricted (for social distancing), and the 12noon service continued to be Livestreamed

In addition to our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

We want our church to be open to our community for private prayer, and this is achieved at St. John's through the employment of paid staff and the time generously given by our unpaid receptionists. The church benefits the wider community as a place for community meetings and activities and through our work of welcoming local schools for educational visits. Despite Covid 19, we were able to open the church for a limited time each day whenever this was allowed by law.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

During 2020, PCC income from direct giving was below budget expectations. Covid 19 particularly affected collections in church, and led to a marked reduction in income from hire of our premises. Deanery Share payments to the Diocese were met in full. The Deanery Share payment is assessed by the Diocese, according to an agreed formula. Actual figures showed a small increase over 2019. Figures are likely to increase over some years because of the removal of a Church Commissioners subsidy. This payment goes towards the cost of clergy stipends throughout the Diocese of Chelmsford.

The PCC benefited greatly from the Government Job Retention Scheme, which enabled us to continue to employ our Verger and Assistant Minister (Administration). In total we received £21,382 from this scheme.

The late Gill Carter left St John's a generous Legacy. PCC added this legacy to further donations in memory of Gill to create a designated fund to support work with Children and Young people in future years. This fund stood at £21,821 at year-end.

St John's normally gives away 10% of budgeted annual Giving income to missions and charities identified as organisations we aim to support. For 2020 we revised this figure to 10% of actual giving.

**During 2020 St John's** gave away a total of £10,880 to 17 organisations, in line with our Mission and Charity donations policy.

The net result for the year, in general funds, was a year on year deficit of £1,425. Transfers of funds are shown in the full accounts.

## **RESERVES POLICY:**

**Our policy** is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, (if possible), which equates to approximately six months unrestricted payments. This policy is based on the following factors:

- Church membership is constantly changing within a community with a very transient population. Members' giving is therefore subject to fluctuation.
- Rents received for use of space in St John's church building are also subject to fluctuation because most users are community groups or Local Government departments, and are dependent on funding decisions for continued bookings
- St. John's has significant liabilities for staff salaries, and the possibility of heavy repair bills to the building in the future.

The balance in the St John's general fund at the year-end was £23,944, which is considerably below this target, and a decrease on the 2019 balance of £25,369. PCC aims to restore the balance to our target level over the coming years.

St. John's also has a designated Capital Asset Fund to meet some expected costs for fabric and equipment replacement. At the year-end this stood at £44,500

## **SAFEGUARDING**

The PCC is committed to Safeguarding Children, Young People, Victims / Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse and Vulnerable Adults. The PCC has adopted the Church of England's policies and best practice on safeguarding which may be found on the [Church of England's website](#) .

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Mrs Omodolapo Peters who may be contacted at church or by email at [safeguarding@stjohnse15.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stjohnse15.co.uk). No safeguarding issues were reported during 2020.

## **REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEWHAM DEANERY SYNOD – by John Burman and Sandra Besson**

The Newham Deanery Synod is a committee of Newham's Anglican Churches, comprising Clergy and Laity (elected congregational representatives) that meets 3-4 times a year, discussing local and national issues and Diocese of Chelmsford matters. St John's Lay Reps are Sandra Besson, John Burman, Ayo Olunloyo and Carol Richards, who were elected for a three-year term in 2020.

In 2020 the Deanery Synod met only twice due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions and a national lockdown.

The first meeting was held in February at St, Saviour Church, Forest Gate. Guest speakers were Claire Clinton, an advisor on Religious Education and Jo Sell an Honorary Research Associate at UCL Institute of Education, a Relationship and Sex Education Adviser, and Teacher Trainer. They gave an update on the Newham Relationship and Sex Education Partnership including the new RSHE curriculum which was due to become statutory in September 2020. Brief updates were presented on deanery finances and Mission and Ministry Units.

The second meeting, the first for the New Triennium was in November via Zoom as COVID-19 restrictions still applied. There was no guest speaker but several discussions were held on synodical governance, clergy numbers and Mission and Ministry Units. Robert Otule was elected a clergy member and Ayodele Olunloyo, a laity member on the Deanery Committee for a three-year period.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Incumbent:** Rev. David Richards, St. John's Church, Stratford Broadway, London E15 1NG

**PCC Vice-Chair:** Tolu Babarinsa, St. John's Church, Stratford Broadway, London E15 1NG

**PCC Secretary:** Beverley Slingo, St. John's Church, Stratford Broadway, London E15 1NG

**PCC Treasurer:** Dami Babarinsa, St. John's Church, Stratford Broadway, London E15 1NG

**Bank:** Natwest Bank, 1-11 The Broadway, Stratford, London E15 4DX

**Independent Examiner:** Mr. Peter Morley FCMA

*David Richards, Vicar 26 April 2021*

## **VICAR'S REPORT**

**2020 was a strange year.** Our Annual report is short and formal, reflecting this. On one level there is little to report – almost everything shut down, but on another level, quite a lot happened, so let's be positive!

**The suddenness of the March 2020 Lockdown** was a shock to us all. Life changed overnight, and we all had to adapt quickly. We had only 5 days' warning of the cancellation of all in-person services, so a speedy response was essential. It is a tribute to the Team that we had an on-line Sunday service up and running immediately, and that we were able to continue with services on Facebook until in-person services were restored in July. I still remember that first amazing on-line service, and the flood of comments from people on Facebook – a platform which I had avoided until then. We are indebted to Richard, especially, for making this happen, and for his wonderfully encouraging 6pm Prayer and Praise Services, with their focus on the Psalms.

**Many others did so much:** encouraging phone calls to lonely people, shopping for housebound people, extra prayer for friends, neighbours and our nation..... the list goes on. Many Church members changed their method of Giving and took out Bank Standing Orders to ensure that St John's income did not dry up, others faithfully saved up envelopes until the re-opening. The Church Council continued to lead with wisdom, and grappled with many difficult decisions. The monthly Night Prayer continued faithfully, having moved to Zoom, (and will probably stay there, because participation has grown). **Thanks to all, for all your efforts!**

**Re-opening** was an even greater challenge – we needed to socially distance, we needed to split the morning service, we needed a complete clean between all services. Again the Team

responded; some wonderful Welcomers ensured safety in our services, Radcliff became Mr Dettol, the Band moved to be out of everyone's way, Jason improved our continuing Livestreams, Chuks and Carol set up a YPF Zoom meeting, and I did my first-ever Risk Assessment, after a lifetime avoiding them! We all learned new skills, and learned to adapt to changing situations, and we saw Jesus leading us through the challenging times. **Thanks to all who made this happen safely and successfully!**

**My approach** was always to be open for in-person services when the law allowed, and to ensure that a Livestream service was on offer every Sunday, whether we were open or closed. We decided to stream a live service, rather than record something in advance because it was more "honest" – a proper St John's service, warts and all, and because we did not want to spend huge amounts of time recording something perfect; we thought the time was better spent on pastoral care.

**As I write, things are gradually getting back to normal**, but there will still be challenges. Many people have unresolved grief, some people have lost confidence, having been housebound for so long, many more people worry about the future, especially for their jobs, when the Government Furlough Scheme ends in September.

**Jesus is the key**, of course. We are here to serve Him, in response to His service to us on the cross. Whatever happens, Christians know that Jesus is there with us, and that His Spirit is ready to guide us and inspire us in the way forward. The Church has an important role to play in wider society; we offer hope, we offer re-assurance that God has not deserted us, we show that He can overcome all things. As we are allowed to do more, it's important that we are ready to offer support to those with needs. Practically, we support the Stratford Foodbank, and offer friendly space for a wide range of community groups. Spiritually, we offer a quiet space open every day, fellowship, prayer, and a place to meet Jesus and other new friends.

A recent article I read, in Premier Christianity, offered **3 reasons why you should get off the sofa and go back to physical church**. They were:

- 1. Corporate worship forces us to de-centre ourselves.** We stop being Consumers and become Christ's people in the world
- 2. Corporate worship dismantles the false-self.** It is time for us to turn off the zoom backgrounds and come from behind our screens. It's time to get into the presence of real people and learn to be honest with them.
- 3. Corporate worship reminds us of the interconnectedness of human life.** This means we have things to teach one another and that we can potentially answer one another's prayers. Any form of Christianity, isolated from the body, cuts itself off from the benefits of the body. Our interconnectedness is a witness to a divided and broken world. We stand as an example of new creation.

**As we face the future** there will be many challenges, but we don't face them alone –  
**we face them with Jesus,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
in fellowship with each other.**

Thanks, to everyone, for being such a great Church in 2020.

With Love in Christ,

**Dave**

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

St Johns General Fund Income & Expenditure Account

<i>Income</i>	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Voluntary Income</u>				
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	67,529.44		60,584.54	
Planned giving: Tax recovered	16,514.37		21,262.33	
Planned giving: Other	14,754.83		16,788.71	
Collections (open plate)	11,921.45		25,737.28	
Donations, appeals etc.	<u>2,530.00</u>		<u>215.00</u>	
		113,250.09		124,587.86
<u>Activities for Generating Funds</u>	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>	-
<u>Income from Investments</u>				
Dividends and interest including tax recoverable	<u>303.10</u>		<u>309.60</u>	
		303.10		309.60
<u>Church Activities</u>				
Contributions for use of Church & Hall	22,428.13		41,575.48	
Fees	<u>993.00</u>		<u>1,003.00</u>	
		23,421.13		42,578.48
<u>Other incoming resources</u>				
Furlough Income	21,382.81		-	
Other	<u>280.78</u>		<u>707.66</u>	
		21,663.59		707.66
<u>Transfers from other funds</u>				
Assigned from Housing Fund	<u>-</u>		<u>2,091.41</u>	
		-		2,091.41
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>158,637.91</b>		<b>170,275.01</b>

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

St Johns General Fund Income & Expenditure Account

<i>Expenditure</i>	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
<u>Costs of generating voluntary income</u>				
Giving Envelopes	178.53		216.88	
		178.53		216.88
<u>Fund-raising and trading costs</u>	-		-	
		-		-
<u>Church Activities</u>				
Missionary and charitable giving	-		-	
Ministry - Diocesan parish share	74,651.04		72,914.64	
Ministry - Expenses	191.76		359.08	
Church - running expenses	18,264.59		20,949.58	
Church maintenance	2,832.11		8,575.16	
Upkeep of services	638.90		1,081.70	
Support Costs	1,628.72		2,178.01	
Other PCC Property Upkeep (see Housing Fund)				
Major repairs (structure) (see separate Fabric Fund)				
Salaries/wages/honoraria	44,425.78		49,494.25	
Printing and stationery	1,358.92		3,639.95	
Administration	1,224.83		1,732.70	
Equipment	171.36		639.57	
Depreciation	2,151.85		1,663.10	
Sundry Expenditure	188.94		3,470.26	
		147,728.80		166,698.00
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assigned to Charities Fund [R]	10,900.00		12,920.00	
Assigned to Housing Fund [R]	1,256.36		-	
		12,156.36		12,920.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>160,063.69</b>		<b>179,834.88</b>
<b>Deficit for year</b>		<b>(1,425.78)</b>		<b>(9,559.87)</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		25,369.93		34,929.80
Closing net assets at 31 December		23,944.15		25,369.93

### Three Mills Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund

	2020		2019	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
<u>Voluntary Income</u>				
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	1,600.00		-	
Planned giving: Tax recovered	-		-	
Planned giving: Other	-		-	
Collections (open plate)	263.91		-	
Donations, appeals etc.	14,069.01		3,856.12	
		15,932.92		3,856.12
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>15,932.92</b>		<b>3,856.12</b>
 <i>Payments</i>				
<u>Church Activities</u>				
Missionary and charitable giving	-		-	
Ministry - Diocesan parish share	-		-	
Ministry - Expenses	601.60		-	
Church - running expenses	855.10		35.00	
Upkeep of services	1,652.56		-	
Support Costs	1,415.18		-	
Publicity	831.75		303.01	
Missions	1,866.88		389.49	
Administration	843.81		56.68	
Equipment	895.88		112.18	
Sundry Expenditure	684.63		67.07	
		9,647.39		963.43
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>		-		-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>9,647.39</b>		<b>963.43</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>6,285.53</b>		<b>2,892.69</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		2,892.69		-
Closing net assets at 31 December		9,178.22		2,892.69

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

St Johns Capital Asset Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Designated Fund

<i>Income</i>	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	-	-	-	-
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Profit / Loss on disposal	-	-	-	-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		-		-
<b><i>Balance with General Fund</i></b>				
General Fund Holdings	36,094.41		33,942.56	
		<b>36,094.41</b>		<b>33,942.56</b>
<b><i>Historic Costs, to be carried forward</i></b>				
Computer Equipment	2,584.20		2,584.20	
Kitchen	1,914.00		1,914.00	
Church (Heaters)	8,600.01		8,600.01	
Café	1,600.00		1,600.00	
Print Room	5,008.75		5,008.75	
Heater - Christchurch Room	7,018.86		7,018.86	
Television / Video	1,108.96		1,108.96	
Music Equipment	2,714.00		2,714.00	
Flat Roof	25,000.00		25,000.00	
		<u>55,548.78</u>		<u>55,548.78</u>
<b><i>Accumulated Depreciation, to be carried forward</i></b>				
Computer Equipment Depreciation	2,350.55		2,303.83	
Kitchen Depreciation	1,582.80		1,500.00	
Church (Heaters) Depreciation	7,257.93		6,907.30	
Café Depreciation	1,600.03		1,600.03	
Print Room Depreciation	4,479.57		4,303.18	
Heater - Christchurch Room Depreciation	4,504.14		4,144.90	
Television / Video Depreciation	804.50		743.60	
Music Equipment Depreciation	2,563.67		2,488.50	
Flat Roof Depreciation	22,000.00		21,000.00	
		<u>47,143.19</u>		<u>44,991.34</u>
Opening net assets at 1 January		44,500.00		44,500.00
Closing net assets at 31 December		44,500.00		44,500.00

PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

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St Johns Charities Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund

	2020		2019	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Charity Income	-		-	
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	<u>10,900.00</u>	10,900.00	<u>12,920.00</u>	12,920.00
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Missionary and charitable giving	<u>10,880.00</u>	10,880.00	<u>11,940.00</u>	11,940.00
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<u><b>20.00</b></u>		<u><b>980.00</b></u>
Opening net assets at 1 January		980.00		-
Closing net assets at 31 December		1,000.00		980.00

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St Johns Javelin Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Designated Fund

	2020		2019	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
	<hr/>	-	<hr/>	-
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Missions	-		1,244.00	
Sundry Expenditure	-		92.48	
		<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		-		1,336.48
				<b>(1,336.48)</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		435.35		1,771.83
Closing net assets at 31 December		435.35		435.35

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St Johns Bookstall Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Designated Fund

	2020		2019	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Bookstall Income	-	-	740.84	740.84
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Bookstall Expenditure	-	-	737.23	737.23
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>	-	-	-	-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		-		<b>3.61</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		1,163.50		1,159.89
Closing net assets at 31 December		1,163.50		1,163.50

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Parish Housing Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund

	2020		2019	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Assigned from St Johns General Fund	1,256.36	-	-	-
Assign from Housing Capital Fund [E]	-	-	4,243.93	4,243.93
<i>Expenditure</i>				
29 Maryland Park				
Insurance	306.13	-	301.61	-
Water	350.66	-	342.26	-
Repairs	1,978.62	-	129.60	-
		2,635.41		773.47
<u>Assigned to Other Funds</u>				
Assign to General Fund	-	-	2,091.41	-
		-		2,091.41
<b>Deficit for year</b>		<b>(1,379.05)</b>		<b>1,379.05</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		1,379.05		-
Closing net assets at 31 December		-		1,379.05

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**St Johns Building Repair Fund (formerly Fabric Fund) Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund**

	2020		2019	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Collections in Church (boxes)	-		2,633.92	
Donations, appeals etc.	-		11,623.00	
Dividends and interest including tax recove	0.33		0.30	
		0.33		14,257.22
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Major Repairs	8,172.83		3,585.00	
		8,172.83		3,585.00
<b>Deficit for year</b>		<b>(8,172.50)</b>		<b>10,672.22</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		15,819.76		5,147.54
Closing net assets at 31 December		7,647.26		15,819.76

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**St Johns Organ Repair Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Restricted Fund**

	2020		2019	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Organ Recitals	-		675.66	
Dividends and interest including tax recove	52.66		37.62	
Donations, appeals etc.	1,148.00		15.00	
		1,200.66		728.28
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Organ tuning etc.	-		-	
Publicity	-		-	
Organist Recital Fees	-		-	
		-		-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>1,200.66</b>		<b>728.28</b>
Opening net assets at 1 January		5,944.38		5,216.10
Closing net assets at 31 December		7,145.04		5,944.38

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Assistant Clergy Housing Capital - Endowment Fund

	2020		2019	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Capital Receipts	-		-	
Dividends and interest including tax recove:	384.63		959.09	
			-	
		<u>384.63</u>	<u>959.09</u>	<u>959.09</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Capital Distribution	-		-	
Assign to Housing Fund [R]	-		4,243.93	
		<u>-</u>	<u>4,243.93</u>	<u>4,243.93</u>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>384.63</b>	<b>(3,284.84)</b>	
Opening net assets at 1 January		114,233.41		117,518.25
Closing net assets at 31 December		114,618.04		114,233.41

Men's Group - Designated Fund

	2020		2019	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	55.00		495.00	
			-	
		<u>55.00</u>	<u>495.00</u>	<u>495.00</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	-		400.00	
		<u>-</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>55.00</b>	<b>95.00</b>	
Opening net assets at 1 January		2,824.75		2,729.75
Closing net assets at 31 December		2,879.75		2,824.75

Women's Group - Designated Fund

	2020		2019	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	66.61		542.05	
			-	
		<u>66.61</u>	<u>542.05</u>	<u>542.05</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	63.00		210.93	
		<u>63.00</u>	<u>210.93</u>	<u>210.93</u>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>3.61</b>	<b>331.12</b>	
Opening net assets at 1 January		1,388.58		1,057.46
Closing net assets at 31 December		1,392.19		1,388.58

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**Healing Cafe Fund - Designated Fund**

	2020		2019	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	-	-	-	-
	<hr/>	-	<hr/>	-
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	-	-	-	-
		<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		-		-
Opening net assets at 1 January		210.00		210.00
Closing net assets at 31 December		210.00		210.00
		-		-

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**Gill Carter Fund - Designated Fund**

	2020		2019	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Donations, appeals etc.	-	-	-	-
	<hr/>	-	<hr/>	-
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	-	-	-	-
		<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		-		-
Opening net assets at 1 January		21,821.19		21,821.19
Closing net assets at 31 December		21,821.19		21,821.19
		-		-

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PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

Statement of Cash Balances and Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2020

	General Fund £	Three Mills Fund [R] £	Men's Group £	Women's Group £	Bookstall Fund £	Capital Fund £	Healing Cafe Fund £	Housing Fund [R] £	Charities Fund [R] £	Bldg Repair Fund [R] £	Organ Repair Fund [R] £	Javelin Fund £	Gill Carter Fund £	Sub Total £	Assistant Clergy Capital [E] £	Wither's Fund [E] £	Totals 2020 2019 £ £		
<i>Monetary Assets</i>																			
National Westminster	49,098.34	-												49,098.34		3,801.37	52,899.71	58,600.71	
Cash in hand	200.00	-			20.00									220.00			220.00	220.00	
CBF	46,008.43	-								54.68	6,790.60			52,853.71	114,618.04	31,718.08	199,189.83	196,564.61	
General Fund Holdings	(74,889.38)	1,965.98	2,879.75	1,392.19	1,143.50	36,094.41	210.00	-	1,000.00	7,592.58	354.44	435.35	21,821.19	-	-	-	-	0.00	
Total cash	20,417.39	1,965.98	2,879.75	1,392.19	1,163.50	36,094.41	210.00	-	1,000.00	7,647.26	7,145.04	435.35	21,821.19	102,172.05	114,618.04	35,519.45	252,309.54	255,385.32	
Stocks and work in progress														-			-	-	
Debtors	3,526.38	7,212.24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,738.62	-	-	10,738.62	5,492.27	
Investments														-			-	-	
Creditors	0.38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.39	-	-	0.39	225.85	
Fixed Assets Historic Cost						55,548.78	-							55,548.78			55,548.78	55,548.78	
Fixed Assets Acc Depreciation						(47,143.19)	-							(47,143.19)			(47,143.19)	(44,991.34)	
	23,944.15	9,178.22	2,879.75	1,392.19	1,163.50	44,500.00	210.00	-	1,000.00	7,647.26	7,145.04	435.35	21,821.19	121,316.65	114,618.04	35,519.45	271,454.14	271,660.88	

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WITHER'S FUND - ENDOWMENT FUND

	2020		2019	
<i>Income</i>	£	£	£	£
Dividends and interest including tax received	914.52		900.42	
			-	
	<hr/>	914.52	<hr/>	900.42
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Sundry Expenditure	-		800.00	
		-		800.00
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<hr/> <b>914.52</b>		<hr/> <b>100.42</b>
Unrealised (gain)/loss on investment		(1,906.64)		(8,732.27)
Opening net assets at 1 January		32,698.29		23,865.60
Closing net assets at 31 December		35,519.45		32,698.29
		-		

**PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ended 31 December 2020**  
**Registered Charity No: 1132176**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
Voluntary income	2a)	113,371.70	17,080.92	-	130,452.62	143,752.95
Activities for generating funds	2b)	-	-	-	-	1,416.50
Income from investments	2c)	303.10	52.99	1,299.15	1,655.24	2,207.03
Church activities	2d)	23,421.13	-	-	23,421.13	42,578.48
Other incoming resources	2e)	21,663.59	-	-	21,663.59	707.66
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>158,759.52</b>	<b>17,133.91</b>	<b>1,299.15</b>	<b>177,192.58</b>	<b>190,662.62</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
Cost of generating voluntary income	3b)	178.53	-	-	178.53	216.88
Fund-raising trading costs	3c)	-	-	-	-	737.23
Church activities	3a)	147,791.80	31,335.63	-	179,127.43	186,707.31
Governance Costs		-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>147,970.33</b>	<b>31,335.63</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>179,305.96</b>	<b>187,661.42</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>		<b>10,789.19</b>	<b>(14,201.72)</b>	<b>1,299.15</b>	<b>(2,113.38)</b>	<b>3,001.20</b>
Gross transfers between funds		(12,156.36)	<b>12,156.36</b>	-	-	-
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES</b>		<b>(1,367.17)</b>	<b>(2,045.36)</b>	<b>1,299.15</b>	<b>(2,113.38)</b>	<b>3,001.20</b>
Gains on investment assets:						
on disposal	4a					
on revaluation	4b	-	-	1,906.64	1,906.64	8,732.27
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>(1,367.17)</b>	<b>(2,045.36)</b>	<b>3,205.79</b>	<b>(206.74)</b>	<b>11,733.47</b>
<b>Opening net assets at 1 January</b>		<b>97,713.30</b>	<b>27,015.88</b>	<b>146,931.70</b>	<b>271,660.88</b>	<b>259,927.41</b>
<b>Closing net assets at 31 December</b>		<b>96,346.13</b>	<b>24,970.52</b>	<b>150,137.49</b>	<b>271,454.14</b>	<b>271,660.88</b>
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				- ..	..	..

# PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020 Registered Charity No: 1132176

	Notes	2020	2019
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	4a)	8,405.59	10,557.44
Investment	4b)	-	
		8,405.59	10,557.44
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		-	
Debtors	5	10,738.62	5,492.27
Short-term deposits		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		252,309.54	255,385.32
		263,048.16	260,877.59
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due in less than one year	6	(0.39)	(225.85)
<b>NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		<b>263,048.55</b>	<b>261,103.44</b>
Total assets less current liabilities		271,454.14	271,660.88
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year			
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>271,454.14</b>	<b>271,660.88</b>
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted		92,074.19	93,499.97
Restricted		29,242.46	31,229.21
Endowment		150,137.49	146,931.70
		271,454.14	271,660.88

Approved by the Parish Council and signed on its behalf by: .. ..  
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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
<b>2 .INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
2a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	67,529.44	1,600.00	-	69,129.44	60,584.54
Planned giving: Gross of Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Planned giving: Tax recovered	16,514.37	-	-	16,514.37	21,262.33
Planned giving: Other	14,754.83	-	-	14,754.83	16,788.71
Collections (open plate)	11,921.45	263.91	-	12,185.36	25,737.28
Collections in Church (boxes)	-	-	-	-	2,633.92
Donations, appeals etc.	2,651.61	15,217.01	-	17,868.62	16,746.17
Missions income	-	-	-	-	-
Charity Income	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>113,371.70</b>	<b>17,080.92</b>	-	<b>130,452.62</b>	<b>143,752.95</b>
2b) Activities for generating funds					
Bookstall Income	-	-	-	-	740.84
Organ Recitals	-	-	-	-	675.66
Fund-raising (coffee mornings)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	<b>1,416.50</b>
2c) Income from investments					
Dividends and interest including tax recoverable	303.10	52.99	1,299.15	1,655.24	2,207.03
	<b>303.10</b>	<b>52.99</b>	<b>1,299.15</b>	<b>1,655.24</b>	<b>2,207.03</b>
2d) Income from Church activities					
Contributions for use of Church & Hall	22,428.13	-	-	22,428.13	41,575.48
Fees	993.00	-	-	993.00	1,003.00
	<b>23,421.13</b>	-	-	<b>23,421.13</b>	<b>42,578.48</b>
2e) Other incoming resources					
Insurance Claim Income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	280.78	-	-	280.78	707.66
Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Curates House Income	-	-	-	-	-
Furlough Income	21,382.81	-	-	21,382.81	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>21,663.59</b>	-	-	<b>21,663.59</b>	<b>707.66</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>158,759.52</b>	<b>17,133.91</b>	<b>1,299.15</b>	<b>177,192.58</b>	<b>190,662.62</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
<b>3 .RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
3a) Church activities					
Missionary and charitable giving	-	10,880.00	-	10,880.00	11,940.00
Ministry - Diocesan parish share	74,651.04	-	-	74,651.04	72,914.64
Ministry - Expenses	191.76	601.60	-	793.36	359.08
Church - running expenses	18,264.59	855.10	-	19,119.69	20,984.58
Church maintenance	2,832.11	-	-	2,832.11	8,575.16
Major Repairs	-	8,172.83	-	8,172.83	3,585.00
Upkeep of services	638.90	1,652.56	-	2,291.46	1,081.70
Support Costs	1,628.72	1,415.18	-	3,043.90	2,178.01
Publicity	-	831.75	-	831.75	303.01
Salaries/wages/honoraria	44,425.78	-	-	44,425.78	49,494.25
Printing and stationery	1,358.92	-	-	1,358.92	3,639.95
Administration	1,224.83	843.81	-	2,068.64	1,789.38
Equipment	171.36	895.88	-	1,067.24	751.75
Depreciation	2,151.85	-	-	2,151.85	1,663.10
Disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim costs	-	-	-	-	-
Missions	-	1,866.88	-	1,866.88	1,633.49
Organ tuning etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry Expenditure	251.94	684.63	-	936.57	5,040.74
Payment to Fabric Trust	-	-	-	-	-
Extension Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Housing Expenditure	-	2,635.41	-	2,635.41	773.47
Capital Distribution	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>147,791.80</b>	<b>31,335.63</b>	-	<b>179,127.43</b>	<b>186,707.31</b>
3b) Generation of voluntary income					
Giving Envelopes	178.53	-	-	178.53	216.88
-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>178.53</b>	-	-	<b>178.53</b>	<b>216.88</b>
3c) Fund-raising costs					
Bookstall Expenditure	-	-	-	-	737.23
Organist Recital Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	<b>737.23</b>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>147,970.33</b>	<b>31,335.63</b>	-	<b>179,305.96</b>	<b>187,661.42</b>
Unrealised (gain)/loss on investment	-	-	(1,906.64)	(1,906.64)	(8,732.27)

#### 4) FIXED ASSETS

(a) Tangible	<i>(all unrestricted)</i>	Freehold land & buildings	Church Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 31 December 2019	25,000.00	30,548.78	55,548.78
	Disposal			-
	Additions at cost	-	-	-
	At 31 December 2020	25,000.00	30,548.78	55,548.78
DEPRECIATION	At 31 December 2019	21,000.00	23,991.34	44,991.34
	Withdrawn on deposits			-
	Charge for the year	1,000.00	1,151.85	2,151.85
	At 31 December 2020	22,000.00	25,143.19	47,143.19
<b>(b) Investments</b>		2020	2019	
		£	£	
	Market value at 31 December			
	Disposal at carrying value			
	Purchases at cost			
	Revaluation (gain)/loss (Withers Charity)	(1,906.64)	-	

## 5) DEBTORS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	2020	2019
	£	£
Tax recoverable		
Prepayments and accrued interest		
Other debtors	10,738.62	5,492.27
	<b>10,738.62</b>	<b>5,492.27</b>

## 6) LIABILITIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts falling due in one year <i>(unrestricted funds)</i>		
Accruals for utility and other costs		
Other creditors	(0.39)	(225.85)
Parish share		
	<b>(0.39)</b>	<b>(225.85)</b>

**PARISH OF STRATFORD: ST JOHN'S**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER STATEMENT**

Tuesday, 11 May 2021

I report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St. John's Stratford (St. John's) on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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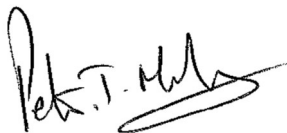
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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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FURTHER NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
2020**

- 1) Accounting Policies adopted
  - a) The accounts are maintained using the accruals basis, where income and expenditure are recorded when they are due not when they are paid.
  - b) The accounts are split into separate funds (described below). These are either general, designated / unrestricted, restricted or endowment in nature.
- 2) Remuneration paid to related parties
  - a) Remuneration is paid for an Assistant Minister (Administration), Vergers, Organist and Site Supervisors. The Administrator and some of the vergers / site supervisors are members of the PCC. These are set out below:
    - i) The Assistant Minister (Administration), Kay Garib
    - ii) Site Supervisors: Beverley Slingo and John Burman. They are paid only for the periods of time when they are on duty.
- 3) The cost to the Council of employing staff
  - a) The Assistant Minister (Administration) is employed to handle the day to day operation of the church and hall.
  - b) Vergers are employed for taking care of the church building and hall.
  - c) The total cost (including taxes and national insurance) of employing staff during 2020 was £43,929 (2019 £47,086).
- 4) Description of any incoming resources that represent capital
  - a) The Council holds a capital fund for Assistant Clergy Housing and is for the purpose of future housing provision.
  - b) The capital in this fund was released in 2011 from the sale of 2 St. James Road, and part of the proceeds from the sale was distributed to settle the remaining balance on the Church Commissioner's shared equity mortgage for 29 Maryland Park.
  - c) The value of the property at 29 Maryland Park is not shown in these accounts. There are no immediate plans to dispose of this property.
- 5) Material movement between any restricted funds of the council
  - a) The following amounts were assigned from the General Fund to restricted funds during 2020:
    - i) An amount of £10,900 (2019 £12,920) was assigned to the Charities Fund, in accordance with an earlier PCC resolution to give a proportion of budgeted income to charities.
    - ii) An amount of £1,256 was assigned to the Housing Fund to make up a deficit
- 6) Any institution or body corporate connected with the Council
  - a) There are no institutions or bodies corporate connected with the Council
- 7) Any guarantee given by the Council

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- a) There are no guarantees given by the Council.
- 8) Loans outstanding
  - a) There are no loans outstanding.
- 9) Any fund in deficit
  - a) There are no funds in deficit.
- 10) Remuneration paid to the Independent Examiner
  - a) The Independent Examiner waives any remuneration for the work carried out on these accounts.
- 11) Grants made by the council to another institution
  - a) There was no payment this year from the Building Repair Fund to the Fabric Trust as has done in earlier years up to 2017.
- 12) Ex-gratia payments made by the Council
  - a) Small gifts to a total of £5 (2019 £240) were given to people during the year.
- 13) Fixed Assets
  - a) 2003 was the first year in which the fixed assets were shown in the accounts. Their cost was estimated at their replacement cost. Subsequent assets have been added at their historic purchase cost.
  - b) The capital fund will maintain its value over time. The value charged to the general fund for depreciation each year is exchanged in equal measure for an allocation of cash from the general fund 'Balance with the General Fund'. This effectively earmarks cash to pay for the replacement of assets at the end of their lives.
  - c) Freehold Interest in land and buildings
    - i) The parish house at 29 Maryland Park is not valued in these accounts.
    - ii) The church extension is not valued in the accounts, other than the flat roof that is deemed to have a finite life of 25 years. Its replacement cost is estimated at £25,000 and its current net book value is £3,000.
  - d) All remaining assets recognised are 'fixtures, fittings and equipment'. Their estimated replacement cost is £30,549 with a net book value of £5,406, (2019 £6,557).
- 14) Debtors
  - a) The debtors in the accounts for 2020 are £10,738 (2019 £4,375), which constitute outstanding hall rental (£3,526) plus contributions from the Diocese to Three Mills of £7,212.
- 15) Creditors
  - i) The trade creditors are £0 (2019 £0)
- 16) Contingent Liabilities
  - a) There are no recognised contingent liabilities

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17) Any other financial commitments

- a) There are no other known material financial commitments over and above those shown in the accounts or the notes to the accounts.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER STATEMENT**

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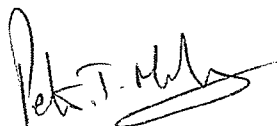
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