

St Mark's Church, Forest Gate – Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Administrative Information

St Mark's Church is situated in Lorne Road, Forest Gate. It is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: 41A Tylney Road, Forest Gate, London, E7 0LS.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 and Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission as charity number 1132240.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio Members

Vicar:	Ben King	Chair
Churchwardens:	Mike Richardson Sharon Yates	Data & Electoral Roll Officer

Elected Members

Ann Arnold	Vice-Chair, also Deanery Synod Representative wef 21 May 2023
Peter Arnold	Treasurer
Janet Bone	Deanery Synod Representative, Parish Safeguarding Officer
Bola Ogunfowokan	
Charlotte Mouzer	Secretary wef. 21 May 2023
Jane Ridout	Secretary weu 21 May 2023. Resigned 13 Nov 2023
Michael Semuguruka	
Leonie Upson	Elected at APCM 21 May 2023
Bethany Yates	Parish Worker (Co-opted)

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mark's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (vicar), the churchwardens, and members who are elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation who regularly attend St Mark's Church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how the PCC funds are to be spent. The PCC met seven times during the year, with an average attendance level of over 90%. The January and February meetings were face to face, but thereafter meetings were held online due to the pandemic.

Aims and Purposes

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the vicar in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, and social, in the parish. The PCC is also responsible for maintenance of the church building of St Mark's, Lorne Road, Forest Gate.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the parish community at St Mark's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship, and aims that our worship and services put our faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. 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.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the St Mark's church building.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

Our annual motto focused on the theme of harvest (see John 4:35) and was wonderfully fulfilled in the latter half of the year with over 20 new people joining us. In particular, the number of young people rose considerably. As well as growing numerically, we also grew spiritually, with people embracing God's vision for us in this new season. Quarterly shared lunches also provided opportunities for fellowship.

The common cup was reintroduced alongside communion by intinction. We held a monthly afternoon communion service and continued to sign the peace.

Our shared leadership programme encouraged people to play their part within the life of the church, serving God and one another with the gifts He has blessed us with.

Morning Prayer three times a week on Zoom, a weekly in-person evening prayer meeting (in addition to a larger monthly prayer gathering), all continue. We held weekly prayer walks during Lent.

Deanery Synod

The Rev. Ben King and two lay members, Ann Arnold and Janet Bone represented the church at Deanery Synod and reported about Synod at each PCC meeting. This provides the PCC with a link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church of England.

The March meeting introduced the Diocesan commitment to the well-being of all lay and ordained who lead churches, Diocesan staff and youth leaders etc. At the June meeting, Michaela Southworth (Diocesan Secretary) explained the process in assessing the Parish Share. In September the keynote topic was 'Developing Leadership in Churches through Community- Organising Principles.' In December the key-note topic was 'Newham Deanery Lay Training. What next?' There was an opportunity to attend workshops led by those who run the present training options.

The Church Building

Regular inspections of the fabric of the building and its contents have taken place, to ensure the safety of all who use it.

Maintenance and other work undertaken:

- Annual inspection of fire alarm, emergency lighting and fire extinguishers and blankets
- Clearance of items no longer used
- Extension of wifi provision to cover the whole building
- Upgrading security cameras around the outside of the building
- Renewal of photocopier
- Installation of a new AV system
- Portable appliance testing and microwave emission test
- Boiler and heating service
- Extensive clearance of outside garden and courtyard spaces
- Quinquennial inspection

Pastoral Care

Pastoral support has continued, mainly through telephone contact and email, but also through house visits and home communions. Communication across the whole church family has been maintained through email updates (with paper copies made available to those without internet access).

Mission and Evangelism

We hosted a very encouraging Alpha course in the autumn to which 25-30 guests attended. Two people came to faith in Christ and others are continuing to explore the Christian faith with us.

Our coffee bike is now in its second year and the Pop-Up cafes have seen encouraging numbers. By the end of 2023, we had been in contact with well over 100 families through our weekly Play Café. Both our local schools also invited us to their annual fetes which provided further opportunities to build relationships with our community. Messy Church sessions at various points in the year were well-attended and special one-off events e.g. alternative Halloween party and Coronation street party, also provided opportunities to serve our community with the love of Jesus.

Bethany Yates' contract as our parish worker (she became full-time in the autumn) was extended for a further year. Her excellent work continued to make a positive impact on our church life and on our mission and outreach.

Ecumenical Relationships

We hosted one of three ecumenical reflections in Holy Week. The Good Friday Walk of Witness was well-attended by people from a number of other Forest Gate churches.

Faith In Schools (FIS) brought together people from different churches to present the Christmas and Easter stories to hundreds of young schoolchildren in the borough.

We continued to serve as a drop-off point for our local Foodbank which is run by the Baptist church in Forest Gate.

Ministers' prayer meetings continued monthly.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £83,714, and total receipts for restricted funds were £8,194, including a grant of £1,045 from the Diocese of Chelmsford to assist with our energy costs. These are detailed in the financial statements.

£159,489 was spent from the unrestricted funds, and £13,717 from the restricted funds, to provide the Christian ministry from St Mark's Church. This includes the PCC's contribution to the Chelmsford diocesan parish share, which contributes to the cost of stipends, pensions, training, and housing for clergy in the diocese. These are detailed in the financial statements.

The PCC continued with its agreed policy to give away 10% of its net income (i.e. income excluding grants and money given for specific causes) each year to support Christian ministry at home and overseas. A total of £7,173 was given to support 15 Christian ministries at home and abroad. In addition, £4,162 was given by members and supporters for specific appeals and charities, and this was passed on to those appeals and charities.

The net result was an excess of expenditure over receipts of £81,352. On 31 December 2023 the balance of unrestricted funds carried forward was £24,770; the balance of restricted funds carried forward was £6,953; and the balance of the legacy designated fund carried forward was £137,970.

Investment assets as at 31 December 2023 were £314,641 in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund, plus £425 in shares in Banco Santander. Both these investment assets increased in value during the year as a result of financial market conditions.

Reserves Policy

It is the PCC's policy to invest short term funds balances in the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund. This is used to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. As at 31st December 2023 the PCC had £170,338 invested with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund.

Church Attendance

There were 91 people on the electoral roll as of December 2023, of whom 36 live outside the parish. The equivalent figure for December 2022 was 103 people, of whom 53 lived outside the parish.

The number of people of any age worshipping regularly at St Mark's (not necessarily on the electoral roll) is currently 91, covering 51 households. The equivalent figure for December 2022 was 115 people, covering 67 households.

Review of the Year

The PCC held six meetings during 2023, all of which meetings were held face to face.

Items discussed by the PCC included the following:

- The annual accounts for 2022.
- The budget for 2023.
- Our planned and adhoc financial giving to support God's work at home and abroad.
- The continued work of the weekly Pop-up cafes and taking the Coffee bike to serve the community at local school events and outreach events at Christmas in the community.
- The on-going Pink Bin project and its use to attract donations of items for local charities working with the homeless and needy in our community.
- Committing to three Saturday 'PCC Days Together' where there was discussion about shared leadership and the establishing of two new teams for Welcome & Hospitality and Children & Youth ministry being co-ordinated by PCC members and drawing in members of the wider church family.
- The extending of children & youth ministry providing Messy Mondays, Youth hangouts and youth Alpha course.
- Lent and Easter provision of services and events including Lent study groups, three ecumenical services during Holy Week along with a Walk of Witness on Good Friday in Forest Gate.
- Organising a Thy Kingdom Come initiative of prayer for ten days and co-ordinating the church to be open for this each day.
- Safeguarding compliance; safer recruitment, training and a Safeguarding Sunday service highlighting the requirements of Safeguarding and how the whole church have responsibilities in this area.
- Regular reports on income and expenditure and budget forecasts and the agreeing of a policy on the Purpose and Use of legacies we have received.
- Discipleship and future provision.
- General Synod's resolution on blessing same sex unions resulting in use organising a 6 week LLF discussion course and forum including a visit from our area bishop to speak on the subject.
- The setting up of a Community Cupboard containing food and household basics in response to the cost of living crisis.
- Agreement for quarterly Shared Lunches for the church family and a Coronation Street Party for the community.
- Extensive clearance works to the outside of the building, the installation of a new AV system, a review of building security and upgrading our security system, arranging a new photocopier contract and the arrangements for the Quinquennial inspection.
- A review of our policies.
- An autumn Alpha course.
- Extending the parish worker's contract until September 2024 and increasing the role to full-time.
- Planning for Advent and Christmas 2023.

Safeguarding

This last year St Mark's and its PCC have taken due regard to safe-guarding guidance issued by the House of Bishops.

In this last year Janet Bone was the Parish Safeguarding Officer. We have continued to embed safeguarding in the life of St Mark's using the Safer Recruitment Procedure. A safeguarding report is an element of PCC agendas.

- An annual Safe-guarding Service was initiated.
- The PSO has completed PSO training.
- The PSO and Mike Richardson have kept up to date the record of DBS checks and training required.
- Designated drivers have been introduced.

No safeguarding incidents relating to St Mark's Church have been reported this year.

Data Protection

All names and contact details are held securely. They are used solely to keep in touch with church members and are never shared with third parties.

Signed on behalf of the PCC

Rev'd Ben King (Vicar and PCC Chair)

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Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

Receipts & Payments Account

RECEIPTS	UNRESTRICTED	DESIGNATED	RESTRICTED FUNDS				TOTAL FUNDS	
	FUNDS	FUNDS	Other	Specific Gifts	Youth Work	Maintenance	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£		£	£	
Voluntary Receipts								
Gift Aided Giving	40,175.78						40,175.78	39,708.93
Gift Aid tax recovered	12,193.52			80.34			12,273.86	10,692.78
Collections at Services	3,631.13						3,631.13	4,047.31
Contactless card reader (gross amount)	3,449.50			1,792.88			5,242.38	347.00
Other planned giving	5,646.68						5,646.68	5,115.70
Giving for Specific Gifts			1,957.44	2,317.95	500.00		4,775.39	4,144.42
	<u>65,096.61</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,957.44</u>	<u>4,191.17</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>71,745.22</u>	<u>64,056.14</u>
Grants & Legacies								
LOB Grant for youth work							0.00	3,240.00
LOB Grant for Pop Up Café							0.00	12,500.00
LBN Grant for Queen's Jubilee							0.00	500.00
LBN Grant for King's Coronation			500.00				500.00	0.00
Diocese of Chelmsford Grant for Energy Costs			1,045.00				1,045.00	0.00
Legacy (Val Adkins)		50.00					50.00	0.00
Legacy (Daphne Farrow)		500.00					500.00	0.00
Legacy (Joan Houghton)		295.00					295.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>845.00</u>	<u>1,545.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,390.00</u>	<u>16,240.00</u>
Activities for Generating Funds								
Ebay Sales & Jumble Trail							0.00	356.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>356.00</u>
Investment Income								
Banco Santander dividends	12.58						12.58	9.59
CCLA (investment account)	1,376.08	7,224.42					8,600.50	8,553.17
CCLA (deposit account)	6,860.14						6,860.14	3,238.53
	<u>8,248.80</u>	<u>7,224.42</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15,473.22</u>	<u>11,801.29</u>
Church Activities:								
Wedding & Funeral Fees	1,338.00						1,338.00	30.00
Parish magazine	598.00						598.00	657.30
Use of building							0.00	1,250.00
Wreath Kits							0.00	80.00
Banner Group	5.00						5.00	0.00
Jubilee Street Party & Tea Party							0.00	220.00
	<u>1,941.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,941.00</u>	<u>2,237.30</u>
Other Receipts								
TV Licence refund							0.00	132.50
Photocopier rental refund	238.89						238.89	0.00
Pop Up Café ticket refund							0.00	91.00
Payments for printing & photocopying	119.65						119.65	132.70
	<u>358.54</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>358.54</u>	<u>356.20</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>75,644.95</u>	<u>8,069.42</u>	<u>3,502.44</u>	<u>4,191.17</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>91,907.98</u>	<u>95,046.93</u>

PAYMENTS	UNRESTRICTED	DESIGNATED	Other	RESTRICTED FUNDS			TOTAL FUNDS	
	FUNDS	FUNDS		Specific Gifts	Youth Work	Maintenance	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£		£	£	£
Church Activities:								
Planned Giving								
Asha Trust	600.00						600.00	600.00
Asian Friendship Centre	600.00						600.00	600.00
Christian Solidarity Worldwide	750.00						750.00	600.00
Faith in Schools	900.00						900.00	778.99
Newham Youth for Christ	750.00						750.00	750.00
Open Doors	600.00						600.00	600.00
Adhoc Giving								
Asha Trust							0.00	500.00
Churches Foodbank							0.00	250.00
DEC Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal	600.00			1,996.00			2,596.00	0.00
DEC Ukraine Appeal							0.00	2,905.00
Discretionary / Hardship Fund	108.19						108.19	204.00
Evangelical Alliance	120.00						120.00	120.00
Godwin Pupils Holiday Support	115.09						115.09	0.00
Red Cross Libya Flood Appeal	500.00			405.00			905.00	0.00
Red Cross Morocco Appeal	500.00			696.42			1,196.42	0.00
Release International							0.00	50.00
SSF Plaistow	30.00						30.00	0.00
Tear Fund (Ethiopia Appeal)	500.00						500.00	0.00
Tear Fund (Middle East Appeal)	500.00			350.00			850.00	0.00
Tear Fund (Pakistan Appeal)							0.00	1,862.36
Wennington Hardship Appeal							0.00	500.00
Blue Cross (coffee morning)							0.00	100.00
Cancer Research UK							0.00	280.00
Canine Partners							0.00	72.50
Dalit Freedom Network (education)				18.61			18.61	16.00
Dementia UK				230.80			230.80	0.00
Godwin Junior Christmas Fair				130.00			130.00	0.00
Link to Hope				213.66			213.66	190.00
London Air Ambulance							0.00	72.50
Macmillan Cancer Support (coffee morning)							0.00	239.42
Newham Talking Newspaper							0.00	72.50
Pancreatic Cancer UK							0.00	100.00
Poppy Appeal (Royal British Legion)							0.00	24.00
Richard House							0.00	72.50
Woodgrange School PTA				122.00			122.00	0.00
	<u>7,173.28</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,162.49</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>11,335.77</u>	<u>11,759.77</u>

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	Other	RESTRICTED FUNDS			TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	£	Specific Gifts	Youth Work	Maintenance	2023	2022
				£		£	£	£
Church Activities:								
Ministry:								
Diocesan parish share	53,783.76						53,783.76	38,253.60
Vicar's expenses	821.44						821.44	512.96
Mission & outreach:								
Advent & Christmas	1,268.17						1,268.17	867.33
Alpha Course	1,213.22		1,772.94				2,986.16	0.00
Ash Wednesday							0.00	82.67
Banner Group							0.00	30.00
Baptismal Shell		61.95					61.95	0.00
Books	97.50						97.50	0.00
Children	87.84						87.84	191.95
Community Cupboard	119.50						119.50	0.00
Coronation Party	368.73		500.00				868.73	0.00
Evangelistic Materials & Posters	28.00						28.00	79.47
Fees & Subscriptions	851.16						851.16	833.17
Firepit Fridays	0.00						0.00	60.48
Flowers	23.97		184.50				208.47	338.67
Forest Gate Festival	237.39						237.39	43.20
Jumble Trail	390.35						390.35	0.00
Leaving & Thank You Gifts	164.98						164.98	0.00
Lent and Easter	384.05						384.05	750.69
Light Party & Big Treat	363.23						363.23	62.97
Magazine	1,216.99						1,216.99	957.99
Messy Church & Messy Mondays	803.47						803.47	651.12
Mothering Sunday	80.00						80.00	80.00
New Bibles		467.45					467.45	991.36
Other Events							0.00	71.99
Pancake Pickup							0.00	182.15
PCC Day	120.70						120.70	0.00
Pink Bin Project & Food Bank	50.97						50.97	0.00
Platinum Jubilee Parties							0.00	1,737.48
Pop Up Café Start Up							0.00	12,614.16
Pop Up Café Running Costs			3,886.01				3,886.01	1,609.12
Shared Lunch	25.74						25.74	0.00
Services	516.24						516.24	225.27
Thy Kingdom Come	135.25						135.25	55.35
Youth Work	4,570.38	3,699.43			2,165.69		10,435.50	8,431.94
Wedding & Funeral Fees	1,115.00						1,115.00	142.00
Carried forward to next page	68,838.03	4,228.83	6,343.45	0.00	2,165.69	0.00	81,576.00	69,857.09

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	Other	RESTRICTED FUNDS			TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	£	Specific Gifts	Youth Work	Maintenance	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£		£	£	£
Brought forward from previous page	68,838.03	4,228.83	6,343.45	0.00	2,165.69	0.00	81,576.00	69,857.09
Church Running Expenses:								
Electricity	2,350.14						2,350.14	1,234.26
Gas	1,719.05		1,045.00				2,764.05	1,663.44
Water	518.17						518.17	319.92
Insurance	1,379.58						1,379.58	1,303.45
Refuse Collection	976.96						976.96	950.40
Audio-Visual & PA		37,991.50					37,991.50	0.00
Boiler & Heating	1,447.12					54.80	1,501.92	3,355.58
Cleaning & PPE	322.54						322.54	320.66
Computer	464.15						464.15	7.99
Crockery		360.00					360.00	0.00
Doors, Keys & Locks	154.97						154.97	0.00
Electrical & PAT	620.22						620.22	346.48
Fans							0.00	187.96
Fire Alarms, Extinguishers & Fire Signs	988.11						988.11	379.61
First Aid	0.00						0.00	36.49
Gardening	1,015.41						1,015.41	1,349.92
Garden Furniture							0.00	2,473.20
Ladder & Tools	223.84						223.84	0.00
Movawalls	509.97						509.97	0.00
Quinquennial Preparation	1,441.45						1,441.45	0.00
Repair Materials							0.00	68.25
Removing Rubbish							0.00	428.00
Security Cameras	207.47						207.47	268.97
Toilets & Water	26.00						26.00	0.00
Vicarage	139.20						139.20	108.00
Miscellaneous							0.00	105.95
Staff	960.00	18,981.69					19,941.69	16,473.19
Catering and Sunday Tea Coffee Milk	78.98						78.98	124.80
	<u>84,381.36</u>	<u>61,562.02</u>	<u>7,388.45</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,165.69</u>	<u>54.80</u>	<u>155,552.32</u>	<u>101,363.61</u>
Church Activities:								
Church management & administration								
Photocopying	2,760.03						2,760.03	1,608.92
Stationery	303.73						303.73	648.13
Contactless Card Reader Purchase							0.00	333.90
Contactless Card Reader Fees	85.06						85.06	5.55
Web Site, Internet & IT	1,065.08						1,065.08	1,047.33
Phones	1,951.31						1,951.31	1,642.96
Accountant's & Examiner's Fees	0.00						0.00	200.00
Bank charges	206.63						206.63	228.54
	<u>6,371.84</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,371.84</u>	<u>5,715.33</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>97,926.48</u>	<u>61,562.02</u>	<u>7,388.45</u>	<u>4,162.49</u>	<u>2,165.69</u>	<u>54.80</u>	<u>173,259.93</u>	<u>118,838.71</u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS /								
EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS	-22,281.53	-53,492.60	-3,886.01	28.68	-1,665.69	-54.80	-81,351.95	-23,791.78
CASH AT BANK & CCLA AT 1ST JANUARY	47,051.20	191,462.67	10,890.88	-80.34	1,665.69	54.80	251,044.90	274,836.68
CASH AT BANK & CCLA AT 31ST DECEMBER	24,769.67	137,970.07	7,004.87	-51.66	0.00	0.00	169,692.95	251,044.90

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Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	DESIGNATED FUNDS £	Other £	RESTRICTED FUNDS			TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	2022 £
				Specific Gifts £	Youth Work	Maintenance £		
Cash funds								
NatWest bank current account	-593.59	0.00	0.00	-51.66	0.00	0.00	-645.25	4,566.84
CCLA Central Board of Finance Deposit Fund	25,363.26	137,970.07	7,004.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	170,338.20	246,478.06
	<u>24,769.67</u>	<u>137,970.07</u>	<u>7,004.87</u>	<u>-51.66</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>169,692.95</u>	<u>251,044.90</u>
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Other monetary assets								
Income tax recoverable	2,279.50						2,279.50	2,821.00
Investment assets								
Shares in Banco Santander	425.32						425.32	292.32
CCLA Investment Account	50,342.62	264,298.74					314,641.36	287,584.37
	<u>50,767.94</u>	<u>264,298.74</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>315,066.68</u>	<u>287,876.69</u>

84% of the money in the CCLA Investment Account is from Helen Rigby's legacy (designated fund); the remaining 16% is general fund.

Note 1 Funds held

General Fund	24,769.67						24,769.67	47,051.20
Designated Funds								
Val Adkin's legacy		50.00					50.00	0.00
Daphne Farrow's legacy		78.05					78.05	0.00
Joan Houghton's legacy		295.00					295.00	0.00
Elizabeth Palmer's legacy		24,198.50					24,198.50	62,190.00
Helen Rigby's legacy		113,348.52					113,348.52	125,573.24
Vi Woollard's legacy							0.00	3,699.43
Legacy Total		<u>137,970.07</u>					<u>137,970.07</u>	<u>191,462.67</u>
Restricted Funds								
Flowers			0.00				0.00	0.00
LOB Grant for Pop Up Café Running Costs			7,004.87				7,004.87	10,890.88
Specific Gifts				-51.66			-51.66	-80.34
Maintenance						0.00	0.00	54.80
Youth Work					0.00		0.00	1,665.69
Restricted Funds Total							<u>6,953.21</u>	<u>1,640.15</u>

Note 2 Investments Held

(Values as at 31st December 2023)

126 shares in Banco Santander	425.32						425.32	292.32
13918.92 shares in CCLA Investment account	50,342.62	264,298.74					314,641.36	287,584.37

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of St Marks, Forest Gate

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St. Marks, Forest Gate (the 'charity') for the year to 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'): You consider that the audit requirements of the Regulation and s.43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7) (b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance 2006 Edition. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the finance statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and 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 as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011
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.

Signed:



Jagdeep Ghataore ACMA CGMA

Date: 2/4/2024