

# 2024



## ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGEL'S CHURCH Bedford Park

Annual Report and Accounts 2024



Now you are the body of Christ,  
And each one of you is a part of it  
1 Corinthians 12: 27

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This document pertains to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Michael and All Angels Bedford Park, London, registered charity number 1133805. Throughout the document we refer to the charity by the shortened names: St Michael and All Angels Parochial Church Council, or St Michael and All Angels PCC.



## ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS BEDFORD PARK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

St Michael and All Angels Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Father Kevin Morris, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. This includes particular responsibility for the administration and finances of the parish, the acquisition and management of church property, the approval of an annual budget, and the care, maintenance, preservation, and insurance of the fabric of the church and its grounds, together with its goods and ornaments. All this is done within the framework of the church's mission statement:

"St Michael's exists within the Anglo-Catholic tradition  
to offer worship to God, to proclaim the Gospel and to share the experience  
of the love of God with all people."

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) to serve a term of three years, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. In 2024 the PCC included three deanery synod representatives who are also entitled to sit on the PCC. The PCC is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission (registered number 1133805). Members of the PCC are trustees of the charity.

Since the last APCM on 28 April 2024, the members of the PCC have been:

### Ex-officio Members

Incumbent	Father Kevin Morris: chair
Curate	Father Brandon Fletcher-James
Churchwardens	Mrs Christina Whiteway: vice-chair Mr. Peter Haigh
Deanery Synod Representatives	Mrs Helen Wareham Dr Alison Baker: Secretary

### Elected Members of the PCC

Mrs. Amanda Bradley, Treasurer  
Mr Jan Vermooten  
Mr Jim Russell  
Mrs Anne Mower (also deanery synod representative)  
Ms Lily Assefa ( until July 2024)  
Ms Martyn Schofield  
Mrs. Helen Simkin  
Ms Win Mensah-Larbie (co-opted November 2024).

## Committees

The PCC is assisted in its work by several committees and groups:

- Standing Committee – this is the only committee required by law. It is made up of the Vicar, the Wardens, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. The PCC delegates to the Standing Committee the power to transact agreed items of business between meetings
- Charities Group – co-ordinates the church's charitable giving
- Young St Michael's – covers matters relating to children's worship
- Baptism Visitors Group – undertakes baptismal visits and preparation in co-operation with the Vicar and Curate
- Sidespeople – welcome people to services and support the smooth running of the services.

The mission of the church is also pursued through a number of other groups of volunteers including servers, readers, gardeners, flower arrangers, brass cleaners, hospitality teams, two choirs and teams of stewards for events.



## Public Benefit

The church not only serves the congregation but the local community in Chiswick by:

- Being open to the public daily to provide a space for worship, personal prayer or quiet reflection
- Providing a venue for community groups, concerts and functions, and by providing additional space for a local school

- Organising the Bedford Park Festival and the Chiswick Book Festival, which attract hundreds of local people, provide entertainment and education, and offer local businesses and charities an opportunity to showcase their work. The proceeds of these festivals are shared between selected charities and the church
- Supporting a local food bank with regular donations
- Fundraising for a number of charities each year
- Publishing a weekly, online newsletter giving notice of church services and meetings, and also publicising other community events.

## Achievements and Performance

### Major Church Events

St Michael and All Angels had a well-attended programme of services and events in 2024. We marked all the major feast days of the Anglican Church, usually with a choral Mass. Our Sunday Mass continued to be live-streamed.

There were six candidates for confirmation in February, and they were joined by one from St Peter's and two from St Nicholas' church. The celebrant and preacher was the Right Reverend Graeme Knowles, Honorary Assistant Bishop.

Our programme for Lent 2024 included a series of talks exploring the lives and teachings of the early Church fathers and mothers and the regular "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" talks by members of the congregation. On Palm Sunday evening Mark Viner gave a piano performance of the Liszt Via Crucis, interspersed with readings and prayers. On Easter morning around 40 people, together with the choir and clergy, gathered outside the church for the Easter dawn vigil.

In May we were pleased to welcome the Right Reverend Michael Marshall who preached and led a study session on St John's Gospel.



In June, at the Mass on the Green, in a public declaration of our faith at the beginning of the Bedford Park Festival, the preacher was Fr. Neil Evans, Canon Steward of St Paul's Cathedral.

Fr Kevin Morris and Canon Nicola Stanley led a group of ten SMAAA pilgrims to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham in July. The theme was 'Praying the Jesus Prayer.'

Autumn brought our patronal festival, with a procession and choral Mass. The preacher was the Venerable Katherine Hedderly. Our harvest festival was celebrated with a Family Mass led by our choristers. This was the occasion on which their achievements were recognised with ribbons and surplices.

On Remembrance Sunday, an exhibition in the church marked the 80th anniversary of D- Day. An Act of Remembrance was held at the Bedford Park memorial seat.

Advent and Christmas were celebrated with music and poetry and through the liturgy. The children's crib service was a touching recreation of the Christmas story. At other services, the church was packed with those who worship regularly at St Michael's as well as many who feel drawn to the Church at this special time of year.

Refreshments after Sunday Mass are an important way of making newcomers feel welcome at SMAAA and helping us all get to know each other better. We are grateful to our Coffee Team who work very hard to offer hot drinks to those attending Mass, as well as biscuits and soft drinks for children.

Several parishioners died during the year, including Desmond Jones and Colin Martin.

We were particularly saddened by the death of Fr. Graham Morgan Kt who died in September. He had served as an honorary assistant priest at St Michael's for 22 years. A funeral Mass for the repose of his soul was held in November and attended by a large number of past and present parishioners and 13 clergy. It was an especially moving and uplifting service when the church community came together to remember the support he provided in times of difficulty, his thought-provoking sermons, and his entertaining

anecdotes of life in Wales. Entries in the book of condolences recorded the affection in which he was held.



Our main church events and many of our outreach events have been recorded in a fascinating photographic archive created by Jim Cox. Some of his pictures appear in this report and others are on our website.

### Church Attendance

Average attendance at Sunday Mass during 2024 was around 130 adult worshippers. This does not take into account the numbers joining services online.

### The Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is the church's official register of those qualified to attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, where elections are held for the PCC and for representatives on the Deanery Synod. Being on the Electoral Roll is an act of commitment to St Michael's and to the wider Church.

The Electoral Roll for 2024 stood at 296, an increase of five over the previous year. There were seven new members and two members died. There is a need to continually promote the Electoral Roll and ensure new members of the congregation are aware of it.

In 2025 the roll has to be re-drawn with parishioners asked to complete new forms. The new roll will be available at the 2025 APCM and displayed in the porch.

Vicky Brooke is our Electoral Roll Officer, and we should like to thank her for her work this year.

### Deanery Synod

There were three meetings of the Hounslow Deanery Synod in 2024. All were in-person. The topics covered were:

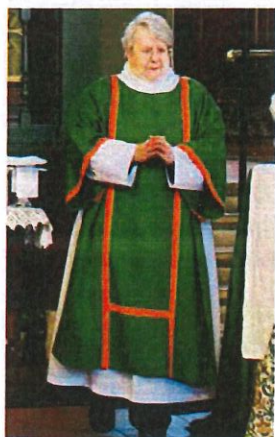


- Supporting Volunteers. This meeting led to a helpful podcast which was circulated to the PCC.
- Working with Hounslow Council.
- Discipleship

### **The Sacristy (contributed by Anne Mower, Sacristan.)**

The work of the Sacristan is largely unseen but essential and much appreciated by the clergy. The Sacristy is the engine-house of Anglo-Catholic worship. At St Michael's it occupies the room above the vestry.

The Sacristan works closely with the clergy, particularly with our incumbent, Fr Kevin, and with the Master of Ceremonies, Cathie James. We both understand the importance of a harmonious and close working relationship which ensures the smooth running of our liturgies. I should like to thank Cathie for many years of fruitful collaboration.



The Sacristan is responsible for looking after the vestments, the altar linens, the communion vessels and many other things such as the crib figures. Part of the role is ordering the necessary supplies – communion wine and wafers,

charcoal, incense, and candles in a range of sizes. The Sacristan currently launders all the altar linen.

Preparation for the Sunday morning Mass is usually done on Saturday and takes about 30 to 40 minutes. After Mass, the communion vessels are washed and the vestments carefully put away. More complicated liturgies, particularly those of Holy Week and Easter, need rather longer preparation.

The role of Sacristan requires attention to detail, forward planning, a good memory and a high degree of discretion. It's work that I

enjoy, and it has grounded and resourced me for almost twenty years.

Gill Stevens has assisted in the sacristy for a long time, and recently we have been joined by Monty Lewis. I would like to thank them both for giving their time and support.

### **Altar Servers (contributed by Cathie James, Master of Ceremonies)**

St Michael's Anglo Catholic tradition has at its heart complex liturgies which require detailed preparation and choreography. For all Sunday Masses, Benediction, and weekday Feast Days the clergy are supported by altar servers. The servers are laity who have come forward for this ministry and currently the team consists of 13 members led by the Head Server /Master of Ceremonies (MC). A server also assists at all baptisms, weddings and funerals.

To achieve a seamless liturgy considerable preparation is required, especially at Christmastide and Easter. It begins with direction from Fr Kevin, then liaison with other clergy and groups involved – including the Director of Music, the sidespeople, the readers, the Eucharistic Ministers, the children's groups, the parish administrators, and the caretakers – there is quite a lot of heavy lifting! This is in addition to setting up for the services themselves which require the books, sacred vessels, candles etc. to be put in place. The MC and the Sacristan work very closely together – their work is completely complementary.

Serving at the altar is a privileged ministry but with it comes a considerable commitment of time and teamwork. I am most grateful to our team and to my colleague Anne Mower for the part they play in making our services so special for so many, both regular attenders and the wider community.

### **Young St Michael's (contributed by Miriam Morris)**

Young St Michael's provides activities for 0 – 18 yr olds.



Ros Lister leads the creche for 0 – 4 yr olds, organising wonderful activities and crafts for the children. Creche is very busy, with parents, often fathers, accompanying their children, and getting to know one another. Ros would like some help with setting up and clearing away, as well as during the session, as currently she does much of this on her own.

Little Angels is for pre-school children, and their carers. The group is led by Tassy Russell, assisted by several very loyal volunteers. They meet on Wednesday mornings during term-time for singing, play and socialising. This is the only activity where we ask for a small contribution towards costs. The group has been well-attended, and we are looking for some more volunteers to help.

The children's church for primary aged children is led by a rota of parents. The lesson is based on the gospel explored through games and crafts, and presented



back to the congregation at the end of Mass. A highlight of 2024 was the caterpillars that grew into butterflies and were released on Good Friday as a symbol of resurrection (see photo.)

Youth Church is led by an external organisation, Best4Learning. They begin with refreshments and games, followed by a discussion on the challenges and joys of being a teenager. Generally, children join the Youth Church once they have been confirmed.

Young St Michael's also organises three seasonal services, a service at noon on Good Friday, the Crib service on Christmas Eve and a more low-key service with ashing on Ash Wednesday.

We are immensely grateful to the members of the congregation who lead and support these activities, which introduce our young

people to the SMAAA family and foster their spiritual growth.



## Outreach

SMAAA welcomed in the New Year 2024 with a lively Viennese Concert. It was attended by over 300 people, who enjoyed all the Strauss favourites played by an orchestra of local musicians led by David Juritz.

## Green Days

Green Days, SMAAA's summer fete, took place in June. Attendance was slightly down on previous years, probably due to some wet weather. There were, as usual, stalls run by volunteers from St Michael's and other charities, activities for children, a craft fair, a refreshment tent and a very popular bar. A succession of local musical acts kept the crowds entertained throughout the two days.

Organising Green Days requires an enormous amount of work. Our thanks go in particular to Nicola Chater and Vicky Brooke and to the many other volunteers who carried out the essential administrative tasks behind the scenes.



This was the last occasion on which Vicky was site manager, and she was awarded a fellowship of the Bedford Park Festival at the Mass on the Green.





### The Bedford Park Arts Festival

The Bedford Park Arts Festival offered two weeks of music, drama, poetry and visual art. This year the concerts included two performances by small musical groups which were linked with workshops in local schools, marking a return to the Festival of music in an educational setting. The Saturday night entertainment came from a ten-piece band which soon had the audience out on the dance floor. There was a talk from Sanderson design group and a literary walk. As ever, the Open Gardens was the most popular event.

We are very grateful to Nicola Chater and Tassy Russell for drawing up the programme and organising the events and to Sue and Hugh Johnson for leading on hospitality.

### Chiswick Book Festival

The 16th Chiswick Book Festival, directed by Torin Douglas, took place in September. A hugely varied range of topics brought big audiences to hear popular speakers including Adrian Chiles, Bill Wyman, Polly Toynbee, Al Murray, James O'Brien and many others. The Book Festival once again raised a significant amount for literary charities.

The festival was supported by a large team of volunteers from St Michael's and from the wider community. Our thanks are due to all of them, and particularly Torin Douglas, Jenny de Montfort, and Shelley Hasseldine for the work they put into this event.

### Music at St Michael's

Music plays an important part in life and worship at St Michael's. There are three regular sung services every week as well as voluntaries and incidental music, accompanied by the organ, and Compline with singing led by members of the choir.

Monthly lunchtime organ recitals are held throughout the year. They are well attended and raise money for the church music fund.

The adult choir is the main choir of the church. Singing in the choir is fun, but it is also a big commitment, with weekly practices and time spent learning music at home. We are grateful to members of the choir for the time and care they take to enrich our services with music.

SMAAA also provides music at weddings, funerals and memorial services during the week. We aim to provide the right music to the highest standard for these services.

The choristers is our children's choir. They sing beautifully while learning chorister skills like listening and moving together.



The main change this year has been Vicky Brooke, stalwart of the choir and leader of the choristers, moving away. This limits what we can do with the choristers and the standard we can achieve with the choir. We are exploring some possible ways to address this. We are most grateful to Vicky for her unstinting work with the choristers over the years.

St Michael's is enormously grateful to Jonathan Dods for all that he does in planning, playing, conducting and generally



supporting this very important aspect of our ministry and outreach.

## Staff

Anna Benson and Claire Barrell share the work of the Parish Office. This year much of their work has been dealing with both planned and unplanned maintenance of our fabric and responding to the needs of our long-term hall hirers. We are indebted to them for dealing with the numerous demands on their time and for continuing to manage the flow of information between the congregation and the public, the clergy and the wardens. Their wealth of practical knowledge about the complex workings of the church and parish hall is an essential part of the smooth running of St Michael's.

Claire Barrell retired at the end of the year and we give her our best wishes for the future. In March 2025 we shall welcome her replacement, Larissa Sutton, who will be working in collaboration with Anna for two days a week.

We had a team of part-time caretakers, and we have benefitted from the range of practical skills which they have demonstrated in keeping our building in good order. We are grateful for their reliability and good humour in coping with the various problems thrown up by a well-used and complex structure which is over 140 years' old.

## Statement of Responsibilities of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accountancy Practice).

In preparing these financial statements, the PCC is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, unless it is not appropriate.

The PCC is responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

## Financial Review (contributed by Amanda Bradley, Treasurer)

Our finances comprise five distinct areas of activity: the church, the parish hall, our festivals, the Quick Road property, and investments.

### The Church

2024 income from our regular monthly donors totalled £122,205 (2023: £115,005), of which 64% (2023: 60%) comes through the Parish Giving Scheme (rather than standing orders or direct debits to the church bank account). This reduces the administration burden on SMAAA as Gift Aid is claimed by the scheme on our behalf and it also enables donors to request that their regular donation is adjusted annually in line with inflation.

Cash collections at our services decreased by 15% to £11,500 (2023: £13,479), reflective in part of the higher proportion of regular donations being made via the Parish Giving Scheme. Excluding the Chip In campaign in 2023 which brought in an exceptional £11,243, other donations held broadly firm at £13,797 (2023: £13,266, excluding Chip In). Income from church lettings and concerts also increased by 7% on prior year. No legacies were received in the year. We have also benefitted greatly from donations to our Music Fund, which supports the musical life of our church. We received £6,618 in donations to the fund in 2024 (2023: £3,806), all of which were used to offset the cost of



music in the year. The net cost of our musical ministry in 2024 was £12,372 (2023: £15,930). We remain very grateful to all who donate to the Music Fund and to Jonathan Dods for arranging the organ recitals at which most of these donations are received.

We kept our Common Fund contribution to the London Diocese static at £93,000 this year. Unlike the prior Curacy year, the London Diocese agreed to pay our 2024-25 Curacy cost. Once again, the St Michael & All Angels Bedford Park Trust generously agreed to fund 50% of the 2023-24 Curacy cost incurred in the year. Along with the London Diocese contribution, this reduced our 2024 Curacy cost to £5,590 (2023: £18,150). We remain deeply grateful for the Trust's ongoing support. Our contribution continues to exceed the standard cost of a London parish (2024: £91,300). Standard parish costs have increased 4% year on year, due to property maintenance cost increases across the Diocese and training and support costs at Diocesan level. The PCC considers that it is important for St Michael's to continue to help support those less well-resourced churches which are unable to meet the standard cost, hence ensuring our fee exceeds both the standard cost of a London parish and the Diocesan estimated cost of running our church.

The church's result for the year is skewed, and therefore harder to interpret, due to the receipt of £24,122 in donations to the Heritage Conservation Fund in the year as funds were received in the year but are forecast to be spent in 2025 when the repair of the area above the Font takes place. As we go through a period of fundraising to undertake the major work of repairing the North Wall, the church's result will continue to be somewhat obscured by the timing difference between receipt of donations and spending on major projects.

For the past five years, we have provided notional financial support to our sister church, St Peter's church, Acton Green. It is a growing church, attracting a younger demographic through the activities it offers. Consequently, its financial situation has improved. As St Peter's seeks to be a

standalone church, not least financially, we have ended our financial support this year. We continue to share knowledge, resources and skills with St Peter's, reinforcing our ongoing close relationship beyond the provision of financial support.

### The Parish Hall

Income from the Parish Halls in 2024 increased to £156,768 (2023: £139,364) predominantly due to the release of £14,459 of deferred income on the hall kitchen, which was paid for by Dukes Education in 2023 under the terms of the licence agreement between the school and the church for the hall's usage. The one-off payment for the kitchen was deferred at inception over a five-year period, beginning in 2023, to match the useful economic life of the asset. Community rentals suffered a small decrease in the year due to the loss of our main school holiday camp contract.

Hall costs saw a sharp increase in costs at £142,984 (2023: £101,016), mainly due to a change in the percentage of hall costs recharged to the church account as a reasonable approximation of the Parish Manager's time in supporting the activities of the church. The recharge is designed to ensure more of the direct costs of the church are funded by the congregation. The decision was made during the 2024 budgeting process to reduce the recharge figure from 25% to 15% in recognition of the additional work undertaken in the office to manage the ongoing school contract. This accounts for around £10,000 of the increase in the parish hall cost of the year. The depreciation of our new kitchen added a further £14,459 to costs in the year. Around £10,000 of planned maintenance was also carried out to refurbish the Parish Hall toilets and bathrooms as well as the wooden floors in the Gabriel and Michael rooms. Caretaker costs also rose by around £8,000 in the year. This is offset in part however by reducing costs for IT and sound engineering as the specific skillsets of our caretakers were used rather than bringing in more expensive external contractors.



## **The Bedford Park and Chiswick Book Festivals**

The Bedford Park Festival raised over £44,500 in support of the church, the St Michael and All Angels, Bedford Park Trust and our three church charities. Net income was around £14,000 higher than 2023, mostly due to sponsorship activities. The cold weather over Green Days weekend impacting takings slightly. The Chiswick Book Festival was a great success, raising over £16,000. Payments of £3,875 went to each of the three charities supported by the Festival: Read for Good, Koestler Arts and Read Easy Ealing. This brings the total raised for charity partners by our 2024 festival activities to over £34,000. We remain deeply grateful to Alyson Mitchell for her dedicated work as Festival Treasurer for both events.

## **Quick Road Parish House**

The parish house in Quick Road was rented out for the majority of 2024, with a short break between tenants being used to undertake routine maintenance. Net rental income for Quick Road was £15,919 (2023: £13,586) after offsetting the expense of alternative accommodation for our Curate and routine maintenance between lettings. A new tenancy agreement was signed at the end of 2024, giving comfort that any rental expenditure arising for Curate alternative accommodation in 2025 would most likely be offset in full.

## **Investments**

The church invests a portion of its cash reserve in an ethical investment fund, managed by CCLA. In 2024, we enjoyed a further £3,620 (2023: £7,963) annual gain on this investment. This more than offsets the £6,433 loss suffered in 2022. From its inception in 2020 when interest rates were low, until the balance sheet date, our investment with CCLA has resulted in an overall net gain.

## **Balance Sheet**

Cash in the bank at year end of £297,501 has increased significantly year on year (2023: £229,119), predominantly due to fundraising

for the Heritage Conservation Fund (£24,100), reduced Curacy costs as explained previously (c£13k) and the net rental income from Quick Road (c£15k). A further £5,101 related to the Advent appeal and other charitable events held in Q4 2024 and was therefore held in restricted funds for the benefit of our charity partners. These amounts were paid out to the various relevant charities by 28 February 2025.

Current liabilities decreased in the year (2024: £98,883; 2023: £117,331). This is due to the release of £14,459 in deferred income on the hall kitchen as described above. The 2023 figure also included £8,000 of deferred income from prepaid rental income on Quick Road rentals which was released in the year. No such advance on rental has been required from the current tenant. The 2024 accruals figure included £11,235 pertaining to the final charitable distributions from Chiswick Book Festival as well as the £5,101 of amounts due to charities from the church's charitable activities, predominantly raised during the Advent Appeal which was still ongoing at year end.

At the balance sheet date, the Parish held net current assets of £214,711 (2023: £127,910). The PCC is satisfied that the parish has sufficient resources, along with income received in 2024, to meet its liabilities as they fall due. However, the various repairs required to the fabric of the church and its properties in 2024 has underlined the ongoing need to fundraise to pay for the upkeep of our historic buildings. Accordingly, in March 2024, the PCC created the Heritage Conservation Fund, a restricted church fund to finance the upkeep of our historic buildings and the required north wall repairs. Ongoing cost control and attention to fundraising continue to be necessary to maintain an adequate buffer against any unexpected financial headwinds which may arise.

## **Reserves Policy**

It is the PCC's policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds wherever possible equal to six months' expenditure. At present, we are just above this, holding 6.5 months' expenditure. The PCC continues to be aware



of the speed with which this can change, particularly once we complete the Memorial Garden. We continue to exercise strong budgetary control, and further fundraising is being planned to ensure our financial security going forward. The PCC will continue to monitor adherence to this policy in 2025. It is our policy to invest a judicious amount of our reserves, currently held in a CCLA ethical fund account.

## **Charities Group Report 2024 (contributed by Andrew Mitchell, chair)**

The Charities Group at St Michael's had another busy year, raising funds for our two 'core' charities – the Upper Room and Chiswick Crosslight – as well as our 2024 Lent Charity: the Ealing Food Bank.

During the early part of the year, our third long-term charity partner – Swinfen Telemedicine – merged with a larger US-based organisation and was unable to continue to accept donations from St Michael's. The bulk of the money which would have been donated to Swinfen was divided between the Upper Room and Crosslight – and a one-off donation of almost £1500 was made to the UNICEF Gaza Fund from funds raised over Advent and Christmas.

2024 was an exceptional year for fundraising, with over £22,000 raised for our core charities. In January, we organised a 'cake and catwalk' event in the church, attended by over 150 guests. An auction of pre-loved clothing was combined with a superb afternoon tea, some wonderful music and an interview with two well-known novelists. We raised several thousand pounds and special thanks must go to Jacks Edwards, Paula Nelson and Sally Haigh for organising this memorable event.



Our Autumn fundraiser raised some £3000 with a wine tasting, organised by the local branch of Lea & Sandeman, a quiz and raffle.

We also raised funds from two Lent lunches, one of which was organised by Vicky Brooke and the Youth Church. Vicky and her family have now moved to the West Country, and we are hugely grateful for her help over many years.

Carol singing outside Turnham Green tube station was a great success, raising money for good causes and lifting the spirits of commuters and shoppers alike! Special thanks to Andrew Pears, Ros Lister and Cathy Millin for making this happen.

Special thanks go to Ros Lister, who organised fundraising for SMAAA during Christian Aid week, as well as the annual poppy appeal on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Margaret Hill co-ordinated the Harvest Festival donations and the collection of clothing for the Upper Room. Our two core charities also benefitted from a share of the proceeds of the Bedford Park Festival.

Looking forward, we are finalising our recommendations to the PCC for a new overseas charity partner for the next three years and for the 2025 Lent charity. I am grateful to members of the SMAAA community who took the time to submit a nomination. We were fortunate in having an excellent selection of charities from which to make our choice.

I should like to express our gratitude as ever to the Parish Office team, to Torin Douglas for PR support, Amanda Bradley and Alyson Mitchell for looking after the finances, and many other volunteers who helped us on an ad hoc basis.

Finally, I should like to thank everyone who served on the Charities Group over the course of the year. It has been a pleasure to work with them all over the last three years. The work we do is hugely rewarding and I would encourage anyone interested in volunteering to contact the Parish Office for further details.

SMAAA is very grateful to Andrew Mitchell for his three years as chair of the charities group. It has been a period of some upheaval and change, and we appreciate the time he has given to navigating this.



## Governance

### Clergy

The vicar of both St Michael's & St Peter's Acton Green is Father Kevin Morris. The Associate Vicar with particular responsibility for St Peter's is Father Fabrizio Pesce. Father Brandon Fletcher-James is Curate at St Michael's.

Mother Maggie Davidge-Smith and Mother Sarah Lenton are Honorary Assistant Priests. Graham Holderness is a Licensed Lay Preacher and Anne Mower is our Reader. Father Graham Morgan, Honorary Assistant Priest, passed away during the year.



### The PCC in 2024

The PCC met seven times in 2024. Average attendance was 72%. Meetings begin with Mass and always include a financial report and a report on safeguarding. This year financial discussions were dominated by how to handle the increasing pressures on our budget, and our contribution to the Common Fund.

Plans for the installation of a Memorial Garden have been under discussion for some time. This year our plans were finalised and displayed in the church for several weeks. The feedback was considered carefully, and a pre-planning application was submitted to Hounslow. The report from their planning officer is awaited. We are very grateful to Helen Wareham and Sue Hunt for all the work they have put in to enable us to progress our plans for the Memorial Garden.

We have also discussed the refurbishment of the side-chapel. We have had advice from our church architect and have submitted plans to the Diocese. We hope these will be agreed early in 2025.

The upkeep and refurbishment of the church and halls have to be carried out within a tight budget and taking account of the restrictions of a listed building. This year we agreed to set up a Heritage Conservation Fund to encourage donations from the wider Chiswick community to the maintenance of the building.

Part of the role of a PCC member is to get to know people in the congregation. Fr. Kevin has asked the PCC to encourage members of the congregation to have the confidence to offer their skills and experience as volunteers to support the work of the church.

Although much of the discussion at the PCC occurs in the context of budgets, Fr Kevin reminds us of the need to find a balance between spending time and effort on financial issues and considering issues of ministry. One of our important decisions in 2024 concerned the blessing of civil partnerships. It was agreed that SMAAA should continue to make it clear that we welcome a diverse congregation and will offer blessings to same-sex partnerships in a form to be agreed between the couple and the priest.

The PCC held an "away morning" in October where we spent time considering what we do well at St Michael's and where we could improve. We agreed that our music and our meticulously planned services in a beautiful, well-kept church are a positive feature of SMAAA.

Although we see ourselves as a friendly church, we are aware that not everyone would agree and there is more to do. We recognised that it is not always easy for people unfamiliar with the Anglo-Catholic liturgy to understand what is happening during Mass, and we thought our service booklets could be more helpful to them. We decided to join in the Church of England campaign to encourage people to "Come Back to Church" and we plan to use the next Mass on the Green to invite our friends to join us there.



At the APCM 2025 two PCC members will come to the end of their term of office. Lily Assefa stood down during the year. Anne Mower will continue as a deanery synod representative, entitled to sit on the PCC, and Jan Vermooten is willing to stand for election for a second term. We are very grateful to them for their contribution to SMAAA in their different capacities.

### **Health and Safety/Risk Management**

During 2024 the PCC re-appointed Chris Bradley as Health and Safety Officer and approved an updated Health and Safety Policy. This now includes a section on lone working with guidance for staff and volunteers who may find themselves alone in the church. We should like to thank Chris for the invaluable advice he has provided throughout the year.

### **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**

These regulations have been in force since 2018. The church has a data controller, Dan Klein, who works remotely and is our main source of advice about updating our policies.

Church mailing lists keep names unseen in emails except where recipients have positively opted into disclosure. We take care to alert people to the fact that a service is being streamed and will be posted online: there is normally a statement on the weekly pew sheet.

The Standing Committee is alert to data protection issues but there were no reported breaches of the regulations or complaints during 2024.

### **Safeguarding**

Jane McCabe was re-appointed as Safeguarding Officer and Jim Russell as Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checker, and we approved the Safeguarding Policy after carefully reviewing it to ensure it still met our needs. We receive a report on safeguarding as a standard item on the PCC agenda. This ensures that we are in compliance with our duty to: "have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults." In addition, Jane McCabe attends

the PCC once a year to enable the members of the PCC to ask questions and to make sure we are aware of any new guidance.

We had no incidents to report this year.

The Makin Review and resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury in November led to two emergency meetings between church safeguarding officers and Martin Goodwin (Diocesan Head of Safeguarding). The main outcome is that church policies must be robust and followed rigorously. Jane advised us that SMAAA should continue to do everything that we are already doing, especially keeping up with training requirements. She and Father Brandon are working on the Parish Dashboard which keeps us as a parish up to date with all of this.

We are fortunate to have a well-informed and available safe-guarding officer to advise us on these important issues and guide us through changes in policy. Our thanks go to Jane for all her work.

### **The Church Building**

The PCC has a particular responsibility for the fabric of the church and its grounds. A Quinquennial visit from the diocese and subsequent report was made in the spring. Some remedial work to the church fabric was undertaken as a result. This included repainting external iron work and clearing gutters and hoppers. The rear door to the church and the arch around it was also repainted.

Some areas of the ceilings and walls have major damage from damp: these are being assessed before repair work which will be undertaken in 2025. The church hall boiler was overhauled and its control panel replaced. The floors in the church hall were stripped and varnished.

We have postponed work on the north wall of the church until we have sufficient funds available for this major project.

### **Environmental Issues (contributed by Helen Dods)**

The biggest change for SMAAA energy usage in 2024 was the ending of our existing contracts with our energy



suppliers. In June, new suppliers were approved by the PCC on 2-year contracts – these are Ecotricity and Yu Energy. Ecotricity is one of the Church of England's 'approved' suppliers for green energy, allowing for a large reduction in our net carbon emissions. In 2023 our carbon footprint was 30.9 tonnes of CO2 emissions. Although our overall energy usage rose slightly in 2024, our net carbon footprint dropped from 30.9 tonnes of CO2 emissions to 21.8 tonnes.

Other achievements in 2024 include the construction of not one, but two bug hotels in the church garden, and installing insulating foil behind the major radiators in the church halls – thanks to all who assisted with these. Unfortunately, the Eco Church survey, run by A Rocha UK, was relaunched at the end of the year in a new format. We will need to resubmit our data before we can continue to plot our progress towards a Bronze award.

SMAAA is very grateful for the detailed and timely work which Helen does in this important area.

### **St Peter's Church, Acton Green** (contributed by St Peter's Church Warden)

St Peter's Church is a growing parish with a lot of young congregation members. Both our pre and post confirmation groups offer a range of fun activities for our younger church members on a Sunday morning.

We offer a number of activities for our congregation and the local community. These include classical concerts and choral performances, monthly cake and book sales and an annual Christmas fair. 2024 also welcomed our first Jazz festival which was a huge success.

Father Fabrizio Pesce, the Associate Vicar with particular responsibility for St Peter's, runs Mindfulness and Christian meditation courses, as part of his centre for mindfulness and spirituality. He also runs a pilgrimage to Assisi.

The 'Little Fishes' playgroup continues to be popular. The group runs the children's corner as part of Green Days and it funds a number of activities for the church including an Easter Garden workshop, Mother's Day bouquets and Advent children's crafts.

The monthly coffee mornings are always a welcome social event for many locals, who enjoy a slice of homemade cake and a chat.

### **SMAAA into 2025**

Much of our attention in 2025 will be focused on repairing and conserving our fabric and raising funds for this through the new Heritage Conservation Fund. We will be collaborating with the Bedford Park Society as they celebrate 150 years of Bedford Park. This collaboration will both support our fund raising and extend our outreach programme in the arts.

During the coming year we hope to be able to improve our communication with our congregation through the website and also consider how best to engage with the local community and our various sponsors and donors.

We have been pleased that numbers in the congregation at major feast days and at Remembrance Sunday have been maintained at high levels despite concerns in the press and elsewhere that the Church is in decline. We hope to continue to attract new people into our congregation. Our ministry to children and young people has flourished over the past few years and we look to involve more young families in our work in different capacities.

### **Conclusion**

The Eucharist is the focus of our church life at St Michael and All Angels. We commit ourselves to a Christian theology which engages with contemporary issues, and we have a particular ministry celebrating the arts.



We are a welcoming, supportive and inclusive church which provides, through daily worship, a spiritual home to an increasingly diverse congregation.

It is our hope to grow stronger in our discipleship through worship, through engaging with the Scriptures and through fellowship within our church. Under the leadership of the Vicar, St Michael's offers guidance and inspiration to parishioners and maintains a witness in our community to the faithfulness and love of God.



*Alison Baker*

Alison Baker, PCC Secretary, March 2025

*K Morris*

Fr. Kevin Morris, March 2025



# ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS PCC, BEDFORD PARK

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS PCC, BEDFORD PARK

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I report to the Members on my examination of the financial statements of St Michael and All Angels PCC, Bedford Park (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Members of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: 30 March 2025



**St Michael and All Angels PCC**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024**

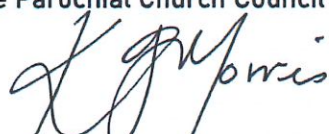
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>						
Incoming resources from donors	2a	147,502	-	-	147,502	152,994
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	6,103	-	47,593	53,696	19,892
Income from charitable & ancillary trading	2c	334,363	-	-	334,363	311,127
Other ordinary incoming resources	2d	2,244	-	-	2,244	5,500
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>490,212</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,593</b>	<b>537,805</b>	<b>489,512</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>						
Charitable Givings	3a	34,525	-	16,853	51,378	45,332
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church	3b	171,332	4,417	7,218	182,968	193,112
Fund raising	3c	244,110	-	-	244,110	204,919
Church management & administration	3d	15,076	-	-	15,076	23,253
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>465,043</b>	<b>4,417</b>	<b>24,071</b>	<b>493,531</b>	<b>466,615</b>
Investment Gain / (Loss)		3,620	-	-	3,620	7,963
Quick Road Rental Income		15,919	-	-	15,919	13,586
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>44,709</b>	<b>(4,417)</b>	<b>23,522</b>	<b>63,813</b>	<b>44,446</b>
Quick Road and Hall Redecoration		-	-	-	-	(22,518)
<b>Balance as at 1st January 2024</b>		<b>859,707</b>	<b>147,971</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>1,011,878</b>	<b>989,949</b>
<b>Balance as at 31st December 2024</b>		<b>904,415</b>	<b>143,554</b>	<b>27,722</b>	<b>1,075,691</b>	<b>1,011,877</b>

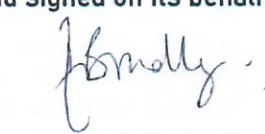


**St Michael and All Angels PCC**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Tangible Fixed Assets</b>	5	<u>860,981</u>	<u>883,968</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors & Prepayments	7	16,092	16,122
Cash at Bank		<u>297,501</u>	<u>229,119</u>
		<u>313,593</u>	<u>245,241</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(98,883)</u>	<u>(117,331)</u>
		<u>(98,883)</u>	<u>(117,331)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)</b>		214,711	127,910
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		1,075,691	1,011,878
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>1,075,691</u></u>	<u><u>1,011,878</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted Funds	2 & 3	904,415	859,707
Designated Funds	4	143,554	147,971
Restricted Funds	4	<u>27,722</u>	<u>4,200</u>
		<u><u>1,075,691</u></u>	<u><u>1,011,878</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 30 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
The Revd Kevin Morris  
Incumbent

  
Amanda Bradley  
Trustee & Treasurer

The notes on pages 20 to 29 form part of these accounts.



**St Michael and All Angels PCC**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**Year to 31 December 2024**

**Accounting Policies**

**a) Accounting Convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include financial instruments at fair value, with any movement in fair value being recognised as a gain or loss on the investment. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The PCC continues to be a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The PCC considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Church's ability to continue as a going concern.

**b) Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Practice**

In preparing the accounts, the PCC have considered whether, in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102, a restatement of comparative items was needed. No restatements were required.

**c) Funds**

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Designated funds are sums set aside out of unrestricted funds for specific designated purposes. The funds can be transferred back to unrestricted funds at any time. Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific purpose. The funds may only be expended on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

**d) Incoming Resources**

**Voluntary income and capital sources**

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised on an accruals basis.

**Income from investments**

Interest is accounted for on receipt.



**St Michael and All Angels PCC  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
Year to 31 December 2024**

**e) Resources Used**

**Donations**

Donations are accounted for when payable.

**Activities directly relating to the work of the Church**

The diocesan quota is accounted for when payable.

**f) Fixed Assets**

**Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings**

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Expenditure on Consecrated and beneficed property is written off when incurred.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings.

Church Halls and Other Property is stated at historical cost. No provision is made for depreciation as there is likely to be a long unexpired life and high residual value in each case (based on current values). Routine additions and replacements to Church Hall contents are charged to expenditure.

**Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment**

Depreciation is charged over the useful economic life of the asset on a 10% to 33% straight line basis depending on the asset.



**Note 2: Incoming resources from donors**

	2a	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Voluntary income</b>						
Planned giving		122,205	-	-	122,205	115,005
Collections at all services		11,500	-	-	11,500	13,479
Sundry Donations		13,797	-	-	13,797	24,510
		<b>147,502</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>147,502</b>	<b>152,994</b>
<b>Other voluntary incoming resources</b>	2b					
Candles		801	-	-	801	1,017
Legacies	4	-	-	-	-	-
Fees		4,296	-	-	4,296	316
Music Income		-	-	6,618	6,618	5,312
Heritage Conservation Fund		-	-	24,122	24,122	-
Little Angels		1,006	-	-	1,006	500
Special Appeals		-	-	16,853	16,853	12,747
		<b>6,103</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,593</b>	<b>53,696</b>	<b>19,892</b>
<b>Income from charitable &amp; ancillary trading</b>	2c					
Bedford Park Festival		112,302	-	-	112,302	100,744
Chiswick Book Festival		47,924	-	-	47,924	51,304
Festival Supplementary Events		-	-	-	-	3,533
Rentals, concerts & other trading activities		17,369	-	-	17,369	16,182
Parish Hall Lettings		156,768	-	-	156,768	139,364
		<b>334,363</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>334,363</b>	<b>311,127</b>
<b>Other ordinary incoming resources</b>	2d					
Miscellaneous		2,244	-	-	2,244	5,500
		<b>2,244</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,244</b>	<b>5,500</b>
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>490,212</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,593</b>	<b>537,805</b>	<b>489,512</b>



**Note 3: Resources expended**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	2024	2023
				£	£
<b>Donations</b>					
Charitable Givings	34,525	-	16,853	51,378	45,332
	<b>34,525</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,853</b>	<b>51,378</b>	<b>45,332</b>
<b>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church Ministry</b>					
Ministry:					
Curate (50% of salary)	5,590	-	-	5,590	18,150
Diocesan quota	93,000	-	-	93,000	93,000
Clergy expenses	4,200	-	-	4,200	4,200
Other Ministry expenses	3,131	-	-	3,131	(409)
Education	4,825	-	-	4,825	3,668
Worship	5,495	-	-	5,495	6,640
Music (including organists)	12,372	-	6,618	18,990	19,736
Publicity	611	-	-	611	551
Church running cost	31,137	-	-	31,137	29,767
Expenditure on St Peter's	-	-	-	-	3,744
Memorial Side Chapel Space	-	-	600	600	800
Memorial Garden	-	4,417	-	4,417	1,500
Repairs, maintenance & renewals	10,971	-	-	10,971	11,764
	<b>171,332</b>	<b>4,417</b>	<b>7,218</b>	<b>182,967</b>	<b>193,111</b>
<b>Fund raising</b>					
Costs of Bedford Park Festival	67,784	-	-	67,784	70,089
Costs of Book Festival	31,810	-	-	31,810	33,814
Cost of Festivals Other	1,532	-	-	1,532	-
Costs of Hall Lettings & Parish Office	142,984	-	-	142,984	101,016
	<b>244,110</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>244,110</b>	<b>204,919</b>
<b>Church management &amp; administration</b>					
Administrator Salaries & overheads	15,076	-	-	15,076	23,253
	<b>15,076</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,076</b>	<b>23,253</b>
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>465,043</b>	<b>4,417</b>	<b>24,071</b>	<b>493,531</b>	<b>466,615</b>
<b>Investment Gain / (Loss)</b>					
Quick Road	3,620	-	-	3,620	7,963
	<b>15,919</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,919</b>	<b>13,586</b>
<b>Net Resources</b> (comprising total incoming resources (Note 2) less total resources expended, plus investment related income)	<b>44,708</b>	<b>(4,417)</b>	<b>23,522</b>	<b>63,813</b>	<b>44,447</b>
Administrator salaries & overheads represent 15% of total staff and office costs.					



Note 4: Designated and Restricted Funds Analysis

	Designated	Restricted				
	Legacies	Heritage Conservation Fund	Music Fund	Special Appeals	Chapel Memorial Space	Total
Balance as at 1st January 2024	£ 147,970	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 4,200	£ 4,200
Incoming resources from donors Activities for generating funds	-	24,122	6,618	16,853	-	47,593
	-	24,122	6,618	16,853	-	47,593
Expenditure	( 4,417 )	-	( 6,618 )	( 16,853 )	( 600 )	( 24,072 )
	( 4,417 )	-	( 6,618 )	( 16,853 )	( 600 )	( 24,072 )
Net operational (deficit)/surplus	( 4,417 )	24,122	-	-	( 600 )	23,522
Intra-fund transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance 31st December 2024	143,553	24,122	-	-	3,600	27,722

The legacy expenditure in the year pertains to the Memorial Garden project.



**Note 5: Fixed Assets**

	Parish Hall £	Parish House £	Office Equipment £	Boiler £	Quick Road Fixtures £	Hall Kitchen £	Total £
<b>Gross Book Value</b>							
At 1 January	589,407	158,910	54,746	14,867	54,104	72,295	944,329
Additions	-	-	-	8,408	-	-	8,408
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>589,407</u>	<u>158,910</u>	<u>54,746</u>	<u>23,275</u>	<u>54,104</u>	<u>72,295</u>	<u>952,737</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>							
At 1 January	-	-	47,806	372	7,363	4,820	60,361
Charge for the year	-	-	3,674	1,627	11,635	14,459	31,394
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,480</u>	<u>1,999</u>	<u>18,998</u>	<u>19,279</u>	<u>91,755</u>
<b>Net Book Value 2024</b>	<u>589,407</u>	<u>158,910</u>	<u>3,266</u>	<u>21,276</u>	<u>35,106</u>	<u>53,016</u>	<u>860,981</u>
<b>Net Book Value 2023</b>	<u>589,407</u>	<u>158,910</u>	<u>6,940</u>	<u>14,495</u>	<u>46,741</u>	<u>67,475</u>	<u>883,968</u>

**Fixed Assets Additions**

The fixed asset additions in 2024 represent the installation of a new boiler to the Hall. These assets are depreciated at a rate of 10-33% depending on the asset's useful economic life.

**The Parish House**

The freehold land and buildings represent the Parish House situated at 33 Quick Road, Chiswick.

**The Parish Hall**

The valuation of the Parish Hall represents the cumulative costs to 31 December 2024 of the redevelopment.

**Consecrated and Benefice Property**

This is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

**Note 6: Analysis of Net Assets by Fund**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fixed Assets	860,981	-	-	860,981	883,968
Current Assets	142,317	143,554	27,722	313,593	245,241
Current Liabilities	(98,883)	-	-	(98,883)	(117,331)
Non Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
	904,415	143,554	27,722	1,075,691	1,011,878

**Note 7: Current Assets**

Within Current Assets:

+ Sundry Debtors &amp; Prepayments

16,092	-	-	16,092	16,122
16,092	-	-	16,092	16,122

**Note 8: Current Liabilities**

Within Current Liabilities:

+ Creditors &amp; Accruals

(98,883)	-	-	(98,883)	(117,331)
(98,883)	-	-	(98,883)	(117,331)

The majority of creditors and accruals pertains to deferred income from Dukes Education, who own and run Orchard House School (formerly known as Chiswick and Bedford Park School). Of this, £53,015 relates to a payment by the school for the new Parish Hall kitchen, paid for by them in accordance with the licence agreement between the school and the church for the hall's usage. The resulting income has been deferred over a five year period (commencing in 2023) to match the useful economic life of the fixed asset.



**Note 9: PCC Employees & Members**

The PCC employed two parish managers on a job share, one part-time festival administrator (Tassy Russell), and two caretakers, none of whom were paid more than £60,000 for these services. We also engaged the services of three self-employed caretakers in the year, on an ad hoc basis.

The Vicar was paid a total of £4,823.38 (2023: £4,416.50) in allowances and expenses in 2024.

**Note 10: Independent Examiner's fees**

Independent Examination fees are £1,800 inclusive of VAT (2023 £1,800).

**Note 11: Related Party Transactions**

Fr Kevin Morris is a trustee of The St Michael & All Angels Church Bedford Park Trust (hereafter "SMAAAT"), a registered charity (number 1099117) founded in 2003. The other trustees are Eileen McGregor (a former member of the PCC and former churchwarden), Michael Pownall, and Peter Wolton, who was appointed in March 2023. Michael Pownall is a former PCC Treasurer. The objects of the Trust are i) to further the religious and pastoral work of the Church of England in the ecclesiastical parish of St Michael & All Angels, Bedford Park, and ii) to support the ecclesiastical parish of St Michael & All Angels, Bedford Park in its responsibility for maintaining and developing the fabric of the buildings used by the parish in its worship and other aspects of its ministry. The PCC has received the declaration of Trust and the audited financial statements of the Trust for the year ending 31st December 2024.

This year, SMAAAT was one of the charity partners supported by the Bedford Park Festival. At the year end, all festival distributions due to SMAAAT were settled in full.

Fr Kevin Morris is also Chair and a Trustee of the WB Yeats Bedford Park Project, a registered charity (number 1172224) founded in 2017. The other trustee in the year was Cahal Dallat. Torin Douglas, who oversees the Chiswick Book Festival for the PCC, became a trustee of the WB Yeats Bedford Park Project in February 2024. The objects of the Trust are i) to advance art & to advance education in the works of WB Yeats & the history & heritage of Bedford Park for the benefit of the public, by the provision of a public artwork in commemoration of the life & works of the Nobel-prizewinning Irish poet & dramatist WB Yeats, and ii) to promote the enhancement & improvement of the area of Bedford Park for the public benefit by the provision of a public artwork.

Two PCC trustee's family members perform paid work for the church. Jim Russell's wife, Tassy Russell was paid £4,020 in her two roles as Bedford Park Festival Administrator and church children's worker, running the Little Angels group. Anne Mower's grandson, Kristian Dario was paid £1,432.50 for ad hoc caretaking work.

It is the current policy of the PCC that all legacies received be passed on to the Trust, except where the donor has made a specific designation. In 2024 no legacies were received, (2023 £nil).



**Note 12: Capital Expenditure Commitments**

There are no capital commitments outstanding as at 31 December 2024.

**Note 13: Other Commitments**

At 31 December 2024, the PCC has a lease rental obligation to pay 8 quarterly instalments of £669 plus VAT to BNP Paribas. Financial Services Limited for the photocopier in the Parish Office.

**Note 14: Loans**

As at 31 December 2024, no loans were outstanding.

**Note 15: Restricted & Other Restricted Funds**

**Special Appeals**

Charitable donations raised and payable to the three charities supported by the Church and certain other charities. Special appeal cash collections totalling £4,153 were collected at various fund raising events in November and December 2024. All amounts collected for our charity partners during this time were paid out in full by 28 February 2025.

**Other Restricted Funds**

Other than previously disclosed, there are no restricted funds at the present time.