

12. MUSIC REPORT

During the pandemic when rules of covid started to ease we had various small groups of people singing at the Eucharist with the organ. Then when services started to get back to normal the choir and St Barts Singers merged for singing together on two Sundays of the month. We have had a group of children joining them plus Toyin singing with them. This increase in the number of people singing from the choir stalls has enhanced the hymn singing and anthems and has given a stronger lead for hymn singing in the congregation. The choir and singers groups have each had one Sunday in the month for singing separately. Hymns and anthems have been chosen to suit the level of singing and type of service accordingly. Since services started again we have had two new singers - Agnes and Josie. The organ has been the main accompanying instrument but the piano has also been used for accompanying, sometimes played by Roland Bates. We have had occasional flute playing and accompanying from Eileen Smith. Occasionally piano music has been played by children before and after services from Faith, Israel, Megan and Sophie. Faith has also played the organ after the services with dexterous pedal playing! Children in the choir have been encouraged to play percussion instruments with some of the hymns. There are rehearsals on Thursday for combined choir and singers as well as the two groups rehearsing separately. A brief run down of the music has taken place before the Sunday Services. We have used different congregation-friendly settings to the Gloria, Sanctus and Agnus Dei.

Dennis Baugh, Music Director and Organist

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Editorial – Geoffrey Cave

A warm welcome to Aletha Clarke (Proof Reader) and grateful thanks to Molly Wickett for her invaluable support and best wishes for her move to be closer to her family.

Sydenham Life is the Parish Magazine for St Barts Church. It is a totally volunteer enterprise with a mission to educate and inform. Many thanks to all the people who have contributed towards the magazine. Sydenham life could not exist without the volunteers, church members and local community. If you or anyone you know would like to contribute, we would love to hear from you. This enables us to illustrate the different priorities, thoughts and views that affect people's lives.

Editorial Team - Church Representative: *The Reverend Jim Perry, Editor* Geoffrey Cave, **Advertising Manager:** Jane Somers, **Distribution Manager:** Ope Oduleko, **Assistant Distribution Manager:** Yvonne Springer, **Design, Layout, Adverts & Media Pack:** Hil Barnister, **Advertising Invoices:** Alexander Seton, **Proof Reader:** Aletha Clarke.

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Advertising Manager Can you support the local community by helping them advertise their businesses?

Update the St Barts Treasurer with a monthly list of the cost of the advertiser's adverts chosen for each issue using tools like Microsoft Excel and Word.

You will be assisted by Hal who makes the adverts, Alex who sends out invoices to the Advertisers and the St Barts Treasurer running the accounts. The income from the Adverts goes towards the printing of the magazine.

Distribution – Ope Otudeko

I would like to thank all colleagues involved in the Sydenham Life magazine.

I also thank all volunteers involved in packing and distributing the magazine without which we simply could not continue.

In the past year we have faced many challenges, primarily brought upon us by the Covid-19 pandemic which meant that we had to suspend packing and distribution in line with government guidelines and the magazine being available only on-line. Consequently life has changed for many of our distributors, in some cases have relocated from the area or are about to, work and life commitments and demands on their time. We cannot thank you enough for the help through volunteering over the years. We receive a lot of feedback from our readers that they still do like to receive physical copies of the magazine and we intend to continue to do so as long as we are able.

The operation is however fragile and in desperate need of new volunteers in order to ensure continuity. We especially need distributors for main artery roads in Sydenham like Kirkdale and Crystal Palace Park road and want to urge you to come forward and volunteer.

Since resuming distribution after Covid-19 we have transitioned to bundling the magazines with rubber bands and doing away with the recycled paper. This has reduced the packing time whilst creating the opportunity to reuse the rubber bands by depositing them in the return box which can be found at the back of the church where the magazine bundles are left.

We will also be emphasizing the importance of health and safety, and taking all reasonable precautions to keep safe whilst out volunteering to distribute. We intend to do this going forward with occasional leaflets on each magazine bundle with suggestions of reasonable ways to keep safe.

Thank you. Ope Otudeko otudeko@yahoo.com 077 871 83229

Advertising & Costs- Jane Somers

A warm welcome to Alex Seton who joined the team doing the Advertiser Invoices and sending them with a copy of the magazine. Many thanks to everyone who advertises, Hal Bannister who makes the adverts, Gill Daly for putting the magazine on the church website and Peter Stubbs the St Barts Treasurer.

Adverts were free while the paper magazine was paused during COVID restrictions. The price of printing is very volatile due to the economic situation.

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We were also able to rent out part of the crypt to a local band and this arrangement has worked well. Additional partitioning and some electrical work has been carried out (at their expense) and they have now been in occupation for around 7 months. Again, this has given us some regular lettings income during a period when other regular group and ad-hoc bookings have been necessarily curtailed.

We are pleased to have seen a return to a more normal level of activity in the last few months and have hosted several excellent concerts and a Christmas pantomime. Regular groups such as Ecos Dance, Baby Broadway and Bach to Baby have recommenced sessions and have future bookings in the diary for the rest of the year. We have also seen ad-hoc hires for birthday parties, christening parties and the like increasing and expect these to be more or less back to normal by the summer.

We have not felt it possible to hold church events such as our regular jumble sale and Christmas Fair over the last year, but we expect to be able to hold a jumble sale later on this year and an event such as a Christmas Fair in November/December.

Lesley Kianbli, April 2022

11. SYDENHAM LIFE MAGAZINE

Overview

Sydenham Life Magazine is the free Parish Magazine of St Bartholomew's Church, Westwood Hill, continuously printed since 1st January 1868. (152 years). It continued online only during COVID restrictions sbartschurchsydenham.org/magazine.html and in September 2021 restarted the print version as a Recyclable paper magazine because of reader's requests and the Church striving towards being planet friendly/carbon neutral.

Outreach

It is an important outreach magazine with interesting articles. It informs and invites the local population of events and classes available in St Bartholomew's Church premises. It is published 10 times a year (no January or August magazine). It is run by volunteers and hand delivered to 3,000 households. The volunteers contribute their time by writing articles and delivering the magazine. Advertisers have remained with us for years showing it is an important part of the community.

The Future of Sydenham Life Magazine is uncertain!

We need your help! Sydenham Life cannot exist without its volunteers.

Our thanks to the Distribution Manager and Advertising Manager as their lives move on after many years of service to the magazine. Please contact Geoffrey Cave, Jane Somers, Ope Oduko or The Rev Jim.

Distribution Manager Do you have a car? Can you organise our volunteers to pack the magazines into bundles and plan the distribution to each road?

You will be assisted by Yvonne who has experience coordinating the volunteers.

safeguarding governor meet with the Safeguarding lead twice a term and additionally when the need arises.

So again, the school is blessed with having the input of such dedicated and motivated governors.

Finally, insofar as the challenges ahead are concerned, one sad-ish note – to impart is that we are saying good bye and a fond farewell to our Headteacher, Mrs Davies who announced her intended retirement at the end of this academic year - after so many years of dedicated teaching and Head leadership. We really will miss her but also wish her well for a long, happy and full future.

The challenge for us now is to recruit a new Headteacher to carry on and also enhance the work already in progress for the benefit of the pupils whom we are privileged to serve.

Pauline Lloyd (Diocesan Board Governor and safeguarding governor)

9. SAFEGUARDING

The Safeguarding committee currently has 9 members consisting of the 2 Safeguarding officers Lisa Farnon and Bernard Rice, Fr. Perry, Roland Bates, Lesley Khatabi, Nick Lloyd, Hilary-Anne Buckhurst, Lesley Page and Kenlyn Healy. Since the last APGM in 2021 the committee has again been reviewing the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) certificates, with respect to volunteers and church officers to ensure that they are still valid, in addition to monitoring the applications for renewals or new volunteers. The lack of any children's church during COVID restrictions has led to several DBS checks becoming expired. The committee is currently reviewing from scratch all current volunteers and staff to ensure that all have valid DBS certificates. In addition, we are preparing for when some form of Children's church begins again to ensure that the DBS process is as easy as possible for applicants. It is hoped that we will be able to arrange a safeguarding training day run by the Diocese in 2022, which will be open to all members of the Deanery.

Bernard Rice

10. LETTINGS

The pandemic continued to have a big impact on lettings over 2021; Covid precautions precluding many activities from taking place for large chunks of the year. It also had an impact on efforts to replace the pre-school, which had provided us with regular income until they were forced to merge groups, reduced numbers making it unviable to operate multiple locations.

We did have interest from a potential breakfast and after-school club, and positive discussions took place with them. It has taken a considerable time for Ofsted to arrange an inspection to enable this to go forward, but it looks like this will be running by summer at the latest, providing a welcome regular income stream.

8. ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL GOVERNORS

As I write this Report, we are coming to the end of the Spring Term of an especially busy and challenging year for all those involved in our church school, St Bartholomew's Church of England Primary School.

The staff have not only coped with all the challenges presented to them by the pandemic with lockdown restrictions and most of the pupil cohort and many of the staff not in school but have gone above and beyond in providing Google learning, maintaining contact with parents/carers and children, ensuring that children who are not in school are contacted on a daily basis to ensure their safety and well-being as well as being assured that they are able to continue their learning at home.

Coming out of the restrictions, the staff - teachers, teaching assistants, support staff and ancillaries - have maintained their teaching and care of all the children, notwithstanding that they are still having to battle with continuing illness and absences as have the children with, as at a couple of weeks ago, the Headteacher reporting to governors that 8 staff were off with illness as were over 70 pupils.

Nevertheless, the staff have also enhanced their teaching and care by providing eg additional sessions and tutoring in Years 5 and 6 with a view to extending into Year 3 and with the recommencement of enrichment clubs such as French, chess and Street Dance.

The teachers' professional development has also been enhanced by every teacher being given responsibility for a curriculum subject - and those subjects linked with other subjects in a seamless progressive way.

Rev Jim now visits fortnightly to take collective worship and the school visited the church for their Ash Wednesday service. After the Easter holidays there will be a visit by the school for a Eucharist service.

The school is almost at full capacity and there were 141 applications received and approved for Reception in September 2022 with the optimistic hope that all places will be filled at the start of that autumn term.

The school is truly blessed in having such dedicated staff and such motivated pupils who are clearly responding to the teaching and care being given to them evidenced in the observed progress throughout the year.

And the governors too have played their part in maintaining their role as critical friends of the school. The full governing body continues to meet twice a term and all governors sit on the two main committees - 'Resources' (where the budget is regularly reviewed and monitored) (and so far the school has not gone into deficit although this may be a changing situation with government cuts in the staffing and costs of eg energy rising exponentially) - and 'Curriculum and Learning'. All governors also sit on sub committees such as 'Well-Being' and 'Health and Safety'.

All governors make regular visits to the school to observe classes and how subjects are taught.

'Safeguarding' rightly continues to be a very important priority for the school with the Safeguarding lead being very active in maintaining the safety of all pupils and ensuring child protection. The

We would also like to acknowledge the huge contribution made to the running of the church by volunteers; stewards, readers, intercession leaders, altar assistants, singers, members of the tea & coffee and flower arrangement rotas and those who take on a specific role, such as treasurer, sacristan, church fund organiser, PCC or committee member.

There is always more to do and if you feel you can take part in any capacity, however small, we would urge you to come forward and speak to Jim or the wardens.

To close, we would also like to express our sincere thanks to Jim and his family, who couldn't have envisaged, when they arrived in 2019 what their first few years would be like!

Lesley Khunby & Roland Bates, April 2022

7. HEALTH & SAFETY

The Health and Safety Committee met on 29th March 2022 after a considerable period when no meeting was possible.

The church's existing Health and Safety Policy from December 2020 was reviewed point by point. A few small changes will need to be made to produce a revised document, which is in preparation. The revised document will be made widely available as soon as it is completed.

The church's Fire Risk Assessment is due to be completed by September of this year.

Three points in particular are now of importance as the church begins and, we hope, continues its return to a "normal" level of activity, whether in worship or other events:

The committee would really welcome the attendance and advice at its meetings of more people whose expertise or competence lies within the field of Health and Safety. If you are such a person, or if you know somebody who could be of assistance, do please let Jim or the wardens know.

Additionally, we are at present in need of people willing to train as First Aiders. It would be great if any members of the congregation could step up for this, something which potentially helps us all. Once again, do please let Jim or the wardens know if you would be willing to help in this way.

We should alert you to the fact that our gradual return to church services means that, sooner or later, a Fire Drill will be necessary. It would defeat the object of the exercise to give you a precise date for this, but do be aware that it is on the horizon!

Finally, we ask that you report any concerns you may have about Health and Safety at St Bart's to Jim or to the wardens.

Roland Bates

There is a similar issue with the awaited works on the bell and the chime, since the number of approved specialist companies is extremely small and consequently the waiting list to get work done is at least two years. We continue to wait patiently and hope that we will have progress by the time we write next year's report.

Last year, we reported that there had been a leak to the hall roof, which had resulted in water getting to the timbers of the hall floor and causing them to bow upwards. After allowing for time for the timbers to dry out, we brought in Pica Flooring, who took excess wood from around the edges of the hall and installed a more flexible border. The timbers are now lying flat again.

The new notice boards, containing updated information and with a colour theme linking to the restored clock, have now been installed and look fresh and bright; they also give us the scope to convey important information about services and events more effectively.

Another issue carried over from last year is the water leak discovered by Thames Water. It has been frustratingly slow to get architect advice on the best method of resolving this, since re-routing piping brought up other issues, but we believe we now know the preferred option and have architects liaising with insurers to bring this to a satisfactory conclusion.

After failure of the previous electricians to complete the electrical circuit testing, it was decided to appoint new electricians, who have now completed the work and issued the electrical certificates. The issue of the external lighting was resolved by Nigel, who managed to identify the fault and fix it himself.

Our heating system has also had issues over the last year. The engineers were called in to sort out a loss of pressure and they re-tightened a previous repair of about 5 years ago, which had become loose. However, the system continued to lose pressure and it has been identified that there is a leak under the flooring. This could be under stone and be difficult to access, necessitating a major repair job. In the meantime, part of the system has been isolated while a longer-term decision is made. We believe there may be funding available in the near future for greener heating solutions for churches and we will investigate whether this might enable us to replace the system with something more environmentally friendly.

Another longer-term issue is the state of the main roof, which has not been repaired for many years. Nigel has inspected the roof and given a report on its condition and we have obtained ballpark estimates for the work which will need to be done. This is significant but not urgent. We do expect to have to carry out this work over the next five years and additional funding may be necessary to assist with this.

As in previous years, we are immensely grateful to Nigel Rushon for his care, attention and considerable knowledge of the building. Nigel has carried out a range of tasks during his contracted maintenance days and has always kept us informed of any issues requiring our attention. Nigel would dearly love someone to be able to carry on his legacy of care when he eventually manages to retire and if anyone is interested in being involved in this or feels they can take on any routine maintenance tasks, we would be delighted to hear from them!

is hoped to have a repair to the Bell carried out and to examine the possibility of introducing chiming during some daylight hours.

1 Ashleigh Court: Peter Stubbs continues to have routine oversight of the Curate's Flat. Nothing urgent has emerged in the way of repairs etc. in the last year. We learnt recently that Rev. Jim has applied for a Curate with a good chance that the Diocese will agree to provide one in due course.

Quinquennial Review 2020: the report was received and acknowledged by the PCC and BIG has perused its contents with a view to tackling the urgent works recommended. It is a matter of some congratulation that, for the first time in thirty or forty years, St Bartholomew's has made significant progress in ensuring that our building is sound and 'fit for purpose' – a fact that the Quinquennial acknowledges with a much reduced list of works needing to be undertaken!

Finally, my thanks to all who are members of the Committee for their conscientious devotion to duty and their expert advice and support.

Nick Lloyd April 2022

6. REPORT ON THE GOODS, FABRIC AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

2021 has seen activities continue to be affected by the Covid pandemic, which has meant that some activities have had to be cancelled and others adapted: for example, we held a Palm Sunday service outside in 2021 and had to cancel certain planned Christmas events due to the rise of the Omicron variant. The carol service also had to be held without Father Jim, since he was testing positive for Covid at the time – but we were delighted that he was able to come back in time for midnight mass!

As we write, congregation numbers are continuing to rise slowly, and it has been wonderful to see old friends returning, although we realise that some members of the congregation still don't feel able to attend public services. We are encouraged also by the healthy number of children regularly in attendance at our services, many of whom are also participating in the singing, which is great, and the number of new people who have stepped through the doors to see what St Bart's is all about.

We continue to take suitable precautions and advise the wearing of masks during services; we pray that 2022 will see the pandemic largely defeated, although Covid is something we may have to learn to live with.

The maintenance of a large Victorian church continues to be a busy job, with some tasks taking longer to achieve than one would hope, due to a lack of specialist workmen approved by the Diocese.

Last year, we reported that part of the clock mechanism had failed (part of the original mechanism, which had not been replaced in the restoration due to the conservatory nature of the project) and we were waiting for Cumbrian Clocks to repair this. We are still waiting for this work to be done, but now that Cumbrian Clocks have finished working on Big Ben, we believe we are nearer the top of their waiting list!

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5. BIG

The Buildings Issues Group (BIG) had met on three occasions since the last Annual Parochial Church meeting. Its membership is currently: Nick Lloyd (Chair), Lesley Khatib, Roland Bates, Rev. Jim Perry, Bernard Rice, Paddy Moon, Peter Stubbs, Nigel Rushton, Winston Virgo and Marion Nisbet. Its principal remit is to review, propose and action any matters concerning the maintenance and development of our church building and 1 Ashleigh Court - the flat the parish has purchased for the purposes of accommodating a Curate should one become available.

In no particular order, the main matters considered by the Committee during the past year or so are:

Hall Floor: following another incidence of a section of the floorboards rising, Pica Flooring were appointed to make the necessary repair and advise on the continuing maintenance of the floor. This was satisfactorily carried out.

Roof: this is the only major roof of the church which has not been replaced in the past twenty years nor a major refurbishment carried out. **Nigel Rushton** reported on slipped slates and nail fatigue and carried out a photo survey. A rough estimate of the scope of the necessary repair or replacement work was obtained by **Bernard Rice** from Ashford & Cranbrook Roofing and BIG is studying this with a view to recommended action. **Nick Lloyd** pointed out that, with a new tranche of funding for the - Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund announced by the government, we should take advantage of this and make an application for funding in due course.

Electrical Work: after a time consuming search by **Lesley Khatib**, an electrical contractor, Peter Whiting had been engaged to carry out electrical circuit testing with a view to providing a Certificate of Electrical Safety and PAT testing of portable appliances. Meanwhile, **Nigel Rushton** is to be thanked for investigating the status of the floodlights and getting these back up and working again. The regular servicing of the Boiler and Heaters has been carried out by Richard Frampton Heating Ltd.

Churchyard: the main problem which has emerged here is an apparent water leak which needs to be addressed, probably by Thames Water with supervision by our Church Architect, **Karen Butti**. **Paddy Moon** retains her useful contact with Vince Buchanan of Lewisham Local Authority and has asked him to deal with two matters - pruning and sweeping in the churchyard and a repair to the boundary wall of the church affronting Westwood Hill.

Maintenance Days: in the course of the year, **Nigel Rushton** has carried out 8 Maintenance Days covering routine operations such as removal of leaves from gutters and ensuring downpipes are clear of obstructions. BIG would like, one again, to place on record its thanks to **Nigel** for his meticulous care and efficiency in all matters of repair and renovation of our building. 8 further Maintenance Days have been authorised by the PCC for 2022.

Organ repairs: through **Dennis Baugh**, several not insignificant repairs as well as usual servicing have been carried out to the organ but major fundraising will be necessary if the thorough overhaul that the instrument needs is to be carried out.

Bernard Rice has overseen continuing negotiations with the *Cumbria Clock Co.* with a view to effecting a repair to the striking mechanism and the setting and maintenance of accurate time. In due course, it

All costs relating to the maintenance of the church building are shown in The Buildings Fund. These were almost £9,000 in 2021 due to the regular repairs and maintenance, repairing the hall roof leak, and installing the new signs outside church. These costs were covered by a transfer from the General Fund, and donations received of £4,000. It is costly to maintain a building of this size and age, but money is well spent to avoid bigger problems in the future, and to maintain it at a good standard for worship.

Overall, we made a surplus of £7,000 in the fund, resulting in reserves for future building work standing at £24,000. The Buildings Fund also contains the equity in the curate's flat (the difference between the purchase price and the outstanding mortgage, £126,033). This is not available to spend unless the flat is sold.

3) SABRE Fund

Due to the Pandemic, the SABRE project to restore and improve the church was on hold, however income was received in the form of VAT reclaimed on previous work carried out, and a grant towards the clock restoration carried out. There is now £92,000 in the fund for further repairs, restoration and improvements to the building.

3) Specific Projects Fund

This fund is used for the income and expenditure for particular causes and charities, funds accumulated over the years for the specific purpose of organ restoration work, funds for youth work, a small welfare fund and now some funds set aside for support to people during the Pandemic. At the end of 2021 there was a surplus in this fund of £3,343.

Peter Stubbs, PCC treasurer

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	We agreed the installation of the new notice boards at church. Betina was elected as Foundation governor. We agreed that a children's space be set up in church, to help ensure that families with young children felt comfortable to be in church. Parish Pledge was renewed. Our contribution has increased.
Sep	Could discussions continue as changes were made and rules changed. We agreed the purchase of the new photo copier/printer
Nov	We started to discuss Mission Action planning
Jan	Thoughts were shared about how the Christmas services went. Mission Action Planning. Discussions took place about our combined MAP with St Philip's Church. The parochial fees were agreed.
March	Approval of the church accounts.

Claire Adams, PCC Secretary

4. FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

1) General Fund

Most of our day-to-day income and running costs go through the General Fund, and the Pandemic had a large effect on some church activities again in 2021.

Income fell by £3,000 due to less tax being reclaimed and lower income from lettings without the pre-school. However, the curate's flat was rented out for the whole year, and we received some generous extra donations from the congregation to help us through the crisis.

Costs fell by about £11,000, due mainly to fewer repairs taking place to the curate's flat, and less money being transferred to the Buildings Fund for church repairs. Thanks to all these factors we finished with a surplus of £15,000, which was better than we expected when we budgeted for a loss in the year. This is a good result, but we must remember that this is less than we earned by renting out the curate's flat in the year, which will end when we have a new curate. Giving to the Parish Giving Scheme held up very well in the year.

Cash reserves in the General Fund would cover about 55% of our annual running costs. It is good practice to have reserves for at least three months expenses, and we are now above that.

2) Buildings Fund

After Jesus' resurrection there was a time of recovery, reassurance and also challenge: Jesus

encouraged the disciples, helped them to understand all that had happened and spoke to them of their calling and mission to take all that he had shown them and 'make disciples of all people'. Then, on the day of Pentecost, the disciples were energised and empowered to carry out that mission.

As we give thanks for all that we have managed over the past year despite the pandemic, and for all the positive signs we see reflected in the various reports included here, it is now time for us to look for, and pray for our Pentecost as a church family. Time to find new energy for our calling and mission in the communities of our Parish.

That mission is encapsulated in our Mission Action Plan (MAP), the last of which was produced in 2018 and covered the years to 2021 and informed the parish Profile. The pandemic has significantly changed our circumstances; as we prepare to produce a new MAP at the end of this year we will need to reflect on the previous MAP and ask ourselves how our vision, values and priorities changed, or do they need to? What should our vision, values and priorities be now, in 2022 and for the next few years? This needs to be something we do collectively – both deciding what our vision, values and priorities are and also making things happen – it's called a Mission Action Plan for a reason! I do ask that we all pray about this and do all we can to engage with both the process of preparing the MAP in the Autumn and in the various Actions that emerge from it.

Finally a huge thank you to everyone who has made all that we have done possible over the past year. I'd like to especially mention Carol who a few months ago agreed to become Sacristan and look after the vessels and everything else that we need for Sunday Holy Communion. She's doing a great job! And also to our Wardens, Lesley and Roland, who have done a magnificent job this passed year, and even made sure the carol service went ahead when I had Covid.

Thanks be to God for the blessings of this passed year and for the bright signs of hope for the future.

Rev'd Jim

Easter 4, 2022

3. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC has met 5 times this year. Meetings have been well attended.

In line with Covid restrictions being lifted we were pleased and grateful that we were able to have all our meetings together face to face.

The PCC discusses and makes decisions on a wide variety of topics and issues during the year, mainly prompted by the reports from its various sub committees. In addition there was other business to discuss.

Below are some of the items discussed at PCC meetings in the past year.

July Discussions surrounding Covid reopening and keeping people safe.

St. Bartholomew's Annual Report 2022

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Claire Ada

4. FINANCE

- 1) General
Most of our income is from a large effort to support the school. However, we have extra donations from the community. The PCC has a cash reserve of £10,000. The PCC has a practice of building up a reserve of £10,000.

1. ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral roll at present stands at 144 names. Over the last two years we have kept electoral roll numbers steady through what has been a difficult time for church congregations. We have had three new people who have enrolled but four members have either moved or past away. The numbers this year have been difficult to gauge as members return from isolation or have just simply not returned back to church but still regard themselves as church members. However as it stands at present I am confident that the present roll represents the main body of those who consider themselves to be members of the congregation.

- There are 69(48%) members who reside in the parish - Category A on the form
- There are 66(46%) who are officially resident outside the parish but have habitually taken part in worship within the parish prior to six months before enrolment ends -Category B on the form
- 9(6%) members of another church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity as well as the church of England and habitually attends worship in this Parish - Category C on the form

Martin Hoimes, Church Electoral Roll Officer

2. VICAR'S REPORT

It really was a great joy to make the journey through Lent and Holy Week, and to celebrate Easter together without Covid stopping anything happening. I appreciated the comments made to myself and the wardens from people expressing what they had appreciated about various services throughout Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Holy Week services happened very much in partnership with our friends at St Philip's Church and, on Palm Sunday, Grove Centre Church. The future of the Church and its mission is undoubtedly collaborative so it was good to see how well these services went.

I mention Easter because it felt like an important moment on our life together, and significant as a celebration of the resurrection. Times of change are always difficult, and the Covid pandemic forced a huge amount of change. It also happened shortly after my arrival with all the change that comes with having a new vicar, while making it much harder for us to get to know each other in the usual ways. Like most Parishes we have seen our congregation numbers drop considerably, many activities stop, including a significant drop in volunteers, and pressure put on our finances. However, since Christmas and maybe even before that we have seen Sunday attendance slowly increase both with people returning after the pandemic and with new people discovering the St Bartholomew's family. We've had a wedding or two and more Christenings being planned than have been at St Bart's for quite some time. Our finances have held reasonably strong thanks to the generosity of those who continue to faithfully give to the work, and to careful management by our treasurer. Additionally our Quinquennial report noted that most urgent work had now been carried out. We have come through the pandemic as a church community; we may feel a bit battered and bruised, but the joy of Easter did feel like something of a time of resurrection, of new light and life.

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, SYDEI

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Charity Commission Registration Number 1133852

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, SYDENHAM

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Note	£
Fixed assets:		
Tangible assets (<i>curate's flat at cost</i>)	2	
Current assets:		
Debtors & accrued income (<i>Dec Parish Giving Scheme</i>)		4,695
Payments in advance (<i>insurance</i>)		3,995
Balance at Natwest bank (<i>current account</i>)		23,932
Balance at CAF bank (<i>current account</i>)		149,783
Balance with the CBF (Central Board of Finance (<i>deposit account</i>))		22,760
- CBF is part of the Church of England		
Cash in church safe for event floats and petty cash		188
		<hr/> 205,353
Current liabilities:		
Loan amount payable within one year (<i>flat repayment</i>)	2	6,464
Other creditors due within one year (<i>accruals</i>)		<hr/> 6,575
- mainly fees due to the Diocese for 2021 & Mission Giving		<hr/> 13,039
Net current assets		
Total assets minus current liabilities		
Long term liability		
Diocesan loan for flat purchase - <i>payable after one year</i>	2	<hr/> 50,234
Represented by:		
Unrestricted funds		
General fund		
Restricted funds		
Buildings fund		
curate flat purchase cost	183,131	
curate flat outstanding mortgage	<hr/> 56,698	
equity in curate flat - not available to spend	126,433	
surplus in fund that can be spent on works	<hr/> 23,545	
total in Buildings Fund at end of year	149,978	149,978

SABRE restoration fund	92,139
Specific projects fund	<u>3,343</u>

Rev. Jim Perry
Incumbent

Lesley Khatibi
Churchwarden

March 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, SYDENHAM

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

- summarising the three funds in SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) format

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
	General fund £	Building fund £
Incoming resources		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income	94,840	0
Activities for generating funds	27,174	4,000
Investment income	0	0
Incoming resources from charitable activities ie fees	1,095	0
Total incoming resources	123,109	4,000
Resources expended		
Costs of generating funds	0	0
Costs of running the church	95,999	15,342
Governance costs (examination of accounts)	0	0
Total resources expended	95,999	15,342
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	27,110	-11,342
reduction in flat loan liability - to Balance Sheet	0	6,464
Transfers between funds	-11,464	12,464
Net movement in funds	15,646	7,586
Total funds as at 1 January 2021	64,105	142,392

Total funds as at 31 December 2021

79,751

149,978

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, SYDENHAM

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

GENERAL FUND (UNRESTRICTED FUND)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND FUND MOVEMENT

	Note	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		
Donated income		
Parish Giving Scheme - <i>regular giving</i>		60,495
Tax (gift aid) - <i>reclaimed on donations</i>		17,448
Weekly collections - <i>now included the credit card machine</i>		2,406
Non-specific donations (<i>inc generous pandemic donations & a legacy</i>)		14,241
Old Church Hall site - <i>ground rents + sale of one freeholds</i>		250
		<hr/>
Fees for weddings, funerals, banns		
Investment income		
Interest on General Fund bank balance		<hr/> 0
Fund-raising activities		
Lettings - hall, crypt and church hire - <i>hit by the pandemic</i>		8,809
Sydenham Life advertising revenue		640
Jumble sale March (<i>a donation because it was cancelled</i>)		500
Floodlighting		0
Hymn book sponsorship		0
Rent from the curate's flat		16,620
Sunday morning coffee, breakfasts, afternoon teas		19
Quiz evening		86
Christmas Fair income (<i>a donation because it was cancelled</i>)		500
Curate training subsidy - <i>from the Diocese, now finished</i>		0
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Total general fund incoming resources

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, SYDENHAM

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

GENERAL FUND (UNRESTRICTED FUND)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND FUND MOVEMENT

	Note	£
<u>Resources Expended</u>		
On church objects		
Parish Pledge to Diocese - <i>for clergy salaries, housing and training</i>		62,500
Sydenham Life printing and expenses		1,795
Utilities - <i>water, gas, electricity</i>		7,765
Bank charges		125
Insurance - <i>for the building</i>		3,454
Altar requisites - <i>wafers, wine, candles etc</i>		545
Interest on loan to purchase the curate's flat		2,592
Curate's flat service charge, council tax, repairs		2,062
Cleaning - <i>includes consumables, rubbish removal, deep clean</i>		4,593
Flower costs		200
Staff expenses - travel, telephone etc	9	405
Books & print		418
Office expenses - photocopier etc		718
Non fund-raising activities - <i>skip hire etc</i>		525
Organist		3,713
Choir & music - <i>church copyright licence</i>		592
Instrument maintenance		916
Mission giving - <i>to local/national/international charities</i>	3	2,469
Sunday morning coffee expenses		12
 balancing item		 600
 total normal costs		<hr/>
Inter-fund transfers etc:		
Transfer to Buildings Fund - capital repayments on flat	2	-6,464
Transfer from Specific Projects Fund - pandemic funds unused		1,000
Transfer to Buildings Fund - repairs and renewals		<hr/> -6,000
Total Inter-fund transfers etc:		

Total general fund resources expended

Net (Deficit)/Surplus in the General Fund in the year

Surplus/(deficit) from the previous year

Surplus/(deficit) carried forward to the ensuing year

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, SYDENHAM

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

BUILDINGS FUND (RESTRICTED FUND)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND FUND MOVEMENT

	Note	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		
Donated income for repairs		4,000
Total buildings fund incoming resources		
<u>Resources Expended</u>		
Routine repairs - <i>new signs, hall floor repair etc</i>	4	8,878
Capital paid off loan to purchase curate's flat	2	6,464
Total buildings fund resources expended		
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		
Surplus from the previous year (inc equity in flat)		
transfer from General Fund for flat capital repayment		
transfer from General Fund for repairs & maintenance		
increase in Buildings Fund = reduction in loan liability on balance sheet		
Surplus carried forward to the following year		

SABRE RESTORATION FUND (RESTRICTED FUND)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND FUND MOVEMENT

	Note	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		
SABRE donations including gift aid		12
grant income - from Church Care		5,200
fundraising - Taking Back Time events		0

Investment income

Interest on balance with CBF (SABRE funds)		<u>10</u>
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Total SABRE restoration fund incoming resources**Resources Expended**

SABRE restoration costs - <i>VAT reclaimed from 2020</i>	5	<u>-7,511</u>
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Total SABRE fund resources expended**Surplus/(deficit) for the year**

Surplus from the previous year

Surplus carried forward to the following year

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, SYDENHAM

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

SPECIFIC PROJECTS FUND (RESTRICTED FUND)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND FUND MOVEMENT

	Note	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		
Donations		
Bishop's Lent appeal - <i>for a range of charities</i>		0
Star Service Sunday - <i>donated to Sightsavers</i>		0
Poppy Appeal - <i>to Royal British Legion</i>		59
Pandemic Support Fund ;and Citizens UK		0
Carol service - <i>to Sightsavers</i>		70
Organ restoration donations - <i>inc VAT reclaimed</i>		2,185
Christingle service - <i>for The Children's Society</i>		0
Lewisham Parochial Charities income - Welfare Fund		0
Carol concert - Sydenham School to Embrace		0
Christian Aid collections		209
Youth work income - <i>donations towards Action Bibles for school</i>		524
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Total specific projects fund incoming resources

Resources Expended

Expenditure on church objects

Bishop's Lent call	0
Sightsavers	70
British Legion	59
Pandemic costs and donations made/Citizens UK	0
Christian Aid	209
Organ restorations expenses	1,042
The Children's Society (Christingle)	0
Youth work costs - <i>purchase of Action Bibles for school</i>	648

Total specific projects fund resources expended

Transfer back to General Fund - pandemic response unused

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year

Surplus from the previous year

Surplus carried forward to the ensuing year

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, SYDENHAM

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are presented in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Commission's revised Statement of Practice (the Charities SORP).

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Funds

The General Fund represents the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions and are available for its general purposes.

The Buildings Fund is a restricted fund deriving its income from legacies, donations and funds that may be used specifically for building work. It now holds the equity in the flat purchased for curate's use.

The Specific Projects Fund is a restricted fund reserved for the projects listed for which the funds have been earmarked.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible and over which the PCC exercises control.

Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are recognised in the following manner:

- (i) Collections and planned giving when received.
- (ii) Gift Aid recoverable on donations, when receivable.
- (iii) Grants and legacies to the PCC, when received.
- (iv) Income from fund-raising and similar activities, gross when received.
- (v) Investment income and income receivable, when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is included in the same year.

Resources Used

The Parish Pledge paid to the Diocese covers the cost of clergy, pensions, housing and central heating. It is accounted for in the year during which payment is sought. Any unpaid contribution at the year end is included in the balance sheet as a creditor (though not a legal liability).

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure included in the accounts cannot be recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from these accounts.

Other property held for the church's use is shown at cost of acquisition (eg the curate's flat).

Other fixtures and fittings are depreciated on a straight line basis over 3 years. Individual items with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Current Assets

Amounts due to the PCC at 31 December 2021

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, SYDENHAM

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

2) TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Cost

At 1st January 2021

Additions

At 31st December 2021

Depreciation

At 1st January 2021

For the year

At 31st December 2021

Net Book Amounts

At 31st December 2021

At 31st December 2021

The leasehold property was purchased on 10th August 2005 for the purpose of housing cur by the Diocese of Southwark for training. It consists of a flat at 1 Ashleigh Court, 81 Lawrie SE26 6EX. In accordance with the law relating to property held by parishes, the legal owner is the Southwark Diocesan Board of Finance and the South London Church Fund as Custodian. Any capital gain or loss on the property will accrue to the parish.

The flat was purchased for £183,130, and might now be worth more than that.

The loan of £150,000 from the Diocese is repayable over 25 years from 12th August 2005 inclusive of interest currently at 3.5% above Bank Rate.

The lease has been extended to 990 years.

balance of the loan outstanding at 31st December 2020

less repayments made in 2021

plus interest costs added in 2021

balance of the loan outstanding at 31st December 2021

amount payable within one year

amount payable after one year

Now included in the accounts is a transfer from the General Fund to the Buildings Fund equal to the loan. Interest costs are an expense from the General Fund, but capital repayments result in loan liability reduces. Significant capital repayments are now being made, and the addition of these repayments reduces the loan liability. So the surplus or deficit in the General Fund shows the full position after repayments have been made.

3) MISSION GIVING

Mission giving is agreed at 3% of the church's donated income during the previous year and is raised by direct giving from the church's general income, rather than by specific fund-raising events. The Giving for 2021 of £2,469 is being carried forward to 2022, and a mix of local, national and international causes are chosen. Citizens UK - to support work during the pandemic

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, SYDENHAM

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

4) BUILDINGS FUND

The balance in this fund represents the funds donated for building works, and the equity in curate's flat. A summary of the money available for building works is:

available for repairs works at 31/12/2020	£22,423
donations received for building works	£4,000
transferred from the General Fund - repairs & maintenance	£6,000
spent on replacing part of the hall floor	£0
spent on routine repairs and maintenance	-£8,878
available for repairs at 31/12/2021	£23,545
plus the equity in the curate's flat (not available to spend)	£126,433
total carried forward in Buildings Fund at 31/12/21	£149,978

5) SABRE RESTORATION FUND

The Saint Barts Restoration Appeal (SABRE) was launched in 2014 to raise money for a course of repairs to and restoration of the building, along with improvements to benefit the congregation. Funds brought forward 1/1/2021

funds raised in 2021	£5,212
Interest on balance with CBF (SABRE funds)	£10
spent in the year - in 2021 this is VAT received back from earlier works	£7,511
SABRE funds available at 31/12/2021	£92,139

This balance is held in the church accounts at NatWest, CAF bank and CBF (Church of England). The total raised so far since the appeal was launched is:

£419,323

6) SPECIFIC PROJECTS FUND

The balance in this fund at 31/12/2021 breaks down as:

£1,048 Youth Work funds
£712 Pandemic support & Citizens UK
£440 Welfare Fund, to be used at the discretion of the vicar for needy members
£1,143 available for organ restoration and repairs
£3,343

7) PCC MEMBERS

No member of the PCC has received any remuneration from the PCC during the year.

8) ANALYSIS OF THE MAIN BALANCE SHEET HEADINGS BY FUND

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
	General fund	Building fund
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	0	183,131
Current assets	86,326	23,545
Less Current liabilities	6,575	6,464
Less Long term liabilities	0	50,234
Total net assets	79,751	149,978

9) ANALYSIS OF TRAVEL AND ENTERTAINING EXPENSES PAID TO MEMBERS OF THE P

	Travel	Entertaini
	£	£
Rev Jim Perry	77	0
	0	0
Total	77	0

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2021**£**

183,131

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192,314

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79,751

2020**£**

183,131

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346,325

57,098

 289,227

64,105

142,393

	79,406	
	<u>3,324</u>	
245,460		225,123
<u>325,211</u>		<u>289,227</u>

**Roland Bates
Churchwarden**

Restricted funds		Total funds	Total funds
SABRE restoration fund £	Specific projects fund £	2021 £	2020 £
5,212	3,047	103,099	114,028
0	0	31,174	32,878
10	0	10	96
0	0	1,095	159
<u>5,222</u>	<u>3,047</u>	<u>135,378</u>	<u>147,161</u>
0	0	0	0
-7,511	2,028	105,858	172,716
0	0	0	0
<u>-7,511</u>	<u>2,028</u>	<u>105,858</u>	<u>172,716</u>
12,733	1,019	29,520	-25,555
0	0	6,464	6,464
0	-1,000	0	0
<u>12,733</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>35,984</u>	<u>-19,091</u>
79,406	3,324	289,227	308,318

<u>92,139 3,343</u>		<u>325,211</u>	<u>289,227</u>
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2021

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98,903

-6,464

-1,195

-12,000

-11,464

-19,659

107,463	<i>118,562</i>
15,646	<i>7,555</i>
64,105	<i>56,550</i>
<u>79,751</u>	<u><i>64,105</i></u>

2021

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<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
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	6,464	
<u>15,342</u>		<u>18,200</u>

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142,392		131,664
6,464		6,464
6,000		12,000
6,464		6,464
<u>149,978</u>		<u>142,392</u>

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	<u>96</u>	
10		96
<u>5,222</u>		<u>10,147</u>
	<u>47,295</u>	
<u>-7,511</u>		<u>47,295</u>
12,733		(37,148)
79,406		116,554
<u>92,139</u>		<u>79,406</u>

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Office Equipment £	Long Leasehold £
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<u>2,792</u>	<u>183,130</u>
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<u>2,791</u>	<u>0</u>
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Park Road, London,
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Trustees for the parish.

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<u>56,698</u>

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Restricted funds		Total funds	Total funds
SABRE restoration fund	Specific projects fund	2021	2020
£	£	£	£
0	0	183,131	183,131
92,139	3,343	205,353	173,725
0	0	13,039	10,531
0	0	50,234	57,098
92,139	3,343	325,211	289,227

ACC DURING 2021

ing	Total
	£
	77
	0
	<u>77</u>
	<u><u>77</u></u>

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
ST BARTHOLOMEW, SYDENHAM**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 19.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- b) follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- c) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

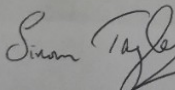
Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
a) to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
b) to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records
have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Simon Taylor
Treasurer
St George and St Michael & All Angels
Sydenham

21st March 2022