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The Parish of Sydenham
St Bartholomew's Church

Annual Report

April 2023



St Bartholomew's Church
Westwood Hill, Sydenham



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1. Electoral Roll Report

The electoral roll at present stands at 148 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 four new people who have enrolled.

There are 73 members who reside in the parish.

There are 66 who are officially resident outside the parish but have habitually taken part in worship within the parish prior to six months before enrolment ends. 9 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'.

Martin Haines, Church Electoral Roll Officer

2. Vicar's Report

Writing after our joyful Easter services, it's good to be able to report that all of our Lent, Holy Week and Easter services and groups saw an increase in attendance from last year, some modest, but others quite significant. This follows a trend for gently increasing attendance over the past year. As well as this increase in attendance has been an increase in activity; a few more social events, our first jumble sale in 4 years and growing numbers of people hiring our hall. We've had a good number of Christenings and admitted four of our young people to Holy Communion at Easter. Alongside this has been more people getting involved and 'having a go' at things.

The year's activities included marking the significant national occasions of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee and later her death. These and a number of other occasions saw visits from our school to our church building, both for learning and for worship. Just recently this included years 1 to 6 coming in year groups to follow Stations of the Cross before the Easter school break, and then the whole school coming after the break to celebrate an Easter Eucharist. We give thanks to God for all of this and for the sense that we are moving in the right direction, as part of 'God's Pilgrim People'.

Of course we must be careful not to be complacent and continue to seek to grow in number, faith and service to our Parish and the wider world. Following Pentecost we will be giving particular attention to the resources we need, or may need, to grow our mission and Parish life further.

One feature of the past year for myself was becoming Area Dean. This has had it's demands and there have been occasions when it has required a bit more time than I initially expected, but I have so far really quite enjoyed the role and I have met some great people in the wider Diocese.

Perhaps one of the biggest lessons of recent years has been patience. There have been many occasions when it has been necessary to accept that things are going to take longer than I might have initially hoped or planned. In last year's Report I spoke of our Mission Action Plan (MAP), the need to renew it and the intention to do so last Autumn. This would have included giving attention to work with children and young people, which came to a halt during the pandemic. An important part of a MAP is that everyone, the whole church, 'owns' it as a driver for our collective church life, with all of us each having a sense of the part we can play in our mission and church life. My sense was that we were not yet ready for the MAP renewal process last year, that there is still need to rebuild and reaffirm some of our activity and life together first. We may be ready to renew the MAP this year or it may be next year - I've learned not to be too fixed on a time! The appointment of Rev'd Chika as vicar of St Philip's was a joyful moment and was done so with an explicit commitment to even greater collaboration and partnership between our Parishes. So when we do renew our MAP, will need to reflect that partnership as well.

None of our church life would be possible without the hard work of a number of people. As always a huge thank you to Roland and Lesley, our Church Wardens who do a great deal, much of it unseen. Thank you too to our treasurer, Peter and those who assist him in keeping our finances in good order, and to our PCC and it's various working groups, the Sydenham Life team and our Deanery synod representatives. Thank you also to all

those who contribute to and enhance our worship; our organist Dennis, the choir and singers, those who serve, read and lead us in intercession, those who decorate the church with flowers and the Sacristy team who make sure we have all we need ready each Sunday.

We don't live in the easiest of times and it would be easy to dwell on challenges and difficulties. But I believe now is a time for being more hopeful and joyful, giving thanks for all that has been good over the past year and rejoicing in the signs of new life that we see. As we continue to seek to be faithful in listening for the voice of the Good Shepherd who goes ahead of us and watches over us, may we, like those early Christians have 'glad and generous hearts' and always be 'praising God', praying that 'day by day the Lord [will] add to our number'.

Rev'd Jim

Easter 3, 2023.

3. PCC Secretary Report

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

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	Formation of working groups The following working groups were suggested: Mission Action Plan, Social, Pastoral, Building issues, Outreach, Engagement with other churches, Youth engagement, Children & families, Worship.
Sep	Discussion and presentation on the, 'Strengths, Challenges & Opportunities'

	It was agreed that the church is welcoming and that younger families are welcomed. And that Rev Jim is to be congratulated for involving everyone in a baptism and also for the introduction of a children's area in the pews. It was also felt that not all the members of the congregation mix together. The question was asked whether the congregation was reflective of the Sydenham community as we are an increasingly affluent parish. It was suggested that there could be National days, Open Days, Art exhibitions, Jumble Sale
Jan	Discussion and presentation, 'Encouraging Generosity and Resourcing the Future'. The presentation was by Gabby Parikh, Director of Giving & Parish Funding
Mar	Approval of the church accounts.

Shireen Williams, PCC Secretary

4. Churchwarden's Report including Buildings, Fabric and Lettings

2022 has continued to see a gradual return to a fuller programme of activities and services, and we have been delighted to welcome back more of the congregation as people started to feel more comfortable about participating in larger gatherings. We are very mindful of those we sadly lost during the pandemic, through Covid and other reasons, and miss them greatly.

What has been a source of joy, however, is the number of new members and family groups who have started to attend our services in the last year; they are extremely welcome in the St Bart's community and several of our new members have lost no time in getting involved with our activities, which is fantastic. Attendance at the Easter Sunday service was particularly encouraging, with the largest number at a service for some time, including a high percentage of children and young people; it was good to see the church so full!

Something that has been a feature of coming out of the pandemic is that, having had a forced break from involvement in activities, some of our volunteers have felt that it is time to step back from things. This is, of course, understandable, and we are extremely grateful to all the wonderful work that our volunteers have done and continue to do; we couldn't do it without you! A drop in the number of people willing to be involved with or to lead activities and initiatives does mean, however, that we can't necessarily offer all the activities or groups that we would like to, or which we feel would be welcomed by the congregation; for example Sunday School/youth activities, breakfasts, study groups.

We therefore warmly encourage you to have a word with the vicar or the wardens if you feel you would like to get involved in any way in the current activities of the church or if you have a great idea for something new and think you could help it happen!

The maintenance of our lovely building continues to be quite a time-consuming occupation, and a regular schedule of maintenance work is carried out to keep it sound and to prevent issues escalating. Many thanks to our regular maintenance angel, Nigel, for this, and to the Buildings Issues Group, who keep an eye on what needs doing and appoints contractors. We were sad to lose Nick Lloyd as Chair of this group this year, when he and Pauline moved to Tunbridge Wells, and we will shortly be losing another stalwart, Bernard Rice, when he and his family also move out of the area. We are lucky to have recently welcomed 2 new members to the group, but if you have any relevant experience and an interest in keeping the building standing, the BIG group would love to have you!

We have been doing short-term repair jobs to the nave roof to keep it waterproof (this is the only part of the roof not to have had significant work done on it in recent years), but it is apparent that we will need to do some fundraising in the near future to enable us to carry out a proper refurbishment in the next year or so. We will be seeking quotations for the work in due course.

We have had a long wait for repair work to be carried out on the clock (following a failure of an original part which we were not permitted to change as part of our restoration work), but I am hoping as I write this that this work has been done and the clock is now keeping correct time.

We are also still waiting for our place in the queue to come up at the craftsmen who are going to work on our bell and chime. Not too much longer now, we hope! We look forward to hearing the bell again, and the plan is that the clock will be causing the bell to chime at regular intervals!

We are waiting for various electrical jobs to be done, including replacement of some internal lighting currently operating on a non-standard system and adjustments to external lighting.

We are still waiting for architects to advise on the leak running underneath the churchyard which was notified to us by Thames Water, and we hope to resolve this soon.

As previously notified, our heating system is not working at full capacity, due to a leak which is potentially under the stonework of the floor. We have managed over the winter, although the church has been a little chilly at times, but we believe there will be some grants available for more environmentally friendly heating systems in the foreseeable future, so we will look at replacing the system rather than doing extensive work on an old system.

Our lettings income has risen as more activities have taken place and we have a new choir hiring regularly on a Monday evening, in addition to frequent ad-hoc bookings for parties and other events. We rented part of the crypt out to a music group a year around a year ago and this is providing an important contribution to our lettings income. We have also had serious talks with a new breakfast/pre-school and after-school group and hope that they may be using the hall premises from September 2023, which again will significantly contribute to our budget.

The loss of the wonderful Fazioli piano which we were lucky enough to have

on long-term loan for several years has meant that we are no longer able to attract some of the amazing professional musicians who have performed at St Bart's in recent years. Our current grand piano, which was kindly donated, is unfortunately no longer of a standard that properly supports our worship needs or piano students. We have therefore just launched a project to replace the piano with a good quality grand piano suitable for recitals and other professional performances, as well as for our own worship needs. Our first fundraising concert was yesterday evening, and we will be planning various other events over the year, applying for funding and trying to attract donations. We expect to spend between £15,000 and £25,000 and hope to have the new piano in place in time for our Christmas events – though sooner would be great too!

As usual, 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.

Lesley Khatibi & Roland Bates. April 2023

5. FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

1) General Fund

Most of our day-to-day income and running costs go through the General Fund. Donated income and tax reclaimed were down due to some people moving away, and in the previous year we received several large donations which were not repeated in 2022. However, lettings income from the hall and crypt recovered very well after the pandemic and overall income rose by £3,000. We were helped by the curate's flat being rented out all year.

Costs rose by about £17,000, due mainly printing Sydenham Life for the whole year again, higher energy costs, new windows being installed at the curate's flat, and buying a new photocopier. Due to all these factors, we had a

deficit of £1,000, compared to a surplus of £15,000 in 2021. When we again have a curate we will lose the income from the flat (£17,000), so there is an ongoing challenge to encourage more regular giving and hire out the hall and crypt more. Cash reserves in the General Fund would cover about 60% of our annual running costs. It is good practice to have reserves for at least three months expenses, and we are above that.

2) Buildings Fund

All costs relating to the maintenance of the church building are shown in The Buildings Fund. These costs were almost £7,000 in 2022 due to the regular repairs and maintenance, and improving ladder access to parts of the roof. 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 £5,000 in the fund, resulting in reserves for future building work standing at £29,000. The Buildings Fund also contains the equity in the curate's flat (the difference between the purchase price and the outstanding mortgage, £132,497). 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. During 2022 costs were £6,000, consisting of repairs to the clock and the final costs of the tower repairs. There is now £86,000 in the fund for further repairs, restoration, and improvements to the building.

4) Specific Projects Fund This fund is used for the income and expenditure for causes and charities, funds accumulated over the years for the specific purpose of organ restoration work, funds for youth work, and a small welfare fund. At the end of 2022 there was a surplus in this fund of £3,486.

Peter Stubbs, PCC treasurer

(The full accounts and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 are available separately.)

6. Safeguarding Report The Safeguarding committee currently has 8 members consisting of the 2 Safeguarding officers Lisa Fannon and Bernard Rice, Fr. Perry, Roland Bates, Lesley Khatibi, Hilary-Anne Buckhurst, Lesley Page and Kenlyn Fleary. Since the last APGM in 2022 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 & post COVID restrictions has led to several DBS checks expiring without the need for renewal at present. 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 2023, which will be open to all members of the Deanery. *Bernard Rice 16th April 2023*

7. Health & Safety report

The last of the COVID restrictions were lifted during the year but there is the option of more distanced seating at the back for those who prefer it, as well as the choice not to receive the wine. There have not been any incidents requiring recording in the accident book. Fire Marshal training will be taking place later this year organised by the Deanery. This will be followed by a fire drill! The Deanery are also organising a First Aid training day for the Autumn, and we are looking for several people who would be willing to undertake this training and be our church first aiders – please let the Wardens know if you would be willing to do so. The Parish health and safety policy is in place and has not required any amendment in the year. As always, if you have any health and safety concerns please do report them to the wardens.

Roland Bates 28th April 2023

8. Music Report

In the last year the new arrangement for choir, singers to sing together on particular Sundays has proved successful. The two groups sing together at the Eucharist on the first and third Sundays of each month, the choir on the second Sunday and the singers on the fourth. We have seven children plus two mothers belonging to them who sing regularly, four of the children have joined in the last few months. We also have four new people in the choir. All these recent additions to the choir and singers have enhanced the quality of singing. Rehearsals for choir and singers take place on Thursday evenings. The children have occasionally sung solo in sections of the anthems. Red scarves are worn in place of robes when the two groups merge and the choir retains wearing robes when it is their Sunday to sing. The vicar and organist have had regular meetings to decide on hymns. There have been some new hymns introduced and the vicar has updated wording with some of the traditional hymns. The congregation have become familiar with the introduction of well known tunes to the Gloria, Sanctus and Benedictus and Agnus Dei. The organ has been used mainly to accompany hymns and anthems. Organ voluntaries have mainly been played at the beginning and end of services. There has been an increase in the use of piano accompaniment with some of the hymns. The piano has been played occasionally for the entire Eucharist. Flute accompaniment has also been used in some Services. Percussion instruments are played occasionally by the children. The organ continues to be tuned and maintained well by a reputable organ tuning and repair company. A piano fund has been set up to raise money for a new piano to replace the current piano which is extremely old. When this has been achieved there will inevitably be a return to more concerts performed in the church. As in the Jubilee celebrations last year, there will be an organ recital for the Coronation by Dennis Baugh the organist, preceded by a cream tea. A short Service with a couple of hymns will take place after the recital.

Dennis Baugh 25th April 2023

9. Flowers Report

The re-appearance of flowers at the Holy Saturday Vigil and on Easter Sunday adds to the joyful experience as we celebrate Our Lord's Resurrection. I would like to thank the members of the congregation who contributed the amazing sum of £213 towards the cost of the Easter flowers. People often find this an appropriate way to commemorate someone. The amount donated this year covered the cost of the Easter flowers and enabled us to have a large number of lilies. I am always pleased to hear from people who would like to make a donation for flowers to be placed in church to mark a special event or an anniversary during the year.

Thanks are due to Colleen and Jayne who have joined me in arranging the flowers and to Anne who has provided invaluable assistance. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to join us. No previous experience is necessary as we will provide support. Please come and talk to me if you are interested.

Jean Clark

10. Report from the Governors, St Bart's School

As I write this Report, we are starting the final term of yet another busy and challenging year for all those involved in our church school, St Bartholomew's Church of England Primary School.

Following the retirement of HeadTeacher, Mrs Davies. Mr Daniel Meyer was appointed the new Headteacher commencing 1st September 2022.

The staff continue to cope with all the challenges presented to them following the pandemic. Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Support Staff and Ancillaries, have maintained their teaching and care of all the children. All concerned are mindful that there is still much compensating to be done in order to make up for opportunities lost during Covid. New initiatives and enrichment are continually being put in place and reviewed. This includes well being along side the academic progress of each young person.

School trips and visits are once again very much an intrinsic part of the curriculum. The teachers' professional development has also been enhanced by every teacher being given responsibility for a main curriculum subject – and those subjects are then linked with other subjects in a seamless progressive way.

Rev Jim continues to visit fortnightly to take collective worship. The school also visits the church for acts of worship.

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. This is 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 one of the two main committees:

'Resources' The budget is regularly reviewed and monitored (so far the school has not gone into deficit although this may be a changing situation with government cuts in the offing and costs of eg energy rising exponentially). Financial and Resources priorities are discussed.

'Curriculum and Learning'

The curriculum is reviewed, subject leaders regularly come to address meetings. Data and progress are monitored and new initiatives are explained. All governors also sit on sub committees such as 'Well-Being' and 'Health and Safety'. All committees report back to the Full Governing Body meeting as a standing item. 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, ensuring child protection. The safeguarding governor meets with the Safeguarding lead twice a term and additionally when the need arises.

The school community had to deal with the death of a much loved teacher Florence Mugabi. The whole school family came together confident that they could share their feelings and emotions whilst showing respect and dignity and composure. The children taking their lead from the staff and perhaps vice versa. Jim supported the whole school community and this tragic event certainly demonstrates the strong links between Church and School.

The school's number on role is healthy with predictions that the next September intake will be full. This is no mean feat as school roles are generally dropping in this present climate. So there is optimistic hope that all places will be filled at the start of Autumn Term 2023.

Hilary-Anne Buckhurst. Foundation Governor

11. Sydenham Life Report

Overview: Sydenham Life Magazine is the free Parish Magazine of St Bartholomew's Church, Westwood Hill, SE26 6QR and has been continually printed in different formats since 1st January 1868 (155 yrs).

The cover page has now been updated with a QR code and the website changed to www.achurchnearyou.com/church/836/page/63588/view and Facebook [F.B.me/StBartholomewsChurchSydenham](https://www.facebook.com/F.B.me/StBartholomewsChurchSydenham), then follow links.

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 online and the print version is a Recyclable paper magazine published 10 times a year (July/Aug & Dec/Jan combined months) with **copies sent to the British Library**. It is also used for Research Projects.

The Sydenham Life Working Group Team, Article Writers, Packers & Distributors **from Church and Community** contribute their time by writing articles and delivering the magazine. It is written, run, packed and hand

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, SYDENHAM

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Charity Commission Registration Number 1133852

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Note	£	2022	£	2021	£
Fixed assets:						
Tangible assets (<i>curate's flat at cost</i>)	2			183,131		183,131
Current assets:						
Debtors & accrued income (<i>Dec Parish Giving Scheme</i>)		4,841			4,695	
Payments in advance (<i>insurance</i>)		4,452			3,995	
Balance at Natwest bank (<i>current account</i>)		30,974			23,932	
Balance at CAF bank (<i>current account</i>)		134,155			149,783	
Balance at CofE CBF (Central Board of Finance (<i>deposit account</i>))		23,061			22,760	
Balance on Church Equals debits cards		4,724			0	
Cash in church safe for event floats and petty cash		1,318			188	
			203,525			205,353
Current liabilities:						
Loan amount payable within one year (<i>flat repayment</i>)	2	6,464			6,464	
Other creditors due within one year (<i>accruals</i>)		6,366			6,575	
- mainly fees due to the Diocese for 2022 & Mission Giving			12,830			13,039
Net current assets				190,695		192,314
Total assets minus current liabilities				373,826		375,445
Long term liability						
Diocesan loan for flat purchase - <i>payable after one year</i>	2	44,170			50,634	
				44,170		50,634
				329,656		324,811
Represented by:						
Unrestricted funds						
General fund				78,469		79,351
Restricted funds						
Buildings fund						
curate flat purchase cost	183,131					
curate flat outstanding mortgage	50,634					
equity in curate flat - not available to spend	132,497					
surplus in fund that can be spent on works	28,977					
total in Buildings Fund at end of year	161,474	161,474			149,978	
SABRE restoration fund		86,227			92,139	
Specific projects fund		3,486			3,343	
				251,187		245,460
	8			329,656		324,810

Rev. Jim Perry
Incumbent

Lesley Khatibi
Churchwarden

Roland Bates
Churchwarden

March 2023

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, SYDENHAM

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds			Total funds	Total funds
	General fund	Building fund	SABRE restoration fund	Specific projects fund	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	83,871	0	0	419	84,290	103,099
Activities for generating funds	41,539	4,000	0	0	45,539	31,174
Investment income	0	0	436	0	436	10
Incoming resources from charitable activities ie fees	742	0	0	0	742	1,095
Total incoming resources	126,152	4,000	436	419	131,007	135,378
Resources expended						
Costs of generating funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Costs of running the church	112,570	13,432	6,348	276	132,626	105,258
Governance costs (examination of accounts)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total resources expended	112,570	13,432	6,348	276	132,626	105,258
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	13,582	-9,432	-5,912	143	-1,619	30,120
reduction in flat loan liability - to Balance Sheet	0	6,464	0	0	6,464	6,464
Transfers between funds	-14,464	14,464	0	0	0	-1,000
Net movement in funds	-882	11,496	-5,912	143	4,845	35,584
Total funds as at 1 January 2022	79,351	149,978	92,139	3,343	324,811	289,227
Total funds as at 31 December 2022	78,469	161,474	86,227	3,486	329,656	324,811

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, SYDENHAM

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

GENERAL FUND (UNRESTRICTED FUND)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND FUND MOVEMENT

	Note	2022		2021
		£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Donated income				
Parish Giving Scheme - <i>regular giving</i>		57,394		60,495
Tax (gift aid) - <i>reclaimed on donations</i>		14,992		17,448
Weekly collections - <i>now included the credit card machine</i>		5,368		2,406
Non-specific donations (<i>various donations, legacies etc</i>)		5,732		14,241
Old Church Hall site (<i>ground rents from remaining freeholds</i>)		250		250
Occasional collections (<i>at special services and events</i>)		135		
			83,871	94,840
Fees for weddings, funerals, banns			742	1,095
Investment income				
Interest on General Fund bank balance		0		0
			0	0
Fund-raising activities				
Lettings - hall, crypt and church hire - <i>up after the pandemic</i>		20,283		8,809
Sydenham Life advertising revenue		3,025		640
Jumble sales (<i>donations and the October Sale</i>)		2,244		500
Floodlighting		10		0
Action Bibles donations		195		0
Rent from the curate's flat		15,400		16,620
Sunday morning coffee, breakfasts, afternoon teas		240		19
Quiz evening		142		86
Christmas Fair income (<i>a donation in 2021 after cancellation</i>)		0		500
Curate training subsidy - <i>from the Diocese when we have a curate</i>		0		0
			41,539	27,174
Total general fund incoming resources			<u>126,152</u>	<u>123,109</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, SYDENHAM

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

GENERAL FUND (UNRESTRICTED FUND)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND FUND MOVEMENT

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
<u>Resources Expended</u>			
On church objects			
Parish Pledge to Diocese - <i>for clergy salaries, housing and training</i>		63,000	62,500
Sydenham Life printing and expenses		5,104	1,795
Utilities - <i>water, gas, electricity</i>		11,733	7,765
Bank charges		105	125
Insurance - <i>for the building</i>		3,995	3,454
Altar requisites - <i>wafers, wine, candles etc</i>		1,001	545
Interest on loan to purchase the curate's flat		2,422	2,592
Curate's flat service charge, council tax, repairs		5,372	2,062
Cleaning - <i>includes consumables, rubbish removal, deep clean</i>		4,370	4,593
Flower costs		0	200
Staff expenses - travel, telephone etc	9	124	405
Books & print		266	418
Office expenses - photocopier etc		3,908	718
Non fund-raising activities (<i>new altar cloths, DBS checks etc</i>)		1,546	525
Organist		3,900	3,713
Choir & music - <i>church copyright licence</i>		477	592
Instrument maintenance		1,859	916
Mission giving - <i>to local/national/international charities</i>	3	2,700	2,469
Sunday morning coffee expenses		63	12
Action Bible costs		625	
total normal costs		112,570	95,399
Inter-fund transfers etc:			
Transfer to Buildings Fund - capital repayments on flat	2	-6,464	-6,464
Transfer to Specific Projects Fund - organ restoration		0	0
Transfer to Buildings Fund - repairs and renewals		-8,000	-6,000
Total Inter-fund transfers etc:		-14,464	-12,464
Total general fund resources expended		127,034	107,863
Net (Deficit)/Surplus in the General Fund in the year		-882	15,246
Surplus/(deficit) from the previous year		79,351	64,105
Surplus/(deficit) carried forward to the ensuing year		78,469	79,351

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

BUILDINGS FUND (RESTRICTED FUND)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND FUND MOVEMENT

		2022		2021	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>					
Donated income for repairs		4,000		4,000	
Total buildings fund incoming resources			<u>4,000</u>		<u>4,000</u>
<u>Resources Expended</u>					
Routine repairs & maintenance	4	6,968		8,878	
Capital paid off loan to purchase curate's flat	2	6,464		6,464	
Total buildings fund resources expended			<u>13,432</u>		<u>15,342</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year			(9,432)		(11,342)
Surplus from the previous year (inc equity in flat)			149,978		142,392
transfer from General Fund for flat capital repayment			6,464		6,464
transfer from General Fund for repairs & maintenance			8,000		6,000
increase in Buildings Fund = reduction in loan liability on balance sheet			6,464		6,464
Surplus carried forward to the following year			<u>161,474</u>		<u>149,978</u>

SABRE RESTORATION FUND (RESTRICTED FUND)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND FUND MOVEMENT

		2022		2021	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>					
SABRE donations including gift aid		0		12	
grant income - from Church Care in 2021		0		5,200	
fundraising		0		0	
			<u>0</u>		<u>5,212</u>
<u>Investment income</u>					
Interest on balance with CBF (SABRE funds)		436		10	
			436		10
Total SABRE restoration fund incoming resources			<u>436</u>		<u>5,222</u>
<u>Resources Expended</u>					
SABRE restoration costs (clock and final tower costs)	5	6,348		-7,511	
Total SABRE fund resources expended			<u>6,348</u>		<u>-7,511</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year			(5,912)		12,733
Surplus from the previous year			92,139		79,406
Surplus carried forward to the following year			<u>86,227</u>		<u>92,139</u>

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SPECIFIC PROJECTS FUND (RESTRICTED FUND)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND FUND MOVEMENT

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>			
Donations			
Bishop's Lent appeal - <i>for a range of charities</i>		30	0
Poppy Appeal - <i>to Royal British Legion</i>		0	59
Carol service - <i>to Embrace the Middle East</i>		84	70
Organ restoration donations		143	2,185
Christingle service - <i>for The Children's Society</i>		162	0
Christian Aid collections		0	209
Youth work income		0	524
Total specific projects fund incoming resources		419	3,046
<u>Resources Expended</u>			
Expenditure on church objects			
Bishop's Lent call		30	0
Sightsavers		0	70
British Legion		0	59
Embrace the Middle East donations sent		84	0
Christian Aid		0	209
Organ restorations expenses		0	1,042
The Children's Society (Christingle)		162	0
Youth work costs		0	648
Total specific projects fund resources expended		276	2,027
Transfer from General Fund - organ and pandemic response		0	-1,000
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		143	19
Surplus from the previous year		3,343	3,324
Surplus carried forward to the ensuing year		3,486	3,343

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, SYDENHAM

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are presented in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Commission's revised Statement of Recommended 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 regarding their use, and are available for its general purposes.

The Buildings Fund is a restricted fund deriving its income from legacies, donations and fund-raising activities to be used specifically for building work. It now holds the equity in the flat purchased for curates in training.

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

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law or 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 recognised in the same year.

Resources Used

The Parish Pledge paid to the Diocese covers the cost of clergy, pensions, housing and central overheads. It is accounted for in the year during which payment is sought. Any unpaid contribution at 31st December 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 includes VAT which 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 of equipment 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 2022

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

2) TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment £	Long Leasehold £
Cost		
At 1st January 2022	2,792	183,130
Additions	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
At 31st December 2022	<u>2,792</u>	<u>183,130</u>
Depreciation		
At 1st January 2022	2,791	0
For the year	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
At 31st December 2022	<u>2,791</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Book Amounts		
At 31st December 2022	<u>1</u>	<u>183,130</u>
At 31st December 2022	<u>1</u>	<u>183,130</u>

The leasehold property was purchased on 10th August 2005 for the purpose of housing curates sent to the parish by the Diocese of Southwark for training. It consists of a flat at 1 Ashleigh Court, 81 Lawrie Park Road, London, SE26 6EX. In accordance with the law relating to property held by parishes, the legal owners of the property are the Southwark Diocesan Board of Finance and the South London Church Fund as Custodian Trustees for the parish. 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 by monthly instalments 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 2021	57,098
less repayments made in 2022	-8,886
plus interest costs added in 2022	<u>2,422</u>
balance of the loan outstanding at 31st December 2022	<u>50,634</u>
amount payable within one year	6,464
amount payable after one year	<u>44,170</u>
	<u>50,634</u>

Now included in the accounts is a transfer from the General Fund to the Buildings Fund equal to the capital repayments for the flat loan. Interest costs are an expense from the General Fund, but capital repayments result in an increase in the Buildings Fund as the loan liability reduces. Significant capital repayments are now being made, and the addition of this line makes clear the funding needs for these repayments. So the surplus or deficit in the General Fund shows the full position after both interest and capital repayments have been made.

3) MISSION GIVING

Mission giving is agreed at 3% of the church's donated income during the previous year and was used to support the following causes by direct giving from the church's general income, rather than by specific fund-raising activities:

St Christopher's Hospice, UNICEF and Streetlink charity for the homeless.

chosen Citizens UK - to support work during the pandemic

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, SYDENHAM

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4) BUILDINGS FUND

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

available for repairs works at 31/12/2021	£23,945
donations received for building works	£4,000
transferred from the General Fund - repairs & maintenance	£8,000
major repairs in 2022	£0
spent on routine repairs and maintenance	-£6,968
available for repairs at 31/12/2022	£28,977
plus the equity in the curate's flat (not available to spend)	£132,497
total carried forward in Buildings Fund at 31/12/22	£161,474

5) SABRE RESTORATION FUND

The Saint Barts Restoration Appeal (SABRE) was launched in 2014 to raise money for a comprehensive programme of repairs to and restoration of the building, along with improvements to benefit the congregation and community.

funds brought forward 1/1/2022	£92,139
funds raised in 2022	£0
Interest on balance with CBF (SABRE funds)	£436
spent in the year - clock and final tower costs	-£6,348
SABRE funds available at 31/12/2022	£86,227

This balance is held in the church accounts at NatWest, CAF bank and CBF (Church of England account).

The total raised so far since the appeal was launched is: £414,537

6) SPECIFIC PROJECTS FUND

The balance in this fund at 31/12/2022 breaks down as:

£1,048 Youth Work funds
£1,152 Welfare Fund, to be used at the discretion of the vicar for needy members of the congregation.
£1,286 available for organ restoration and repairs
£3,486

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			Total funds	Total funds
	General fund	Building fund	SABRE restoration fund	Specific projects fund	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	0	183,131	0	0	183,131	183,131
Current assets	84,835	28,977	86,227	3,486	203,525	205,353
Less Current liabilities	6,366	6,464	0	0	12,830	13,039
Less Long term liabilities	0	44,170	0	0	44,170	50,634
Total net assets	78,469	161,474	86,227	3,486	329,656	324,811

9) ANALYSIS OF TRAVEL AND ENTERTAINING EXPENSES PAID TO MEMBERS OF THE PCC DURING 2022

	Travel	Entertaining	Total
	£	£	£
Rev Jim Perry	20	15	35
	0	0	0
Total	20	15	35

Report by the Independent Examiner on the accounts for St Bartholomew Church, Sydenham, 2022.

The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis. An understanding of the PCC's organisation, accounting records, activities and nature of its assets, liabilities, income and expenditure was gained from a survey of the accounting records and discussions with the treasurer.

No major failures were identified in the accounting records. An analytical review of the financial statements was carried out to look for inconsistencies and unusual events in the year, and compared to previous years. No unexpected fluctuations were discovered in the financial statements.


No unexpected events were discovered in the financial statements beyond the lingering impacts of the COVID19 pandemic (with St Bartholomew's gradually returning to more normal operations in 2022, e.g. the weekly collection reintroduced). Enquiries did not reveal any post balance sheet events, which would have significant impact on the financial statements for the year.

In addition to the General Fund, there are three Reserved Funds, one being for the Building Fund to meet ongoing maintenance; the SABRE fund, to progress the major restoration of the church building and roof; and the Special Purposes Fund used for the organ fund and charitable appeals.

After transfers to other funds the General Fund had a small loss of just under £1,000. This reflects a reduced level of donations and tax reclaim compared to 2021, partly offset by increased hall and lettings income. Routine maintenance from the Building Fund was covered by transfer from the General Fund.

The SABRE appeal to restore and improve the church building saw a modest reduction due to expenditure on clock repairs and final costs of the tower repairs. There is now £86,000 in the fund for continuing repairs, restoration and building improvements.

Overall the financial position of St Bartholomew's is sound, despite the impacts of the COVID19 pandemic over the last two years. I do note that if a curate is appointed, this will lead to the income from the curate's flat (circa £17,000pa) being lost and will need replacing from elsewhere. There will no doubt be further spending on SABRE.



15 March 2023

Simon Taylor
Treasurer, St George and St Michael & All Angels
19 March 2023

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 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.

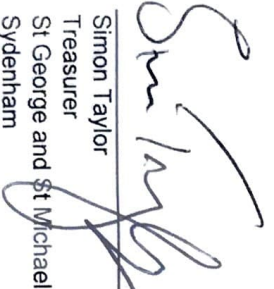
Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 recordshave 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 2023