THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SIDCUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1133932

Details

Other names	ST JOHN'S PCC, SIDCUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-02-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

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

Activities: Parish Church-Religious Activities

Classification

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

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Bexley

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£355,564	£330,691	-	-
2024-12-31	£387,590	£258,015	-	-
2023-12-31	£97,310	£158,757	-	-
2022-12-31	£120,963	£109,750	-	-
2021-12-31	£67,776	£97,630	-	-
2020-12-31	£222,753	£372,489	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Catherine Mary Knight-Scott	Chair	2018-05-29
Anthony Robert Sharratt		2020-09-20
BARRY JOHN FREDERICK THEOBALD-HICK ADC. KCSG		2020-09-20
Christopher Tragheim		2021-05-16
Dr Ida Marcia Philbin		2024-04-14
Iris Kathryn Pavey		2019-04-14
JILLIAN DOROTHY RAGGETT		
Keith Stewart Hulks		2023-04-23
LEONARD RAGGETT A RICS		2023-04-23
LYNN MICHELLE WELLS		2022-05-15
Laurence Frederick Bartlett		2023-04-23
MARGARET ELIZABETH TRAGHEIM		2020-09-20
MARK STEPHEN		2018-04-29
MAUREEN CHAMBERS JESSIMAN		
WILLIAM JOHN GOLDSMITH		

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Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St. John the Evangelist has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev'd Canon Cathy Knight-Scott, in promoting in the parish the *whole mission of the church*: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. 'Any other more particular functions should be seen as ways of carrying out this general function.'[1]

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to inviting and enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and become part of the community of St John's. We aim to truly be 'A Church for Everyone'

We have noted the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Principally we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Regular provision of accessible and engaging worship, both in-person and online
- Regular opportunities for individual and corporate prayer, study and fellowship.
- Pastoral services (Baptism, Weddings, Funerals) and pastoral care for each other and the community
- Mission and Outreach work.

To facilitate this work, we need to maintain the fabric of the church of St John the Evangelist and its associated Hall buildings. This is particularly important with the increasing usage of a beautiful building.

[1] Lord Rodger of Earlsfield (2004), Senior Law Lord

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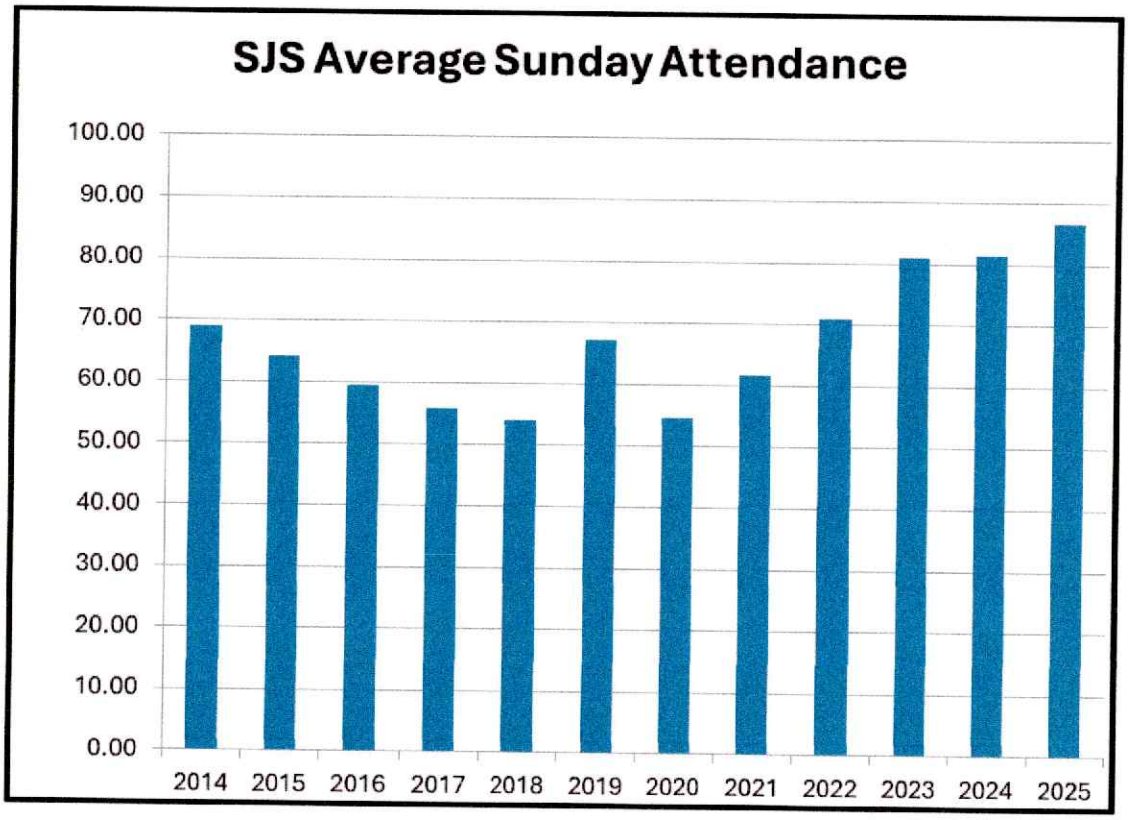
Church Membership and Services

Electoral Roll: The Electoral roll was cleared in March 2025 and church members were invited to re-apply for the new roll. At the time of the APCM in May 2025 there were 120 members on the church electoral roll, an increase of 7 on the previous year.

Church Attendance: Having flattened out last year, we are delighted to report that average regular Sunday attendance grew again in 2025 as can be seen from the graph below.

[NB in the years 2020 and 2021, the numbers represented on the graph below include only those Sundays when we were able to gather for worship at 10am (i.e. not during Lockdown)]



Online Services: The live streaming of services continues to be popular and commands a regular online audience each week, including from abroad. We have also been able to live stream services other than our 10am weekly service to include, for example, Christmas Carol services and funerals. We now have over 800 followers on Facebook and average around 100 views per week on YouTube.

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Seasonal and Special Services: There were lots of 'Special' services during 2025 which included:

- Inclusion and diversity
- Seat at the Table with Archdeacon Allie
- Safeguarding Sunday
- Service and Vigil for Ukraine
- Black History Month – this year, a whole month of services, including the initial Sunday with Canon Dr Chine McDonald
- Welcome service for our new Curate
- Joint benefice services with All Saints
- Many seasonal Services for Christmas and Lent/Easter

We have introduced a new monthly Afternoon Cafe Style Service – 'Tea Time Together' aimed at families and young people which is growing in popularity.

We held the Mayoral Civic Carol service again this year and the Remembrance service was very well attended as always, including an online presence. Our Civic Palm Sunday Service is now a fixture in the Mayoral calendar.

Our St John's Christmas attendances remain high – there were small variations with different services, the total numbers across key services were similar to last year.

Our Easter services in 2025 all saw increased attendance compared with the previous year.

Pastoral Services: 15 Baptisms (1 of which was an adult) took place in 2025, 2 more than in 2024. 2 marriages took place, compared with 4 in 2024. 6 Funerals were conducted in church and 1 Memorial service with 2 services at the Crematorium. There was one burial of cremated remains in the churchyard.

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Review of the year

Community Outreach: Community outreach continues to be a vital part of St John's. Our projects have grown significantly during the year due to the outstanding leadership of Chris and Liz Tragheim and supported by team of dedicated volunteers.
The main areas of focus have been:
Place of Welcome, a weekly community hub, has become a vital meeting point for many local residents. Through the provision of light refreshments in a very friendly atmosphere, it seeks to provide comfort, company, and friendship to anyone that comes through the doors. We have regular drop-in sessions with local groups such as the Bexley Deaf Centre, Bexley Age UK, National Energy Action Advisory and the Alzheimer's Society. We mark a number of special events during the year (Pride Week, a visit from Santa etc). We also provide family focused activities during the school holidays. An Elf Day to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society was very successful.
We are a delivery partner for Acts 435 which raises money for clients of Bexley Women's Aid for household items such as washing machines and household goods. Place of Welcome continues to be an outstanding success and regularly receives feedback on how it is transforming the lives of attendees.
Singing for the Brain, the Tuesday afternoon singing sessions continue to grow providing a joyous hour for those with Dementia as well as their families and carers.
Ukraine Humanitarian Support continues to send deliveries to Ukraine, organized by Tania Zabolotska, to include items donated by local churches and businesses. Santa visited the toy service in early December and collected gifts of toys which were sent to an orphanage in Ukraine. The English language group is now being supported by a native Ukrainian, who is qualified in teaching English as an additional language. The Ukraine group were delighted to sing the Ukrainian National Anthem at the Civic Carol Service.
Christmas donations: Items were collected to be distributed by Bexley Women's Aid to needy families. At the Toy Service mentioned above, Santa also collected gifts for BWA.
The Community Larder in the church hall opens twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. Regular collections are made from local supermarkets and warehouses collecting 'Too good to go' foods, especially fresh fruit and vegetables for distribution to those in need. It continues to be in great demand.
We were again selected by Bexley council to distribute the Government backed Household Fund this year. All funds were distributed to Bexley residents who met the criteria of the grant.

Children's work: Busy bees, our toddler (and their adult) group continues to run weekly in termtime and the team leading it continue to provide a valued church and community service. It is also a good link point for baptism families (along with the new Teatime Together Service New innovations this year include a craft suitable for toddlers each week. This current school year has seen an increase in attendance.
Links with local schools are an important part of our ministry to children and in particular we have hosted services in church for Birkbeck, Merton Court, Benedict House and West Lodge. We have also welcomed small groups from off these schools and also from Orchard and from Monkey Puzzle Nursery into church and our vicar is active in taking assemblies too.

A Knit and Natter group started in January 2025. Members have knitted lots of squares to made into 'Kangaroo Blankets' for mums with premature babies in hospital, as well as over 500 Angels which were 'showered' around Sidcup early one morning just before Christmas with a Christmas message for people to take home.

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Online/Media: Our Facebook page continues to be our most active presence online – it is updated at least weekly with services, livestreams, news and photos. The reach continues to grow, and we now have over 800 followers – up from 750 in 2024. The St John's WhatsApp group remains active on a daily basis, sharing prayers, news, encouragement and photos. The new website went live in January 2025 and is regularly updated with news and events as well as the weekly newsletter. The number of views of the website increases each month.

Inclusive Church: We are proudly an inclusive Church and continue as a member of the organization of that name. This reflects our belief that the love of Christ Is for everyone, regardless of sex, race, economic status, gender, sexuality, ethnic background, disability, health etc and everyone is welcome at all levels in our church. 'In Christ there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave or free, male or female, you are all one in Christ Jesus' [2].
We ensure several services each year are dedicated to aspects of inclusion. Highlights in 2025 were the 'Seat at the Table' service with Archdeacon Allie and Black History Month. We have an Inclusion Month scheduled for February 2026.

Vocations and Training: We continue with a very strong ministry team at St John's, which includes 7 people, licensed or commissioned by the diocese, for aspects of ministry work. We were delighted to welcome our new Curate, Rev'd Stephanie Maurel in the summer of 2025.

Church Hall: The Parish Room has been hired to Cash Access to provide a Banking hub for the Sidcup area – this opened in 2025 and will remain until Summer 2026 when it moves to its permanent location in the High Street. From July 2025 until January 2026 the main hall was hired by a Pilates instructor for classes, however this will end in January 2026 and the future of the hall will be reviewed again by the PCC.

Prayer and Study: The Benefice Prayer Group, started by our former Curate, has evolved into a monthly Prayer Breakfast with a speaker at each meeting and has been taken over by Margaret Miller and now meets monthly at St John's, with a breakfast followed by guest speaker and prayer session and proves to be very popular. Sandra Marshall runs a regular Bible Study prayer group and Laury a 'Pilgrim' group, both of which are well attended. During 2025 we ran two Benefice Quiet Days with Rev'd Jean Boulton-Reynolds which were well-attended and well-received.

Eco-Church: We continue to increase our use of fairtrade/recycled supplies in the kitchen and toilets. The garden of remembrance is planted with bee-friendly flowers and our flower meadow continues to thrive.
LED Lighting and new (more efficient) boilers were installed during the first half of the year thanks to a government grant.

Music: led by Dr Herman Jordaan, the quality of our music in church provided by the Robed Choir continued to develop during 2025. Sadly he is leaving to join a larger church in January 2026 and a replacement advertised for. Joyful Voices have continued to take part in specific Sunday services and have been key in supporting the new monthly afternoon service and have also increased their involvement in community events under the new leadership of Shirley Williams and Marcia Philbin.

[2] Galatians 3:28

Bells: Our Tower Captain Debbie Runting and Steeple-keeper Alexander Runting continue to maintain the bell tower in excellent condition. They have delighted in ringing several quarter peals to celebrate events such as birthdays or special occasions for members of the congregation and support with bell ringing at weddings and funerals. The Tower tours continue to be popular.

The Future

St John's continues to go from strength to strength under the leadership of our Vicar Canon Cathy. Community outreach continues to be a particular strength and our ministry and mission to Sidcup continues to grow.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The term of membership for elected members is three years, after which members must stand down for a year before seeking re-election. Everyone who attends St John's is encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and vote in the PCC elections.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC met 7 times during 2025. At each PCC meeting reports (written or verbal) are received from the Sub-committees/Members with specific responsibilities including Mission and Ministry, Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Finance, Children's work, Social media and communications, Church fabric, Community Outreach, and links with the wider church.

The PCC is committed to implementing the House of Bishops' safeguarding policies and good practice guidance. A formal statement to adopt the House of Bishops' "Promoting a Safer Church; safeguarding policy statement" was agreed by the Parochial Church Council and recorded in the minutes of the May 2024 PCC meeting and this process is repeated annually. A link is provided to safeguarding information on the front page of our web site and information is in church in various places.

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Administrative Information

The Church of St John the Evangelist, Sidcup, is situated in Church Road, Sidcup. It is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St John Parish Office, Church Road, Sidcup DA14 6BX.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 1133932.

The PCC members who have served from 1 January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent:	Rev'd Canon Cathy Knight-Scott
Curate From 29th June 2025:	Rev'd Stephanie Maurel
Churchwarden(s)	
Until APCM May 2025	Len Raggett
	Iris Pavey
From APCM May 2025	Iris Pavey
Diocesan Synod representative:	Jill Raggett
Deanery Synod representatives:	
Until APCM May 2025	Maureen Jessiman
	Barry Theobald-Hicks
From APCM May 2025	Maureen Jessiman
	Mark Stephen
Elected members:	
Until APCM May 2025	Lynn Wells
	Mark Stephen
	Barry Theobald-Hicks
Served all year	Bill Goldsmith
	Laury Bartlett
	Keith Hulks
	Marcia Philbin
	Liz Tragheim
	Anthony Sharratt
From APCM May 2025	Ros Scarlett
	Pat Morgan
	Chris Tragheim
Co-opted members:	
Until APCM May 2025	Chris Tragheim (Treasurer)
From APCM May 2025	Lynn Wells (PCC Secretary)
Legally mandated PCC Roles:	
	PCC Treasurer: Chris Tragheim
	PCC Secretary: Lynn Wells
Until APCM May 2025	Deputy chair of PCC: Len Raggett
From APCM May 2025	Deputy chair of PCC: Iris Pavey

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on Pages 9 to 20, is in respect of an examination carried out under s145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that an audit is not required for the year ended section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity Commission. That 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 the consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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.

Mrs Michelle Adams
Institute of Chartered Accountants England & Wales
Adams Accountancy (Bexley) Limited
Heritage House, 34B North Cray Road,
Bexley
Kent DA5 3LZ

Date : 25th March 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Expendable Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM :							
Donations and Legacies	2.1	257,554	-	49,856	-	307,411	367,571
Charitable Activities	2.2	40,723	-	961	-	41,684	9,237
Income from Investments	2.3	6,470	-	-	-	6,470	6,693
Other Income	2.4	-	-	-	-	-	4,089
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		**304,747**	**-**	**50,817**	**-**	**355,564**	**387,590**
EXPENDITURE ON :							
Charitable Activities	3.1/2	291,510	-	36,541	-	328,051	255,375
Governance Costs	3.3	2,640	-	-	-	2,640	2,640
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		**294,150**	**-**	**36,541**	**-**	**330,691**	**258,015**
NET INCOMING/-OUTGOING RESOURCES BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS AND APPROPRIATIONS		**10,597**	**-**	**14,277**	**-**	**24,874**	**129,575**
Add : Gains/-Losses on Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-	-	-
		10,597	**-**	**14,277**	**-**	**24,874**	**129,575**
Transfers							
Gross Transfers between funds - In		-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross Transfers between funds - Out		-	-	-	-	-	-
NET INCOMING/-OUTGOING RESOURCES		**10,597**	**-**	**14,277**	**-**	**24,874**	**129,575**
Balances Brought Forward 1.1.2025		250,208	-	26,892	33,835	310,935	181,360
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 31.12.2025		**260,805**	**-**	**41,168**	**33,835**	**335,809**	**310,935**

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 £		2024 £	
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		95,000		97,500
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and Prepayments	9	10,602		4,637	
Cash at Bank	8	238,485		226,550	
		249,087		231,187	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	8,278		17,752	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			240,809		213,435
NET ASSETS			**335,809**		**£ 310,935**
Represented By :					
Funds	12				
Unrestricted			260,805		250,208
Designated (Unrestricted)			-		-
Restricted			41,168		26,892
Expendable Endowment			33,835		33,835
			£ 335,809		**£ 310,935**

The notes on Pages 11 to 20 form part of these accounts

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 18th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by :

Revd Canon C M Knight-Scott (Incumbent)

I Pavey (Churchwarden)

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC of St John the Evangelist, Sidcup is a Parochial Church Council in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 7 of these financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the amendments to *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16th July 2014 (effective from 1 January 2016) – (the Charities SORP (FRS 102) as amended by Update Bulletin 2 published on 5th October 2018).

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 2 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), issued on 16th July 2014, rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, effective from 1st April 2005, which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. They are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1. They also include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below and have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.1 Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient within the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.2 Public Benefit Entity

The Parochial Church Council of St John's Church Sidcup meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

1.3 Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis :

Consecrated and Benefice Property is not included in the accounts in accordance with Part 1 Chapter 2 (10) (a) of the Charities Act 2011.
Moveable Church Furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church inventory which can, at any reasonable time, be inspected.
Other Buildings, held on behalf of the Parochial Church Council for its own purposes, are based on an estimate of the value at 31st December 2013 (see Note 5) which has been treated as deemed cost as at 1st January 2015. The value of the buildings is depreciated at 2% per annum on a straight line basis. Any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as it is incurred.
Expenditure on equipment purchased for use in or around the church is written-off in the year that it is incurred.

1.4 Funds

Endowment Funds are funds the capital of which must be maintained unless, as in this case, they were designated by the donor to be a quasi-endowment thus permitting both income and capital to be spent and they are known as Expendable Endowment Funds.

Restricted Funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund and, where there is no separate investment, interest may be apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted Funds represent the general funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the ordinary purposes of the PCC and include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

1.5 Income Recognition

Income is brought into account when it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will accrue to St John's. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised. Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when due. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable and interest from Government Stocks is accrued. All other income is recognised when receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross with the exception of insurance claims for loss or damage which are set against the relevant expenditure when received.

1.6 Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing St John's to pay out resources.

1.7 Irrecoverable Value Added Tax

The PCC is not registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT. The VAT incurred from time to time on certain fabric repair and maintenance expenditure can, however, be recovered under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

1.8 Receivables and Payables: Bank and Cash

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to St John's or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts where normal credit terms apply. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit account balances are shown at the realisable values.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	2024
INCOMING RESOURCES	£		£	£	£	£
2.1 Donations and Legacies						
Giving under Gift Aid	31,567	-	-	-	31,567	32,419
Gift Aid Income Tax Recoverable	11,609	-	-	-	11,609	10,279
Freewill Offering	-	-	-	-	-	-
Collections at Church Services (Open Plate)	7,294	-	-	-	7,294	6,215
Donations, Appeals etc	20,137	-	49,857	-	69,994	47,407
Grants Received	149,878	-	-	-	149,878	75,000
Legacies	37,069	-	-	-	37,069	196,251
	257,554	-	49,857	-	307,411	367,571
2.2 Charitable Activities						
Fund Raising	790	-	961	-	1,751	902
Church Hire	1,125	-	-	-	1,125	2,113
Hall Hire	31,458	-	-	-	31,458	-
Parish Fees	6,774	-	-	-	6,774	4,958
Children's & Youth Work	575	-	-	-	575	1,264
	40,723	-	961	-	41,684	9,237
2.3 Income from Investments						
Principality BS : Bond Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Bank : Deposit Interest	556	-	-	-	556	963
Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance : Interest	5,914	-	-	-	5,914	5,730
	6,470	-	-	-	6,470	6,693
2.4 Other Income						
Insurance Claim	-	-	-	-	-	4,089
	-	-	-	-	-	4,089
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	**304,747**	**-**	**50,818**	**-**	**355,564**	**387,590**

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Expendable Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	2024 £
RESOURCES USED						
3.1 Direct Costs of Charitable Activities						
Fund-Raising Costs	-	-	-	-	-	140
Church Hall Running Costs	17,457	-	-	-	17,457	10,653
Missionary & Charitable Giving	1,872	-	31,851	-	33,723	50,894
Parish Indicative Offer	33,600	-	-	-	33,600	29,355
Operations Administrator	7,800	-	-	-	7,800	7,150
Visiting Clergy Expenses	354	-	-	-	354	344
Church Running Costs :	42,810	-	736	-	43,546	41,484
Equipment Purchased	2,113	-	-	-	2,113	18,485
Repairs & Maintenance	148,272	-	1,406	-	149,679	70,309
Redevelopment Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clergy Working Expenses	5,674	-	-	-	5,674	5,344
Music	13,550	-	-	-	13,550	12,979
Work with Senior	-	-	2,547	-	2,547	1,922
Work with Children	360	-	-	-	360	1,631
Depreciation	2,500	-	-	-	2,500	2,500
	276,362	-	36,541	-	312,903	253,190
3.2 Grants Payable						
Grants Payable	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	-
	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	-
3.2 Support Costs : Charitable						
Postage, Stationery & Printing	5,148	-	-	-	5,148	2,185
	5,148	-	-	-	5,148	2,185
Support Costs :						
3.3 Governance						
Independent Examiner's Fees (including VAT)	2,640	-	-	-	2,640	2,640
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	**294,150**	**-**	**36,541**	**-**	**330,691**	**258,015**

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4 STAFF COSTS

4.1 Payments to PCC Members (Trustees)

No remuneration or expenses were paid to any other member of the PCC, persons closely connected with them or related parties.

5 FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Buildings	TOTAL
COST OR VALUATION		
At 1 January 2025	125,000	125,000
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2025	125,000	125,000
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 January 2025	27,500	27,500
W/O on Disposals	-	-
Charge for Year	2,500	2,500
At 31 December 2025	30,000	30,000
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31.12.25	95,000	95,000
At 31.12.24	97,500	97,500

The Freehold Buildings consist of the parish hall. We are advised by the Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance that, in the event of a disposal, such part of the proceeds as represents the sale of the land on which the parish hall stands would revert to the Diocese and the parish would be entitled to the value of the hall premises only. Although it was not considered necessary to obtain a detailed valuation of the premises, an informal opinion by Right Move, in early 2014, suggested a sale value of between £125,000 and £150,000 and the deemed value of the parish hall was reduced to £125,000 in the 2013 financial statements with the estimated value of the land being written-off as an impairment in equal instalments over 50 years. The estimated market value at the year-end remains at c£125,000.

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	2024
6 CHURCH HALL					
Income	31,458	-	-	31,458	-
Running Costs	17,457	-	-	17,457	10,653
	14,001	-	-	14,001	-10,653
7 WORK WITH CHILDREN					
Busy Bees					
Income	575	-	-	575	1,339
Expenditure	360	-	-	360	2,568
	215	-	-	215	-1,229

8 CASH AT BANK

		2025		2024
		£		£
Barclays Bank plc :				
Current Account	500		500	
Deposit Account	15,926		50,792	
Hall Account	500	16,926	500	51,792
Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance :				
Church Repair Fund	47,671		43,380	
Hall Repair Fund	12,042		10,897	
General Fund	161,846	221,559	120,481	174,758
TOTAL CASH BALANCES		**238,485**		**226,550**

9 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

		2025		2024
		£		£
Debtors :				
Income	250		-	
Hall Hire	1,713		-	
Gift Aid Income Tax Recoverable	4,329	6,292	3,130	3,130
Prepayments :				
Council Tax (Vicarage)	424		404	
Security (Vicarage)	272		271	
Copyright Licence	-		42	
Community Lunch	-		790	
Music	137		-	
CTIS	40		-	
Pest Control	3,438	4,311	-	1,507
		10,602		**4,637**

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10 CREDITORS falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fees (including VAT)	2,640	2,640
Organist's Salary	-	600
Council Tax (Vicarage)	-	-
Gas & Electricity (Church)	1,999	4,386
Barclaycard	2,099	1,592
Insurance	-	-
Fire Equipment Inspection	-	330
Christmas Expenses	-	-
Rochester Diocese re Burials, Baptisms & Weddings	932	-
Winter Welcome	-	-
Fund Raising Costs	-	-
Hall Expenses	608	169
Church Maintenance	-	7,454
Children's Society	-	581
	8,278	**17,752**

11 PCC FEES

PCC Fees for Weddings, Funerals etc do not include those fees paid to Clergy, Organist or Verger as the Church acts only as agent in collecting and passing on those items.

12 MOVEMENT AND ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

MOVEMENT OF FUNDS	1.1.25	Received	Paid	Transferred	Impairment Provision	31.12.25
Unrestricted	250,208	304,747	294,150	-	-	260,805
Designated	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	26,892	50,818	36,541	-	-	41,168
Expendable Endowment	33,835	-	-	-	-	33,835
	310,935	**355,564**	**330,691**	**-**	**-**	**335,809**

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Expendable Endowment
Fixed Assets	95,000	95,000	-	-	-
Current Assets	249,087	174,084	-	41,168	33,835
Current Liabilities	-8,278	-8,278	-	-	-
	335,809	**260,806**	**-**	**41,168**	**33,835**

The Expendable Endowment Fund is the remaining balance of the Griffin Legacy and may be used for the general purposes of the Church.

13 RESERVES POLICY

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations which may arise from time to time. The cash assets held at the bank or Rochester amount to £238,485 (2024 - £226,550). £41,168 (2024 - £26,892) is currently held in restricted funds giving a balance of £197,317 (2024 - £199,658) against three months' unrestricted expenditure, based upon the year ended December 2025, of £33,255 (2024 - £45,894) giving a surplus of £164,062 (2024 - £153,764).

14 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The total amount of donations without conditions received by St John's from the trustees during the year was £11,100 including Gift Aid Tax recovery.

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Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St. John the Evangelist has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev'd Cathy Knight-Scott, in promoting in the parish the *whole mission of the church*: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. 'Any other more particular functions should be seen as ways of carrying out this general function.'[1]

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to inviting and enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and become part of the community of St John's. We aim to truly be 'A Church for Everyone'.

We have noted the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Principally we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Regular provision of accessible and engaging worship, both in-person and online
- Regular opportunities for individual and corporate prayer, study and fellowship.
- Pastoral services (baptism, weddings, funerals) and pastoral care for each other and the community.
- Mission and Outreach work.

To facilitate this work, we need to maintain the fabric of the church of St John the Evangelist. This is particularly important with the increasing usage of a beautiful building.

[1] Lord Rodger of Earlsfield (2004), Senior Law Lord

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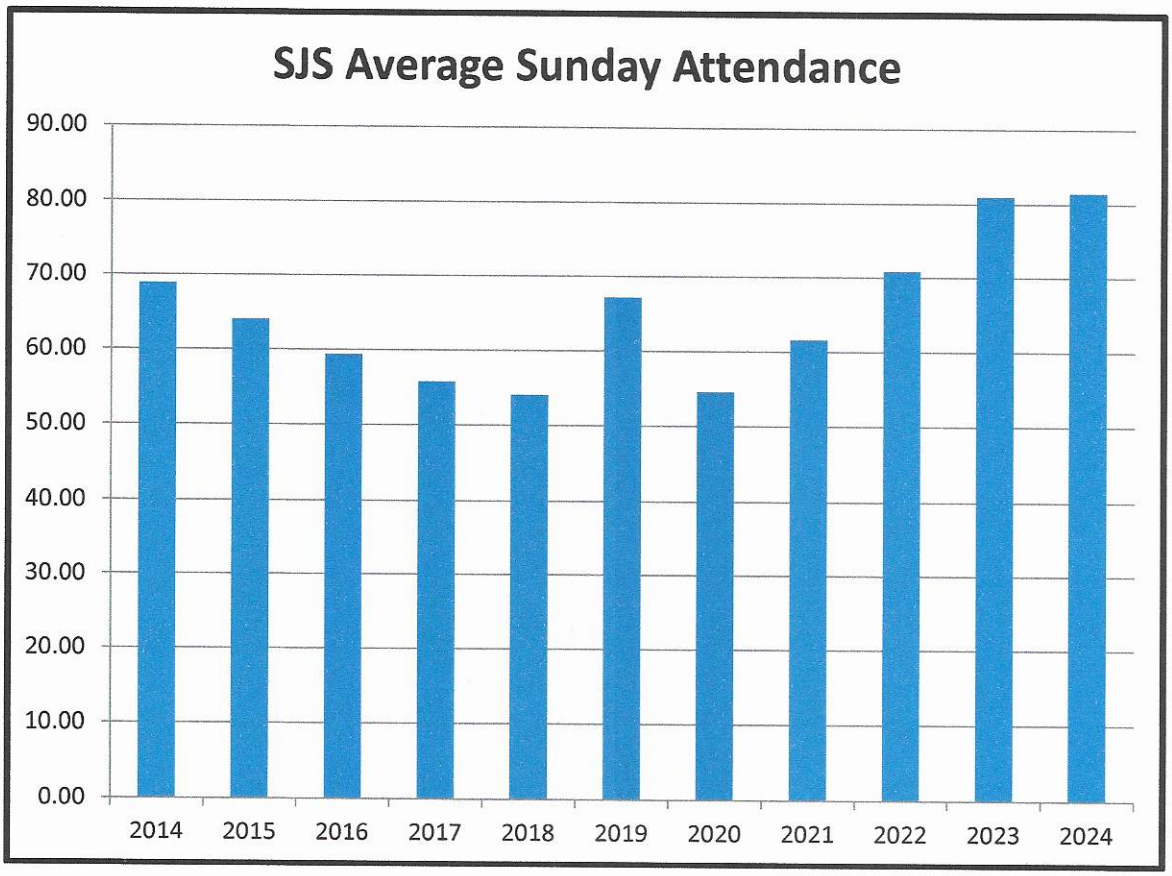
Church membership and Services

Electoral Roll: At the time of the APCM in May 2024 there were 113 members on the church electoral roll, an increase of 8 on the previous year. 11 people were removed and 19 joined.

Church Attendance: Although we remain a growing church, it has flattened out in 2024, as can be seen in the graph below. Some of this flattening is explained by reference to the composition of the electoral roll

[NB in the years 2020 and 2021, the numbers represented on the graph below include only those Sundays when we were able to gather for worship at 10am (i.e. not during Lockdown)]

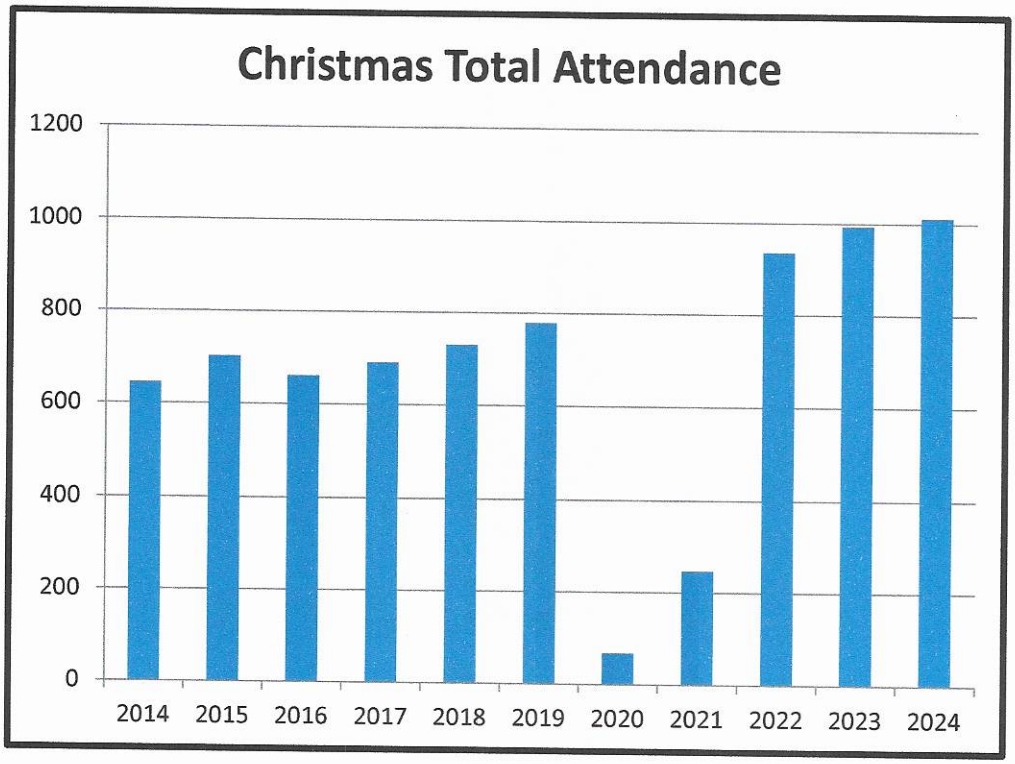


Online Services: The live streaming of services, using our new AV system continues to be popular and commands a regular online audience each week, including from Australia! We have also been able to live stream services other than our 10am weekly service to include, for example, Christmas carol services. Average views on Facebook were approx. 200 per week and on YouTube (more intentional) approx. 80. The system also produces good quality photos which are frequently shared to social media.

Seasonal and Special Services: There were lots of 'Special' services during 2024 which included:

- Inclusion and diversity
- Seat at the Table with Bishop Simon
- Safeguarding Sunday
- Service and Vigil for Ukraine
- Black History Month service
- Farewell service to our Curate
- Joint benefice services with All Saints

We held the Mayoral Civic Carol service again this year and the Remembrance service was very well attended as always, including an online presence. Our Christmas attendances were increased again on last year with the Christingle service again being very popular – over 250 Christingles distributed.



Pastoral Services: 13 Baptisms took place in 2024, the same as in 2023. 4 marriages took place, compared with 2 in 2023. 8 Funerals were conducted in church. There was one burial of cremated remains in the churchyard.

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Review of the year

Community Outreach: Community outreach continues to be a vital part of St John's. Our projects have grown significantly during the year due to the outstanding leadership of Chris and Liz Tragheim and supported by team of dedicated volunteers.

The main areas of focus have been:

Place of Welcome, a weekly community hub, has become a vital meeting point for many local residents. Through the provision of light refreshments in a very friendly atmosphere it seeks to provide comfort, company, and friendship to anyone that comes through the doors. We have regular drop in sessions with local groups such as Bexley Age UK, who ran a session on MOT fitness for over 50's providing a basic fitness assessment, National Energy Action who told us about the importance of keeping warm and how to do it, Advisory sessions with the Alzheimer's Society, a visit from Santa, An Elf Day morning to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society. Place of Welcome is proud to be a delivery partner for Acts 435 which raises money for clients of Bexley Women's Aid for household items such as washing machines. Place of Welcome continues to be an outstanding success and regularly receives feedback on how it is transforming the lives of attendees.

Singing for the Brain, who were honoured to open the main local Alzheimer's Society Elf Day event at Sidcup Rugby Club by singing three Christmas songs. Members of the group were invited to attend the funeral of one of the members and heard how important the group had been to her since its inception.

Ukraine Humanitarian Support continues to send deliveries to Ukraine, organized by Tania Zabolotska, to include items donated by local churches and businesses. Santa visited the toy service in early December and collected gifts of toys which were sent to an orphanage in Ukraine. The English language group is now being supported by a native Ukrainian, who is qualified in teaching English as an additional language. The Ukraine group were delighted to sing the Ukrainian National Anthem at the Civic Carol Service. A new book of remembrance for Ukraine is now installed in the Memorial Chapel.

Christmas donations: Items were collected to be distributed by Bexley Women's Aid to needy families along with Turkey crowns and Toys collected by the Works.

Sidcup Fringe Volunteers ran a stall at the Sidcup Fringe advertising our Christmas Services and Community activities.

The Community Larder continues to be a much-used resource. We were fortunate to receive a large lottery grant at the beginning of the year which funded the larder for most of the year and was topped up with donations from local supermarkets and groups such as Sidcup Partners, The Alma Pub and the Sarto lounge who give all monies raised from their weekly quiz to the larder. The Sidcup Santa run also raised funds for our larder. Harenc Trust funded the purchase of a freezer, which enables us to boost the food provision by accepting close to date foods from Marks and Spencer's and storing it safely.

Several Community Lunches were run during the year, funded by the lottery grant and were very popular by all who attended.

We were twice selected by Bexley council to distribute the Government backed Household Fund this year. All funds were distributed to Bexley residents who met the criteria of the grant.

Children's work: Busy bees, our toddler (and their adult) group continue to run weekly in termtime and the team leading it continue to provide a valued church and community service. Busy Bees benefitted from the Lottery grant and were able to purchase new toys and equipment to enhance their offering.
Links with local schools are an important part of our ministry to children and in particular we have hosted services in church for Birkbeck, Merton Court, Benedict House and West Lodge. We have also welcomed small groups from off these schools and from Orchard and from Monkey Puzzle Nursery into church and our vicar is active in taking assemblies too.

Online/Media: Our Facebook page continues to be our most active presence online – it is updated at least weekly with services, livestreams, news and photos. The reach continues to grow, and we now have over 750 followers – up from 680 in 2023. The St John's WhatsApp group remains active on a daily basis, sharing prayers, news, encouragement and photos. Our website is regularly updated, and the PCC have agreed to work with a new website provider to renew the website in 2025.

Inclusive Church: We are proudly an inclusive Church and continue as a member of the organization of that name. This reflects our belief that the love of Christ Is for everyone, regardless of sex, race, economic status, gender, sexuality, ethnic background, disability, health etc and everyone is welcome at all levels in our church. 'In Christ there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave or free, male or female, you are all one in Christ Jesus' needs footnote.
We ensure several services each year dedicated to aspects of inclusion Highlights in 2024 were the disability service with Rev'd Rachel Wilson and the 'Seat at the Table' service with Bishop Simon.

Vocations and Training: We continue with a very strong ministry team at St John's, which includes 7 people, licensed or commissioned by the diocese for aspects of ministry work. We were delighted to see our Curate – Rev'd Eucharia Asiegbu – complete her curate training and move to her own church in Bromley and look forward to welcoming our new Curate, Stephanie Howarth Maurel in the summer of 2025. Mark Stephen successfully completed the Hearing and Speaking God's word courses and is now licensed to preach up to 6 times a year.

Church Hall: The refurbishment of the Church Hall was completed during 2024 with a section being made secure to store the community larder food and freezer. The PCC took the decision to appoint a hall manager to run the hall, and Tania Zabolotska has been appointed on a 6-month trial basis from January 2025.

Prayer and Study: The Benefice Prayer Group has been taken over by Margaret Miller on our Curate's departure and now meets monthly at St John's, with a breakfast followed by guest speaker and prayer session and proves to be very popular. Sandra Marshall runs a monthly prayer group and Laury holds a Pilgrim group, both of which are well attended. We ran three Quiet Days with Rev'd Jean Boulton-Reynolds which were well-attended and well-received.

Eco-Church: We continue to increase our use of fairtrade/recycled supplies in the kitchen and toilets. The garden of remembrance is planted with bee-friendly flowers and our flower meadow continues to thrive. Following an energy assessment survey we have been fortunate to receive a government grant to install LED lighting in the church and modern energy efficient boilers, both of which will happen in early 2025.

Music: Dr Herman Jordaan continues to improve the quality of music in church, particularly by recruiting several new members to the robed choir. Joyful voices have continued to grow and have taken part regularly in services and at community events. Since Rev'd Eucharia has left, they are under new leadership of Shirley Williams and Marcia Philbin and provide alternative singing to more informal services.

Bells: Our Tower Captain Debbie Runting and Steeple keeper Alexander Runting continue to maintain the bell tower in excellent condition. They have delighted in ringing several quarter peals to celebrate events such as birthdays or special occasions for members of the congregation and support with bell ringing at weddings and funerals. The Tower tours continue to be popular.

The Future

St John's continues to go from strength to strength under the leadership of our Vicar Rev'd Cathy. Community outreach continues to be a particular strength and our ministry and mission to Sidcup continues to grow.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The term of membership for elected members is three years, after which members must stand down for a year before seeking re-election. Everyone who attends St John's is encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and vote in the PCC elections.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC met eight times during 2024. At each PCC meeting reports (written or verbal) are received from Sub-Committees / Members with specific responsibilities including: Mission & Ministry, Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Finance, Children's work, Social media and communications, Church Fabric, Community outreach, and links with the wider church.

The PCC is committed to implementing the House of Bishops' safeguarding policies and good practice guidance.
A formal statement to adopt the House of Bishops' "Promoting a Safer Church; safeguarding policy statement" was agreed by the Parochial Church Council and recorded in the minutes of the May 2024 PCC meeting and this process is repeated annually. A link is provided to safeguarding information on the front page of our website and information is in church in various places.

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Administrative Information

The Church of St John the Evangelist, Sidcup, is situated in Church Road, Sidcup. It is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St John Parish Office, Church Road, Sidcup DA14 6BX.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 1133932.

The PCC members who have served from 1 January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent:	Rev'd Cathy Knight-Scott
Curate Until 6th November 2024:	Rev'd Eucharia Asiegbu
Churchwarden(s)	
Until APCM April 2024	Len Raggett
	Iris Pavey
From APCM April 2024	Len Raggett
	Iris Pavey
Diocesan Synod representative:	*Jill Raggett*
Deanery Synod representatives:	
Until APCM April 2024	*Maureen Jessiman*
	Barry Theobald-Hicks
From APCM April 2024	*Maureen Jessiman*
	Barry Theobald-Hicks
Elected members:	
Until APCM April 2024	*Chris Tragheim*
Served all year	*Lynn Wells*
	Mark Stephen
	Bill Goldsmith
	Laury Bartlett
	Keith Hulks
From APCM April 2024	*Marcia Philbin*
	Liz Tragheim
	Anthony Sharratt
Co-opted members:	
Until APCM April 2024	*Anthony Sharratt (Technology)*
From APCM April 2024	*Chris Tragheim (Treasurer)*
Legally mandated PCC Roles:	
	Deputy Chair of PCC: Len Raggett
	PCC Treasurer: Chris Tragheim
Until APCM April 2024	*PCC Secretary: Maureen Jessiman*
From APCM April 2024	*PCC Secretary: Lynn Wells*

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SIDCUP, KENT DA14 6BX

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on Pages 9 to 20, is in respect of an examination carried out under s145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that an audit is not required for the year ended section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity Commission. That 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 the consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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.

Mrs Michelle Adams
Institute of Chartered Accountants England & Wales
Adams Accountancy (Bexley) Limited
Heritage House, 34B North Cray Road,
Bexley
Kent DA5 3LZ

Date : 12th March 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Expendable Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM :							
Donations and Legacies	2.1	263,642	-	103,929	-	367,571	88,868
Charitable Activities	2.2	8,552	-	685	-	9,237	6,402
Income from Investments	2.3	6,693	-	-	-	6,693	2,040
Other Income	2.4	4,089	-	-	-	4,089	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		**282,976**	**-**	**104,614**	**-**	**387,590**	**97,310**
EXPENDITURE ON :							
Charitable Activities	3.1/2	166,937	-	88,438	-	255,375	156,117
Governance Costs	3.3	2,640	-	-	-	2,640	2,640
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		**169,577**	**-**	**88,438**	**-**	**258,015**	**158,757**
NET INCOMING/-OUTGOING RESOURCES BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS AND APPROPRIATIONS		**113,399**	**-**	**16,176**	**-**	**129,575**	**-61,447**
Add : Gains/-Losses on Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-	-	-
		113,399	**-**	**16,176**	**-**	**129,575**	**-61,447**
Transfers							
Gross Transfers between funds - In		-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross Transfers between funds - Out		-	-	-	-	-	-
NET INCOMING/-OUTGOING RESOURCES		**113,399**	**-**	**16,176**	**-**	**129,575**	**-61,447**
Balances Brought Forward 1.1.2024		136,809	-	10,715	33,835	181,360	242,807
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 31.12.2024		**250,208**	**-**	**26,892**	**33,835**	**310,935**	**181,359**

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £		2023 £	
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		97,500		100,000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and Prepayments	9	4,637		8,651	
Cash at Bank	8	226,550		86,481	
		231,187		95,132	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	17,752		13,772	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			213,435		81,360
NET ASSETS			**310,935**		**£ 181,360**
Represented By :					
Funds	12				
Unrestricted			250,208		136,809
Designated (Unrestricted)			-		-
Restricted			26,892		10,715
Expendable Endowment			33,835		33,835
			£ 310,935		**£ 181,360**

The notes on Pages 11 to 20 form part of these accounts

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12 March and signed on its behalf by :

Revd C M Knight-Scott (Incumbent)

L Raggett Esq (Churchwarden)

I Pavey (Churchwarden)

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC of St John the Evangelist, Sidcup is a Parochial Church Council in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 7 of these financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the amendments to *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16th July 2014 (effective from 1 January 2016) – (the Charities SORP (FRS 102) as amended by Update Bulletin 2 published on 5th October 2018).

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 2 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), issued on 16th July 2014, rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, effective from 1st April 2005, which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. They are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1. They also include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below and have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.1 Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient within the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.2 Public Benefit Entity

The Parochial Church Council of St John's Church Sidcup meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

1.3 Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis :

Consecrated and Benefice Property is not included in the accounts in accordance with Part 1 Chapter 2 (10) (a) of the Charities Act 2011.
Moveable Church Furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church inventory which can, at any reasonable time, be inspected.
Other Buildings, held on behalf of the Parochial Church Council for its own purposes, are based on an estimate of the value at 31st December 2013 (see Note 5) which has been treated as deemed cost as at 1st January 2015. The value of the buildings is depreciated at 2% per annum on a straight line basis. Any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as it is incurred.
Expenditure on equipment purchased for use in or around the church is written-off in the year that it is incurred.

1.4 Funds

Endowment Funds are funds the capital of which must be maintained unless, as in this case, they were designated by the donor to be a quasi-endowment thus permitting both income and capital to be spent and they are known as Expendable Endowment Funds.

Restricted Funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object, or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund and, where there is no separate investment, interest may be apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted Funds represent the general funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the ordinary purposes of the PCC and include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

1.5 Income Recognition

Income is brought into account when it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will accrue to St John's. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised. Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when due. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable and interest from Government Stocks is accrued. All other income is recognised when receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross with the exception of insurance claims for loss or damage which are set against the relevant expenditure when received.

1.6 Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing St John's to pay out resources.

1.7 Irrecoverable Value Added Tax

The PCC is not registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT. The VAT incurred from time to time on certain fabric repair and maintenance expenditure can, however, be recovered under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

1.8 Receivables and Payables : Bank and Cash

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to St John's or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts where normal credit terms apply. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit account balances are shown at the realisable values.

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	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
INCOMING RESOURCES	£		£	£	£	£
2.1 Donations and Legacies						
Giving under Gift Aid	32,419	-	-	-	32,419	31,694
Gift Aid Income Tax Recoverable	10,279	-	-	-	10,279	11,703
Freewill Offering	-	-	-	-	-	-
Collections at Church Services (Open Plate)	6,215	-	-	-	6,215	4,744
Donations, Appeals etc	18,478	-	28,929	-	47,407	35,727
Grants Received	-	-	75,000	-	75,000	5,000
Legacies	196,251	-	-	-	196,251	-
	263,642	-	103,929	-	367,571	88,868
2.2 Charitable Activities						
Fund Raising	292	-	610	-	902	1,475
Hire of Church	2,113	-	-	-	2,113	1,965
Parish Fees	4,958	-	-	-	4,958	2,256
Children's & Youth Work	1,189	-	75	-	1,264	706
	8,552	-	685	-	9,237	6,402
2.3 Income from Investments						
Principality BS : Bond Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Bank : Deposit Interest	963	-	-	-	963	715
Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance : Interest	5,730	-	-	-	5,730	1,325
	6,693	-	-	-	6,693	2,040
2.4 Other Income						
Insurance Claim	4,089	-	-	-	4,089	-
	4,089	-	-	-	4,089	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	**282,976**	**-**	**104,614**	**-**	**387,590**	**97,310**

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Expendable Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	2023 £
RESOURCES USED						
3.1 Direct Costs of Charitable Activities						
Fund-Raising Costs	140	-	-	-	140	-
Church Hall Running Costs	7,497	-	3,156	-	10,653	33,599
Missionary & Charitable Giving	952	-	49,942	-	50,894	13,541
Parish Indicative Offer	29,355	-	-	-	29,355	26,000
Operations Administrator	4,836	-	2,314	-	7,150	-
Visiting Clergy Expenses	344	-	-	-	344	-
Church Running Costs :	40,173	-	1,311	-	41,484	33,063
Equipment Purchased	2,351	-	16,134	-	18,485	24,321
Repairs & Maintenance	57,216	-	13,093	-	70,309	9,983
Redevelopment Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clergy Working Expenses	5,344	-	-	-	5,344	5,148
Music	12,979	-	-	-	12,979	6,072
Work with Senior	444	-	1,478	-	1,922	558
Work with Children	664	-	967	-	1,631	24
Depreciation	2,500	-	-	-	2,500	2,500
	164,795	-	88,395	-	253,190	154,809
3.2 Grants Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.2 Support Costs : Charitable						
Postage, Stationery & Printing	2,142	-	43	-	2,185	1,308
	2,142	-	43	-	2,185	1,308
3.3 Support Costs : Governance						
Independent Examiner's Fees (including VAT)	2,640	-	-	-	2,640	2,640
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	**169,577**	**-**	**88,438**	**-**	**258,015**	**158,757**

4 STAFF COSTS

4.1 Payments to PCC Members (Trustees)

No remuneration or expenses were paid to any other member of the PCC, persons closely connected with them or related parties.

5 FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Buildings	TOTAL
COST OR VALUATION		
At 1 January 2024	125,000	125,000
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2024	125,000	125,000
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 January 2024	25,000	25,000
W/O on Disposals	-	-
Charge for Year	2,500	2,500
At 31 December 2024	27,500	27,500
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31.12.24	97,500	97,500
At 31.12.23	100,000	100,000

The Freehold Buildings consist of the parish hall. We are advised by the Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance that, in the event of a disposal, such part of the proceeds as represents the sale of the land on which the parish hall stands would revert to the Diocese and the parish would be entitled to the value of the hall premises only. Although it was not considered necessary to obtain a detailed valuation of the premises, an informal opinion by Right Move, in early 2014, suggested a sale value of between £125,000 and £150,000 and the deemed value of the parish hall was reduced to £125,000 in the 2013 financial statements with the estimated value of the land being written-off as an impairment in equal instalments over 50 years. The estimated market value at the year-end remains at c£125,000.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	2023
6 CHURCH HALL					
Lettings	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Running Costs	7,497	3,156	-	10,653	33,599
	-7,497	-3,156	-	-10,653	-33,599
7 WORK WITH CHILDREN					
Busy Bees					
Income	1,264	75	-	1,339	706
Expenditure	1,601	967	-	2,568	24
	-337	-892	-	-1,229	682

8 CASH AT BANK

	2024		2023	
		£		£
Barclays Bank plc :				
Current Account	500		-56	
Deposit Account	50,792		37,228	
Hall Account	500	51,792	500	37,672
Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance :				
Church Repair Fund	43,380		38,982	
Hall Repair Fund	10,897		9,729	
General Fund	120,481	174,758	98	48,809
TOTAL CASH BALANCES		**226,550**		**86,481**

9 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2024		2023	
		£		£
Debtors :				
Hall Water Refund Due	-		-	
Refund due from ECS re overpayment	-		-	
Gift Aid Income Tax Recoverable	3,130	3,130	3,469	3,469
Prepayments :				
Council Tax (Vicarage)	404		637	
Security (Vicarage)	271		257	
Copyright Licence	42		39	
Community Lunch	790		-	
Insurance : Church	-		3,399	
Insurance : Hall	-	1,507	850	5,182
		4,637		**8,651**

10 CREDITORS falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fees (including VAT)	2,640	2,640
Organist's Salary	600	600
Council Tax (Vicarage)	-	255
Gas & Electricity (Church)	4,386	2,792
Barclaycard	1,592	1,125
Insurance	-	2,971
Fire Equipment Inspection	330	886
Christmas Expenses	-	-
Rochester Diocese re Burials, Baptisms & Weddings	-	529
Winter Welcome	-	943
Fund Raising Costs	-	140
Hall Expenses	169	891
Church Maintenance	7,454	-
Children's Society	581	-
	17,752	**13,772**

11 PCC FEES

PCC Fees for Weddings, Funerals etc do not include those fees paid to Clergy, Organist or Verger as the Church acts only as agent in collecting and passing on those items.

12 MOVEMENT AND ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

MOVEMENT OF FUNDS	1.1.24	Received	Paid	Transferred	Impairment Provision	31.12.24
Unrestricted	136,809	282,976	169,577	-	-	250,208
Designated	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	10,715	104,614	88,438	-	-	26,892
Expendable Endowment	33,835	-	-	-	-	33,835
	181,360	**387,590**	**258,015**	**-**	**-**	**310,935**

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Expendable Endowment
Fixed Assets	97,500	97,500	-	-	-
Current Assets	231,187	170,460	-	26,892	33,835
Current Liabilities	-17,752	-17,752	-	-	-
	310,935	**250,208**	**-**	**26,892**	**33,835**

The Expendable Endowment Fund is the remaining balance of the Griffin Legacy and may be used for the general purposes of the Church.

13 RESERVES POLICY

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, which equates to approximately six months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations which may arise from time to time. The cash assets held at the bank or Rochester amount to £226,550. £26,890 is currently held in restricted fund giving a balance of £199,660 against six months' unrestricted expenditure, based upon the year ended 31st December 2024, of £84,788 (2023 - £59,550) giving a surplus of £114,872.

14 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The total amount of donations without conditions received by St John's from the trustees during the year was £12,270 including Gift Aid Tax recovery.

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Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St. John the Evangelist has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev'd Cathy Knight-Scott, in promoting in the parish the *whole mission of the church*: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. 'Any other more particular functions should be seen as ways of carrying out this general function.'[1]

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to inviting and enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and become part of the community of St John's. We aim to truly be 'A Church for Everyone'.

We have noted the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Principally we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Regular provision of accessible and engaging worship, both in-person and online
- Regular opportunities for individual and corporate prayer, study and fellowship.
- Pastoral services (baptism, weddings, funerals) and pastoral care for each other and the community.
- Mission and Outreach work.

To facilitate this work, we need to maintain the fabric of the church of St John the Evangelist. This is particularly important with the increasing usage of a beautiful building.

[1] Lord Rodger of Earlsfield (2004), Senior Law Lord

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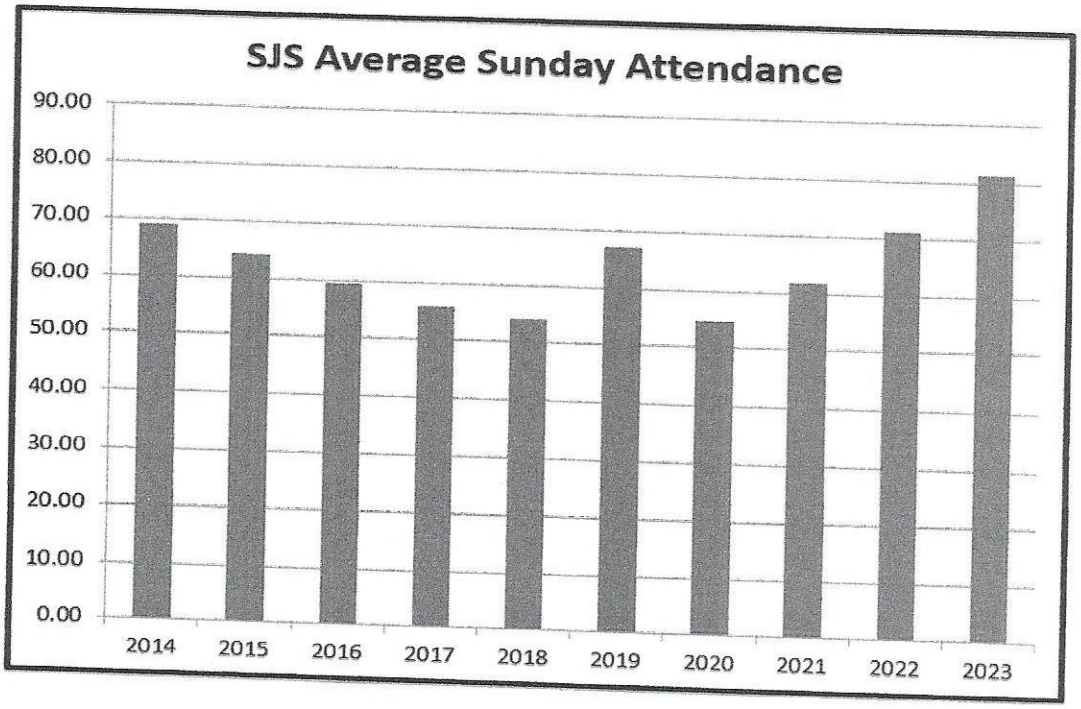
Church membership and Services

Electoral Roll: There are 114 members on the church electoral roll at the time of the APCM, a increase of 9 on the previous year. 11 people were removed and 20 people joined.

Church Attendance: The below graph speaks for itself. We remain a growing church!
[NB In the years 2020 and 2021, the numbers represented on the graph below include only those Sundays when we were able to gather for worship at 10am i.e. not during lockdown].



Online Services: During 2023 it became clear that live-streaming of services is here to stay and that we have a faithful group of people who regularly join that way. We have also welcomed new people to our in-person services who first found us online. At the start of the year, we were simply using a mobile-phone balanced on a tripod on a table which was not robust or best quality. We therefore launched an appeal to fund a new AV system which was successful and the new system was installed in the autumn. The quality of our streaming has improved immensely and met with acclaim. We subsequently ceased the zoom service which had dwindled to very few attendees and the live-stream preferred.

Seasonal and Special Services: There were lots of 'Special' services during 2023. A sermon series on inclusion in February was very well-received and further inclusive services were held during the year: a particularly popular one was trans-inclusion. Sadly, the need for services focused on Ukraine remains with the continuation of the terrible war and we held two plus a prayer vigil during the year. Our mission has been enhanced by working with Sidcup Partners – we collaborated on various Messy-type events: Easter, Summer, Hallowe'en and Advent. We held three mayoral Civic services during the year, including Remembrance Sunday, one of our largest ever both in-person and online. At Christmas attendances were increased at almost all services – in the case of Christingle, we will need to re-think the structure to accommodate the numbers coming.

Pastoral Services: 13 baptisms took place in 2023 compared with 10 in 2022. 2 marriages were held in 2023 compared with 0 in 2022. 5 funerals were conducted in church and 6 in local crematoria/cemeteries (compared with 6 and 10 respectively the previous year). There were 3 burials of cremated remains in the churchyard (compared with 6 in 2022).

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Review of the year

Community outreach: Community outreach continues to be a vital part of St John's. Our projects have grown significantly during this year which has been achieved due to an outstanding team of dedicated volunteers. We have been supported by many local organisations, including Sidcup Partners and the Rotary Club.
Our main areas of focus have been:
The 'Place of Welcome' is a weekly community hub which has become a vital meeting point for many residents. Through the provision of light refreshments in a very friendly atmosphere it seeks to provide comfort, company, and friendship to anyone that comes through the doors. Local groups like the Alzheimer's Society, the Bexley Deaf Centre, Diabetes UK, the Police attend on a regular basis to provide help. The Place of Welcome has been an outstanding success and we are very proud of the feedback that it has transformed the lives of some attendees.
We have taken part in the both the 2022 and 2023 national Winter Warm programme. From January- March 2023 we provided a warm space, soup, and sandwiches twice a week and from November – December 2023 (and beyond) we provided a warm space and Saturday Pancakes which has proved to be particularly popular.
Our Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal has continued throughout the year. We collect food, warm clothing, medicines, and other items and deliver all the provisions directly to Ukraine monthly. We are very grateful to Holy Trinity Church, Sidcup, St Nicholas Church, Chislehurst, and various churches around Otford for their amazing commitment, generosity, and support. We have provided weekly English lessons to Ukrainians. Learning English has proved vital in finding employment as well as allowing new arrivals to integrate and feel welcome in our society. Perhaps of even more importance the weekly sessions have provided a kinship during incredibly sad and worrying times. We linked with local schools to provide additional resources for Ukrainian pupils.
Our Community Larder continues to be a much used resource. No vouchers or referrals are needed but it operates on the principle "take what you need, give what you can". It is of course with deep regret that the larder is needed but we are determined to offer a meal to anyone in need.
We have started a weekly Singing for the Brain group for people with memory challenges and their carers. It has become instantly very popular and vital part of the week for all attendees.
We continued to support the Foodbank weekly during 2023 and have again donated well over a tonne of food as well as financial donations more than £1500.

Children's work: Busy Bees, our toddler (and-their-adult) group continues to run weekly in term time. Lynda Goldsmith and her team retired in September after 25 years of running the group: building it up from scratch to be a valued church and community resource. Post-pandemic, the team took the courageous decision to move into the church. We are delighted to report that this popular event has been ably continued under the leadership of Debbie Runting and Pat Morgan. It is a wonderful way of gently introducing baptism families to the church and familiarising small children with the building.
As mentioned above, we ran four very successful family 'Messy' Church events in conjunction with Sidcup Partners including crafts, entertainment, refreshments and more.
Our links with schools are an important part of our ministry to children and in particular we have hosted services in church for Birkbeck, Merton Court, Benedict House and West Lodge. We welcomed small groups from all these schools – and also from Orchard and from Monkey Puzzle Nursery into church and our vicar is active taking assemblies too.

Online / Media: Our Facebook page continues to be our most active presence online – it is updated at least weekly with services, livestreams, news and photographs. The reach continues to grow, and at the time of writing we have over 680 followers (cf 500 in 2023). The St. John's WhatsApp group remains active on a daily basis, sharing prayers, news, encouragement and photographs. Our web-site is now more engaging thanks to Mark Stephen and updated regularly. Lynn Wells creates fantastic posters and flyers both for online and occasionally print use.

Inclusive Church: We are proudly an Inclusive Church and continue as a member of the organisation of that name. This reflects our belief that the love of Christ is for everyone, regardless of sex, race, economic status, gender,

sexuality, ethnic background, disability, health etc and everyone is welcome at all levels in our church. 'In Christ there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave or free, male or female, you are all one in Christ Jesus.'[2]

Vocations and Training: We have a very strong ministry team at St. John's, numbering eight lay people plus clergy at the time of writing, and we continued to be blessed with new vocations. During 2023 Sandra Marshall and Jill Raggett were licensed as Lay Ministers and Margaret Miller received her Certificate in Christian Ministry.

Church Hall: Following the PCC decision in 2020 to engage the diocese in looking at ways of either disposing of the building (or otherwise making it a source of income without requiring management by St John's), we are disappointed to say that – as at this time last year – we still await any positive engagement from them.
Therefore, in November the PCC unanimously took the difficult decision to refurbish the building so that it can be used for more than storage. There was at that time a hope that it could be leased on an annual basis to someone who would run the building in accordance with our purposes, however no one has been found. As we move into 2024, we are in communication with Sidcup Partners following their proposal that they run the building and share the profits.

Prayer and study: Various 'Pilgrim' and other study groups ran on a seasonal basis during 2023. In addition, our Curate started a monthly benefice prayer group which now includes breakfast and a speaker on the occasions it is held at St John's.

Eco-Church: We continue to increase our use of fairtrade/recycled supplies in the kitchen and toilets. The garden of remembrance is planted with bee-friendly flowers and our flower meadow is holding its own despite an un-timely cut by the council. We have a composter in the churchyard which our diligent maintenance group use regularly.

Music: Following the departure of Mark Terry early in 2023, we had a variety of organists providing accompaniment for our main 10am service musicians and we were also able to get to grips with the new 'hymnal' which we purchased along with the AV system. We were delighted that we had several applicants for the Director of Music position and in September Dr Herman Jordaan joined St John's. He has made a huge difference to the general quality of music in church and in particular to the Robed choir - it has been wonderful to welcome several new members.
During 2023 the Gospel choir, started by our curate the previous year, re-branded itself as Joyful Voices and has continued to contribute to our worship particularly in more informal services. This choir has been a good form of missional outreach.

Bells: Our tower captain, Debbie Runting, together with our steeple keeper, Alexander Runting, have maintained the bell tower in excellent condition and are always ready to organise ringing for us, no matter how short the notice. The 'Ring for the King' coronation initiative attracted many new people to have a go at bell-ringing and several have joined the weekly training and started ringing on a Sunday too. The tower tours have also attracted people to church and are a great form of missional outreach.

The Future

We believe that the future for St John's Sidcup is bright. We are building our mission and ministry to Sidcup and have achieved notable successes during 2023. Community and outreach work continues to be a particular strength.

It is worth noting that research[3] shows that what is critical for successful mission is not doing more things - it's doing what we do well; being intentional about where we spend time and resources and, most crucially, communicating widely so that as many people as possible know what we do and can join in.

[2] Galatians 3.28
[3] Barna Research Group 'Highlight' 2021

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Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The term of membership for elected members is three years, after which members must stand down for a year before seeking re-election. Everyone who attends St John's is encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and vote in the PCC elections.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC met seven times during 2023. At each PCC meeting reports (written or verbal) are received from Sub-Committees / Members with specific responsibilities including: Mission & Ministry, Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Finance, Children's work, Social media and communications, Church Fabric, Community outreach, and links with the wider church.

The PCC is committed to implementing the House of Bishops' safeguarding policies and good practice guidance. A formal statement to adopt the House of Bishops' "Promoting a Safer Church; safeguarding policy statement" was agreed by the Parochial Church Council and recorded in the minutes of the May 2023 PCC meeting and this process is repeated annually. A link is provided to safeguarding information on the front page of our website and information is in church in various places.

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Administrative Information

The Church of St John the Evangelist, Sidcup, is situated in Church Road, Sidcup. It is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St John Parish Office, Church Road, Sidcup DA14 6BX.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 1133932.

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

Incumbent:	Rev'd Cathy Knight-Scott
Curate:	Rev'd Eucharia Asiegbu
Churchwarden(s)	
Until APCM April 2023	Len Raggett
	Vacancy
From APCM April 2023	Len Raggett
	Iris Pavey
Diocesan Synod representative:	*Jill Raggett*
Deanery Synod representatives:	
Until APCM April 2023	*Liz Tragheim*
From APCM April 2023	*Maureen Jessiman*
From October 2023	*Barry Theobald-Hicks*
Elected members:	
Until APCM April 2023	*Ann Armstrong*
	Margaret Miller
	Anthony Sharratt
	Yvonne Wright
	Iris Pavey
Served all year	*Barry Theobald-Hicks*
	Chris Tragheim
	Lynn Wells
	Mark Stephen
From APCM May 2023	*Bill Goldsmith*
	Laury Bartlett
	Keith Hulks
	Liz Tragheim
Co-opted members:	
Until APCM April 2023	*Maureen Jessiman (Secretary)*
	Bill Goldsmith (Deputy Treasurer)
From APCM April 2023	*Anthony Sharratt (Technology)*
Legally mandated PCC Roles:	
	Deputy Chair of PCC: Len Raggett
	PCC Secretary: Maureen Jessiman
	PCC Treasurer: Chris Tragheim

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SIDCUP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SIDCUP, KENT DA14 6BX

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on Pages 8 to 19, is in respect of an examination carried out under s145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that an audit is not required for the year ended section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity Commission. That 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 the consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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.

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Mrs Michelle Adams
Institute of Chartered Accountants England & Wales
Adams Accountancy (Bexley) Limited
Heritage House, 34B North Cray Road,
Bexley
Kent DA5 3LZ

Date : 31March 2024

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SIDCUP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Expendable Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM :							
Donations and Legacies	2.1	65,879	-	22,989	-	88,868	113,218
Charitable Activities	2.2	6,242	-	160	-	6,402	7,458
Income from Investments	2.3	2,040	-	-	-	2,040	287
Other Income	2.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		**74,161**	**-**	**23,149**	**-**	**97,310**	**120,963**
EXPENDITURE ON :							
Charitable Activities	3.1/2	116,460	-	39,657	-	156,117	106,660
Governance Costs	3.3	2,640	-	-	-	2,640	3,090
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		**119,100**	**-**	**39,657**	**0**	**158,757**	**109,750**
NET INCOMING/-OUTGOING RESOURCES BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS AND APPROPRIATIONS		**-44,939**	**-**	**-16,509**	**-**	**-61,447**	**11,213**
Add : Gains/-Losses on Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-44,939	**-**	**-16,509**	**-**	**-61,447**	**11,213**
Transfers							
Gross Transfers between funds - In		-	-	-	-	-	25,481
Gross Transfers between funds - Out		-	-	-	-	-	-25,481
NET INCOMING/-OUTGOING RESOURCES		**-44,939**	**-**	**-16,509**	**-**	**-61,447**	**11,213**
Balances Brought Forward 1.1.2023		181,748	-	27,224	33,835	242,807	231,594
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 31.12.2023		**136,809**	**-**	**10,715**	**33,835**	**181,360**	**242,807**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SIDCUP

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £		2022 £	
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		100,000		102,500
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and Prepayments	9	8,651		9,635	
Cash at Bank	8	86,481		142,517	
		95,132		152,152	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	13,772		11,845	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			81,360		140,307
NET ASSETS			**181,360**		£ **242,807**
Represented By :					
Funds	12				
Unrestricted					
Designated (Unrestricted)			136,809		181,748
Restricted			-		-
Expendable Endowment			10,715		27,224
			33,835		33,835
		£	**181,360**	£	**242,807**

The notes on Pages 10 to 19 form part of these accounts

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 20th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by :

Revd C M Knight-Scott (Incumbent)

I Raggett Esq (Churchwarden)

I Pavey (Churchwarden)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC of St John the Evangelist, Sidcup is a Parochial Church Council in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 3 of these financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the amendments to *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16th July 2014 (effective from 1 January 2016) – (the Charities SORP (FRS 102) as amended by Update Bulletin 2 published on 5th October 2018).

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 2 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), issued on 16th July 2014, rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, effective from 1st April 2005, which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. They are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1. They also include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below and have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.1 Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient within the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.2 Public Benefit Entity

The Parochial Church Council of St John's Church Sidcup meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

1.3 Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis :

Consecrated and Benefice Property is not included in the accounts in accordance with Part 1 Chapter 2 (10) (a) of the Charities Act 2011.
Moveable Church Furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church inventory which can, at any reasonable time, be inspected.
Other Buildings, held on behalf of the Parochial Church Council for its own purposes, are based on an estimate of the value at 31st December 2013 (see Note 5) which has been treated as deemed cost as at 1st January 2015. The value of the buildings is depreciated at 2% per annum on a straight line basis. Any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as it is incurred.
Expenditure on equipment purchased for use in or around the church is written-off in the year that it is incurred.

1.4 Funds

Endowment Funds are funds the capital of which must be maintained unless, as in this case, they were designated by the donor to be a quasi-endowment thus permitting both income and capital to be spent and they are known as Expendable Endowment Funds.

Restricted Funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object, or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund and, where there is no separate investment, interest may be apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted Funds represent the general funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the ordinary purposes of the PCC and include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

1.5 Income Recognition

Income is brought into account when it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will accrue to St John's. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised. Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when due. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable and interest from Government Stocks is accrued. All other income is recognised when receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross with the exception of insurance claims for loss or damage which are set against the relevant expenditure when received.

1.6 Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing St John's to pay out resources.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

1.7 Irrecoverable Value Added Tax

The PCC is not registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT. The VAT incurred from time to time on certain fabric repair and maintenance expenditure can, however, be recovered under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

1.8 Receivables and Payables : Bank and Cash

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to St John's or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts where normal credit terms apply. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit account balances are shown at the realisable values.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
INCOMING RESOURCES	£		£	£	£	£
2.1 Donations and Legacies						
Giving under Gift Aid	31,693	-	-	-	31,693	31,062
Gift Aid Income Tax Recoverable	11,203	-	500	-	11,703	10,071
Freewill Offering	-	-	-	-	-	-
Collections at Church Services (Open Plate)	4,744	-	-	-	4,744	5,684
Donations, Appeals etc	18,239	-	17,489	-	35,728	61,992
Grants Received	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	3,909
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	500
	65,879	-	22,989	-	88,868	113,218
2.2 Charitable Activities						
Fund Raising	1,315	-	160	-	1,475	294
Hire of Church	1,965	-	-	-	1,965	2,413
Parish Fees	2,256	-	-	-	2,256	3,306
Children's & Youth Work	706	-	-	-	706	1,445
	6,242	-	160	-	6,402	7,458
2.3 Income from Investments						
Principality BS : Bond Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Bank : Deposit Interest	715	-	-	-	715	77
Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance : Interest	1,325	-	-	-	1,325	210
	2,040	-	-	-	2,040	287
2.4 Other Income						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	**74,161**	**-**	**23,149**	**-**	**97,310**	**120,963**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SIDCUP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Expendable Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
RESOURCES USED						
3.1 Direct Costs of Charitable Activities						
Fund-Raising Costs	-	-	-	-	-	27
Church Hall Running Costs	33,599	-	-	-	33,599	5,527
Missionary & Charitable Giving	-	-	13,541	-	13,541	11,148
Parish Indicative Offer	26,000	-	-	-	26,000	25,000
Visiting Clergy Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church Running Costs :	32,387	-	676	-	33,063	39,560
Equipment Purchased	22	-	24,300	-	24,322	364
Repairs & Maintenance	9,400	-	582	-	9,982	13,484
Redevelopment Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-2,744
Clergy Working Expenses	5,148	-	-	-	5,148	4,924
Music	6,072	-	-	-	6,072	6,192
Work with Senior	-	-	558	-	558	-
Work with Children	24	-	-	-	24	29
Depreciation	2,500	-	-	-	2,500	2,500
	115,152	-	39,657	-	154,809	106,011
3.2 Grants Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.2 Support Costs : Charitable						
Postage, Stationery & Printing	1,308	-	-	-	1,308	649
	1,308	-	-	-	1,308	649
3.3 Support Costs : Governance						
Independent Examiner's Fees (including VAT)	2,640	-	-	-	2,640	3,090
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	**119,100**	**-**	**39,657**	**-**	**158,757**	**109,750**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

4 STAFF COSTS

4.1 Payments to PCC Members (Trustees)

No remuneration or expenses were paid to any other member of the PCC, persons closely connected with them or related parties.

5 FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Buildings	TOTAL
COST OR VALUATION		
At 1 January 2023	125,000	125,000
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2023	125,000	125,000
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 January 2023	22,500	22,500
W/O on Disposals	-	-
Charge for Year	2,500	2,500
At 31 December 2023	25,000	25,000
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31.12.23	100,000	100,000
At 31.12.22	102,500	102,500

The Freehold Buildings consist of the parish hall. We are advised by the Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance that, in the event of a disposal, such part of the proceeds as represents the sale of the land on which the parish hall stands would revert to the Diocese and the parish would be entitled to the value of the hall premises only. Although it was not considered necessary to obtain a detailed valuation of the premises, an informal opinion by Right Move, in early 2014, suggested a sale value of between £125,000 and £150,000 and the deemed value of the parish hall was reduced to £125,000 in the 2013 financial statements with the estimated value of the land being written-off as an impairment in equal instalments over 50 years. The estimated market value at the year-end remains at c£125,000.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	2022
6 CHURCH HALL					
Lettings	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Running Costs	33,599	-	-	33,599	5,527
	-33,599	-	-	-33,599	-5,527

7 WORK WITH CHILDREN

Busy Bees

Income	706	-	-	706	1,445
Expenditure	24	-	-	24	29
	682	-	-	682	1,416

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

8 CASH AT BANK

	2023		2022	
	£		£	
Barclays Bank plc :				
Current Account	-56		-491	
Deposit Account	37,228		98,849	
Hall Account	500	37,672	495	98,853
Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance :				
Church Repair Fund	38,982		34,923	
Hall Repair Fund	9,729		8,646	
General Fund	98	48,809	95	43,664
TOTAL CASH BALANCES		**86,481**		**142,517**

9 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2023		2022	
	£		£	
Debtors :				
Hall Water Refund Due	-		300	
Refund due from ECS re overpayment	-		300	
Gift Aid Income Tax Recoverable	3,469	3,469	3,434	4,034
Prepayments :				
Council Tax (Vicarage)	637		601	
Security (Vicarage)	257		238	
Copyright Licence	39		37	
Insurance : Church	3,399		3,780	
Insurance : Hall	850	5,182	945	4,656
		8,651		**8,690**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

10 CREDITORS falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fees (including VAT)	2,640	2,640
Organist's Salary	600	660
Council Tax (Vicarage)	255	240
Gas & Electricity (Church)	2,792	1,735
Water (Church)	-	-
Barclaycard	1,125	1,181
Insurance	2,971	3,304
Fire Equipment Inspection	886	361
Christmas Expenses	-	143
Rochester Diocese re Burials, Baptisms & Weddings	529	142
Winter Welcome	943	-
Fund Raising Costs	140	-
Hall Expenses	891	1,439
	13,772	**11,845**

11 PCC FEES

PCC Fees for Weddings, Funerals etc do not include those fees paid to Clergy, Organist or Verger as the Church acts only as agent in collecting and passing on those items.

12 MOVEMENT AND ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

MOVEMENT OF FUNDS	1.1.23	Received	Paid	Transferred	Impairment Provision	31.12.23
Unrestricted	181,748	74,161	119,100	-	-	136,809
Designated	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	27,224	23,149	39,657	-	-	10,715
Expendable Endowment	33,835	-	-	-	-	33,835
	242,807	**97,310**	**158,757**	**-**	**-**	**181,360**

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Expendable Endowment
Fixed Assets	100,000	100,000	-	-	-
Current Assets	95,132	50,582	-	10,715	33,835
Current Liabilities	-13,772	-13,772	-	-	-
	181,360	**136,809**	**-**	**10,715**	**33,835**

The Expendable Endowment Fund is the remaining balance of the Griffin Legacy and may be used for the general purposes of the Church.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

13 RESERVES POLICY

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, which equates to approximately six months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations which may arise from time to time. We may also use the Expendable Endowment Fund for general purposes and this, at £33,835 (2022 - £33,835), gives a total, together with the £136,809 (2022 - £181,748) Unrestricted & Designated Funds, of £170,644 (2022 - £215,583) although it should be noted that this figure includes the Net Book Value of the hall buildings (£100,000) and £48,809 (2022 - £43,664) in various Diocesan Repair Funds. Excluding these two items leaves £21,835 (2022 - £69,419) in readily realisable funds against six months' unrestricted expenditure, based upon the year ended 31st December 2023, of £59,550 (2022 - £49,750) – a deficit of £37,715 (2022 - £19,669).

14 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The total amount of donations without conditions received by St John's from the trustees during the year was £9,636 including Gift Aid Tax recovery.

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SIDCUP

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (THE TRUSTEES) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St. John the Evangelist has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev'd Cathy Knight-Scott, in promoting in the parish the *whole mission of the church*: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. 'Any other more particular functions should be seen as ways of carrying out this general function.'[1]

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to inviting and enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and become part of the community of St John's. We aim to truly be 'A Church for Everyone'.

We have noted the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Principally we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Regular provision of accessible and engaging worship, both in-person and online
- Regular opportunities for individual and corporate prayer, study and fellowship.
- Pastoral services (baptism, weddings, funerals) and pastoral care for each other and the community.
- Mission and Outreach work.

To facilitate this work, we need to maintain the fabric of the church of St John the Evangelist. This is particularly important with the increasing usage of a beautiful building.

[1] Lord Rodger of Earlsfield (2004), Senior Law Lord

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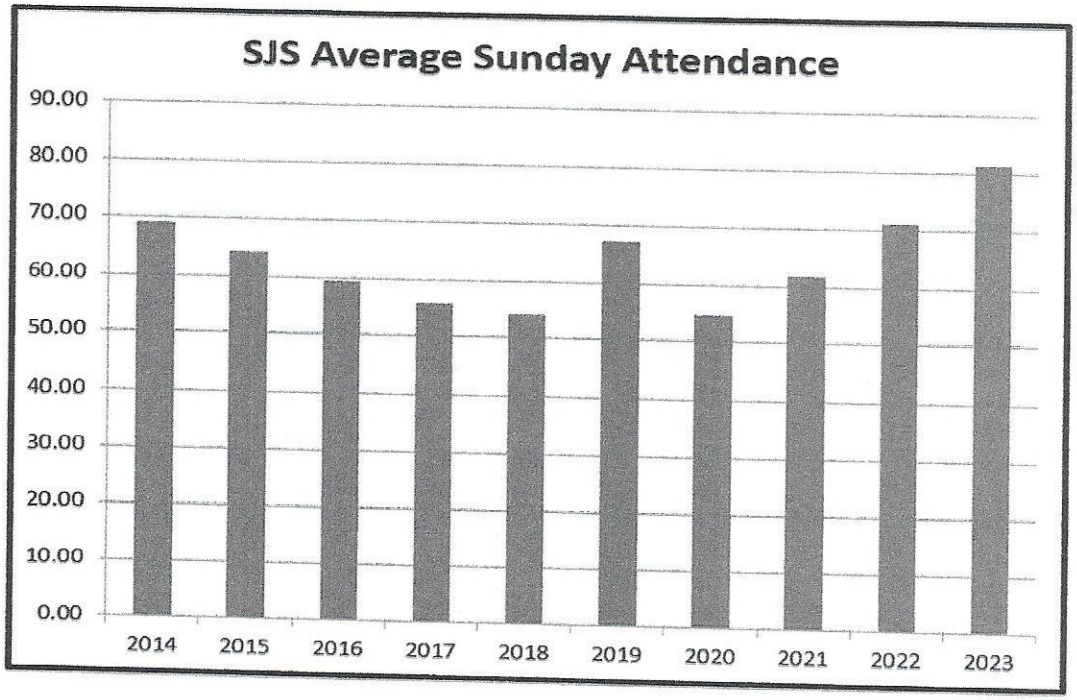
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (THE TRUSTEES)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Church membership and Services

Electoral Roll: There are 114 members on the church electoral roll at the time of the APCM, a increase of 9 on the previous year. 11 people were removed and 20 people joined.

Church Attendance: The below graph speaks for itself. We remain a growing church!
[NB In the years 2020 and 2021, the numbers represented on the graph below include only those Sundays when we were able to gather for worship at 10am i.e. not during lockdown].



Online Services: During 2023 it became clear that live-streaming of services is here to stay and that we have a faithful group of people who regularly join that way. We have also welcomed new people to our in-person services who first found us online. At the start of the year, we were simply using a mobile-phone balanced on a tripod on a table which was not robust or best quality. We therefore launched an appeal to fund a new AV system which was successful and the new system was installed in the autumn. The quality of our streaming has improved immensely and met with acclaim. We subsequently ceased the zoom service which had dwindled to very few attendees and the live-stream preferred.

Seasonal and Special Services: There were lots of 'Special' services during 2023. A sermon series on inclusion in February was very well-received and further inclusive services were held during the year: a particularly popular one was trans-inclusion. Sadly, the need for services focused on Ukraine remains with the continuation of the terrible war and we held two plus a prayer vigil during the year. Our mission has been enhanced by working with Sidcup Partners – we collaborated on various Messy-type events: Easter, Summer, Hallowe'en and Advent. We held three mayoral Civic services during the year, including Remembrance Sunday, one of our largest ever both in-person and online. At Christmas attendances were increased at almost all services – in the case of Christingle, we will need to re-think the structure to accommodate the numbers coming.

Pastoral Services: 13 baptisms took place in 2023 compared with 10 in 2022. 2 marriages were held in 2023 compared with 0 in 2022. 5 funerals were conducted in church and 6 in local crematoria/cemeteries (compared with 6 and 10 respectively the previous year). There were 3 burials of cremated remains in the churchyard (compared with 6 in 2022).

Review of the year

Community outreach: Community outreach continues to be a vital part of St John's. Our projects have grown significantly during this year which has been achieved due to an outstanding team of dedicated volunteers. We have been supported by many local organisations, including Sidcup Partners and the Rotary Club.
Our main areas of focus have been:
The 'Place of Welcome' is a weekly community hub which has become a vital meeting point for many residents. Through the provision of light refreshments in a very friendly atmosphere it seeks to provide comfort, company, and friendship to anyone that comes through the doors. Local groups like the Alzheimer's Society, the Bexley Deaf Centre, Diabetes UK, the Police attend on a regular basis to provide help. The Place of Welcome has been an outstanding success and we are very proud of the feedback that it has transformed the lives of some attendees.
We have taken part in the both the 2022 and 2023 national Winter Warm programme. From January- March 2023 we provided a warm space, soup, and sandwiches twice a week and from November – December 2023 (and beyond) we provided a warm space and Saturday Pancakes which has proved to be particularly popular.
Our Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal has continued throughout the year. We collect food, warm clothing, medicines, and other items and deliver all the provisions directly to Ukraine monthly. We are very grateful to Holy Trinity Church, Sidcup, St Nicholas Church, Chislehurst, and various churches around Otford for their amazing commitment, generosity, and support. We have provided weekly English lessons to Ukrainians. Learning English has proved vital in finding employment as well as allowing new arrivals to integrate and feel welcome in our society. Perhaps of even more importance the weekly sessions have provided a kinship during incredibly sad and worrying times. We linked with local schools to provide additional resources for Ukrainian pupils.
Our Community Larder continues to be a much used resource. No vouchers or referrals are needed but it operates on the principle "take what you need, give what you can". It is of course with deep regret that the larder is needed but we are determined to offer a meal to anyone in need.
We have started a weekly Singing for the Brain group for people with memory challenges and their carers. It has become instantly very popular and vital part of the week for all attendees.
We continued to support the Foodbank weekly during 2023 and have again donated well over a tonne of food as well as financial donations more than £1500.

Children's work: Busy Bees, our toddler (and-their-adult) group continues to run weekly in term time. Lynda Goldsmith and her team retired in September after 25 years of running the group: building it up from scratch to be a valued church and community resource. Post-pandemic, the team took the courageous decision to move into the church.
We are delighted to report that this popular event has been ably continued under the leadership of Debbie Runting and Pat Morgan. It is a wonderful way of gently introducing baptism families to the church and familiarising small children with the building.
As mentioned above, we ran four very successful family 'Messy' Church events in conjunction with Sidcup Partners including crafts, entertainment, refreshments and more.
Our links with schools are an important part of our ministry to children and in particular we have hosted services in church for Birkbeck, Merton Court, Benedict House and West Lodge. We welcomed small groups from all these schools – and also from Orchard and from Monkey Puzzle Nursery into church and our vicar is active taking assemblies too.

Online / Media: Our Facebook page continues to be our most active presence online – it is updated at least weekly with services, livestreams, news and photographs. The reach continues to grow, and at the time of writing we have over 680 followers (cf 500 in 2023). The St. John's WhatsApp group remains active on a daily basis, sharing prayers, news, encouragement and photographs. Our web-site is now more engaging thanks to Mark Stephen and updated regularly. Lynn Wells creates fantastic posters and flyers both for online and occasionally print use.

Inclusive Church: We are proudly an Inclusive Church and continue as a member of the organisation of that name. This reflects our belief that the love of Christ is for everyone, regardless of sex, race, economic status, gender,

sexuality, ethnic background, disability, health etc and everyone is welcome at all levels in our church. 'In Christ there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave or free, male or female, you are all one in Christ Jesus.'[2]

Vocations and Training: We have a very strong ministry team at St. John's, numbering eight lay people plus clergy at the time of writing, and we continued to be blessed with new vocations. During 2023 Sandra Marshall and Jill Raggett were licensed as Lay Ministers and Margaret Miller received her Certificate in Christian Ministry.

Church Hall: Following the PCC decision in 2020 to engage the diocese in looking at ways of either disposing of the building (or otherwise making it a source of income without requiring management by St John's), we are disappointed to say that – as at this time last year – we still await any positive engagement from them.
Therefore, in November the PCC unanimously took the difficult decision to refurbish the building so that it can be used for more than storage. There was at that time a hope that it could be leased on an annual basis to someone who would run the building in accordance with our purposes, however no one has been found. As we move into 2024, we are in communication with Sidcup Partners following their proposal that they run the building and share the profits.

Prayer and study: Various 'Pilgrim' and other study groups ran on a seasonal basis during 2023. In addition, our Curate started a monthly benefice prayer group which now includes breakfast and a speaker on the occasions it is held at St John's.

Eco-Church: We continue to increase our use of fairtrade/recycled supplies in the kitchen and toilets. The garden of remembrance is planted with bee-friendly flowers and our flower meadow is holding its own despite an un-timely cut by the council. We have a composter in the churchyard which our diligent maintenance group use regularly.

Music: Following the departure of Mark Terry early in 2023, we had a variety of organists providing accompaniment for our main 10am service musicians and we were also able to get to grips with the new 'hymnal' which we purchased along with the AV system. We were delighted that we had several applicants for the Director of Music position and in September Dr Herman Jordaan joined St John's. He has made a huge difference to the general quality of music in church and in particular to the Robed choir - it has been wonderful to welcome several new members.
During 2023 the Gospel choir, started by our curate the previous year, re-branded itself as Joyful Voices and has continued to contribute to our worship particularly in more informal services. This choir has been a good form of missional outreach.

Bells: Our tower captain, Debbie Runting, together with our steeple keeper, Alexander Runting, have maintained the bell tower in excellent condition and are always ready to organise ringing for us, no matter how short the notice. The 'Ring for the King' coronation initiative attracted many new people to have a go at bell-ringing and several have joined the weekly training and started ringing on a Sunday too. The tower tours have also attracted people to church and are a great form of missional outreach.

The Future

We believe that the future for St John's Sidcup is bright. We are building our mission and ministry to Sidcup and have achieved notable successes during 2023. Community and outreach work continues to be a particular strength.

It is worth noting that research[3] shows that what is critical for successful mission is not doing more things - it's doing what we do well; being intentional about where we spend time and resources and, most crucially, communicating widely so that as many people as possible know what we do and can join in.

[2] Galatians 3.28
[3] Barna Research Group 'Highlight' 2021

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SIDCUP

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (THE TRUSTEES) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The term of membership for elected members is three years, after which members must stand down for a year before seeking re-election. Everyone who attends St John's is encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and vote in the PCC elections.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC met seven times during 2023. At each PCC meeting reports (written or verbal) are received from Sub-Committees / Members with specific responsibilities including: Mission & Ministry, Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Finance, Children's work, Social media and communications, Church Fabric, Community outreach, and links with the wider church.

The PCC is committed to implementing the House of Bishops' safeguarding policies and good practice guidance. A formal statement to adopt the House of Bishops' "Promoting a Safer Church; safeguarding policy statement" was agreed by the Parochial Church Council and recorded in the minutes of the May 2023 PCC meeting and this process is repeated annually. A link is provided to safeguarding information on the front page of our website and information is in church in various places.

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Administrative Information

The Church of St John the Evangelist, Sidcup, is situated in Church Road, Sidcup. It is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St John Parish Office, Church Road, Sidcup DA14 6BX.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 1133932.

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

Incumbent:	Rev'd Cathy Knight-Scott
Curate:	Rev'd Eucharia Asiegbu
Churchwarden(s)	
Until APCM April 2023	Len Raggett
	Vacancy
From APCM April 2023	Len Raggett
	Iris Pavey
Diocesan Synod representative:	*Jill Raggett*
Deanery Synod representatives:	
Until APCM April 2023	*Liz Tragheim*
From APCM April 2023	*Maureen Jessiman*
From October 2023	*Barry Theobald-Hicks*
Elected members:	
Until APCM April 2023	*Ann Armstrong*
	Margaret Miller
	Anthony Sharratt
	Yvonne Wright
	Iris Pavey
Served all year	*Barry Theobald-Hicks*
	Chris Tragheim
	Lynn Wells
	Mark Stephen
From APCM May 2023	*Bill Goldsmith*
	Laury Bartlett
	Keith Hulks
	Liz Tragheim
Co-opted members:	
Until APCM April 2023	*Maureen Jessiman (Secretary)*
	Bill Goldsmith (Deputy Treasurer)
From APCM April 2023	*Anthony Sharratt (Technology)*
Legally mandated PCC Roles:	
	Deputy Chair of PCC: Len Raggett
	PCC Secretary: Maureen Jessiman
	PCC Treasurer: Chris Tragheim

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SIDCUP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SIDCUP, KENT DA14 6BX

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on Pages 8 to 19, is in respect of an examination carried out under s145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that an audit is not required for the year ended section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity Commission. That 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 the consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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.

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Mrs Michelle Adams
Institute of Chartered Accountants England & Wales
Adams Accountancy (Bexley) Limited
Heritage House, 34B North Cray Road,
Bexley
Kent DA5 3LZ

Date : 31 March 2024

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SIDCUP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Expendable Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM :							
Donations and Legacies	2.1	65,879	-	22,989	-	88,868	113,218
Charitable Activities	2.2	6,242	-	160	-	6,402	7,458
Income from Investments	2.3	2,040	-	-	-	2,040	287
Other Income	2.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		**74,161**	**-**	**23,149**	**-**	**97,310**	**120,963**
EXPENDITURE ON :							
Charitable Activities	3.1/2	116,460	-	39,657	-	156,117	106,660
Governance Costs	3.3	2,640	-	-	-	2,640	3,090
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		**119,100**	**-**	**39,657**	**0**	**158,757**	**109,750**
NET INCOMING/-OUTGOING RESOURCES BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS AND APPROPRIATIONS		**-44,939**	**-**	**-16,509**	**-**	**-61,447**	**11,213**
Add : Gains/-Losses on Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-44,939	**-**	**-16,509**	**-**	**-61,447**	**11,213**
Transfers							
Gross Transfers between funds - In		-	-	-	-	-	25,481
Gross Transfers between funds - Out		-	-	-	-	-	-25,481
NET INCOMING/-OUTGOING RESOURCES		**-44,939**	**-**	**-16,509**	**-**	**-61,447**	**11,213**
Balances Brought Forward 1.1.2023		181,748	-	27,224	33,835	242,807	231,594
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 31.12.2023		**136,809**	**-**	**10,715**	**33,835**	**181,360**	**242,807**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SIDCUP

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £		2022 £	
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		100,000		102,500
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and Prepayments	9	8,651		9,635	
Cash at Bank	8	86,481		142,517	
		95,132		152,152	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	13,772		11,845	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			81,360		140,307
NET ASSETS			**181,360**		£ **242,807**
Represented By :					
Funds	12				
Unrestricted					
Designated (Unrestricted)			136,809		181,748
Restricted			-		-
Expendable Endowment			10,715		27,224
			33,835		33,835
		£	**181,360**	£	**242,807**

The notes on Pages 10 to 19 form part of these accounts

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 20th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by :

Revd C M Knight-Scott (Incumbent)

I Raggett Esq (Churchwarden)

I Pavey (Churchwarden)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC of St John the Evangelist, Sidcup is a Parochial Church Council in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 3 of these financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the amendments to *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16th July 2014 (effective from 1 January 2016) – (the Charities SORP (FRS 102) as amended by Update Bulletin 2 published on 5th October 2018).

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 2 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), issued on 16th July 2014, rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, effective from 1st April 2005, which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. They are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1. They also include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below and have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.1 Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient within the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.2 Public Benefit Entity

The Parochial Church Council of St John's Church Sidcup meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

1.3 Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis :

Consecrated and Benefice Property is not included in the accounts in accordance with Part 1 Chapter 2 (10) (a) of the Charities Act 2011.
Moveable Church Furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church inventory which can, at any reasonable time, be inspected.
Other Buildings, held on behalf of the Parochial Church Council for its own purposes, are based on an estimate of the value at 31st December 2013 (see Note 5) which has been treated as deemed cost as at 1st January 2015. The value of the buildings is depreciated at 2% per annum on a straight line basis. Any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as it is incurred.
Expenditure on equipment purchased for use in or around the church is written-off in the year that it is incurred.

1.4 Funds

Endowment Funds are funds the capital of which must be maintained unless, as in this case, they were designated by the donor to be a quasi-endowment thus permitting both income and capital to be spent and they are known as Expendable Endowment Funds.

Restricted Funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object, or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund and, where there is no separate investment, interest may be apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted Funds represent the general funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the ordinary purposes of the PCC and include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

1.5 Income Recognition

Income is brought into account when it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will accrue to St John's. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised. Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when due. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable and interest from Government Stocks is accrued. All other income is recognised when receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross with the exception of insurance claims for loss or damage which are set against the relevant expenditure when received.

1.6 Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing St John's to pay out resources.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

1.7 Irrecoverable Value Added Tax

The PCC is not registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT. The VAT incurred from time to time on certain fabric repair and maintenance expenditure can, however, be recovered under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

1.8 Receivables and Payables : Bank and Cash

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to St John's or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts where normal credit terms apply. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit account balances are shown at the realisable values.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
INCOMING RESOURCES	£		£	£	£	£
2.1 Donations and Legacies						
Giving under Gift Aid	31,693	-	-	-	31,693	31,062
Gift Aid Income Tax Recoverable	11,203	-	500	-	11,703	10,071
Freewill Offering	-	-	-	-	-	-
Collections at Church Services (Open Plate)	4,744	-	-	-	4,744	5,684
Donations, Appeals etc	18,239	-	17,489	-	35,728	61,992
Grants Received	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	3,909
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	500
	65,879	-	22,989	-	88,868	113,218
2.2 Charitable Activities						
Fund Raising	1,315	-	160	-	1,475	294
Hire of Church	1,965	-	-	-	1,965	2,413
Parish Fees	2,256	-	-	-	2,256	3,306
Children's & Youth Work	706	-	-	-	706	1,445
	6,242	-	160	-	6,402	7,458
2.3 Income from Investments						
Principality BS : Bond Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Bank : Deposit Interest	715	-	-	-	715	77
Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance : Interest	1,325	-	-	-	1,325	210
	2,040	-	-	-	2,040	287
2.4 Other Income						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	**74,161**	**-**	**23,149**	**-**	**97,310**	**120,963**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SIDCUP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Expendable Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
RESOURCES USED						
3.1 Direct Costs of Charitable Activities						
Fund-Raising Costs	-	-	-	-	-	27
Church Hall Running Costs	33,599	-	-	-	33,599	5,527
Missionary & Charitable Giving	-	-	13,541	-	13,541	11,148
Parish Indicative Offer	26,000	-	-	-	26,000	25,000
Visiting Clergy Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church Running Costs :	32,387	-	676	-	33,063	39,560
Equipment Purchased	22	-	24,300	-	24,322	364
Repairs & Maintenance	9,400	-	582	-	9,982	13,484
Redevelopment Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-2,744
Clergy Working Expenses	5,148	-	-	-	5,148	4,924
Music	6,072	-	-	-	6,072	6,192
Work with Senior	-	-	558	-	558	-
Work with Children	24	-	-	-	24	29
Depreciation	2,500	-	-	-	2,500	2,500
	115,152	-	39,657	-	154,809	106,011
3.2 Grants Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.2 Support Costs : Charitable						
Postage, Stationery & Printing	1,308	-	-	-	1,308	649
	1,308	-	-	-	1,308	649
3.3 Support Costs : Governance						
Independent Examiner's Fees (including VAT)	2,640	-	-	-	2,640	3,090
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	**119,100**	**-**	**39,657**	**-**	**158,757**	**109,750**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

4 STAFF COSTS

4.1 Payments to PCC Members (Trustees)

No remuneration or expenses were paid to any other member of the PCC, persons closely connected with them or related parties.

5 FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Buildings	TOTAL
COST OR VALUATION		
At 1 January 2023	125,000	125,000
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2023	125,000	125,000
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 January 2023	22,500	22,500
W/O on Disposals	-	-
Charge for Year	2,500	2,500
At 31 December 2023	25,000	25,000
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31.12.23	100,000	100,000
At 31.12.22	102,500	102,500

The Freehold Buildings consist of the parish hall. We are advised by the Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance that, in the event of a disposal, such part of the proceeds as represents the sale of the land on which the parish hall stands would revert to the Diocese and the parish would be entitled to the value of the hall premises only. Although it was not considered necessary to obtain a detailed valuation of the premises, an informal opinion by Right Move, in early 2014, suggested a sale value of between £125,000 and £150,000 and the deemed value of the parish hall was reduced to £125,000 in the 2013 financial statements with the estimated value of the land being written-off as an impairment in equal instalments over 50 years. The estimated market value at the year-end remains at c£125,000.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	2022
6 CHURCH HALL					
Lettings	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Running Costs	33,599	-	-	33,599	5,527
	-33,599	-	-	-33,599	-5,527
7 WORK WITH CHILDREN					
Busy Bees					
Income	706	-	-	706	1,445
Expenditure	24	-	-	24	29
	682	-	-	682	1,416

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

8 CASH AT BANK

	2023		2022	
	£		£	
Barclays Bank plc :				
Current Account	-56		-491	
Deposit Account	37,228		98,849	
Hall Account	500	37,672	495	98,853
Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance :				
Church Repair Fund	38,982		34,923	
Hall Repair Fund	9,729		8,646	
General Fund	98	48,809	95	43,664
TOTAL CASH BALANCES		**86,481**		**142,517**

9 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2023		2022	
	£		£	
Debtors :				
Hall Water Refund Due	-		300	
Refund due from ECS re overpayment	-		300	
Gift Aid Income Tax Recoverable	3,469	3,469	3,434	4,034
Prepayments :				
Council Tax (Vicarage)	637		601	
Security (Vicarage)	257		238	
Copyright Licence	39		37	
Insurance : Church	3,399		3,780	
Insurance : Hall	850	5,182	945	4,656
		8,651		**8,690**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

10 CREDITORS falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fees (including VAT)	2,640	2,640
Organist's Salary	600	660
Council Tax (Vicarage)	255	240
Gas & Electricity (Church)	2,792	1,735
Water (Church)	-	-
Barclaycard	1,125	1,181
Insurance	2,971	3,304
Fire Equipment Inspection	886	361
Christmas Expenses	-	143
Rochester Diocese re Burials, Baptisms & Weddings	529	142
Winter Welcome	943	-
Fund Raising Costs	140	-
Hall Expenses	891	1,439
	13,772	**11,845**

11 PCC FEES

PCC Fees for Weddings, Funerals etc do not include those fees paid to Clergy, Organist or Verger as the Church acts only as agent in collecting and passing on those items.

12 MOVEMENT AND ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

MOVEMENT OF FUNDS	1.1.23	Received	Paid	Transferred	Impairment Provision	31.12.23
Unrestricted	181,748	74,161	119,100	-	-	136,809
Designated	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	27,224	23,149	39,657	-	-	10,715
Expendable Endowment	33,835	-	-	-	-	33,835
	242,807	**97,310**	**158,757**	**-**	**-**	**181,360**

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Expendable Endowment
Fixed Assets	100,000	100,000	-	-	-
Current Assets	95,132	50,582	-	10,715	33,835
Current Liabilities	-13,772	-13,772	-	-	-
	181,360	**136,809**	**-**	**10,715**	**33,835**

The Expendable Endowment Fund is the remaining balance of the Griffin Legacy and may be used for the general purposes of the Church.

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13 RESERVES POLICY

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, which equates to approximately six months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations which may arise from time to time. We may also use the Expendable Endowment Fund for general purposes and this, at £33,835 (2022 - £33,835), gives a total, together with the £136,809 (2022 - £181,748) Unrestricted & Designated Funds, of £170,644 (2022 - £215,583) although it should be noted that this figure includes the Net Book Value of the hall buildings (£100,000) and £48,809 (2022 - £43,664) in various Diocesan Repair Funds. Excluding these two items leaves £21,835 (2022 - £69,419) in readily realisable funds against six months' unrestricted expenditure, based upon the year ended 31st December 2023, of £59,550 (2022 - £49,750) – a deficit of £37,715 (2022 - £19,669).

14 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The total amount of donations without conditions received by St John's from the trustees during the year was £9,636 including Gift Aid Tax recovery.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (THE TRUSTEES) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St. John the Evangelist has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev'd Cathy Knight-Scott, in promoting in the parish the *whole mission of the church*: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. 'Any other more particular functions should be seen as ways of carrying out this general function.'[1]

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to inviting and enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and become part of the community of St John's. We aim to truly be 'A Church for Everyone'.

We have noted the Charity Commission's guidance on **public benefit** and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Principally we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Regular provision of accessible and engaging worship, both in-person and online
- Regular opportunities for individual and corporate prayer, study and fellowship.
- Pastoral services (baptism, weddings, funerals) and pastoral care for each other and the community.
- Community and outreach work: for example, supporting the foodbank, Lark in the Park, the work of CTiS, and working with 'Sidcup Partners' to bring Christian welcome and input to social and community projects.

To facilitate this work, we need to maintain the fabric of the church of St John the Evangelist, especially now that we have a newly enhanced church building following completion of the 'Access4All' project last year.

[1] Lord Rodger of Earlsfield (2004), Senior Law Lord

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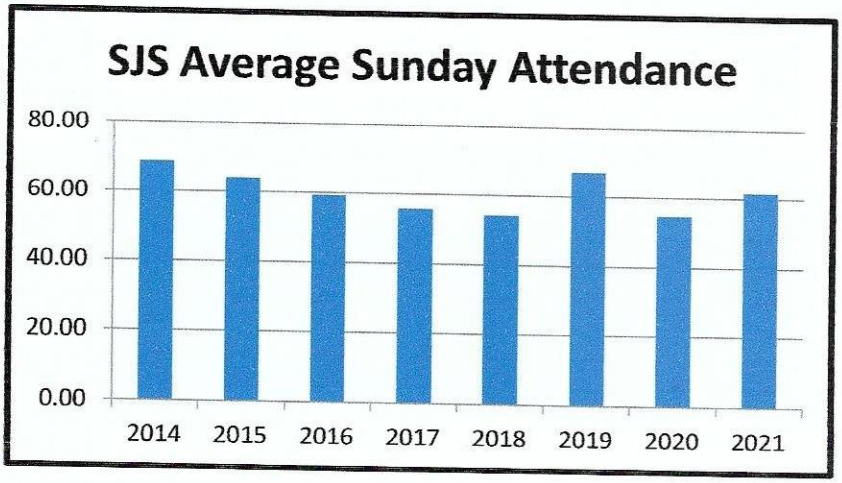
The Numbers - Church membership and Services

Electoral Roll: There are 107 members on the church electoral roll at the time of the 2021 APCM, an increase of 3 on the previous year. 8 people left and 11 people joined.

Church Attendance: It is very hard to assess figures for average Sunday attendance during 2021, as during 2020, due to the different versions of lockdown, social distancing (and in 2020 even enforced closure) that have been in force during this time. Using only the figures for when we were able to gather for worship at 10am (regardless of other measures in place) the average for the year is shown below.



Online Services: Thanks to the hard work of our communications team, and in particular Mark Stephen and Anthony Sharratt, we have the facility to livestream to Facebook from church. The main Sunday service, and other major services such as remembrance and Christmas services have been livestreamed and also made available on our YouTube channel. We are aware of at least one care-home that shows our service to the residents the following day. The 8am was held in person one Sunday a month only, and is now generally a short pre-recorded reflection on YouTube. Throughout 2020 we also ran a live interactive zoom service weekly – the NoonZoom is now broadcast from within the church building to enable increased church community involvement.

Seasonal and Special Services: Easter Sunday 2021 was a great occasion – the first service which was open to all, albeit with strict covid-measures in place. All services in the run-up were online and had varying engagement.
This was soon followed by the dedication of new (A4A) Facilities and the Garden of Remembrance in the presence of the Mayor and other local figures – and also marked the first time we had congregational singing (outside!).
We were delighted that Remembrance Sunday was back in church this year and was very well-attended. While not as crowded as in some previous years (450 people), the service was also viewed online nearly 100 times.
At Christmas we held as many services as pre-lockdown, but the pattern continued to evolve. In December there were again some covid restrictions in place, therefore while we held Carols by Candlelight and Midnight mass in person, we also offered an online Carol Service (viewed 170 times). We reluctantly took the decision that Christingle should again be 'take-away' with an online service because of the difficulties of social distancing with young children.

Pastoral Services: 13 baptisms took place in 2021 compared with 6 in 2020 and we were delighted to support 7 people from St John's for confirmation during 2021.
2 marriages were held in 2021 compared with 0 in 2020.
2 funerals were conducted in church and 6 in local crematoria/cemeteries (compared with 2 and 12 respectively the previous year). We were also honoured to be asked to conduct the memorial service of our MP James Brokenshire.
There were 2 burials of cremated remains in the churchyard (compared with 4 in 2020).

Activities/Events during the year

Mission and Community outreach: In July we opened our 'Place of Welcome' for the first time. Providing coffee, cake, chat, children's corner and much more, this has become a real community resource. Following this 'soft start', we ascertained that it was sustainable for the long term and Bishop Simon formally opened it or us during his Deanery visitation in December. Numerous people have been through our doors and we are very grateful to the musicians, bellringers, members of the Alzheimer's society and Sidcup partners who have helped it to grow into the event it is today. In 2021 we did a new thing - a Christmas Angel Shower – which involved many people in knitting, tagging, distributing free angels throughout Sidcup and brought joy to many as evidenced by the personal reactions and also on social media. We continued to support the Foodbank weekly during 2021 and have again donated well over a tonne of food as well as financial donations in excess of £1500. We support the work of Sidcup Debt advice through Churches Together in Sidcup.

Children's work: AS with many churches, we struggled to maintain presence and connection during the lockdowns and this is showing in decreased numbers of children at our Sunday services. However, there are green shoots: Busy Bees restarted mid-year in our newly accessible and equipped church building. This already popular event has led to renewed interest in baptisms and bringing it into church has become a real mission opportunity. We have ran two very successful family events in conjunction with Sidcup Partners: Hallowe'en trail, Messy Church and fancy dress; and at Christmas we joined with the Christmas fayre with a couple of stalls in church and a children's entertainer. The latter also raised £1000 for church funds.

Social Media: Our Facebook page continues to be our most active presence online – it is updated at least weekly with services, livestreams, news and photographs. The reach continues to grow, and at the time of writing we have over 400 followers. We also run Instagram and twitter accounts, though they are less active. Early in lockdown on we set up a St John's WhatsApp group, which remains active on a daily basis, sharing prayers, news, encouragement and photographs.

Inclusive Church: In September the PCC voted unanimously that St John's become a member of the 'Inclusive Church' organisation. This reflects our belief that the love of Christ is for everyone, regardless of sex, race, economic status, gender, sexuality, ethnic background, health etc and everyone is welcome at all levels in our church. 'In Christ there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave or free, male or female, you are all one in Christ Jesus.'[2]
We were very happy to accept a donation of a new banner, which was hung and blessed in December, making this affirmation pictorially.

Vocations and Training: This is a great area of development for St. John's. Having started the Certificate of Christian Ministry in 2020, Sandra Marshall successfully candidated for training to become a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM). In addition Margaret Miller has started the Certificate in Christian Ministry. We look forward to the licensing of Coral Baycroft-Willmott and Liz Tragheim as LLMs during 2022. We were delighted to receive Rev'd Eucharia Asiegbu as an Assistant Curate to train across the Benefice in September.

Church Hall: Following the PCC decision in 2020 to engage the diocese in looking at ways of either disposing of the building (or otherwise making it a source of income without requiring management by St John's), we are disappointed to say that – as at this time last year – we still await an outcome from them.

Prayer and study: The fortnightly zoom Bible study continued through most of 2021, though restrictions meant we could not yet resume meeting in person

[2] Galatians 3.28

Eco-Church: Eco-issues for our community are now regularly reported on at PCC meetings and our use of resources is being modified to be increasingly sustainable: we are endeavouring to use fairtrade/recycled supplies in the kitchen and toilets and have introduced a composter to the churchyard. The garden of remembrance is planted with bee-friendly flowers.

Music / Choir: We are immensely grateful to all our musicians in their various different roles, particularly during the difficulties of lockdown and other covid-restrictions. We very much enjoyed hearing from the (socially distanced) choir in church and the quality of the sound for just a few people has been brilliant. They have been ably led by Mark Terry – who also continued providing music from our magnificent organ.

Bells: Our tower captain, Debbie Runting, together with our steeple keeper, Alexander Runting, have maintained the bell tower in top condition and are always ready to organise ringing for us, no matter how short the notice. Thanks to their tireless promotion of the ringers, we have several ringers-in-training too. The tower tours have attracted people to church and are always very much appreciated.

The Future

We believe that the future for St John's Sidcup is bright. We are building our mission and ministry to Sidcup and have achieved notable successes with Place of Welcome and our work with Sidcup Partners. Initiatives for the future include the reinvigoration of prayer and study groups, a Gospel choir and the ministry of healing. It is worth noting that research[3] shows that what is critical for successful mission is not doing more things - it's doing what we do well, being intentional about where we spend time and resources and, most crucially, communicating widely so that as many people as possible know what we do!

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The term of membership for elected members is three years, after which members must stand down for a year before seeking re-election. Everyone who attends St John's is encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and vote in the PCC elections.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC met seven times during 2021 and the Standing Committee of the Council met a further six times. At each PCC meeting reports (written or verbal) are received from Sub-Committees / Members with specific responsibilities including: Mission, Ministry, Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Finance, Children's work, Social media and communications, Church Fabric, Hall management, Social and Fundraising, Eco-issues, and links with the wider church.

The PCC is committed to implementing the House of Bishops' safeguarding policies and good practice guidance. A formal statement to adopt the House of Bishops' "Promoting a Safer Church; safeguarding policy statement" was agreed by the Parochial Church Council and recorded in the minutes of the September 2020 meeting.

[3] Barna Research Group 'Highlight' 2021

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Administrative Information

The Church of St John the Evangelist, Sidcup, is situated in Church Road, Sidcup. It is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St John Parish Office, Church Road, Sidcup DA14 6BX.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 1133932.

The PCC members who have served from 1 January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent:	Rev'd Cathy Knight-Scott
Curate: (from September 2021)	Rev'd Eucharia Asiegbu
Churchwarden(s):	
Until APCM September 2021	Iris Pavey Vacancy
From APCM September 2021	Iris Pavey Vacancy
Deanery Synod representatives:	Jill Raggett Liz Tragheim
Elected members:	
Until APCM May 2021	Jenny Edwards Mark Stephen Barry Theobald-Hicks (eligible for re-election)
Served all year	Sandra Marshall Maureen Jessiman Bill Goldsmith Ann Armstrong Margaret Miller Anthony Sharratt
From APCM May 2021	Barry Theobald-Hicks Yvonne Wright Chris Tragheim
Co-opted members:	
Until APCM May 2021	Dr Marcia Philbin (Strategy and Vision)
From APCM May 2021	Mark Stephen (Communications)
Legally mandated PCC Roles:	
Until APCM May 2021	PCC Treasurer: Bill Goldsmith
From APCM May 2021	PCC Treasurer: Chris Tragheim
Served all year	PCC Secretary: Maureen Jessiman Deputy Chair of PCC: Iris Pavey

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SIDCUP, KENT DA14 6BX

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on Pages 7 to 18, is in respect of an examination carried out under s145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that an audit is not required for the year ended section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity Commission. That 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 the consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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.

N L P Darton-Bigg FCPA
Darton-Bigg & Co Ltd
Certified Public Accountants
18 Hurlingham Road
Bexleyheath
Kent DA7 5PF

Date : 28th April 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SIDCUP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Expendable Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM :							
Donations and Legacies	2.1	59,125	0	2,935	-	62,060	186,974
Charitable Activities	2.2	5,495	-	40	-	5,535	11,074
Income from Investments	2.3	181	-	-	-	181	467
Other Income	2.4	0	-	0	-	0	24,238
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		**64,801**	**0**	**2,975**	**0**	**67,776**	**222,753**
EXPENDITURE ON :							
Charitable Activities	3.1/2	80,248	11,646	3,216	0	95,110	370,089
Governance Costs	3.3	2,520	-	0	-	2,520	2,400
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		**82,768**	**11,646**	**3,216**	**0**	**97,630**	**372,489**
NET INCOMING/-OUTGOING RESOURCES BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS AND APPROPRIATIONS		**-17,968**	**-11,646**	**-241**	**0**	**-29,855**	**-149,736**
Add : Gains/-Losses on Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-	0	-
		-17,968	**-11,646**	**-241**	**0**	**-29,855**	**-149,736**
Transfers							
Gross Transfers between funds - In		-	-	-	-	0	0
Gross Transfers between funds - Out		-	-	-	-	0	0
NET INCOMING/-OUTGOING RESOURCES		**-17,968**	**-11,646**	**-241**	**0**	**-29,855**	**-149,736**
Balances Brought Forward 1.1.2021		190,459	35,334	1,820	33,835	261,448	411,184
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 31.12.2021		**172,492**	**23,688**	**1,579**	**33,835**	**231,594**	**261,448**

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £		2020 £	
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		105,000		107,500
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and Prepayments	9	8,203		26,012	
Cash at Bank	8	139,289		138,441	
		147,492		164,453	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	20,898		10,505	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			126,594		153,948
NET ASSETS			**231,594**		**£ 261,448**
Represented By :					
Funds	12				
Unrestricted			172,492		190,459
Designated (Unrestricted)			23,688		35,334
Restricted			1,579		1,820
Expendable Endowment			33,835		33,835
			£ 231,594		**£ 261,448**

The notes on Pages 9 to 18 form part of these accounts

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 16 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by :

Revd C M Knight-Scott (Incumbent)

Mrs I K Pavey (Churchwarden)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC of St John the Evangelist, Sidcup is a Parochial Church Council in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 5 of these financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the amendments to *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16th July 2014 (effective from 1 January 2016) – (the Charities SORP (FRS 102) as amended by Update Bulletin 2 published on 5th October 2018).

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 2 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), issued on 16th July 2014, rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, effective from 1st April 2005, which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. They are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1. They also include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below and have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.1 Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient within the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.2 Public Benefit Entity

The Parochial Church Council of St John's Church Sidcup meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

1.3 Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis :

Consecrated and Benefice Property is not included in the accounts in accordance with Part 1 Chapter 2 (10) (a) of the Charities Act 2011.
Moveable Church Furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church inventory which can, at any reasonable time, be inspected.
Other Buildings, held on behalf of the Parochial Church Council for its own purposes, are based on an estimate of the value at 31st December 2013 (see Note 5) which has been treated as deemed cost as at 1st January 2015. The value of the buildings is depreciated at 2% per annum on a straight line basis. Any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as it is incurred.
Expenditure on equipment purchased for use in or around the church is written-off in the year that it is incurred.

1.4 Funds

Endowment Funds are funds the capital of which must be maintained unless, as in this case, they were designated by the donor to be a quasi-endowment thus permitting both income and capital to be spent and they are known as Expendable Endowment Funds.

Restricted Funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object, or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund and, where there is no separate investment, interest may be apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted Funds represent the general funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the ordinary purposes of the PCC and include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

1.5 Income Recognition

Income is brought into account when it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will accrue to St John's. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised. Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when due. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable and interest from Government Stocks is accrued. All other income is recognised when receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross with the exception of insurance claims for loss or damage which are set against the relevant expenditure when received.

1.6 Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing St John's to pay out resources.

1.7 Irrecoverable Value Added Tax

The PCC is not registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT. The VAT incurred from time to time on certain fabric repair and maintenance expenditure can, however, be recovered under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

1.8 Receivables and Payables : Bank and Cash

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to St John's or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts where normal credit terms apply. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit account balances are shown at the realisable values.

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	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
INCOMING RESOURCES	£		£	£	£	£
2.1 Donations and Legacies						
Giving under Gift Aid	32,731	-	-	-	32,731	33,508
Gift Aid Income Tax Recoverable	8,153	-	-	-	8,153	8,403
Freewill Offering	820	-	-	-	820	1,625
Collections at Church Services (Open Plate)	6,062	-	-	-	6,062	4,312
Donations, Appeals etc	11,359	0	2,935	-	14,294	89,122
Grants Received	-	-	0	-	0	30,000
Legacies	0	0	-	-	0	20,004
	59,125	0	2,935	0	62,060	186,974
2.2 Charitable Activities						
Fund Raising	1,394	-	-	-	1,394	56
Hire of Church Hall	0	-	-	-	0	8,232
Hire of Church	1,616	-	-	-	1,616	392
Parish Fees	1,894	-	40	-	1,934	1,638
Children's & Youth Work	571	-	-	-	571	616
Friends of St John's	20		-	-	20	140
	5,495	0	40	0	5,535	11,074
2.3 Income from Investments						
Principality BS : Bond Interest	106	-	-	-	106	109
Skipton BS : Deposit Interest	0	-	-	-	0	238
Barclays Bank : Deposit Interest	10	-	-	-	10	10
Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance : Interest	65	-	-	-	65	110
	181	0	0	0	181	467
2.4 Other Income						
VAT Refunds	0	0	0	0	0	24,238
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	**64,801**	**0**	**2,975**	**0**	**67,776**	**222,753**

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Expendable Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £
RESOURCES USED						
3.1 Direct Costs of Charitable Activities						
Fund-Raising Costs	0	-	-	-	0	4
Church Hall Running Costs	5,483	-	-	-	5,483	13,395
Missionary & Charitable Giving	300	-	-	-	300	0
Parish Indicative Offer	24,000	-	-	-	24,000	48,000
Visiting Clergy Expenses	40	-	-	-	40	0
Church Running Costs	31,254	-	2,981	-	34,235	19,823
Equipment Purchased	2,646	-	235	-	2,881	3,420
Repairs & Maintenance	4,284	-	0	-	4,284	4,005
Redevelopment Costs	-	10,914	-	-	10,914	268,073
Clergy Working Expenses	4,033	-	-	-	4,033	3,964
Music	5,175	732	-	-	5,907	3,600
Work with Children	0	-	-	-	0	43
Depreciation	2,500				2,500	2,500
	79,715	11,646	3,216	0	94,577	366,827
3.2 Support Costs : Charitable						
Parish Administrator		-	-	-	0	1,831
Postage, Stationery & Printing	533	-	-	-	533	1,431
	533	0	0	0	533	3,262
3.3 Support Costs : Governance						
Independent Examiner's Fee (inc VAT)	2,520	0	0	0	2,520	2,400
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	**82,768**	**11,646**	**3,216**	**0**	**97,630**	**372,489**

4 STAFF COSTS

4.1 Payments to PCC Members (Trustees)

No remuneration or expenses were paid to any other member of the PCC, persons closely connected with them or related parties.

5 FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Buildings	Investment Assets	TOTAL
COST OR VALUATION			
At 1 January 2021	125,000	-	125,000
Additions	-	-	0
Disposals	-	-	0
At 31 December 2021	125,000	0	125,000
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2021	17,500	-	17,500
W/O on Disposals	-	-	0
Charge for Year	2,500	-	2,500
At 31 December 2021	20,000	0	20,000
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31.12.21	105,000	0	105,000
At 31.12.20	107,500	0	107,500

The Freehold Buildings consist of the parish hall. We are advised by the Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance that, in the event of a disposal, such part of the proceeds as represents the sale of the land on which the parish hall stands would revert to the Diocese and the parish would be entitled to the value of the hall premises only. Although it was not considered necessary to obtain a detailed valuation of the premises, an informal opinion by Right Move, in early 2014, suggested a sale value of between £125000 and £150000 and the deemed value of the parish hall was reduced to £125000 in the 2013 financial statements with the estimated value of the land being written-off as an impairment in equal instalments over 50 years. The estimated market value at the year-end remains at c£125000.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	2020
6 CHURCH HALL					
Lettings	0	-	-	0	8,232
Donations	-	0	-	0	0
	0	0	0	0	8,232
Running Costs	5,483	0	-	5,483	13,395
	-5,483	0	0	-5,483	-5,163
7 WORK WITH CHILDREN					
Messy Church					
Income	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Busy Bees					
Income	571	0	0	571	616
Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0
	571	0	0	571	616
Footsteps					
Income	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditure	0	0	0	0	43
	0	0	0	0	-43
TOTAL INCOME	571	0	0	571	616
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0	0	0	0	43
NET INCOME	571	0	0	571	573

8 CASH AT BANK

		2021		2020
		£		£
Barclays Bank plc :				
Current Account	-586		-981	
Deposit Account	99,758		92,335	
Redevelopment Appeal Account	-		196	
Hall Account	481	99,653	500	92,050
Principality Building Society :				
12 Month Bond		-		10,640
Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance :				
Church Repair Fund	31,756		28,703	
Hall Repair Fund	7,786		6,954	
General Fund	94	39,636	94	35,751
TOTAL CASH BALANCES		**139,289**		**138,441**

9 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

		2021		2020
		£		£
Debtors :				
VAT Refund Receivable	0		18,385	
Gift Aid Income Tax Recoverable	2,911	2,911	2,611	20,996
Prepayments :				
Council Tax (Vicarage)	577		545	
Water (Church & Vicarage)	-		35	
Security (Vicarage)	234		-	
Copyright Licence	32		30	
Insurance : Church	3,559		3,514	
Insurance : Hall	890		879	
Hall Expenses	-	5,292	13	5,016
		8,203		**26,012**

10 CREDITORS falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fee (including VAT)	2,520	2,400
Water (Vicarage)	-	351
Council Tax (Vicarage)	462	218
Gas & Electricity (Church)	2,233	1,358
Water (Church)	26	-
Barclaycard	364	-
Insurance	3,111	3,072
Fire Equipment Inspection	247	430
Rochester Diocese re Burials, Baptisms & Weddings	-	643
Architect's Fees	659	-
Provision for Final Payment re West End Redevelopment	10,000	-
Hall Expenses	1,276	2,033
	20,898	**10,505**

11 PCC FEES

PCC Fees for Weddings, Funerals etc do not include those fees paid to Clergy, Organist or Verger as the Church acts only as agent in collecting and passing on those items.

12 MOVEMENT AND ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

MOVEMENT OF FUNDS	1.1.21	Received	Paid	Transferred	Impairment Provision	31.12.21
Unrestricted	190,459	64,801	82,768	0	0	172,492
Designated	35,334	0	11,646	0	0	23,688
Restricted	1,820	2,975	3,216	0	0	1,579
Expendable Endowment	33,835	0	0	0	0	33,835
	261,448	**67,776**	**97,630**	**0**	**0**	**231,594**

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Expendable Endowment
Fixed Assets	105,000	105,000	0	0	0
Current Assets	147,492	88,390	23,688	1,579	33,835
Current Liabilities	-20,898	-20,898	0	0	0
	231,594	**172,492**	**23,688**	**1,579**	**33,835**

The Expendable Endowment Fund is the remaining balance of the Griffin Legacy and may be used for the general purposes of the Church.

13 RESERVES POLICY

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, which equates to approximately six months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations which may arise from time to time. We may also use the Expendable Endowment Fund for general purposes and this, at £33835 (2020 - £33835), gives a total, together with the £196180 (2020 - £225793) Unrestricted & Designated Funds, of £230015 (2020 - £259628) although it should be noted that this figure includes the Net Book Value of the hall buildings (£105000) and £39636 (2020 - £35751) in various Diocesan Repair Funds. Excluding these two items leaves £85379 (2020 - £116377) in readily realisable funds against six months' unrestricted expenditure, based upon the year ended 31st December 2021, of £41384 (2020 - £50368) – a surplus of £43995 (2020 - £66009).

14 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The total amount of donations without conditions received by St John's from the trustees during the year was £11438 including Gift Aid Tax recovery.