THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, EAST DULWICH

England & Wales · Charity number 1134088

Details

Other names	ST JOHN'S PCC, EAST DULWICH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-02-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and groups. Taking of religious assemblies in schools. Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other groups.

Classification

- **How:** 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.
- Southwark

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£353,453	£396,531	-	-
2023-12-31	£317,209	£227,469	-	-
2022-12-31	£256,051	£225,028	-	-
2021-12-31	£168,721	£187,819	-	-
2020-12-31	£174,357	£183,840	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REV Gill O'Neill	Chair	2016-07-24
Alan Edward Croft		2016-04-17
Brenda La Mothe		2023-05-07
CHRISTINE CAMPLIN		2016-04-17
Chris Eldridge		2022-05-15
Claire Abator Zena NYLANDER		2017-04-02
Dorothy Anne Oxley		2025-05-11
Eloise Isobel Fotiadis		2021-05-16
Eloise King		2025-05-11
Gillian Nash		2024-04-28
JOY TAYLOR		2011-07-19
James Michael Nurton		2024-04-28
Jane Amelia Hawkins		2025-05-11
Jayne Mallett		2022-05-15
Kingsley Ogbonda		2022-05-15
Louise Pollard		2025-05-11
Lucy McGrath		2022-05-15
Rev ALISTAIR JOHN MCCULLOCH		
Rev ANNE FULFORD CLARKE MA JP		
Rev Rosemary Shaw		2022-11-16
Sarah Sarker		2023-05-07
Susan Lock		2024-04-28

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Accounts

St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Annual Report

2024



Annual Report and Financial Statements of the

Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Celebrating 2024

Fulfilling our purpose

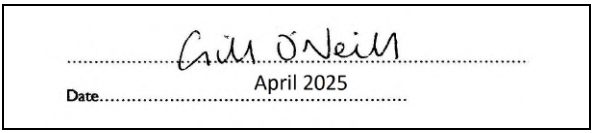
This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 1 John 1: 5

2024 was the year we managed to complete the long-awaited refurbishment of the entrance and toilet facilities in the Goose Green Centre, for the benefit of all church and centre users. We can be proud that our church offers an even more welcoming and accessible environment for members of our community. Thank you to the many, many people who gave generously of their money, time and energy to make this happen, but I must single out two people who went several extra miles to bring this to completion. Martin Howell and Jim Nurton both gave hours of their time to make this happen, whether in writing complex funding applications, meeting architects, builders, inspectors, funders, and organising events to raise money and awareness of the project. We could not have done this without them, and I will always be grateful for their willingness to shoulder this responsibility and see this project through, on behalf of everyone at St John's Church, thank you!

We saw a positive uptick in our church attendance numbers during 2024, especially over Christmas, as well as in numbers of funerals and weddings. We see an increase of the number of children attending worship, reflecting the demographics of the area. Two thousand years after the events of the New Testament, people are still drawn to Christ and to the light of the gospel, and we can be thankful that as the parish church we are here for all of them wherever they are on their pilgrimage of faith. I am continually grateful for the support and friendship of colleagues on the ministry team, as well as our dedicated parish officers and staff, whose care and hard work enable the flourishing of our shared life and ministry.

This life only flourishes with the dedication and positivity of our amazing volunteers, too many to mention, who get stuck in and help to make St John's a vibrant and growing church and who serve and give in so many different ways, including in faithfulness and prayer. We are thankful for everyone. I hope you will feel encouraged by this report; St John's is a lively and inclusive church community, a place of welcome and a beacon of light.

Revd Gill O'Neill, Vicar



Aims and Purposes

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Gill O'Neill, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church, the Clergy House and the Goose Green Centre for Church and Community (GGC).

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Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St John's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit especially the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and members of the congregation.
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is essential that we maintain the fabric of St John's Church and the Goose Green Centre.

More information about all the services and activities described in this report can be found on our website: https://www.stjohnseastdulwich.org/

Worship and Prayer

The PCC offers a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Everyone is welcome to attend:

Weekly Sunday services

- 8am Said Eucharist; a quiet and contemplative service.
- 10am Sung Eucharist; a traditional sung service with robed choir (streamed on Zoom and YouTube). Tea and coffee are available afterwards in the Centre

Weekly weekday services

- 9am Morning prayer every Wednesday
- 12pm Said Eucharist service every Thursday

Other regular services

- Messy Church – monthly all-age service on Sunday afternoons
- Evensong – three times during the year

Feast days and special services

Sung Eucharist services took place on all major feast days in 2024.

Holy Week services included stations of the cross followed by Said Eucharist (Monday-Wednesday) and the Maundy Thursday service was followed by watch of prayer. Good Friday services included children's worship, a service of music and meditation, and the Good Friday liturgy. On Easter day, the Dawn Eucharist was followed by breakfast in the Goose Green Centre and a Festival Eucharist at 10am.



Christingle factory

We welcomed about 2,000 people to our Christmas services: we celebrated with a carol service followed by mulled wine, two Christingle services (a total of 576 people attended and we nearly ran out of Christingles!), Midnight Mass and a Christmas Day Festival Eucharist.

Other special services included Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday (preceded by a procession from Goose Green into the church), Harvest Festival, All Souls' Day and the Remembrance service that included laying of wreaths in the Calvary Garden.

In June members of the St John's congregation joined Dulwich Deanery for an Ascension Day service with St Faith's, Red Post Hill.

Statistics 2024

Service Statistics 2024

Average attendance during 2024 at:

10am Sung Eucharist (Sunday)	100	8am Said Eucharist (Sunday)	10
Messy Church (Monthly)	40	Midday Eucharist (Thursday)	12

Total attendance at:

Easter Services	233	Christmas (Christmas Eve And Day)	745
Carol Service	223	School Christmas Services	950

From submission to Mission Statistics 2024

Occasional Offices Statistics 2024

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We held the following events in our church in 2024:

	(2023 data)	
Baptisms	**25**	*(29*

Banns read	**19**	*(15)*
Marriages	**5**	*(5)*
Marriage Blessings	**1**	*(1)*

Admission to Communion	**8**	(0)
Confirmations	**2**	*(10)*

Funerals in church	**8**	*(8)*
Funerals at cemetery	**5**	*(4)*
Deposition of ashes in Calvary Garden	**0**	*(0)*

Electoral roll

The electoral roll was revised before the 2024 Annual Meetings: there were 141 people on the roll, 32% of whom lived in the parish.



Confirmations at the Cathedral

Prayer and Discipleship

Our Thursday morning Bible Study, facilitated by Revds Gemma and Gill, had a good number of people in attendance, looking at encounters in the gospels, and women in the Bible, among other topics.

Children and young people

In 2024 Messy Church was held monthly and each session explored a chosen scriptural passage with art and craft, physical activity, music, games and scientific experiments followed by a hot meal. Highlights of 2024 includes a session devoted to the Olympics In July, a chance to crawl into the belly of a whale in September when we heard the story of Jonah and grape-treading to celebrate harvest in October.



Our young people continue to contribute to our worship life in many ways. They form part of our serving team, contribute to the readers rota and young choristers sing in our choir. Young people helped with setting up for the Robes Project as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award and seven young people helped prepare all the food for the final evening we hosted the shelter.

We took a group of young people out for a 'Pizza Friday' in September.

In November eight children were admitted for holy communion and two young people were confirmed at Southwark cathedral in November.



Music at St John's



The Choir has had a full year, singing at the 10.00a.m. Sung Mass throughout the year (except August), as well as extra services in the lead up to Christmas, in Holy Week and at Easter. We have sung Evensong three times in the last year, with additional singers who are free to be with us at the end of the day, but are at their own churches elsewhere on Sunday mornings.

2024 ended with a Choir membership of almost twenty, as Joyce Marland has come back to England (from Australia and stayed!) and Sasha Bond has joined. At the same time, we lost Simon Birt as he and Revd. Gemma Lau and family moved to Gemma's new parish.

Rachel Mills achieved the RSCM's Gold Award in November and, together with Gill Nash, who passed the Bronze Award at an earlier date, will be presented in the Cathedral in June.

The Choir has again sung with the Southwark Sinfonietta in a concert in the Church, which gives an extra dimension to the Choir. We also had a long weekend in August singing the services at Derby Cathedral.

The three organ recitals were well attended and are very much a part of our annual programme.

My thanks to the assistant organists, Neil Stevenson., Nicky Jones and Niall Baxter, who have full lives of their own as well as being with us. Three of my students occasionally play for parts of services: Nehara Fernando, Callum Orr and Mark Baker.

Finally, my thanks to Revd. Gill O'Neill for her encouragement, support and friendship and to various members of the Choir for their individual responsibilities.

John Webber, Director Of Music

Pastoral and spiritual care

Members of our parish who are unable to attend church due to poor mobility, frailty or illness continued to be visited at home by the clergy team, including bringing Home Communion to some parishioners and in correspondence with the relevant chaplaincy teams, making hospital visits. The Wednesday Goose Green Coffee morning and Thursday Lunch club also offer an additional layer of pastoral support.

Safeguarding

The PCC is committed to the safeguarding the welfare of all, in particular children, young people and vulnerable adults. The Safeguarding Team works to create an environment where people are confident to undertake activities where risk of abuse is minimised. This is achieved by:

- Adopting the Church of England Safeguarding Policy
- Ensuring all staff, officers, volunteers and PCC members have undertaken the required safeguarding training.
- Practising Safer recruitment for new staff and volunteers and undertaking DBS checks commensurate with roles, in line with Church of England recommendations.
- Liaising with the Diocesan safeguarding team when concerns are raised.
- Performing risk assessments for activities involving children, young people or vulnerable adults.
- Maintaining an up-to-date safeguarding page on the church website that conforms to the statutory requirements laid down by the Diocese.

In September 2024 the PCC ratified a St John's Safeguarding Statement confirming our commitment to safeguarding procedures, and in November 2024 St John's took part in its first ‘Safeguarding Sunday’.

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

No serious incidents occurred during the year that should have been reported to the Charity Commissioners.

Mary Dawson, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Keeping in touch

THE GANDER

Not everyone is able to attend church in person on Sundays. The 10am Mass and some major festivals continue to be livestreamed both to Zoom and YouTube. The printed pewsheet containing details of Sunday readings, music and coming events is made available in church and also posted on the website (www.stjohnseastdulwich.org).

A weekly online newsletter (Mailchimp) is emailed to 221 contacts. Three issues of The Gander (the church magazine) were produced during 2024: they were available online and also in print.









Mission and outreach

St John's Church has been part of the East Dulwich and South Peckham landscape since 1865. The church grounds are open all year. In addition to services, the church is open during coffee morning and Lunch Club and for a variety of events described below.

The Goose Green Centre



Bishop and Mayor visit Lunch Club

The Goose Green Centre (GGC) continues to host a variety of hirers including private hire for parties, hire by businesses, and use by St John's for outreach and other activities. Our groups include a range of activities ; dance, drama, art and Tai Chi. The Centre continues to provide a safe space for anonymous support groups to meet on three evenings of the week. The halls have been used for a number of one off bookings for Community meetings and other not for-profit groups. We were still able to host a Summer 2024 holiday club for children despite there being extensive ongoing refurbishment works in the centre. We continue to host an organisation that prepares food for an after school club at a local primary school.

St John's church activities that use the GGC include The Lunch Club, Strong and Steady and The Robes Project. We are appreciative of the hard work of Julie Whitney who stood in for centre administrator last year. We appointed Elly Dragonetti, Centre Administrator in March. We continue to be grateful to Tina Steadman for her work and commitment to her role as caretaker and cleaner. The centre, as noted in the wardens report has had new toilets , a shower and cleaning cupboard installed. We are very pleased that access to the centre has been improved by the fitting of a wider, automatic front door to the benefit of all our users.

Goose Green Community Lunch Club



Our Lunch Club usually meets every Thursday in term time. Around 25 – 35 of us enjoy a hearty meal, tea or coffee and good company, the cost of the meal again being held at £5 per person. Highlights of the year included our annual outing by Routemaster bus, supported by a generous grant from Southwark Charities, and our Christmas party.

The Lunch Club is made possible through the hard work of our chef, Sally, and our loyal band of volunteers. December 2024 saw the death of our good friend Bryan Grant, Bryan took care of the washing up each week; he is sadly missed.

The Lunch Club is open to all. If you would like to join us, please contact Barbara Deller (07940 266353) or Martin Howell (07939 288885).

Goose Green Coffee Morning



Restorative Justice talk by Kay Beaumont

Goose Green Coffee Morning is a great place to meet other local people, and can help reduce loneliness and isolation. Our average weekly attendance is around 26 and we continue to draw new visitors. We have increased how much cake we bake and have added extra seating. Our survey indicated that 100% of visitors enjoy coffee morning; the things liked by visitors include 'Everybody is friendly and makes strangers welcome', Friendliness of clergy and helpers generally' and 'the cake!'

Activity sessions have taken place during the year, these have included: The Singing Geese (our fun singing group), an enthralling talk by Curate Gemma Lau about her life and travels, a visit with artefacts by Southwark Archives and in July we heard some fascinating insights into restorative justice with Kay Beaumont.

We have continued to attract new volunteers during the year.

Strong and Steady Exercise Group

Strong and steady, an evidence-based exercise programme aimed at improving muscle strength and balance, continued to flourish. The second class is now well-established providing a total 24 spaces for people to participate.

Events

In 2024, there were a variety of events involving both the congregation and the local community. These included:

Christian Aid Café. Sunday, 19 May: Tea, cakes and Pimm's were served and free children's crafts provided in the churchyard. This was timed to coincide with the Dulwich Festival event on Goose Green on the same day. Funds raised went to Christian Aid. The same evening there was a concert by Southwark Sinfonietta in the Church, as part of Dulwich Festival. St John's Church choir also participated.

Fundraising Quiz Night. 22 June: This event to raise funds for the Goose Green Centre toilet refurbishment was a great success. Thanks to the catering team, Martin Howell and the organising team and to Harvey Edgington for designing the quiz.

Polling station. 4 July: the Goose Green Centre served as a polling station for the local community.

Rake and Cake. 31 August: We held a Rake and cake on 31 August and were very grateful to the dozen or so people who took part and transformed the churchyard, paths and flower beds!

Harvest Festival. 6 October: Harvest Festival Mass was followed by a bring-and-share Parish lunch.

Carols by the Green. 7 December: once again we opened the church doors and welcomed the local community in for carol singing, musical performances, mince pies and mulled wine, and a visit from Santa Claus! There were also a small number of stalls selling Christmas produce and toys.



Social justice

In living out our Christian calling, the community at St John's seeks to find ways to respond to human need by loving service, seeks to transform unjust structures of society and strives to safeguard the integrity of creation. Ways in which this has been realised in 2024 include:



Racial Justice

The Racial Justice Group has met monthly during the last year and now has a regular slot after 10am Mass on the first Sunday of each month. This makes it easier for all members of the congregation to attend and some new members have joined the original group. We have developed a good rapport within the group which new members have found easy to become part of.

In the Summer we were one of the parishes to pilot Southwark's Anti-Racism Charter Parish study resource and send our feedback. It is now being rolled out to all Parishes in the Diocese. In November, St Johns not only, as in previous years, had Black Poppies available to honour the sacrifices made by people from the Commonwealth, but also laid a combined red and black poppy wreath during our act of remembrance at the Cenotaph.

Future plans include adding inclusive visual representations of our faith in the church. This will be done in consultation with the Vicar and then be brought to PCC.

Eco Church

St John's cares about our environment. We all share a responsibility to care for God's world, and we can demonstrate this in our worship and teaching, how we care for our buildings and land and how we engage with the local community. We received our A-Rocha Eco Church bronze award in April. This is a sign of our commitment, as a church, to be more eco-conscious. We are now working towards our Silver award.

Robes Project at St John's

St Johns participated once again in the Robes Project winter shelter 2024/2025. A total of 34 adult volunteers and 3 young people set up volunteers supported the project. We were also grateful for generous financial contributions from the congregation to support the running of the shelter. We hosted up to 15 guests every Saturday evening for 12 weeks between January and March. Once again we are pleased to report that the shelter ran very smoothly with very positive feedback from guests with regards to the warm and friendly welcome, the good food and friendship offered to them at our venue.

Partnership with the Southwark Youth Justice Service

Youth Justice Partnership: on Tuesday 23 January Staff and Volunteers from the Southwark Youth Justice Service gave a presentation about their work in Restorative Justice with young people, giving a role-play to show how a restorative justice circle meeting works, and taking questions. Forty-two people attended, from across the borough and the Diocese, and from other churches. One young person has undertaken some of their reparation work in St John's Church, helping with practical tasks such as gardening and garden clearing, with supervision. In July, Kay Beaumont, a volunteer with the YJS spoke about her work, inspiring one member of our congregation to become a volunteer with the YJS. We continue to develop this partnership, and Revd Gill now sits on the Southwark Youth Justice Management Board.



Restorative Justice panel

Welcome Directory: prison leavers

In November, three members of the PCC, Revd Gill, Revd Rosemary and Jim Nurton, undertook Prison Awareness training with The Welcome Directory, which is an organisation supporting churches in their ability to welcome prison leavers who want to attend church.

St John's and St Clement's School

The PCCs of St John's and St Clement with St Peter churches jointly appoint the foundation governors of St John's and St Clement's School, and as Incumbent of St John's, Revd Gill O'Neill is an ex-officio Foundation Governor.

The St John's Foundation Governors are Miranda Wightman (2023, Chair) and Namukale Chintu (2020). Simon Rutland (2018) is the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education governor. Fiona Robertson is governor for St Clement with St Peter. St John's clergy visit the school to lead collective worship, teach religious education and the school holds plays, carol concerts, Harvest and end-of term services in the church. (School website: www.stjohnsandstclements.org)

Deanery Synod

St John's is a member of the Dulwich deanery. The mission of Synod is to assist the Bishop of Southwark in breathing new life into our Deanery as partners in the Gospel. It receives reports from the Diocesan Synod, General Synod and from the parishes in the Deanery. In 2024, the St John's trio continue to organize the Deanery Synod for the seven parishes- Revd. Anne Clarke, Area Dean, Joy Taylor, lay chair, and Laura Williams, secretary. Anne and Joy are also on the Southwark Diocesan Synod.

The deanery synod had three meetings in 2024, in April, July and November and received reports from each of the seven parishes. We have had presentations from Ven Carol Coslett, Assistant Director for Lay Ministry, and the newly-appointed Bishop Alastair.



Maintenance of the fabric

Between May 2024 and October 2024 the Goose Green Centre toilets were extensively refurbished. Four new toilets replaced the old toilets (a disabled toilet, an ambulant toilet and two standard toilets) . A new wet room style shower was installed in the ambulant toilet along with baby changing facilities. A cleaning cupboard was included with the new facility of a specific sink to empty buckets etc. There is also plumbing for a washing machine. As part of the work, we installed a new, wider, front door for the Centre, which is powered to improve access for everyone.

This project was funded in large part by grants from Valencia Communities Fund and City Bridge Foundation and we were very grateful for their generosity. We also appreciated the donations from members of the congregation, Centre users and others and those who supported fundraising activities such as the Quiz Night.

Earlier in the year we converted the children's toilets, a legacy left over from when the Centre housed a nursery, in the large hall into a baby change and multiuse toilet facility. The toilet in the vestry was also replaced. Our church and centre are now blessed with new and refurbished toilets, aiming to meet the needs of our Centre users, parishioners and staff. We have toilet-twinned all six toilets, providing support for communities in Zimbabwe to have access to improved sanitation and toilet facilities.

Our new MP for Lewisham West and East Dulwich, Ellie Reeves, along with Bishop Alistair Cutting, attended an event at the centre in January 2025 where we celebrated the refurbished centre, and the work that we do at the Goose Green Centre.

Regular maintenance activities have continued including servicing and ensuring the safety of the boilers and fan heaters and checks on the lightning conductor and PAT testing of all electrical equipment. Following the refurbishment work we had the foyer repainted, the carpet cleaned and the kitchen deep cleaned. In the churchyard, the hedges were cut back, and a team of dedicated volunteers have continued to maintain and tidy the garden; particular thanks to Chris Eldridge, Cicero Coghi, Marcos Carvhalo, Alan Croft and Keith Watson. There was a 'Cake and Rake' session where about 20 parishioners helped with weeding and general garden maintenance.

The tenants in the Hinckley Road flats stayed throughout 2024 and regular maintenance work included boiler servicing obtaining gas safety certificates, and replacement of dishwashers.

Jim Nurton and Louise Pollard, Churchwardens

Archives and records

This year the archives has received an accession of two Parish Magazines from 1928 and a framed photograph of clergy from the same period from a descendent of the Chappell family who were parishioners at the time. In addition, there have been a number of family history enquiries which sometimes start with people dropping into the church and chatting about their family's links. This is really fruitful outreach as it gives them a valued sense of connection with the past.

Some research has been done for members of the congregation and PCC during the year, including whether any plants in the garden, especially in the planters, had been planted in memory of members of the congregation, and I was asked to check and confirm the details of the Confirmation of an elderly member of the congregation as he had lost the certificate.

The Vicar and I continue to discuss the management of the parish's current and semi-current files according to the advice provided by the Church of England Records Management Staff in 'Keep or Bin: Care of your Parish Records'. We are also looking to replace and upgrade some of our archive cabinets to provide better storage.

Clare Brown (Parish Archivist)







Treasurer's Report

The financial statement for St John's The Evangelist East Dulwich, for the year ending 31st December 2024, was independently examined by Chaweevan Williams FCCA. The statement includes all income and expenditure for the year alongside comparative figures for 2023.

The year ended 31st December 2024, was unusual in the sense that extensive refurbishments of the toilets and shower facilities were carried out in the church and Centre. The refurbishment costs were partly covered by grants from City Bridge Foundation, Valencia Communities Fund and the Church Building Grants, as well as donations and contributions from our parishioners and supporters. The costs of the repairs were in addition to the expenditure incurred for the normal running of the church and Centre. Due to the increased costs resulting from the refurbishments, the financial statement for the year ended December 2024 shows an excess expenditure over income of £43,078.

The total income received in the financial year was £353,453 an increase of approximately 11% compared to the previous year (£317,209). Grants received amounted to approximately £109,000 and accounted for 31% of the total income. Planned Giving and General Collection amounted to just over £90,000, a 2% increase compared with the previous year. Income generated from hire of premises (hall and church) was £50,616 and investment property £44,200, an increase of 14% and 13% respectively on the previous year.

The total expenditure for the year was £396,531 (2023: £227,469). The largest expenditure category was repairs and refurbishment of the facilities amounting to approximately £170,000. The Parish Pledge for the year was £93,210 (2023: 91,290) which accounted for 24% of the total expenditure.

Due to the end of utilities contract in early 2024, the cost of gas, water and electricity (£16,002) increased by approximately 100% on the previous year. Salaries and related costs for the Parish Administrator and caretaker for the year amounted to £30,478.

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who contributed their time and financial resources to support the mission and ministry of the Parish. Additionally, I am grateful to all those who supported me in the role of Treasurer.

Claire Nylander



Reserves Policies

The designated funds were reviewed in May 2024.

General Reserves: In the case of a drop or complete loss of usual income this would be used to enable the church and Goose Green Centre to continue with business as usual and include payments for: Staff salaries — Utility bills — Consumables Maintenance — Clergy expenses — The Parish Pledge	**£65,000**
Boiler repair/replacement fund: To be used to repair or to go towards the replacement of the church boiler. Expenditure on the annual boiler service and maintenance and gas safety certification is excluded from this fund.	**£50,000**
Restoration and major works fund: This fund should be used for restoration or major works to the church, the grounds, the Goose Green Centre or the Clergy house (11 Hinckley Road). This fund is intended for emergency repairs and restoration when works are needed without adequate time to fundraise. This includes works identified as urgent at the quinquennial inspection and any unplanned or unexpected works where costs cannot be claimed via insurance (or where payments need to be paid while awaiting an insurance reimbursement). Expenditure excluded from this fund includes planned maintenance, as per the annual maintenance plan and planned repair or restoration projects**.**	**£40,000**
Mission opportunities fund: To be used in line with the mission action plan. It could be used for: • One off projects • Staffing • Consumables for mission projects • Consultation with advisors on areas of mission • Promotion of mission projects	**£10,000**

Charitable giving

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith.

Each year the PCC selects up to four charities, in addition to Christian Aid, for special collections at the Sunday services during the year. The charities selected are listed in the table below.

One charitable fundraising event was held in 2024: the Christian Aid Café in May. All the gifts offered at our Harvest Festival service were taken to the Manna Society Day Centre, to support people experiencing homelessness. Southwark Foodbank collection points enable us to continue to make regular deliveries approximately every six weeks.

Summary of charitable donations:

Special collection	£398	The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call
Special collection	£1,610	Christian Aid
Special collection	£910	International China Concern
Special collection	£1,086	Place 2 Be
Special collection	£592	Freedom from Torture
Christingle services	£1,731	Children's Society

Stewardship

The stewardship team at St John's work to encourage and support the generous giving of financial resources and time, as able, by all members of the church community.

In September 2024 the team developed a campaign recognising the importance of regular, planned giving and aimed to:

1) Increase participation in the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)
2) Invite those already giving via PGS to consider raising their monthly donation
3) Ask those giving via weekly envelopes or standing order (SO) to consider changing to PGS or consider increasing their giving in their current form.

The campaign results saw 7 new people join PGS (2 transitioning from SO), 7 increase their monthly giving via PGS and 2 increase their giving via SO.

The team has been fortunate to be joined by professional fundraiser, Clare Donachie, whose expertise has helped guide our mission.

Jane Hawkins has also joined the stewardship team to lead on administering the online and card giving services (currently Give-a-Little, Sumup, Parish Giving Scheme and CAFonline), including setting up campaigns for specific collections.

The stewardship secretaries are grateful for the ongoing commitment of the whole team and the faithful support of the community at St John's.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a registered charity (No. 1134088). All PCC members are Trustees of the Church.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St John's membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar, Assistant Curate, Hon. Assistant Priests, churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC; we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible. All new members receive an introduction to the PCC.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. All PCC sub-committees and working groups are responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly.

Standing Committee, the only committee required by law, meets to consider the minutes of the previous PCC meeting and set the agenda for the next. It transacts the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the latter. It also has financial responsibilities. Membership consists of the Vicar, Assistant Curate, Wardens, Treasurer, PCC Secretary, Stewardship Secretary and up to two members appointed from the PCC.

The Standing Committee met nine times in 2024. The full PCC met ten times during the year (including one Extraordinary Meeting) with an average attendance of 65%; most of the meetings were held in the Vestry. The Annual Meetings on 28 April were held in the Church.

The following Officers were elected/re-elected at the first PCC meeting following the 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

Secretary:	Christine Camplin
Treasurer:	Claire Nylander
Vice-Chair:	Jim Nurton
Other PCC representatives appointed during 2024:	
Co-opted to PCC:	Mary Dawson (Safeguarding), Revd. Rosemary Shaw and Revd. Alistair McCulloch
Deputy Wardens:	Sarah Sarker, Sue Lock and Alan Croft

Safeguarding Officers:	Mary Dawson, Jim Nurton, Louise Pollard, Joy Taylor, Revd Gill O'Neill
Electoral Roll Officer:	Sue O'Neill
Stewardship:	Jayne Mallett (Secretary), Sarah Sarker (Campaigns)
Charitable Collections:	Eloise Fotiadis
Christian Aid:	Mary Dawson

Elly Dragonetti was appointed Parish Administrator in March. Revd Gemma Lau's last service was Christmas Day. She has been appointed as both Vicar of St Clement with St Peter, and Associate Priest at St Barnabas.

PCC Secretary's report



Commissioning of 2024 PCC

During 2024 the PCC received regular reports from the PCC Treasurer, Churchwardens, and representatives for Deanery Synod, Stewardship, Children and Young People, Safeguarding and Racial Justice Group.

In 2024, the PCC agreed:

- To increase the 2025 Parish Pledge by 3.5% to £96,380.
- To adopt the following policies: Parish Safeguarding Statement (18 September), Email Policy (8 May)
- To 'toilet-twin' the refurbished toilets.
- To approve funds to repair partition between GGC halls

- To update the designated fund amounts, set up a new GGC designation for GGC refurbishment and move previous fundraising income into this fund.
- To display the Inclusive Church statement poster in the Centre and outside church.
- To include the prayer list on the printed Sunday notice sheet.
- To support a 'pizza social' for young people.
- To register with the Welcome Directory (www.welcomedirectory.org.uk) to become a church open to welcoming ex-prisoners.
- To revise the GGC and Church booking forms and Terms and Conditions.
- To the text for a flyer for families to be printed and shared on Sundays.

The Standing Committee agreed to: replace the dishwasher in one of the Hinckley Road flats, double verger and organist fees for a 2-hour service, replace the porch mat, routine organ maintenance and an annual increase of GGC hire fees.

Faculty applications approved by PCC (with grant date):
- Repairs to tower and sanctuary bells (2024-096949) approved April (19 September 2024).
- Installation of a memorial plaque (ref 2022-078567, 19 March 2024).
- Installation of a defibrillator (ref 2024-096975), approved April (17 April 2024).
- Toilet refurbishment (ref 2024-097615) resubmitted April (20 April 2024).

Matters brought before the Council included:
- Church and Centre fabric.
- Goose Green Centre refurbishment (project to fully replace the existing front door and toilet facilities of the Goose Green Centre). Updates on works progress and fundraising/grants.
- Review of Advent/Christmas and Holy Week/Easter services and events.
- Handling of medical incidents in church.
- PCC meeting frequency
- Setting up a children's choir as an after-school activity.
- Special charity collections
- Robes: Julie Whitney stood down from Robes management, Louise Pollard and Lois Barmby have volunteered to be joint team leaders for 2025. The PCC affirmed its support for Robes.
- Organising a monthly Sunday morning activity for children in the GGC.

Revd Gill O'Neill led discussions on Safeguarding culture in the church and Reconciling Mission. (The latter looks at asset-based community development (https://reconciliation-initiatives.org/))

Claire Nylander gave a workshop/presentation on basic accounting to increase the PCC's understanding of the accounts presented at PCC meetings.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members:		
Vicar:	Revd Gill O'Neill	Chair
Assistant Curate:	Revd Gemma Birt	
Hon. Assistant Priest:	Revd Anne Clarke	
Wardens:	Julie Whitney #	
	Tayo Olatunde #	
	Jim Nurton *	
	Louise Pollard *	
Elected members:		
Tessa Blunden	Silbert Crichlow #	
Mary Dawson #	Chris Eldridge	
Eloise Fotiadis	Brenda La Mothe	
Sue Lock *	Jayne Mallett	
Lucy McGrath	Claire Nylander	PCC Treasurer
Gill Nash *	Kingsley Ogbonda	
Sue O'Neill #	Sarah Sarker	
Deanery Synod:		
Alan Croft	Ish Lennox *	
Joy Taylor		
Co-opted members:	(appointed annually)	
Revd Alistair McCulloch		Assistant Priest
Revd Rosemary Shaw		Assistant Priest
In attendance:		
Christine Camplin		PCC Secretary
# Until 28 April 2024	** From 28 April 2024*	

Finally, I would like to record my grateful thanks to Jayne Mallett for stepping in to take minutes of PCC meetings in the early part of the year when I was unable to attend.

Christine Camplin, PCC Secretary

Volunteers

It was striking when compiling this report and reviewing PCC minutes how dependent we are on volunteers who give their time, energy and skills to ensure the smooth running of St John's and make our Church the caring community it is.

The list is long and diverse and includes: card reader and sound system rotas, events (Carols by the Green, Christian Aid Café, Quiz Night), cleaning, gardening, food preparation, flowers, activities for children and young people, Messy Church, administration, Electoral Roll preparation, PCC members and wardens, Robes, The Gander, sidespeople and stewardship teams.

So thank you for all you do – and if you would like to join us you would be welcome!

Flowers at St John's



Traditionally flowers at St John's reflect the Church calendar and/or are dedicated by members of the congregation.

Maundy Thursday, with the beautiful Altar of Repose; Easter Day with the Paschal Candle and white lilies, and Christmas with candles and swathes of greenery all help to make the church look especially lovely on those important festivals.

We remain mindful of environmental concerns and try to ensure that flowers come from sustainable and fairly-traded sources, using more home-grown flowers and foliage, reducing the use of Oasis and using a wider variety of materials to create displays. This also allows us to provide flowers without needing to significantly increase spending.

In 2024 we continued the practice of decorating the church throughout October with the colours of Black History Month.

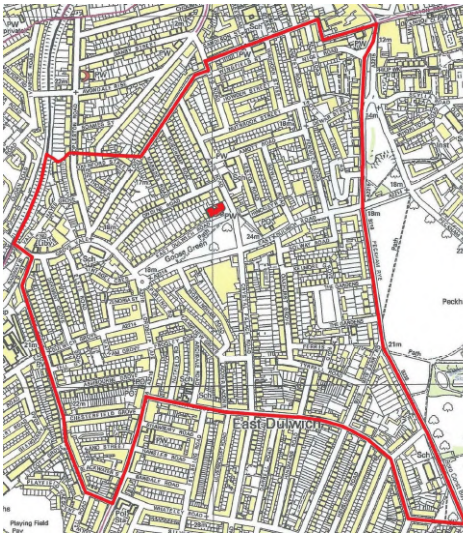
If anyone is interested in joining the team and learning some of the skills which have been passed on to us, please speak to Maxine Plunkett, Sue Roxby or Laura Williams.

The Flower Team

Administrative Information

St John's Church is situated in East Dulwich and Peckham, London. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England.

Correspondence address: 62a East Dulwich Road, London SE22 9AT



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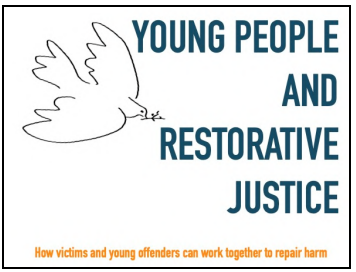
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Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2024

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

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The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Legal and Administrative Details

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Registered charity no.	1134088
Principal address:	St John the Evangelist East Dulwich 62a East Dulwich Road London SE22 9AT
Incumbent:	Rev Gill O'Neill St John's Vicarage 62 East Dulwich Road London SE22 9AU
Primary Bankers:	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent, ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiner:	Chaweevan Williams FCCA Verdant Accountants Limited 20-22 Wenlock Road London N1 7GU

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Independent Examiner's Report

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Independent examiner's report to The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich (Charity no 1134088).

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiner's statement

Where the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a registered member of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that:

(1) In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulation 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

(2) I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Chaweevan Williams FCCA **Date:** 6th May 2025
Verdant Accountants Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
20-22 Wenlock Road,
London N1 7GU

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31st December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2a	109,273	85	117,098	**-**	**226,456**	208,534
Other trading activities	2b	4,300	1,748	133	**-**	**6,181**	6,258
Income from investments	2c	52,801	-	-	**-**	**52,801**	48,561
Charitable activities	2d	62,211	-	5,804	**-**	**68,015**	53,856
Total income		228,585	1,833	123,035	-	**353,453**	317,209
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	-	-	-	-	**-**	-
Charitable activities	3b	234,079	37,902	124,550	-	**396,531**	227,469
Total expenditure		234,079	37,902	124,550	-	**396,531**	227,469
Net income/(expenditure)		(5,494)	(36,069)	(1,515)	-	**(43,078)**	89,740
Gains on investment assets	10	-	-	-	-	**-**	**-**
Gross Transfers between funds	10	(67,833)	68,569	(736)	-	-	-
Net movements in funds		(73,327)	32,500	(2,251)	-	**(43,078)**	89,740
Pror year adjustment	10	(7,500)	7,500			**-**	-
Total funds brought forward at 01 January 2024		161,608	125,000	7,671	1,000,000	**1,294,279**	1,204,539
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2024		**80,781**	**165,000**	**5,420**	**1,000,000**	**1,251,201**	**1,294,279**

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5	**0**	1,713
Investment property	6	**1,000,000**	1,000,000
Total fixed assets		**1,000,000**	1,001,713
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	**20,318**	11,037
Short term deposit (CBF)		**167,880**	159,418
Cash at bank		**73,685**	131,521
Cash in hand		**115**	115
Total Current Assets		**261,998**	302,091
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	**10,797**	9,525
Net current assets		**251,201**	292,566
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**1,251,201**	1,294,279
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	10	**80,781**	161,608
Designated funds	10	**165,000**	125,000
Restricted funds	10	**5,420**	7,671
Endowment funds	10	**1,000,000**	1,000,000
Total funds		**1,251,201**	1,294,279

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on Sunday 4 May and signed on its behalf by:

James Nurton – Churchwarden

Claire Nylander – Treasurer

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2024

1 Accounting policies

a Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)' and the Charities Act 2011.

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions , assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; 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 the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund unless permission is sought from donors to reallocate the fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds , depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

c Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due, and an inflow is probable.

Income from investments

Interest is accounted for as it accrues.

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

For the year ended 31st December 2024

1 Accounting policies (cont'd)

c Incoming resources (cont'd)

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at 31 December each year.

d Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when due. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Support Costs

Support costs are allocated to church activities within the SOFA.

e Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed properties of any kind are excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011 .

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items under £5,000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Plant & Machinery, Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Plant & Machinery	25% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% straight line

1 Accounting policies (cont'd)

f Investment Property

In accordance with the SORP, the Church's freehold are held for long-term investment and are included in the balance sheet at their open market value. The surpluses or deficits on revaluation of such properties are transferred to the endowment fund. Depreciation is not provided in respect of freehold investment properties .

g Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

For the year ended 31st December 2024

2 Income	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**	Total Funds 2023 £
2a *Donations and legacies*						
Planned Giving (Gift Aid)	76,252	-	-	-	**76,252**	76,004
Collections (open plate)	14,598	-	-	-	**14,598**	12,587
Donations	2,196	85	8,011	-	**10,292**	20,592
Gift aid tax	16,227	-	-	-	**16,227**	17,284
Grants received	-	-	109,087	-	**109,087**	4,330
Legacies	-	-	-	-	**-**	77,737
	109,273	85	117,098	-	**226,456**	208,534
2b *Other trading activities*						
Fundraising income	-	-	-	-	**-**	1,902
Other income	2,510	-	133	-	**2,643**	-
Parish Fairs and events	1,790	1,748	-	-	**3,538**	4,356
	-	-	-	-	**-**	-
	4,300	1,748	133	-	**6,181**	6,258
2c *Income from investments*						
Interest Received	8,601	-	-	-	**8,601**	5,111
Hinckley Road rental income	44,200	-	-	-	**44,200**	43,450
	52,801	-	-	-	**52,801**	48,561
2d *Charitable activities*						
Fees income – PCC	11,222	-	-	-	**11,222**	5,375
Premises hire	50,616	-	-	-	**50,616**	41,068
Sundry Income	373	-	-	-	**373**	-
Lunch Club	-	-	5,804	-	**5,804**	7,413
	62,211	-	5,804	-	**68,015**	53,856
Total Income	**228,585**	**1,833**	**123,035**	**-**	**353,453**	317,209

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

For the year ended 31st December 2024

3 Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**	Total Funds 2023 £
3a *Raising funds*						
Fund raising expenditure	-	-	-	-	**-**	-
Fair trade stall	-	-	-	-	**-**	-
	-	-	-	-	**-**	-
3b *Church activities*						
Missionary and charitable giving	-	-	6,326	-	**6,326**	6,656
Diocesan Parish pledge	93,210	-	-	-	**93,210**	91,290
Other ministry costs	1,004	-	-	-	**1,004**	2,265
Parish events costs	254	297	-	-	**551**	2,264
Staff costs	30,478	-	-	-	**30,478**	24,726
Church running expenses	28,277	-	5,677	-	**33,954**	32,410
Garden maintenance	1,029	-	-	-	**1,029**	507
Organ maintenance	2,954	-	-	-	**2,954**	2,933
Church & Goose Green Centre - Major fabric expenditure	36,233	31,509	102,009	-	**169,751**	13,929
Upkeep of services (Incl flowers)	-	-	2,529	-	**2,529**	4,736
Youth work, training and mission	583	-	208	-	**791**	318
Heat, light and water	15,255	-	747	-	**16,002**	8,022
Lunch Club	-	-	7,054	-	**7,054**	7,368
Administrative costs	10,797	-	-	-	**10,797**	13,230
Support costs- Hinckley road costs	10,494	-	-	-	**10,494**	7,674
Governance costs						
Accountancy & Independent examination	1,320	-	-	-	**1,320**	1,200
Consultancy & Professional Fees	478	6,096	-	-	**6,574**	6,227
Depreciation	1,713	-	-	-	**1,713**	1,714
	234,079	37,902	124,550	-	396,531	227,469
Total Expenditure	**234,079**	**37,902**	**124,550**	**-**	**396,531**	227,469

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

For the year ended 31st December 2024

4 Staff Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	30,478	24,726

5 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & Machinery	**Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment**	**Total**
Cost	**£**	**£**	**£**
At 1 January 2024	-	6,855	**6,855**
Addition	-	-	**-**
At 31 December 2024	-	6,855	**6,855**
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	-	5,142	**5,142**
Charge for the year	-	1,713	**1,713**
At 31 December 2024	-	6,855	**6,855**
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	-	0	0
At 31 December 2023	-	1,713	1,713

6 Investments

	Investment Property
Cost	**£**
At 1 January 2024	1,000,000
Add Gain on investment	-
At 31 December 2024	**1,000,000**
Net book value	
At 31 December 2024	**1,000,000**
At 31 December 2023	1,000,000

The freehold of the two flats, situated on Hinckley Road. For 2023 & 2022 valuation with available price indexed linked method, it was decided to keep valuation the same as at year ended 2022. The flats are owned by St John the Evangelist , East Dulwich act as Custodial Trustees. The assets cannot be sold without the prior consent of the PCC. The Parish is responsible for their upkeep although any income they generate is unrestricted.

7 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift Aid tax recoverable	-	3,563
Prepayments and accrued income	9,061	3,389
Trade debtor	11,257	4,085
	20,318	11,037

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	8,156	7,118
Other creditors	2,641	2,407
	10,797	9,525

9 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	**Designated Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Endowment Funds**	**Total 2024**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Investment properties	-	-	-	1,000,000	**1,000,000**
Fixed assets for church use	-	-	-	-	**-**
Net current assets	80,781	165,000	5,420	-	**251,201**
At 31 December 2024	**80,781**	**165,000**	**5,420**	**1,000,000**	**1,251,201**
At 31 December 2023	161,608	125,000	7,671	1,000,000	**1,294,279**

10 Statement of funds

	Balance b/fwd 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Prior year Adjustment	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31 Dec 2024
Unrestricted funds	**£**	£	£	£	£	**£**
General fund	161,608	228,585	(234,079)	(7,500)	(67,833)	**80,781**
	161,608	228,585	(234,079)	(7,500)	(67,833)	**80,781**
Designated funds						
General reserves	55,000	-	-	-	10,000	**65,000**
Boiler replacement/repair fund	25,000	-	-	-	25,000	**50,000**
Restoration & major works fund	35,000	-	-	-	5,000	**40,000**
Mission opportunities fund	10,000	-	-	-	-	**10,000**
GG Improvement Fund	-	1,833	(37,902)	7,500	28,569	**-**
	125,000	1,833	(37,902)	7,500	68,569	165,000
Restricted funds						
Grant	-	107,643	(107,643)			**-**
Special collection	3,986	6,326	(6,326)	-	(1,663)	**2,323**
Robes project	881	100	(873)	-	-	**108**
Flower fund	17	1,585	(2,529)	-	927	**-**
Choir fund	37	133	(125)	-	-	**45**
Lunch Club	2,750	7,248	(7,054)	-	-	**2,944**
	7,671	123,035	(124,550)	-	(736)	5,420
Endowment funds						
Property	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	**1,000,000**
	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	**1,000,000**
Total Funds	1,294,279	353,453	(396,531)	-	-	**1,251,201**

Designated funds

Designated – General reserves fund: £65K. In the case of a drop or complete loss of usual income this would be used to enable the church and GGC to continue with business as usual for 3 months and include payments for: Staff salaries, Utility bills, Consumables, Maintenance, Clergy expenses and The Parish Pledge

Designated – Boiler replacement/repair fund: £50K. This fund is to be used for repair or to go towards the replacement of the church boiler. Expenditure on the annual boiler service and maintenance and gas safety certification is excluded from this fund.

Designated – Restoration and major works fund (previously Fabric fund): £40K. This fund should be used for restoration or major works to the church, the grounds, the Goose Green centre or the Clergy house (11 Hinkley Road). This fund is intended for emergency repairs and restoration when works are needed without adequate time to fundraise. This includes works identified as urgent at the quinquennial inspection and any unplanned or unexpected works where costs cannot be claimed via insurance (or where payments need to be paid while awaiting an insurance reimbursement). Expenditure excluded from this fund includes planned maintenance, as per the annual maintenance plan and planned repair or restoration projects.

10 Statement of funds (cont'd)

Designated funds (cont'd)

Designated – Mission opportunities fund : £10K is to be used in line with mission action plan. Could be used for: One off projects, Staffing, Consumables for mission projects, Consultation with advisors on areas of mission and Promotion of mission projects.

Designated – GGC Improvements fund has been set up this year.

Restricted funds

Special collection & donation - This restricted fund is to be used for collections taken by the PCC on behalf of other charities where the intention is to transfer funds on to the charity for which they were raised.

Robes project fund – Income into this restricted fund comes from specified donations. Funds are used to support the running of the Robes night shelter when operating at St John's or when St John's contributes to the work of the project elsewhere.

Restricted - Flower fund is to be spent on church flower arrangements.

Children and young people – This restricted fund will be used for activities, equipment or consumables for children and young people.

Lunch club Restricted - To support the operation of the Lunch Club.

Endowment funds

The endowment fund comprises the two flats on 11 Hinckley Road that have been valued for the first time at £990,000 by independent estate agents in October 2021, with further adjustment to UK house price index for 2020. For 2021 the valuation has increased to £1,000,000.

11 Comparative for Statement of Funds
Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Balance b/fwd 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Gain on Investment	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31 Dec 2023
Unrestricted funds	**£**	£	£	£	£	**£**
General fund	124,144	304,617	(217,213)	-	(49,940)	**161,608**
	124,144	304,617	(217,213)	-	(49,940)	**161,608**
Designated funds						
General reserves	-	-	-	-	55,000	**55,000**
Boiler replacement/repair	25,060	-	-	-	(60)	**25,000**
Restoration & major works	50,000	-	-	-	(15,000)	**35,000**
Mission opportunities fund	-	-	-	-	10,000	**10,000**
	75,060	**-**	**-**	**-**	**49,940**	**125,000**
Restricted funds						
Special collection	1,799	4,443	(2,256)	-	-	**3,986**
Robes project	831	50	-	-	-	**881**
Flower fund	-	636	(619)	-	-	**17**
Choir fund	-	50	(13)	-	-	**37**
Lunch Club	2,705	7,413	(7,368)	-	-	**2,750**
	5,335	12,592	(10,256)	-	-	**7,671**
Endowment funds						
Property	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	**1,000,000**
	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	**1,000,000**
Total Funds	1,204,539	317,209	(227,469)	-	-	**1,294,279**

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

For the year ended 31st December 2024

12 Comparative for Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2a	203,355	-	5,179	**-**	**208,534**	162,826
Other trading activities	2b	6,258	-	-	**-**	**6,258**	2,772
Income from investments	2c	48,561	-	-	**-**	**48,561**	29,858
Charitable activities	2d	46,443	-	7,413	**-**	**53,856**	60,595
Total income		304,617	-	12,592	-	**317,209**	256,051
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	-	-	-	-	**-**	497
Charitable activities	3b	217,213	-	10,256	-	**227,469**	224,531
Total expenditure		217,213	-	10,256	-	**227,469**	225,028
Net income/(expenditure)		87,404	-	2,336	-	**89,740**	31,023
Gains on investment assets	10	-	-	-	-	**-**	-
Gross Transfers between funds	10	(49,940)	49,940	-	-	**-**	-
Net movements in funds		37,464	49,940	2,336	-	**89,740**	31,023
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2023		124,144	75,060	5,335	1,000,000	**1,204,539**	1,173,516
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2023		**161,608**	**125,000**	**7,671**	**1,000,000**	**1,294,279**	1,204,539

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St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich Annual Report 2023



"You are the salt of the earth,

You are the light of the world

Matthew 5: 13, 14."

Welcome to our report on the life of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich in 2023. This year has much to be thankful for, including the abundant renewal of much that had been lost since the 2020 pandemic. I am grateful for the support and friendship of colleagues on the ministry team, as well as our dedicated parish officers and staff, whose care and hard work enable the flourishing of our shared life and ministry. In this more concise annual report you will read of our efforts to grow in faith and discipleship, of our encouraging work with children and young people, as well as our commitment to offering thoughtful worship and teaching.

St John's is a hub of life and activity, not only on Sundays but for much of the week, with a full programme of groups and activities using the Church and Goose Green Centre, and many fantastic social events which enhance our life together. You will read of our continued commitment to inclusion and social justice, and the many initiatives and projects to which we give thought, time and, in our special collections, financial support. We grow too in our local connections and partnerships, developing a closer relationship with the Southwark Youth Justice Service, as well as maintaining good connections with our local schools.

As ever, words cannot adequately express my huge thanks for all who continue to serve in so many different ways, and those who give so generously, financially and otherwise, to sustain the life and ministry of our church. I hope you will feel encouraged by what you read; St John's is a thriving church community, inspired by our faith, shaped by our inclusive values and motivated by our shared desire to be salt and light to the world God loves.

Revd Gill O'Neill, Vicar

March 2024



Aims and purposes

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Gill O'Neill, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church, the Clergy House (11 Hinkley Road) and the Goose Green Centre (GGC).

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St John's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit especially the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and members of the congregation.
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is essential that we maintain the fabric of St John's Church and the Goose Green Centre.

More information about all the services and activities described in this report can be found on our website: https://www.stjohnseastdulwich.org/

Worship and Prayer

The PCC offers the following services:

Weekly Sunday services

- 8am Said Eucharist service
- 10am Sung Eucharist; a traditional sung service with robed choir (streamed on Zoom and YouTube)

Weekly weekday services

- 9am Morning prayer every Wednesday
- 12pm Said Eucharist service every Thursday



Other regular services

- Messy church – monthly all-age service on Sunday afternoons
- Evensong – three times during the year

Feast days and special services



Sung Eucharist services took place on all major feast days in 2023.

Holy Week services included stations of the cross followed by Said Eucharist (Monday-Wednesday) and the Maundy Thursday service was followed by watch of prayer. Good Friday services included children's worship, a service of music and meditation and the Good Friday liturgy. On Easter day, the Dawn Eucharist was followed by breakfast in the Goose Green Centre and a Festival Eucharist at 10am. Christmas was celebrated with a carol service followed by mulled wine, two Christingle services, Midnight Mass and a Christmas Day Festival Eucharist.

Other special services included Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Harvest Festival, All Souls' Day and the Remembrance service that included laying of wreaths in the Calvary Garden. Members of the St John's congregation joined Dulwich Deanery for an Ascension Day service at St Faith's, Red Post Hill.

Service Statistics 2023

Average attendance during 2023 at:

10AM SUNG EUCHARIST (Sunday) **88**	8AM SAID EUCHARIST (Sunday) **10**
MESSY CHURCH (monthly) **40**	MIDDAY EUCHARIST (Thursday) **12**

Total attendance at:

EASTER SERVICES (in 2023) **246**	CHRISTMAS (Christmas Eve and Day in 2023) **599**
CAROL SERVICE (in 2023) **174**	SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERIVICES (in 2023) **950**

From submission to Mission Statistics 2023

Electoral roll

In 2023, there were 143 people on the electoral roll, 33% of which lived in the parish.

Occasional Offices Statistics 2023 (2022 data)

BAPTISMS **30 (29)**	FUNERALS IN CHURCH **5 (8)**
MARRIAGE BANNS READ **9 (15)**	FUNERALS AT THE CEMETERY **1 (4)**
MARRIAGES **4 (5)**	MARRIAGE BLESSINGS **0 (1)**
DEPOSITION OF ASHES IN THE CALVARY GARDEN **2 (0)**	
There were no admissions to first communion or confirmations in 2023.	

Prayer and Discipleship

Bible study group

In September 2023, the Bible study group began meeting every Thursday in term time in the choir vestry. Using different resources, the group looked at and considered parables in the Gospels, and most recently have been studying the Gospel of Matthew through a Bible study course that Revd Gill had put together. It is a time of quiet and reflective fellowship, and all are welcome to join at any time.

'Being With' Course

Revd Gemma Birt and Jayne Mallett led this group which ran between January and March 2023. 'Being With' is an online Christian discipleship course, lasting 10 weeks, designed by the Heartedge team at St Martin's in the Fields and written by Sam Wells and Sally Hitchener. It encourages participants, through the stories told, questions asked, and wonderings posed, to reflect on the abundance of God's love for and in the World. It seeks to enable participants to uncover Christ's love as it has been worked out in their lives and their experiences. In so doing, it invites critical reflection on how and when they have seen such love lived out in their lives as forms of mercy, justice, service and reconciliation.

Ten participants took part (maximum recommended), and all spoke of it as an enriching but also challenging course. We hope to run another one of these in future.

Children and young people






In 2023 Messy Church was held monthly and each session explored a chosen scriptural passage with art and craft, physical activity, music, games and scientific experiments and we began serving a hot meal at the end of each service. Highlights of 2023 includes a session devoted to music in January and in July we celebrated 1 year of Messy Church at St John's with a BBQ and cake.

Our young people continue to contribute to our worship life in many ways. They form part of our serving team, contribute to the readers rota and young choristers sing in our choir. Several young people helped with setting up for the Robes Project as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Pastoral and spiritual care

Members of our parish who are unable to attend church due to poor mobility, frailty or illness continued to be visited at home by the clergy team, including bringing Home Communion to some parishioners and in correspondence with the relevant chaplaincy teams, making hospital visits. The Goose Green Coffee morning and Thursday Lunch club (covered on page 7) also offer an additional layer of pastoral support.

Safeguarding

The PCC is committed to the safeguarding the welfare of all, in particular children, young people and vulnerable adults. The Safeguarding Team works to create an environment where people are confident to undertake activities where risk of abuse is minimised. This is achieved by:

- Adopting the Church of England Safeguarding Policy
- Ensuring all staff, officers, volunteers and PCC members have undertaken the required safeguarding training.
- Practising Safer recruitment for new staff and volunteers and undertaking DBS checks commensurate with roles, in line with Church of England recommendations.
- Liaising with the Diocesan safeguarding team when concerns are raised.
- Performing risk assessments for activities involving children, young people or vulnerable adults.
- Maintaining an up-to-date safeguarding page on the church website that conforms to the statutory requirements laid down by the Diocese.

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. No serious incidents occurred during the year that should have been reported to the Charity Commissioners.

Between Sundays

St John's Church has been part of the East Dulwich and South Peckham landscape since 1865. The church grounds are open all year. As well as services, the church is open during coffee morning and lunch club and for the events described on pg 10-11.





Goose Green Coffee Morning

Sue O'Neill wrote, 'Coffee Morning can help people meet others and reduce loneliness and isolation. There are around 30 regulars who come most weeks and we continue to draw new visitors. We have received warm feedback, including in our March 2023 survey: "I am new to East Dulwich and have found the coffee morning welcoming and wonderful" and "Really appreciate that this coffee morning is here". There have been several activity sessions at coffee morning during the year. Sessions included: The Singing Geese (our fun singing group), talks on subjects such as local architecture, plus art and Chinese Calligraphy sessions. Also, we enjoyed a dazzling performance by members of Opal Flutes! New volunteers have given a boost to the coffee morning team'.

Strong and Steady Exercise Group

Strong and steady, an evidence-based exercise programme aimed at improving muscle strength and balance, continued to gain momentum in 2023. In November, a second class opened providing spaces for 24 people to participate.

Goose Green Community Lunch Club

Barbara Deller and Martin Howell wrote, '2023 was a successful year for the Lunch Club with attendance of 25-40 members each Thursday in term time. Members enjoy a hearty meal, good company and conversation, the cost of the meal being held at £5 per person. This was all made possible through the hard work of our chef, Sally, and our loyal band of regular volunteers. Thank you all.'

Highlights of the year included a September outing to Woodcote Green Garden Centre Wallington by Routemaster bus, supported by a generous grant from Southwark Charities, Christmas and Summer parties, and a party to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

The Lunch Club would love to welcome more new members. The majority of our members are pensioners but the Lunch Club but the Club is open to all.



Warden's report







There were no major projects in the Church and Goose Green Centre in 2023. Regular maintenance activities have continued including keeping rainwater goods clear, servicing and ensuring the safety of the boilers and fan heaters and checks on the lightning conductor and PAT testing electrical equipment. At the end of 2023, the five yearly electrical inspection was undertaken, and a small number of repairs identified will be addressed in early 2024. In the churchyard, the hedges were cut back, and a team of dedicated volunteers have continued to maintain and tidy the garden - particular thanks to Martin Howell, Chris Eldridge, Cicero Coghi and Marcos Carvhalo.

The tenants in the Hinckley Road flats stayed throughout 2023 and regular maintenance work included boiler servicing and obtaining gas safety certificates.

Music at St John's

John Webber wrote, 'in 2023 we returned to pre-Covid normality, and the music reflected what we were doing up to 2019. Choir membership has little changed, but there are fewer younger singers, something of which I am very aware and aim to act on in due course.

The Choir continues to sing every Sunday (outside August) at the 10am service, with a rehearsal from 9.20am. Additional services take place at specific times in the liturgical year, notably in Holy Week, but also at other times, such as All Souls, Ascension and Christmas. The Choir sang Evensong three times in 2023 and we are fortunate in having friends who enjoy coming to sing and to augment the Choir.

Members of our Choir sang at Southwark Cathedral in January, providing music for two services at the Diocesan Servers' Festival. The Southwark Sinfonietta gives concerts at St. John's Church and invited our Choir to join them in one item 2023. There was also a concert in the Church in November which combined the Church Choir and two other groups which I direct.



The organ is used at our regular services and is tuned four times a year. It was used for three guest players in recitals in 2023. The organ will require significant repairs in the future.

Congratulations are due to Gill Nash for passing the Royal School of Church Music's Bronze Award (singing exam) last autumn.

We are delighted that Ellen Roxby has gone to Keble College, Oxford, where she is now a choral scholar; she also passed the Gold Award of the RSCM, a distinction which is not given easily.

My thanks to the clergy for their support, and to Neil Stevenson, Nicky Jones, Niall Baxter, Harry Bramma and Andrew Chadney, who have played for services over the last year. Thanks to the Choir, especially to Ian Clifford, as Librarian, assisted by Maya Corbin. Rachel Mills and Sue O'Neill assist in the teaching and preparation of some items of music involving solos.



St. John's Church is very fortunate in having a choir at all, as so many other churches no longer have a group of singers leading their worship and contributing music in the way that we see every week. Long may that remain!'

The Goose Green Centre

The Goose Green Centre (GGC) hosts a mixture of hirers including private hire for parties, hire by businesses, and use by St John's for outreach. Groups include Sing-and-Sign, dance, drama, art and Tai Chi. The Centre also provides a space for anonymous support groups to meet on three evenings of the week.

The halls have been used for one off bookings for Community Southwark meetings and other not-for-profit organisations.

We were delighted to be approached to host Holiday Hunger schemes during the school holidays, which started over Christmas 2023 with bookings for each holiday period until summer 2024.



Another novel booking in 2023 was a regular hire of the kitchen premises to prepare food for a local After School Club. St John's activities that use the GGC include The Lunch Club, Strong and Steady and The Robes Project.

In September 2023, we made our final step in returning to business as usual following the pandemic and reinstated the hall hire rate for the small and large hall (as prior to this since reopening, all groups had used the whole hall to ensure adequate spacing).

We are appreciative of the hard work of Denise Fulgoni, who left the role of parish administrator in January 2023 and Maxine Plunkett who took on the role between March and July 2023. We are also grateful to Tina Steadman in her role as caretaker and cleaner ensuring the Centre is clean, tidy and welcoming for hirers. The planning continues in the project to refurbish the centre toilets and the front doors, and we are confident this will happen in 2024.

Events

In 2023, there were a variety of events involving both the congregation and the local community. These included:

- **Fundraising Quiz Night. 8 February:** This event to raise funds for the Goose Green Centre toilet refurbishment was a great success. Thanks to Martin Howell and the organising team and to Harvey Edgington for designing the quiz.
- **Big Help Out. 8 May.** Over 20 people came to give time in voluntary service, as suggested by King Charles as a way of commemorating his coronation. A skip was filled with rubbish and many bags of garden waste produced – reviving the area to the north of the Church.
- **Christian Aid Café. 21 May:** Tea, cakes and Pimm's were served and free children's crafts provided in the churchyard. This was timed to coincide with the Dulwich Festival event on Goose Green on the same day. Funds raised went to Christian Aid.
- **Ceilidh. 25 November:** The nave of the church was transformed, a Ceilidh band commissioned and around 100 members of the church and local community enjoyed dancing and a meal. Funds raised from ticket and drinks sales went towards the Goose Green Centre toilet refurbishment.
- **Carols by the Green. 10 December:** The church doors were open and around 500 people from local community came into the church during the event to join us for carol singing, mince pies and mulled wine. There were also a small number of stalls selling Christmas produce and toys.

Events at St John's in 2023.









Social justice

In living out our Christian calling, the community at St John's seeks to find ways to respond to human need by loving service, seeks to transform unjust structures of society and strives to safeguard the integrity of creation. Ways in which this has been realised in 2023 include:

- **Eco church.** St John's was awarded the Rocha UK Bronze Eco Church award, which required the church to have made serious commitments to eco sustainability in a range of areas including worship and teaching, buildings, land, community and global engagement and lifestyle.
- **Foodbank.** Food bank donations were encouraged in 2023 enabling regular deliveries of food to be taken to Pecan Foodbank in Peckham.
- **Manna Society:** All donations collected at the Harvest Festival in 2023 were donated to the Manna Society, to support people experiencing homelessness.

- **Robes.** In 2023, The Robes Project resumed the rotating night shelter model, where guests experiencing homelessness are offered a support to move into permanent accommodation while different churches provide shelter each night of the week. This was the first time the project had run since the pandemic, so there was some trepidation as to how safe this would be. St John's hosted 15 guests every Saturday evening for 12 weeks between January and March. Things went smoothly thanks to a large group of committed volunteers, around a quarter of which made connection to St John's through this project.
- **Racial justice:** In the summer of 2023 a group met to study the book, "We need to talk about race" by Ben Lindsay. The group shared their experiences with the wider congregation during Black History Month in October and has continued to meet and to further explore ways to foster understanding of racial justice. A parish lunch to celebrate both Harvest and Black History Month was held in October and was very well-attended. In 2023 the group also began to make plans to keep Racial Justice Sunday in February 2024.
- **Living in Love and Faith (LLF).** In January 2023, the College of Bishops of the Church of England published its response to the 'Living in Love and Faith' (LLF) discernment process which had invited participants to explore the way forward for the church on questions of identity, sexuality and marriage. The Bishops did not endorse a move to change its doctrine to permit same sex marriages at this time. For many members of St John's this was a disappointment, having hoped for change. Nevertheless, we recognise that there is much work to be done, and we look for glimmers of hope and continue to support change through our membership of the Inclusive Church network. The Church has offered liturgical services of thanksgiving and blessing, 'Prayers of Love and Faith', and we look forward to offering such services here. In June 2023 we marked Pride week in London through our intercessions, and with prayer cards offered to all who came to St John's in that week.

St John's and St Clement's School

The PCCs of St John's and St Clement with St Peter churches jointly appoint the foundation governors of St John's and St Clement's School, and as Incumbent of St John's, Revd Gill O'Neill is an ex-officio Foundation Governor. The St John's Foundation Governors are Miranda Wightman (2023, Chair) and Namukale Chintu (2020). Simon Rutland (2018) is the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education governor. Fiona Robertson is governor for St Clement with St Peter. St John's clergy visit the school to lead collective worship, teach religious education and the school holds plays, carol concerts, Harvest and end-of term services in the church.

Deanery Synod

There are seven parishes in our deanery. The mission of Synod is to assist the Bishop of Southwark in breathing new life into our Deanery as partners in the Gospel. There are three meetings a year which take place in the evening and at different churches in the Deanery.

In 2023 St John's elected two Deanery Synod representatives: Joy Taylor and Alan Croft. 2023, also saw a new team of officers in the Synod. Joy Taylor became Lay Chair, Laura Williams, Secretary and Revd Anne Clarke was commissioned as Area Dean of Dulwich in November 2023.

Treasurer's report

The financial statements for the St John's The Evangelist East Dulwich for the year ending 31st December 2023, independently examined by Chaweevan Williams FCCA, includes all its income and expenditure alongside comparative figures for 2022.

As with previous years the PCC continued to be prudent in financial matters to ensure stability of the Parish. In the year ending 31 December 2023, the financial statement shows an excess income over expenditure of £89,740 (2022: £31,023).

The total income received in 2023 was £317,209 (2022: £256,051). Stewardship including general collection was the largest income category amounting to just over £88,500, followed by income received from legacies of just over £78,000 (2022: 49,000). £17,284 of Gift aid was recovered during the year. Income generated from letting out the investment property (Hinckley Road) and from hiring out the church and Goose Centre was £43,450 and £41,068 respectively.

The total expenditure for the year was £227,469 (2022: £225,028). The largest expenditure category was the Parish Pledge of just over £91,000 an increase of approximately 2% on the 2022 figure. Salaries and related costs for the year was £24,725 (2022: £38,620) which is lower than the 2022 figure as the parish administrator post was vacant for a few months. Utility and general running costs were kept to a minimum during the financial year. The Lunch Club Project generated adequate income to cover all costs incurred throughout the year.

I would like to thank all those who gave of their time and financial resources to support the mission and ministry of the parish and those who supported me in the role of treasurer throughout the last year.

Charitable giving

In 2023, the PCC raised funds for three selected charities in special collections as detailed below. In addition to the special collection in November, the PCC agreed to donate 10% of donations from the Christmas services for The Diocese of Jerusalem Appeal– a call made by Bishop Christopher in response to the situation in Gaza and Israel. The Christingle services on Christmas eve raised funds for The Children's Society.

A call for donations of clothing in early February to support those affected by the earthquake in Turkey, resulted in an overwhelming response.

Charity	Month of collection	Amount raised
Christian Aid*	May	£823
Centre 70*	July	£919
Felix project*	September	£709
The Diocese of Jerusalem Appeal*#	November and December	£1,455
Children's Society &	December	£951

*Special collections taken at the offertory during Sunday Services. # This amounted to 10% of the donations made at the Carol Service, Midnight Mass and the Christmas Day Eucharist and the special collection raised in November 2023. & Collected at the two Christingle services on 24/12/23.

Designated funds

The designated funds were last reviewed at the end of 2022 and was unchanged in 2023.

General reserves: In the case of a drop or complete loss of usual income this would be used to enable the church and GGC to continue with business as usual for 3 months and include payments for: • Staff salaries • Utility bills • Consumables • Maintenance • Clergy expenses • The Parish Pledge	**£55,000**
Boiler repair/replacement fund: To be used repair or to go towards the replacement of the church boiler. Expenditure on the annual boiler service and maintenance and gas safety certification is excluded from this fund.	**£25,000**
Restoration and major works fund: This fund should be used for restoration or major works to the church, the grounds, the Goose Green Centre or the Clergy house (11 Hinkley Road). This fund is intended for emergency repairs and restoration when works are needed without adequate time to fundraise. This includes works identified as urgent at the quinquennial inspection and any unplanned or unexpected works where costs cannot be claimed via insurance (or where payments need to be paid while awaiting an insurance reimbursement). Expenditure excluded from this fund includes planned maintenance, as per the annual maintenance plan and planned repair or restoration projects.	**£35,000**

Mission opportunities fund: To be used in line with the mission action plan. It could be used for: ● One off projects ● Staffing ● Consumables for mission projects ● Consultation with advisors on areas of mission ● Promotion of mission projects	**£10,000**

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a registered charity (No. 1134088). All PCC members are Trustees of the Church. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St John's membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar, Assistant Curate, Hon. Assistant Priests, churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC; we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

All new PCC members receive an introduction to the PCC, and they are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. All PCC sub-committees and working groups are responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly. Standing Committee, the only committee required by law, meets to consider the minutes of the previous PCC meeting and set the agenda for the next. It transacts the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the latter. It also has financial responsibilities. Membership consists of the Vicar, Assistant Curate, Wardens, Treasurer, PCC Secretary, Stewardship Secretary and up to two members appointed from the PCC.

The Standing Committee met ten times in 2023. The full PCC met ten times during the year with an average attendance of 68%. All except for one of the PCC meetings were held in person. The Annual Meetings on 7 May were held in the Church.

The following Officers were elected/re-elected at the first PCC meeting following the 2023 Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

- Secretary Christine Camplin
- Treasurer Claire Nylander
- Vice-Chair Julie Whitney

Other PCC representatives appointed during 2023:

- Safeguarding Officers Mary Dawson, Jim Nurton and Joy Taylor
- Eloise Fotiadis appointed as Charitable Collections Coordinator

During 2023 the PCC received regular reports from the PCC Treasurer, Churchwardens, and representatives for Deanery Synod, Stewardship and Children and Young People.

In 2023, the PCC agreed to:

- The full cost of the bell repairs for refurbishment of the tower bell and smaller sanctuary bell, work on the ground floor Hinckley road flat and not to increase the rent on the first floor flat in 2023.
- Revert to pre-pandemic hall hire arrangements in the Goose Green Centre.
- To reduce the number of toilet cubicles to meet the accessibility requirements, and later agreed the revised design following the report from the Access Auditors (CAE) for The Goose Green Centre Refurbishment Project.
- To refurbish the children's toilets next to the stage in the large hall and the sacristy toilet.
- To increase the 2024 Parish Pledge to £93,120.
- To start a second Strong and Steady exercise class.
- To apply for a faculty for the installation of a memorial stone for Revd Charles McKenzie (application number: 2022-078567, 21 June) and to install a defibrillator in the Goose Green Centre foyer (18 October).
- To fund the costs of RSCM examination fees and medals to recognise the contribution and commitment that musicians give to worship at St. John's.
- To adopt the following policies: Financial Controls Policy (21 June), Lone Working Policy (19 July) and Health & Safety Policy (19 July). The PCC agreed to adopt the main principles of Natasha's Law for food safety. (18 October).

Matters brought before the Council:

- A Letter of Guidance received from The Charity Commission 28 February re. Restricted funds and Financial Controls in the 2020 and 2021 Accounts. The delayed Accounts were formally received by the congregation during the Notices on Sunday, 4 June 2023.
- Martin Howell stood down as Stewardship Secretary in May 2023.
- Tayo Olatunde stood down as leader of the Eco Church group.
- The PCC revised the list and appointed sidespeople at the May meeting (Due to a change in the Church Representation Rules sidespeople are now appointed by the PCC rather than at the APCM.)
- Comments and recommendations on the GDPR review were circulated to the PCC.
- The PCC received a report that the organ now needs extensive repairs. It is on long-term loan from Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance. Trinity Laban contacted.

List of clergy, staff, officers and PCC members (trustees)

Clergy	Revd Gill O'Neill (vicar) Revd Gemma Birt (assistant curate) Revd Anne Clarke (assistant priest and area dean) Revd Alistair McCulloch (assistant priest) Revd Rosemary Shaw (assistant priest)	
Churchwardens	Tayo Olatunde Julie Whitney	
Treasurer	Claire Nylander	
Secretary	Christine Camplin	
Parish Safeguarding officer	Mary Dawson	
Deanery synod	Alan Croft	Joy Taylor
PCC members	Tessa Blunden Silbert Crichlow Chris Eldridge Eloise Fotiadis Brenda La Mothe	Jayne Mallett Lucy McGrath Kingsley Ogbonda Sue O'Neill Sarah Sarker

Administrative information

St John's Church is situated in East Dulwich and Peckham, London. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England.

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St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

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Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2023

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

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The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Legal and Administrative Details

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Registered charity no.	1134088
Principal address:	St John the Evangelist East Dulwich 62a East Dulwich Road London SE22 9AT
Incumbent:	Rev Gill O'Neill St John's Vicarage 62 East Dulwich Road London SE22 9AU
Primary Bankers:	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent, ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiner:	Chaweevan Williams FCCA Verdant Accountants Limited 20-22 Wenlock Road London N1 7GU

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report to The PCC of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich (Charity no 1134088).

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiner's statement

Where the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a registered member of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that:

(1) In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulation 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

(2) I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Chaweevan Williams FCCA Date: 13 May 2024
Chartered Certified Accountants
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The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31st December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2a	203,355	0	5,179	-	**208,534**	162,826
Other trading activities	2b	6,258	-	-	-	**6,258**	2,772
Income from investments	2c	48,561	-	-	-	**48,561**	29,858
Charitable activities	2d	46,443	-	7,413	-	**53,856**	60,595
Total income		304,617	0	12,592	0	**317,209**	256,051
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	-		-	-	**0**	497
Charitable activities	3b	217,213	-	10,256	-	**227,469**	224,531
Total expenditure		217,213	0	10,256	0	**227,469**	225,028
Net income/(expenditure)		87,404	0	2,336	0	**89,740**	31,023
Gains on investment assets	10	-		-	0	**0**	**0**
Gross Transfers between funds	10	(49,940)	49,940	0	-	0	0
Net movements in funds		37,464	49,940	2,336	0	**89,740**	31,023
Total funds brought forward at 01 January 2023		124,144	75,060	5,335	1,000,000	**1,204,539**	1,173,516
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2023		**161,608**	**125,000**	**7,671**	**1,000,000**	**1,294,279**	1,204,539

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5	**1,713**	3,427
Investment property	6	**1,000,000**	1,000,000
Total fixed assets		**1,001,713**	1,003,427
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	**11,037**	14,519
Short term deposit (CBF)		**159,418**	154,467
Cash at bank		**131,521**	34,426
Cash in hand		**115**	20
Total Current Assets		**302,091**	203,432
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	**9,525**	2,320
Net current assets		**292,566**	201,112
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**1,294,279**	1,204,539
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	10	**161,608**	124,144
Designated funds	10	**125,000**	75,060
Restricted funds	10	**7,671**	5,335
Endowment funds	10	**1,000,000**	1,000,000
Total funds		**1,294,279**	1,204,539

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on Sunday 14 April and signed on its behalf by:

Julie Whitney ds – Churchwarden

Claire Nylander – Treasurer

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

1 Accounting policies

a Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)' and the Charities Act 2011.

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions , assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; 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 the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund unless permission is sought from donors to reallocate the fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds , depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

c Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due, and an inflow is probable.

Income from investments

Interest is accounted for as it accrues.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

c Incoming resources (cont'd)

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at 31 December each year.

d Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when due. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Support Costs

Support costs are allocated to church activities within the SOFA.

e Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed properties of any kind are excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011 .

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items under £5,000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Plant & Machinery, Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Plant & Machinery	25% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% straight line

1 Accounting policies (continued)

f Investment Property

In accordance with the SORP, the Church's freehold are held for long-term investment and are included in the balance sheet at their open market value. The surpluses or deficits on revaluation of such properties are transferred to the endowment fund. Depreciation is not provided in respect of freehold investment properties .

g Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

2 Income	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
2a *Donations and legacies*						
Planned Giving (Gift Aid)	76,004	-	-	-	**76,004**	68,558
Collections (open plate)	12,587	-	-	-	**12,587**	6,138
Donations	15,413	-	5,179	-	**20,592**	17,517
Gift aid tax	17,284	-	-	-	**17,284**	17,632
Grants received	4,330	-	-	-	**4,330**	52,981
Legacies	77,737	-	-	-	**77,737**	-
	203,355	0	5,179	0	**208,534**	162,826
2b *Other trading activities*						
Fundraising income	1,902	-	-	-	**1,902**	2,225
Fair Trade Stall	-	-	-	-	**0**	297
Parish Fairs and events	4,356				**4,356**	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	**0**	250
	6,258	0	0	0	**6,258**	2,772
2c *Income from investments*						
Interest Received	5,111	-	-	-	**5,111**	1,732
Hinckley Road rental income	43,450	-	-	-	**43,450**	28,126
	48,561	0	0	0	**48,561**	29,858
2d *Charitable activities*						
Fees income – PCC	5,375	-	-	-	**5,375**	10,983
Premises hire	41,068	-	-	-	**41,068**	45,006
Sundry Income	-	-	-	-	**0**	0
Lunch Club	-	-	7,413	-	**7,413**	4,606
	46,443	0	7,413	0	**53,856**	60,595
Total Income	**304,617**	**0**	**12,592**	**0**	**317,209**	**256,051**

3 Expenditure	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
3a *Raising funds*						
Fund raising expenditure	-	-	-	-	**0**	0
Fair trade stall	-				**0**	497
	0	0	0	0	0	497
3b *Church activities*						
Missionary and charitable giving	3,768	-	2,888	-	**6,656**	1,838
Diocesan Parish pledge	91,290	-	-	-	**91,290**	89,500
Other ministry costs	2,265				**2,265**	1,844
Parish events costs	2,264	-	-	-	**2,264**	716
Staff costs	24,726	-	-	-	**24,726**	38,620
Church running expenses	32410 -	-		-	**32,410**	25,355
Garden maintenance	507	-	-	-	**507**	4,170
Organ maintenance	2,933	-	-	-	**2,933**	1,939
Church & Goose Green Centre - Major fabric expenditure	13,929	-	-	-	**13,929**	22,794
Upkeep of services (Incl flowers)	4,736	-	-	-	**4,736**	2,436
Youth work, training and mission	318	-	-	-	**318**	60
Heat, light and water	8,022	-	-	-	**8,022**	7,720
Lunch Club			7,368		**7,368**	4,378
Administrative costs	13,230	-	-	-	**13,230**	14,779
Support costs- Hinckley road costs	7,674	-	-	-	**7,674**	0
Governance costs						
Accountancy & Independent examina	1,200	-	-	-	**1,200**	1,320
Consultancy & Professional Fees	6,227				**6,227**	5,348
Depreciation	1,714				**1,714**	1,714
	217,213	0	10,256	0	227,469	224,531
Total Expenditure	**217,213**	**0**	**10,256**	**0**	**227,469**	225,028

4 Staff Costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	24,726	38,620

5 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & Machinery	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1 January 2023	0	6,855	**6,855**
Addition	0	0	**-**
At 31 December 2023	0	6,855	**6,855**
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	0	3,428	**3,428**
Charge for the year	0	1,714	**1,714**
At 31 December 2023	0	5,142	**5,142**
Net book value			
At 31 December 2023	0	1,713	**1,713**
At 31 December 2022	0	3,427	**3,427**

6 Investments

	Investments Property
Cost	**£**
At 1 January 2023	1,000,000
Add Gain on investment	0
At 31 December 2023	**1,000,000**
Net book value	
At 31 December 2023	**1,000,000**
At 31 December 2022	1,000,000

The freehold of the two flats, situated on Hinckley Road. For 2023 & 2022 valuation with avialable price indexed linked method, it was decided to keep valuation the same as at year ended 2022. The flats are owned by St John the Evangelist , East Dulwich act as Custodial Trustees. The assets cannot be sold without the prior consent of the PCC. The Parish is responsible for their upkeep although any income they generate is unrestricted.

7 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift Aid tax recoverable	3,563	4,000
Prepayments and accrued income	3,389	45
Trade debtor	4,085	10,474
	11,037	14,519

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	7,118	1,320
Other creditors	2,407	1,000
	9,525	2,320

9 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Investment properties	-	-	-	1,000,000	**1,000,000**
Fixed assets for church use	-	-	-	-	**0**
Net current assets	161,608	125,000	7,671	-	**294,279**
At 31 December 2023	**161,608**	**125,000**	**7,671**	**1,000,000**	**1,294,279**
At 31 December 2022	124,144	75,060	5,335	1,000,000	**1,204,539**

10 Statement of funds

	Balance b/fwd 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Gain on Investment	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31 Dec 2023
Unrestricted funds	£	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	124,144	304,617	(217,213)	-	(49,940)	**161,608**
	124,144	304,617	(217,213)	0	(49,940)	**161,608**
Designated funds						
General reserves	-	-	-	-	55,000	**55,000**
Boiler replacement/repair f	25,060	-	-	-	(60)	**25,000**
Restoration & major works	50,000	-	-	-	(15,000)	**35,000**
Mission opportunities fund	-	-	-	-	10,000	**10,000**
	75,060	0	0	0	49,940	**125,000**
Restricted funds						
Special collection	1,799	4,443	(2,256)	-	-	**3,986**
Robes project	831	50	0	-	-	**881**
Flower fund	0	636	(619)	-	-	**17**
Choir fund	0	50	(13)			**37**
Lunch Club	2,705	7,413	(7,368)		-	**2,750**
	5,335	12,592	(10,256)	0	0	**7,671**
Endowment funds						
Property	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	**1,000,000**
	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	**1,000,000**
Total Funds	1,204,539	317,209	(227,469)	0	0	**1,294,279**

Designated funds

Designated – General reserves fund: £55K. In the case of a drop or complete loss of usual income this would be used to enable the church and GGC to continue with business as usual for 3 months and include payments for: Staff salaries, Utility bills, Consumables, Maintenance, Clergy expenses and The Parish Pledge

Designated – Boiler replacement/repair fund: £25K. This fund is to be used for repair or to go towards the replacement of the church boiler. Expenditure on the annual boiler service and maintenance and gas safety certification is excluded from this fund.

Designated – Restoration and major works fund (previously Fabric fund): £35K. This fund should be used for restoration or major works to the church, the grounds, the Goose Green centre or the Clergy house (11 Hinkley Road). This fund is intended for emergency repairs and restoration when works are needed without adequate time to fundraise. This includes works identified as urgent at the quinquennial inspection and any unplanned or unexpected works where costs cannot be claimed via insurance (or where payments need to be paid while awaiting an insurance reimbursement). Expenditure excluded from this fund includes planned maintenance, as per the annual maintenance plan and planned repair or restoration projects.

Designated – Mission opportunities fund : £10K is to be used in line with misson action plan. Could be used for: One off projects, Staffing, Consummables for mission projects, Consutation with advisors on areas of mission and Promotion of mission projects.

10 Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted funds

Special collection & donation - This restricted fund is to be used for collections taken by the PCC on behalf of other charities where the intention is to transfer funds on to the charity for which they were raised.

Robes project fund – Income into this restricted fund comes from specified donations. Funds are used to support the running of the Robes night shelter when operating at St John's or when St John's contributes to the work of the project elsewhere.

Restricted - Flower fund is to be spent on church flower arrangements.

Children and young people – This restricted fund will be used for activities, equipment or consumables for children and young people.

Lunch club Restricted - To support the operation of the Lunch Club.

Endowment funds

The endowment fund comprises the two flats on 11 Hinckley Road that have been valued for the first time at £990,000 by independent estate agents in October 2021, with further adjustment to UK house price index for 2020. For 2021 the valuation has increased to £1,000,000.

11 Comparative for Statement of funds

Year Ended31 December 2022

	Balance b/fwd 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Gain on Investment	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31 Dec 2022
Unrestricted funds	£	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	92,919	249,985	(219,915)	0	1,155	**124,144**
	92,919	249,985	(219,915)	0	1,155	**124,144**
Designated funds						
Restoration & major work	25,060	0	0	0	0	**25,060**
Fabric fund	50,000	0	0	0	0	**50,000**
	75,060	0	0	0	0	**75,060**
Restricted funds						
Fabric & music	0					**0**
Special collection	612	510	677			**1,799**
Robes project	1,293	290	(752)			**831**
Flower fund	1,064				(1,064)	**0**
Children & young people	0	660	(660)			**0**
Lunch Club	2,568	4,606	(4,378)		(91)	**2,705**
	5,537	6,066	(5,113)	0	(1,155)	**5,335**
Endowment funds						
Property	1,000,000	-	-	0	-	**1,000,000**
	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	**1,000,000**
Total Funds	1,173,516	256,051	(225,028)	0	0	**1,204,539**

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2a	161,366	0	1,460	-	**162,826**	115,819
Other trading activities	2b	2,772			-	**2,772**	1,357
Income from investments	2c	29,858			-	**29,858**	17,000
Charitable activities	2d	55,989		4,606	-	**60,595**	34,545
Total income		249,985	0	6,066	0	**256,051**	168,721
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	497			-	**497**	92
Charitable activities	3b	219,418		5,113	-	**224,531**	187,727
Total expenditure		219,915	0	5,113	0	**225,028**	187,819
Net income/(expenditure)		30,070	0	953	0	**31,023**	(19,098)
Gains on investment assets	10	-		-	0	**0**	10,000
Gross Transfers between funds	10	1,155	0	(1,155)	-	0	-
Net movements in funds		31,225	0	(202)	0	**31,023**	(9,098)
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2022		92,919	75,060	5,537	1,000,000	**1,173,516**	1,182,614
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2022		**124,144**	**75,060**	**5,335**	**1,000,000**	**1,204,539**	1,173,516

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIS

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Accounts

St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Annual Report 2022



Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2022

Celebrating 2022

Aim and Purposes

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Gill O'Neill, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church, the Clergy House and the Goose Green Centre for Church and Community (GGC).

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St John's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit especially the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and members of the congregation.
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is essential that we maintain the fabric of St John's Church and the Goose Green Centre.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Gill O'Neill, Chair of the PCC.

Gill O'Neill

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29 March 2023

Date.....

Fulfilling our purpose

Ministry Team

'Come, let us rebuild' Nehemiah 2:17

2022 has been a year of change, of hard work, and of seeing shoots of new growth as we rebuild following the losses of the Covid pandemic. I am always so moved and so thankful for the dedication and commitment of many people in our church community who offer their gifts, care, money and time to the flourishing of our church. Without them, the life and light of St John's would not shine so brightly.

Our shared worship anchors all that we do in the word and sacrament we receive. We are glad we have been able to rebuild our sacristan and serving teams, resume the sharing of the chalice, and return to the altar rail to receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist continues to draw us together and nourish each of us on our pilgrimage of faith. We are blessed to have a huge team of people who give their gifts and time to make our offering of worship possible. They include sacristans Alan Croft, Maxine Plunkett and Eloise King, servers, readers, intercessors, and ministers of communion, choir and musicians, sidespeople, sound and livestream team, flower team and after-church coffee team, along with our churchwardens, Julie Whitney and Tayo Olatunde, and backup from our parish administrator and Tina our caretaker-cleaner. Without them our Sunday worship would be all the poorer.

This Eucharistic hospitality spills out into life beyond Sundays: the Coffee Morning continues to be a place of wonderful hospitality, where new friendships are forged over coffee and delicious cakes. Thank you to Sue O'Neill, Christine Camplin, Jane Hawkins, and all who make our coffee morning a fantastic place to be. The Goose Green Lunch Club was officially incorporated into St John's in 2022, and has been able to rebuild as a very popular activity for our guests. We are hugely thankful for chef Sally, and an amazing team of volunteers who serve delicious meals with a cheery welcome. We were enormously grateful to Denise Fulgoni who has worked hard with Goose Green Centre groups as they settled back into regular meetings following the pandemic, and has given huge support to church events, often going the extra mile.

Our Christian Aid Café and Carols by the Green events were very successful, and enabled us to offer hospitality to our neighbours as well as supporting those in need. Carols by the Green was especially popular, and we were amazed at the number of people who came along and found a welcome, as well as festive music, mulled wine and mince pies; proceeds went to the Southwark Foodbank this year. We also enjoyed hosting the Southwark and South London Society of Organists' Education Day for Young Organists event in January, with organist and conductor, Anna Lapwood.

We were delighted to celebrate with Assistant Curate, Gemma Birt, as she was ordained priest at St Mary's Lewisham. Gemma is flourishing in ministry, and we are hugely grateful to have her with us. Gemma, with Jim Nurton, led an excellent 'Living in Love and Faith' course and a Lent book group - you can read about them later in the report - and she has also strongly supported our work with children and young people, planning and helping to lead Messy Church services, preparing young people for confirmation, recruiting and encouraging new servers, and organising two events, the theatre trip to *Six: the musical* and our advent craft evening. In February and March I was able to take a mini-sabbatical, which had been delayed from 2020 for understandable reasons. I am grateful to Gemma, who, along with the Revds Anne Clarke, Alistair McCulloch and Rosemary Shaw, meant I could leave worship and pastoral care in their safe hands. Unfortunately, catching Covid affected my sabbatical plans, but I was still able to enjoy a study break.



The Black Voices Matter group has continued to bear fruit. The 'Becoming Allies' workshop has gained interest beyond St John's. Laura Williams organised a series of fantastic talks for Black History month. The Black History library continues to grow. In October we were delighted to hear for the first time the specially commissioned anthem *Give us the wings of faith* by Jack Abbott, a young Black composer, musician, and music student.

Sadly, we said farewell to some members of St John's who died in 2022, especially Rex Thompson and Anthony LaMothe. In St John's wider networks, we also said goodbye to Ianthe Pratt, who had been a key member of the women's spirituality group, and Dotty Todd, who had been held in our prayers for some time. We give thanks for their lives, and all they brought to the life of our community.

Jim Nurton stood down as churchwarden; he has given a great deal to the life of St John's, and we are enormously grateful. Jim continues to serve our church in a number of ways. Tayo Olatunde joined Julie Whitney on the churchwarden team, and we are hugely thankful for their hard work and dedication, often unnoticed and behind the scenes. Their efforts mean that we have a repaired sanctuary ceiling, a tidy churchyard, functioning lighting and heating, and, hopefully, a fox-proof church! I am personally grateful for their support and encouragement in my role as Vicar.

We have been able to do all of these things and more because of sound financial management. Our Treasurer Sarah Goudge stood down after many years in the role, and we welcomed Claire Nylander as our new treasurer. Martin Howell has been a dedicated leader of our stewardship group, encouraging generosity and efficient giving. Thank you to all of you who give regularly to our church, we could

not manage without you. I am also grateful for PCC Secretary Christine Camplin, for keeping us organised, and for compiling this report.

At the start of their term of office, our new PCC looked at the story of Nehemiah, who rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem after it had been broken down. It paints a picture of a collaborative effort, with men and women of different walks of life working together to rebuild what was lost, often in the face of adversity. In a way it mirrors the extra effort we have all made to rebuild the church after a time of loss. Along with all those mentioned in this report, there are many, many people, too many to count and name, who enable our church to flourish and grow. Thank you for all you do for the life of our church, and may we continue to grow in fellowship and faith.

Gill, on behalf of the Ministry Team

Worship and Prayer

The PCC offers a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Everyone is welcome to attend. On a 'normal' Sunday there are two Masses each Sunday:

- Said Mass at 8.00am, with an average congregation of 10, provides a quiet and contemplative service.
- Sung Mass at 10.00am, a traditional service with robed choir and hymns and at which our team of servers assist. Tea and coffee are available afterwards in the Centre or in the churchyard. The average weekly attendance, counted during October, was 95. Numbers were significantly higher during the Christmas and Easter periods: on Easter Day there were 144 communicants.

Changes had been made just before Christmas 2021 due to very high Covid rates in Southwark. The 8am and 10am Sunday services continued 'in person' following strict guidelines: they were shortened, the number of hymns reduced and the Choir limited to twelve singers. There was no tea/coffee afterwards. The Thursday lunchtime service and Messy Church were suspended. Some people preferred to stay at home and attend the livestreamed services. 'Normal service' was gradually resumed during the year, and the chalice (wine) was reintroduced at Holy Communion from Sunday 20 November.

Morning Prayer continued on Zoom three times a week. Said Mass on Thursday midday (average attendance 12) resumed in February. Messy Church restarted on 13 March and has been held monthly since except for a summer break. Between 40 and 50 people attend, usually around equal numbers of adults and children. Sung Evensong was held three times last year, the third on Advent Sunday.

During 2022 Sung Mass took place on all major feast days including Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Ascension Day and All Souls' Day. All

the special services took place in church and several were also livestreamed. Palm Sunday Mass was preceded by a procession from Goose Green into the church.



Holy Week services included Maundy Thursday Mass and watch of prayer; Good Friday Children's Worship and the Liturgy of the Passion after Music and Meditation. The Dawn Mass was followed by breakfast in the Goose Green Centre and Festival Mass of Easter. We were able to receive gifts brought to Harvest Festival, and laid wreaths in the Calvary Garden at the Act of Remembrance in November.

For the first time since 2019 all the Advent and Christmas services and events took place as planned; this year none had to be ticketed. Carol Service was attended by 121 people (even though the FIFA World Cup final took place the same afternoon!) and we welcomed everyone to mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

There were two Christingle Services again, both very popular, with almost 500 children, parents, and grandparents and 220 Christingles were distributed. A total of 310 people later attended the Midnight Mass and Christmas Day services. The Deanery Confirmation service was held at St John's on 19 June. Bishop Karowei confirmed ten candidates from St John's, eight of them under 18. Revd Gill, Revd Gemma and Julie Whitney led the confirmation preparation sessions.

The 10am Mass and many festival services continued to be livestreamed on both Zoom and YouTube. More than a dozen people regularly join us.

The electoral roll was revised before the 2022 Annual Meetings: on 31 December 2022 there were 144 people on St John's church electoral roll, about 66% of whom were not resident within the parish.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We held the following events in our church in 2022:

(2021 figures in italics)		
Baptisms	**29**	*9*
Banns read	**15**	*8*
Marriages	**5**	*6*
Marriage Blessings	**1**	*1*

Admission to Communion	**0**	*4*
Confirmations	**10**	*0*
Funerals in church	**8**	*4*
Funerals at cemetery	**4**	*3*
Deposition of ashes in Calvary Garden	**0**	*0*

Prayer and Discipleship

In addition to our services on a Sunday morning at 8am and 10am, and midday Mass on Thursdays, the Daily Office has been a mainstay of the life of prayer at St John's. We continue to meet for online Morning Prayer on Zoom on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Our weekly email gives a short pause for thought, looking ahead to the Sunday readings, and in the email we provide information about the various opportunities for engaging with and sharing in the life of St John's and the wider community.

During 2022 we were pleased to welcome a number of guest preachers: Simon Brown, A Rocha / Eco Church (March), Canon Wendy Robins (June), Susan Patterson (July), Revd Canon Joyce Forbes (October), Revd Delorine Green (November).

In January and February we led the *Living in Love and Faith* course at St John's; twelve members of our congregation participated. Here are comments from some of the participants:

I am personally so grateful that we felt safe enough to tell the truth, to listen so well to each other, that there was such kindness and support that allowed everyone to feel that their views were welcome.. (Lucy)

I am pleased that at St John's we have had the opportunity to participate in the LLF course… (Chris)

I joined LLF to add my voice as an LGBTQI+ ally to the response to the Bishops. At the end of the course I am more hopeful and optimistic for change. I appreciate the patience and love of our community at St John's but I feel the church must not be passive on this subject. The course materials were outstanding. (Lois)

During Lent in 2022, we hosted a Lent Reading Group. The group read and discussed Paula Gooder's book *Women of Holy Week*. The group was made up of eleven women in total. This enabled us to have very interesting and rich discussions about the characters and stories created by Paula Gooder in her book. A number of the participants noted how much the book enabled them to re-engage with the life of Jesus and his disciples and followers, many of whom were women, but who do not feature much in the Bible.

As Revd Anne Clarke who was one of the participants in the group has said,

' Paula Gooder makes women visible rather than seeing them just as 'bit' parts. She is a New Testament scholar, and uses understanding and knowledge of the time of Jesus in her writing…. This discussion group became the highlight of my week.'

On Good Friday, we held a quiet reflective service led by members of our congregation, who provided beautiful music and also spoke about 'what the cross means to me'. This was a beautiful service in which we were encouraged to listen and also reflect on our own life of faith.

Children and young people



We have been glad to be able to reinstate our children's and parent's corner filled with books, toys and activities in church, which has become a welcoming space for young children, babies and their parents during our main 10am service on a Sunday.

Our young people contribute to our worship life in a number of ways. In the autumn of 2022 we welcomed five young people to the altar party serving team; several of them had been confirmed in June. It has been a joy to see them stepping up in this way, seeking to live out a life of discipleship through serving at the altar, and in doing supporting the prayer and worship life of all at St John's. They have become an important part of our serving team, taking it in turns to act as acolytes each Sunday.

> *I enjoy serving as an acolyte at church…lighting all the candles and processing to the front…holding our candles while they recite the Gospel…I hope other servers like it too. (Errol, 11)*

Some of our young people take an important part in leading some in our main Sunday services at 10 am and our special services like our Passion Sunday readings, Carol services, Christingles or the Deanery confirmation services. We have excellent team of young readers and intercessors, as well as a good number of young choristers who are a part of our Choir.

But we have had social activities, too. In September we held a successful 'pizza and learning to serve at the altar' session, which was a good way to gather our young people together to explore how they might like to get involved in our worship life.

In November 2022 we organised a trip for eighteen young people from St John's (some with their carers or family members) to visit the musical *SIX*. It was a great success, and kindly supported by Southwark Diocese who provided us with a grant so that we were able to offer subsidised tickets.

In December we organised a quiet reflective Advent craft session for our young people which was well attended.

We held two Christingle services which were both very well attended.

Messy Church



Messy Church has continued to take place once a month on a Sunday afternoon and is becoming an established and important part of our life of prayer, ministry and worship at St John's. It continues to be led by a team of lay and ordained members of our congregation. It enables all-ages to pray and worship together in a way that is very relaxed and creative. Everyone is welcome.

Each service based on either a seasonal theme or that Sunday's Bible readings. As Covid regulations have been gradually removed in 2022 we have been able to integrate activities and hospitality so that participants can mix with each other more easily. Households no longer need to sit together and we are able to serve drinks and refreshments indoors at the end of the service. Children can all gather together for final prayer and reflection time at the end of the service and we no longer ask people to register before they attend.

One particular highlight was our November 2022 service when we lit a bonfire outside church at the end of one of our Messy Church services and served hot chocolate and Parkin to those who were there. A number of families who were just passing joined in, and we were pleased to see them return to the next Messy Church.

The services are led by a dedicated team of members from St John's without whom these services would not be possible. Many of the children who attend our Messy Church services do not come to our 10 am Sunday services and so this has become another valuable way in which we are able to offer worship and hospitality to the local community. People of all ages enjoy our Messy Church, here are some quotes from our supporters:

I really enjoy listening to all the readings and doing the fun arts and crafts. Messy church is a great way of learning stories from the Bible. (Ilia, 11 years old)

Messy Church is fun and creative (Xenia, 7 years)

'I love Messy Church because I love doing messy things. And I also like being quiet and listening when church people are talking'. (Ivor, 4 years)

Music at St John's



In 2022 we were back to singing with full Choir again and our assistant organists have been playing as in days of yore. We have now restored almost everything which a few years ago we had had to abandon. The Choir is again meeting to rehearse midweek and before every sung service.

Choral Evensong takes place three times a year, with extra singers invited. The Choir continues to provide music for special days in the Church's Year, sung as All Souls, Ash Wednesday, Ascension, Holy Week and Christmas. Four choristers are tackling Royal School of Church Music examinations.

The thrice yearly organ recitals took place in 2022 as usual and drew good audiences from wide and far (but we would also love to see more members of our congregation in the audience).

The enthusiasm of the Choir cannot be doubted; several of them sang at Rochester Cathedral in March to sing at Evensong with a large gathered choir I had brought together. We were invited by Southwark Sinfonietta to sing *Ave verum corpus* by W A Mozart when the orchestra gave a concert at St John's in May last year. Most of the Choir went to Derby Cathedral to sing for a weekend in August when the resident choir was on its summer break. On 15 December members of the Choir sang in the Carol Service at King's College Hospital under my direction.

My thanks to the Choir, whose friendship and loyalty are greatly appreciated.

I have had regular meetings with the Vicar during the year; my thanks to Gill, the other clergy and to our recent Administrator, Denise Fulgoni for all their support.

John Webber

I like being in the Choir because I get to sing lots of different pieces of music. I get to have lots of opportunities, such as doing the RCSM Dean's award and going to cathedrals such as Derby and Southwark. The other people in the Choir are friendly and nice. (Maya, 13)

Pastoral and spiritual care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to poor mobility, frailty or illness. In 2022 we have been able to resume home visits, having had to pause or adapt these to a great extent during the pandemic. The clergy team work together to provide pastoral and spiritual care to parishioners, including bringing Home Communion to some parishioners. Where appropriate and with the permission of those concerned, the clergy liaise with other clergy from other parishes or chaplaincy teams in local hospitals.

The weekly Coffee Morning has continued to be a very supportive environment for those seeking company and friendship. It has been an important and valued way in which members of St John have been able to offer pastoral care to those in the wider parish community.

Since the Thursday Lunch Club has been brought within St John's activities, it should also be noted what an important role it plays in the life of this community. It is always well attended and is clearly a place and time of companionship and nurturing, and a place where joyful friendships are established.

Safeguarding

St John's Church is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults, and promoting their welfare. The Safeguarding Team ensures that reasonable measures are taken to create an environment where people are confident to undertake activities where risk (including mistreatment, abuse and harm) is minimised. Where there are concerns about the welfare of an individual, the Safeguarding Team acts in accordance with the Church of England safeguarding policy to address those concerns.

A copy of the updated Southwark Diocese manual *A Safe Church* is available in the church and via this link:

https://southwark.anglican.org/safeguarding/diocesan-policies-procedures/

This contains the Diocesan policies, procedures and guidelines for safeguarding children, safeguarding adults who may be vulnerable, and responding to domestic abuse, in line with the Church of England policy, 'Promoting a Safe Church'. The Safeguarding Team liaises with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser to ensure the safety and welfare of all members of our community, especially the most vulnerable.

During 2022 the Safeguarding Team included Mary Dawson (Parish Safeguarding Officer), Tina Hampson, Joy Taylor, Revd Gill O'Neill, Revd Gemma Birt, and Churchwardens Jim Nurton, Julie Whitney and Tayo Olatunde.

St John's continues to utilise a livestreaming policy during services, and risk assessments are carried out for online youth meetings, public worship, Choir

rehearsals, open church and 'working and volunteering in church'. All users of the Goose Green Centre continue to utilise appropriate risk assessments.

The Safeguarding Team has ensured that the safeguarding page on the church website is up to date, and conforms to the statutory requirements laid down by the Diocese. The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

No serious incidents occurred during the year that should have been reported to the Charity Commissioners.

Mary Dawson, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Communications



Covid compelled us to find and develop new ways to keep in touch and to promote the Church, its activities and mission. Many of these have been continued even though the pandemic has ended.

The primary means of contact with congregation and parishioners is the weekly online newsletter (Mailchimp); this audience has 432 contacts. 323 of whom are subscribers. The printed pewsheet containing details of Sunday readings, music and coming events is made available in church and also posted on the website.

The 10am Mass and major festivals (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Carol Service and Midnight Mass) are livestreamed both to Zoom and YouTube. We repeated the Calvary Garden 'outside broadcast' in November. Those unable to take part on Sundays can 'catch up' - there are often more than 30 views on YouTube within a few weeks. Zoom provides a valuable opportunity for people to chat; to feel they are participating, not simply observing.

PCC meetings have been held both on Zoom and in the church, though hybrid meetings proved unsatisfactory. Standing Committee and many other meetings continue to be held online.

Eight issues of *The Gander,* our parish magazine were produced in 2022. It is distributed to the parish email list and posted on the website and Twitter. Paper copies are available in church. *The Christmas Gander* was a full-colour printed four-page issue for wide circulation locally instead of a Christmas card. It contained details of all the Christmas services and events.

The updated website went live in 2021: www.stjohnseastdulwich.org

We continue to publicise the Get-Connected Scheme, an initiative to help those without internet access get online. Chromebooks are available at Coffee Morning to look up information and for visitors to familiarise themselves.

Maintenance of the fabric

Church and Goose Green Centre

Having spent time in 2021 investigating the repairs needed to the sanctuary roof, we made the decision to have the box gutter between the minstrel's gallery and sanctuary re-lined with copper. This was because the inspection by cherry-picker identified several cracks in the copper lining of the box gutter which had already been repaired many times. Due to further water ingress during very wet weather, we decided to go ahead with this work without seeking grant funding, as this would have delayed progress. We are pleased that since doing this work, the water ingress problem appears to have resolved.

During 2022, we have continued with usual maintenance, getting gutters and downpipes cleared, servicing the boilers and fan heaters and keeping lights working. Just before Christmas, the Western Gallery was cleared and tidied and we sold a small selection of church chairs which were not being used and taking up space there.

In the churchyard, the hedges and some of the shrubbery was cut back and the lime trees pollarded. A team of volunteers have continued to maintain and tidy the garden - particular thanks to Martin Howell, Chris Eldridge, Mary Dawson and Lucy McGrath for this.

In 2022, we also welcomed the Archdeacon's visitation in May and our Quinquennial architect's inspection was undertaken in June.

Hinckley Road flat

Our ground floor tenants have remained in the flat throughout 2022 and the tenants that moved into the upper flat moved on and new tenants moved in. As well as regular expenses including boiler servicing, this year, we were required to purchase a property licence from Southwark Council for each flat.

Tayo Olatunde and Julie Whitney, Churchwardens

Archives and records

This year has seen more progress in sorting, appraising and listing historic records, mainly papers on the St John's Children's Holiday Scheme, including fundraising, administration and the carnival (1975-1998) and on the Goose Green Centre, including the appeal, the building and its management (1989-2006). The papers on the Goose Green Centre are already proving useful background for the current project to upgrade the Centre facilities so that it remains true to its initial purpose of serving the local community.

I have also done some research in Lambeth Palace Library for the story of the post-war rebuilding of St John's and for Christine Camplin's fascinating account of the

interfaith marriage of a St John's parishioner, Charlotte Fitch, to Mohamad Ahmad in 1891 which appeared in *The Gander* this year.

There have been a number of enquiries about baptism records, including one on the philosopher Mary Midgely who was born in the parish as her father, the Revd Thomas Burton Scrutton, was Curate of St John's between 1915 and 1919 and later became Chaplain of King's College, Cambridge.

An enquirer from Warwick School asked for information on Ernest Ironmonger Sola FRCO, organist & schoolmaster at the school. Sola then went on to train at Sarum Theological College and served as Curate of St John's from 1902 to 1905.

An enquirer from the USA, researching Thomas Farmer Baily, grandson of Thomas Baily founder of East Dulwich Chapel, wondered if we had more information on the source of the family's wealth. This has led to my transcribing Thomas Baily's Will of 1838 which gives details of the property he held in East Dulwich as well as the family ironmonger's business in Cheapside.

We have received some appreciative comments:

> *I immensely enjoyed reading it, and it's such a touching story. It's so counter-cultural in the context of contemporary suspicions of race, ethnicity, religions and imperialism. The letters between Charlotte and her father-in-law are very moving. (Bill)*
>
> *Thank you so much for all your trouble. (Gervald)*
>
> *Thank you so much for the background and sources. (Donald)*

I must also express my thanks to Christine Camplin for her generosity in sharing her knowledge of the parish and its history and access to various online sources.

Clare Brown, Parish Archivist

Eco Church

St John's cares about our environment. We all share a responsibility to care for God's world, and we can demonstrate this in our worship and teaching, how we care for our buildings and land and how we engage with the local community. Regular articles on eco initiatives are published in our parish magazine, *The Gander.*

We are in the process of applying for the A Rocha Eco Church bronze award as a sign of our commitment, as a church, to be more eco-conscious.

March and April saw St John's organising its first ever Eco-Lent. Instead of the traditional sacrifices that people commit to, the congregation was encouraged to consider what they might give up or take up on eco-friendly principles during Lent. Simon Brown, Speaker's Co-ordinator at A Rocha, visited St John's and gave an eco-related talk on the day. It is our hope that people will continue with these eco-related activities beyond Lent.

Mission and hospitality

Opportunities to bring our church family together and to reach out to the wider community increased during 2022 as Covid restrictions receded. Tea and coffee after Sunday Mass resumed outdoors in February, and moved back indoors in November. In May a fundraising Christian Aid Café was organised to coincide with The Dulwich Festival Fair on Goose Green. We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with celebration cake after Sunday Mass in June. A 'Come and Sing' event in September provided 45 minutes of singing fun. The Harvest Lunch/Black History Month Celebration, a barbecue and 'bring and share' lunch in October, was enthusiastically supported.

A building for every day of the week

St John's Church has been part of the East Dulwich and South Peckham landscape since 1865. It replaced an earlier 1820s chapel and is a Grade II listed building. We aim to make our church and grounds available, not just to our church family, but also to the wider community. It offers:

- a space for quiet reflection or private prayer either in the church or garden. The church grounds are open all year.

- a space for community events such as the Christian Aid Café and Carols by the Green.

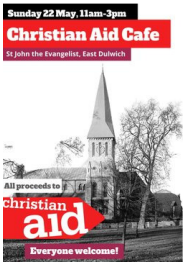
- a space for music: three organ recitals, all followed by refreshments, a Southwark Sinfonietta concert in May, and regular 'Bach 2 Baby' sessions.

- a space to celebrate personal life events and commemorate national. On the death of Queen Elizabeth II in September the church was open on Friday and Saturday with the opportunity to light a candle, and to sign our book of condolence. Bells were rung at noon.



One event we were able to reinstate this year was Carols by the Green. This featured carol singing led by St John's Choir with brass accompaniment, a beautiful performance of carols and festive songs by Opal Flutes, and an acted-out version of The Twelve Days of Christmas. Also on offer were toy and produce stalls, a craft activity, mulled wine, mince pies, delicious giant sausage rolls and, of course, cake! It was a joy to welcome crowds of local people to our Christmas event for the first time since 2019.





2022











St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Palm Sunday, 10 April 2022
Procession from Goose Green at
10am to the church.
Please do join us and the choir for this event.
Weather Permitting
With best wishes, Revd Gill O'Neill







Jim with a "wand"



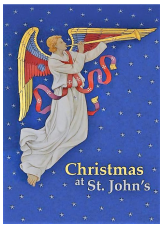














Goose Green Centre



Dementia Friends session

The Goose Green Centre for Church and Community was opened in 1996. During 2022 activity in the Centre has grown and is almost back to pre-lockdown levels.

There are a mixture of users ranging between private hire for parties, hire by businesses, and use by the church for outreach. A variety of organisations regularly use the Centre, offering activities for the full breadth of age groups. Groups include sing-and-sign, dance, drama, art, Tai Chi and Yoga. The Centre also provides a space for anonymous support groups to meet on three evenings of the week. After the pandemic, based on feedback from support group members, we made the decision that these groups would use the Centre on different evenings (as opposed to pre-pandemic when they shared the use of the Centre on one evening), as this gives them the space to be able to conduct meetings more effectively.

In 2022, the Centre has been increasingly used for activities run by St John's PCC. We were delighted to start the Strong and Steady exercise group on Wednesday mornings – which provides evidence-based fall prevention exercise for older people, and the Coffee Morning continues to grow in popularity. Lunch club uses the hall on Thursdays, and we began serving tea and coffee in the hall after Sunday church services. We are looking forward to using the Centre to host Robes guests again from the beginning of January 2023.

We are grateful for the hard work throughout 2022 of Denise Fulgoni, our parish administrator, for overseeing the day-to-day maintenance of the Centre and collaborating with Centre users, and to Tina Steadman our Centre caretaker and cleaner, for keeping things running smoothly and ensuring the Centre is clean, tidy and welcoming.

The next steps for the Goose Green Centre include the project to refurbish the toilets and the front doors. We hope this will take place in 2023 and look forward to the impact this will have on those using the church and Goose Green Centre in the years to come.

Tayo Olatunde and Julie Whitney, Churchwardens

Goose Green Community Lunch Club

After a break over Christmas due to Covid, the Lunch Club reopened on 3 February and has met every Thursday in term time for the rest of the year. We usually serve 25–35 lunches for members and helpers, with the number slightly increasing over the year as we have attracted a few new regular members. Highlights of the year included a lunch to celebrate the Jubilee, 'annual' outing and Christmas party.

The outing was held for the first time since the pandemic, generously supported by a grant from Southwark Charities. We travelled to Woodcote Green Garden Centre in Wallington in an old Routemaster bus, which was much admired by members of the Club and enjoyed a full cream tea, with time for browsing before we returned to St John's.

Goose Green Coffee Morning



making Christmas table decorations

During 2022 Goose Green Coffee Morning met from 11 until 12.30 every Wednesday except 28 December. At the start of the year it had been meeting outside since 22 December. It returned indoors on 2 February. Activities are organized some weeks, such as guest speakers, creative sessions and our singing group, The Singing Geese. Some of these activities are supported by a Neighbourhood Fund grant from Southwark Council. Many weeks are just for chat, something everyone seems to enjoy. The number of regular attendees has steadily grown - by the end of the year to between 20 and 30 each week - and our team of volunteers provide a warm and welcoming place of hospitality. Coffee morning emails are sent weekly to all those who asked to be included.

Feedback from our visitors has been very positive:

> *What we enjoy at Coffee Morning: meeting new people and sharing thoughts about life experiences; being able to drop in at any time after 11; Coffee Morning gives me an opportunity to get out of the house and meet pleasant people in a safe place (because it is not a pub), especially for women; friendly and welcoming; coffee and cake! (Coffee Morning participants)*

`Strong and Steady Exercise Group



The Strong and Steady Exercise Group has been made possible by the award of a Neighbourhood Fund grant from Southwark Council. The purpose of the group is to improve strength and balance, and to build confidence thus enabling older people to maintain their mobility both at home and in the local environment.

The class meets for one hour each week and takes participants through a set of exercises that research has shown improves muscle strength and balance. Since the Neighbourhood Fund award was announced in March 2022, work has been carried out to put the scheme in place, including developing the application process, recruiting a Level 4 postural stability trained exercise instructor and publicising the scheme. The group met for the first time on 7 December. So far nine people have signed up for the class and there is continuing interest from new applicants.

> *I recently joined this weekly exercise programme. It keeps me fit and reasonably active knowing how to prevent falls and continue a normal life. I enjoy the class immensely and find it valuable and useful in my daily life. (Audrey)*

Black Voices Matter

The Black Voices Matter group has continued to work together to promote dialogue, reflection and learning at St John's, and in the wider community.

Black History Library

The library has continued to grow, with a steady stream of borrowing and new additions. This year there has been a particular emphasis on providing inclusive books for the young children and their parents who sit at the back of church. Many of these, such as Anti-Racist Baby by Ibram X Kendi, and Coming to England by Floella Benjamin, provide parents with age-appropriate materials for parents to talk to their children about racism and discrimination. There are also books for older children and teenagers which we hope will be relevant and inspiring to both black and white young people.

Black History Month



Black History Month was launched with a wonderful Harvest Lunch with the church resplendent in the BHM colours. Later in the month St John's welcomed a visiting preacher, Canon Joyce Forbes, and the Choir performed the first performance of a specially commissioned piece of music - *Give us the Wings of Faith*, by a young, local Black composer, Jack Abbott.

Education

This year we focused on three main topics:

- Black British Civil Rights Leaders
- Forgotten Fighters: the contributions of Black service men and women in armed conflict
- The Legacy of the Slave Trade and models of reparation.

These were explored during a series of talks and discussions that highlighted the link between historical events and the injustices and inequalities that exist today. The talks were attended by a number of people from the local community as well as church members.

Given the theme of Black History Month was Actions not Words, we continue to be challenged by the need to make a difference and be the change we want to see.

Remembrance Sunday

Following the talk on Forgotten Fighters, some of whom had Southwark connections, a display on the theme of 'Black Poppies' and a leaflet were created in church for Remembrance Day. For the first time black poppies were sold in church and worn together with the traditional red poppies. These were obtained from an organisation called www.BlackPoppyRose.org which provides information and educational materials about the generations of Black men and women who helped defend this country, often with little recognition or thanks.

Becoming Allies Workshops

Two further workshops were held this year and we were joined by two members of St Paul's Herne Hill, who would now like it to be run for them in 2023. We have also had a request from the Parents' Association at a local primary school to run a workshop for parents there. This has been a challenge due to illness and family commitments but we are trying to empower more members of the group to feel confident in delivering the workshops so we can expand their reach.

Southwark's Anti-Racism Strategy This remains relevant and copies are displayed in church. We acknowledge the need to display more inclusive images and to encourage a wider group of church members to become involved in church activities, for example in positions of leadership.

Robes Project at St John's

In 2022, due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic, the Robes project continued with the same format as in 2021 where guests lived in hotel accommodation and were supported by the Robes central team.

Churches were able to support guests by providing monthly and weekly support packages. Volunteers from different churches took it in turns to provide every guest with a package of clothing, toiletries and non-perishable food items, snacks and fruit.

St John's volunteers provided 15 support packages both in January and March 2022.

We learnt at the end of 2022 that in 2023 Robes would be returning to its previous format but with smaller numbers of guests on the circuit. St John's PCC agreed to participate and as such we spent December recruiting volunteers and preparing for opening the shelter in January 2023 by holding volunteer training sessions and setting up the volunteer rota.

Charitable giving

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith.

Each year the PCC selects up to four charities, in addition to Christian Aid, for special collections at the Sunday services during the year. The charities selected for 2022 were: The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call, Christian Aid and the Alzheimer's Society. During the year a donation of £500 was made from general funds to the Ukraine emergency appeal via DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee). A Dementia Friends session followed the Alzheimer's Society collection.

Two charitable fundraising events were held in 2022: The Christian Aid Café in May and Carols by the Green in December. The gifts offered at our Harvest Festival service were taken to the Manna Society Day Centre. At Christmas orders were taken for 'The Real Advent Calendar' and 'The World in your Kitchen' calendars, and, at Easter, 'The Real Easter egg', all in aid of the Fairtrade Foundation.

The Southwark Foodbank collection point was moved into the porch on Sundays to be more conspicuous: over 220 kilos of donated produce was taken to the Foodbank just before Christmas 2021.

Summary of charitable donations:

Carols by the Green	£1,236.19	Southwark Foodbank
Christingle services	£918.61	The Childrens Society
General funds	£500	Ukraine emergency appeal (DEC)
Special collection	£1,000	Alzheimer's Society
Special collection	£1,198.75	Christian Aid
Special collection	£456.71	The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call

Treasurer's report

The 2022 accounts have been prepared by our Independent Examiner, Chaweevan Williams.

Incoming and outgoing resources

Total income for the year is £256,051, compared with £168,721 for 2021. This includes all the funds over which the PCC has control whether unrestricted, designated or restricted.

Looking at regular giving, our main source of income, this is similar to the amount given in 2021. Donations by standing order and the envelope scheme have remained almost the same as in 2021. Thanks go to Helen Hunt, our Gift Aid Secretary, who has claimed £17,632 in the year. Thanks also to all those who now give via the Parish Giving Scheme which is efficient and cost-effective.

Our second largest source of income is from the hire of the halls in the Goose Green Centre. This year income totalled £45,006, almost £20,000 more than 2021 which was £26,273. This reflects the return of users as the pandemic recedes. We would like to thank Denise Fulgoni for all her help in taking bookings for use of the halls and chasing payment.

Finally, we received net rental income of £29,858 from the two flats at 11 Hinckley Road.

Total expenditure in 2022 was £225,028 compared with £187,819 for 2021. In addition to our usual running costs we spent larger sums on maintenance and repairs. We made a Parish Pledge of £89,500 to Southwark Diocese, an increase of £1,000 on 2021.

Sarah Goudge, PCC Treasurer



Reserves Policies

General Reserves Fund: £55,000

In the case of a drop or complete loss of usual income this would be used to enable the church and Goose Green Centre to continue with business as usual and include payments for:

Staff salaries	Utility bills	Consumables
Maintenance	Clergy expenses	The Parish Pledge

Other designated funds to be held in reserve for specific purposes

Boiler replacement/repair fund: £25,000

To be used repair or to go towards the replacement of the church boiler. Expenditure on the annual boiler service and maintenance and gas safety certification is excluded from this fund.

Designated fabric fund is renamed as: Restoration and Major Works Fund: £35,000

This fund should be used for restoration or major works to the church, the grounds, the Goose Green Centre or the Clergy house (11 Hinkley Road). This fund is intended for emergency repairs and restoration when works are needed without adequate time to fundraise. This includes works identified as urgent at the quinquennial inspection and any unplanned or unexpected works where costs cannot be claimed via insurance (or where payments need to be paid while awaiting an insurance reimbursement).

Expenditure excluded from this fund includes planned maintenance, as per the annual maintenance plan and planned repair or restoration projects**.**

Mission opportunities fund: £10,000

To be used in line with the mission action plan. It could be used for:

- One off projects
- Staffing
- Consumables for mission projects
- Consultation with advisors on areas of mission
- Promotion of mission projects



Stewardship

St John's relies on donations to fund the work of the church. We are very grateful to all those members of church who support St John's via planned giving, either through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), Standing Order or weekly envelopes.

If you would like to join the planned giving scheme, please look at the Donation page on the church website or let me know. Giving through the PGS direct debit scheme, is the most efficient way to give as we receive 100% of donations and gift aid and it requires less administration.

In November 2022 we resumed taking collections during the offertory hymn at the 10.00 Mass, both cash/envelope donations and via the card machines. With fewer people carrying cash, the card machines are increasingly important. In 2022, we took over £8,500 in card machine donations, including donations at the Christingle Services for the Children's Society and donations and purchases at Carols by the Green for the Peckham Food Bank. In December 2022, we launched our collections towards the improvement works to the Goose Green Centre. However you give, thank you.

Martin Howell, Stewardship Secretary

St John's and St Clement's School

The first school associated with St John's was established in 1827. The PCCs of St John and St Clement jointly appoint the foundation governors of St John's and St Clement's School, and as Incumbent of St John's, Revd Gill O'Neill is an ex-officio Foundation Governor. The St John's Foundation Governors are: Miranda Wightman (2023, Chair) and Namukale Chintu (2020). Simon Rutland (2018) is the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education governor.

St John's clergy visit the school to lead collective worship and the school holds plays, carol concerts, Harvest and end-of term services in the church.

Deanery Synod

Four members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Dulwich Deanery Synod met three times in 2022, twice on Zoom, and once in person thanks to the hospitality of lay chair Sandra Potter, who hosted us in her extensive garden in Sydenham in the summer. Our March Synod was enlivened by guest speaker, the Revd Jonathan Evens of St Martins in the Fields, who spoke on 'Church becoming fully alive: exploring a theology of abundance.' In November, the Revd Gill O'Neill stood down, and we continue to await the appointment of a new Area Dean.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a registered charity (No. 1134088). All PCC members are Trustees of the Church.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St John's membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar, Assistant Curate, Hon. Assistant Priests, churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC; we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible. All new members receive an introduction to the PCC.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. All PCC sub-committees and working groups are responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly.

Standing Committee: The only committee required by law, it meets to consider the minutes of the previous PCC meeting and set the agenda for the next. It transacts the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the latter. It also has financial responsibilities. Membership consists of the Vicar, Assistant Curate, Wardens, Treasurer, PCC Secretary, Stewardship Secretary and up to two members appointed from the PCC. The Standing Committee met nine times in 2022.

The full PCC met ten times during the year with an average attendance of 70%. Seven meetings were held online via Zoom and two in the Church. We are aware that not all members can access Zoom, but it does enable others to attend who might be shielding, isolating, unwell or with caring responsibilities.

The Annual Meetings on 15 May were held in the Church.

The following Officers were elected/re-elected at the first PCC meeting following the 2021 Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

Secretary	Christine Camplin
Treasurer	Sarah Goudge
Vice-Chair	Julie Whitney

Other PCC representatives appointed during 2022:

Safeguarding Officers	Mary Dawson, Tina Hampson and Joy Taylor
Electoral Roll Officer	Denise Fulgoni

During 2022 the PCC received regular reports from the PCC Treasurer, Churchwardens, and representatives for Deanery Synod, Stewardship, Children

and Young People, Communications and Eco Church. Matters brought before the Council included:

- Church and Centre fabric. The PCC agreed: to sell the surplus chairs in the gallery; to the full cost of the bell repairs for refurbishment of tower bell and smaller sanctuary bell; to ask John Bailey of Thomas Ford & Partners to carry out the Quinquennial Inspection; to refurbish the Sacristy toilet.
- Goose Green Centre refurbishment (project to fully replace the existing front door and toilet facilities of the Goose Green Centre).The PCC agreed to commission an Access Audit and apply to funding bodies as specified in the report, do a funding exercise and allocate £20,000 of our reserves towards the cost of the project contingencies.
- Finance. Further discussion on delayed 2020 Accounts; Chaweevan Williams (Verdant Accountants) was appointed Independent Examiner on March 30; PCC accepted the 2020 and 2021 Accounts on 21 September; 2023 Budget agreed; Parish Support Fund and an increased Parish Pledge for 2023. The 2020 and 2021 Accounts were finally lodged with the Charity Commission in October.
- The PCC were kept informed of Covid risk assessment and management as Government advice and our response to the pandemic changed during the year.
- Personnel. Revd Gemma Birt was ordained priest on July 2. Denise Fulgoni resigned as Parish Administrator on October 17. Sarah Goudge stood down as Treasurer at the end of 2022 and Claire Nylander was appointed to take over from 1 January 2023. Revd Gill O'Neill was on sabbatical 31 January-21 March.
- GDPR Audit. Revision of 2018 Audit of all personal data collected and stored.
- Goose Green Centre: to increase hall hire fees; booking priorities.
- Charities. Nominations for charities for special collections; arrangements for charitable giving; Joy Taylor was appointed Charity coordinator.
- Miranda Wightman was re-appointed as a Foundation Governor at St John's and St Clement's School.
- Lunch Club: Responsibility for Goose Green Community Lunch Club was transferred permanently to the PCC.
- Review of Advent/Christmas and Holy Week/Easter services and events.
- Inclusive Church. To make an annual donation of £250 pounds to Inclusive Church as a sign of our support for their work and mission and to replace our current website statement with that of Inclusive Church.
- Projects. Coffee Morning: exercise class for older people led by a specialist exercise instructor, and a community gardening group.

- Defibrillator. Agreement in principle to the installation of a defibrillator.
- Policies and forms approved: Reserves Policy (November 16); draft Service Of Thanksgiving (for marriage) Booking Form (April).
- Faculty applications approved by PCC:
  - To replace the copper box gutter. (February 23)
  - To install a key safe at the Goose Green Centre entrance. (February 23)
  - To install a defibrillator outside the Goose Green Centre. (March 30)

Finally, Julie Whitney took PCC members on a practical tour of the building included such diverse items as church and GGC lights, locks and mops.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members:		
Vicar:	Revd Gill O'Neill	Chair
Assistant Curate:	Revd Gemma Birt	
Hon. Assistant Priest:	Revd Anne Clarke	
Wardens:	Julie Whitney ds	
	Jim Nurton #	
	Tayo Olatunde *	
Elected members:		
Christine Camplin #	Silbert Crichlow	
Mary Dawson	Chris Eldridge *	
Eloise Fotiadis	Sarah Goudge	PCC Treasurer
Martin Howell #	Jayne Mallett *	
Lucy McGrath *	Gill Nash #	
Claire Nylander	Sue O'Neill	
Kingsley Ogbonda *	Tayo Olatunde #	
Maxine Plunkett *		
Deanery Synod:		
Alan Croft	Ish Lennox	
Joy Taylor		
Co-opted members:	(appointed annually)	
Martin Howell (25 May)		Stewardship Secretary
Revd Alistair McCulloch (22 June)		Assistant Priest
Revd Rosemary Shaw $ (22 June)		Assistant Priest
In attendance:		
Christine Camplin		PCC Secretary
# Until 15 May 2022	** From 15 May 2022*	
ds Also Deanery Synod rep.	*$ From 8 December 2021*	

Christine Camplin, PCC Secretary

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who have given their time and energy to work so hard to ensure the smooth running of St John's and make our Church the caring community it is. Some are seen at services and events, many others work tirelessly behind the scenes. Here is just one example.

Flowers at St John's



Members of the congregation will be used to seeing the colourful displays of flowers in church whether they are to mark a festival in the Church calendar or have been dedicated by members of the congregation to remember a loved-one, or to celebrate a joyful event.

Although it may appear that things are much as they have always been, in the past year there have been some significant changes, the most notable being the departure of Sally Gross to Huntingdon to be nearer her sister. Sally is a talented florist who has overseen church flowers and managed the flower rota for many years.

Those of us who are left will miss Sally greatly but are thankful for all we have learned from her. Perhaps the most valuable lesson us has been learning how to match the flowers and type of display to the person being remembered, or the event being celebrated, and to try and capture their meaning and significance through the language of the flowers. There have been some very warm and positive responses to the arrangements, which suggest that Sally has trained us well!

Along with adjusting to Sally's gradual withdrawal and departure, as a group of arrangers we have also tried to be mindful of environmental concerns. Following a meeting with Rev. Gill we have devised a plan to ensure that in future the provision of flowers in church is based on principles of sustainability and justice. In effect this will mean using fewer flowers which have been flown from long distances, using more home-grown flowers and foliage, reducing/eliminating the use of oasis, and using a wider variety of materials to create displays in church. We also hope that this will allow us to continue to provide flowers for dedications without needing to significantly increase the charges. Another innovation has been decorating the church throughout October with the colours of Black History Month.

We have, or will be, attending workshops to improve our skills and to learn new ways of providing flowers in more sustainable ways, which we hope will continue to enhance and be integral to worship at St John's.

It would be wonderful to be more inclusive and to have more helpers so if anyone is interested in joining the team and learning some of the skills which have been passed on to us, please contact the Parish Administrator.

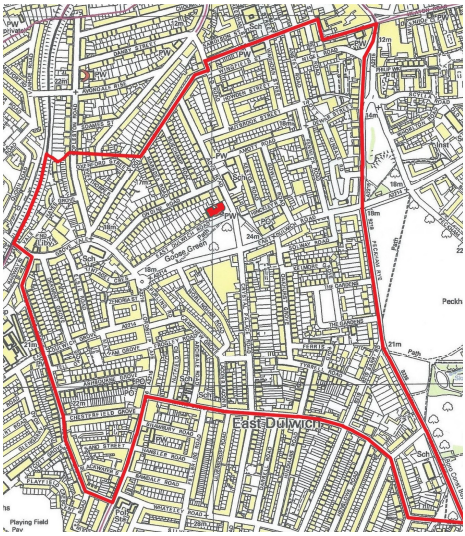
Administrative Information

St John's Church is situated in East Dulwich and Peckham, London. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England.

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A brief timeline of 2022

January 1	At the start of the year: services continue in person in church but are shortened with no tea/coffee afterwards. Messy Church, Lunch Club and Thursday lunchtime service are on hold. Coffee Morning has been meeting outside since 22 December.
January 16	Hymnbooks are back in use!
January 18	Living in Love and Faith course starts - moved to Zoom.
February 2	Coffee Morning now back indoors.
February 3	Lunch Club and Thursday lunchtime Mass restart.
February 24	Remaining Covid restrictions were lifted in England under a 'living with COVID' plan announced by the government. Tea/coffee on Sundays reinstated outdoors.
March 6	Choir back to full numbers.
March 13	Messy Church restarts.
May 15	Annual Meetings held in the Church.
May 22	Christian Aid Café in the churchyard.
June 5	Jubilee Sunday.
June 19	Deanery Confirmation service at St John's.
July 2	Ordination of Revd Gemma Birt at St Mary The Virgin, Lewisham.
September 8	Death of Queen Elizabeth II. Succession of King Charles III.
October 2	Harvest Lunch/Black History Month Celebration.
November 6	Collections during the offertory resume at 10.00am Mass. Card readers trialled for donations.
November 25	After service tea and coffee now back indoors in the Centre.
December 7	The first session of the Strong and Steady Exercise Group.
December 17	Carols by the Green.
December 24	All Christmas services took place as planned. There were two Christingle Services again.



A future with hope

At the end of Nehemiah, when the walls of Jerusalem are rebuilt, all the people gather in the town square to hear the scriptures read aloud, and they bow their heads in worship. We do well to follow their example, and as we look to the future, to listen to the word of the Lord as we discern our direction for the future. We are enormously blessed to have St John the Evangelist as our patron saint; may his words shape our faith and our shared life:

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.

May our church be a place where the grace and truth and glory of God is made visible, living among us, calling us all into fullness of life.



The Parish of
St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Registered Charity No. 1134088

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2022

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

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The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Legal and Administrative Details

For the year ended 31st December 2022

Registered charity no.	1134088
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Independent Examiner:	Chaweevan Williams FCCA Verdant Accountants Limited 20-22 Wenlock Road London N1 7GU

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report to The PCC of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich (Charity no 1134088).

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiner's statement

Where the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a registered member of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that:

(1) In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulation 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

(2) I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Chaweevan Williams FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
Verdant Accountants Limited
20-22 Wenlock Road
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Date: 11 May 2023

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	**Total Funds 2022**	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£	**£**	£
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2a	161,366	0	1,460	-	**162,826**	115,819
Other trading activities	2b	2,772	-	-	-	**2,772**	1,357
Income from investments	2c	29,858	-	-	-	**29,858**	17,000
Charitable activities	2d	55,989	-	4,606	-	**60,595**	34,545
Total income		249,985	0	6,066	0	**256,051**	168,721
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	497		-	-	**497**	92
Charitable activities	3b	219,418	-	5,113	-	**224,531**	187,727
Total expenditure		219,915	0	5,113	0	**225,028**	187,819
Net income/(expenditure)		30,070	0	953	0	**31,023**	(19,098)
Gains on investment assets	10	-		-	0	**0**	10,000
Gross Transfers between funds	10	1,155	0	(1,155)	-	0	-
Net movements in funds		31,225	0	(202)	0	**31,023**	(9,098)
Total funds brought forward at 01 January 2022		92,919	75,060	5,537	1,000,000	**1,173,516**	1,182,614
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2022		**124,144**	**75,060**	**5,335**	**1,000,000**	**1,204,539**	1,173,516

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5	**3,427**	5,141
Investment property	6	**1,000,000**	1,000,000
Total fixed assets		**1,003,427**	1,005,141
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	**14,519**	13,753
Short term deposit (CBF)		**154,467**	127,434
Cash at bank		**34,426**	29,154
Cash in hand		**20**	1,064
Total Current Assets		**203,432**	171,405
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	**2,320**	3,030
Net current assets		**201,112**	168,375
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**1,204,539**	1,173,516
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	10	**124,144**	92,919
Designated funds	10	**75,060**	75,060
Restricted funds	10	**5,335**	5,537
Endowment funds	10	**1,000,000**	1,000,000
Total funds		**1,204,539**	1,173,516

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 7 MAY 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Julie Whitney ds – Churchwarden

Claire Nylander – Treasurer

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

1 Accounting policies

a Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)' and the Charities Act 2011.

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions , assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; 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 the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund unless permission is sought from donors to reallocate the fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds , depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

c Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due, and an inflow is probable.

Income from investments

Interest is accounted for as it accrues.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

c Incoming resources (cont'd)

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at 31 December each year.

d Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when due. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Support Costs

Support costs are allocated to church activities within the SOFA.

e Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed properties of any kind are excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011 .

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items under £5,000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Plant & Machinery, Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Plant & Machinery	25% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% straight line

1 Accounting policies (continued)

f Investment Property

In accordance with the SORP, the Church's freehold are held for long-term investment and are included in the balance sheet at their open market value. The surpluses or deficits on revaluation of such properties are transferred to the endowment fund. Depreciation is not provided in respect of freehold investment properties .

g Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

2 Income	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
2a *Donations and legacies*						
Planned Giving (Gift Aid)	68,558	0	-	-	**68,558**	69,435
Collections (open plate)	6,138	-	0	-	**6,138**	5,029
Donations	16,057	-	1,460	-	**17,517**	13,985
Gift aid tax	17,632	-	-	-	**17,632**	13,088
Grants received	52,981	-	-	-	**52,981**	14,282
	161,366	0	1,460	0	**162,826**	115,819
2b *Other trading activities*						
Fundraising income	2,225	-	-	-	**2,225**	248
Fair Trade Stall	297	-	-	-	**297**	141
Insurance claim	250				**250**	968
	2,772	0	0	0	**2,772**	1,357
2c *Income from investments*						
Interest Received	1,732	-	-	-	**1,732**	66
Hinckley Road rental income	28,126	-	-	-	**28,126**	16,934
	29,858	0	0	0	**29,858**	17,000
2d *Charitable activities*						
Fees income – PCC	10,983	-	-	-	**10,983**	4,246
Premises hire	45,006	-	-	-	**45,006**	26,273
Sundry Income	0	-	-	-	**0**	383
Lunch Club			4,606		**4,606**	3,643
	55,989	0	4,606	0	**60,595**	34,545
Total Income	**249,985**	**0**	**6,066**	**0**	**256,051**	**168,721**

Lunch Club fund has been combined with the church as from 2021.

3 Expenditure	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**	Total Funds 2021 £
3a *Raising funds*						
Fund raising expenditure	-	-	-	-	**0**	0
Fair trade stall	497				**497**	92
	497	0	0	0	497	92
3b *Church activities*						
Missionary and charitable giving	1,103	-	735	-	**1,838**	848
Diocesan Parish pledge	89,500	-	-	-	**89,500**	88,500
Other ministry costs	1,844				**1,844**	1,557
Parish events costs	716	-	-	-	**716**	1,980
Staff costs	38,620	-	-	-	**38,620**	29,589
Church running expenses	25,355	-	-	-	**25,355**	20,617
Garden maintenance	4,170	-	-	-	**4,170**	660
Organ maintenance	1,939	-	-	-	**1,939**	2,854
Church & Goose Green Centre - Major fabric expenditure	22,794	-	-	-	**22,794**	9,551
Upkeep of services (Incl flowers)	2,436	-	-	-	**2,436**	3,200
Youth work, training and mission	60	-	-	-	**60**	50
Heat, light and water	7,720	-	-	-	**7,720**	10,698
Lunch Club			4,378		**4,378**	1,075
Administrative costs	14,779	-	-	-	**14,779**	9,046
Support costs- Hinckley road costs	0	-	-	-	**0**	2,908
Governance costs						
Accountancy & Independent examina	1,320	-	-	-	**1,320**	1,080
Consultancy & Professional Fees	5,348				**5,348**	1,800
Depreciation	1,714				**1,714**	1,714
	219,418	0	5,113	0	224,531	187,727
Total Expenditure	**219,915**	**0**	**5,113**	**0**	**225,028**	187,819

4 Staff Costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	38,620	29,589

5 Tangible fixed assets	Plant & Machinery	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1 January 2022	0	6,855	**6,855**
Addition	0	0	**-**
At 31 December 2022	0	6,855	**6,855**
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	0	1,714	**1,714**
Charge for the year	0	1,714	**1,714**
At 31 December 2022	0	3,428	**3,428**
Net book value			
At 31 December 2022	0	3,427	**3,427**
At 31 December 2021	0	5,141	**5,141**

6 Investments

	Investments Property
Cost	**£**
At 1 January 2022	1,000,000
Add Gain on investment	0
At 31 December 2022	**1,000,000**
Net book value	
At 31 December 2022	**1,000,000**
At 31 December 2021	1,000,000

The freehold of the two flats, situated on Hinckley Road, the flats was valued by local estate agents in 2021, who know their condition and rental yield. The flats are let commercially. For 2022 valuation with avialable price indexed linked method, it was decided to keep valuation the same as at year ended 2021.The flats are owned by St John the Evangelist , East Dulwich act as Custodial Trustees. The assets cannot be sold without the prior consent of the PCC. The Parish is responsible for their upkeep although any income they generate is unrestricted.

7 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gift Aid tax recoverable	4,000	10,878
Prepayments and accrued income	45	0
Trade debtor	10,474	2,875
	14,519	13,753

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals	1,320	2,160
Other creditors	1,000	870
	2,320	3,030

9 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Investment properties	-	-	-	1,000,000	**1,000,000**
Fixed assets for church use	-	-	-	-	**0**
Net current assets	124,144	75,060	5,335	-	**204,539**
At 31 December 2022	**124,144**	**75,060**	**5,335**	**1,000,000**	**1,204,539**
At 31 December 2021	92,919	75,060	5,537	1,000,000	1,173,516

10 Statement of funds

	Balance b/fwd 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Gain on Investment	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31 Dec 2022
Unrestricted funds	£	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	92,919	249,985	(219,915)	0	1,155	**124,144**
	92,919	249,985	(219,915)	0	1,155	**124,144**
Designated funds						
Restoration & major work	25,060	0	0	0	0	**25,060**
Fabric fund	50,000	0	0	0		**50,000**
	75,060	0	0	0	0	**75,060**
Restricted funds						
Fabric & music	0	-	-	-		**0**
Special collection	612	510	677	-	-	**1,799**
Robes project	1,293	290	(752)	-	-	**831**
Flower fund	1,064	-	-	-	(1,064)	**0**
Children & young people	0	660	(660)			**0**
Lunch Club	2,568	4,606	(4,378)		(91)	**2,705**
	5,537	6,066	(5,113)	0	(1,155)	**5,335**
Endowment funds						
Property	1,000,000	-	-	0	-	**1,000,000**
	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	**1,000,000**
Total Funds	1,173,516	256,051	(225,028)	0	0	**1,204,539**

Designated funds

Designated - Restoration or major works fund is to be used for the church, the grounds, the Goose Green centre or the Clergy house (11 Hinckley Road).

Designated - Fabric fund is to be used for repair, restoration or replacement of moveable items of church fabric (as listed in the terrier) and for decoration. Funds could also be used to pay for sheet music to be used in worship and/or choir robes.

10 Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted funds

Special collection & donation - This restricted fund is to be used for collections taken by the PCC on behalf of other charities where the intention is to transfer funds on to the charity for which they were raised.

Robes project fund – Income into this restricted fund comes from specified donations. Funds are used to support the running of the Robes night shelter when operating at St John's or when St John's contributes to the work of the project elsewhere.

Restricted - Flower fund is to be spent on church flower arrangements.

Children and young people – This restricted fund will be used for activities, equipment or consumables for children and young people.

Lunch club Restricted - To support the operation of the Lunch Club.

Endowment funds

The endowment fund comprises the two flats on 11 Hinckley Road that have been valued for the first time at £990,000 by independent estate agents in October 2021, with further adjustment to UK house price index for 2020. For 2021 the valuation has increased to £1,000,000.

11 Comparative for Statement of funds

	Balance b/fwd 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Gain on Investment	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31 Dec 2021
Unrestricted funds	£	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	115,395	164,708	(186,396)	0	(788)	**92,919**
	115,395	164,708	(186,396)	0	(788)	**92,919**
Designated funds						
Restoration & major work	25,060	0	0	0	0	**25,060**
Fabric fund	50,000	0	0	0	0	**50,000**
	75,060	0	0	0	0	**75,060**
Restricted funds						
Fabric & music	0	-	-	-	-	**0**
Special collection	730	230	(348)	-	-	**612**
Robes project	1,153	140	-	-	-	**1,293**
Flower fund	276	-	-	-	788	**1,064**
Children & young people	0					**0**
Lunch Club	0	3,643	(1,075)			**2,568**
	2,159	4,013	(1,423)	0	788	**5,537**
Endowment funds						
Property	990,000	-	-	10,000	-	**1,000,000**
	990,000	0	0	10,000	0	**1,000,000**
Total Funds	1,182,614	168,721	(187,819)	10,000	0	**1,173,516**

12 Comparative for Statement of Financial Activities Year Ended31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2a	115,449	0	370	-	**115,819**	134,835
Other trading activities	2b	1,357	-	-	-	**1,357**	1,686
Income from investments	2c	17,000	-	-	-	**17,000**	8,785
Charitable activities	2d	30,902	-	3,643	-	**34,545**	29,051
Total income		164,708	0	4,013	0	**168,721**	174,357
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	92		-	-	**92**	75
Charitable activities	3b	186,304	-	1,423	-	**187,727**	183,765
Total expenditure		186,396	0	1,423	0	**187,819**	183,840
Net income/(expenditure)		(21,688)	0	2,590	0	**(19,098)**	(9,483)
Gains on investment assets	10	-		-	10,000	**10,000**	990,000
Gross Transfers between funds	10	(788)	0	788	-	0	-
Net movements in funds		(22,476)	0	3,378	10,000	**(9,098)**	980,517
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2021		115,395	75,060	2,159	990,000	**1,182,614**	202,097
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2021		**92,919**	**75,060**	**5,537**	**1,000,000**	**1,173,516**	1,182,614

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIS

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Accounts

St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Annual Report 2021



Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2021

Celebrating 2021

Aim and Purposes

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Gill O'Neill, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church, the Clergy House and the Goose Green Centre for Church and Community (GGC).

Objectives and Activities

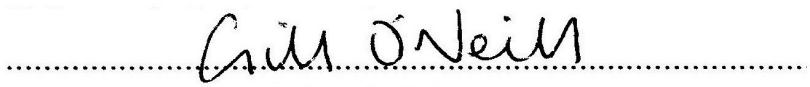
The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St John's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit especially the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and members of the congregation.
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is essential that we maintain the fabric of St John's Church and the Goose Green Centre.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Gill O'Neill, Chair of the PCC.



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Fulfilling our purpose

Ministry Team

We began this year dealing very immediately with the realities of the Covid pandemic. Local infection rates in Southwark at the time were very high, and in response to this we had closed our doors, though kept services online, just before Christmas. On the 8 January 2021, the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan and the Leader of Southwark Council asked all places of worship to close. We re-opened for in-person worship on Palm Sunday, with numbers quite limited at first. With the success of the vaccine programme, and mitigations in place, we have remained open ever since. Holy Week consisted of a mixture of online and in-person services. 2021 has seen a gradual increase in numbers, and a cautious resumption of some other features of our worship, including a reduced choir, congregational hymns, and servers in the sanctuary. With the 'Omicron' surge in the winter, we saw a return to mandatory face-coverings, and council leaders in Southwark, which had one of the highest infection rates in the country at the time, asked faith communities not to hold community events.

All of this forms the rather challenging background to a year in which we have continued to flourish. Green shoots of growth are to be found in all kinds of places, despite the hard pruning of lockdowns and Covid restrictions. We have been delighted to welcome new members to church, and I am proud that people find St John's to be a warm and welcoming place, even though the doors remain open to provide good ventilation!

It has been wonderful to resume weddings; firstly celebrating with Olivia Coates and Chris O'Neill for their 'micro-wedding' back in April, with a much bigger wedding blessing service in September, and five other weddings in 2021. Families are also seeking us out for baptism, though at the moment we hold them as a separate service at 12 noon after the 10am Sunday Mass. In addition, it is always a privilege to walk alongside families experiencing the grief of loss, and offer funeral ministry to those in our congregation and parish.

We have found new ways to welcome families and young children with the launch of our new Messy Church service. Starting in July 2021, we have developed a Covid-safe formula that enables us to play, learn and worship together in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Messy Church is for anyone and everyone, young, old, single, attached, all are welcome, and those who come along have a fabulous time while growing in faith and fellowship. We have also managed to hold some social events, a Spring Quiz, Harvest Barbecue, and a delightful outdoor café for Christian Aid Week. We have continued to support the Robes project, managing to support homeless guests in accommodation, and the Southwark Foodbank and the Manna Society at a time of great need. In October we invited a guest speaker, Deborah

Akinlawon, from the Met Police's Christian Association, to speak to us about how her faith supports her life as a police officer. Continuing the work begun by the Black Voices Matter initiative in 2020 on allyship and unconscious bias, we offered a successful Saturday workshop for our PCC members. With huge thanks to Laura Howell-Williams and Joy Taylor for devising and delivering the workshop, which is now sought after by other churches and the Diocesan team.

We were sad to say goodbye to the Revd Raymond Baudon as he left St John's on Easter Sunday to become Deputy Diocesan Director of Ordinands, and we thank him for his friendship and service during his curacy. We were delighted to welcome the Revd Gemma Birt who joined us as Assistant Curate following her ordination on Saturday 26 June. With her husband Simon, and her family, Gemma has already become very much part of the team here. We were also sorry to have to say farewell to Bradley Collins, our Parish Administrator, when he moved to a new life with Alistair in East Sussex. We were very pleased indeed to welcome Denise Fulgoni as our new administrator in September. Denise has thrown herself into the role with gusto and we are thrilled to have her in the St John's family.

We have said other goodbyes: Nicola Harland left us in April after many, many years at St John's and in the East Dulwich area, and we wish her well in her new life in Essex. Earlier in 2021 we held the funerals for Malcolm King and David Lemm, both faithful members of our congregation, and we continue to miss them. In the last days of December we also said goodbye to Rex Thompson, whose funeral was held in January 2022. In July we were able to hold a long-awaited memorial service for the Revd Deepthi Wickremasinghe, with members of her family and friends from the congregation past and present. It was an opportunity to gather in a way we had not been able to, share stories and give thanks for Deepthi's friendship and deep faith.







The Ministry Team

In all this, I and the rest of the ministry team are deeply thankful for all those who give their time and energy to enable the life of our church to flourish. I am grateful to my colleagues, the Revds Gemma Birt, Anne Clarke, Alistair McCulloch and Rosemary Shaw who formally joined our ministry team last year. Our hardworking churchwardens, Jim Nurton and Julie Whitney, our Treasurer Sarah Goudge, Secretary Christine Camplin who has put a great effort into this report, Stewardship Secretary Martin Howell, and parish administrator Denise Fulgoni, Coffee Morning, and Communications teams, including Sue O'Neill, Christine

Camplin and Tayo Olatunde, Safeguarding Officers Mary Dawson and Tina Hampson, caretaker Tina Steadman, John Webber and our choir and musicians, our dedicated gardening volunteers, and to the many others who keep the community of St John's strong with caring phone calls, visits and deliveries.

I hope that we will be able to nurture the green shoots of growth we discern in our shared life, and see them come to fruition as we grow together in 2022. With thanks for all of you; for all that you are, and all you bring to the life of St John's.

Gill, on behalf of the Ministry Team

Worship and Prayer

The PCC offers a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Everyone is welcome to attend. On a 'normal' Sunday there are two masses each Sunday:

• Said Mass at 8.00 a.m., with an average congregation of 10, provides a quiet and contemplative service.

• Sung Mass at 10.00 a.m., a traditional service with robed choir and hymns and at which our team of servers assist. Tea and coffee are available afterwards in the Centre or in the churchyard.



Testing the livestream equipment

2021 has not been a normal year, however. At the start of the year the church was still closed, and all services were on Zoom while the country was in its third Lockdown. On Palm Sunday, 28 March, we reopened with numbers initially limited to 35. Gradual relaxation continued through summer, numbers increased, and in September the choir was allowed to return. However, in December the Omicron variant of Covid arrived. The 8am and 10am Sunday services continued in person with everyone attending being asked to follow strict guidelines. They were reduced in length, the number of hymns reduced and the Choir limited to 12 singers. Some people preferred to stay at home and attend the livestreamed services.

Morning Prayer continued on Zoom three times a week. Said Mass on Thursday midday resumed in June.

The first Messy Church was in July and has been held monthly on a Sunday afternoon. Up to 55 children and adults have attended, including several families

new to St John's and others whom we have not seen for a while.

The 10am Mass and all festival services have been livestreamed on Zoom since May 2020. From February they have also been streamed to YouTube. This has enabled people to view the service during the week. There were over 60 online worshippers each Sunday at the start of the year; this has gradually dropped but still remained at about 20 at the end of the year.



Easter Day 2021

The Ash Wednesday service was livestreamed from the church, but since Palm Sunday we have been able to hold most of the planned special services 'in-person'. The church was open for private prayer during Holy Week though the Maundy Thursday Mass was online. Good Friday morning Outdoor Stations of the Cross in the churchyard was followed by the Liturgy of the Passion in church. The Dawn Mass and Festival Mass of Easter took place in church, as did Ascension Day in May, and commemoration of All Souls (November). We were able to receive gifts brought to the Harvest Festival Masses, and at our annual Act of Remembrance in November we even managed an 'outside broadcast' of the laying of wreaths in the Calvary Garden. Despite the surge in the Omicron variant, most Advent and Christmas services and events took place (with caution) as planned except for a reduction in length of the Carol Service and the cancellation of one of the two Christingle services. All Christmas services were ticketed but some spaces were left as not everyone has access to Eventbrite.

The average weekly attendance with a combination of physical and online services can only be an estimate. During October at least 70 adults and five children attended. Of these, 55 adults and five children came to the church. On Christmas Day there were at least 80 people present from 45 households. However, numbers are increasing weekly.

The electoral roll was revised before the 2021 Annual Meetings: on 31 December 2021 there were 139 people on St John's church electoral roll, about 68% of whom were not resident within the parish.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

Due to Covid restrictions many baptisms and weddings had been postponed from 2020. We held the following events in our church in 2021:

(2020 figures in italics)

Baptisms	**9**	*2*

Banns read	**8**	*4*
Marriages	**6**	*3*
Marriage Blessings	**1**	*0*

Admission to Communion	**4**	*0*
Confirmations	**0**	*0*

Funerals in church	**4**	*2*
Funerals at cemetery	**3**	*3*
Deposition of ashes in Calvary Garden	**0**	*0*

Prayer and Discipleship

The Daily Office has been a mainstay of the life of prayer at St John's, with online Morning Prayer held on Zoom on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. During Lent we enjoyed an online course focussing on ecological justice, with materials from USPG: 'For such a time as this' was a gentle, meditative time of prayer and discussion, with stories about environmental justice from all over the world. In addition, we invited people from our congregation, and from the wider Diocese and beyond, to contribute a reflection for 'Lent in Daily Life' to encourage us all in our pilgrimage of faith as we go about our life and work. In the Ascension to Pentecost period 'Thy Kingdom Come' was celebrated with an invitation to join the Southwark Cursillo group's day of prayer and reflection. Our weekly email gives a short pause for thought, looking ahead to the Sunday readings, and we share some of the many resources for prayer available in-person and online that have sprung up during the pandemic. Establishing Messy Church has enabled all-ages to pray and worship together in a way that is very relaxed and creative. We look forward to new opportunities to grow and be formed in prayer in future.

Children and young people



A successful Street Doctors workshop for young people was held at St John's in November

In 2021, it was not possible to reinstate the children's activities during the Sunday services. However, as things started to reopen over the spring and summer, we looked into alternative ways to worship with children and families.

In July 2021, we had our first 'Messy Church' service. Messy Church is 'a way of being church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration' (https://www.messychurch.org.uk/). It was not possible to use the traditional format for Messy Church – which involves those in attendance being able to move around and choose from a variety of tasks and finishing with a meal.

Due to social distancing requirements, the Messy Church team bring the activities to tables, where each household sits together. Drinks and snacks are served outside after the service. Our first service was based on John 6:1-14 and we made clay plates and paper baskets and conducted an experiment to make foam expand. We also got very messy by trying to make 5000 footprints in paint! This was a great success, thanks to our wonderful Messy Church team and from then on, services were held monthly from September to December.

We were pleased to be able to admit four children to receive Holy Communion in July 2021. Some of the children had waited a long time for this as we could not hold the preparation sessions in 2020.

It was very good to be able to hold a Christingle service in the church on 24 December. This service was ticketed to ensure there was no overcrowding, so numbers were lower than usual. The service raised around £500 for the Children's Society.

Julie Whitney

Music at St John's



'Psalms, Psinging and Psandwiches' in October

The last year has seen many changes of guidance regarding Covid and therefore our ability to use the building for services and thus our use of the organ and of singers in services. We have used a cantor (only), a quartet (in the gallery) with a cantor near the sanctuary, the full choir and, by the end of the year, a choir with a limited number of singers. We have had very little input from assistant organists. Certain events have been possible, such as a service to commemorate All Souls and the Christmas Carol Service.

Until August, I additionally provided three organ pieces for the 8.00a.m. said Mass; from September I was preoccupied with the Choir and so my link with the 8.00 services stopped.

In the first part of 2021, both the Adult and Junior Choirs met on Zoom. This was an important means of keeping in touch. Until the return of the Choir, I sent a regular newsletter to the Choir, assistant organists and clergy. The birthdays of the musicians are always recognised with a card or e-mail.

Organ recitals planned for 2020 were given in addition to those already booked for 2021, six in all.

In October, we hosted an event on music in the Psalms, in conjunction with the Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland. Speakers and audience came from other parts of the country and the singing was led by members of our Choir. We also relayed this online. Thanks are due in particular to Sue O'Neill for her work behind the scenes in preparing for this day.

My thanks to the Choir, who have been keen to contribute through their singing in services. Their friendship and loyalty are appreciated. I have had regular meetings with the Vicar during the year; my thanks to Gill and to both Bradley Collins and his successor as Administrator, Denise Fulgoni for all their support.

John Webber, Director of Music

Pastoral and spiritual care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to poor mobility, frailty or illness.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, through much of 2021, home visits have not been possible. Instead doorstep visits, walks, telephone calls, online coffee mornings and emails have enabled pastoral care to be shared by everyone in this parish. For many, it has been a very difficult and traumatic time, and everyone at St John's has been acutely aware of the pastoral and spiritual challenges that have been borne by many.

Towards the latter half of the year, as vaccination rates increased and restrictions were eased, Revd Gill O'Neill, and the rest of the clergy team began making home visits again, including bringing Home Communion to some parishioners.

The weekly coffee morning has been a very supportive environment for those seeking company and friendship, especially throughout the pandemic. It has been an important and valued way in which members of St John has been able to offer pastoral care to those in the wider parish community.

Safeguarding

St John's Church is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults, and promoting their welfare. The Safeguarding Team ensures that we take all reasonable measures to create an environment where people are confident to undertake activities where risk (including mistreatment, abuse and harm) is minimised. Where there are concerns about the welfare of an individual, the Safeguarding Team acts in accordance with the Church of England safeguarding policy to address those concerns.

A copy of the updated Diocesan manual *A Safe Church* is available in the church and online at: *https://southwark.anglican.org/safeguarding/diocesan-policies-procedures/* This contains the Diocesan policies, procedures and guidelines for safeguarding children, safeguarding adults who may be vulnerable, and responding to domestic abuse, in line with the Church of England policy, 'Promoting a Safe Church'. The Safeguarding Team liaises with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser to ensure the safety and welfare of all members of our community, especially the most vulnerable.

The Safeguarding Team is composed of Mary Dawson (Parish Safeguarding Officer), Tina Hampson, Joy Taylor, Revd Gill O'Neill, Revd Gemma Birt, and Churchwardens Jim Nurton and Julie Whitney.

Due to the continuation of the Covid 19 pandemic, St John's utilises a bespoke livestreaming policy during services, and risk assessments are carried out for online youth meetings, public worship, choir rehearsals, open church and 'working and

volunteering in church'. All users of the Goose Green Centre continue to utilise appropriate risk assessments.

The Safeguarding Team has ensured that the safeguarding page on the church website is up to date, and conforms to the statutory requirements laid down by the Diocese. The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

No serious incidents occurred during the year that should have been reported to the Charity Commissioners.

Mary Dawson, Parish Safeguarding Officer

with Tina Hampson, Joy Taylor, the Revd Gill O'Neill, Churchwardens Jim Nurton and Julie Whitney.

Communications

In 2021 *The Gander* and website teams were merged into a single Communications team consisting of Gill O'Neill, Jim Nurton, Sue O'Neill, Tayo Olatunde, Christine Camplin, Martin Howell, with Raymond Baudon (until Easter) and Gemma Birt (from September). It is a team rather than a committee; its purpose is to produce *The Gander*, keep the website under review and up-to-date, and review the *A church near you* website. The team meets regularly via Zoom to plan *The Gander* and website, and would welcome more members.

Zoom and YouTube

Services continued to be livestreamed via Zoom with numbers fluctuating with the progress of Covid: up to 60 people participated during February. The first service was livestreamed to YouTube on 7 February, enabling those unable to take part on Sundays to 'catch up'. The 10am service and all major festivals have been streamed both to Zoom and YouTube since then. Zoom service provide a valuable opportunity for people to chat before and after the service; to feel they are participating, not simply observing. PCC and Standing Committee meetings continued to be held on Zoom rather than in-person.

Coffee Morning Get-Connected Scheme

This is an initiative to help those without internet access get online. It combines assistance with broadband connection costs with the loan of a basic tablet with simple instructions. Though we received further Southwark Neighbourhood funding to equip the Scheme during the year there was limited take-up of the Scheme. It is hoped that different approaches during 2022 might encourage more people to take part.

Emails and pewsheet

Weekly Mailchimp mails were sent to 385 people. The printed pewsheet containing details of Sunday readings, music and coming events was available in church and also posted on the website. Coffee morning emails were sent weekly to all those who asked to be included.

The Gander

Ten issues were produced in 2021 (with a break at August and Christmas/January). It included reports on church events, local news and activities, history of the church, as well as profiles of members of the congregation, recipes, gardening updates and book reviews. It is published online, emailed to the Mailchimp list, and a paper version is also printed and posted to about 40 addresses.

Website

The new website went live on 19 March at www.stjohnseastdulwich.org (the same address as the old one).

We employed a specialist company, UK Churches (https://ukchurches.org/) to redesign and also to maintain the site rather than paying a one-off fee for the website to be redesigned. We can update pages ourselves but the contract includes content design and all technical support.

All the content has been revised and new material is being added. It includes details of current services and the latest pewsheet and *The Gander*. We want to ensure the website is always up to date; it should be a living document and not static, so if you spot anything that needs changing or adding, please let one of the Communication team know.

It is a 'shop window' for our virtual presence.

Maintenance of the fabric

Church and grounds



With the ongoing pandemic and church closure at the start of the year, we continued with the work of ensuring the safety of our building and worship. This involved regular maintenance checks while the building was closed between January and March and then continuing to review and update risk assessments over the year.

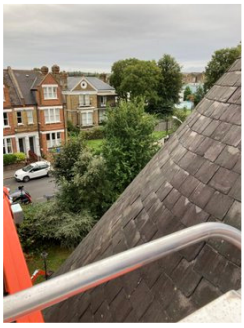
When the church reopened, we installed new equipment to improve the streaming of services on Zoom and YouTube so that those unable to attend can

continue to participate. Thanks to the donation of new equipment and a willing team of volunteers, we were also able to offer socially distanced tea and coffee in the churchyard after the 10am Mass.

We spent much of 2021 investigating the repairs needed to the sanctuary roof as it was unclear what remedial work would be required to fix the water ingress into the sanctuary. Initially, a drone assessment of the roof and guttering was undertaken which identified several possible causes. One possibility was a defect in the copper lining the box gutter that sits between the sanctuary and the minstrel's gallery. There were also possible issues with guttering and flashing. Therefore, it was necessary to arrange a visual inspection of the roof area. This was conducted with our inspecting architect using a cherry picker. This inspection identified several cracks in the copper lining of the box gutter. The lining has already been repaired many times as it was originally lined when the church was rebuilt after the Second World War. We plan to apply for grant funding to replace this in 2022.







During 2021, we have continued with the usual maintenance of the gutters, heating and lighting. At the same time as the roof inspection, the cherry picker was used to replace several loose and missing roof tiles.

In the churchyard, a team of volunteers have continued to maintain and tidy the garden. In September, a service was held to bless the new rosemary bushes planted in memory of loved ones in the Knot garden. Thanks to Chris Eldridge for carrying out this work.

Hinckley Road flat

Our ground floor tenants have remained in the flat throughout 2021 and Revd Raymond Baudon moved out of the first floor flat in May as he relocated to his new role. In August, new tenants moved in. The first floor flat required roof repairs to fix a leak and the ground floor flat had a new boiler fitted.



Jim Nurton and Julie Whitney, Churchwardens

Archives and records

Much that I had hoped to do this year has been put on hold because of intermittent access to the church during the pandemic. However, I have been able to complete a general tidy-up of the Minstrels' Gallery and moved artefacts to more secure storage. I have continued my survey of the archive cupboards to ascertain how much material still remains unappraised and unlisted. I have also dealt with a couple of queries relating to the baptism and marriage registers and given advice on family history sources to some visitors to the church. Apart from that I have done further research on Fr. McKenzie and the rebuilding of the church after WW2 bombing and collaborated with Christine Camplin on various aspects of the church's history.

Clare Brown, Archivist

Eco Church

2021 saw us starting the year in lockdown as we continued dealing with Covid and the pandemic, This affected the ability for the Eco Church group to meet in person and implement some of the more tangible objectives we had planned. However, it did not stop our determination to continue this journey.



bird boxes made by school pupils

In May, the group had a Zoom Q&A session with the Eco Church Lead of St John's Church Upper Norwood to understand their eco journey. It was a follow-up to the fact-finding visit made by a group of us in 2020.

The lockdown also saw us providing eco-related articles in monthly issues of *The Gander*. These articles touched on important eco-topics such as electric vehicles, cycling, and reducing our carbon footprint. They also provided essential information needed to make eco-conscious decisions.

August saw one of our member families taking part in the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) relay to COP 26 and writing a piece for *The Gander*, sharing their experience and motivation for participating.

In December we launched an online Christmas card. Church members left goodwill messages which everybody could read. This ensured that whilst keeping within the Covid guidelines, the St John's community was still able to come together.

As we closed out the year, our objectives for 2022 were clear. We, as a community must continue our eco-journey. To this end, activities such as an eco-themed Lent (Eco Lent) were proposed. We would also continue working towards completing the Eco Church survey by identifying tasks we could undertake in 2022 to improve the church's eco rating and gain the Eco Church bronze award.

Tayo Olatunde and the Eco Church group

Goose Green Centre

The Goose Green Centre for Church and Community was opened in 1996. Its purpose was to facilitate increased church activities, especially with younger and older people, accommodate the many groups which used or applied to use the vestry, and to be of key significance in the outreach commitment of St John's.

Within a few years it was in use for Sunday church activities and large social and fund-raising events. During the week there was a Nursery most days, a Baby and Toddler Group, a Monkey Music Group and a Maths and English Tuition Group, Yoga, and Alcoholics Anonymous. There was a weekly Lunch Club, the local M.P. and councillors held monthly surgeries and the hall was used for public consultation meetings and elections. Then in March 2020 all 'normal' use was curtailed.

At the start of 2021 we were once again in a Lockdown: the Centre was closed except for the nursery, after-school care and support groups. BUDS Nursery left at the end of March, a loss both financially and in our involvement with the community. Some alternative options have been explored but they all have problems, usually with the business model and hours of use.

By July about 50% of the evening groups had returned; all were asked to follow guidelines and have their own risk assessments. There were a number of party bookings, but few daytime bookings. The Coffee Morning returned (outdoors) in June and the Lunch Club in September.

Bradley Collins left the role of Parish Administrator in summer and Denise Fulgoni joined on 1 September. One of the first tasks she undertook was to contact all the users, most of whom are now returning to the Centre.

By mid-November Denise had tidied up all the centre cupboards and made space for all existing Centre users to have storage. The number of users increased to twelve groups a week and Sunday afternoon party bookings. On some days there were up to four users in the centre a day. These were wide and varied in their type and function within our community: baby and toddler activities, junior drama classes, art classes, yoga, Tai Chi, along with a number of support groups.

Now, as the impact of the pandemic wanes and we work to live with the new situation we need to decide how we want to use the Centre in future. Some refurbishment is planned: toilets refurbishment, looking into improving internal doors, and soundproofing doors between the church and Centre.

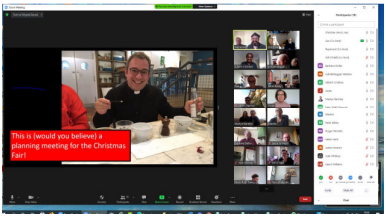
The Goose Green Centre should be used by the wider community, especially coming out of the pandemic. I am looking at local need to engage with local charities, theatre groups, Youth support services, Dulwich Festival and our local councillors, and trust that the Centre will continue to develop and grow following the original Goose Green Centre objectives.

Denise Fulgoni, Parish Administrator





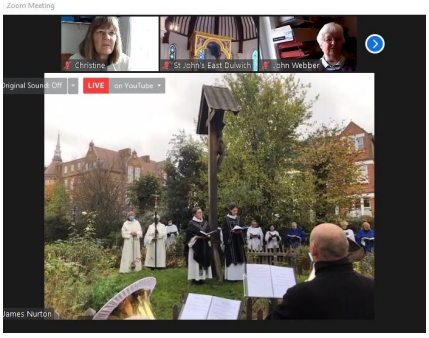
2021


This is (would you believe) a planning meeting for the Christmas Fair!








Zoom Meeting
Christine
St John's East Dulwich
John Webber
Original Sound: Off
LIVE
on YouTube
James Nurton









In seedtime . . .



. . . and in harvest.





Goose Green Community Lunch Club

One of the activities that the Goose Green Centre hosts for the older members of our community is the Lunch Club.

Due to the Covid pandemic Lunch Club meetings were suspended in 2021 until the end of September. Committee members had stayed in contact with our regular guests during the period we were not meeting. In the autumn around 20 people plus helpers joined us for lunch each week until we had to suspend meetings again on 16 December, the date of our planned Christmas party.

Please do come and join us if you are free on a Thursday lunch time.

As part of the planned re-opening we decided to come under the Church's wing as the cost of insurance as a separate organisation, post pandemic, proved to be prohibitive. We are grateful for the support provided by the Vicar and the PCC.

Martin Howell, Barbara Deller and the Lunch Club Committee.

A building for every day of the week



St John's Church was built in 1865, replacing an earlier 1820s chapel. It has stood on the north side of Goose Green, witnessing the growth of East Dulwich around it. It is a Grade II listed building.

The church is not just for Sundays; despite Covid restrictions it has been able to be open to the local community during the week. Visitors have dropped in to see the building, or simply for a quiet space.

There have been musical events: a Bach to Baby Family Concert each month from September, Psalms workshop in October, and also rehearsal space for some local musicians. In September, too, there was a week-long art exhibition by Sam Newman. School events have been held in the church, and a Street Doctors youth training event in November.

We have hosted Copleston Centre management team meetings, a SDCAS (Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers) meeting and a party for the South London Cares community network.

The church grounds have remained open all year. There is seating and the gardens offer a quiet and reflective space for the local community away from the bustle of East Dulwich Road and Lordship Lane.

We hope to resume larger events such as the May and Christmas fairs next year.

Mission and hospitality

There have been a few social events. Until summer they were held via Zoom or outdoors: a Spring Quiz via Zoom (March); Christian Aid Café (May). Refreshments after services resumed outdoors in April; the weather was fortunately fine for tea and cakes after church to welcome Gemma, our new Curate, and her family (June), and we had a Harvest Festival and barbecue (October). Finally we brought the Christmas message with lights and Christmas tree outside.

Goose Green Coffee Morning



2021 has been a year full of changes. At the start of the year Coffee Morning was still meeting by Zoom on Wednesday mornings as it had for much of 2020. We carried on providing activities at some sessions, including film groups, guest speakers and art sessions. These all worked well in the Zoom setting. The art groups were very popular and attracted lots of new visitors. The sessions were very well lead by The Arts Factory and everyone seemed to appreciate the techniques we learnt. We were fortunate to be able to continue using our Neighbourhood Fund grant from Southwark Council for the art sessions, as well as for publicity and to assist St John's improved online presence. We hosted talks by Marcus Dickey Horley from the Tate Gallery, by Revd Rosemary Shaw about hospital chaplaincy and by The Clewer Initiative on modern slavery.

We continued to miss visitors from before the first lock-down, many of whom we had lost contact with. Conversation by Zoom was different to the normal ebb and flow of chatting but we persevered. One benefit was that we could include visitors from far afield: the most distant visitor was on the Isle of Wight! We found the

number of visitors to our Zoom Coffee Morning declined a little in April and May.

As the Covid situation improved, we started meeting in the churchyard at the beginning of June. We were very fortunate with the weather and barely had to use Zoom during the summer, apart from for two very interesting talks given by the RSPB and by Friends of the Earth. It was highly enjoyable to meet outside and be able to socialise again. We were very pleased to see some pre-lockdown visitors return to Coffee Morning, though two of our Coffee Morning regulars sadly died while we were not meeting in person. Since starting to meet up in person in June the number of visitors each week has slowly increased. We continued to regularly review our Covid risk assessments, to keep as safe as possible.

At the end of September, with the return of worse weather and a fairly good Covid situation, we made the decision to start meeting inside church again. This also provided an opportunity to start organising some activities; we had a visit by Goose Green Safer Neighbourhood Team and a craft session making Scandi-style Christmas Cards. However, when the local case numbers became very high some weeks later, we had to revert to meeting outside for the last meeting of the year. We transformed our planned Christmas Coffee Morning session into a take-home gift bag and enjoyed a quick hot drink outside!

We had obtained further Southwark Neighbourhood funding for 2021-2022, for art and music activities, publicity and the Get-Connected Scheme. However it was not practical to organise guest speakers or other activities whilst we were meeting outside so spending was delayed. With stops and starts to meeting indoors, it was not possible to spend much of the budget during 2021. Some spending is planned for the first quarter of 2022. During the year a further Neighbourhood Fund application was made for 2022-23, for activities during coffee morning plus parallel groups to run on Wednesday mornings.

We sought feedback from the group by an on-line survey in March and in feedback meetings; one was on Zoom and two were in person. In our survey we found that a proportion of respondents found it difficult to join in conversation on Zoom, either through not being able to find a chance to speak or through Zoom not working well for them. Nevertheless, more than 90% of participants stated they liked coming to coffee morning ‘a lot’ or ‘quite a lot’. More than half liked the chance to meet others or found the group made them feel more connected to other people. Similarly more than half liked the opportunity to hear interesting talks or take part in other activities. In our meetings it was useful to hear ideas on how Coffee Morning could be improved, such as making it easier to start coming to Coffee Morning in person or on-line, improving publicity, which activities worked best, etc.

This has been a fluctuating year, but one in which the opportunity to mix with others has been enthusiastically grasped, even when online. Covid has shown us all how important it is to meet up and socialise with each other.

Black Voices Matter



Deborah Akinlawon spoke in Black History Month

The group has continued to highlight issues of racial justice over the past year despite the continuing challenges of the pandemic.

At the beginning of the year the group piloted an online workshop on racial justice called Becoming Allies, and worked together to produce a format which would be appropriate to roll out at St John's, ideally in person. It was agreed that as change depends on leadership, the workshop would first be offered to the PCC. The first session took place in September and was well-attended and lively. The group of PCC members produced a list of intentions based on Southwark's Anti-Racism charter. Thought is also being given to making the images in church more diverse and improving the representation of UKME church members in leadership roles.

Encouragingly, a number of other churches and groups in the Diocese have shown an interest in the group's work and we are currently considering the best ways of sharing the learning from St John's anti-racism journey.

A group was also formed to plan for Black History Month. During the whole of October the flowers in church reflected the BHM colours of red, green and gold, there was a display of Black History books, poetry and literature and our preachers in October all spoke about faith and racial justice. A grant was given by Southwark Council which enabled the group to commission a piece of music by a local young Black musician and this is still being progressed. The books are now available to borrow as a small library at the back of the church.

Future plans include running the workshops again during the coming year, organising an event for other churches and church leaders, supporting the PCC in implementing Southwark's Anti-Racism charter, and working to have more images and activities which reflect the diversity of the church and the community.

Black Voices Matter group

Robes Project at St John's

In 2021, the usual process of guests moving around churches could not happen because of the high risk of Covid transmission. Therefore, guests lived in hotel rooms funded by the local authority while Robes support workers helped guests to find permanent accommodation.

Churches were still able to help guests by providing monthly and weekly support packages. Each month, volunteers from different churches took it in turns to provide every guest with a package of clothing, toiletries and non-perishable food items. A smaller weekly package was also provided with snacks and fruit.

St John's volunteers provided one set of 35 monthly and weekly support packages in March 2021 and a set of 12 weekly support packages in April.

Charitable giving



Harvest gifts

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith.

Each year the PCC selects four charities, in addition to Christian Aid, for special collections at the Sunday services during the year. The charities selected for 2021 were: The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call, The Children's Society, Shelter and the Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation.

The special collection is normally made up of money not put into envelopes on those Sundays. However, Zoom services and the absence of a physical plate have made this difficult. We have additionally directed people to each charity's own website.

Collections for Christian Aid, The Children's Society (Christingle service) and Stephen Lawrence Day (Sunday 31 October) took place and The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call was advertised throughout Lent on the Sunday emails. The Christian Aid Café raised over £600 for Christian Aid. The gifts offered at our Harvest Festival service or left in the porch were taken to the Manna Society Day Centre. Nearly £2,000 (including Gift Aid) was raised in memory of Deepthi Wickremasinghe and donated to the Young People's Forest at Mead in Derbyshire.

The PCC agreed that the two collections that had not taken place (Shelter and The Children's Society), be carried over to 2022.

St John's and St Clement's School



KS2 Carol Concert

The first school at St John's was established in 1827. The PCCs of St John and St Clement jointly appoint the foundation governors of St John's and St Clement's School, and as Incumbent of St John's, Revd Gill O'Neill is an ex-officio Foundation Governor. The St John's Foundation Governors are: Miranda Wightman (2018, Chair) and Namukale Chintu (2020); there is a currently a vacancy. Simon Rutland (2018) is the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education governor.

St John's clergy visit the school to lead collective worship and the school holds plays, carol concerts, harvest and end-of term services in the church.

Deanery Synod

2021 was a year of change for Dulwich Deanery Synod. During the lockdown in 2020, churches were permitted to delay their annual meetings, or roll them into one in 2021, therefore Deanery Synod elections spanned a much longer period of time. Eventually, we gained representatives from each church in the Deanery. Diocesan Synod elections also took place, and our new lay representatives are Susan Patterson, of St Stephen's, and our own Joy Taylor, of St John's Church. Clergy reps are Revd Tomos Reid, Revd Cécile Schnyder and Revd Rachael Gledhill. Following her election to General Synod, we welcomed Rebecca Chapman (Bex) as our General Synod link person, and said farewell to Adrian Greenwood.

The Deanery Synod appointed Denise Fulgoni as Secretary from 1 January 2022. This will be a paid post, funded by the 'Area Dean Admin Grant' from Southwark Diocese. The Deanery holds three synods annually. In July we had a presentation from The Revd Canon Jay Colwill (Canon Missioner at the Cathedral, and Director of Mission and Evangelism for the Diocese of Southwark) and Nelly Misenga (Development Officer of Together Southwark). They spoke on the theme of 'Deaneries, Collaboration & Community Engagement'. One outcome of that is a mapping exercise of all outreach activities provided by the Dulwich churches, to be undertaken by Denise. Other Synod topics for discussion have included the Church of England's Living in Love and Faith initiative, anti-racism and allyship, youth work, mental health, and how churches can welcome and support people arriving from

Hong Kong. In November, in a collaborative effort with Susan Patterson at St Stephen's, we held a Street Doctors training event for young people, equipping them with the skills to respond to serious bleeding injuries, this initiative was prompted by a fatal stabbing incident in the Deanery. Meetings continued on Zoom in 2021, and it is hoped they can be in-person at some point. The Deanery Standing Committee consists of Gill O'Neill as Area Dean, Lay Chair Sandra Potter, Treasurer Joy Taylor, and Secretary Denise Fulgoni.

Gill O'Neill, Area Dean

Treasurer's Report

The 2020 and 2021 accounts are being prepared by Chaweevan Williams who was appointed by the PCC in March. The Independent Examiner we appointed last year has been unable to complete the 2020 accounts although he has done a lot of work on them. As the 2021 accounts have not yet been prepared the following details are based on my records for 2021.

Total income for the year was just under £136,000. This includes all the funds over which the PCC has control, whether unrestricted, designated or restricted.

Donations totalled £86,000 of which £70,000 were gift aided. Total donations in 2019 were £94,400. I would like to thank everyone for their generosity in keeping up their donations in difficult times and when many were not able to attend church in person. In particular, I thank all those who transferred to the Parish Giving Scheme which is efficient and cost-effective.

We received £25,000 from hire of the halls in the Goose Green Centre and the church. The comparative total in 2019 was £78,000. Our Parish Administrator, Denise Fulgoni, has worked very hard to increase the number of groups and individuals who hire our spaces. She has managed the Centre very effectively and welcomed with a smile all who use it.

Finally, the net rental income from the two flats at 11 Hinckley Road was £17,000. In 2019 rental income was £12,500, from the lower flat only as our Curate, Raymond, was occupying the upper flat.

When the 2021 accounts are completed they may show a small loss. This is not a surprise because the church and Centre were closed for some months in 2021, giving rise to less income though our expenses remained the same or increased. Gas, electricity and water came to over £11,500 and we spent over £5,500 on printing and computers etc. because all our services were on printed sheets and we needed to buy better equipment for our online services and meetings.

Sarah Goudge, PCC Treasurer

Reserves Policy

The PCC considers that a General Reserve of three months' expenditure is sufficient to deal with unexpected events. At present this amounts to £55,000. If necessary, this fund is maintained by transferring funds from other reserves. In addition, we have a boiler reserve of £25,000 and designated funds of £45,000 for restoration and major works on our buildings (Church, Community Centre and Clergy House) and for Mission Development. It is PCC policy to invest funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Stewardship



With the restrictions on activities in the Goose Green Centre and the loss of the nursery, congregational giving is even more important in helping to sustain the funding of the church.

During harvest-tide we ran a Stewardship campaign which asked people to consider starting or reviewing the amount they pledge to give to the church and to consider giving via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). This is a Direct Debit service which is operated by the central church on behalf of parishes across the country and also collects any associated Gift Aid at no direct cost to the parishes, whilst also reducing our administration. Just under 40 people directly responded to the campaign and a number of other people also increased the amount they give via Standing Order or the envelope scheme. We now have 35 people who give regularly via PGS. It is never too late to join!

Supported by the Diocese, we trialled the use of CollecTin More contactless giving machines. This proved successful and with the help of two generous donations we purchased two machines in December. These arrived just in time for the Christmas services and were particularly well used at the Christingle Service.

We also continue to accept online donations via the DONATE page on the church's website, where you can also find information about the PGS and other ways of giving.

However you give, we are grateful to the many members of the congregation who donate to St John's. Thank you.

Martin Howell, Stewardship Secretary

Structure, governance and management



The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a registered charity (No. 1134088). All PCC members are Trustees of the Church.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St John's membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar, Assistant Curate, Hon. Assistant Priests, churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC; we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible. All new members receive an introduction to the PCC.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. All PCC sub-committees and working groups are responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly.

Standing Committee: The only committee required by law, it meets to consider the minutes of the previous PCC meeting and set the agenda for the next. It transacts the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the latter. It also has financial responsibilities. Membership consists of the Vicar, Assistant Curate, Wardens, Treasurer, PCC Secretary, Stewardship Secretary and two members appointed from the PCC. The Standing Committee met eight times in 2021.

The full PCC met nine times during the year with an average attendance of 77%. All the meetings have been held online via Zoom. We are aware that not all members can access Zoom, but it does enable others to attend who might be shielding or isolating.

The Annual Meetings on 16 May were held online. The date of the meetings was moved from April 25 due to the resignation of the Independent Examiner in March.

The following Officers were elected/re-elected at the first PCC meeting following the 2021 Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

Secretary	Christine Camplin
Treasurer	Sarah Goudge
Vice-Chair	Jim Nurton

Other PCC representatives during 2021:

Safeguarding Officers	Mary Dawson, Tina Hampson and Joy Taylor
Electoral Roll Officer	Bradley Collins
Deputy Churchwardens	Gill Nash and Joy Taylor

The PCC were kept informed of Covid risk assessment and management as Government advice and our response to the pandemic changed throughout the year. When the church re-opened in March the congregation were invited to complete a questionnaire on how they felt.

During 2021 the PCC received regular reports from the PCC Treasurer, Churchwardens, and representatives for Deanery Synod, Stewardship, Communications and Eco Church. Matters brought before the Council included:

- Church and Centre fabric: refurbishment of Centre toilets and front door; sanctuary roof (replacement of the box gutter); memorial to Revd Charles McKenzie; Hinkley Road flat - repairs, cleaning, new tenant in first floor flat; sound system upgrade; churchyard maintenance; repair to Adys Road gatepost.
- Goose Green Centre users: Robes project, Nursery: BUDS Nursery left on 26 March.
- Finance: appointment of Independent Examiner; delayed 2020 Accounts; Parish Support Fund and the Parish Pledge for 2022.
- Safeguarding: all PCC members were asked to complete the online course on basic safeguarding training. The DBS list status was reviewed: all PCC members must now have an up-to-date DBS check.
- Personnel: Bradley Collins resigned as Parish Administrator and Denise Fulgoni was appointed from 1 September. Revd Raymond Baudon left on Easter Day and our new curate, Revd Gemma Birt, joined us in June. Revd Rosemary Shaw joined St John's Ministry Team and was co-opted onto the PCC in December. Tayo Olatunde (Eco Church rep) took up a 2-year casual vacancy on the PCC.
- Stewardship: the PCC agreed to join the Parish Giving Scheme.
- Communications: new website; *The Gander* (parish magazine); Coffee Morning 'Goose Green Get Connected Scheme'.
- Charities: nominations for charities for special collections; arrangements for charitable giving; Joy Taylor was appointed Charity coordinator.
- Lunch Club: the PCC agreed to take on liability for the Lunch Club (financial, Health & Safety and safeguarding).
- Eco Church: the PCC agreed to the actions necessary to become a Fair Trade church and to apply for a Fairtrade Foundation membership licence.

- 'Where do we go from here?' St John's is now registered with HeartEdge. Several PCC members have attended HeartEdge workshops.
- Review of Advent/Christmas and Holy Week/Easter services and events.
- Projects: Messy Church for children (first session Sunday 18 July); In September PCC members attended an Allyship course developed by St John's Black Voices Matter group.
- Policies approved: Livestreaming policy (25 May); Grievance Policy (22 September); Complaints Policy (22 September); Disciplinary Policy (17 November).
- Faculty applications approved by PCC:
  - To install a stone memorial tablet in the church to commemorate its restoration after the Second World War, and in addition to adjust the position of the existing memorial (24 March)
  - For a new entrance door and renovation of toilets in the Goose Green Centre (23 June)

Finally, the PCC even managed to hold two Zoom parties: a bring-your-own drinks party on Easter Day to bid farewell to Raymond, and end of the year festivities following the December PCC meeting.



St John's PCC - December meeting

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members:		
Vicar:	Revd Gill O'Neill	Chair
Assistant Curates:	Revd Raymond Baudon	*until 4 April*
	Revd Gemma Birt	*from 27 June*
Hon. Assistant Priest:	Revd Anne Clarke	
Wardens:	Jim Nurton	
	Julie Whitney $	
Elected members:		
Charles Corbin #	Christine Camplin	PCC Secretary
Silbert Crichlow	Mary Dawson	
Eloise Fotiadis *	Sarah Goudge	PCC Treasurer
Martin Howell	Ish Lennox #	
Claire Nylander	Gill Nash	Deputy Churchwarden
Tayo Olatunde $	Sue O'Neill *	
Vida Smith #		
Deanery Synod:		
Alan Croft	Ish Lennox	
Joy Taylor		Deputy Churchwarden
Diocesan Synod:	Tayo Olatunde	*until July*
Co-opted members:	Revd Alistair McCulloch	Assistant Priest
(appointed annually)	Revd Rosemary Shaw $	Assistant Priest

 # Until 16 May 2021 ** From 16 May 2021*
$ also Deanery Synod rep. *$ From 8 December 2021*

Christine Camplin, PCC Secretary

Volunteers

The PCC warmly thanks all the volunteers who have so generously shared their time and talents to enhance our worship and contribute to life at St John's, especially given the challenges that the Coronavirus posed to our worshipping life. The PCC is grateful for the commitment and dedication of all those who have helped prepare church building for worship, arranged flowers, enabled online worship to take place, adapted and facilitated coffee and tea and fellowship to take place outside the building and who have tended to our gardens and grounds this year. A particular highlight and joy of this year has been the start of Messy Church at St John's. This would not have been possible without the dedication and care of a group of volunteers who have supported this all-age Sunday afternoon service since it started in July 2021.

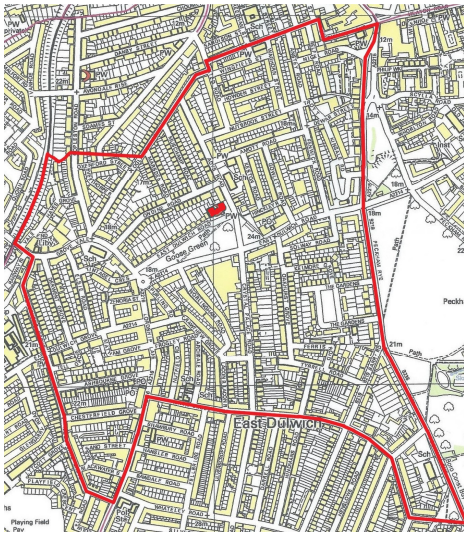
Administrative Information

St John's Church is situated in East Dulwich and Peckham, London. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England.

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A brief timeline of 2021

January 1	The church had closed just before Christmas due to rapidly rising infection rates; 10am Mass, Morning Prayer, all meetings and Coffee Morning are all held via Zoom.
Jan 4	England moved into a third Lockdown though places of worship are still permitted to remain open.
Jan 8	The Mayor of London and Southwark Council ask all places of worship to close.
February 7	First live Sunday Mass livestreamed onto YouTube.
February 10	Coffee Morning art session held online: the first online 'activity'.
February 17	Ash Wednesday evening service livestreamed from church.
March 9	Christian Aid Café in the churchyard - the first in-person social event in 2021!
March 11	St John's Fun Spring Quiz - by Zoom.
March 14	Official announcement of reopening for worship.
March 19	St John's new website went live.
March 28	Reopening with restricted numbers. 8am and 10am Mass in church; latter live-streamed to Zoom and YouTube.)
April 25	Number of worshippers in church increased to 50.
May 16	Annual Meetings via Zoom. Government Covid relaxation: England moved into 'Step 3'.
June 2	Coffee Morning resumes in person in the churchyard.
June 10	Thursday midday Mass resumes in the church.
July 18	First Messy Church for children.
September 12	Choir returns (in the Lady Chapel); congregation sing a hymn.
September 30	Lunch Club restarted.
October 3	Harvest Festival followed by barbecue in the churchyard.
November 14	Remembrance Sunday followed by laying of wreaths in the memorial garden.
December 8	Resurgence of Covid. Government implements 'plan B'. Mask mandate for shops, all public transport, community centres - and churches.
December 8	Last PCC meeting of the year.
December 15	Carols by the Green cancelled. Southwark asks organisations to carry out activities virtually if possible.
December 16	Lunch Club and Thursday lunchtime service stopped again.
December 19	Choir limited to twelve singers, no Junior Choir. Shortened Carol Service.
December 22	Coffee Morning moved outdoors.
December 24	Christmas services cautious and ticketed - but most take place.

A future with hope:

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,
plans for your welfare and not for harm,
to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29: 11

The book of Jeremiah is written against a background of immense hardship, exile, political turmoil and unrest, but it contains a great promise of restoration. We hold on to the essence of that promise as we look to the future. People all over the world have suffered enormously over the past two years, loss of loved ones, of health, of life itself, of jobs, opportunities and many of the things that make life joyful and good. It can feel like a time of scarcity. However, in times of hardship, the people of God were exhorted to search for God, and to be thankful for what is good. We remind ourselves of all we are thankful for, and are encouraged to notice the good things we enjoy. This is the starting-point of our future; we begin by counting our blessings, by knowing what are our assets, and being mindful of our abundance. We have been blessed with a great many gifts here at St John's, and in thankfulness, we pray God will lead us into a future with hope.



The Parish of
St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Registered Charity No. 1134088

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2021

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

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Legal and Administrative Details

For the year ended 31st December 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report to The PCC of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich (Charity no 1134088).

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiner's statement

Where the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a registered member of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that:

(1) In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulation 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

(2) I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Chaweevan Williams FCCA
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Date: 12 October 2022

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31st December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2a	115,449	0	370	-	**115,819**	134,835
Other trading activities	2b	1,357	-	-	-	**1,357**	1,686
Income from investments	2c	17,000	-	-	-	**17,000**	8,785
Charitable activities	2d	30,902	-	3,643	-	**34,545**	29,051
Total income		164,708	0	4,013	0	**168,721**	174,357
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	92		-	-	**92**	75
Charitable activities	3b	186,304	-	1,423	-	**187,727**	183,765
Total expenditure		186,396	0	1,423	0	**187,819**	183,840
Net income/(expenditure)		(21,688)	0	2,590	0	**(19,098)**	(9,483)
Gains on investment assets	10	-		-	10,000	**10,000**	990,000
Gross Transfers between funds	10	(788)	0	788	-	0	-
Net movements in funds		(22,476)	0	3,378	10,000	**(9,098)**	980,517
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2021		115,395	75,060	2,159	990,000	**1,182,614**	202,097
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2021		**92,919**	**75,060**	**5,537**	**1,000,000**	**1,173,516**	1,182,614

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5	**5,141**	0
Investment property	6	**1,000,000**	990,000
Total fixed assets		**1,005,141**	990,000
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	**13,753**	7,620
Short term deposit (CBF)		**127,434**	127,368
Cash at bank		**29,154**	59,680
Cash in hand		**1,064**	276
Total Current Assets		**171,405**	194,944
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	**3,030**	2,330
Net current assets		**168,375**	192,614
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**1,173,516**	1,182,614
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	10	**92,919**	115,395
Designated funds	10	**75,060**	75,060
Restricted funds	10	**5,537**	2,159
Endowment funds	10	**1,000,000**	990,000
Total funds		**1,173,516**	1,182,614

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21.9.22 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Gill O'Neill – Chairperson Gill O'Neill

Sarah Goudge – Treasurer Sarah Goudge

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31st December 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities		**(29,738)**		(141)
Cash flows from investing activities				
Interest and rent from investments	**66**		538	
Purchases of equipment	**0**		0	
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**66**		538
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**(29,672)**		397
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		**187,324**		186,927
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		**157,652**		187,324
Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) before investment gains				
Net income (loss)before investment gains 31 December		**(19,098)**		(9,483)
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation charges		**1,714**		0
Interest from investments		**(66)**		(538)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors		**(6,133)**		10,156
(Decrease)/increase in creditors		**700**		(276)
Decrease/(increase) in Fixed Assets		**(6,855)**		0
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		**(29,738)**		(141)
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents				
Cash at bank and in hand		**30218**		59956
Short term deposits(CBF)		**127434**		127368
		157652		187324

1 Accounting policies

a Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)' and the Charities Act 2011.

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions , assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; 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 the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund unless permission is sought from donors to reallocate the fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds , depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

c Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due, and an inflow is probable.

Income from investments

Interest is accounted for as it accrues.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

c Incoming resources (cont'd)

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at 31 December each year.

d Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when due. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Support Costs

Support costs are allocated to church activities within the SOFA.

e Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed properties of any kind are excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011 .

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items under £5,000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Plant & Machinery, Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Plant & Machinery	25% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% straight line

1 Accounting policies (continued)

f Investment Property

In accordance with the SORP, the Church's freehold are held for long-term investment and are included in the balance sheet at their open market value. The surpluses or deficits on revaluation of such properties are transferred to the endowment fund. Depreciation is not provided in respect of freehold investment properties .

g Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

2 Income	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
2a *Donations and legacies*						
Planned Giving (Gift Aid)	69,435	0	-	-	**69,435**	70,257
Collections (open plate)	5,029	-	0	-	**5,029**	5,170
Donations	13,615	-	370	-	**13,985**	16,652
Gift aid tax	13,088	-	-	-	**13,088**	20,446
Grants received	14,282	-	-	-	**14,282**	22,310
	115,449	0	370	0	**115,819**	134,835
2b *Other trading activities*						
Fundraising income – Mission Event	248	-	-	-	**248**	1,505
Fair Trade Stall	141	-	-	-	**141**	181
Insurance claim	968				**968**	0
	1,357	0	0	0	**1,357**	1,686
2c *Income from investments*						
Interest Received	66	-	-	-	**66**	538
Hinckley Road rental income	16,934	-	-	-	**16,934**	8,247
	17,000	0	0	0	**17,000**	8,785
2d *Charitable activities*						
Fees income – PCC	4,246	-	-	-	**4,246**	2,269
Premises hire	26,273	-	-	-	**26,273**	25,738
Sundry Income	383	-	-	-	**383**	1,044
Lunch Club			3,643		**3,643**	0
	30,902	0	3,643	0	**34,545**	29,051
Total Income	**164,708**	**0**	**4,013**	**0**	**168,721**	**174,357**

Lunch Club fund has been combined with the church as from 2021.

3 Expenditure	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**	Total Funds 2020 £
3a *Raising funds*						
Fund raising expenditure	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**0**	0
Fair trade stall	92				**92**	75
	92	0	0	0	92	75
3b *Church activities*						
Missionary and charitable giving	500	-	348	-	**848**	904
Diocesan Parish pledge	88,500	-	-	-	**88,500**	87,500
Other ministry costs	1,557				**1,557**	2,387
Parish events costs	1,980	-	-	-	**1,980**	394
Staff costs	29,589	-	-	-	**29,589**	30,419
Church running expenses	20,617	-	-	-	**20,617**	17,175
Garden maintenance	660	-	-	-	**660**	886
Organ maintenance	2,854	-	-	-	**2,854**	1,901
Church & Goose Green Centre - Major fabric expenditure	9,551	-	-	-	**9,551**	21,915
Upkeep of services (Incl flowers)	3,200	-	-	-	**3,200**	1,652
Youth work, training and mission	50	-	-	-	**50**	266
Heat, light and water	10,698	-	-	-	**10,698**	7,557
Goose Green Centre running costs	-	-	-	-	**0**	0
Lunch Club			1,075		**1,075**	0
Administrative costs	9,046	-	-	-	**9,046**	5,888
Support costs- Hinckley road costs	2,908	-	-	-	**2,908**	1,753
Governance costs						
Accountancy & Independent examination	1,080	-	-	-	**1,080**	1,950
Consultancy & Professional Fees	1,800				**1,800**	1,218
Depreciation	1,714				**1,714**	0
	186,304	0	1,423	0	187,727	183,765
Total Expenditure	**186,396**	**0**	**1,423**	**0**	**187,819**	183,840

4 Staff Costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	29,589	30,419

5 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & Machinery	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1 January 2021	0	0	**0**
Addition	0	6,855	**-**
At 31 December 2021	0	6,855	**0**
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2021	0	0	**0**
Charge for the year	0	1,714	**1,714**
At 31 December 2021	0	1,714	**1,714**
Net book value			
At 31 December 2021	0	5,141	**5,141**
At 31 December 2020	0	0	**0**

All fixed assets were written off as at 31 December 2019 and there is no addition in 2020.

6 Investments

	Investments Property
Cost	**£**
At 1 January 2021	990,000
Add Gain on investment	10,000
At 31 December 2020	**1,000,000**
Net book value	
At 31 December 2021	**1,000,000**
At 31 December 2020	990,000

The freehold of the two flats, situated on Hinckley Road, was recorded for the first time at the open market value at 31 December 2020.. The flats were valued by local estate agents in 2021, who know their condition and rental yield.. The flats are let commercially. The flats are owned by St John the Evangelist , East Dulwich act as Custodial Trustees. The assets cannot be sold without the prior consent of the PCC. The Parish is responsible for their upkeep although any income they generate is unrestricted.

7 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gift Aid tax recoverable	10,878	4,800
Prepayments and accrued income	0	0
Trade debtor	2,875	2,820
	13,753	7,620

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals	2,160	1,080
Other creditors	870	1,250
	3,030	2,330

9 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Investment properties	-	-	-	1,000,000	**1,000,000**
Fixed assets for church use	-	-	-	-	**0**
Net current assets	92,919	75,060	5,537	-	**173,516**
At 31 December 2021	**92,919**	**75,060**	**5,537**	**1,000,000**	**1,173,516**
At 31 December 2020	115,395	75,060	2,159	990,000	1,182,614

10 Statement of funds

	Balance b/fwd 1 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Gain on Investment	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31 Dec 2020
Unrestricted funds	£	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	115,395	164,708	(186,396)	0	(788)	**92,919**
	115,395	164,708	(186,396)	0	(788)	**92,919**
Designated funds						
Restoration & major work	25,060	0	0	0	0	**25,060**
Fabric fund	50,000	0	0	0		**50,000**
	75,060	0	0	0	0	**75,060**
Restricted funds						
Fabric & music	0	-	-	-		**0**
Special collection	730	230	(348)	-	-	**612**
Robes project	1,153	140	-	-	-	**1,293**
Flower fund	276	-	-	-	788	**1,064**
Children & young people	0					**0**
Lunch Club	0	3,643	(1,075)			**2,568**
	2,159	4,013	(1,423)	0	788	**5,537**
Endowment funds						
Property	990,000	-	-	10,000	-	**1,000,000**
	990,000	0	0	10,000	0	**1,000,000**
Total Funds	1,182,614	168,721	(187,819)	10,000	0	**1,173,516**

Designated funds

Designated - Restoration or major works fund (2019 was called Boiler repair fund) is to be used for the church, the grounds, the Goose Green centre or the Clergy house (11 Hinckley Road).

Designated - Fabric fund is to be used for repair, restoration or replacement of moveable items of church fabric (as listed in the terrier) and for decoration. Funds could also be used to pay for sheet music to be used in worship and/or choir robes. (2019 Restricted Fabric & music fund is classed as designated – Fabric fund in 2020)

10 Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted funds

Special collection & donation - This restricted fund is to be used for collections taken by the PCC on behalf of other charities where the intention is to transfer funds on to the charity for which they were raised.

Robes project fund – Income into this restricted fund comes from specified donations. Funds are used to support the running of the Robes night shelter when operating at St John's or when St John's contributes to the work of the project elsewhere.

Restricted - Flower fund is to be spent on church flower arrangements.

Children and young people – This restricted fund will be used for activities, equipment or consumables for children and young people.

Lunch club Restricted - To support the operation of the Lunch Club.

Endowment funds

The endowment fund comprises the two flats on 11 Hinckley Road that have been valued for the first time at £990,000 by independent estate agents in October 2021, with further adjustment to UK house price index for 2020. For 2021 the valuation has increased to £1,000,000.

11 Comparative for Statement of funds

	Balance b/fwd 1 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Gain on Investment	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31 Dec 2020
Unrestricted funds	£	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	125,127	173,300	(183,840)	0	808	**115,395**
	125,127	173,300	(183,840)	0	808	**115,395**
Designated funds						
Restoration & major work	25,000	60	0	0	0	**25,060**
Fabric fund	45,000	0	0	0	5,000	**50,000**
	70,000	60	0	0	5,000	**75,060**
Restricted funds						
Fabric & music	5,000	-	-	-	(5,000)	**0**
Special collection	50	680	-	-	-	**730**
Robes project	836	317	-	-	-	**1,153**
Flower fund	1,084	-	-	-	(808)	**276**
Children & young people	0					**0**
Lunch Club	0					**0**
	6,970	997	0	0	(5,808)	**2,159**
Endowment funds						
Property	-	-	-	990,000	-	**990,000**
	0	0	0	990,000	0	**990,000**
Total Funds	202,097	174,357	(183,840)	990,000	0	**1,182,614**

12 Comparative for Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	2a	133,778	60	997	-	**134,835**
Other trading activities	2b	1,686	-	-	-	**1,686**
Income from investments	2c	8,785	-	-	-	**8,785**
Charitable activities	2d	29,051	-	-	-	**29,051**
Total income		173,300	60	997	0	**174,357**
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	3a	75		-	-	**75**
Charitable activities	3b	183,765	-	0	-	**183,765**
Total expenditure		183,840	0	0	0	**183,840**
Net income/(expenditure)		(10,540)	60	997	-	**(9,483)**
Gains on investment assets	10	-		-	990,000	**990,000**
Gross Transfers between funds	10	808	5,000	(5,808)	-	0
Net movements in funds		(9,732)	5,060	(4,811)	990,000	**980,517**
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2020		125,127	70,000	6,970	0	**202,097**
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2020		**115,395**	**75,060**	**2,159**	**990,000**	**1,182,614**

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Annual Report 2020



Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2020

Celebrating 2020

Aim and Purposes

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Gill O'Neill, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church, the Clergy House and the Goose Green Centre for Church and Community (GGC).

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St John's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and members of the congregation.
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is essential that we maintain the fabric of St John's Church and the Goose Green Centre.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Gill O'Neill, Chair of the PCC.

Gill O'Neill

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Date.....

Fulfilling our purpose

Ministry Team

A person with an unusual respiratory infection walks into a crowded market five and a half thousand miles away, and within weeks, the whole world is changed for ever. There is still a big part of me that is coming to terms with the reality of the world as it is now. I am only just beginning to reckon with the possibility that there will be no returning to normal, or not for a long time anyway; I suspect I am not alone in that.

The story of the bible is the story of the people of God, who are repeatedly torn from the security and prosperity they have known, and have to start again. They mourn their losses and are forced to question the assumption of guaranteed security. In the midst of this pandemic, we now know how they feel. Rowan Williams reminds us: "Most of the human race has not, of course, enjoyed this luxury anyway; and one thing that should come into focus in the light of the pandemic is this new and unwelcome solidarity in uncertainty." [1] As I reflect on our experience over this past year, the words solidarity and uncertainty are at the front of my mind. The pandemic has made us confront our human fragility, and reminded us of our need for one another. This time has reminded me that whatever is happening to us and the world around us, as Christians we are called to ask the question, "How then shall we live?"

I think the answer is church-shaped. People prefer the word "spiritual" to "religious" these days, but I think "religion" has more to offer. At the root of the word is the Latin "ligare", to bind. Our shared faith has bound us together, and, though we have been apart, we have held on to the truth that we are bound together in Christ. I hope, as you read the rest of this report, you will notice numerous instances of this truth being made real; fervent attempts to maintain and strengthen the ties that bind. I would like to thank all those people who have given their time, creativity and skills to this task. There are too many people to mention them all, but I am grateful to my colleagues, the Revds Raymond Baudon, Anne Clarke and Alistair McCulloch, our hardworking churchwardens, Jim Nurton and Julie Whitney, our Treasurer Sarah Goudge, PCC Secretary Christine Camplin who has put a great effort into this report, Stewardship Secretary Martin Howell, and parish administrator Bradley Collins, Coffee Morning, and Communications teams, including Sue O'Neill, Christine Camplin and Tayo Olatunde, and to the many others who have kept in touch with one another by delivering the pew sheet, making phone calls, sending letters and cards, texts, doorstep visits, WhatsApp messages, emails, Zoom calls and socially-distanced walks.

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[1] Rowan Williams. *Candles in the Dark: Faith, hope and love in a time of pandemic*. London, SPCK: 2020, p.94

We will all miss Raymond as he leaves us on Easter Sunday to move on to his new post in the Diocesan Vocations Team, I am enormously thankful for all he has offered to the life of St John's during his time here, and our prayers go with him. We are thankful to Olivia Coates, as she stands down as Parish Safeguarding Officer, and welcome Mary Dawson and Joy Taylor to the team. Though Revd Deepthi Wickremasinghe had already moved on to her Curacy at St Christopher's Walworth, her death in April 2020 is a loss that is deeply felt at St John's. As a community we hold treasured memories of her, and hope to be able to gather and grieve when that is possible. Revd Delorine Green was part of our community for three years, training at St Augustine's prior to her ordination in the summer, we wish her well and are thankful for her friendship and service.

Our worship on Zoom, and in church when that has been permitted, has enabled us to gather together. The Goose Green Coffee Morning has adapted to being online, and has drawn more people into its circle of care. Our Black Voices Matter initiative attracted a broad range of participation, seeking greater understanding of the experiences of black and mixed heritage people and reflects our commitment to grow in holiness. We have rapidly improved our communications, producing regular email newsletters and establishing a new monthly publication, *The Gander*, for around three hundred email subscribers, with paper copies delivered to those not online. The "Get Connected" scheme received funding from Southwark council to help people gain confidence to access the internet. While the choir has been unable to sing together, regular online socials for both adult and junior choirs have provided a means of keeping in touch, and our Director of Music, John Webber, has faithfully maintained a regular choir newsletter. Our Zoom quizzes, organised by Gareth and Rachel Mills, and Harvey Edgington and Louise Pollard, with Martin Howell's support, have been great fun. We have continued to support the Robes Project and the Manna Society, though in new ways. At the end of 2020, our outdoor Advent Art installation, "Mother and Child," invited local people to contemplate the story at the heart of Christmas, that in Jesus, God is with us.

God is with us. Our experience of solidarity in uncertainty is testament to this enduring truth. While we may be wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may we enable one another to lean on God's eternal changelessness.

With thanks for all you are, and all you bring to the life of St John's,









Gill, on behalf of the Ministry Team

Worship and Prayer

The PCC offers a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Everyone is welcome to attend. There are normally two masses each Sunday:

- Said Mass at 8am, with an average congregation of 10, provides a quiet and contemplative service.
- Sung Mass at 10am, a traditional service with robed choir and hymns and at which our team of servers assist. Tea and coffee are available afterwards in the Centre.

In addition to our regular Sunday and weekday services, Morning Offices are held on weekdays, a Said Mass on Thursdays (average attendance 12), and in February Toddler Church started on the first Friday morning of the month. Sung Mass took place on Ash Wednesday and the first of the three Sung Evensongs in early March.

On 17 March everything changed when public worship was suspended. Morning prayer met for a few days on Goose Green, the Easter services were cancelled and a few weeks later everything moved online. Our first Zoom Sunday service took place at 10.30am on 10 May. Since then St John's has held a Zoom service every Sunday morning with only one connection failure. From 7 November it has been livestreamed from the church. The "in-person" services at 8am and 10am resumed when church buildings were permitted to open (12 July-1 November, 6-20 December), though with a limit of 50 people.

Between late May and early June we were able to hold a Diddy Disciples Zoom service; this was replaced by an 11.30 Family Service in church between early September and November. Up to 17 attended. Compline took place at 6.30 on Sunday evenings between May and 9 September. The Thursday Said Mass was suspended in March. Morning Prayer has been livestreamed twice a week since 30 April; this was increased to three times in mid-November.

Last year we also held an Ascension Day Evening Prayer and a service, with music, to commemorate All Souls. The Remembrance Sunday service was livestreamed on Zoom at 10.30 and followed by the Act of Remembrance outside at the Calvary Garden. We were able to receive gifts brought to the Harvest Festival Masses. Though the carol service was cancelled, the Christingle service, attended by 39 family groups, successfully moved online.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. We are aware that many people are unable to join via Zoom: we provided details of the weekly readings and publicised the Archbishop of Canterbury's free dial-in worship phone line.

The average weekly attendance with a combination of physical and online services can only be an estimate. During October at least 70 adults and five children attended. Of these, 55 adults and five children came to the church. Over 100 different households have participated in a service at some point via Zoom. On

Christmas Day at least 80 people from 45 different households joined us.

During 2020 a new electoral roll was prepared: on 31 December 2020 there were 141 people on St John's church electoral roll, about 68% of whom were not resident within the parish.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. Many baptisms and weddings have been postponed until 2021 due to COVID restrictions, but we were able to hold the following events in 2020:

(2019 figures in italics)

Baptisms	**2**	*19*
Banns read	**4**	*10*
Marriages	**3**	*1*
Marriage Blessings	**0**	*0*

Admission to Communion	**0**	*0*
Confirmations	**0**	*2*
Funerals in church	**2**	*8*
Funerals at cemetery	**3**	*5*
Deposition of ashes in Calvary Garden	**0**	*2*

Prayer and Discipleship

The March lockdown had a understandably disruptive impact on our rhythm of prayer, but from Easter 2020, we were able to hold services of Morning Prayer and Sunday evening Compline online. These have been well attended, and those previously unable to attend the Daily Office have been able to join us from home. A number of more informal prayer and discussion events took place during 2020.

In February a group met weekly to explore how St John's might express the third mark of mission: Christ-like loving service. We kept the rhythm of our Silent Prayer group on Sunday evenings by people reflecting in their own homes. St John's Prayer Circle was set up in April; a group of people committed to praying for those who request our prayers. Some of the planned Lent activities took place: the weekly book group discussing *The wind, the fountain and the fire* by Dom Mark Barrett began in early March but was curtailed by the first lockdown. During May a Thy Kingdom Come Reflection Group met online each evening for the week for a discussion followed by Compline. On Mondays during Advent we held an online study course, "The Art of Advent", looking at Advent themes through art and exploring the artistic depiction of characters in the biblical Advent narrative.

Finally, a prayer at home sheet, a reflective service for worship in isolation, was made available. We also shared links to prayer resources such as podcasts, prayer apps and online services from the Church of England and our Diocesan Bishop, so that people could explore new ways to resource and nurture their faith at home. Our weekly Sunday email includes a reflection on that Sunday's reading, and often includes material to enable people to draw on the resources of their faith.

Children and young people

The year started with a continuation of the Diddy Disciples programme during the 10am service in term time.

Diddy Disciples is a creative and playful worship and Bible story-telling resource that follows the pattern of our church's Sunday worship. This, like everything else, was halted when the church had to close in March 2020.



art by Ruben Pathansali

Since lockdown, the weekly email has included links to resources for children or to recordings of Diddy Disciple sessions. In September, we started holding a family service at 11.30 on a Sunday. This was a Eucharist service with crafts and activities for children that related to the lectionary.

Children retained involvement in the life of the church when worship moved online. This included participating in readings and intercessions in the Zoom services.

Our Christingle service usually attracts over 400 people; we distribute 250 Christingles and raise over £1000. In 2020 things were different. By Christmas Eve, London was in Tier 4, with very high rates of COVID, meaning an in-person service would not be possible. Thankfully, we had already arranged to have a Zoom service and had asked people to request Christingle kits so they could make their own at home. Over 40 kits were delivered to local addresses on Christmas Eve (in a COVID-safe way) in time for the online service.



Pentecost art by Diddy Disciples

Julie Whitney

Music at St John's

The Choir sang at all the usual services until mid-March 2020. Since then, when services had been held in the Church, we have used up to five singers: a cantor at the lectern and as much as a quartet in the west gallery. Most of the members of the Adult Choir were able to sing at services between September and November, as well as during early December. Singers have attended the 10am Sunday Mass and, on 1 November, the service to Commemorate All Souls.

The team producing the Sunday Reflections provided weekly hymns and anthems for our private use, based on music which we had hoped to use at services before restrictions were brought in.

I have accompanied all the sung services; we have been unable, since March, to use other players. In the autumn, I also provided three organ pieces for the 8am said Mass and, from September until early November, at the 11.30am service.

Over the last few months, both the Adult and Junior Choirs have met on Zoom. This has proved successful and has been an important means of keeping in touch.

I have been sending a regular newsletter to the Choir, assistant organists and clergy. This has been another chance to stay together. As well as information and news, I have offered music to be heard and links which are either thoughtful or amusing. The birthdays of the musicians are always recognised with a card or email.

It is hoped that the organ recitals planned for 2020 will be given in addition to the already booked ones in 2021.



I am grateful to members of the Choir for their keenness to support those services which they have been able to. Especial thanks are due to Roger Nicholls, Rachel Mills, Sue O'Neill and Chris Eldridge for their role as cantor in services, including on Zoom. On Christmas Day, we had singing from the Nicholls family, which added much-needed spice to the occasion!

I have had regular meetings, mainly on Zoom, with Revd Gill O'Neill. My thanks to her and to Bradley Collins, Parish Administrator, both of whom give great support behind the scenes.

John Webber, Director of Music

Pastoral and spiritual care



Though for much of the year we have been unable to undertake home visits, the pastoral and spiritual care of the church has continued. With prayer, phone calls, letters, cards, texts, emails, doorstep conversations and socially-distanced walks, the people of St John's have continued in their care for one another. This ministry is shared by all, and not only the ministry team, and has been a lifeline for many who have been isolated. It is wonderful to know how the people of St John's have overcome the challenges of this time, and held one another in their circle of care.

Safeguarding

St John's Church is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults and promoting their welfare. The Safeguarding team ensures that we take all reasonable measures to create an environment where people are confident to undertake activities where risk (including mistreatment, abuse and harm) is minimised. Where there are concerns about the welfare of an individual, the Safeguarding team acts in accordance with Church of England safeguarding policy to address those concerns.

A copy of the updated Diocesan manual *A Safer Church* is available in church. This contains the Diocesan policies, procedures and guidelines for safeguarding children, safeguarding adults who may be vulnerable, and responding to domestic abuse, in line with the Church of England policy 'Promoting a Safe Church'. The Safeguarding team liaises with the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers to ensure the safety and welfare of all members of our community, especially the most vulnerable.

Olivia Coates stood down as PSO and we thank her for all her hard work over the past five years. Mary Dawson has very kindly agreed to take on the role of PSO and Joy Taylor has re-joined the Safeguarding Team.

The advent of COVID-19 has meant a lot of extra bureaucracy. With the Churchwardens, the Safeguarding Team have drafted a 'livestreaming' policy, and Risk assessments have been carried out for online youth meetings, public worship, choir rehearsals, Open Church and 'working and volunteering in church' for all staff. All users of the Goose Green Centre have had to produce their own satisfactory risk assessments.

The installation of CCTV is still being explored to ensure the safety of visitors and lone workers.

The Safeguarding Team has ensured that the safeguarding page on the church website conforms to the statutory requirements laid down by the Diocese. The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults), and we have updated our website in accordance with this.

No serious incidents occurred during the year that should have been reported to the Charity Commissioners.

Tina Hampson, Parish Safeguarding Officer
with Mary Dawson, Joy Taylor, the Revd Gill O'Neill, Churchwardens Jim Nurton and Julie Whitney.

Communications



In mid-March we lost our familiar, weekly face-to-face contact in church. Even when limited services resumed "mingling" was not permitted. Many people had to stay at home. Alternative means of communication gained greater importance.

The weekly Friday email bulletins, sent to about 270 recipients, were expanded. From the end of March they were moved to Sundays, and a lighter mid-week bulletin added; this enabled the Sunday one to be more reflective. Content included 'St John's library' book reviews, recommendations for local walks, recipes, resources for children and young people, links to music, as well as the regular updates on the impact of COVID-19 on church opening and worship. A monthly digest was posted to those not on email. The website was updated and included links to resources for worship at home and for children. Facebook and Twitter carried regular news and updates as well as the email bulletins.

St John's was introduced to the Zoom online platform this year. From the end of April it was used regularly both for worship and meetings, with the first service (Morning Prayer) on 30 April and the first Standing Committee meeting on 26 April. A guide to using Zoom was prepared, together with advice on connecting from a phone. At the end of the year the Coffee Morning began to develop a scheme to lend people tablets and help them get online.

Those who cannot or do not participate via Zoom are kept in touch via phone or post. St John's Phone Buddies was set up at the start of the pandemic to link people with a phone buddy to keep in regular contact with them.

The first edition of St John's new online magazine, *The Gander*, came out at the beginning of October. It is circulated via the email list and a paper version is also posted to 42 addresses. At the end of the year a printed Christmas card was sent to all 200 people on the parish list.

Maintenance of the fabric

Church building

With the pandemic leading to a switch to online services, new equipment was installed in church during the summer to enable livestreaming on Zoom, YouTube and Facebook. This included a new Wi-Fi system, with improved coverage throughout the Church and Goose Green Centre, a high-quality camera and associated equipment, which was partly funded by a grant from the Diocese. The new facilities mean that a priest can be in church to celebrate Mass without anyone else being present, in compliance with rules on social distancing during lockdowns. The livestreaming is also invaluable for broadcasting marriages and funerals, enabling friends and family members anywhere in the world to participate.

While the church had to be closed during the first lockdown, arrangements were made to open it for Sunday services and private prayer twice weekly between spring and autumn. These arrangements including removing some of the chairs to maintain two-metre gaps, putting away soft objects such as kneelers and cushions and shared items such as pens and pencils, improving ventilation, and installing cleaning and sanitising stations (and appropriate notices) at all the doors. We also put in place a team of volunteers to open the church and clean after each use – thanks to all those who helped with this. When the NHS Test & Trace app was launched, we registered for and installed barcodes to enable all visitors to check in on arrival.



the alternative chairs layout

Despite the lockdown, it was possible to carry out some maintenance on the building. Most notably, the long-planned repairs to the sanctuary beam and subsequent repainting were completed during the summer, thanks partly to a grant from the National Churches Trust. When the church was fully closed, a weekly inspection took place to check security, damage and pest incursion. Arrangements were also made to play and test the organ on a regular basis, to ensure that any problems are identified as soon as possible.

Regular inspection has revealed some work that may need doing on the sanctuary roof and guttering, which will take place during 2021.

The grounds



In the garden, the new lamp posts along the path to the vestry were installed at the beginning of the year. These attractive additions improve the feel of the churchyard and make it safer for anyone using the vestry door in the evening.

A team of volunteers continued to maintain and tidy the garden, and to water the new lime trees that were planted in 2019. One priority addressed early in the year was the need to re-plant the knot garden outside the Goose Green Centre as the box hedge had become diseased. Chris Eldridge led this project, and planted rosemary bushes which a number of members of the congregation had donated in memory of loved ones. We hope to have a service to bless the new garden when lockdown rules are eased.

Hinckley Road flat

After many years of residence, the tenant in the lower floor flat decided to move in the summer. During the few weeks before the new tenants moved in, a thorough clean and refurbishment of the flat took place, including repainting throughout and replacement of some damaged fittings. We also used this time to clear the front and back gardens, and install a small shed; thanks to those who helped with this work.

Eco Church

ECO CHURCH
AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT

This A Rocha UK award scheme encourages churches to show how they are caring for God's earth in different areas of their life and work.

To be recognised as an Eco Church, churches complete an online Eco Survey. The answers will collect points towards an Eco Church Award at Bronze, Silver or Gold level – the more a church does for the environment, the more points it gets!

The pandemic and the accompanying lockdown have delayed our initiative to be formally recognised as an Eco Church. In 2021 we will look to complete the survey which will lead to this recognition. With the continuing success of the vaccine rollout and encouraging news of easing the lockdown in Spring/Summer, we are hopeful that 2021 will see St John's finally recognised as an Eco Church.

Jim Nurton and Julie Whitney, Churchwardens

Archives and records

The archival survey begun in January 2020 has not been completed, due to the difficulty in accessing the storage area in church during to the pandemic. Three enquiries from members of the public relating to the parish or parishioners have been answered. Following Black Lives Matter Southwark Diocese was keen to know if the church contained any memorials to anyone who had benefitted from slavery and we were able to report that it does not. We have done some research in connection with a proposed memorial to Fr. Charles McKenzie, Vicar 1949-55, who oversaw the rebuilding of the bombed building. Work for the new parish website has included the compilation of a church timeline and a page on resources for family and parish history. I have also written a paper on a possible Oral History project, to be taken further when the situation allows.

Clare Brown, Parish Archivist

A building for every day of the week

St John's Church has stood on the north side of Goose Green since 1865, replacing an earlier 1820s chapel. It is a Grade II listed building. Many people assume that, being a church, it is only open for worship on Sunday mornings with perhaps the occasional wedding or funeral, and it is simply locked up for the rest of the week. We want it to be more than that and to be accessible to the community.

Until the first Lockdown in March the church was open on weekday mornings for anyone to drop in, whether for peaceful reflection and prayer, architectural interest and curiosity, or to reminisce about some distant school or family event. The Coffee Morning met there. We had a number of more formal events planned which could not take place: three Saturday morning organ recitals, school carol and end of term services, Music by the Green events and a Heritage Open Day.

At the end of June we were able to open the church to the public for quiet prayer and reflection on Sunday and Thursday afternoons. Carefully spaced seating and hand sanitiser were provided. We welcomed people to enjoy the peace and quiet of the building, and light a candle.

After the church reopened for services in July, the Sunday opening ceased. From 16 November we were able to open to the public four mornings a week. Just before Christmas, it became necessary to close the church again.

The church grounds have remained open all year. There is seating and the gardens offer a quiet and reflective space for the local community away from the bustle of East Dulwich Road and Lordship Lane.

We look forward to being able to welcome the local community back into their parish church in 2021.

Goose Green Centre



Coffee Morning cookery demonstration in March

The Goose Green Centre was busy with the normal range of activities until March, when lockdown required them to cease. The staff were furloughed and the Centre was closed except for essential checks and maintenance.

During the summer, when lockdown was eased, the staff returned on a part-time basis and it was possible for many of the regular groups to return. However, all were required to carry out a comprehensive risk assessment before doing so. In addition, new cleaning and sanitising protocols were put in place to reduce the risk of infection spreading. Before the groups returned, a deep clean of the Centre was carried out. Unfortunately, the increased rates of infection later in the year meant that most groups had to stop meeting. However, the nursery and an essential support group were permitted to continue their activities and arrangements were made to enable them to use the hall and facilities safely.

At the beginning of the year, we had carried out a consultation on replacing the Goose Green Centre toilet facilities and front door, and input was sought from members of the Church community as well as Centre users. Some revisions to the plans were made in the light of the consultation and we had hoped to start the work during the summer. While this proved impossible to do, discussions with the architect have continued and it is hoped the work can be done when rules permit. The importance of having clean, accessible, modern facilities has only become greater during the past year, and this work remains a priority.

Goose Green Community Lunch Club

One of the activities that the Goose Green Centre hosts is the Lunch Club. The Lunch Club usually meets every Thursday in term time, to share a hearty meal and good company. We get around 20-30 members, more on special occasions. Many of our members are over 70 and fall into the most vulnerable groups for the COVID-19 virus so we have been unable to meet since March. Club volunteers have kept in contact with members over the course of the year, many of whom are sorely missing the companionship provided by the club and who are looking forward to the time when the club can meet again. Unfortunately, a number of club members have passed away over the last year, both from COVID and non-COVID causes. They are sadly missed.

Martin Howell, Barbara Deller and the Lunch Club Committee

Mission and hospitality

Fellowship

We had so many plans at the start of the year: Music by the Green (May), Heritage Open Day (September), Carols by the Green (December) and a Ceilidh or two. Sadly, they all had to be cancelled. Opportunities for meeting up in person were restricted so most social activities in 2020 "went online". We learnt a new vocabulary: Zoom, screen sharing, "You're on mute". One advantage of this new technology was that people could join us from further afield - or even overseas. Those without a webcam or access to Zoom could even join in activities by phone. Post-Mass tea and coffee were replaced by a Zoom chat after the service, and a number of our feline companions took the opportunity to join the congregation and parish meetings. We held successful online fun quizzes in July and December. More than sixteen teams took part as we employed alternative methods to build socially-distanced teams using mobile phones or WhatsApp.








sermon-watching!

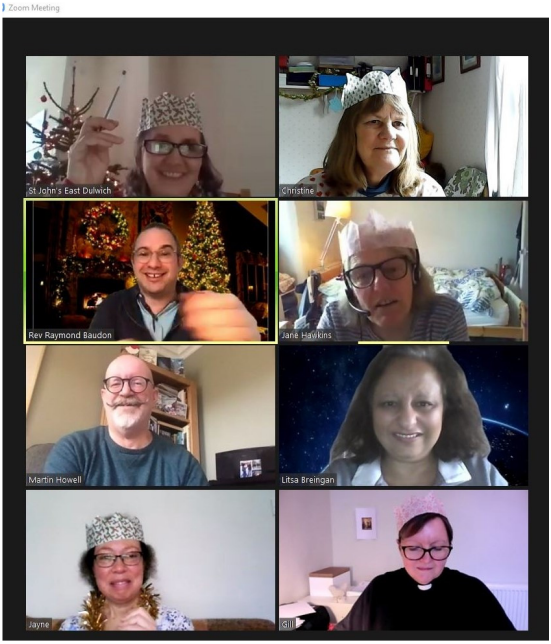
Goose Green Coffee Morning

For the first few months of 2020 Coffee Morning continued to meet every Wednesday morning at the back of church or in the Goose Green Centre. We always have some board games available but having a chat is the most popular activity. We offer tea, coffee and herbal teas plus cake and biscuits, which are normally home-made.

We were fortunate to have a series of excellent talks, which as ever attract extra visitors. Our speakers ranged from Charmian Hughes' 'Comedian's Tale', which was engaging and funny, to Giles Camplin's fascinating talk 'Movies, Balloons and Airships'! We also were very pleased to welcome back Anne Coates talking about her latest book in her Hannah Weybridge series. In a new venture Raymond gave a wonderful baking demonstration featuring brownies, scones and profiteroles. This was very interesting and we were able to taste everything at the end too!

Then, as everywhere else, we stopped opening when lockdown came. It was strange this happened so suddenly and with no means of contacting many of our visitors to let them know.

Eight weeks later, just before the first easing of lockdown measures, Coffee Morning met for the first time on Zoom. Although this is quite different to meeting



Christmas Coffee Morning

in person, it felt really good to see and speak with other people. We've all had to adjust to only having one conversation at a time, which can be easier said than done! We have had quite a few new visitors who have been glad to find something social to do online.

With the restrictions and uncertainty during the year it was difficult to feel we could safely meet in person. As case numbers started increasing again towards the autumn, it felt like the right time to try and provide more interest and activities for the winter months ahead.

We submitted a variation form for the Southwark Council Neighbourhood Fund grant we had been awarded for the year, to enable us to provide similar activities online. We arranged some talks for our Zoom sessions and were really pleased to welcome Benny O'Looney talking about restoring Peckham's historic buildings, Prof John Wood's 'Busking Busking' and Julie Whitney on how to be a Dementia Friend. We had our first art activity in December, which was expertly provided by The Arts Factory. Our last session before Christmas became 'Christmas Coffee Morning' with a quiz and charades. We held our first stakeholders meeting in December to get feedback and ideas for the group, and this has been really useful in planning activities for 2021.

Goose Green Get Connected

Many of our regular Coffee Morning visitors do not have the facilities to connect to Zoom so we have not seen a number of them since lockdown began. We miss them and hope we get to see them again when conditions make it safe. For one or two people we have been able to make contact and keep in touch with occasional phone calls. With so much activity happening online, one of our ideas is to try and help those without the internet to get online. We have begun to trial a scheme to assist with both broadband connection costs and the loan of a basic tablet with simple instructions on how to access Coffee Morning. We hope that this can be developed further during 2021. It will be useful while lockdown restrictions continue and if more periods of restrictions happen in the future.

Art at St John's



Art continues to be an important aspect of our life and the expression of our faith at St John's. We had planned to follow up last year's Advent art exhibition by seeking contributions along the same theme as that exhibition for the Artists Open House event in May. This was cancelled due to the pandemic.

During Advent this year, when the church was not open for public worship or for private prayer, we installed in the porch a video artwork called 'Mother and Child' by Sara Mark based on a piece by Bill Viola on display at St Paul's Cathedral.

This artwork, visible from Goose Green, had a significant impact in the local community, providing a focus for meditation during a period of uncertainty with the prospect of a Christmas that was going to be unlike any we had previously known.

Alongside this Advent video art, our Advent group sessions used resources created by *The Visual Commentary on Scripture*, an online resource of meditations and artwork relating to particular passages of Scripture.

In December, our coffee morning invited an artist from the Arts Factory to lead a session on the art of one line drawing. Using grant funding, those who registered in advance were provided with art materials and were able to create a piece of art. The main challenge in doing this was the local postal service as we tried to send out the materials! This was a very successful and well-received activity and will be built upon in 2021.

St John's and St Clement's School

The first school at St John's was established in 1827. The PCCs of St John and St Clement jointly appoint the foundation governors of St John's and St Clement's School. Dr Namukale Chintu was appointed as a Foundation Governor at St John's and St Clement's School after Nicola Harland came to the end of her term. In 'normal times' St John's clergy visit the school to lead collective worship and the school holds carol services and end-of term services in the church.

The Gander

The first monthly issue of our new parish magazine was published on 1 September. *The Gander* evolved from the weekly emails and replaced the more informal Wednesday one. The name reflects the church's location on Goose Green; the goose is also a symbol of the Holy Spirit in Celtic Christianity, and it also invites readers to 'have a gander' at what we, as a community, have been getting up to. An editorial team of five compile or write the content and extract articles from others. The magazine is dispatched to everyone on the parish email list, and copies are printed and posted to those not on email. Each issue contains regular items on News in Brief, Community News, local history and a profile of a member of the congregation; there are occasional book reviews, recipes, and children's art and poetry. We have also featured articles as diverse as 'Black History Month', 'Christmas round the world' and 'Cats on Zoom'.

Black Voices Matter



A group of us came together following the murder of George Floyd on 25 May 2020 and in response to the subsequent Black Lives Matter protests. We felt it was important to respond in some way to this. As a result, we formed a group called Black Voices Matter. This group raises the awareness of ethnic minorities' experiences within the church and in wider society in order to make sure that the voices of people who have been marginalised because of their heritage are heard.

The first event was held online: black and mixed heritage members of the group formed a panel and answered questions which had been submitted anonymously in advance. This was an extremely brave and vulnerable thing to do but it was also incredibly powerful. As not all the questions were asked at the first session, we held a second session a couple of weeks later.

The BVM group's next activity was to develop a course dealing with unconscious bias specifically in relation to race. The course, developed by Laura Williams, sought to encourage and equip people to be allies to UKME (United Kingdom Minority Ethnic) members of our community and to feel more confident in taking an anti-racist stance. The course was trialled with a few people and the hope is to roll it out to the wider congregation in 2021.

Robes Project at St John's

St John's hosted the Robes Project for the fourth time in January 2020. Robes is a volunteer-run project that provides a night shelter for homeless adults during the winter. With the help of around 30 churches in Lambeth and Southwark, Robes offers up to 35 homeless guests a hot meal, bed, breakfast and company each night. In 2020, Robes provided shelter for 98 guests of whom 58 found accommodation with the support of the project.

This season Julie Whitney was supported in leading the project by volunteers who took on the leadership of a specific area. Helen Hunt led on catering, Gary Hunt on equipment, Anne Coates on volunteer recruitment and rotas and Jayne Mallett on administration. Lois and Martyn Barmby took on the role of team leader for two nights.

The season started normally but certainly didn't end so. At the beginning of March as cases of COVID-19 increased in the community, we tried to keep up with guidance on infection control. This wasn't easy when running a shelter where 20 people eat and sleep together in two modest sized halls. As things escalated and the pubic were asked to stay at home; public transport services were reduced and day centres and libraries where guests spend their days closed. On 21 March the guests arrived at St John's for their usual Saturday night stay. However, they then stayed with us for a further six days.

As the church and Centre had already closed to the public, the guests could stay in the building all day and not have to move between churches, reducing their need to venture out and risk contracting the virus. This required speedy mobilisation of additional volunteers and posed a challenge sourcing food to provide additional breakfasts, lunches and dinners, since many supermarket shelves had been stripped bare. We implemented a strict cleaning schedule, to ensure our guests, living closely together in the midst of a highly contagious virus, stayed as safe as possible. Guests finally left on the evening of 26 March when they had been allocated hotel rooms as part of the government funded "Everyone In" programme.

Supporting our guests in this way was only possible with the cooperation of volunteers, depleted in number by the necessity of many to isolate or shield. Volunteers from the wider Robes community came to St John's to assist the effort. This included teams from St Peter's Walworth, Holy Trinity Clapham and individual volunteers from other venues. We are enormously grateful for all their help and support.

It was a very anxious time while guests stayed with us in this final week. It was clear that rates of COVID were high in London and that many of our guests were at high risk of becoming seriously unwell if they were to catch it. The way the guests were living together meant that any infection could have easily spread. However, we felt

there was no alternative but to support our guests in this way and to try and make it as safe as possible. The relief and gratitude when guests moved into their hotel rooms, all with a good bill of health, was immeasurable!

Charitable giving

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith.

Each year the PCC selects four charities, in addition to Christian Aid, for special collections at the Sunday services during the year. The first collection for the Bishop's Lent Call took place in March, but fundraising was severely impacted as the mechanism for collection, money put in the plate, ceased to exist after March.



Harvest Collection

The collections at the Christingle service were given to the Children's Society and the gifts offered at our Harvest Festival service or left in the porch were taken to the Manna Society Day Centre.

While unable to hold physical collections, we publicised a number of charities in our emails and *The Gander* and directed people to their websites. This included Christian Aid, The Children's Society and the local Foodbanks. We have also guided people to charities and other organisations that could support them at this difficult time, such as Peckham Pantry, Southwark Council and local COVID Mutual Aid groups.

St John's is committed to being a Fairtrade Church and supports and promotes Fair Trade products whenever possible. As our Fair Trade stall could not take place, the stock was donated to the local food bank.

Deanery Synod

As with other areas of our church life, Deanery Synod was affected by COVID-19 restrictions and our planned March meeting was cancelled.

Rev Susan Height finished her term as Area Dean and our own vicar was appointed. Gill O'Neill and I chaired the next three meetings via Zoom which meant, unfortunately, some representatives were unable to join us.

As usual at the end of the triennium, all three lay officers of the Standing Committee – myself, David Beamish and Michael Jenkins – stood down and none of us stood for election again although David has agreed to continue until a new secretary is appointed. From 1 December 2020 the new lay chair is Sandra Potter and Joy Taylor becomes treasurer.

Anne Coates

Treasurer's Report

This year's accounts have been prepared by our new Independent Examiner, Chaweevan Williams.

Incoming and outgoing resources

Total income for the year was about two thirds that for 2019. This includes all the funds over which the PCC has control whether unrestricted, designated or restricted.

Looking at regular giving, our main source of income, this is only a little less than the amount given in 2019, and this decrease is mainly a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Donations by standing order and the envelope scheme have remained almost the same as in 2019 and this is down to the generosity of many members of the church in difficult times. My thanks go to Helen Hunt, our Gift Aid Secretary, who has claimed £20,947 tax back in the year.

Our second largest source of income is from the hire of the halls in the Goose Green Centre. This year income was a little over half of that in the previous year because the Goose Green Centre had to close for several months and even when it was open only a few of the regular users were able to use the halls.

Finally, the net rental income from the ground floor flat at 11 Hinckley Road, was a little less than we received in 2019 because we had a change of tenants and took the opportunity to redecorate and do some repairs. The change of tenants also meant we had no rental income for a couple of months. We have also changed the managing agent and the rent was increased when new tenants moved in.



Total expenditure in 2020 was about £50,000 less than in 2019 mainly because the church was completely closed for some months. Most of our improvement and maintenance projects were put on hold due to the pandemic.

Sarah Goudge, PCC Treasurer

Reserves Policy

The PCC considers that a General Reserve of three months' expenditure is sufficient to deal with unexpected events. At present this amounts to £55,000. If necessary, this fund is maintained by transferring funds from other reserves. In addition, we have a boiler reserve of £25,000 and designated funds of £45,000 for restoration and major works on our buildings (Church, Community Centre and Clergy House) and for Mission Development. It is PCC policy to invest funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

St John's Stewardship Campaign

As with so many aspects of Church life, the pandemic had a big impact on some aspects of giving as we were unable to meet or take collections at services. Planned giving by Standing Order remained stable over the year, and a number of those who usually give by the envelope scheme made other arrangements, or have saved up their weekly contributions.

The closure of the hall also had a significant impact on the loss of hire fees, whilst the church was faced with additional costs associated with keeping the building open when regulations allowed. To help offset the church's loss of income and additional costs we launched the "£5k for St John's" appeal in the summer.



Chris, Jim and Roger on the sponsored bike ride

To support the appeal we held two online quizzes, hosted by Rachel and Gareth Mills and Chris Eldridge organised a sponsored bike ride. With the help of some very generous individual donations we managed to raise more than double our target. We also received a number of generous donations at Christmas-time.

The continued support the church has received over the past year is a testament to the strength of the community at St John's. I would like to extend my and the Stewardship Group's sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to supporting St John's over the past year.

Martin Howell, Stewardship Secretary

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a registered charity (No. 1134088). All PCC members are Trustees of the Church.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the *Church Representation Rules*. At St John's membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar, Assistant Curate, Hon. Assistant Priests, churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC; we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible. All new members receive an introduction to the PCC.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. All PCC sub-committees/working groups are responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly.

Standing Committee: The only committee required by law, it meets to consider the minutes of the previous PCC meeting and set the agenda for the next. It transacts the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the latter. It also has financial responsibilities. Membership consists of the Vicar, Assistant Curate, Wardens, Treasurer, PCC Secretary, Stewardship Secretary and two members appointed from the PCC.

The full PCC met seven times during the year with an average attendance of 69%. Since May all meetings have been held online via Zoom (5).

The following Officers were elected/re-elected at the first PCC meeting following the 2020 Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

Secretary	Christine Camplin
Treasurer	Sarah Goudge
Vice-Chair	Jim Nurton

Other PCC representatives elected during 2020:

Safeguarding Officers	Olivia Coates (until September), Tina Hampson; Mary Dawson and Joy Taylor (from September)
Electoral Roll Officer	Bradley Collins

It was a strange year for the PCC. The March meeting was cancelled and many matters put on hold: Centre toilets, Eco Church, PCC focus groups, Annual Meetings, Music by the Green, Holy Week and Easter, Vicar's sabbatical . . .

We found new ways of doing things: a new version of the *Church Representation Rules*, fortuitously released at the end of 2019, provided for electronic communication so all meetings, including the rescheduled Annual Meetings,

were moved onto Zoom and the 2019 Accounts were officially approved by email. Almost all PCC members have been able to participate.

COVID dominated the discussions: "Current pattern of worship" was a regular agenda item with every meeting facing changes in Government advice and our response to the pandemic. Regular reports became of greater significance as the Wardens' described the latest COVID-safe arrangements, and Treasurer and Stewardship reports addressed the impact on the church income.



Matters discussed included: opening the church for private prayer, preparing for the resumption of public worship, opening the Goose Green Centre and also reflecting on Lockdown experiences. In April the Standing Committee agreed to put Brad Collins (Parish Administrator) and Tina Steadman (Cleaner/Caretaker) on furlough under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

During 2020 the PCC received regular reports from the Churchwardens, and representatives for Deanery Synod, Young People/Children's work, Stewardship and Eco Church. Other matters brought before the Council included:

- Church and Centre fabric: Hinkley Road flat - redecoration and new tenant; refurbishment of Centre toilets and front door; removal of surplus wooden chairs; repair of sanctuary beam damaged by water leak; deep cleaning of Goose Green Centre; Knot Garden proposal agreed; new security lights in the churchyard completed (Southwark Cleaner Greener Safer grant); extension of Wi-Fi and livestreaming facilities.
- Goose Green Centre users: Robes project, Nursery management.
- Finance: Parish Support Fund and the Parish Pledge for 2021; approving the 2021 Budget.
- Safeguarding: PCR2 (Church of England Past Cases Review 2); Risk Assessments for COVID-19; livestreaming policy. Olivia Coates stood down as Safeguarding Officer, Mary Dawson and Joy Taylor joined the team.
- Dr Namukale Chintu was appointed as a Foundation Governor at St John's and St Clement's School. Anne Coates resigned as Lay Chair of Dulwich Deanery Synod in November.

- Projects: reports from Black Voices Matter initiative; proposed memorial to Revd Charles McKenzie, former vicar; monthly Toddler Church for under 5s.
- Nominations for charities for special collections; arrangements for charitable giving.
- Reviewing Advent and Christmas services and events.
- PCC focus groups proposal; two workshops run for the PCC and congregation by Bridge Builders.
- Communications: redevelopment of the website; *The Gander* - new Church magazine; Coffee Morning 'Goose Green Get Connected Scheme'.
- Faculties approved: To remove 60 wooden chairs.

Christine Camplin, PCC Secretary

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members:		
Vicar:	Revd Gill O'Neill	Chair
Assistant Curate:	Revd Raymond Baudon	
Hon. Assistant Priest:	Revd Anne Clarke	
Wardens:	Jim Nurton	
	Julie Whitney $	
Elected members:		
Robert Brown #	Christine Camplin	PCC Secretary
Joanne Cameron #	Sarah Goudge *	
Charles Corbin	Silbert Crichlow	
Mary Dawson	Martin Howell	
Ish Lennox #	Gill Nash	Deputy Churchwarden
Claire Nylander	Vida Smith	
Deanery Synod:		
Anne Coates #	Alan Croft	
Ish Lennox *	Joy Taylor	Deputy Churchwarden
Diocesan Synod:	Tayo Olatunde	
Co-opted members:	Revd Alistair McCulloch	Assistant Priest
(appointed annually)	Sarah Goudge #	PCC Treasurer
	Eurica Shaw #	SPA

 # Until 15 November 2020 ** From 15 November 2020*
$ also Deanery Synod rep.

Volunteers

The PCC thanks the many volunteers who generously give their time and talents to enhance our worship and contribute to life at St John's, in particular all those this year who have been involved in cleaning and preparing the church for worship.

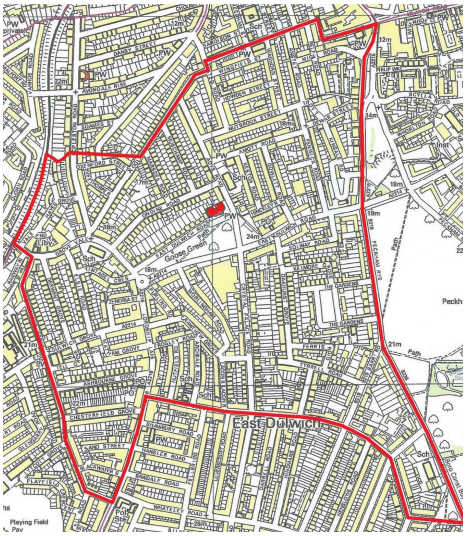
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A brief timeline of 2020

March 3	Start of restrictions. Chalice suspended at Mass. Contact at Peace discouraged. Collection bags and coffee also suspended.
March 12	We started planning our parish contingency plan.
March 15	Last "normal" Sunday services in church. Weddings, baptisms and confirmations put on hold. Centre closed except for Robes.
March 17	Public worship suspended but church is still open for private prayer.
March 18	PCC meeting cancelled; Annual meetings on 29 March postponed.
March 20	All schools closed.
March 23	First lockdown started: public must "stay at home" where possible.
March 24	Church of England closes all its buildings.
April 1	Staff put on furlough.
April 15	First Zoom Coffee Morning and first emailed Wednesday 'magazine'.
April 19	Online prayer circle started.
April 26	First Zoom Standing Committee meeting.
April 30	First Zoom Morning Prayer.
May 3	First Zoom Sunday Compline.
May 10	First Zoom Sunday Mass at 10.30am.
May 20	First Zoom PCC meeting.
June 19	Lockdown restrictions start to be relaxed.
June 21	Church building opened to the public twice weekly for two hours.
July 12	First services in St John's church since 15 March (8am and 10am). Voluntaries played on the organ but no singing. Zoom service moved to 11am. Baptism in the afternoon.
August 8	Public must now wear masks in church.
September 6	First 11.30 Family Service in church.
September 9	Last Sunday Compline service via Zoom.
September 27	Music at Mass: a quartet of singers.
November 5	Second lockdown: Church services stop except for funerals. Centre closed except to nursery, after-school care and support groups.
November 8	Last 11.30 Family Service
November 15	10am Mass livestreamed via Zoom instead of an 11am online Mass.
November 16	Church open for private prayer Monday to Thursday (2 hours).
December 2	Lockdown ended; replaced by new Tier system: London is in Tier 2.
December 6	Church opens for services - 8am and 10am restarted.
December 16	London enters Tier 3.
December 20	10am last 'in-person' service in 2020. London enters Tier 4. Singing and mingling stop. Christmas Carol Service cancelled.
December 21	All Christmas services moved online. Church closed.
December 31	Over a million first vaccinations have been administered in the UK.

Looking forward



One thing we have learned this year is that we can no longer make assumptions about the future and what it will look like! How and when we come out of this pandemic time is still a matter of great uncertainty. In times of trauma and disruption, the people of the Bible turned to God, and as we look to the future, it is my hope that we do in prayerful, listening mode, seeking to discern God's call for us as a church. The way we have adapted and worked with new technology has opened up wonderful new possibilities, and we plan to maintain the livestreaming of our services for those who must stay at home, for whatever reason. The pandemic has brought many injustices to light, and I hope we will hold ourselves accountable to the task of seeking racial justice and full inclusion in our church and in our world. We cannot avoid the urgent need for climate justice, and I hope we will all get behind our efforts to become an Eco-Church. The impact of the pandemic on the lives of children will be longterm, and I hope we can find new ways to nurture and involve children and families in our life and mission. Many of us will be weary after an incredibly trying and testing year. I hope that we will find green pastures and still waters, and the refreshment and renewal we need to look to the future with hope. I hope you will want to join in the adventure of exploring how we as a church emerge from this time, and I look forward to this new phase of our life together.



The Parish of
St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Registered Charity No. 1134088

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2020

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

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The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Legal and Administrative Details

For the year ended 31st December 2020

Registered charity no. 1134088

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report to The PCC of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich (Charity no 1134088).

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiner's statement

Where the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a registered member of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

During the financial year 2020, unprecedented COVID-19 lockdowns occurred causing a certain amount of administrative disruption. Filing delay was partly due to the previous accountant having to withdraw at short notice for personal reasons. The trustees also experienced difficulties and further delay in securing an independent examiner to complete the 2020 annual accounts preparation and examination in reasonable time.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that:

(1) In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulation 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

(2) I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Chaweevan Williams FCCA Date: 12 October 2022
Chartered Certified Accountant
Verdant Accountants Limited
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The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31st December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2a	133,778	60	997	-	**134,835**	127,583
Other trading activities	2b	1,686	-	-	-	**1,686**	5,052
Income from investments	2c	8,785	-	-	-	**8,785**	6,880
Charitable activities	2d	29,051	-	-	-	**29,051**	82,823
Total income		173,300	60	997	0	**174,357**	222,338
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	75		-	-	**75**	1,277
Charitable activities	3b	183,765	-	0	-	**183,765**	219,170
Total expenditure		183,840	0	0	0	**183,840**	220,447
Net income/(expenditure)		(10,540)	60	997	-	**(9,483)**	1,891
Gains on investment assets	10	-		-	990,000	**990,000**	-
Gross Transfers between funds	10	808	5,000	(5,808)	-	0	-
Net movements in funds		(9,732)	5,060	(4,811)	990,000	**980,517**	1,891
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2020		125,127	70,000	6,970	0	**202,097**	200,206
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2020		**115,395**	**75,060**	**2,159**	**990,000**	**1,182,614**	202,097

2019 Accounts were prepared on Receipts and Payments basis, adjustments have been made to the 2019 figures to convert to an accruals basis.

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5	**0**	0
Investment property	6	**990,000**	0
Total fixed assets		**990,000**	0
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	**7,620**	17,776
Short term deposit (CBF)		**127,368**	126,829
Cash at bank		**59,680**	59,014
Cash in hand		**276**	1,084
Total Current Assets		**194,944**	204,703
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	**2,330**	2,606
Net current assets		**192,614**	202,097
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**1,182,614**	202,097
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	10	**115,395**	125,127
Designated funds	10	**75,060**	70,000
Restricted funds	10	**2,159**	6,970
Endowment funds	10	**990,000**	0
Total funds		**1,182,614**	202,097

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21.9.22 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Gill O'Neill – Chairperson Gill O'Neill

Sarah Goudge – Treasurer Sarah Goudge

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31st December 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities		**(141)**		12,306
Cash flows from investing activities				
Interest and rent from investments	**538**		852	
Purchases of equipment	**0**		0	
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**538**		852
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**397**		13,158
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		**186,927**		173,769
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		**187,324**		186,927
Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) before investment gains				
Net income (loss) before investment gains 31 December		**(9,483)**		1,891
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation charges		**0**		0
Interest from investments		**(538)**		(852)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors		**10,156**		22,426
(Decrease)/increase in creditors		**(276)**		(11,159)
Decrease/(increase) in Fixed Assets		**0**		0
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		**(141)**		12,306
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents				
Cash at bank and in hand		**59956**		60098
Short term deposits(CBF)		**127368**		126829
		187324		186927

1 Accounting policies

a Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)' and the Charities Act 2011.

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions , assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; 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 the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund unless permission is sought from donors to reallocate the fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds , depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

c Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due, and an inflow is probable.

Income from investments

Interest is accounted for as it accrues.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

c Incoming resources (cont'd)

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at 31 December each year.

d Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when due. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Support Costs

Support costs are allocated to church activities within the SOFA.

e Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed properties of any kind are excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011 .

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items under £5,000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Plant & Machinery, Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Plant & Machinery	25% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% straight line

1 Accounting policies (continued)

f Investment Property

In accordance with the SORP, the Church's freehold are held for long-term investment and are included in the balance sheet at their open market value. The surpluses or deficits on revaluation of such properties are transferred to the endowment fund. Depreciation is not provided in respect of freehold investment properties .

g Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

2 Income	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
2a *Donations and legacies*						
Planned Giving (Gift Aid)	70,197	60	-	-	**70,257**	74,278
Collections (open plate)	4,662	-	508	-	**5,170**	13,937
Donations	16,163	-	489	-	**16,652**	8,463
Gift aid tax	20,446	-	-	-	**20,446**	19,462
Grants received	22,310	-	-	-	**22,310**	11,443
	133,778	60	997	0	**134,835**	127,583
2b *Other trading activities*						
Fundraising income – Mission Event	1,505	-	-	-	**1,505**	4,063
Fair Trade Stall	181	-	-	-	**181**	989
	1,686	0	0	0	**1,686**	5,052
2c *Income from investments*						
Interest Received	538	-	-	-	**538**	857
Hinckley Road rental income	8,247	-	-	-	**8,247**	6,023
	8,785	0	0	0	**8,785**	6,880
2d *Charitable activities*						
Fees income – PCC	2,269	-	-	-	**2,269**	1,657
Premises hire	25,738	-	-	-	**25,738**	75,577
Sundry Income	1,044	-	-	-	**1,044**	5,589
	29,051	0	0	0	**29,051**	82,823
Total Income	**173,300**	**60**	**997**	**0**	**174,357**	**222,338**

Donations received in 2019 total £8,463, £6,204 being unrestricted fund, £2,259 was attributable to restricted funds being Robes project £375 and Flower fund £1,884. No income was attributable to the designated & endowment fund.

3 Expenditure	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
3a *Raising funds*						
Fund raising expenditure	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**0**	396
Fair trade stall	75				**75**	881
	75	0	0	0	75	1,277
3b *Church activities*						
Missionary and charitable giving	904	-		-	**904**	1,141
Diocesan Parish pledge	87,500	-	-	-	**87,500**	86,500
Other ministry costs	2,387				**2,387**	4,990
Parish events costs	394	-	-	-	**394**	4,581
Staff costs	30,419	-	-	-	**30,419**	29,167
Church running expenses	17,175	-	-	-	**17,175**	20,009
Garden maintenance	886	-	-	-	**886**	6,172
Organ maintenance	1,901	-	-	-	**1,901**	841
Church & Goose Green Centre - Major fabric expenditure	21,915	-	-	-	**21,915**	22,940
Upkeep of services (Incl flowers)	1,652	-	-	-	**1,652**	12,069
Youth work, training and mission	266	-	-	-	**266**	7,623
Heat, light and water	7,557	-	-	-	**7,557**	7,150
Goose Green Centre running costs	-	-	-	-	**0**	6,420
Administrative costs	5,888	-	-	-	**5,888**	4,060
Support costs- Hinckley road costs	1,753	-	-	-	**1,753**	4,822
Governance costs						
Accountancy & Independent examination	1,950	-	-	-	**1,950**	685
Consultancy & Professional Fees	1,218				**1,218**	0
Depreciation	-				**0**	0
	183,765	0	0	0	183,765	219,170
Total Expenditure	**183,840**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**183,840**	**220,447**

Expenditure in 2019: Missionary and charitable giving £1,141, £541 was attributable to restricted – collection & donation fund. 2019 Upkeep of services £12,069, £1,259 was attributable to restricted – flower fund.

Accountancy & Independent Examination £1,950 includes 2019 cost of £870.

4 Staff Costs	2020	2019
	£	£
4a Wages and salaries	30,419	29,167

During the year the PCC employed Parish Administrator, assistant caretaker /cleaner. The PCC also employed a caretaker at Goose Green centre with cleaning responsibility.

4b Related Party Disclosures

Payments to PCC members' related party:

An assistant caretaker / cleaner, who was employed and paid a salary on a temporary basis and ceased at the end of April 2020, is also a PCC member's son. The appointment was agreed by the PCC. No other related party or trustee received any form of remuneration.

5 Tangible fixed assets	Plant & Machinery	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1 January 2020	0	0	**0**
Addition	0	0	**-**
At 31 December 2020	0	0	**0**
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2020	0	0	**0**
Charge for the year	0	0	**0**
At 31 December 2020	0	0	**0**
Net book value			
At 31 December 2020	0	0	**0**
At 31 December 2019	0	0	**0**

All fixed assets were written off as at 31 December 2019 and there is no addition in 2020.

6 Investments

	Investments Property
Cost	**£**
At 1 January 2020	0
Add Gain on investment – valuation for the first time	990,000
At 31 December 2020	**990,000**
Net book value	
At 31 December 2020	**990,000**
At 31 December 2019	0

The freehold of the two flats, situated on Hinckley Road, is recorded for the first time at the open market value at the year end. The flats were valued by local estate agents in 2021, who know their condition and rental yield.. The flats are let commercially. The flats are owned by St John the Evangelist , East Dulwich act as Custodial Trustees. The assets cannot be sold without the prior consent of the PCC. The Parish is responsible for their upkeep although any income they generate is unrestricted.

7 Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Gift Aid tax recoverable	4,800	5,300
Prepayments and accrued income	0	12,476
Trade debtor	2,820	0
	7,620	17,776

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals	1,080	-
Other creditors	1,250	2,606
	2,330	2,606

9 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Investment properties	-	-	-	990,000	**990,000**
Fixed assets for church use	-	-	-	-	**0**
Net current assets	115,395	75,060	2,159	-	**192,614**
At 31 December 2020	**115,395**	**75,060**	**2,159**	**990,000**	**1,182,614**
At 31 December 2019	125,127	70,000	6,970	0	202,097

10 Statement of funds

	Balance b/fwd 1 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Gain on Investment	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31 Dec 2020
Unrestricted funds	£	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	125,127	173,300	(183,840)	0	808	**115,395**
	125,127	173,300	(183,840)	0	808	**115,395**
Designated funds						
Restoration & major work	25,000	60	0	0	0	**25,060**
Fabric fund	45,000	0	0	0	5,000	**50,000**
	70,000	60	0	0	5,000	**75,060**
Restricted funds						
Fabric & music	5,000	-	-	-	(5,000)	**0**
Special collection	50	680	-	-	-	**730**
Robes project	836	317	-	-	-	**1,153**
Flower fund	1,084	-	-	-	(808)	**276**
Children & young people	0					**0**
Lunch Club	0					**0**
	6,970	997	0	0	(5,808)	**2,159**
Endowment funds						
Property	-	-	-	990,000	-	**990,000**
	0	0	0	990,000	0	**990,000**
Total Funds	202,097	174,357	(183,840)	990,000	0	**1,182,614**

Designated funds

Designated - Restoration or major works fund (2019 was called Boiler repair fund) is to be used for the church, the grounds, the Goose Green centre or the Clergy house (11 Hinckley Road).

Designated - Fabric fund is to be used for repair, restoration or replacement of moveable items of church fabric (as listed in the terrier) and for decoration. Funds could also be used to pay for sheet music to be used in worship and/or choir robes. (2019 Restricted Fabric & music fund is classed as designated – Fabric fund in 2020)

10 Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted funds

Special collection & donation - This restricted fund is to be used for collections taken by the PCC on behalf of other charities where the intention is to transfer funds on to the charity for which they were raised.

Robes project fund – Income into this restricted fund comes from specified donations. Funds are used to support the running of the Robes night shelter when operating at St John's or when St John's contributes to the work of the project elsewhere.

Restricted - Flower fund is to be spent on church flower arrangements.

Children and young people – This restricted fund will be used for activities, equipment or consumables for children and young people.

Lunch club Restricted - To support the operation of the Lunch Club.

Endowment funds

The endowment fund comprises the two flats on 11 Hinckley Road that have been valued for the first time at £990,000 by independent estate agents in October 2021, with further adjustment to UK house price index.

11 Comparative for Statement of Financial Activities Year ended 31 December 2019.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	125,324	0	2,259	-	127,583
Other trading activities	5,052	-	-	-	5,052
Income from investments	6,880	-	-	-	6,880
Charitable activities	82,823	-	-	-	82,823
Other income	0	-	-	-	0
Total income	220,079	0	2,259	0	222,338
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	1,277	-	-	-	1,277
Charitable activities	217,370	-	1,800	-	219,170
Other expenditure – Internal decoration fund	-	3,736	-	-	3,736
Total expenditure	218,647	3,736	1,800	0	224,183
Net income/(expenditure)	1,432	(3,736)	459	-	(1,845)
Gains on investment assets	0	-	-	-	0
Gross Transfers between funds	1647		(1,647)	-	0
Gross Transfers between funds	(70,000)	70,000	-	-	0
Net movements in funds	(66,921)	66,264	(1,188)	0	(1,845)
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2019	192,048	3,736	8,158	0	203,942
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2019	125,127	70,000	6,970	0	202,097