

St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

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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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?”

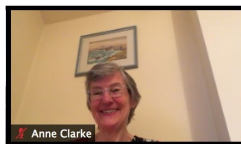
I think the answer is church-shaped. People prefer the word “spiritual” to “religious” these days, but I think “religion” has more to offer. At the root of the word is the Latin “ligare”, to bind. Our shared faith has bound us together, and, though we have been apart, we have held on to the truth that 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.

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.

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.

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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.



art by Ruben Pathansali



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



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 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

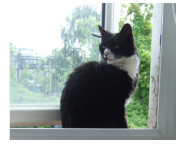
One of the activities that the Goose Green Centre hosts is the Lunch Club. The Lunch Club usually meets every Thursday in term time, to share a hearty meal and good company. We get around 20-30 members, more on special occasions. Many of our members are over 70 and fall into the most vulnerable groups 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 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 public 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.

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.



Harvest Collection

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)
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Electoral Roll Officer	Bradley Collins
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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.

Zoom Meeting



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
<i># Until 15 November 2020 * From 15 November 2020</i> <i>\$ also Deanery Synod rep.</i>		

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.

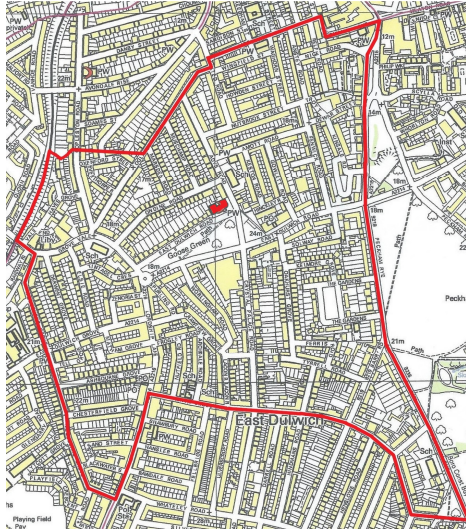
Administrative Information

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 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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For the year ended 31st December 2020

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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
Chartered Certified Accountant
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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 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

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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

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2020

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31st December 2020

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

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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.

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	2020	2019
					£	£
2 Income						
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.

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For the year ended 31st December 2020

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	2020	2019
					£	£
3 Expenditure						
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.

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4 Staff Costs	2020	2019
	£	£
4a Wages and salaries	<u>30,419</u>	<u>29,167</u>

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	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2020	0	0	0
Charge for the year	0	0	0
At 31 December 2020	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2020	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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

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6 Investments

Investments

Cost

At 1 January 2020
Add Gain on investment – valuation for the first time
At 31 December 2020

Property

£

0

990,000

990,000

Net book value

At 31 December 2020
At 31 December 2019

990,000

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
Prepayments and accrued income
Trade debtor

4,800

5,300

0

12,476

2,820

0

7,620

17,776

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

2020

2019

£

£

Accruals
Other creditors

1,080

-

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

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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)

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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.

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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