

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1134267

Details

Other names	ST JAMES' ISLINGTON
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-02-11
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: St James' is a parish church within the Church of England offering worship in the modern Anglican Catholic tradition. It holds Sunday and weekday services, runs a Sunday School and provides pastoral care to parishioners in need. The church and church hall are available to local community and support groups. Specific local and overseas charities are sponsored through fundraising.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£154,261	£205,886	-	-
2023-12-31	£211,435	£297,840	-	-
2022-12-31	£183,035	£232,559	-	-
2021-12-31	£341,058	£372,413	-	-
2020-12-31	£104,852	£144,828	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Helen Jane Sims-Williams	Chair	2024-09-05
Anne Elizabeth BATCHELOR		2024-05-12
Edward Congreve Jenkyns		2024-05-12
Hilary Roden		2013-04-14
Iris Norah Hodge		2023-05-14
Isabel Nisbet		2017-04-30
Jane Falcioni		2024-05-12
Kerri Allen		2013-10-07
Lebs Anafu		2023-05-14
Susan Margaret Sorensen		2023-04-23
Victoria Bellamy		2023-05-14

Accounts

THE PARISH OF ST JAMES
WITH
ST PETER ISLINGTON

Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

of the

Parochial Church Council

for the year ended December 31, 2024

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE:

**The Revd Helen Sims-Williams
St James's Vicarage
23 St Peter's Street
Islington
LONDON N1 8JP**

**From September 4 2024
Vacancy from January 1
to September 3 2024**

BANKERS:

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**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER,
ISLINGTON
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Administrative Information

St James' Church is situated in Prebend Street, Islington. It is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, St James' Church Hall, 11 Prebend Street, London N1 8PF.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1134267. Its governing document is the "Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956)" as amended and "Church Representation Rules"

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

<i>Priest-in-charge:</i>	From September 4, 2024 Vacancy prior to that date	Revd Helen Sims-Williams
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mrs Hilary Roden	First elected at a Special Meeting of Parishioners on July 26, 2015 and re-elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on April 10, 2016; April 30, 2017; April 15, 2018; April 07, 2019; October 25, 2020, April 18,2021 May 15, 2022, May 14, 2023, May 12, 2024 (annual extensions by resolutions) Safeguarding Officer from 23 rd September 2024
	Ms Isabel Nisbet	First elected at the APCM on April 30, 2017 and re-elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on April 15, 2018; April 07, 2019; October 25,2020; April 18,2021 May 15, 2022, May 14, 2023, May 12, 2024 (annual extensions by resolution)
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod:</i>	<i>Two representatives elected for a three-year period of office from October 25, 2020 but both resigned in 2021.</i> <i>Elected for a three-year period of office from the APCM May 12, 2024</i> Ms Isabel Nisbet Mr Eddie Jenkyns	Covered a vacancy during 2023
<i>Lay Members:</i>	<i>Re-elected for three years from the APCM May 15, 2021</i> Ms Kerri Allen	Lay Vice Chair. Publicity Officer. Re-elected at the APCM May 12, 2024
	<i>Co-opted February 2022. Elected for three years at the APCM May 14, 2023</i> Mr Lebby Anafu	Safeguarding Officer until Sept 23, 2024

PCC lay members
Cont.

<i>Elected for three years from the APCM May 14, 2023</i>	
Mrs Norah Hodge	
Mrs Susan Sorensen	Treasurer
Ms Victoria Bellamy	Accounts and administrative assistant
Mr Kenneth Thompson	Resigned January 26, 2025

Elected for three years from the APCM May 12, 2024

Ms Jane Falcioni	Co-opted November 11, 2023
Mrs Elizabeth Batchelor	
Mr Ethan Faloppa	Resigned October 24, 2024

Co-opted November 25, 2024. Elected for three years at the APCM May 11, 2025

Ms Anneke Pol	
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Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. The members of the Standing Committee are the Vicar, Lay Vice Chair of the PCC, and the two Churchwardens. (The Secretary and the Hon Treasurer are members of the Standing Committee if they are elected to the PCC).

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. As from the Annual Parochial Church Meeting April 2012, a third of the PCC are elected each year as resolved by the adjourned PCM in 2011. With effect from the APCM April 19, 2015 it was agreed that with an electoral roll that fluctuated around 100 people, lay representation on the PCC should remain stable at 9 members.

Objectives and activities

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent, the Revd Helen Sims-Williams, and St. James' PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance for the advancement of religion. In particular, we take responsibility for promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the ecclesiastical parish. We also have maintenance responsibilities for the fabric of the Church and for the Church Hall complex at the corner of Packington Street.

Safeguarding

With regard to the PCC's obligations to safeguard children and vulnerable adults, the members of the PCC confirm that they have complied with their duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. The PCC has also complied with the House of Bishops' guidance in relation to safeguarding.

General Data Protection Regulation

The PCC is committed to protecting the data privacy of all the persons and organisations with which it interacts. Personal information contained in this report and elsewhere (including names, addresses and telephone numbers) are stored securely in electronic and paper copy in the Parish Office. Any member who objects to personal information relating to him/her being stored in this manner should so inform, in writing, the PCC Secretary. The details of any member who does object will be omitted from future reports.

For further information on our Privacy Policy, please visit the link below or contact a member of the PCC.

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Church Attendance

<i>Statistics:</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021⁽¹⁾</i>	<i>2020</i>
<i>Baptisms</i>	2	4	6	12	2
<i>First Holy Communions</i>		2		5	9
<i>Confirmations</i>		8		1	0
<i>Weddings</i>	3	4	2	6	2
<i>Funerals</i>	8	3	16	15	5
<i>Average Sunday attendance (adults)</i>	35	44	34	35	35
<i>Average Sunday attendance (u16s)</i>	9	10	8	10	12
<i>Average Sunday attendance (a+u16)</i>	44	54	42	45	47
<i>Average Communicants</i>	27	39	52	33	33

⁽¹⁾ No public worship in the church from 10 January 2021 - 7 March 2021 (incl) because of public health restrictions. Services streamed live from the church and available online.

Review of the year 2024 - Proceedings of the PCC

In 2024, the PCC met 11 times (excluding an additional meeting with the Bishop). When the Church was in use we were welcomed into the homes of two of the PCC members as the Vicarage was no longer available for meetings. Meetings during the first half of the year were focussed on arrangements for the ongoing life of St James' during the interregnum, the process of producing a parish profile and advertising for a new incumbent and the issue of the Vicarage.

The first meeting of the year was largely taken up with discussions with the Archdeacon regarding a partnership proposal for St James' with St Mary's. These discussions took up most of the February meeting too, with the views of all members of the PCC and others in the congregation (emails and letters received from the congregation and other interested parties were read out) being aired. Three options were set out and a vote was taken resulting in the decision to advertise as planned for a vicar for St James', but with the advertisement leaving open the option of a partnership proposal. In line with Diocesan advice, the post was

advertised after Easter.

In mid-March, the PCC met with Bishop Joanne following notice that the Diocese intended to suspend the benefice – a step necessitated by the intention to sell the Vicarage. The PCC met again the following day to discuss the issue further and to consider how to approach a response to the consultation. Towards the end of the month the PCC held a meeting on Zoom for further discussions on the future of the Vicarage. It was agreed that the PCC would oppose the suspension of the benefice on the grounds that the decision to sell the Vicarage was not properly made. However, the Bishop's decision was to proceed with the sale. The PCC also held the required Section 11 meeting to appoint PCC representatives (Isabel Nisbet and Jane Falcioni) for the selection of the new incumbent.

The APCM was held in May and the PCC welcomed new members, Eddie Jenkyns and Ethan Faloppa. The PCC were also delighted that Mthr Helen Sims-Williams had accepted the post of Priest-in-Charge. Anneke Pol took on the role of PCC Secretary from the June meeting (she was co-opted onto the PCC in November). PCC meetings over the summer months dealt with arrangements for Mthr Helen's arrival and licencing service on 4th September 2024. Outstanding issues raised from the Archdeacon's visitation in October 2023 and the overdue Quinquennial Inspection were also subjects of discussion.

The Autumn began with Mthr Helen's licensing followed by another successful season of the Islington Proms. The PCC agreed that the sale of 1a Arlington Square could proceed on the basis that the Diocese had secured a property in St Peter's Street for St James' vicarage. Mthr Helen outlined her approach for beginning work at St James' and future aspirations, her plans for worship, pastoral life, mission and ministry.

In October, Martin Allen gave the PCC a presentation regarding his work looking at the feasibility of installing solar panels at St James. Ultimately plans for this have been shelved as structural questions around the roof and increased costs to potentially deal with this meant that the financial gain of solar panels was not sufficient compared with the outlay.

During the year, the PCC Treasurer, Susan Sorensen kept the PCC updated regarding the financial position for St James. Income dropped over the interregnum, a situation which was not unexpected, and in September the PCC began to consider a plan for financial recovery. For the first time in many years, it was decided not to offer the full Common Fund contribution (£100,000 for 2025), but on the understanding that our financial situation would be reviewed quarterly, and our contribution would be increased if possible. The financial recovery plans were discussed more at the meeting in November.

Safeguarding was discussed at every meeting during the year and members of the PCC completed various online training courses. Mthr Helen reviewed safeguarding provisions for PackUp and the Bellringers and had identified training and DBS checks necessary to ensure compliance with Diocesan guidance. Safeguarding will be the focus of a PCC meeting early in 2025.

The PCC are aware of the tremendous amount of work that was required of the Churchwardens during the interregnum and would particularly like to note the tireless support of Isabel Nisbet. St James' is also indebted to all of the clergy who helped ensure that services continued throughout the interregnum, in particular Fr Jim Walters, Fr Stephen Taylor and Fr Toby Thomas. We are delighted to have Mthr Helen at St James' and look

forward to working with her in 2025 and beyond.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Under the Charities Act 2011, the PCC is required to prepare a statement of accounts for each accounting year. Under section 133 of the Act, the PCC may prepare receipts and payments accounts provided the charity's gross income does not exceed £250,000.

We are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the church and to take reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial Review

As from the financial year ended 31st December 2022 the PCC has moved to a "Receipts and Payments" (R&P) basis of accounting. This is because the annual income of the church in that year fell below £250,000 which is the threshold for the requirement for "accruals" accounting. The receipt of grants from the Cloudesley Trust and Wm Lambe Trust in 2021 for the restoration and digital enhancement of the organ, meant that income then exceeded the threshold. Under accruals accounting, income from the provision of goods and services and expenditure on goods and services are accounted for in the year in which the services are provided or received, irrespective of the exact timing of receipts and payments. Following the implementation of the organ project, the normal church income level means that it can now produce more simplified accounts showing just cash flows and a summary statement of assets and liabilities at the year end. The switch from accruals accounting to a receipts and payments basis necessitated the restatement of the 2021 accounts to enable an accurate comparison between years on the new basis.

The PCC monitors the financial performance of the church on the basis of its routine "normalised" income and expenditure, under the heading "Unrestricted General funds". Exceptional expenditure on church and hall renewal, including the rebuilding of the organ, has been the subject of separate budgets, with planned expenditure charged to designated reserves in addition to the use of any specific grants received, referred to above.

With the application of R&P accounting the PCC no longer has to comply with Financial Reporting Standard 102 and the relevant Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) to demonstrate that the church is a going concern. However, it should be noted that the church continues to hold significant assets comprising £46,617 in bank and cash deposits, and £257k in financial investments as at December 31, 2024. It also owns a leasehold interest in the church hall on the ground floor of a building owned by the London Diocese and leased to the Southern Housing Group. The value of the lease has hitherto been depreciated over a period of forty years, with a residual book value as at 31st December 2022 of approximately £80k. Under the R&P basis of accounting, fixed assets are no longer depreciated and the current

value of the lease is not included within these accounts owing to uncertainty of its worth. It is intended that the realistic market value of this leasehold property, including a one-bedroom self-contained flat, will be reassessed during 2025.

The church continues to have access to the accumulated income from the permanent endowment held in the William Lambe Trust (WLT) for the restricted purpose of financing repairs and maintenance of the church building. The income fund stood at just under £167k at the end of 2020 which enabled £150k to contribute to the organ project, with a further grant of £30k in 2023. Further income has accumulated since then and now stands at just over £61k. The fund is managed and accounted for by the London Diocesan Fund (LDF) and is for the exclusive use of St James'. The church also has access to Cloudesley, another local charitable trust, which allocates grants to Church of England churches within the Islington Deanery for work to the church fabric and the maintenance of services. In recent years we have successfully applied to Cloudesley for significant contributions to the costs of new developments, including £50k for the organ project. Applications are invited twice a year and the PCC is extremely grateful to Cloudesley for their continued support.

Financial Performance 2024

The out-turn on the general unrestricted fund was a deficit of £40k following a deficit of £26k in 2023. The overall position was an excess of expenditure over receipts of £52k (excluding the sale of investments). The PCC is aware that the regular running costs of the church operations are consistently significantly more than its regular income and is continuously reviewing the situation. The church again made its full contribution to the Diocesan common fund of £91,300 in 2024. However, in view of the current deficit position, the PCC has given notice that it will reduce its contribution in 2025 to £6k per month, with a quarterly review. This has been accepted by the Archdeacon and the Area Finance office. The Finance Review Group has been re-established with some new additions, to advise the PCC on options for increasing income and reducing costs. It will also review our investment performance. The cash flow position in 2024 necessitated the liquidation of £50k of our investment in global equities. Although the equity portfolio performed well, the value of the investment in bonds fell by over £30k. The structure of the overall portfolio will be kept under review by the Financial Review Group to ensure that the return on the investment is optimised in the long term.

Charitable donations

The church continued to support the Church of England Children's Society and local charities, although less than in previous years. The "Pack-up" project provides a weekly soup and sandwich kitchen for the street community in the church hall and a number of charities hire the hall at reduced rates.

Identification and Use of Reserves

The overall reserves are broken down into a number of designated reserves in addition to the undesignated general fund. In common with many other parishes in London, St James' has been subject to pastoral reorganisation and amalgamation over the years. This resulted in the acquisition of a number of buildings (or part shares in buildings) at nil or negligible cost, their costs having presumably been written off many years ago in the former constituent parishes. A portion of proceeds of sales enabled the building of a new church hall in 1992,

developed as a joint project with a housing association. The balance of the capital proceeds have been held in financial investments, with the income from these investments available for the church's mission.

The identification of designated reserves represents the current plan for the use of earmarked resources for particular purposes. The PCC will continue to ensure that liquid resources sufficient to meet six months of expected revenue costs are held in the unrestricted reserves and within the investment portfolio. Financial investments can be liquidated as and when required. They are available for future use as determined by the PCC, which will consider and update the range of options for future capital spending on the basis of Quinquennial Reviews and on any future development plans. All urgent work identified in the Quinquennial Report of February 2018 have been carried out. There are a few non-urgent works outstanding, including a few requiring the use of scaffolding which will be completed as soon as possible. The report of the most recent Quinquennial Review on 25th February 2025 is awaited and a new programme of works will be drawn up by the PCC.

A review of financial performance over the last four years indicates an average annual deficit of just under £13.5k, and which in the absence of remedial action is at risk of increasing. Looking ahead, the longer-term impact of the pandemic together with current geopolitical challenges and uncertainties are likely to affect the financial position of the church for the foreseeable future. Every effort will be made to mitigate any adverse effects of the economic situation on the church's finances through growth in church involvement together with active and careful stewardship.

Approved the Parochial Church Council and signed on their behalf on Jun 3, 2025



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Signed

Revd. Helen Sims-Williams

The Annual Financial Statements are set out in the attached Appendix which forms part of this Annual Report.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES WITH ST
PETER ISLINGTON**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St James with St Peter Islington ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 11 to 15 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Lisa Darby

Lisa Darby (Jun 9, 2025 11:14 GMT+1)

Lisa Darby FCA
Stewardship
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Date: Jun 9, 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		
Income receipts						
Voluntary receipts	2(a)	23,522	-	6,180	29,701	78,763
Church activities	2(b)	69,242	7,921	-	77,163	78,191
Investment income	2(c)	47,396	-	-	47,396	54,481
		<u>140,161</u>	<u>7,921</u>	<u>6,180</u>	<u>154,261</u>	<u>211,435</u>
Capital and similar receipts						
Sale of investments		50,000	-	-	50,000	-
		<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total receipts		<u>190,161</u>	<u>7,921</u>	<u>6,180</u>	<u>204,261</u>	<u>211,435</u>
Payments						
Church activities						
Parish share		91,300	-	-	91,300	87,775
Clergy and staffing costs	3(a)	26,464	-	-	26,464	20,253
Church running expenses	3(b)	41,087	5,856	15,075	62,018	162,239
Hall running costs	3(c)	21,405	-	-	21,405	20,833
		<u>180,255</u>	<u>5,856</u>	<u>15,075</u>	<u>201,186</u>	<u>291,100</u>
Mission giving and donations	4	-	-	4,700	4,700	6,740
		<u>180,255</u>	<u>5,856</u>	<u>19,775</u>	<u>205,886</u>	<u>297,840</u>
Total payments		<u>180,255</u>	<u>5,856</u>	<u>19,775</u>	<u>205,886</u>	<u>297,840</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers						
		9,906	2,064	(13,595)	(1,625)	(86,405)
Transfers between funds	6	(1,519)	-	1,519	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>8,387</u>	<u>2,064</u>	<u>(12,076)</u>	<u>(1,625)</u>	<u>(86,405)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		10,356	12,870	25,019	48,245	134,650
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>18,743</u>	<u>14,934</u>	<u>12,943</u>	<u>46,620</u>	<u>48,245</u>

The notes on pages 13-15 form part of these accounts.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	17,535	14,934	10,514	42,982	46,240
Notice deposits	-	-	2,430	2,430	1,524
Petty cash	1,208	-	-	1,208	481
	<u>18,743</u>	<u>14,934</u>	<u>12,943</u>	<u>46,620</u>	<u>48,245</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	11,211	-	734	11,945	6,737
Other debtors	18,009	-	-	18,009	9,492
	<u>29,220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>734</u>	<u>29,954</u>	<u>16,229</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Trade creditors	3,037	-	879	3,916	15,622
Fee for Independent Examination	1,980	-	-	1,980	1,680
Appeal income owed to charities	-	-	320	320	487
Diocesan fees for weddings and funerals	2,284	-	-	2,284	576
Total	<u>7,301</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,199</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>18,365</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost	Depreciated value
		£	£
Land and buildings			
The Church Hall, being a leasehold property on Prebend Street	General	242,597	80,000
Bechstein Grand Piano	General	5,000	5,000
		<u>247,597</u>	<u>85,000</u>

The PCC intends to review the current market valuation of the properties held during 2025.

Consecrated property, beneficed property and moveable church furnishings which require a special faculty for disposal are excluded from the above list of charity assets.

E Investment assets

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost	Current value
		£	£
Financial Investments			
M&G Global Bond Fund	General	145,000	109,461
CCLA global income fund	General	107,841	147,770
		<u>252,841</u>	<u>257,230</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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REV HELEN SIMS-WILLIAMS

Date: Jun 3, 2025

The notes on pages 13-15 form part of these accounts.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £		
2 a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving	14,115	-	-	14,115	20,046
Collections at services	5,743	-	-	5,743	4,340
Grant and donations for organ project	-	-	-	-	30,100
Donations for alms and votive candles	1,168	-	-	1,168	997
Donations to Pack-up project	-	-	5,630	5,630	7,250
Other donations	2,495	-	-	2,495	4,824
Donations for vicar's retirement	-	-	-	-	2,780
Special appeals	-	-	550	550	1,119
Gift aid recovered	-	-	-	-	7,307
	<u>23,522</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,180</u>	<u>29,701</u>	<u>78,763</u>
c) Church activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	4,729	-	-	4,729	2,913
Islington Proms concert programme	-	7,921	-	7,921	8,853
Church lettings	13,995	-	-	13,995	15,022
Church Hall lettings	50,518	-	-	50,518	51,403
	<u>69,242</u>	<u>7,921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,163</u>	<u>78,191</u>
d) Investment income					
Property rental income	12,288	-	-	12,288	12,288
Phone mast rental income	14,475	-	-	14,475	14,475
Phone mast admin payment	1,101	-	-	1,101	1,732
Phone mast electricity recharge	9,905	-	-	9,905	15,956
Insurance payout	-	-	-	-	130
Interest from cash deposits	413	-	-	413	794
Dividends from CBF investment funds	9,215	-	-	9,215	9,106
	<u>47,396</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,396</u>	<u>54,481</u>
Total income receipts	<u>140,161</u>	<u>7,921</u>	<u>6,180</u>	<u>154,261</u>	<u>211,435</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
3 a) Clergy and staffing costs					
Cost of payroll	26,464	-	-	26,464	18,128
Clergy expenses	-	-	-	-	2,125
	<u>26,464</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,464</u>	<u>20,253</u>
Rev. Helen Sims-Williams (who is a clergy member of the PCC) receives a stipend from the Diocese; the cost of this stipend is not included in the above payroll cost however it should be noted that some of the Parish share is used to help pay the stipends.					
b) Church running costs					
Organists' fees	4,605	-	-	4,605	5,645
Islington Proms costs	-	5,856	-	5,856	7,294
General running costs	903	-	-	903	8,691
Utilities - church usage	8,153	-	-	8,153	10,283
Electricity recharge for phone mast	10,653	-	-	10,653	15,956
Insurance	3,896	-	-	3,896	4,178
Administration	3,894	-	-	3,894	2,860
Independent examiner's fee	1,680	-	-	1,680	2,160
Diocesan fees for weddings and funerals	-	-	-	-	2,559
Routine church maintenance	7,302	-	-	7,302	7,768
Organ restoration	-	-	15,075	15,075	94,426
Other major repairs to church	-	-	-	-	419
	<u>41,087</u>	<u>5,856</u>	<u>15,075</u>	<u>62,018</u>	<u>162,239</u>
c) Hall running costs					
Utilities	3,651	-	-	3,651	5,844
Administration	1,214	-	-	1,214	956
Returned deposits for hall hire	6,500	-	-	6,500	7,288
Routine hall maintenance	8,384	-	-	8,384	4,367
Major repairs and equipment	1,656	-	-	1,656	2,378
	<u>21,405</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,405</u>	<u>20,833</u>
4 Mission giving and donations					
Christian Aid	-	-	-	-	1,052
DEC and UNICEF	-	-	-	-	719
Home mission: CofE Children's Society	-	-	-	-	566
Bishop of Stepney's Charity	-	-	575	575	250
Secular relief charities - Arc Food bank	-	-	-	-	253
Royal British Legion	-	-	275	275	-
Pack-up project	-	-	3,850	3,850	3,900
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>6,740</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5 Non-monetary resources

The church sponsored Pack-up project, providing weekly hot meals for the local street community, receives regular donations of fresh produce and perishable foodstuffs from the food charity Felix. Any surplus is donated to the Arc Centre, a local foodbank.

6 Movement on designated, restricted and endowment funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	10,356	190,161	(180,255)	(1,519)	18,743
Designated funds					
Bell Fund	4,722	-	-	-	4,722
Vincent Terrace Mission Hall	2,216	-	-	-	2,216
William Schroeder Trust	1,428	-	-	-	1,428
Proms concerts	4,504	7,921	(5,856)	-	6,568
	<u>12,870</u>	<u>7,921</u>	<u>(5,856)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,934</u>
Restricted funds					
Organ Project	13,876	-	(15,075)	1,199	-
Pack up Project	10,535	5,630	(3,850)	-	12,315
Appeals	608	550	(850)	320	628
	<u>25,019</u>	<u>6,180</u>	<u>(19,775)</u>	<u>1,519</u>	<u>12,943</u>
Total funds	<u>48,245</u>	<u>204,261</u>	<u>(205,886)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,620</u>

Bell Fund - donations from the bellringers from fees received for special events used for repair and maintenance of the bells
 Vincent Terrace Mission Hall - historic fund derived from previously owned property
 William Schroeder Trust - historic fund from a donation to be applied to support parishioners in need
 Proms concerts - accumulated surpluses from annual Proms programme to be used for pump-priming future programmes
 Organ project - restricted grants to contribute to organ refurbishment
 Pack up Project - restricted grants and donations for the weekly lunch provided for the local street community
 Appeals - restricted donations for specific purposes

It should be noted that the fund balances are in cash terms. In addition the PCC holds investments valued at £257,230 as at 31 December 2024. These are liquid assets to be used as determined by the PCC for future major capital, projects, developments in the church's mission and operating cost is and when required.

Accounts

THE PARISH OF ST JAMES
WITH
ST PETER ISLINGTON

Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council

for the year ended December 31, 2023

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**Retired November 30 2023
Vacancy from Dec 1 2023**

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER, ISLINGTON
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Administrative Information

St James' Church is situated in Prebend Street, Islington. It is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, St James' Church Hall, 11 Prebend Street, London N1 8PF.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1134267. Its governing document is the "Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956)" as amended and "Church Representation Rules"

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

<i>Incumbent:</i>	From 1 st January to 30 th November 2023 Vacancy from Dec 1 2023	Rev John Burniston Retired
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mrs Hilary Roden	First elected at a Special Meeting of Parishioners on July 26, 2015 and re-elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on April 10, 2016; April 30, 2017; April 15, 2018; April 07, 2019; October 25, 2020, April 18, 2021 May 15, 2022, May 14, 2023, May 12, 2024 (one year extension by resolution)
	Ms Isabel Nisbet	First elected at the APCM on April 30, 2017 and re-elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on April 15, 2018; April 07, 2019; October 25, 2020; April 18, 2021 May 15, 2022, May 14, 2023, May 12, 2024 (one year extension by resolution)
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod:</i>	<i>Two representatives elected for a three year period of office from October 25, 2020 but both resigned in 2021.</i> <i>Elected for a three year period of office from the APCM May 12, 2024</i>	Covered a vacancy during 2023
<i>Lay Members:</i>	<i>Elected for three years from the APCM, October 25, 2020</i> Ms Sinead Burniston	Children's Champion. Re-elected at the APCM May 14, 2023, Resigned November 30, 2023
	<i>Re-elected for three years from the APCM May 15, 2021</i> Ms Kerri Allen	Lay Vice Chair. Publicity Officer. Re-elected at the APCM May 12, 2024
	<i>Co-opted February 2022. Elected for three years at the APCM May 14, 2023</i> Mr Lebby Anafu	Safeguarding Officer
<i>PCC lay members</i>	<i>Elected for three years from the APCM May 14, 2023</i> Mrs Norah Hodge	
<i>Cont.</i>	Mrs Susan Sorensen Ms Victoria Bellamy Mr Kenneth Thompson	Treasurer Accounts and administrative assistant
	<i>Elected for three years from the APCM May 12, 2024</i> Ms Jane Falcioni Mrs Elizabeth Batchelor Mr Ethan Faloppa	Co-opted November 11, 2023

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. The members of the Standing Committee are the Vicar, Lay Vice Chair of the PCC, and the two Churchwardens. (The Secretary and the Hon Treasurer are members of the Standing Committee if they are elected to the PCC).

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. As from the Annual Parochial Church Meeting April 2012, a third of the PCC are elected each year as resolved by the adjourned PCM in 2011. With effect from the APCM April 19, 2015 it was agreed that with an electoral roll that fluctuated around 100 people, lay representation on the PCC should remain stable at 9 members.

Objectives and activities

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent, the Revd John Burniston, and St. James' PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance for the advancement of religion. In particular, we take responsibility for promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the ecclesiastical parish. We also have maintenance responsibilities for the fabric of the Church and for the Church Hall complex at the corner of Packington Street.

Safeguarding

With regard to the PCC's obligations to safeguard children and vulnerable adults, the members of the PCC confirm that they have complied with their duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

General Data Protection Regulation

The PCC is committed to protecting the data privacy of all the persons and organisations with which it interacts. Personal information contained in this report and elsewhere (including names, addresses and telephone numbers) are stored securely in electronic and paper copy in the Parish Office. Any member who objects to personal information relating to him/her being stored in this manner should so inform, in writing, the PCC Secretary. The details of any member who does object will be omitted from future reports.

For further information on our Privacy Policy, please visit the link below or contact a member of the PCC. <http://stjamesislington.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/SJI-Privacy-notice-template-for-non-role-holders-March-2018.pdf>

Church Attendance

<i>Statistics:</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021⁽¹⁾</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2019</i>
<i>Baptisms</i>	4	6	12	2	7
<i>First Holy Communions</i>	2		5	9	5
<i>Confirmations</i>	8		1	0	0
<i>Weddings</i>	4	2	6	2	4
<i>Funerals</i>	3	16	15	5	9
<i>Average Sunday attendance (adults)</i>	44	34	35	35	38
<i>Average Sunday attendance (u16s)</i>	10	8	10	12	14
<i>Average Sunday attendance (a+u16)</i>	54	42	45	47	52
<i>Average Communicants</i>	39	52	33	33	32

⁽¹⁾ No public worship in the church from 10 January 2021 - 7 March 2021 (incl) because of public health restrictions. Services streamed live from the church and available online.

Review of the year 2023 - Proceedings of the PCC

In 2023, the PCC met 10 times, going back to more in person meetings as the year progressed. During the latter part of the year the Standing Committee also met as required to deal with pressing matters relating to planning for Fr John's retirement. After the APCM in May, Vicky Bellamy, Norah Hodge and Ken Thompson joined the PCC. In Elizabeth Batchelor also joined and in November, Jane Falcioni was welcomed to the PCC. Susan Sorenson re-joined the PCC at the APCM in May and continues as Treasurer supported by Tim Willis (paymaster duties) and Vicky Bellamy (book keeping).

The progress of the organ project and planning for the weekend's festivities in May to celebrate completion of the project was discussed in the first quarter of the year. The celebrations on 7 May were brilliant and there was lots of positive feedback. Various snagging issues were raised after May along with final invoicing arrangements and ongoing provisions for servicing.

The Islington Proms festival went ahead in September again (with the Pocket Prom concert in the Vicarage Garden in July). Isabel Nisbet and the Proms Committee once again put in an enormous amount of work to the excellent programme of concerts and associated events. Plans are underway for a more limited 2024 season due to the added work involved during the interregnum period.

Arrangements for Fr John's retirement, including a party in November, and maintenance of the ministry of St James during the interregnum period was a dominant theme from the middle of 2023 onwards. The Archdeacon, Ven Peter Farley Moore, joined the meeting in March to begin to discuss preparations with the PCC. Other issues discussed relating to the interregnum were the focus of meetings during the latter few months of the year including ongoing preparation of liturgical papers (service sheets), newsletters, provision for Sunday School and priestly cover.

Despite the additional workload resulting from the interregnum preparations, during the year the PCC also updated their safeguarding training and got to grips with the use of the Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard. Safeguarding, along with financial matters, is now a consistent agenda item for each meeting.

The PCC received regular reports on the financial position of St James's and agreed to maintain the level of our contribution to the Common Fund (although this may need to be revisited depending on any increased costs as a result of the interregnum). The increase in energy costs have had an impact on the financial situation. Other issues for discussion included cash flow, installation of a machine to accept digital payments, and increases in Hall rental rates and wages for employees to reflect rises in the London Living Wage.

As the year progressed and Fr John's retirement date approached, the Diocese plans to sell the vicarage became a pressing issue. Whilst the plans were eventually put aside, the issue has not yet been completely resolved. The PCC was updated regarding the production of the Parish Profile in readiness for advertising the vacancy as this progressed from May onwards.

Towards the end of the year Sharon McPherson was appointed as the Buildings Manager and the Parish Office was moved to the office in the Hall. Both Sharon and Vicky have done a huge amount of work arranging for the computer, photocopier and large number of folders and paperwork to be sorted and moved. Some outstanding repairs to the Church building identified in the last Quinquennial Report (dated February 2018) were completed, but some remain outstanding and will need to be tackled in 2024 before the next report is commissioned. They include roof repairs, guttering and stonework, but none require immediate attention and the PCC has agreed it would financially sensible to combine this work with plans for solar panels to minimise scaffolding costs. Any necessary maintenance work can be charged to the Wm Lambe Trust.

The PCC is very grateful to Fr John for his hard work in easing the transition to the interregnum and offering his continuing support beyond his retirement date. Sinead Burniston resigned from the PCC in November – her leadership of Sunday School with Maria Burniston and her work on the PCC have been greatly appreciated.

In November Thomas Gerbeaux gave the PCC a presentation on his work to update the St James' website. This work will be continued when the new incumbent is in post. Other issues discussed during the year included the Diocesan 2030 Vision, Church security and refurbishment of the piano.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Under the Charities Act 2011, the PCC is required to prepare a statement of accounts for each accounting year. Under section 133 of the Act, the PCC may prepare receipts and payments accounts provided the charity's gross income does not exceed £250,000.

We are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the church and to take reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial Review

As from the financial year ended 31st December 2022 the PCC has moved to a "Receipts and Payments" (R&P) basis of accounting. This is because the annual income of the church in that year fell below £250,000 which is the threshold for the requirement for "accruals" accounting. With the grants from the Cloudesley Trust and Wm Lambe Trust in 2021 for the restoration and digital enhancement of the organ, the income then exceeded the threshold. Following the implementation of the organ project, the normal church income level means that it can now produce more simplified accounts. The switch from accruals accounting to a receipts and payments basis necessitated the restatement of the 2021 accounts to enable an accurate comparison between years on the new basis.

The PCC monitors the financial performance of the church on the basis of its routine "normalised" income and expenditure, under the heading "Unrestricted General funds". Exceptional expenditure on church and hall renewal, including the rebuilding of the organ, has been the subject of separate budgets, with planned expenditure charged to designated reserves in addition to the use of any specific grants received, referred to above.

With the application of R&P accounting the PCC no longer has to comply with Financial Reporting Standard 102 and the relevant Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) to demonstrate that the church is a going concern. However, it should be noted that the church continues to hold significant assets comprising £48,244 in bank and cash deposits, and £306,021 in financial investments as at December 31, 2023. It also owns a leasehold interest in the church hall in a building owned by the London Diocese and leased to the Southern Housing Group. The value of the lease has hitherto been depreciated over a period of forty years, with a residual book value as at 31st December 2022 of approximately £80k. Under the R&P basis of accounting, fixed assets are no longer depreciated and the current value of the lease is not included within these accounts owing to uncertainty of its worth. It is intended that the realistic market value of this leasehold property will be assessed during 2024.

The church continues to have access to the accumulated income from the permanent endowment held in the William Lambe Trust (WLT) for the restricted purpose of financing repairs and maintenance of the church building. The income fund stood at just under £167k at the end of 2020 which enabled £150k to contribute to the organ project. Further income has accumulated since then and now stands at just over £48k. The fund is managed and accounted for by the London Diocesan Fund (LDF) and is for the exclusive use of St James'. The church also has access to Cloudesley, another local charitable trust, which allocates grants to Church of England churches within the Islington Deanery for work to the church fabric and the maintenance of services. In recent years we have successfully applied to Cloudesley for significant contributions to the costs of new developments. Applications are invited twice a year and the PCC is extremely grateful to Cloudesley for their continued support.

Financial Performance 2023

The out-turn on the general unrestricted fund was a deficit of £26k compared with a surplus of receipts over payments of £8k in 2022. The overall position however was an excess of expenditure over receipts of £86k following further payments of £94k for the organ project. The PCC are aware that the regular running costs of the church operations are around £8,000 more than its regular income and is continuously reviewing the situation. A particular cost pressure in the year was the significant increase in energy costs which is expected to reduce in 2024. Current interest rates and improvement in investments markets are also benefitting the charity in 2024. The church again made its full contribution to the Diocesan common fund of £87,775 in 2023.

The value of our investments increased by just over £19k in 2023 following the instability in financial markets in the previous year. The total value is now approximately £16k more than the purchase value of equities and bonds in 2000. The structure of the overall portfolio will be kept under review by the Financial Review Group to ensure that the return on the investment is optimised in the long term.

Charitable donations

The church continued to support a number of charitable causes including Christian Aid, the Church of England Children's Society, local charities and appeals for disaster relief, totalling £2,840. The "Pack-up" project provides a weekly soup and sandwich kitchen for the street community in the church hall and a number of charities hire the hall at reduced rates.

Identification and Use of Reserves

The overall reserves are broken down into a number of designated reserves in addition to the undesignated general fund. In common with many other parishes in London, St James' has been subject to pastoral reorganisation and amalgamation over the years. This resulted in the acquisition of a number of buildings (or part shares in buildings) at nil or negligible cost, their costs having presumably been written off many years ago in the former constituent parishes. A portion of proceeds of sales enabled the building of a new church hall in 1992, developed as a joint project with a housing association. The balance of the capital proceeds have been held in financial investments, with the income from these investments available for the church's mission.

The identification of designated reserves represents the current plan for the use of earmarked resources for particular purposes. The PCC will continue to ensure that liquid resources sufficient to meet six months of expected revenue costs are held in the unrestricted reserves and within the investment portfolio. Financial investments can be liquidated as and when required. They are available for future use as determined by the PCC, which will consider and update the range of options for future capital spending on the basis of Quinquennial Reviews – the next one being due in 2024 – and on any future development plans.

Looking ahead, the longer term impact of the pandemic together with current geopolitical challenges and uncertainties are likely to affect the financial position of the church in 2024 and beyond. Every effort will be made to mitigate any adverse effects of the economic situation on the church's finances through growth in church involvement together with active and careful stewardship.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

KERRI ALLEN
Chair, Parochial Church Council

Date:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St James with St Peter Islington ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 on pages 9 to 13 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Lisa Darby FCA

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Date:

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Notes	Unrestricted Funds			2023 £	2022 £	
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £			
Income receipts						
Voluntary receipts	2(a)	36,814	3,130	38,819	78,763	44,229
Fundraising income	2(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Church activities	2(c)	69,338	8,853	-	78,191	91,175
Investment and other income	2(d)	54,481	-	-	54,481	47,631
		<u>160,633</u>	<u>11,983</u>	<u>38,819</u>	<u>211,435</u>	<u>183,035</u>
Capital and similar receipts						
		-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts		<u>160,633</u>	<u>11,983</u>	<u>38,819</u>	<u>211,435</u>	<u>183,035</u>
Payments						
Church activities						
Clergy and staffing costs	3(a)	108,028	-	-	108,028	101,115
Church running expenses	3(b)	57,253	10,560	94,426	162,239	103,887
Hall running costs	3(c)	20,635	198	-	20,833	25,015
		<u>185,916</u>	<u>10,758</u>	<u>94,426</u>	<u>291,100</u>	<u>230,017</u>
Fundraising expenses	4	-	-	-	-	-
Mission giving and donations	5	-	-	6,740	6,740	2,541
		<u>185,916</u>	<u>10,758</u>	<u>101,166</u>	<u>297,840</u>	<u>232,558</u>
Capital expenses						
		-	-	-	-	-
Total payments		<u>185,916</u>	<u>10,758</u>	<u>101,166</u>	<u>297,840</u>	<u>232,558</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers						
		(25,283)	1,225	(62,347)	(86,405)	(49,523)
Transfers between funds		(684)	684	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(25,967)</u>	<u>1,909</u>	<u>(62,347)</u>	<u>(86,405)</u>	<u>(49,523)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		36,323	10,961	87,366	134,650	184,173
Cash funds at this year end		<u>10,356</u>	<u>12,870</u>	<u>25,019</u>	<u>48,245</u>	<u>134,650</u>

The notes on pages 11-13 form part of these accounts.

THE PAROCHIAL COUNCIL OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted funds	2023	2022
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	9,875	12,870	23,495	46,240	114,290
Notice deposits	-	-	1,524	1,524	19,461
Petty cash	481	-	-	481	899
	<u>10,356</u>	<u>12,870</u>	<u>25,019</u>	<u>48,245</u>	<u>134,650</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity (estimate not yet claimed)	6,737	-	-	6,737	7,244
Other debtors	9,492	-	-	9,492	1,350
	<u>16,229</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,229</u>	<u>8,594</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Trade creditors	547	-	15,075	15,622	102,900
Fee for Independent Examination	1,680	-	-	1,680	1,800
Appeal income owed to charities	-	487	-	487	1,284
Vicar's expenses July-Dec	-	-	-	-	6,776
Diocesan fees for weddings and funerals	576	-	-	576	2,291
Other Accrued expenses	-	-	-	-	300
	<u>2,803</u>	<u>487</u>	<u>15,075</u>	<u>18,365</u>	<u>115,351</u>
Total	<u>2,803</u>	<u>487</u>	<u>15,075</u>	<u>18,365</u>	<u>115,351</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use					
			Fund to which asset belongs	Cost	Current value
				£	£
Land and buildings					
The Church Hall, being a leasehold property Prebend Street			General	242,597	
Bechstein Grand Piano			General	5,000	
				<u>247,597</u>	<u>-</u>
Consecrated property, benefited property and moveable church furnishings which require a special faculty for disposal are excluded from the above list of charity assets.					
E Investment assets					
			Fund to which asset belongs	Cost	Current value
				£	£
Financial Investments					
M&G Global Bond Fund			Unrestricted	145,000	119,038
CCLA global income fund			Unrestricted	145,000	186,983
				<u>290,000</u>	<u>306,021</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

KERRI ALLEN
Chair, Parochial Church Council

Date

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>				
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving	20,046	-	-	20,046	21,743
Collections at services	3,990	-	350	4,340	4,101
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Non-recurring grant for Pack-up project	-	-	-	-	2,500
Grant and donations for organ project	-	-	30,100	30,100	-
Donations for alms and votive candles	997	-	-	997	676
Donations to Pack-up project	-	-	7,250	7,250	4,475
Other donations	4,474	350	-	4,824	4,011
Donations for vicar's retirement	-	2,780	-	2,780	-
Special appeals	-	-	1,119	1,119	677
Gift aid recovered	7,307	-	-	7,307	6,046
	<u>36,814</u>	<u>3,130</u>	<u>38,819</u>	<u>78,763</u>	<u>44,229</u>
2b) Fundraising income	-	-	-	-	-
2c) Income from activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	2,913	-	-	2,913	2,888
Islington Proms concert programme	-	8,853	-	8,853	8,047
Church lettings	15,022	-	-	15,022	13,626
Church Hall lettings	51,403	-	-	51,403	66,614
	<u>69,338</u>	<u>8,853</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,191</u>	<u>91,175</u>
2d) Investment and other income					
Property rental income	12,288	-	-	12,288	12,288
Phone mast rental income	14,475	-	-	14,475	14,344
Phone mast admin payment	1,732	-	-	1,732	1,147
Phone mast electricity recharge	15,956	-	-	15,956	10,126
Insurance pay-out	130	-	-	130	-
Interest from cash deposits	794	-	-	794	215
Dividends from CBF investment funds	9,106	-	-	9,106	9,511
	<u>54,481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,481</u>	<u>47,631</u>
Totals	<u>160,633</u>	<u>11,983</u>	<u>38,819</u>	<u>211,435</u>	<u>183,035</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £		
3a) Clergy and staffing costs					
Cost of payroll	18,128	-	-	18,128	14,615
Ministry - parish share	87,775	-	-	87,775	85,200
Clergy expenses	2,125	-	-	2,125	1,300
Cost of training	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>108,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,028</u>	<u>101,115</u>
<p>Revd John Bumiston, (the clergy member of the PCC) receives a stipend from the Diocese; the cost of this stipend is not included in the above payroll cost however it should be noted that some of the Parish share is used to help pay the stipends. Father John was provided with accommodation (which is customary for clergy) and relevant costs associated with this accommodation are disclosed in the above note. Father John incurred expenses whilst serving as clergy and these costs are also disclosed in the above note.</p>					
3b) Church running costs					
Organists fees	5,645	-	-	5,645	3,120
Islington Proms costs	-	7,294	-	7,294	6,888
General running costs	5,425	3,266	-	8,691	3,567
Utilities - church usage	10,283	-	-	10,283	512
Electricity recharged for phone mast	15,956	-	-	15,956	10,126
Insurance	4,178	-	-	4,178	2,935
Administration	2,860	-	-	2,860	1,945
Independent examiner's fee	2,160	-	-	2,160	1,980
Diocesan fees for weddings and funeral	2,559	-	-	2,559	-
Other legal and professional fees	-	-	-	-	285
Routine church maintenance	7,768	-	-	7,768	8,630
Organ restoration	-	-	94,426	94,426	63,789
Other major repairs and equipment	419	-	-	419	110
	<u>57,253</u>	<u>10,560</u>	<u>94,426</u>	<u>162,239</u>	<u>103,887</u>
3c) Hall running costs					
Utilities	5,844	-	-	5,844	2,318
Admin costs	956	-	-	956	1,211
Returned deposits for hall hire	7,288	-	-	7,288	8,034
Routine hall maintenance	4,367	-	-	4,367	13,452
Major repairs and equipment	2,180	198	-	2,378	-
	<u>20,635</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,833</u>	<u>25,015</u>
4 Mission giving and donations					
Christian Aid	-	-	1,052	1,052	-
DEC and UNICEF	-	-	719	719	-
Home mission: CofE Children's Society	-	-	566	566	-
Bishop of Stepney's Charity	-	-	250	250	-
Secular relief charities - Arc Food bank	-	-	253	253	281
North London Cares	-	-	-	-	135
Pack-up project	-	-	3,900	3,900	2,125
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,740</u>	<u>6,740</u>	<u>2,541</u>
Total	<u>185,916</u>	<u>10,758</u>	<u>101,166</u>	<u>297,840</u>	<u>232,558</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

5 Transactions with related parties

No expenses paid to trustees other than those disclosed in note 3a. Gifts to the value of £2,761 were presented to Fr John Burniston, his wife and daughter to mark his retirement on 30th November 2023.

6 Non-monetary resources

The church sponsored Pack-up project, providing weekly hot meals for the local street community, receives regular donations of fresh produce and perishable foodstuffs from the food charity Felix. Any surplus is donated to the Arc Centre, a local foodbank.

7 Movement on general, designated and restricted funds

	Opening Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	36,323	160,633	(185,916)	(684)	10,356
Designated funds					
Bell Fund	4,372	350	-	-	4,722
Vincent Terrace Mission Hall	2,216	-	-	-	2,216
William Schroeder Trust	1,428	-	-	-	1,428
Church renewal Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Renewal fund	-	-	(198)	198	-
Proms concerts	2,945	8,853	(7,294)	-	4,504
Vicar retirement	-	2,780	(3,266)	486	-
	<u>10,961</u>	<u>11,983</u>	<u>(10,758)</u>	<u>684</u>	<u>12,870</u>
Restricted funds					
Organ Project	78,202	30,100	(94,426)	-	13,876
Pack up Project	7,185	7,250	(3,900)	-	10,535
Appeals	1,979	1,469	(2,840)	-	608
	<u>87,366</u>	<u>38,819</u>	<u>(101,166)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,019</u>
Total funds	<u>134,650</u>	<u>211,435</u>	<u>(297,840)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,245</u>

Origin and use of funds

Bell Fund - donations from the bellringers from fees received for special events used for repair and maintenance of the bells
 Vincent Terrace Mission Hall - historic fund derived from previously owned property
 William Schroeder Trust - historic fund from a donation to be applied to support parishioners in need
 Church Renewal - funds set aside by PCC for current budgeted projects
 Hall Renewal fund - funds set aside by PCC for current budgeted projects
 Proms concerts - accumulated surpluses from annual Proms programme to be used for pump-priming future programmes
 Vicar retirement fund - to hold collections for gifts for the vicar and his family and the retirement celebration
 Organ project - restricted grants to contribute to organ refurbishment
 Pack up Project - restricted grants and donations for the weekly lunch provided for the local street community
 Appeals - restricted donations for specific purposes

It should be noted that the fund balances are in cash terms. In addition the PCC holds investments valued at £306,021 as at 31 December 2023. These are liquid assets to be used by the PCC for future capital projects, developments in the church's mission and operating costs if and when required.

Accounts

THE PARISH OF ST JAMES
WITH
ST PETER ISLINGTON

Annual Report

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Financial Statements

of the

Parochial Church Council

for the year ended December 31, 2022

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**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER,
ISLINGTON
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Administrative Information

St James' Church is situated in Prebend Street, Islington. It is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 1a Arlington Square, Islington, London N1 7DS.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1134267. Its governing document is the "Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956)" as amended and "Church Representation Rules"

PCC members who have served from 1 January, 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Revd John Burniston	Chairman Representative on the Diocesan Synod; elected to fill a clergy vacancy.
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mrs Hilary Roden	First elected at a Special Meeting of Parishioners on July 26, 2015 and re-elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on April 10, 2016; April 30, 2017; April 15, 2018; April 07, 2019; October 25, 2020, April 18, 2021 May 15, 2022
	Ms Isabel Nisbet	First elected at the APCM on April 30, 2017 and re-elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on April 15, 2018; April 07, 2019; October 25, 2020; April 18, 2021 May 15, 2022
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod:</i>	<i>Two representatives elected for a three year period of office from October 25, 2020 but both resigned in 2021.</i> One vacancy currently filled by Ms Isabel Nisbet.	
<i>Lay Members:</i>	<i>Elected for three years from the APCM, October 25, 2020</i>	
	Ms Sinead Burniston	Children's Champion. Re-elected at the APCM May 14, 2023
	Mrs Rosemary Ross	Resigned 2023
	<i>Re-elected for three years from the APCM May 15, 2022</i>	
	Ms Kerri Allen	Lay Vice Chair. Publicity Officer.
	<i>Co-opted February 2022. Elected for three years at the APCM May 14, 2023</i>	
	Lebby Anafu	Safeguarding Officer
	<i>Elected for three years from the APCM May 14, 2023</i>	
	Norah Hodge	
	Susan Sorensen	Treasurer
	Victoria Bellamy	Accounts and administrative assistant
	Kenneth Thompson	

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. The members of the Standing Committee are the Vicar, Lay Vice Chair of the PCC, and the two Churchwardens. (The Secretary and the Hon Treasurer are members of the Standing Committee if they are elected to the PCC).

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. As from the Annual Parochial Church Meeting April 2012, a third of the PCC are elected each year as resolved by the adjourned PCM in 2011. With effect from the APCM April 19, 2015 it was agreed that with an electoral roll that fluctuated around 100 people, lay representation on the PCC should remain stable at 9 members.

Objectives and activities

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent, the Revd John Burniston, and St. James' PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance for the advancement of religion. In particular, we take responsibility for promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the ecclesiastical parish. We also have maintenance responsibilities for the fabric of the Church and for the Church Hall complex at the corner of Packington Street.

Safeguarding

With regard to the PCC's obligations to safeguard children and vulnerable adults, the members of the PCC confirm that they have complied with their duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

General Data Protection Regulation

The PCC is committed to protecting the data privacy of all the persons and organisations with which it interacts. Personal information contained in this report and elsewhere (including names, addresses and telephone numbers) are stored securely in electronic and paper copy in the Parish Office. Any member who objects to personal information relating to him/her being stored in this manner should so inform, in writing, the PCC Secretary. The details of any member who does object will be omitted from future reports.

For further information on our Privacy Policy, please visit the link below or contact a member of the PCC.

<http://stjamesislinton.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/SJI-Privacy-notice-template-for-non-role-holders-March-2018.pdf>

Church Attendance

<i>Statistics:</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021⁽¹⁾</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>Baptisms</i>	6	12	2	7	12
<i>First Holy Communions</i>		5	9	5	7
<i>Confirmations</i>		1	0	0	0
<i>Weddings</i>	2	6	2	4	5
<i>Funerals</i>	16	15	5	9	12
<i>Average Sunday attendance (adults)</i>	34	35	35	38	42
<i>Average Sunday attendance (u16s)</i>	8	10	12	14	14
<i>Average Sunday attendance (a+u16)</i>	42	45	47	52	56
<i>Average Communicants</i>	52	33	33	32	36

⁽¹⁾ No public worship in the church from 10 January 2021 - 7 March 2021 (incl) because of public health restrictions. Services streamed live from the church and available online.

Review of the year 2022 - Proceedings of the PCC

In 2022 the PCC had 9 meetings all via video link as this has continued to be the best way for all PCC members to attend the meetings. In February Lebbby Anafu joined the PCC as he took up the role of Safeguarding Officer for St James'. Susan Sorensen has continued to support the PCC as Treasurer with our administrator, Vicky Bellamy, assisting with the bookkeeping. Tim Willis has taken on the paymaster duties previous carried out by Assistant Treasurer, Alastair Hume, and other jobs such as helping with the counting of collections have been taken on by members of the PCC.

The Organ project was discussed at every meeting in 2022. Work continued throughout the year with completion of the project delayed by the ill health of the contractor. However, by the end of the year, the completion of the project was anticipated to be in early April with a celebration for the opening planned for early May. The PCC have continued to keep a close watch on the costs and the project remained within budget.

The Islington Proms festival went ahead in September again (with a June concert in the Vicarage Garden during the summer) as the change of timing in 2021 had proved to be successful. Isabel Nisbet and the Proms Committee once again put in an enormous amount of work to the excellent programme of concerts and associated events which took place between 9th and 24th September. Isabel kept the PCC updated as the plans progressed and the budget was set for the 2022 season. Plans are underway for the 2023 season.

Maintaining the Ministry of St James as we move towards Fr John's last year in post and into an Interregnum period has been a dominant theme of PCC meetings. Andy Rider, Dean of Mission, talked to the PCC in June about the vacancy process and taking time to consider St James' mission and growth moving forwards. In October the Churchwardens also reported on their meeting with the Archdeacon and discussions regarding their concerns for the interregnum period.

The PCC continued to discuss aspects of the "Time to Dream" process at each meeting, considering how to manage and maintain the Church and Hall buildings, whether the Sunday School can be continued during the interregnum, and how to encourage more volunteers and potential PPC members to come forward to strengthen the team moving towards the interregnum.

The PCC received regular reports on the financial position of St James's and agreed to maintain the level of our contribution to the Common Fund. The Church boiler had to be replaced in March but overall finances have held up well as users of the Church and Hall have returned.

St James' was honoured to receive a sizeable bequest from a past and long standing member of the congregation. As a result, work to refurbish the pews was completed in July. The PCC was informed that an application had been made in November for a grant to replace the cooker in the Hall in the new year. A card reader was purchased to assist with ticket purchases for the Proms, and the PCC began to explore the possibility of a fixed card reader in Church for giving by card as the use of cash remains low after covid.

Other issues discussed included the rise in utility prices and how possible savings could be made, review of hire fees for both the Church and Hall and an update of St James' website.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Under the Charities Act 2011, the PCC is required to prepare a statement of accounts for each accounting year. Under section 133 of the Act, the PCC may prepare receipts and payments accounts provided the charity's gross income does not exceed £250,000.

We are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the church and to take reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial Review

For the financial year ended 31st December 2022 the PCC has agreed that it should now move to a "Receipts and Payments" (R&P) basis of accounting. This is because the annual income of the church is less than £250,000 which is the threshold for the requirement for "accruals" accounting. With the grants from the Cloudesley Trust and Wm Lambe Trust in 2021 for the restoration and digital enhancement of the organ, the income then exceeded the threshold. Following the implementation of the organ project, the normal church income level means that it can now produce more simplified accounts. The switch from accruals accounting to a receipts and payments basis necessitated the restatement of the 2021 accounts to enable an accurate comparison between years on the new basis. This means that the figures for 2021 shown in the 2022 statements are slightly different from the previous years.

The PCC monitors the financial performance of the church on the basis of its routine "normalised" income and expenditure, under the heading "Unrestricted General funds". Exceptional expenditure on church and hall renewal, including the rebuilding of the organ, has been the subject of separate budgets, with planned expenditure charged to designated reserves in addition to the use of any specific grants received, referred to above.

With the application of R&P accounting the PCC no longer has to comply with Financial Reporting Standard 102 and the relevant Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) to demonstrate that the church is a going concern. However, it should be noted that the church continues to hold significant assets comprising £134,650 in bank and cash deposits, and £285,913 in financial investments as at December 3, 2022. It also owns a leasehold interest in the church hall in a building owned by the London Diocese and leased to the Southern Housing Association. The value of the lease has hitherto been depreciated over a period of forty years, with a residual book value as at 31st December 2022 of approximately £80k. It is intended that the realistic market value of this leasehold property will be assessed during 2023.

The church continues to have access to the accumulated income from the permanent endowment held in the William Lambe Trust (WLT) for the restricted purpose of financing repairs and maintenance of the church building. The income fund stood at just under £167k at the end of 2020 which enabled £150k to contribute to the organ project. Further income has accumulated since then and now stands at just over £63k. The fund is managed and accounted for by the London Diocesan Fund (LDF) and is for the exclusive use of St James'. The church also has access to Cloudesley, another local charitable trust, which allocates grants to Church of England churches within the Islington Deanery for work to the church fabric and the maintenance of services. In recent years we have successfully applied to Cloudesley for significant contributions to the costs of new developments. Applications are invited twice a year and the PCC is extremely grateful to Cloudesley for their continued support.

Financial Performance 2022

The out-turn on the general unrestricted fund, before reserve fund transfers, was a surplus of receipts over payments of £8k compared with the underlying deficit of £16k reported in the previous year when income had been seriously reduced as a result of the covid-19 restrictions. The overall position however was an excess of expenditure over receipts of nearly £50k but this was because of the differential timing of the receipt of grants and expenditure on the organ project. In the previous year there was a surplus of cash receipts of £128k. Taking the two years together there was a surplus of receipts over payments of just over £78k which will be required to contribute to the balance of the organ costs incurred in 2023. The church again made its full contribution to the Diocesan common fund of £85,200 in 2022.

Although the value of our investments had increased by £15,473 in 2021, this was largely a result of a recovery in financial markets in the last quarter. Instability during 2022 resulted in a significant reduction, particularly in the bond market. The total value of £286k was approximately £4k less than the purchase value of equities and bonds in 2000. The structure of the overall portfolio will be reviewed to ensure that the return on the investment is optimised in the long term.

Charitable donations

The church continued to support a number of charitable causes including Christian Aid, the Church of England Children's Society and local charities. The Pack-up project providing a weekly soup and sandwich kitchen for the street community resumed in the church hall when the Covid-19 restrictions were lifted, having provided a take-away service when the hall was closed. A number of charities hire the hall at reduced rates. Donations and grant aid totalling £7,652 were received in response to special appeals for disaster relief and Pack-up.

Identification and Use of Reserves

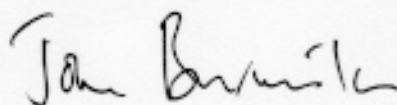
The overall reserves are broken down into a number of designated reserves in addition to the undesignated general fund. In common with many other parishes in London, St James' has been subject to pastoral reorganisation and amalgamation over the years. This resulted in the acquisition of a number of buildings (or part shares in buildings) at nil or negligible cost, their costs having presumably been written off many years ago in the former constituent parishes. A portion of proceeds of sales enabled the building of a new church hall in 1992, developed as a joint project with a housing association. The balance of the capital proceeds have been held in financial investments, with the income from these investments available for the church's mission.

The identification of designated reserves represents the current plan for the use of earmarked resources for particular purposes. The PCC will continue to ensure that liquid resources sufficient to meet six months of expected revenue costs are held in the unrestricted reserves and within the investment portfolio. Financial investments can be liquidated as and when required. They are available for future use as determined by the PCC, which will consider and update the range of options for future capital spending on the basis of Quinquennial Reviews – the next one being due in 2023 – and on any future development plans.

Looking ahead, the longer term impact of the pandemic together with current geopolitical challenges and uncertainties are likely to affect the financial position of the church in 2023 and beyond. It is encouraging that voluntary income has recovered as well as income from church and hall lettings, although it is accepted that this may be difficult to sustain in the light of cost of living increases. Every effort will be made to mitigate any adverse effects of the economic situation on the church's finances through active and careful stewardship.

Approved as a draft by the Standing Committee of the Parochial Church Council on 3rd July 2023.

Signed



Revd John Burniston (Chairman)

The Annual Financial Statements are set out in the attached Appendix which forms part of this Annual Report.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St James with St Peter Islington ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 on pages 10 to 15 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Lisa Darby FCA



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Date: 26th July 2023

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2022 £	2021 £
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		
Income receipts						
Voluntary receipts	2(a)	36,577	-	7,652	44,229	254,231
Fundraising income	2(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Church activities	2(c)	83,128	8,047	-	91,175	53,640
Investment and other income	2(d)	47,631	-	-	47,631	32,192
		<u>167,336</u>	<u>8,047</u>	<u>7,652</u>	<u>183,035</u>	<u>340,063</u>
Capital and similar receipts						
		-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts		<u>167,336</u>	<u>8,047</u>	<u>7,652</u>	<u>183,035</u>	<u>340,063</u>
Payments						
Church activities						
Clergy and staffing costs	3(a)	101,115	-	-	101,115	101,409
Church running expenses	3(b)	33,211	6,888	63,789	103,888	101,685
Hall running costs	3(c)	25,015	-	-	25,015	8,725
		<u>159,341</u>	<u>6,888</u>	<u>63,789</u>	<u>230,018</u>	<u>211,819</u>
Fundraising expenses	4	-	-	-	-	-
Mission giving and donations	5	-	-	2,541	2,541	657
		<u>159,341</u>	<u>6,888</u>	<u>66,330</u>	<u>232,559</u>	<u>212,476</u>
Capital expenses						
		-	-	-	-	-
Total payments		<u>159,341</u>	<u>6,888</u>	<u>66,330</u>	<u>232,559</u>	<u>212,476</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers						
		7,995	1,159	(58,678)	(49,524)	127,587
Transfers between funds		15,786	(15,786)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>23,781</u>	<u>(14,627)</u>	<u>(58,678)</u>	<u>(49,524)</u>	<u>127,587</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		12,542	25,588	146,044	184,174	56,586
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>36,323</u>	<u>10,961</u>	<u>87,366</u>	<u>134,650</u>	<u>184,173</u>

The notes on pages 12 - 15 form part of these accounts.

THE PAROCHIAL COUNCIL OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds	2022	2021
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	35,424	10,961	67,905	114,290	174,375
Notice deposits	-	-	19,461	19,461	8,674
Petty cash	899	-	-	899	1,124
	<u>36,323</u>	<u>10,961</u>	<u>87,366</u>	<u>134,650</u>	<u>184,173</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	7,244	-	-	7,244	5,309
Other debtors	1,350	-	-	1,350	8,784
	<u>8,594</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,594</u>	<u>14,093</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Parish share	-	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	-	-	102,900	102,900	153,150
Fee for Independent Examination	1,800	-	-	1,800	1,800
Appeal income owed to charities	-	-	1,284	1,284	1,283
Vicar's expenses July-Dec	1,931	-	4,845	6,776	-
Diocesan fees for weddings and funerals	2,291	-	-	2,291	-
Other Accrued expenses	300	-	-	300	7,608
	<u>6,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,029</u>	<u>115,351</u>	<u>163,841</u>
Falling due after one year:					
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>6,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,029</u>	<u>115,351</u>	<u>163,841</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost	Current value
		£	£
Land and buildings			
The Church Hall, being a leasehold property Prebend Street	General	242,597	-
Bechstein Grand Piano	General	5,000	-
		<u>247,597</u>	<u>-</u>

Consecrated property, beneficed property and moveable church furnishings which require a special faculty for disposal are excluded from the above list of charity assets.

E Investment assets

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost	Current value
		£	£
Investment property: St Peter's Church hall Grantbridge Street		-	-
Financial Investments			
M&G Global Bond Fund	Unrestricted	145,000	123,183
CCLA global income fund	Unrestricted	145,000	162,730
		<u>290,000</u>	<u>285,913</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

John Burniston
 Revd. John Burniston

John Burniston

Date

26 July 2023

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

In the previous year the charity's income exceeded £250,000 and the charity was obliged to prepare its accounts on an accruals basis. As the charity's income is now less than £250,000, it has taken advantage of the option to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis and the results reported previously have been restated; further information is given in note 8 below.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £		
2 a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving	21,743	-	-	21,743	23,403
Collections at services	4,101	-	-	4,101	3,278
Legacies	-	-	-	-	11,597
Non-recurring grant to Pack-up project	-	-	2,500	2,500	205,000
Donations for alms and votive candles	676	-	-	676	790
Donations to Pack-up project	-	-	4,475	4,475	1,810
Other donations	4,011	-	-	4,011	1,761
Special appeals	-	-	677	677	2,562
Gift aid recovered	6,046	-	-	6,046	4,030
	<u>36,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,652</u>	<u>44,229</u>	<u>254,231</u>
b) Fundraising income	-	-	-	-	-
c)					
Fees for weddings and funerals	2,888	-	-	2,888	5,649
Islington Proms concert programme	-	8,047	-	8,047	5,295
Church lettings	13,626	-	-	13,626	10,044
Church Hall lettings	66,614	-	-	66,614	32,652
	<u>83,128</u>	<u>8,047</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,175</u>	<u>53,640</u>
d) Investment and other income					
Property rental income	12,288	-	-	12,288	11,264
Phone mast rental income	14,344	-	-	14,344	14,300
Phone mast admin payment	1,147	-	-	1,147	-
Phone mast electricity recharge	10,126	-	-	10,126	-
Interest from cash deposits	215	-	-	215	10
Dividends from CBF investment funds	9,511	-	-	9,511	6,618
	<u>47,631</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,631</u>	<u>32,192</u>
Totals	<u>167,336</u>	<u>8,047</u>	<u>7,652</u>	<u>183,035</u>	<u>340,063</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON

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	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £		
	£	£	£		
3 a) Clergy and staffing costs					
Cost of payroll	14,615	-	-	14,615	14,738
Ministry - parish share	85,200	-	-	85,200	85,200
Clergy expenses	1,300	-	-	1,300	1,471
Cost of training	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>101,115</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,115</u>	<u>101,409</u>
<p>Revd John Burniston, (the clergy member of the PCC) receives a stipend from the Diocese; the cost of this stipend is not included in the above payroll cost however it should be noted that some of the Parish share is used to help pay the stipends. Father John was provided with accommodation (which is customary for clergy) and relevant costs associated with this accommodation are disclosed in the above note. Father John incurred expenses whilst serving as clergy and these costs are also disclosed in the above note.</p>					
b) Church running costs					
Organists fees	3,120	-	-	3,120	3,800
Islington Proms costs	-	6,888	-	6,888	5,481
General running costs	3,415	-	-	3,415	3,351
Utilities - church usage	665	-	-	665	1,292
admin charge re phone mast 2021	-	-	-	-	(834)
Electricity recharged for phone mast	10,126	-	-	10,126	-
Insurance	2,935	-	-	2,935	2,668
Administration	1,945	-	-	1,945	4,108
Independent examiner's fee	1,980	-	-	1,980	1,920
Diocesan fees for weddings and funerals	-	-	-	-	3,476
Other legal and professional fees	285	-	-	285	2,082
Routine church maintenance	8,630	-	-	8,630	3,968
Organ restoration	-	-	63,789	63,789	62,486
Other major repairs and equipment	110	-	-	110	7,887
Depreciation of piano	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>33,211</u>	<u>6,888</u>	<u>63,789</u>	<u>103,888</u>	<u>101,685</u>
c) Hall running costs					
Utilities	2,318	-	-	2,318	1,655
Admin costs	1,211	-	-	1,211	976
Returned deposits for hall hire	8,034	-	-	8,034	-
Routine hall maintenance	13,452	-	-	13,452	5,765
Major repairs and equipment	-	-	-	-	329
Depreciation charge	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>25,015</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,015</u>	<u>8,725</u>
4 Mission giving and donations					
Christian Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Home mission: CofE Children's Society	-	-	-	-	-
Secular relief charities - Arc Food bank	-	-	281	281	-
North London Cares	-	-	135	135	-
Pack-up project	-	-	2,125	2,125	657
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,541</u>	<u>2,541</u>	<u>657</u>
Total	<u>159,341</u>	<u>6,888</u>	<u>66,330</u>	<u>232,559</u>	<u>212,476</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5 Transactions with related parties

No expenses paid to trustees other than those disclosed in note 3a.

6 Non-monetary resources

The church sponsored Pack-up project, providing weekly hot meals for the local street community, receives regular donations of fresh produce and perishable foodstuffs from the food charity Felix. Any surplus is donated to the Arc Centre, a local foodbank.

7 Movement on general, designated and restricted funds

	Opening balance £	Change of basis (note 8) £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	249,059	(236,517)	167,336	(159,341)	15,786	36,323
Designated funds						
Bell Fund	4,372	-	-	-	-	4,372
Equipment depreciation	2,603	-	-	-	(2,603)	-
Hall depreciation	185,340	(172,157)	-	-	(13,183)	-
Vincent Terrace Mission Hall	2,216	-	-	-	-	2,216
William Schroeder Trust	1,428	-	-	-	-	1,428
Proms concerts	1,696	90	8,047	(6,888)	-	2,945
	<u>197,655</u>	<u>(172,067)</u>	<u>8,047</u>	<u>(6,888)</u>	<u>(15,786)</u>	<u>10,961</u>
Restricted funds						
Organ Project	(12,408)	154,399	-	(63,789)	-	78,202
Pack up Project	2,728	(393)	6,975	(2,125)	-	7,185
Appeals	1,749	(31)	677	(416)	-	1,979
	<u>(7,931)</u>	<u>153,975</u>	<u>7,652</u>	<u>(66,330)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,366</u>
Total funds	<u>438,783</u>	<u>(254,609)</u>	<u>183,035</u>	<u>(232,559)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>134,650</u>

Origin and use of funds

Bell Fund - donations from the bellringers from fees received for special events used for repair and maintenance of the bells
 Equipment - derived from non-cash settlement of depreciation provision and held for equipment replacement - see note on investments below
 Hall depreciation - derived from non-cash settlement of hall depreciation accumulated for future renewal or replacement of the facility - see note on
 Vincent Terrace Mission Hall - historic fund derived from previously owned property
 William Schroeder Trust - historic fund from a donation to be applied to support parishioners in need
 Church Renewal - funds set aside by PCC for current budgeted projects - not used in 2022
 Hall Renewal fund - funds set aside by PCC for current budgeted projects - not used in 2022
 Proms concerts - accumulated surpluses from annual Proms programme to be used for pump-priming future programmes
 Organ project - restricted grants to contribute to organ refurbishment
 Pack up Project - restricted grants and donations for the weekly lunch provided for the local street community
 Appeals - restricted donations for specific purposes

It should be noted that the fund balances are in cash terms. In addition, the PCC holds investments valued at £285,913 as at 31 December 2022. These are liquid assets to be used as determined by the PCC for future major capital projects, developments in the church's mission and operating costs if required.

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8 Reconciliation with previously reported funds

As explained in note 1 'Accounting Policies' , in the previous year the charity prepared its accounts using the accruals basis; in the current year the charity's income was less than £250,000 and the charity has taken advantage of the option to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis. The comparatives presented in these accounts have been re-stated using the receipts and payments basis and a reconciliation with the reserves and results reported previously follows:

Reconciliation of reserves

	2021	2020
	£	£
Previously reported reserves, at 31 December	438,783	454,666
Adjustments arising from use of receipts and payments basis:		
Exclusion of previously included fixed assets	(79,848)	(86,413)
Exclusion of previously included investments	(324,119)	(308,646)
Exclusion of previously included stock	(393)	-
Exclusion of previously included debtors	(14,093)	(13,997)
Exclusion of previously included creditors	163,843	10,976
Re-stated reserves, at 31 December	<u>184,173</u>	<u>56,586</u>
Change of basis	<u>254,609</u>	

Reconciliation of results

	2021
	£
Previously reported results	(15,882)
Adjustments arising from use of receipts and payments basis:	
Previously capitalised expenditure, less depreciation, now expensed	6,565
Excluded movements in investments resulting in the recognition of more / (less) income	(15,473)
Excluded movements in stock resulting in the recognition of more / (less) income	(393)
Excluded movements in debtors resulting in the recognition of more / (less) income	(96)
Excluded movements in creditors resulting in the recognition of less / (more) expenditure	152,867
Re-stated results	<u>127,588</u>

Accounts

THE PARISH OF ST JAMES
WITH
ST PETER ISLINGTON

Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

of the

Parochial Church Council

for the year ended December 31, 2021

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**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER,
ISLINGTON
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Administrative Information

St James' Church is situated in Prebend Street, Islington. It is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 1a Arlington Square, Islington, London N1 7DS.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1134267. PCC members who have served from 1 January, 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Revd John Burniston	Chairman Representative on the Diocesan Synod; elected to fill a clergy vacancy.
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mrs Hilary Roden	First elected at a Special Meeting of Parishioners on July 26, 2015 and re-elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on April 10, 2016; April 30, 2017; April 15, 2018; April 07, 2019; October 25, 2020, April 18, 2021 Previously elected to PCC April 14, 2013
	Ms Isabel Nisbet	First elected at the APCM on April 30, 2017 and re-elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on April 15, 2018; April 07, 2019; October 25, 2020; April 18, 2021
<i>Deanery Synod Representatives</i>	<i>Elected for a three year period of office from October 25, 2020</i>	
	Mrs Vera Taggart Mrs Susan Sorensen	Appointed to Deanery Synod April 2017; resigned 18 May 2021 Honorary Treasurer; resigned from PCC 20 April 2021
<i>Lay Members:</i>	<i>Elected for three years from the APCM April 30, 2017 and re-elected October 25, 2020</i>	
	Mr Alastair Hume	Re-elected. Assistant Treasurer; resigned from PCC 17 April 2021
	Ms Sinead Burniston	Re-elected. Children's Champion
	Mrs Rosemary Ross	Re-elected.
	<i>Elected for three years from the APCM April 15, 2018</i>	
	Ms Kerry Sabine	Re-elected. PCC Secretary; resigned April 30, 2020
	<i>Elected for three years from the APCM April 07, 2019</i>	
	Ms Kerri Allen	Re-elected. Lay Vice Chair. Publicity Officer.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. The members of the Standing Committee are the Vicar, Lay Vice Chair of the PCC, the Secretary, the Hon Treasurer and the two Churchwardens.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. As from the Annual Parochial Church Meeting April 2012, a third of the PCC are elected each year as resolved by the adjourned PCM in 2011. With effect from the APCM April 19, 2015 it was agreed that with an electoral roll that fluctuated around 100 people, lay representation on the PCC should remain stable at 9 members.

Objectives and activities

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent, the Revd John Burniston, and St. James' PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance for the advancement of religion. In particular, we take responsibility for promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the ecclesiastical parish. We also have maintenance responsibilities for the fabric of the Church and for the Church Hall complex at the corner of Packington Street.

General Data Protection Regulation

The PCC is committed to protecting the data privacy of all the persons and organisations with which it interacts. Personal information contained in this report and elsewhere (including names, addresses and telephone numbers) are stored securely in electronic and paper copy in the Parish Office. Any member who objects to personal information relating to him/her being stored in this manner should so inform, in writing, the PCC Secretary. The details of any member who does object will be omitted from future reports.

For further information on our Privacy Policy, please visit the link below or contact a member of the PCC.

<http://stjamesislington.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/SJI-Privacy-notice-template-for-non-role-holders-March-2018.pdf>

Church Attendance

<i>Statistics:</i>	<i>2021¹</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
<i>Baptisms</i>	12	2	7	12	12
<i>First Holy Communions</i>	5	9	5	7	8
<i>Confirmations</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Weddings</i>	6	2	4	5	1
<i>Funerals</i>	15	5	9	12	16
<i>Average Sunday attendance (adults)</i>	35	35	38	42	47
<i>Average Sunday attendance (u16s)</i>	10	12	14	14	13
<i>Average Sunday attendance (a+u16)</i>	45	47	52	56	60
<i>Average Communicants</i>	33	33	32	36	36

¹ No public worship in the church from 10 January 2021 - 7 March 2021 (incl) because of public health restrictions. Services streamed live from the church and available online.

Review of the year

In 2021 the PCC had 9 meetings and the Standing Committee met once in February. In March, Vicky Bellamy took over Adam Dickson's administrative role and began attending PCC meetings from April. The PCC were most grateful to Adam for all his hard work and wished him well in his new job. Three long-standing PCC members – Vera Taggart, Alastair Hume and Susan Sorensen – resigned in the first half of the year. We acknowledge their huge contribution and dedication to the PCC over the years. Susan Sorensen agreed to continue in the role of Treasurer until her duties could be passed on to someone new, with a view to this being sometime in 2022. Similarly, Alastair Hume has continued to carry out the Assistant Treasurer duties, however these tasks are gradually being transferred to others.

With regard to the PCC's obligations to safeguard children and vulnerable adults, the members of the PCC confirm that they have complied with their duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

PCC meetings have continued to be held online using Zoom. This has proved an efficient way of meeting and the intention is to continue this approach. In January the PC discussed a proposal to hold a study group via Zoom and this resulted in a Lent book group which met three times over six weeks to discuss themes from "A History of the Bible, the Books and its Faiths" by John Barton.

The Organ project was discussed at every meeting in 2021, including issues prior to the Consistory Court on 4th March (which was held via Zoom), the result of the court hearing, finalising of plans and drafting of the contract, updates on the works and the costs and budget. The work began in August and continues into 2022 with completion anticipated in early summer.

Concerns about further Covid restrictions meant that the Islington Proms festival was moved from June to September. Isabel Nisbet and the Proms Committee worked hard to sort out an excellent programme and the concerts and associated events went ahead between 4th and 18th September culminating on Sunday 19th September with Lambe's Feast celebrations and lunch. Isabel kept the PCC updated as the plans progressed for the 2021 season and the early stages of planning for the 2022 season.

Maintaining the Ministry of St James remained another dominant theme of PCC meetings. Equipment to facilitate the ongoing streaming of Sunday services was discussed by the PCC. Items purchased and installed included an ipad, new cameras and microphones (to enable streaming of musical services and events). Streaming of services has continued throughout the year.

PCC membership was also discussed at several meetings with the general view being that the PCC needs to expand the number of members, ideally to reflect the diversity in the congregation at St James' and to provide a strong team moving forward towards Fr John's retirement in 2023. The need for additional help with the responsibilities of opening and closing the Hall for groups and weekend events, and with looking after the general maintenance of both the Hall and Church were raised.

The PCC received regular reports on the financial position of St James's and approved the

use of reserves to maintain the level of our contribution to the Common Fund. Despite Covid restrictions and the reduction in income from the Church Hall and Church hire, the finances held up well.

At its meeting in October, the PCC began to discuss the “Time to Dream” process, considering the themes coming out of the input that had already been received from members of the congregation. These discussions continued at the November meeting and will be an ongoing in 2022.

Statement of Trustees’ Responsibilities

Under the Charities Act 2011, the PCC is required to prepare a statement of accounts for each accounting year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church.

We are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting standards.
4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and to ensure that such accounts comply with applicable accounting standards and with the Statements of Recommended Practice and the Regulations made under Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the church and to take reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial Review

St James continued to account on an accruals basis in 2021 in the expectation that grant funding for major projects would take us the church’s income over the threshold of £250k to which the requirement applies. Accruals accounting also provides a more accurate statement of income and expenditure over the accounting year if, for example, there is a timing gap between receipts and associated payments. This policy will be kept under review in the current uncertain environment. As previously determined, the PCC has monitored the financial performance of the church on the basis of its routine “normalised” income and expenditure, under the heading “Unrestricted General funds”. Exceptional expenditure on church and hall renewal, including the rebuilding of the organ, has been the subject of separate budgets, with planned expenditure charged to designated reserves in addition to the use of any specific grants received. Cloudesley awarded a grant of £50,000 in 2021 as a contribution to the costs of the organ project for which the PCC is extremely grateful. The PCC also successfully applied to the Wm Lambe Trust for a transfer of £150,000 for the rebuilding of the organ. These sources are described in the next paragraph.

The PCC has again assessed the parish’s position as a going concern in compliance with FRS 102 and the relevant Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP). Although the church has experienced income and expenditure operating deficits in recent years, it holds significant free reserves. These include a general unrestricted reserve of approximately £249k. This

includes the ownership of the church hall which is valued in the books at £80k at depreciated cost but in reality is worth considerably more. An additional £205k is held in reserve for designated and restricted purposes. The charity therefore is confident that the church can continue to operate for the foreseeable future, and certainly for at least the next 15 months, and this continues to apply despite the financial impact of income loss resulting from the coronavirus pandemic and its aftermath. In addition, the church has access to the accumulated income from the permanent endowment held in the William Lambe Trust (WLT) for the financing of repairs and maintenance. The income fund stood at just under £167k at the end of 2020 and was £46k at the end of 2021 following the payment of the grant for the organ project. The fund, which is managed and accounted for by the London Diocesan Fund (LDF) is for the exclusive use of St James'. Although the income varies with movements in financial markets, it yielded just over £17k in 2021. The church also has access to Cloudesley, another local charitable trust, which allocates grants to Church of England churches within the Islington Deanery for work to the church fabric and the maintenance of services. In recent years we have successfully applied to Cloudesley for significant contributions to the costs of new developments. Applications are invited twice a year and the PCC is extremely grateful to Cloudesley for their continued support.

Financial Performance 2021

The out-turn on the general unrestricted fund, before reserve fund transfers, was a deficit of £15,907 compared with the underlying deficit of £25k reported in the previous year and represents a significant improvement. The overall deficit including the impact of non-recurrent income and expenditure was £31,355 compared with £39,976 in 2020. However, this included accrued expenditure on the organ refurbishment contract in excess of grant income received in 2021. This deficit will be covered by increased funding or reserves in 2022. The underlying position reflected a welcome recovery in income generated through the use of both the hall and the church by community and commercial organisations as the restrictions imposed by the pandemic reduced. Despite the deficit, the church again made its full contribution to the Diocesan common fund of £85,200 in 2020. Taking into account the increased value of our investments of £15,473, the overall net financial change was a decrease of £15,882. However, the economic outlook indicates that there may well be a significant negative impact on financial markets in the short term.

During 2019, the Financial Review Group (FRG - an informal advisory group of parishioners with financial, investment and property expertise), recommended the reallocation of our investment portfolio. This split our investment between equity and bond funds and moved into global markets. The equity portfolio has increased in value by over £32k in the last two years, but the overall investment income has reduced from £15k in 2019 to around £8k in 2021. It has been decided that the bond element of our investments may well be liquidated and held in an interest earning deposit. It is anticipated that in the longer term, a further reallocation will allow the optimisation of investment income.

Charitable donations

The church continued to support a number of charitable causes including Christian Aid, the Church of England Children's Society and local charities. The Pack-up project providing a weekly soup and sandwich kitchen for the street community operated in the church hall while this was allowed under the Covid-19 regulations, providing a take-away service when the hall was closed. A number of charities were able to hire the hall at reduced rates during part of the year. Donations totalling £2,333 were made from the proceeds of special appeals and generous gifts.

Identification and Use of Reserves

The overall reserves are now broken down into a number of designated reserves in addition to the undesignated general fund. In common with many other parishes in London, St James' has been subject to pastoral reorganisation and amalgamation over the years. This resulted in the acquisition of a number of buildings (or part shares in buildings) at nil or negligible cost, their costs having presumably been written off many years ago in the former constituent parishes. A portion of proceeds of sales enabled the building of a new church hall in 1992, developed as a joint project with a housing association. The balance of the capital proceeds have been held in financial investments, with the income from these investments available for the church's mission.

The identification of designated reserves represents the current plan for the future use of resources, the largest provision representing the accumulated depreciation provision for the church hall which will be available to contribute to the replacement or renewal of the facilities. The development of the church's next stage of its Mission Action Plan is currently under discussion. Plans to restore and upgrade the organ are now progressing. This will involve considerable investment of around £230k. In order to fulfil the requirement of both the Diocese and the Charity Commission to have a clearly formulated policy on the holding and application of reserves, the PCC will continue to ensure that liquid resources sufficient to meet six months of expected revenue costs are held in the general reserve. It will also consider and update the range of options for future capital spending on the basis of Quinquennial Reviews, risk assessment and building development plans. The last Quinquennial Review was completed on 9th February 2018 and there are no outstanding urgent works. The next review will be undertaken in 2023. Income from the PCC's investments will be held in an interest-bearing deposit account and designated for specific missional purposes.

Looking ahead, the coronavirus pandemic will clearly have a significant effect on the economy, and together with other geopolitical challenges and uncertainties are likely to affect the financial position of the church in 2022 and beyond. It is encouraging that voluntary income has recovered well as income from church and hall lettings although it is accepted that this may not be sustained in the light of cost of living increases. Every effort will be made to mitigate any adverse effects of the economic situation on the church's finances through whatever means available.



Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23rd October 2022
and signed on their behalf by the Revd A J Burniston (Chairman)

**THE PARISH OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF
ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON**

I report to the members of the PCC of St James with St Peter, Islington (who are the charity's trustees) on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2021 on pages 10 to 24 of this document, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 12 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirement of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of the independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeds £250,000 your examiner must be a member of body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- (i) assuming records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section
- (ii) accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (iii) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matter 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.

Lisa Darby ACA

For and on behalf of:
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
London EC1Y 8AB

Lisa Darby

26th October 2022

ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31st December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted General Funds		Unrestricted Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
		2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources									
Voluntary Income	2a	46,388	34,565			205,272	7,089	251,660	41,654
Activities for generating funds: Islington Proms	2b		-	5,116	-	179	-	5,295	-
Income from Investments	2c	8,052	5,768					8,052	5,768
Income from church and charitable activities	2d	50,287	29,257				30	50,287	29,287
Other incoming resources	2e	25,764	28,143					25,764	28,143
Total Incoming Resources		130,491	97,733	5,116	-	205,451	7,119	341,058	104,852
Resources Expended									
Cost of generating voluntary income	3a	-	-	5,571	-	-	-	5,571	-
Church and charitable activities	3b	146,398	122,751	2,362	17,730	218,082	4,347	366,842	144,828
Total Resources Expended		146,398	122,751	7,933	17,730	218,082	4,347	372,413	144,828
Operating surplus/deficit		(15,907)	(25,018)	(2,817)	(17,730)	(12,631)	2,772	(31,355)	(39,976)
Recognised gains/losses		15,473	17,641	-	-	-	-	15,473	17,641
Net income/expenditure	7	(434)	(7,377)	(2,817)	(17,730)	(12,631)	2,772	(15,882)	(22,335)
Transfers between funds	10a	(7,927)	(21,257)	7,927	21,257	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(8,381)	(28,634)	5,110	3,527	(12,631)	2,772	(15,882)	(22,335)
Total funds brought forward		257,422	286,056	192,545	189,018	4,701	1,929	454,667	477,002
Total funds carried forward		249,061	257,422	197,655	192,545	(7,930)	4,701	438,785	454,667

ST JAMES WITH ST PETER, ISLINGTON

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December, 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	79,848	86,413
Current Assets			
Stocks		393	-
Investments	7	324,119	308,646
Cash at bank and in hand	7	184,173	56,586
Debtors	8	14,092	13,997
Total Current Assets		522,777	379,229
Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year	8	163,841	10,976
Net Current Assets		358,936	368,253
Total Net Assets		438,784	454,666
Funds			
	9,10		
Unrestricted - General		249,059	257,421
Unrestricted - Designated		197,655	192,545
Restricted		(7,930)	4,700
TOTAL FUNDS		438,784	454,666

Signed



Revd John Burniston

23rd October 2022

ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON

Notes to the Accounts

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Parochial Church Council of St James with St Peter, Islington, is a charity registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets, which are measured at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA). The financial statements include all activities for which the PCC is legally responsible; the activities of informal gatherings of church members and groups that owe their main affiliation to another body are excluded. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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 that are informal gatherings of church members.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Going concern

The PCC have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The PCC have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of the financial statements. In particular the PCC have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and/or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The PCC have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment the trustees have considered how the ongoing effects of Covid-19 and the current geo-political and economic situation might affect projections.

Income

Income (which includes planned giving, collections and other donations) is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and the receipt is probable. For the most part the income is generally recognised when it is received by, or on behalf of, the PCC. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Donated facilities services and goods. Goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries are recognised as income when receivable at fair value, when this can be reliably measured. Facilities, services and goods donated for the charity's own use are recognised as income when receivable at their value to the charity.
- iii) Legacies. Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be reliably measured.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from church events and courses.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes bank income and income from letting property acquired by the charity for investment.

Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Contributions in respect of the diocesan parish share are included in the SOFA for all amounts agreed to being payable for the financial year. Any contributions that have not been paid over by the year end are included as a creditor.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside the control of the charity.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been disclosed.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are separately identified in the notes to the accounts, include costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object for which they were given. Any balance unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted designated funds represent amounts which have been earmarked by the PCC for specific purposes.

However, these funds may be amended by decision of the PCC.

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

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is not included in these financial statements by virtue of s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011. All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings is written off in the year in which it is incurred. Movable church furnishings held by the incumbent and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are capitalised in accordance with the policy set out below. These items are regarded as inalienable property and are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time. Inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 has not been capitalised as there is insufficient cost information available. Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged.

Freehold land is not depreciated because it is not consumed by use. Freehold buildings are depreciated over 40 years taking account of the buildings's residual value. The hall building is depreciated over 40 years. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the lease term or, if shorter, the expected useful life. Equipment is written down over three to seven years as appropriate.

The carrying value of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are held to generate income and/or for their investment potential. Current asset investments are investments that are held specifically for sale or are investments that the charity expects to sell by the next balance sheet date. Investments other than social investments are valued as follows:

Invested property and listed investments are valued at the market value (fair value) at the balance sheet date

Unlisted investments are measured at cost less impairment where it becomes apparent that the amount that could be realised is less than cost.

Current assets

Current assets represent all realisable assets including amounts due to the PCC from debtors which can realistically be recovered. Unrecoverable debts may be written off as expenses with the agreement of the PCC.

Current Liabilities

These are amounts owed to creditors by the PCC which fall due within a year. Unclaimed amounts may be carried forward from year to year, written back or held as designated reserves with the agreement of the PCC.

Taxation

The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

Financial Instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive).

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The members of the PCC do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation of uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted General Funds		Total Funds	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
2 (a) Voluntary Income				
Planned giving:				
Regular bank transfers	21,359	21,144	21,359	21,144
Other planned giving	2,044	1,878	2,044	1,878
Collections (open plate) at all services	3,277	2,555	3,277	2,593
Legacies	11,597	-	11,597	-
Sundry donations	2,011	2,571	2,011	2,831
Alms and votive candle boxes	791	864	791	864
Appeals	-	-	4,372	1,791
Donations in kind (see Note 4)	-	-	900	-
Income tax recoverable	5,309	5,552	5,309	5,552
Non-recurring grants (see Note 14)	-	-	200,000	5,000
Total	46,388	34,564	251,660	41,653
2(b) Activities for generating funds				
Islington Proms	-	-	5,295	-
Special events	-	-	-	-
2(c) Income from investments				
Interest	10	169	10	169
Dividends	8,042	5,599	8,042	5,599
Total	8,052	5,768	13,347	5,768
2(d) Income from church activities				
Fees from services	5,649	2,310	5,649	2,310
Church Hall lettings	34,848	19,814	34,848	19,814
Church lettings	9,790	7,134	9,790	7,164
Total	50,287	29,258	50,287	29,288
2(e) Other ordinary incoming resources				
Property rental income	11,464	11,778	11,464	11,778
Phone mast rental	14,300	14,300	14,300	14,300
Other income	-	2,065	-	2,065
Total	25,764	28,143	25,764	28,143
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	130,491	97,733	341,058	104,852

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted General Funds		Total Funds	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
3(a) Costs of generating funds				
Costs of generating voluntary income				
Fund-raising trading costs - Islington Proms	-	-	5,571	-
Total	-	-	5,571	-
3(b). Church and charitable activities				
Missionary and charitable giving (note 5)				
Church overseas	-	-	-	840
Relief agencies	-	-	1,052	-
Home mission	-	-	231	-
Secular relief charities	416	-	1,071	973
Donations in kind expenses	-	-	507	-
Ministry: Common Fund (note 16)	85,200	85,500	85,200	85,500
Clergy expenses (note 14)	1,132	1,050	1,132	1,050
Staffing costs (see note below)	14,738	13,964	14,738	13,964
Church running expenses*	21,969	11,386	21,969	11,556
Church maintenance (see Note 14)	4,421	3,252	221,920	9,212
Church hall running costs	6,575	4,929	6,575	12,999
Organists' fees	3,800	2,170	3,800	2,170
Depreciation: Hall	6,065	-	6,065	6,065
Other assets	-	500	500	500
Other resources expended	2,082	-	2,082	-
Total	146,398	122,751	366,842	144,829
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	146,398	122,751	372,413	144,829

*Church expenses include the fee payable to the independent examiner for examining the accounts, which was £1,800 (2020: £2,040); in addition the charity paid £616 (2020: £623) to Stewardship for payroll bureau services and £90 (2020: £90) for consultancy services.

Staff Remuneration

The PCC employed three part-time staff equivalent to 0.8 full time staff (2020: 0.8) throughout the year ended 31st December 2021.

There were no pension costs payable during the financial year.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

4 DONATIONS IN KIND

The church receives donations of perishable and non-perishable food products for the use of the weekly Pack-up lunch service. Any unused perishable goods are passed on to the Arc Centre, a local foodbank.

5 CHARITABLE GIVING	Donations made by the PCC or raised by Special Appeals		Amounts raised directly by fund raising events		Total	
	£		£		£	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
<u>Church Overseas</u>						
TZABA (Transvaal Zimbabwe & Botswana Assn)		840			-	840
<u>Relief and Development Agencies</u>					-	-
Christian Aid	1,052				1,052	-
<u>Home Mission</u>						
Cof E Children's Society	231				231	-
St Peter's Activity Group					-	-
<u>Secular charitable activities</u>					-	-
"Pack-up" weekly lunch for the street community	655				655	-
Arc Centre	281	100		250	281	350
North London Cares	135				135	-
Osborne Trust				623	-	623
TOTAL	2,354	940	-	873	2,354	1,813

The church supports various mission and out-reach projects in the UK and internationally. During the pandemic there was a focus on local charities including in particular the Arc Centre providing a food bank and our own "Pack-up" service which resumed fully in 2021.

6. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC	Hall buildings	Hall Fixtures & fittings	Other Assets	Total
	£	£	£	£
<u>Cost</u>				
At 1st January 2021	242,597	21,589	6,604	270,790
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2021	242,597	21,589	6,604	270,790
<u>Depreciation</u>				
At 1st January 2021	157,687	21,589	5,104	184,380
Charge for the year	6,065	-	500	6,565
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2021	163,752	21,589	5,604	190,945
Net book value				
At 31st December 2021	78,845	-	1,001	79,846
At 1st January 2021	84,910	-	1,501	86,411

The freehold land and buildings are held by the London Diocesan Fund and comprise the following:

- (a) Grantbridge Street School and St Peter's Church Hall - a lease of 125 years was granted on this property in 1985.
 - (b) Cumming Memorial Hall site - a long lease of 125 years was granted on this site in 1993, to the Women's Housing Trust (WHT) in connection with the development of the new St James Hall. In 1995 the agreed amount of this grant of £150,000 was paid to the PCC. The WHT has now passed to the Southern Housing Group (SHG) and an underlease for the PCC's use of the hall buildings is being completed in consultation with LDF.
 - (c) All fixtures and fittings previously accounted for as fixed assets have now been written down to zero.
 - (d) The donated grand piano is recognised as an asset and is being written down over seven years.
- The new hall was partly funded from the proceeds of the 1973 sale of the old St James' Hall Church Hall in Britannia Row of £33,635. These proceeds were held in a formal trust (Britannia Row Trust) under which the sum could only be used to provide land and buildings which in turn would be held on the same terms as the proceeds. Therefore any disposal of the new hall, proceeds which represent the funding provided from the Britannia Row Trust, will have to be restricted in similar manner to the original Britannia Row Trust.

7. CURRENT ASSETS

Investments

The church's investments at 31st December 2019 consisted of units in the Equities Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund) managed by M&G and held in the unrestricted fund. Instability in financial markets led to a review by the PCC's Financial Review Group, and a recommendation to restructure the portfolio and to invest in a combination of global equities and government bonds. This restructuring took place in January 2020. The sale of the M&G Charifund holding yielded £289,653.

	2021 £	2020 £
Cost of fair value brought forward	308,646	290,657
Purchases during the year	0	290,000 *
Disposals during the year	0	289,653
Change in value of investments	15,473	17,989
Cost of fair value carried forward	324,119	308,646

* Investments of £145,000 each were made in the CCLA Global Equities Fund and the M&G Global Bond fund.

Stocks and Work in Progress

Non-perishable stock held by the Pack-up lunch project was valued at £393 on 31st December 2021.

No stock was held at the end of the previous year.

Cash at bank and in hand

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash at bank with immediate access	174,375	51,651 *
Notice deposits with < 3 months term	8,674	4,142
Petty cash	1,124	793
Total	184,173	56,586

*The large bank deposit is held in the expectation of invoices for the organ rebuild.

8. DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Debtors		
Income tax recoverable	5,309	4,014
Other debtors and accrued income	8,784	9,983
Total Debtors	14,093	13,997
Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year		
Appeals for specific charities	1,750	706
Other accrued expenditure	162,093	10,270
Total accruals	163,843	10,976

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUNDS

	Unrestricted General funds		Unrestricted Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	79,848	86,413	-	-	-	-	79,848	86,413
Investments	151,962	129,371	172,157	179,275	-	-	324,119	308,646
Stocks					393	-	393	-
Debtors	14,062	8,997	-	-	31	5,000	14,093	13,997
Cash at bank and in hand	12,542	42,404	25,588	14,182	146,044	-	184,174	56,586
Liabilities	(9,355)	(9,764)	(90)	(912)	(154,398)	(300)	(163,843)	(10,976)
Total	249,059	257,421	197,655	192,545	(7,930)	4,700	438,784	454,666

10a **MOVEMENT IN FUND BALANCES**

	b/f 1st Jan 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	**Net transfers £	Net gains /losses £	c/f 31st Dec 2021 £
Fund						
General Fund	257,421	130,490	(146,398)	(7,927)	15,473	249,059
Designated Funds						
Bell Fund	4,372	-	-	-	-	4,372
Equipment Depreciation	3,103	-	(500)	-	-	2,603
Hall Depreciation	179,275	-	-	6,065	-	185,340
Vincent Terrace Mission Hall*	2,216	-	-	-	-	2,216
William Schroeder Trust*	1,428	-	-	-	-	1,428
Church Renewal Fund	-	-	(1,752)	1,752	-	0
Hall Renewal Fund	-	-	-	-	-	0
Proms Concerts	2,151	5,116	(5,571)	-	-	1,696
Restricted Funds						0
Special Projects - restricted	4,408	202,203	(216,291)	-	-	(9,680)
Appeals - restricted	292	2,741	(1,394)	110	-	1,749
Total Funds	454,666	340,550	(371,906)	-	15,473	438,783

10b **MOVEMENT IN FUND BALANCES PRIOR YEAR**

	b/f 1st Jan 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	**Net transfers £	Net gains losses £	c/f 31st Dec 2020 £
Fund						
General Fund	286,056	97,733	122,751	(21,257)	17,641	257,422
Designated Funds						
Bell Fund	5,400	-	1,028	-	-	4,372
Equipment Depreciation	3,103	-	-	-	-	3,103
Hall Depreciation	173,210	-	6,065	12,130	-	179,275
Vincent Terrace Mission Hall*	2,216	-	-	-	-	2,216
William Schroeder Trust*	1,427	-	-	-	-	1,427
Church Renewal Fund	-	-	2,568	2,568	-	-
Hall Renewal Fund	1,510	-	8,069	6,559	-	-
Proms Concerts	2,151	-	-	-	-	2,151
Restricted Funds						
Special Projects - restricted	1,393	5,550	2,534	-	-	4,409
Appeals - restricted	536	1,569	1,813	-	-	292
Total Funds	477,002	104,852	144,828	-	17,641	454,667

11. FUND DETAILS

Restricted Funds

There are currently two active restricted funds. The Specific Appeals and Special Projects Funds receive all income that has been exclusively earmarked for a particular purpose or charity. All appeal income was paid in 2021 or accrued for payment in 2022 to the intended recipients. The Special Projects Fund has a deficit balance carried forward representing costs in excess of grants received for the organ renewal contract entered into during 2021 for completion in 2023. The trustees anticipate that this deficit will be covered by additional funding or transfers from reserves in 2022.

Unrestricted Designated Funds

These funds are established for particular purposes, but can be amended by the PCC and transfers may be authorised between funds. In order to assist in efficient financial planning and monitoring a number of new designated funds have been set up. This will enable routine and recurrent income and expenditure to be managed without the distorting effect of non-recurrent or exceptional expenditure. The year end balances on these funds are shown in total on the balance sheet, and income/expenses are identified in a separate column in the SOFA. The *Bell Fund* receives fees and donation from the bellringers in order to save up for repairs and renewals. The *Equipment and Hall Depreciation funds* are intended to provide for replacement or refurbishment costs as required. The non-cash settlement of depreciation costs are recognised in the expenditure account. The Hall Depreciation reserve is built up through the transfer of the cost from the general reserve.

The *Church and Hall Renewal Funds* are created as and when required by transferring from the general or depreciation reserves in order to provide budgets for planned major projects.

The *Vincent Terrace Mission Hall* and *William Schroeder Trust* are historic funds which will be applied when their original purposes have been clearly established.

The *Islington Proms Fund* represents the accumulated net income from the annual Proms programme and is available for use in planning future programmes.

Unrestricted General Fund

The unrestricted general fund comprises the free funds which are not designated for particular purposes (the general reserve), and the fixed assets for the use by the PCC, and is made up as follows:

	At 1st January 2021	Income plus unrealised investment gain	*Expend- iture	Net Trans- fers	At 31st December 2021
General Reserve	171,008	145,964	(146,398)	(1,362)	169,212
Fixed Assets	86,413	-		(6,565)	79,848
Total Unrestricted General Funds	257,421	145,964	(146,398)		249,060

*Prior to 2020 the hall depreciation was charged to the general unrestricted fund but is now charged to a designated fund and transferred to the hall depreciation reserve.

Prior year analysis of unrestricted general fund

	At 1st January 2020	Income plus unrealised investment gain	Expend- iture	Net Trans- fers	At 31st December 2020
General Reserve	193,078	115,374	(122,251)	(15,192)	171,008
Fixed Assets	92,978	-	(500)	(6,065)	86,413
Total Unrestricted General Funds	286,056	115,374	(122,751)	(21,257)	257,421

12. WILLIAM LAMBE TRUST

Prior to the financial year ended 31st December 2014, the church accounts incorporated the accounts of the William Lambe Trust (WLT). This included an endowment fund comprising the William Lambe (St James, Islington) Charity which is a permanent endowment under the sole trusteeship of the London Diocesan Fund (LDF) and which allows all income arising to be applied solely for the repair and maintenance of St James' Church. The market value of this fund as at 31st December 2021 was £304,330. Following advice from the LDF, the PCC no longer accounts for the WLT but received notification of the fund value and accumulated income from the Diocese as at 31st December each year.

The church may apply for transfers from this fund for the purposes of works which have been approved by the LDF as falling within the terms of the Trust. Limited applications were made in the few years up to 2017. In 2018 the PCC received a grant of £54,110 to cover the cost of the internal decoration of the church. Since then the accumulated income fund increased further and was £166,612 by the end of 2020. The church made a successful application for a grant of £150,000 towards the cost of rebuilding the organ in 2021 (see Note 14).

With the accrual of income from the WLT permanent endowment during 2021 the accumulated income fund stood at £46,261 at 31st December 2021.

13. TRANSACTIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE PCC AND CONNECTED PERSONS

Personal expenses of Revd John Burniston are disclosed separately in note 3 under clergy expenses. Expenses incurred by members of the PCC and reimbursed are not required to be disclosed. No PCC members or connected persons received any remuneration in this year or in the previous year.

14. DONATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PCC AND CONNECTED PERSONS

A total of £4,995 (2020: £5,575) was donated by the PCC and connected persons during the year. Some but not all of this amount was eligible for tax recovery and was received in the general fund with no restrictions on use. It is assumed that additional anonymous donations were made to restricted funds relating to specific appeals.

15. COMMON FUND (DIOCESAN QUOTA)

Common Fund (Diocesan Quota) is paid to the LDF to cover the stipend and housing costs of our vicar, various indirect clergy costs and a contribution to central costs and in total is as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Costs for a parish with a single vicar and housing	85,200	85,200
Support for other parishes in the London Diocese	-	300
Support from other parishes in the London Diocese	-	-
Total charge for the year	85,200	85,500

16. <u>ORGAN REFURBISHMENT PROJECT</u>	2021	2020
	£	£
Contracted for but not provided for by the balance sheet date	0	0

During the year the church embarked on a project to refurbish its organ. The total cost of this project is expected to be £230,000 of which £210,600 is the subject of a contract with the main provider MPOS. The church received grants towards this work of £150,000 from the William Lambe Trust and £50,000 from the Cloudesley Trust. As at 31 December 2021, £62,486 had been incurred of which £57,450 related to the MPOS contract. A further £153,150 was provided for in the 2021 accounts. Work started in June 2021 and contract completion is expected by August 2023 following installation in February 2023.

Note: There may be small discrepancies in totals due to rounding

Accounts

THE PARISH OF ST JAMES
WITH
ST PETER ISLINGTON

Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

of the

Parochial Church Council

for the year ended December 31, 2020

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**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER,
ISLINGTON
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Administrative Information

St James' Church is situated in Prebend Street, Islington. It is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 1a Arlington Square, Islington, London N1 7DS.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1134267. PCC members who have served from 1 January, 2019 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Revd John Burniston	Chairman Representative on the Diocesan Synod; elected to fill a clergy vacancy.
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mrs Hilary Roden	First elected at a Special Meeting of Parishioners on July 26, 2015 and re-elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on April 10, 2016; April 30, 2017; April 15, 2018; April 07, 2019; October 25, 2020
	Ms Isabel Nisbet	Previously elected to PCC April 14, 2013 First elected at the APCM on April 30, 2017 and re-elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on April 15, 2018; April 07, 2019; October 25, 2020
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod:</i>	<i>Elected for one year from October 25, 2020</i>	
	Mrs Vera Taggart	Re-elected
	Mrs Susan Sorensen	Honorary Treasurer
<i>Lay Members:</i>	<i>Elected for three years from the APCM April 30, 2017 and re-elected October 25, 2020</i>	
	Mr Alastair Hume	Assistant Treasurer
	Ms Sinead Burniston	Children's Champion
	Mrs Rosemary Ross	
	<i>Elected for three years from the APCM April 15, 2018</i>	
	Ms Kerry Sabine	Re-elected. PCC Secretary; resigned April 30, 2020
	<i>Elected for three years from the APCM April 07, 2019</i>	
	Ms Kerri Allen	Lay Vice Chair. Publicity Officer.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. The members of the Standing Committee are the Vicar, Lay Vice Chair of the PCC, the Secretary, the Hon Treasurer and the two Churchwardens.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. As from the Annual Parochial Church Meeting April 2012, a third of the PCC are elected each year as resolved by the adjourned PCM in 2011. With effect from the APCM April 19, 2015 it was agreed that with an electoral roll that fluctuated around 100 people, lay representation on the PCC should remain stable at 9 members.

Objectives and activities

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent, the Revd John Burniston, and St. James' PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance for the advancement of religion. In particular, we take responsibility for promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the ecclesiastical parish. We also have maintenance responsibilities for the fabric of the Church and for the Church Hall complex at the corner of Packington Street.

General Data Protection Regulation

The PCC is committed to protecting the data privacy of all the persons and organisations with which it interacts. Personal information contained in this report and elsewhere (including names, addresses and telephone numbers) are stored securely in electronic and paper copy in the Parish Office. Any member who objects to personal information relating to him/her being stored in this manner should so inform, in writing, the PCC Secretary. The details of any member who does object will be omitted from future reports.

For further information on our Privacy Policy, please visit the link below or contact a member of the PCC.

<http://stjamesislinton.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/SJI-Privacy-notice-template-for-non-role-holders-March-2018.pdf>

Church Attendance

<i>Statistics:</i>	<i>2020⁽¹⁾</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Baptisms</i>	2	7	12	12	12
<i>First Holy Communions</i>	9	5	7	8	8
<i>Confirmations</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Weddings</i>	2	4	5	1	6
<i>Funerals</i>	5	9	12	16	11
<i>Average Sunday attendance (adults)</i>	35	38	42	47	46
<i>Average Sunday attendance (u16s)</i>	12	14	14	13	10
<i>Average Sunday attendance (a+u16)</i>	47	52	56	60	56
<i>Average Communicants</i>	33	32	36	36	40

(1) 31 Sundays (no public worship from 29 March 2020 - 12 July 2020 (incl) and from 8 November 2020 – 29 November 2020 (incl) because of public health restrictions

(2) **Review of the year**

In 2020 the PCC had 10 members and held 6 meetings. From March 2020 the role of PCC Secretary passed from Kerry Sabine to Adam Dickson. The PCC were most grateful to Kerry for all the support she had given. The APCM for 2019 was postponed from 26 April 2020 because of Lockdown restrictions, and took place on 25 October 2020.

The PCC meeting on 20 January 2020 was the last to be held in person in 2020. Isabelle Sharples joined the meeting to talk about her role as Safeguarding Officer and the Safeguarding Policies at St James's. Fr John can confirm that the PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, which sets out the PCC's obligations to safeguard children and vulnerable adults.

From March 2020 onwards, because of Covid precautions, the PCC has met remotely, using Zoom. On 23 November 2020, the PCC welcomed to their meeting Joe Ammoun, student in training.

Maintaining the Ministry of St James during the pandemic was a dominant theme of PCC meetings. For long periods in 2020 services were recorded, initially from the Vicarage and later, when allowed, from the church, and made available online. The numbers watching these services increased during the year. In addition, Maria and Sinead Burniston worked hard during Lockdown periods to prepare craft material each week, for delivery to Sunday School children. At the delayed APCM in October 2020, members of the congregation expressed their appreciation for the considerable effort put into this task, as well as for the editing and preparation of the recorded services.

Because of national restrictions, it was not possible for the hall to be made available for many of the usual lettings, and the scope for hire of the church was also greatly curtailed. The opportunity was taken for extensive refurbishment of the hall kitchen and replacement of the stage curtains. However, the church income from hall lettings largely ceased during successive Lockdowns, and the income from church lettings was greatly reduced. The PCC received regular reports on the financial position of St James's and approved the use of reserves to maintain the level of our contribution to the Common Fund.

At its meeting in November 2020, the PCC approved in principle the purchase of audio-visual equipment for streaming services and other events live from the church. We were grateful for a grant from the Cloudesley Foundation for this purpose.

Sadly, the Islington Proms, planned for June 2020, had to be cancelled because of Covid. The artists who had been booked were offered the opportunity to perform in 2021, and the 2021 series is planned to take place in September 2021

At its meeting in July 2020, the PCC undertook a "forward look", prompted by the resumption of public worship. They looked forward to the resumption of sacramental public worship, but reflected that it would take time for some members of the congregation to feel confident to return. They acknowledged the work done by Fr John during Lockdown to maintain contact with parishioners, including those who had been planning baptisms or First Communions.

On 21 January 2020 the Diocesan Advisory Committee approved the proposals for development of the St James's organ. These had been discussed at many PCC meetings in 2019. The proposals were put out for consultation in late January 2020. Eight objections were received, and written submissions were exchanged during the year. Two of the objectors became "parties opponent" and towards the end of the year they exercised their right to request that the case should be heard at a session of the Consistory Court.

As well as discussing all of these matters the PCC received regular updates from Fr John, the Churchwardens, the Treasurer, the Electoral Roll Officer and representatives from the Deanery and Diocesan Synods.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Under the Charities Act 2011, the PCC is required to prepare a statement of accounts for each accounting year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church.

We are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting standards.
4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and to ensure that such accounts comply with applicable accounting standards and with the Statements of Recommended Practice and the Regulations made under Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the church and to take reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial Review

St James continues to account on an accruals basis in the expectation that grant funding for major projects may take us over the threshold of £250k to which the requirement applies. Accruals accounting also provides a more accurate statement of income and expenditure over the accounting year if, for example, there is a timing gap between receipts and associated payments. This policy will be kept under review in the current uncertain environment. As previously determined, the PCC has monitored the financial performance of the church on the basis of its routine "normalised" income and expenditure, under the heading "Unrestricted General funds". Exceptional expenditure on church and hall renewal has been the subject of separate budgets, with the transfer of the planned expenditure from the general reserve to designated reserves in addition to the use of any grants received. Cloudesley awarded a grant of £5,000 in 2020 as part of the special initiative to provide support to churches to enable streaming of services during the closures necessitated by the Coronavirus pandemic. This has been an enormous benefit for which the PCC is very grateful to Cloudesley.

The PCC has again assessed the parish's position as a going concern in compliance with FRS 102 and the relevant Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP). Although the church has experienced income and expenditure operating deficits in recent years, it holds significant

free reserves. These include a general unrestricted reserve of approximately £257k. This includes the ownership of the church hall which is valued in the books at £86k at depreciated cost but in reality is worth considerably more. An additional £197k is held in reserve for designated and restricted purposes. The charity therefore is confident that the church can continue to operate for the foreseeable future and this continues to apply despite the financial impact of income loss resulting from the current coronavirus pandemic. In addition, the church has access to the accumulated income from the permanent endowment held in the William Lambe Trust (WLT) for the financing of repairs and maintenance. The income fund stood at just under £167k at the end of 2020. The fund, which is managed and accounted for by the London Diocesan Fund (LDF) is for the exclusive use of St James'. Although the income varies with movements in financial markets, it yielded just under £19k in 2020. As a result in the reduction in the value of the WLT investments, the income was less than in previous years. The church also has access to Cloudesley, another local charitable trust, which allocates grants to Church of England churches within the Islington Deanery for work to the church fabric and the maintenance of services. In recent years we have successfully applied to Cloudesley for significant contributions to the costs of new developments. Applications are invited twice a year and the PCC is extremely grateful to Cloudesley for their continued support.

Financial Performance 2020

The out-turn on the general unrestricted fund, before reserve fund transfers, was a deficit of £25,018 which was £18,426 higher than the underlying deficit reported in the previous year. The overall deficit including the impact of non-recurrent income and expenditure was £39,976, reflecting the impact of the significant loss of income from both church and hall lettings during the closures resulting from the pandemic. This was in line with the projections during 2020. Nevertheless, the church made its full contribution to the Diocesan common fund of £85,500 in 2020. Taking into account the increased value of our investments, the overall net financial change was a reduction of £22,335 which will be taken into account in updating the budget for 2021 and proposing the common fund contribution for 2022.

During 2019, the Financial Review Group (FRG - an informal advisory group of parishioners with financial, investment and property expertise), recommended the reallocation of our investment portfolio. This split our investment between equity and bond funds and moved into global markets. The equity portfolio increased in value by £17k during the year, but the overall investment income reduced from £15k to around £6k. It is anticipated that in the longer term, a further reallocation will allow the optimisation of investment income.

Charitable donations

The church continued to support a number of charitable causes including the Medical Orphans' Project (MOP) in Zimbabwe, the Church of England Children's Society and local charities. The Pack-up project providing a weekly soup and sandwich kitchen for the street community operated in the church hall while this was allowed under the Covid-19 regulations, providing a take-away service when the hall was closed. A number of charities were able to hire the hall at reduced rates during part of the year. Significant donations totalling £1,813 were made from the proceeds of special appeals and generous gifts.

Identification and Use of Reserves

The overall reserves are now broken down into a number of designated reserves in addition to the undesignated general fund. In common with many other parishes in London, St James' has been subject to pastoral reorganisation and amalgamation over the years. This resulted

in the acquisition of a number of buildings (or part shares in buildings) at nil or negligible cost, their costs having presumably been written off many years ago in the former constituent parishes. A portion of proceeds of sales enabled the building of a new church hall in 1992, developed as a joint project with a housing association. The balance of the capital proceeds have been held in financial investments, with the income from these investments available for the church's mission. The FRG will continue to be called upon on an ad hoc basis to monitor the position, update the financial risk assessment and inform discussion of the PCC's reserves and investment policies.

The identification of designated reserves represents the current plan for the future use of resources, the largest provision representing the accumulated depreciation provision for the church hall which will be available to contribute to the replacement or renewal of the facilities. The development of the church's next stage of its Mission Action Plan is currently under discussion. Plans to restore and upgrade the organ are now progressing. This will involve considerable investment of around £230k. The PCC has already secured a grant from Cloudesley and will make an application to the WLT in addition to drawing on reserves if required. In order to fulfil the requirement of both the Diocese and the Charity Commission to have a clearly formulated policy on the holding and application of reserves, the PCC will continue to ensure that liquid resources sufficient to meet six months of expected revenue costs are held in the general reserve. It will also consider and update the range of options for future capital spending on the basis of Quinquennial Reviews (the last of which was 9th February 2018), risk assessment and building development plans. Income from the PCC's investments will be held in an interest-bearing deposit account and designated for specific missional purposes.

Looking ahead, the ongoing global coronavirus pandemic will clearly have a major effect on the financial position of the church in 2021 and beyond. Hall and church lettings ceased from Lockdown in March 2020 until restrictions eased in September, and again from November to the present apart from a period in December. This has inevitably resulted in a significant loss of income from those sources which will continue into 2021. Additionally, there were no plate collections in the period when services were not held in church. A Stewards 19th hip campaign has boosted our regular planned giving but other sources of voluntary income will continue to be constrained by the measures in place to control the pandemic. The church has not been able to access any support for employees or compensation for income loss, but every effort will be made to mitigate the adverse effects of the situation on the church's finances through whatever means available. It is expected that income from both church and hall lettings will be restored from the Spring of 2021 and, together with the recovery of voluntary giving from the congregation and community will enable the church's finances to improve during the year.

Approved by the Standing Committee of the Parochial Church Council at its meeting on 19th October 2021 and signed on their behalf by the Revd John Burniston (Chairman)

John Burniston

Revd John Burniston
(Chairman)

Date 24th October 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF ST JAMES WITH ST PETER ISLINGTON

I report to the members of the PCC of St James with St Peter, Islington (who are the charity's trustees) on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2020 on pages 10 - 24, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 12 - 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 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.

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.

Jacob Farley FCA

For and on behalf of:
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
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Jacob Farley

Date 28th October 2021

ST JAMES WITH ST PETER, ISLINGTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA)

for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted General Funds		Unrestricted Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
		2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources									
Voluntary Income	2a	34,565	33,240		86	7,089	13,737	41,654	47,063
Activities for generating funds: Islington Proms	2b	-	-	-	4,479	-	-	-	4,479
Income from investments	2c	5,768	14,950	-	-	-	-	5,768	14,950
Income from church and charitable activities	2d	29,257	64,904			30	254	29,287	65,158
Other incoming resources	2e	28,143	25,936	-	-	-	-	28,143	25,936
Total Incoming Resources		97,733	139,030	-	4,565	7,119	13,991	104,852	157,586
Resources Expended									
Cost of generating voluntary income	3a	-	-	-	4,145	-	-	-	4,145
Church and charitable activities	3b	122,751	145,622	17,730	11,490	4,347	12,947	144,828	170,059
Total Resources Expended		122,751	145,622	17,730	15,635	4,347	12,947	144,828	174,204
Operating surplus/deficit		(25,018)	(6,592)	(17,730)	(11,070)	2,772	1,044	(39,976)	(16,618)
Recognised gains/losses		17,641	41,681	-	-	-	-	17,641	41,681
Net income/expenditure		(7,377)	35,089	(17,730)	(11,070)	2,772	1,044	(22,335)	25,063
Transfers between funds		(21,257)	(17,555)	21,257	17,555	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(28,634)	17,534	3,527	6,485	2,772	1,044	(22,335)	25,063
Total funds brought forward		286,056	268,523	189,018	182,533	1,929	855	477,002	451,941
Total funds carried forward		257,422	286,057	192,545	189,018	4,701	1,899	454,667	477,004

The notes on pages 12 - 24 form part of these accounts.

ST JAMES WITH ST PETER, ISLINGTON

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December, 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5	86,413	92,978
Current Assets			
Investments	6	308,646	290,657
Cash at bank and in hand	6	56,586	95,642
Debtors	7	13,997	12,873
Total Current Assets		379,229	399,172
Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year	7	10,976	15,148
Net Current Assets		368,253	384,024
Total Net Assets		454,666	477,002
Funds			
	8,9		
Unrestricted - General		257,421	286,056
Unrestricted - Designated			
Bell Fund		4,372	5,400
Equipment depreciation		3,103	3,103
Hall Depreciation		179,275	173,210
Vincent Hall Mission Fund		2,216	2,216
William Schroeder Trust		1,428	1,428
Church renewal		-	-
Hall Renewal		-	1,509
Islington Proms		2,151	2,151
Restricted			
Special projects		4,408	1,393
Specific Appeals		292	536
TOTAL FUNDS		454,666	477,002

The notes on pages 12 -24 form part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the members of the PCC and signed on its behalf
by the Revd. John Burniston, Chairman

Signed John Burniston

Date 24th October 2021

Notes to the financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Parochial Church Council of St James with St Peter, Islington is a charity registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets, which are measured at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA). The financial statements include all activities for which the PCC is legally responsible; the activities of informal gatherings of church members and groups that owe their main affiliation to another body are excluded.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the 'Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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 main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Going Concern

The PCC have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The PCC have made this Assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of the financial statements. In particular the PCC have considered the charities forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and/or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The PCC have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment the trustees have considered how Covid-19 might affect projections.

Income

Income (which includes planned giving, collections and other donations) is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and the receipt is probable. For the most part the income is generally recognised when it is received by, or on behalf of, the PCC. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Donated facilities services and goods. Goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries are recognised as income when receivable at fair value, where this can be reliably measured. Facilities, services and goods donated for the charity's own use are recognised as income when receivable at their value to the charity.
- iii) Legacies. Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be reliably measured.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from church events and courses.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes bank income and income from letting property acquired by the charity for investment.

Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Contributions in respect of the diocesan parish share are included in the SOFA for all amounts agreed to being payable for the financial year. Any contributions that have not been paid over by the year end are included as a creditor.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been disclosed.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are separately identified in the notes to the accounts, include costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted designated funds represent amounts which have been earmarked by the PCC for specific purposes. However, these funds may be amended by decision of the PCC.

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

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is not included in these financial statements by virtue of s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011. All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Movable church furnishings held by the incumbent and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are capitalised in accordance with the policy set out below. These items are regarded as inalienable property and are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time. Inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 has not been capitalised as there is insufficient cost information available.

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold land is not depreciated because it is not consumed by use. Freehold buildings are depreciated over 40 years taking account of the building's residual value. The hall building is depreciated over 40 years. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the lease term or, if shorter, the expected useful life. Equipment is written down over 3 to 7 years as appropriate.

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events of changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are held to generate income and/or for their investment potential. Current asset investments are investments that are held specifically for sale or are investments that the charity expects to sell by the next balance sheet date. Investments other than social investments are valued as follows:

Investment property and listed investments are valued at their market value (fair value) at the balance sheet date

Unlisted investments are measured at cost less impairment where it becomes apparent that the amount that could be realised is less than cost

Current Assets

Current Assets represent all realisable assets including amounts due to the PCC from debtors which can realistically be recovered. Unrecoverable debts may be written off as expenses with the agreement of the PCC.

Current liabilities

These are amounts owed to creditors by the PCC which fall due within a year. Unclaimed amounts may be carried forward from year to year, written back or held as designated reserves with the agreement of the PCC.

Taxation

The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive).

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The members of the PCC do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation of uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Un-restricted General Funds		Total Funds	
	2020 £	2019 £	2020	2019
<i>2(a) Voluntary income</i>				
Planned giving:				
- Regular bank transfers	21,144	19,223	21,144	19,223
- Income tax recoverable	5,552	6,127	5,552	6,322
- Other planned giving	1,878	-	1,878	-
Collections (open plate) at all services	2,555	4,887	2,593	4,887
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Sundry donations	2,571	1,346	2,831	1,432
Alms and votive candle boxes	864	1,657	864	1,657
Appeals (note 4)	-	-	1,791	3,542
Non-recurring grants	-	-	5,000	10,000
	34,564	33,240	41,653	47,063
<i>2(b) Activities for generating funds</i>				
Islington Proms	-	-	-	4,479
	-	-	-	4,479
<i>2(c) Income from investments</i>				
Interest	169	423	169	423
Dividends	5,599	14,527	5,599	14,527
	5,768	14,950	5,768	14,950
<i>2 (d) Income from church activities</i>				
Fees from services	2,310	4,093	2,310	4,093
Church Hall Lettings	19,814	50,920	19,814	50,920
Church Lettings	7,134	9,891	7,164	10,145
	29,258	64,904	29,288	65,157
<i>2(e) Other ordinary incoming resources</i>				
Property rental	11,778	11,778	11,778	25,936
Phone mast rental	14,300	14,300	14,300	-
Other income	2,065	-	2,065	-
	28,143	25,936	28,143	25,936
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	97,733	139,029	104,852	157,585

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Un-restricted General Funds		Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	2020	2019		
	£	£	£	£
3(a) Costs of generating funds				
Costs of generating voluntary income	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising trading costs	-	-	-	4,145
	-	-	-	4,145
3(b) Church and charitable activities				
Missionary and charitable giving (note 5):				
Church overseas	-	-	840	975
Relief agencies	-	-	-	801
Home missions and other Church Societies	-	2,000	-	2,000
Secular relief charities	-	-	973	1,171
Ministry: Common Fund (note 16)	85,500	82,800	85,500	82,800
Clergy expenses (note 14)	1,050	1,207	1,050	1,207
Staffing costs (See note below)	13,964	4,421	13,964	4,421
Church – running expenses	10,012	15,059	10,181	15,059
Church maintenance	3,252	9,389	9,212	29,336
Church Hall running costs	4,929	18,021	12,999	19,564
Organists' fees	2,170	3,970	2,170	3,970
Depreciation: Hall	-	6,065	6065	6,065
Other assets	500	500	500	500
Governance costs*	1,374	2,190	1,374	2,190
	122,751	145,622	144,828	170,059
3(c) Other resources expended				
	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	122,751	145,622	144,828	174,204

*Fees payable to Stewardship, other than for the independent examination, were £623 in respect of payroll services (included in staffing costs) and £90 for consultancy.

STAFF REMUNERATION

The PCC employed three part-time staff equivalent to 0.8 full time staff throughout the year ended 31 December 2020.

There were no pension costs payable in the financial year 2020.

No employee received remuneration over £60,000.

4. CHARITABLE GIVING

	Donations made by PCC or raised by special appeals £		Amount raised directly by fundraising events £		Total £	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
<u>Church Overseas:</u> TZABA (Transvaal Zimbabwe & Botswana Association)	840	975			840	975
<u>Relief and Development Agencies:</u> Red Cross re Hurricane Dorian	-	801			-	801
<u>Home Mission:</u> Children's Society Church Urban Fund/Capital Mass St Peter's Activity Group		2,000				2,000
<u>Secular charitable activities:</u> "Pack-up" weekly lunch for the street community Arc Centre Osborne Trust North London cares	100	918	250 623	254	350 623	918 254
TOTAL	940	4,694	823	254	2,183	4,947

The church supports various mission and out-reach projects in the UK and internationally. Donations to TZABA for the Medical Orphans' Project (MOP) arose from the Harvest Festival Appeal. During the pandemic, the Arc Centre, a local community centre, opened a foodbank and the church made donations, of which £200 was raised at the annual carol service. A donation was made to the Osborne Trust from a fund-raising event in memory of a member of the church community.

5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY PCC

	Freehold land and buildings £	Hall buildings £	Hall fixtures and fittings £	Other fixtures and fittings and office equipment £	Total £
<i>Cost</i>					
At January 1, 2020	-	242,597	21,589	6,604	270,790
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At December 31, 2020	-	242,597	21,589	6,604	270,790
<i>Depreciation</i>					
At January 1, 2020	-	151,622	21,589	4,604	177,815
Charge for the year	-	6,065	-	500	6,565
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At December 31, 2020	-	157,687	21,589	5,104	184,380
<i>Net Book Value</i>					
At December 31, 2020	-	84,910	0	1,501	86,411
At January 1, 2020	-	90,978	0	2,000	92,978

The freehold land and buildings comprise the following:

- a) Grantbridge Street School and St. Peter's Church Hall - a lease of 125 years was granted on this property in 1985.
- b) Cumming Memorial Hall site - a long lease of 125 years was granted on this site in 1993, to the Women's Housing Trust (WHT) in connection with the development of the new St. James' Hall. In 1995 the agreed amount for this grant of £150,000 was paid to the PCC. The WHT has now passed to the Southern Housing Group (SHG) and an underlease for the PCC's use of the hall buildings is being completed in consultation with the LDF. A revised draft is being reviewed by SHG.
- c) All fixtures and fittings previously accounted for as fixed assets have now been written down to zero.
- d) The donated grand piano is recognised as an asset and is being written down over seven years.

The new Hall was partly funded from the proceeds of the 1973 sale of the old St. James' Church Hall in Britannia Row of £33,635. These proceeds were held in a formal trust (Britannia Row Trust) under which the sum could only be used to provide land and buildings which in turn would be held on the same terms as the proceeds. Therefore on any disposal of the new Hall, proceeds which represent the funding provided from the Britannia Row Trust, will have to be restricted in similar manner to the original Britannia Row Trust

6. CURRENT ASSETS

Investments

The church's investments at 31st December 2019 consisted of Units in the Equities Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund) managed by M & G and held in the Unrestricted Fund. The investment comprised 17,502.202 units at an original cost of £224,532. The value as at 31st December 2019 was £290,657 an increase of £41,421 over the previous year, when there had been an unrealised loss resulting from a market correction in 2018. Continued political uncertainty resulted in instability in financial markets during 2019 but with a marked recovery in the latter part of the year. This led to a review by the Financial Review Group of the PCC's investment strategy and a recommendation to restructure the portfolio and to invest in a combination of global equities and government bonds. This restructuring took place in early January 2020, before the coronavirus pandemic caused significant losses in global equities. The sale of the M&G Charifund holding yielded £289,653.

	2020	2019
	£	£
Cost or fair value brought forward	290,657	249,237
Purchases during the year*	290,000	-
Disposals during the year	289,653	-
Change in value of investments	17,989	41,420
Cost or fair value carried forward	308,646	290,657

* Investments of £145,00 each were made in the CCLA Global Equities Fund and the M&G Global Bond fund, i.e. a total of £290,000. The value of these investments at 31st December 2020 increased to £308,646 but investment income was £9,182 less than the previous year.

Cash at bank and in hand

	2020	2019
	£	£
Cash at bank with immediate access	51,651	39,410
Notice deposits with a term of 3 months or less	4,142	54,679
Petty cash	793	1,552
Total	56,586	95,641

7. DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Debtors		
Income tax recoverable	4,014	4,723
Other debtors and accrued income	9,983	8,150
Total Debtors	13,997	12,873
Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year		
Appeals for specific charities	706	536
Other accrued expenditure	10,270	14,612
Total accruals	10,976	15,148

8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted General Funds		Unrestricted Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	£		£		£		£	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
Fixed assets	86,413	92,978	-	-	-	-	86,413	92,978
Investments	129,371	147,772	179,275	142,885	-	-	308,646	290,657
Debtors	8,997	12,666	-	-	5,000	207	13,997	12,873
Cash at bank and in hand	42,404	50,406	14,182	42,708	-	2,527	56,586	95,641
Liabilities	(9,764)	(12,826)	(912)	(1,517)	(300)	(805)	(10,976)	(15,158)
TOTAL	257,421	290,997	192,545	184,076	4,700	1,929	454,666	477,002

The liabilities of the designated and restricted funds relate to money to be paid to charities and an outstanding amount relating to hall refurbishment.

9a MOVEMENT IN FUND BALANCES

Fund	b/f 1 st Jan 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing resources £	**Net Transfers £	Net gains and losses £	c/f 31 st Dec 2020 £
General Fund	286,056	97,733	122,751	(21,257)	17,641	257,421
Designated Funds		-	-			
Bell Fund	5,400	-	1,028	-		4,372
Equipment	3,103	-		-		3,103
Hall Depreciation	173,210		6,065	12,130		179,275
Vincent Terrace		-				
Mission Hall*	2,216	-	-	-		2,216
William Schroeder Trust*	1,427	-	-			1,427
Church Renewal	-	-	2,568	2,568		-
Hall Renewal	1,510	-	8,069	6,559		-
Proms concerts	2,151					2,151
Restricted Funds						
Special Projects - restricted	1,393	5,550	2,534	-		4,408
Appeals - restricted	536	1,569	1,813	-		292
Total Funds	477,002	104,851	144,828	-	17,641	454,666

*Balances on The Vincent Terrace Mission Hall (£2,215) and William Schroeder Trust (£1,427) had been held as current liabilities for many years and are now separately identified as designated reserves.

**Transfers between the general and the designated unrestricted funds are agreed by the PCC to build up the hall depreciation reserve and to finance specific projects not covered by routine income and expenditure budgets.

9b Movement in fund balances prior year

Fund	b/f 1 st Jan 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing resources £	Net Transfers £	Net gains and losses £	c/f 31 st Dec 2019 £
General Fund	268,522	139,029	145,622	(17,555)	41,681	286,056
Designated Funds						
Bell Fund	5,314	86	-	-		5,400
Equipment	3,103	-	-	-		3,103
Hall Depreciation	167,145	-		6,065		173,210
Vincent Terrace						
Mission Hall*	2,216	-	-			2,216
William Schroeder Trust*	1,427	-	-			1,427
Church Renewal	-	-	1,543	1,543		-
Hall Renewal	1,510	-	9,947	9,947		1,510
Proms concerts	1,817	4,479	4,145			2,151
Restricted Funds						
Special Projects - restricted	885	11,679	11,171	-		1,393
Appeals - restricted	-	2,312	1,776	-		536
Total Funds	451,940	157,585	174,204	-	41,681	477,002

10. FUND DETAILS

Restricted Funds

There are currently two active restricted funds. The Specific Appeals and Special Projects Funds receive all income that has been exclusively earmarked for a particular purpose or charity. All appeal income was paid in 2019 or accrued for payment in 2020 to the intended recipients. The Special Projects Fund has a balance carried forward representing the unspent element of donations to the Pack-up project since 2016.

Unrestricted Designated Funds

These funds are established for particular purposes, but can be amended by the PCC and transfers may be authorised between funds. In order to assist in efficient financial planning and monitoring a number of new designated funds have been set up. This will enable routine and recurrent income and expenditure to be managed without the distorting effect of non-recurrent or exceptional expenditure. The year end balances on these funds are shown individually on the statement of assets and liabilities, and income/expenses are identified in a separate column in the SOFA.

The *Bell Fund* receives fees and donations from the bellringers in order to save up for repairs, maintenance and renewals

The *Equipment and Hall Depreciation Funds* are built up by transferring from the general reserve the non-cash settlement of depreciation costs recognised as expenses in the expenditure account. They are intended to provide for replacement or refurbishment costs as required.

The *Church and Hall Renewal Funds* are created as and when required by transfer from the general or depreciation reserve in order to provide budgets for planned major projects.

The *Vincent Terrace Mission Hall* and *William Schroeder Trust* are historic funds which will be applied when their original purposes have been clearly established.

The *Islington Proms Fund* represents the accumulated net income from the annual Proms programme and is available for use in planning future programmes

Unrestricted General Fund

The unrestricted general fund comprises the free funds which are not designated for particular purposes (the general reserve), and the fixed assets for use by the PCC, and is made up as follows:

Unrestricted General Fund

	At January 1 2020 £	Income plus unrealised investment gain £	Expenditure £	Net Transfers £	At Dec 31 2020 £
General Reserve	193,078	115,374	(122,251)	(15,192)	171,008
Fixed assets	92,978	-	(500)	(6,065)*	86,413
Total unrestricted general funds	286,056	115,103	(122,751)	(21,257)	257,421

*Prior to 2020 the hall depreciation was charged to the general unrestricted fund, but is now charged to a designated fund and transferred to the designated hall depreciation reserve.

Prior year analysis of unrestricted general fund

	At January 1 2019 £	Income less unrealised investment loss £	Expenditure £	Net Transfers £	At Dec 31 2019 £
General Reserve	168,979	180,710	(139,047)	(17,555)	193,078
Fixed assets	99,543	-	(6,565)	-	92,978
Total unrestricted general funds	268,522	180,710	(145,622)	(17,555)	286,056

11. WILLIAM LAMBE TRUST

Prior to the financial year ended 31st December 2014, the church accounts incorporated the accounts of the William Lambe Trust (WLT). This included an endowment fund comprising the William Lambe (St. James, Islington) Charity which is a permanent endowment under the sole trusteeship of the London Diocesan Fund (LDF) and which allows all income arising to be applied solely for the repair and maintenance of St. James' Church. The market value of this fund as at 31st December 2020 was £268,419.79. Following advice from the LDF, the PCC no longer accounts for the WLT but receives notification of the fund value and accumulated income from the Diocese as at 31st December each year.

The fund arose from a reorganisation in 1986 of Charities administered by the Clothworkers' Company under the William Lambe Chapel and Estate Act of 1872, which came into force when St. James' Church was built to replace the original Chapel in Cripplegate endowed under the will of William Lambe in 1574.

The 1986 reorganisation was under a scheme of the Charity Commissioners approved by Parliament by virtue of "The Charities (William Lambe (London) Trust) Order 1986" which came into force on December 8, 1986.

Under this scheme £92,342 was transferred to the LDF as sole trustee and this amount was subsequently invested in 19,556 income units of the M & G Charifund unit trust, a gross fund specifically designed for Charities. Undistributed income from the WLT is held in a restricted income fund also under the sole trusteeship of the LDF. It is held in M & G Charifund income units and a Central Board of Finance (CBF) interest bearing account.

The church may apply for transfers from this fund for the purposes of works which have been approved by the LDF as falling within the terms of the trust. No applications had been made in the few years up to 2017. In 2018 the PCC successfully applied for a grant of £54,110 to cover the cost of the internal decoration of the church. Taking account of the additional income accrued in 2019 By 31st December 2019, the cumulative income fund had increased to £170,829, of which £39,303 was held in the deposit account. The value of the Charifund investment fell significantly during 2020, and the income fund reduced to £166,612

12. TRANSACTIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE PCC AND CONNECTED PERSONS

Personal expenses of Revd John Burniston are disclosed separately in note 3 under clergy expenses. Expenses incurred by members of the PCC and reimbursed are not required to be disclosed. No PCC or connected persons received any remuneration in this year or in the previous year.

13. DONATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PCC AND CONNECTED PERSONS

A total of £5,575 (2019: £5,998) was donated by members of the PCC and connected persons during the year. Some but not all of this amount was eligible for tax recovery. Of this, £100 was donated to restricted funds relating to special appeals. All other donations were received in the general fund with no restrictions on their use.

14. COMMON FUND (DIOCESAN QUOTA)

Common Fund (Diocesan Quota) is paid to the London Diocesan Fund (LDF) to cover the stipend and housing costs of our vicar, indirect clergy costs and a contribution to central costs and in total is as follows:

	£ 2020	£ 2019
Costs for a parish with a single vicar and housing	85,200	82,800
Support for other parishes in the Diocese of London	300	-
Support from other parishes in the Diocese of London	-	-
Total charge for the year	85,500	82,800

Note: Some totals may be affected by rounding