

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM

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Details

Other names	CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM PCC
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Legal form	Previously excepted
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Activities

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

Activities: We are a Church of England parish church in the Diocese of Southwark, in Clapham, South London. The sacrament of the Eucharist is central to our worship and our Mass is in the modern catholic tradition. We believe that the Bible offers a vision of God's gracious invitation to all people. We have a lot of children in our parish and children are welcome at all our services.

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.
- Lambeth
- Wandsworth

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£260,645	£198,587	-	-
2023-12-31	£220,037	£206,983	-	-
2022-12-31	£201,274	£171,427	-	-
2021-12-31	£177,578	£175,734	-	-
2020-12-31	£169,370	£165,114	-	-

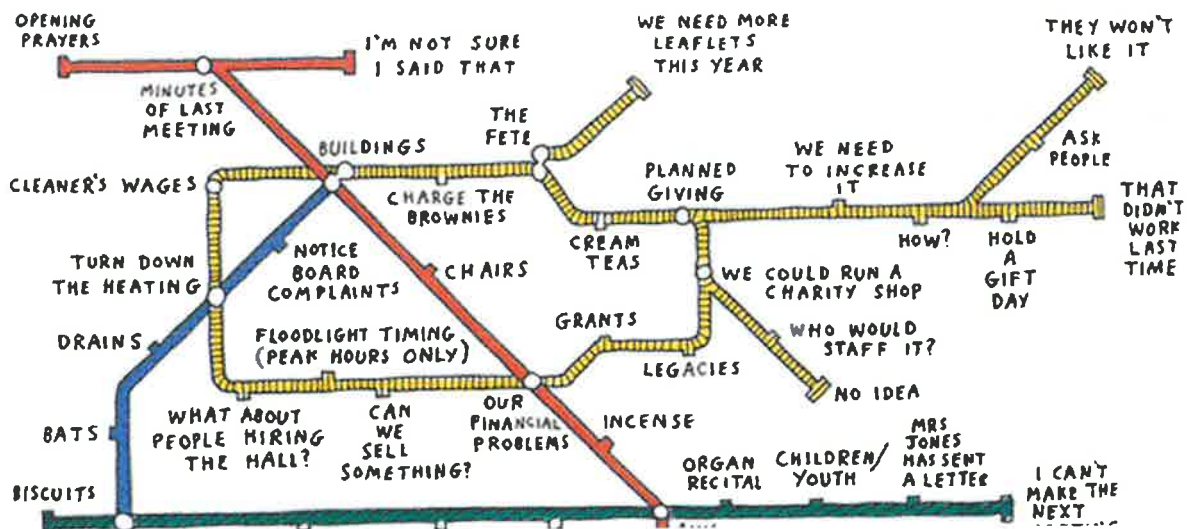
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Caroline Studdert		2022-05-15
Erica Augusta Cherrie		2025-05-18
Fanny Elizabeth Mary Muldoon		2025-05-18
Gavin Nicholas Williams		2021-04-25
Ian Nicholas Pearse		2026-05-17
KATHRYN NEWELL		2023-05-14
Katie Pollock		2021-04-25
MARGARET MAHONEY		2018-04-29
PAUL DONOHUE		2023-01-12
Paula Wilson		2014-04-29
Peter Anthony Watkins		2025-05-18
Rachel Edge		2023-05-14
Rev Caroline Anne Clarke		2025-10-01
Rev RUTH ANNE BURGE-THOMAS		
Rhian Granleese		2021-04-25
Rosalind Paterson-Morgan		2023-07-12
William Daniel Yarker		2026-05-17
Zoe Olivier		2023-05-14

Accounts

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

THE P.C.C. MEETING



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	The Reverend Ruth Burge-Thomas - Chair (Incumbent) The Reverend Canon Caroline Clarke (P/T Assistant Priest) Gavin Williams (Warden and Safeguarding Officer) Katie Pollock (Warden) Paula Wilson (Co-Treasurer) Rachel Edge Margaret Mahoney Kathryn Newell Paul Donohue Zoe Olivier James Buchanan Caroline Studdert Ros Paterson-Morgan (Co-Treasurer) Rhian Granleese
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The principal purpose of the PCC of the Church of the Holy Spirit Clapham is to cooperate with the incumbent, Revd Ruth Burge-Thomas, on matters of importance to the parish in promoting the mission of the Church, and to have joint responsibility, with the incumbent, in the running of the parish.

The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church fabric and its contents, and for the maintenance and running of the Contact Centre, our church hall.

The PCC also considers and discusses matters concerning the Church of England, or other matters of religious or public interest.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church, and to become part of our parish community in Clapham.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The PCC (as Trustees) have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through

- worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel and delivering their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church and the Contact Centre.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Achievements and performance

VICAR'S REPORT

Our parish is unusual in being dedicated to the Holy Spirit but we embrace this identity. Every year at Pentecost we hear of God's promise to pour out the spirit on all people: young and old, male and female, weak and powerful, neighbour and stranger and we commit ourselves afresh to carrying the flame of love into our community.

Our goal as a parish is to live out the all-embracing love of God by welcoming everyone, no exceptions, and by serving our community. Some of the concrete ways in which we do this by building up our faith, nurturing hope and offering love is explored in the Churchwardens' Report that follows. For me, one of the signs of success is the diversity of our congregation, another is the extent to which those in our surrounding community feel that our church is also their church.

Whilst our commitment to inclusion is expressed in public ways such as our engagement in racial-justice, our winter night shelter, the celebration of LGBTQ Pride, our support of the Food Bank and the Ace of Clubs day centre and our provision for our younger and older people, it is seen most clearly in the myriad ways in which you quietly go about caring for one another, learning more about how to support those with particular needs and responding with practical love and support. You make me proud!

This year we have seen an increase in our worshipping community and in the numbers attending our Silvers group and Junior church.

Festival events have also been a great success, as many in our local area have joined us in flipping pancakes, over-feeding the Palm Sunday donkey (Rocky), baking hot cross buns, scoffing butties for Christian Aid, toasting marshmallows, marking Remembrance Sunday, dressing up for All Hallow's, attending Quiz nights, speaker events, training days, the Christmas fair, craft workshops, the Christingle Nativity and more besides.

For me some of the highlights have been: setting fire to my Mum with a sparkler at Pentecost (sorry Mum), the unexpected party you threw to mark the 20th anniversary of my ordination (thank you), the joyous return of the Pet Blessing service, Adesola and Samuel's long and loud Nigerian wedding, Bonneville School's lively church visits, my brother (the stand-up comedian) standing in for Joseph in the nativity play and sticking to the script and, not one but two extraordinary carol services. It was a joy to prepare four candidates for Confirmation this year and I am looking forward to preparing more for both Confirmation and First Communion in the year ahead.

Towards the end of the year we welcomed our new Music Director, Keith Pun. The music team (Joe, Paula, Rhian and Sarah) and the whole choir continued to provide exceptional music throughout the year. Choir has increased in number and frequency and we have introduced psalm singing.

We sadly said goodbye to some of our PCC members this year but new members are champing at the bit to take over where they left off. The PCC and the Standing Committee have work incredibly hard and I am particularly grateful to our wardens, Katie and Gavin, our treasurers, Paula and Ros and Mother Caroline for being the engine that drives our community. I am also blessed to have Natalie as our Parish Administrator, she is essential to the smooth running of both the church and the contact centre. She is the first port of call when anything goes wrong and manages to stay both calm and kind whilst sorting out many a crisis. Alongside this team, more of you than ever have stepped up to volunteer and help out (often at short notice), you are symbols of hope and love and I cannot describe how important your support is and how much I rely on you.

This year the Diocese sold the old vicarage on Elms Road and I moved into a rented property but, in breaking news, I can let you know that the Diocese has just exchanged contracts on a new vicarage.

Towards the end of the year the publication of the Makin Report brought to light some of the ways in which the National Church failed to protect the vulnerable. I want to assure you of the seriousness with which we take not just our safeguarding responsibilities but our commitment to the well-being of all who engage in our church community. This is, of course, a responsibility that we all share and I hope that all of us will continue to learn and work together to make our parish a place where all can feel at home.

We are the body of Christ, in the one spirit, we are all baptised into one body.
Come Holy Spirit, come and fill the hearts of your people,
kindle in us the fire of your love
and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Report of the Churchwardens

Clergy

In March of 2024, we were fortunate enough to have the Reverend Canon Caroline Clarke join us officially as Assistant Priest. Mother Caroline has been a dedicated and tireless supporter of Holy Spirit Clapham for many years and we were thrilled that she was willing to formalise her association with the parish in this way.

In September, we marked the twentieth anniversary of Mother Ruth's ordination and ten years since she became vicar of the Holy Spirit, Clapham. The trestle tables and chequered tablecloths were one more pressed into service for a bring-and-share lunch in church.

Worship and Prayer

During the course of the year, the pattern of regular worship and prayer was as follows:

- Sunday morning 8am Pram Service
- Sunday morning 10.30am Parish Mass with Junior Church
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9-9.30am Morning Prayer
- Tuesday and Thursday 1-1.30pm Lunchtime Prayer (online)

In addition, we held special services throughout the year in celebration of seasonal festivals. Many of our services are broadcast live and made available online. Attendance continued to rise steadily during 2024. Of particular note was a marked rise in attendances of our Christmas services. In 2025, the PCC expects monthly choral Evensong to make a return to the service pattern.

On behalf of the congregation at large, we wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all involved in delivering our services of worship and prayer, clergy, readers, intercessors, servers, sacristans, sidespeople, organists and members of the choir. Without you, Holy Spirit Clapham would not have been the vibrant place of worship it was in 2024. Thank you.

Care of the Church Fabric and Property

The church wardens have certain responsibilities in relation to the care of the church. These responsibilities cover the keeping of records and the making of inspections and reports on the church's property and fabric, their state of upkeep and maintenance.

Property records

The Terrier is the name the Church of England gives to the records required to be kept of the land and buildings belonging to a church. The Inventory, less cryptically, is the record of a church's plate and ornaments and other significant items of movable property.

The Terrier and Inventory are being brought up to date with the help of our Parish Administrator and others. Once this process is complete, the updated Terrier and Inventory will be presented to the PCC. The Churchwardens have no concerns regarding the ownership of the land, buildings or property of Holy Spirit, Clapham.

Maintenance records

The Log Book is the term used by the Church of England to refer to the records required to be kept of maintenance work on the fabric of a church's buildings and their periodic inspection. Records are kept by the Parish Office of all work done on our buildings. We are in the process of digitising this record-keeping process consistent with the form recommended by the Church Buildings Council.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Reports on the condition of the buildings

Each church is required by law to undergo an official inspection every five years. Our most-recent quinquennial inspection was conducted in 2023 by our inspecting architect, Karen Butti of Thomas Ford and Partners. Karen's report was received by the PCC in January 2024 and offered the following summary:

- The church is generally in fair condition and the only major concern is that the movement on the south and west sides appear to have continued, possibly during the very dry summer of 2022. It is good that the outflow of water from the former neighbouring dry cleaners has now come to an end which may have exacerbated problems on that side. A means of repairing the rainwater pipe on the south side and preventing adjoining owners from damaging it needs to be put in hand.
- There are quite a number of items which have been carried over from the last inspection. Fortunately, some of those have not deteriorated as quickly as I might have anticipated so while they still need still doing there have been no dramatic failures.
- It is understood that the Parish has had a difficult time with reduced numbers since Covid. There are a number of low-level items that could be done on a DIY basis by volunteers if funds are short, a small group might undertake some of the painting and clearing tasks at low level, together with some of the simple internal repairs such as dealing with trip hazards, etc.

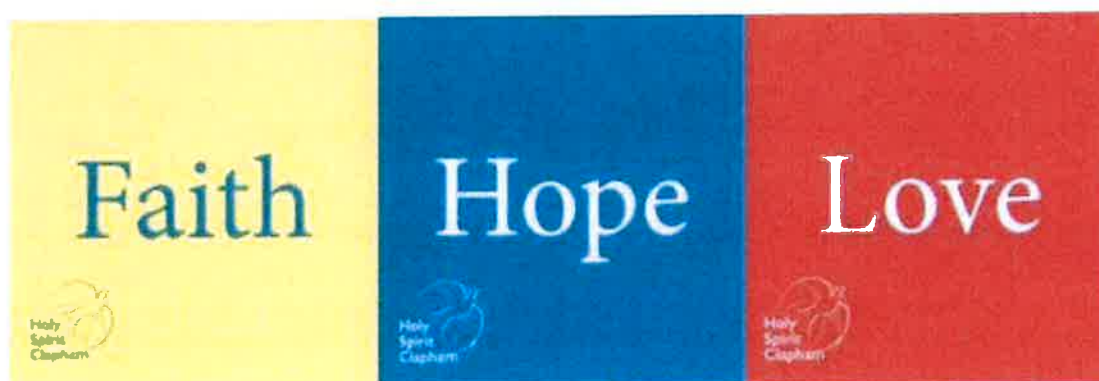
Since receiving the report, the PCC has set about instructing some of the more-straightforward items identified. In 2024, the PCC obtained a similar report on the Parish Hall (Contact Centre) to better understand the state of that building and enable a prioritisation of work across the estate to be made on a fully informed basis.

An observation in the report on the Parish Hall led to the PCC commissioning a further inspection of the roof, which recommended that the roof be refurbished. Refurbishment works are expected to be undertaken during the first half of 2025. During the first quarter of 2025, the boiler serving the Parish Hall became temperamental leading to an inspection which recommended replacement. The Parish Hall boiler will be replaced during the second quarter of 2025.

The need to invest in our buildings which in turn enable our pastoral, mission and outreach work in the parish will be highlighted in our forthcoming giving campaign. If we were to lose the use of our buildings to poor upkeep, our rental income and ability to serve the community would both be critically affected.

Our Plan: Faith, Hope and Love

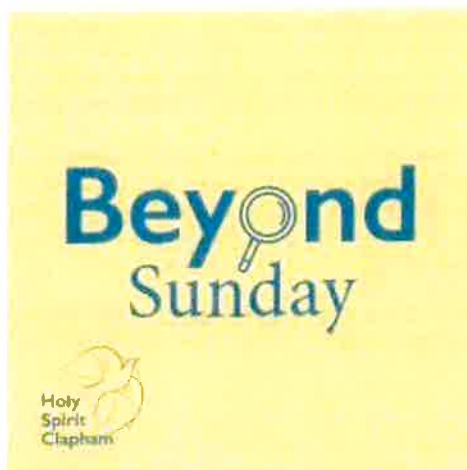
We continued to follow our Mission Action Plan in 2024 which rests on its pillars of Faith, Hope and Love.



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Alongside our services of worship and prayer, we continued our series of theological speakers and discussions under the banner of Beyond Sunday (with thanks to Rachel Edge for her leadership). Sessions included a Q&A with the Vicar, Islam in the UK, One Muslim Woman's Perspective, and another with a focus on investing and giving. June, saw a visit from Bishop Martin, a Pet Blessing service and our annual Pride service, whilst in July we participated in a Bible study series with other Churches Together in Clapham churches.

Throughout the year we organised individual events that drew us closer to each other in fellowship, including the hotly competitive Lent series of Soup on Saturday to raise money for the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Appeal), and the ever-popular Christian Aid Week Quiz Night. Mother Ruth delivered classes for marriage, baptism and confirmation. The PCC expects First Communion preparation classes for children to resume in 2025. The PCC remains committed to delivering opportunities for us to broaden and deepen our faith together, including with a possible parish retreat and achieving "Eco Church" status in 2025.

Hope

Our work with children and young people continued in 2024 with the Pram Service and Junior Church both remaining features of our programme. A cohort of volunteers supports Junior Church in their regular Sunday morning appearances on the chancel step. The PCC remains committed to the Pram Service and Junior Church and maintaining the family-focused events and celebrations throughout the year, from our Christmas Workshop, Christingle and Community Carols through Mothering Sunday, Shrove Tuesday and our Good Friday Workshop, to Harvest, All Hallows' Eve and Remembrance.

Our Mission Action Plan calls for further opportunities for young people to get involved to be identified. Progress has been made by the serving and A/V teams but with scope for further advances remaining.

Love

Our Silver Socials group continued to offer a vital weekly focal point in 2024 with referrals from local GPs continuing to swell their numbers.

Through our partnership with the Robes winter night shelter (Anna Long and Iain Cherrie coordinating), volunteers helped provide a roof over the head and a warm welcome for guests as well as a hearty supper and breakfast.

Ties remained to local day centre, the Ace of Clubs (with Anna Long serving as our liaison), and Little Village the local Food Bank (spearheaded by Alison Inglis-Jones), with Holy Spirit Clapham serving as a collection point and promoting donations.

Mother Ruth supported by volunteer help continued to offer pastoral care for the sick, the elderly, the dying and the bereaved throughout the year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Our summer and Christmas fairs again brought crafts, music and children's activities together to raise funds for our selected charities and church funds.

The fixtures of the Mothering Sunday cake Bake and the Christian Aid Big Brekkie remained and were joined by a flaming barbecue for Pentecost!

As part of our ongoing mission to be part of the Eco Church movement members of the congregation also participated in litter picking on Clapham Common as part of the Big Help Out organised at the new King's request.

Music retained its prominent place in the life of Holy Spirit Clapham in 2024. Although we bade farewell to our Music Director of six years, Andrei Lebed, and Music Administrator, Emma Grainger, the choir continued to flourish as we welcomed Keith Pun. Special mentions go to Paula Constant and Joe Sternberg who went above and beyond the call to galvanise efforts in the interim and organise concerts and recitals to raise funds for our wonderful Hunter organ.

Thank you

Looking back on 2024, Holy Spirit Clapham shone brightly at the heart of our community as a place where everyone is welcome, with no exceptions.

As we turn to the year ahead, we pray that we shall benefit from renewed devotion, energy and generosity of all who are drawn to fellowship and worship with us, and that together we might reach further into every part of the parish.

Katie Pollock & Gavin Williams

DEANERY SYNOD

We are part of Lambeth North Deanery, which consists of a group of 16 parishes (19 churches). Geographically, our church is the furthest south and St John's Waterloo is the furthest north. Representatives (both clergy and lay members) from those parishes meet about 3 times a year, in a different church each time, with the purpose of working together in the community and sharing information and experiences. In 2024, the Area Dean was Revd Jamie Mulvaney of Holy Trinity Clapham. Since March 2025, it has been Revd Robert Faulkner of St John's, Angell Town.

12 March 2024. St John the Evangelist, Clapham Road, SW9 9AR

This building is used by a Brazilian Pentecostal church community, as well as for exercise classes and drop-in sessions for senior citizens. There was a talk on the Lent Climate Pilgrimage which was part way through 6 walks aiming to address the climate and biodiversity crisis. The other talk was about the St Mary's Eco Church Lambeth, which is geared towards children and has outdoor worship in All Hallows Churchyard and Archbishop's Park. In case you were wondering, they have heated cushions and a shelter when it is raining!

26 June 2024. St Mark's Kennington. SE11 4PW

After elections of 2 new Lay representatives of the Southwark Diocesan Synod, the main business was socialising with representatives from other churches over a bring-and-share supper. Meeting new people is an essential part of Deanery Synod meetings.

16 October 2024. St Andrew's Waterloo. SE1 8LJ

St Andrew's is a small modern church, linked to the much larger St John's Waterloo, and used for services but also numerous activities during the week. The Bishop of Kingston came to speak to us and stated his plan to visit every parish church over the next 2 years, meeting the PCC and others involved in community links. The Digital Labs manager in the Church of England spoke about online resources to help with social media content, and webinars to help churches run social media campaigns. She specifically mentioned advent and Christmas resources for children, and the advertising campaign the C of E were running to encourage people to visit their local church around Christmas.

Margi Mahoney, Kathryn Newell, Paula Wison Rachel Edge

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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CONTACT CENTRE

The Contact Centre has remained busy, for which we are thankful, indeed the income generated has increased by over £8000 in 2024

The hall is even busier than last year, there are parties nearly every weekend and on other days, over 74 party bookings in 2024.

The Clapham Park Montessori have use of the upstairs room. As of the end 2024 the main users of the Ground Floor of the Contact Centre are as follows, for children there are: Montessori Infant and Parent and Baby Communities, Spring School of Ballet, Monkey Music, Clapham Martial Arts, Robot Reg, Little City, Minijam and Seven Seals.

We host adult dance instructors: Vera the Diva ballroom dancing, and Forro Works Brazilian Dance – note the Spring School of Ballet also offer adult classes too. There is a weekly Art Class for adults, and we also rent out to AA and NA charities, as well as host Robes once a year – usually once a week over 6 weeks in the winter.

The rates were increased for party bookings in 2024, and the rates will increase in line with inflation over the preceding 2 years in September 2025 for regular hirers of the Centre.

Following the investment in 2021/2 renewing and rebuilding our toilet facilities: we have toilets which open directly into the main hall, which was in response to users concerns about children having to go into the lobby area to use the facilities (and possibly wandering out into the street) – this new site is more secure. We have a new disabled toilet with a shower, which has been used to great effect by guests of the Robes winter night shelter. We also now have toilet facilities opening into the stage room – again offering more secure access for younger users who are not having to exit the stage room.

We are currently proposing to re-cover the roof of the Contact Centre and instal new skylights as the covering will soon begin to leak due to its age and the skylights have reached the ends of their lives. Further repairs are needed: most urgently to the fascia boards and the window frames as soon as funds are available.

Paula Wilson & Ros Paterson-Morgan

JUNIOR CHURCH

The last year in Junior Church has been busy. We sent out a plea for more helpers and leaders and it was answered by Ros Paterson-Morgan, Sarah Bensaude, Josephine Hanson and Christina Barnett. Our new helpers joined the existing team of Fiona Morris, Zoe Olivier, Matt North, Gladys Claxton Stevens and Amanda Chen. Special mention must also go to Harry, Fiona's son, who has continued to attend Junior Church, but has now moved over to a helper role. Paula Constant has also joined the team to support the children with their singing.

We have continued to follow Roots which traditionally provided a session that followed the reading and sermon topic of the adult service. However, this year, sometimes Roots has diverged from the readings of the adult Church. For example, 8 consecutive weeks were spent following the story of David which was accompanied by a map. The supporting materials around this session gave great context not only to the Biblical account of David, but to the current conflict in Gaza. The tendency for Roots to sometimes diverge from the readings in the main service allows us to get into a topic in more detail which seems to be well received by the Children. However, the disconnect with the adult service is something that we are still trying to manage.

We have had an excellent core of children for a long time and as they approach senior school some of them are starting to take on other roles in the Church. We have also had some new members become more regular. However, it is clear that in 2 years or so we will have a very different Junior Church and we are looking at ways to support our existing children on their journey while bringing in new members.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to the team for their talents, time and friendship. We are always looking for new members and so if anyone would like to join the team, please let Rhian know. The size of the team now means that any new members do not need to serve more than once per month

Rhian Granleese

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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CLAPHAM REPORT

CTiC (Churches Together in Clapham) is the body which represents the different church denominations in Clapham (Anglican, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal and Orthodox). CTiC's Standing Committee members are also the trustees who act as governance for the organisation. Liz Marin-Curtoud (Clapham Methodist Church) is currently Chair of CTiC and Henry Holmes (Holy Trinity Church) is Secretary. Rev Kit Gunasekera of St James Church, continues to run the CTiC website: www.cticlapham.org

In 2024 the CTiC Forum, the principal body, met in February (at Holy Trinity, including a talk by a former refugee from Uganda), May (the AGM at Holy Spirit), July (at Clapham Methodist Church, including an excellent talk on Israel and Gaza by local journalist Donald Macintyre) and October (at St James's, with a talk on housing justice).

Community Engagement/Projects

CTiC has continued to support Lifeline (providing Summer and Christmas parties for the elderly housebound of the area), the Ace of Clubs and the Hub, providing a refuge (in the Methodist Church) for young revellers from the bars and clubs of Clapham High Street. Individual churches, including CHS, have continued to support Robes. CHS also joined several of the local churches in providing a monthly service for residents at Collingwood Court care home.

Ecumenical Services and Events

St James hosted a service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January). The (reinstated) World Day of Prayer service took place at Clapham Methodist Church (March). CMC also again hosted the Palm Sunday evening service. Monthly ecumenical Taizé services continued at St Peter's Church, led by Rev Caroline Clarke and Rev Jonathan Boardman. St Paul's once again hosted the ecumenical Advent carol service and Ian Pearse kindly led one of our online Advent prayers.

Alan Mundy & Caroline Studdert

Ministers Meetings

The CTiC ministers met regularly throughout the year. We worked together to produce liturgy for our ecumenical services and to engage in the projects that CTiC supports locally. Most importantly, the ministers provide each other with support and share experiences of ministry which enables us to learn from each other as we all strive to serve our community.

Revd Ruth Thomas

ELECTORAL ROLL

2025 is the year in which we had to complete a new roll. This happens every six years. Everyone in the congregation was invited to sign up, and an email was sent to all the names on our database on 18th April.

The number on the roll for this year is 104.

Last year there were 153 names on the roll, but six have died, and several moved away.

Caroline Studdert, Electoral Roll Officer

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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SILVER SOCIALS REPORT

The Silver Socials group continue to meet every Tuesday morning in church. It is an opportunity for older and more vulnerable people from across the area, as well as from our own congregation to come together for tea, coffee and cake, chat and activities.

Our number of attendees has risen and we now average about 12 each week and we currently provide lifts for four people and assist two wheelchair users to attend. Two regular guests were referrals from local surgeries, from their Social Prescribing Link workers.

There are eleven regular volunteers, Biddy Taylor, Margi Mahoney, Alan Mundy, Trina Thomson, Anna Long, Madeline Johnson, Ros Paterson-Morgan, Terry Parker, Nicola Kingston and Judith Vickery from the congregation and Lisa Walsh, a local resident.

In addition to the Tuesday mornings, we support our Silvers to attend NHS appointments, across primary care, various clinics and hospitals, and we help to deal with other issues linked to benefits, pensions, housing and social services issues, and foodbank applications.

Our Silvers group feedback that they appreciate coming together on Tuesdays, and being part of a regular community. We hear that for some people Tuesdays is their only social event of the week, and that they also build relationships, and know they can get support when necessary.

This year, we dealt with one safeguarding issue, and were very impressed with the support of the diocesan safeguarding office. The Lambeth safeguarding process however, was extremely slow, although it was finally successful, thanks to a lot of work from our volunteers.

We continue to work with Citizens UK and the NHS, as part of the partnership between Citizens UK and the NHS in South London in order to promote mental health and wellbeing. We applied and are now officially recognised as a Be Well hub, as we now have eight volunteers who have completed the mental health training run by the South London and Maudsley Hospital (SLAM) and three have completed the community organising for Be Well hub training.

As part of our Be Well recognition, we applied and were awarded a grant of £800 from the NHS to support our heating costs, and the costs of pedicures and manicures that we provide, while all other costs are met by our volunteers.

We are part of regular joint overview meetings and have been fully involved in the recent Be Well evaluation, and were part of the Be Well team who Sir Norman Lamb invited to present to the SLAM AGM. As part of these regular meetings we requested further training on dementia, and they set up a training session for us, and 9 of us attended, along some other Be Well volunteers, and Mother Ruth and Mother Caroline.

We are always looking for additional drivers and wheelchair pushers as well as ideas for, and offers of help with, activities.

Do drop in one Tuesday morning for coffee, cake and a chat, we love visitors.

Judith Vickery & Nicola Kingston

We would like to ask the congregation and the new PCC to actively consider rejoining Citizens UK. There are 24 other organisations in Lambeth who are members, including several churches, schools, colleges, GP surgeries and voluntary groups. Through the Be Well Hub network, CUK organised the recent dementia training here with and it would be good for CHS itself to be a member. The issues on which CUK are currently working in Lambeth in addition to Be Well hubs, include Affordable Housing and homelessness, and Josephine, Christina and Nicola have been involved in this, Migration and citizenship, and Youth safety, all of which are of concern to us at CHS.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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MUSIC REPORT

The past year has been a period of transition for our music program, and also of growth. Late in the year we welcomed our new music director, Keith Pun. He brings a new jolt of energy and enthusiasm to our church music, which already made itself felt during a busy schedule of Christmas services.

During the interim, choristers showed up faithfully—and some new ones joined—under volunteer directors Paula Constant and Sarah Mistry, including for a full program of Lent, Holy Week and Easter music. We continued to grow in the ways we use music to support the parish's prayer life, such as introducing psalm chanting on Sunday mornings. All of this has been a true team effort. In addition to Paula's and Sarah's contributions as directors, Rhian Granleese worked tirelessly organizing a rota of organists – including Joe Sternberg and Martin Kiefer—to cover every Sunday.

A final note on two other projects: Robert Bowles has done phenomenal work over the years completing and then maintaining our magnificent Hunter organ. Building on his efforts, in 2024 we appointed organ builder Martin Kemp of Henry Willis & Sons, England's premier organ-building firm, to maintain our instrument moving forward. Joe coordinates this work (with valuable advice from Robert), and we'd like to thank everyone who has donated to support it. So far we've raised enough money to fund six or more days of the organ builder's work, thanks to the parish's generous support, and this allowed us to arrange some critical maintenance just before Christmas.

We also organized a fundraising concert, led by Paula, to support organ maintenance. The event in September was great fun for all who attended and everyone who performed in it, with a great mix of young performers as well as some more seasoned solo and group efforts. We're discussing other concerts we might offer in future. Our overarching goals are to bring music to the parish's prayer life, and to share the parish's musical talents and resources with the rest of the community. We're grateful for everyone's support.

Joe Sternberg and Paula Constant

ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS REPORT



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CHS's online communication channels comprise the church website, social media (Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor and X), WhatsApp, the email newsletter and the broadcasting of services on Zoom and YouTube. Rachel Edge, Nick Jenni, Natalie Wood and Gavin Williams contribute to updating the various church social media accounts. It should be noted here that a lot of effort also goes into printed publicity, in the form of posters, banners and postcards throughout the year, with all of the associated work of making those visible to people in the community, which is done by others.

The church website (<https://www.holyspirit-clapham.org.uk/>) is maintained by a small team including Natalie Wood, the parish administrator and Gavin Williams. Increasingly, the church's work and rotas make use of Churchsuite (<https://holyspiritclapham.churchsuite.com/my>). This ensures we can more easily comply with data protection legislation, as well as making use of features including setting up reminders.

The newsletter continues to be produced weekly, with a mailing list of 351 people, but with between 47% and 63% opening it every week. A small team made up of Joe Sternberg, Alan Mundy and Nick Jenni take turns producing it. Mtr Ruth writes every week a synopsis of the teaching from the two readings and selects an image to use. This always heads the newsletter, as well as being published on the website.

The church continues to share its main services (and some additional events) online, with a rota of six on the AV team operating the cameras and controlling the audio output from the desk at the back of church with Natalie managing the rota for this team. There is always some online attendance, both on Zoom and on YouTube (linked to on the church website). A recording is also made, which can be watched later on YouTube and which is included in the newsletter the following week.

Much work by Mtr Ruth and Natalie Wood goes into making available the orders of service and linking to them both on the website and in the newsletter.

Many of the 3,755 views during 2024 of the YouTube videos (up 29% over 2023) occur after the event when people watch the recordings. Since 2024, the sermon has been shared each week on Facebook and on X, as well as in the newsletter, which has increased the number of people who listen to it. We are fortunate to have such a skilled home team of clergy sermon-givers as Mtr Ruth and Mtr Caroline.

For life events such as weddings and funerals, where it is possible to provide it, people appreciate not only having a recording to keep of their event, but also to share it with others who are not able to attend, perhaps because they are unwell or because it is too far for them to travel.

All of the people who support this communications work perform a vital service for those who cannot attend in person. The team helps to extend the reach of our parish church with its messages of welcome, hope and peace.

Anyone interested in helping with church comms is welcome to contact communications@holyspirit-clapham.org.uk

Rachel, Nick, Gavin, Alan, Joe and Natalie

ROBES PROJECT REPORT

The latest Robes Overnight Winter shelter season finished at the end of March. Overall the season was a success; in total from November to March Robes supported 79 guests.

As usual our involvement at CHS was to run the shelter on Saturday nights during November and December, a total of 7 nights. In summary we provided a warm meal on Saturday evening, a camp bed to sleep on in the contact centre and breakfast on Sunday morning. The guests we supported would otherwise have nowhere to sleep during the coldest and wettest months.

Of course it would be impossible to run the shelter without our dedicated volunteers who give up their Saturday evenings or get up early Sunday mornings to help out. Without exception the people we help are enormously appreciative. In total this year we had 23 volunteers.

In addition to CHS, St Paul's, Christ Church and for the first time this year, St Peter's were also part of the shelter season.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Once again a massive thanks to everyone who helped make the shelter so friendly and welcoming and prepared some amazing meals. We will be doing it again starting in November. Advance warning that next winter we will be asked to cover more weekends (approx 10) so we will be looking to recruit more volunteers.

Ian Cherrie & Anna Long

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Introduction - Safeguarding refers to the measures taken to safeguard children and vulnerable adults.

Policy - The Parish safeguarding policy was adopted in 2021 and remains in effect. It is set out on the Parish website and can be found at www.holyspirit-clapham.org.uk/safeguarding.

Pursuant to the policy, Holy Spirit Clapham is committed to:

- promoting a safer environment and culture
- safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church
- responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons
- caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- responding to those who may pose a present risk to others.

Under the policy commits Holy Spirit Clapham commits to:

- create a safe and caring place for all
- have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the Incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse
- ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish
- display on church premises and on the parish website the details of whom to contact with safeguarding concerns or support needs
- listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse
- take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops' guidance, including immediately notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies
- offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred
- care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties
- ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually
- review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practice at least annually.

Compliance - The PCC is responsible for monitoring compliance with the Policy, a summary of which is set out below.

Parish Safeguarding Officer - The Parish appointed Gavin Williams as Parish Safeguarding Officer in 2021.

Insurance - The PCC has insurance cover in place which covers all activities currently undertaken involving children and adults in the name of the Parish.

Contact details - We display on church premises and on the church website the details of whom to contact with safeguarding concerns or support needs.

Safe, responsive and caring environment - I believe that our church community is a safe environment and able to respond caringly to anyone with safeguarding needs or concerns.

Background checks and training - Part of our Policy requires individuals in designated roles involving children or vulnerable adults to undergo criminal records (Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)) checks and Church of England safeguarding training every three years. Volunteers are prompted by the Parish Safeguarding Administrator to complete their checks and training periodically.

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Health and safety - The health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are due to be reviewed by the PCC.

Periodic review - The Safeguarding Policy is due to be reviewed by the PCC.

Gavin Williams
Parish Safeguarding Officer
April 2025

Financial review

Income for the year

The church's General Fund increased by £21,728 in 2024 compared with 2023, but £11,517.16 of this was a legacy. Due to hard work and great efforts by the music team the Organ Fund has increased by just over £3,000, after payment for some of the repairs carried out in 2023. The Contact Centre's fund increased by £37,268. The excess of income over expenditure for the combined church and contact centre was £62,058.

Contact Centre

The income from the Contact Centre has increased, the new WCs and shower are being well used and have been popular, and the Centre is more used, and receipts have increased, unfortunately it does need repairs, the new roof and skylights are going to cost about £70,000 on the present estimates.

Utility Costs

The new contracts entered into in Spring 2024 on the expiry of the previous contracts have reduced these costs substantially.

The Mission and Volunteering

The Summer and Christmas fairs, Quiz Night, Concert, Halloween, and Christmas Wreath Workshop, along with many other events were very well attended and not only raised funds for the Church due to the huge efforts put in by a large number of volunteers, and new faces came into the Church, widening its appeal.

Thank you to all the Volunteers and attendees.

Finance Going Forward

The Church alone, excluding substantial "one-off" gifts, unfortunately is still running at a deficit, while the Contact Centre makes a profit and mostly makes up for the deficit, both Church and Contact Centre need repairs carried out and special projects have been "on hold" for some years.

Despite the reduction in utility costs and other savings our overheads have increased: we have a new Music Director, Keith Pun, the cleaners' wages have been increased in view of the London Living Wage and we have appointed Caladine Ltd, a professional firm, finalising and examining our accounts.

The Church remains available for hire by suitable external groups

We need to fulfil our mission and in addition to keep the Church warm and welcoming, and in good condition.

For this we also need increased generosity.

Paula Wison & Ros Paterson-Morgan

Overall the Church accounts show a closing surplus of £61,959 (2023: £27,760) with closing funds of £226,682 (2023: £164,723), of which £0 (2023: £99) is Restricted.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Structure, governance and management

Holy Spirit, Clapham is part of the diocese of Southwark within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Narbonne Avenue, Clapham, London SW4 9JU.

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales under number 1134600.

Since the PCC is a body corporate, liabilities it incurs in contract are enforceable against it rather than against its members. A PCC member only become personally liable for a debt of the PCC if he or she voluntarily accepted legal responsibility for it or if the debt has arisen in circumstances involving a breach of the PCC member's fiduciary duties.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

The Reverend Ruth Burge-Thomas - Chair
(Incumbent)
The Reverend Canon Caroline Clarke (P/T Assistant
Priest)
Gavin Williams (Warden and Safeguarding Officer)
Katie Pollock (Warden)
Paula Wilson (Co-Treasurer)
Rachel Edge
Margaret Mahoney
Kathryn Newell
Paul Donohue
Zoe Olivier
James Buchanan
Caroline Studdert
Ros Paterson-Morgan (Co-Treasurer)
Rhian Granleese

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Holy Spirit, Clapham, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), assistant priest, churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives, Treasurer and the members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

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

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Burge-Thomas', written over a dotted line.

The Reverend Ruth Burge-Thomas - Chair (Incumbent)
Trustee

Date: 1 May 2025

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a 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 Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



John Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE

Caladine Limited
Chantry House
22 Upperton Road
Eastbourne
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BN21 1BF

Dated: 8 May 2025

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	141,596	-	141,596	113,649	-	113,649
Charitable activities	4	116,570	-	116,570	105,079	-	105,079
Investments	5	2,479	-	2,479	1,309	-	1,309
Total income		260,645	-	260,645	220,037	-	220,037
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	6	1,153	-	1,153	1,710	-	1,710
Charitable activities	7	197,434	99	197,533	190,525	42	190,567
Total expenditure		198,587	99	198,686	192,235	42	192,277
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		62,058	(99)	61,959	27,802	(42)	27,760
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		164,624	99	164,723	136,822	141	136,963
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		226,682	-	226,682	164,624	99	164,723

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Property, plant and equipment	14		32,176		40,123
Current assets					
Trade and other receivables	15	6,239		8,992	
Cash at bank and in hand		195,461		120,933	
		201,700		129,925	
Current liabilities	16	(7,194)		(5,325)	
Net current assets			194,506		124,600
Total assets less current liabilities			226,682		164,723
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	18		-		99
Unrestricted funds	19		226,682		164,624
			226,682		164,723

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 1 May 2025

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The Reverend Ruth Burge-Thomas - Chair (Incumbent)
Trustee

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Holy Spirit, Clapham is a registered charity governed by its Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956), the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following basis:

Contact centre fixture and fittings	Straight line basis over 4-10 Years
Church fixtures and fittings	Straight line basis over 3-20 Years
Computers	Straight line basis over 3-5 Years

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of non-current assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	141,596	113,649
Donations and gifts		
Gift Aid - bank	94,972	76,956
Gift Aid - envelopes	1,631	51
Other giving not under Gift Aid	1,623	10,364
Loose plate collections	3,627	3,838
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	25,760	22,390
Flowers	610	50
Legacies	11,517	-
Other	1,856	-
	141,596	113,649

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Charitable activities		
Activities to further the work of the church	10,782	964
Income directly relating to worship	1,090	3,497
Charitable rental income	99,176	89,818
Activities for generating funds	5,522	10,800
	116,570	105,079

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	2,479	1,309

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	60	400
Membership schemes and social lotteries	417	813
Staging fundraising events	676	497
	<u>1,153</u>	<u>1,710</u>

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Church activities	Church activities
	2024	2023
	£	£
Direct costs		
Depreciation and impairment	8,357	8,639
Parish costs	79,345	71,834
Working expenses of incumbent	1,538	2,455
Other church activities	908	503
Upkeep of services	1,911	1,527
Upkeep of churchyard	3,534	3,374
Church running expenses	14,073	21,332
Contact centre running expenses	14,197	18,614
Music and organ costs	3,765	9,753
Printing and stationery	1,142	1,682
Repairs and maintenance	18,815	6,984
Telephone and broadband	2,410	1,629
Miscellaneous costs	819	1,014
Financial charges	1,673	1,164
	<u>152,487</u>	<u>150,504</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	4,930	2,312
Share of support and governance costs (see note 9)		
Support	40,116	37,751
	<u>197,533</u>	<u>190,567</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	197,434	190,525
Restricted funds	99	42
	<u>197,533</u>	<u>190,567</u>

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

8 Grants payable

	Church activities 2024 £	Church activities 2023 £
Grants to institutions:		
Ace of clubs	-	767
Children's society	1,048	767
Home mission and outreach	14	10
Christain Aid	1,210	-
Other	2,658	768
	<u>4,930</u>	<u>2,312</u>

9 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs	36,713	31,424
Gifts	368	3,732
Website costs	-	896
Printer, computer, network and software	395	1,699
Accountancy & Independent examination	2,640	-
	<u>40,116</u>	<u>37,751</u>
<u>Analysed between:</u>		
Church activities	<u>40,116</u>	<u>37,751</u>

10 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of owned property, plant and equipment	<u>8,357</u>	<u>8,639</u>

11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2024 Number	2023 Number
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

12 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	35,413	29,526
Other pension costs	1,300	1,898
	<u>36,713</u>	<u>31,424</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

14 Property, plant and equipment

	Contact centre fixture and fittings £	Church fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2024	94,709	78,669	11,211	184,589
Additions	-	210	200	410
Disposals	-	-	(5,735)	(5,735)
At 31 December 2024	<u>94,709</u>	<u>78,879</u>	<u>5,676</u>	<u>179,264</u>
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2024	94,709	38,721	11,036	144,466
Depreciation charged in the year	-	8,142	215	8,357
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	(5,735)	(5,735)
At 31 December 2024	<u>94,709</u>	<u>46,863</u>	<u>5,516</u>	<u>147,088</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>32,016</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>32,176</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>39,948</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>40,123</u>

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

15 Trade and other receivables	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade receivables	2,660	8,038
Other receivables	3,579	954
	<u>6,239</u>	<u>8,992</u>
16 Current liabilities	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade payables	1,648	3,023
Other payables	2,906	2,302
Accruals and deferred income	2,640	-
	<u>7,194</u>	<u>5,325</u>
17 Retirement benefit schemes	2024	2023
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	1,300	1,898

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

18 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2024	Resources expended	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£
Refugees Welcome Lambeth Fund	99	(99)	-
	<u>99</u>	<u>(99)</u>	<u>-</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Resources expended	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£
Refugees Welcome Lambeth Fund	141	(42)	99
	<u>141</u>	<u>(42)</u>	<u>99</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Contact - Contact Centre	6,904	95,774	(44,896)	(13,610)	44,172
Organ - Organ Fund	5,016	3,630	(567)	-	8,080
Fabric - Fabric Fund	64,819	-	-	-	64,819
General funds	87,884	161,241	(153,124)	13,610	109,612
	<u>164,624</u>	<u>260,645</u>	<u>(198,587)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>226,682</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Ukraine - Refugees Ukraine	3,235	-	(3,234)	(1)	-
Abbeville - Abbeville Fete	3,499	-	-	(3,499)	-
Contact - Contact Centre	(3,590)	86,912	(54,318)	(22,100)	6,904
Organ - Organ Fund	5,016	-	-	-	5,016
Fabric - Fabric Fund	64,819	-	-	-	64,819
General funds	63,843	133,125	(134,683)	25,600	87,885
	<u>136,822</u>	<u>220,037</u>	<u>192,235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>164,624</u>

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 December 2024:			
Property, plant and equipment	32,176	-	32,176
Current assets/(liabilities)	194,506	-	194,506
	<u>226,682</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>226,682</u>

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

20 Analysis of net assets between funds (Continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 December 2023:			
Property, plant and equipment	40,123	-	40,123
Current assets/(liabilities)	124,501	99	124,600
	<u>164,624</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>164,723</u>

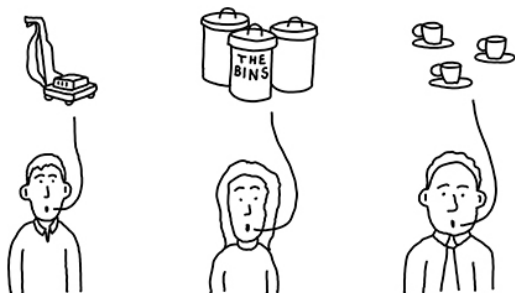
21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

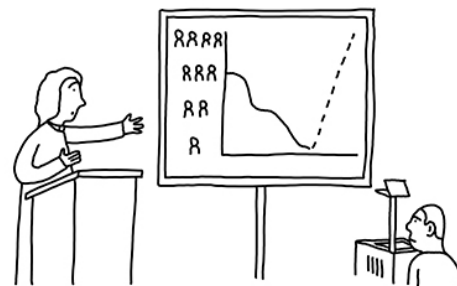
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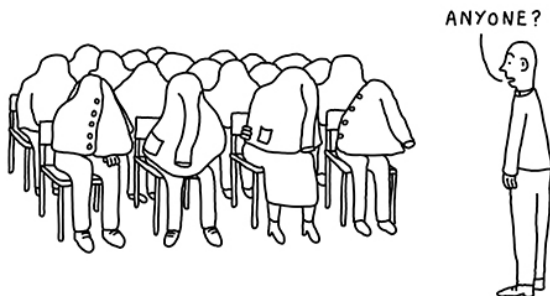
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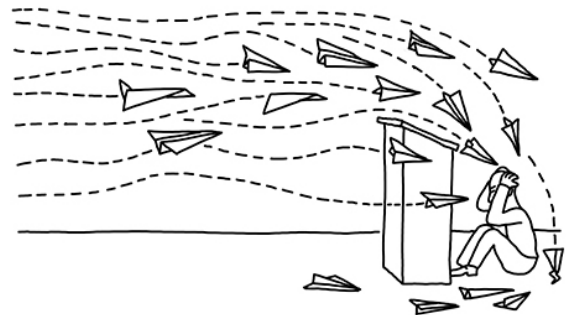
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THE VICAR'S SPEECH ABOUT
THIS YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS



THE ELECTION OF A NEW
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL



SOME QUESTIONS FROM
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REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents their reports and financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2023.

AIM AND PURPOSES

The principal purpose of the PCC of the Church of the Holy Spirit Clapham is to cooperate with the incumbent, Revd Ruth Burge-Thomas, on matters of importance to the parish in promoting the mission of the Church, and to have joint responsibility, with the incumbent, in the running of the parish.

The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church fabric and its contents, and for the maintenance and running of the Contact Centre, our church hall.

The PCC also considers and discusses matters concerning the Church of England, or other matters of religious or public interest.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church, and to become part of our parish community in Clapham.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The PCC (as Trustees) have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through

- worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel and delivering their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church and the Contact Centre.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

VICAR'S REPORT

God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

The sign that God is present is not the number of bums on seats or the size of the bank balance but the amount of love. And we have plenty of it. The amount of love given, received, shared in our community is something to rejoice in. Behind the scenes you are busy giving lifts, taking people to hospital appointments, picking up shopping, doing laundry, making cups of tea, baking, chatting, being light, salt and yeast for our community.

I have been the recipient of much love this year: A head injury in June put me out of action and I am enormously grateful to everyone who took care of me and to all of you who helped keep the show on the road. Our wardens, Katie and Gavin, and our PCC Secretary Rhian worked incredibly hard alongside our PCC, our Administrator, Natalie, and all our volunteers. My thanks to them and to Paula, Gill and Zoe for running the Pram Service in my absence and to all the clergy who stepped in, especially Father Richard and Mother Caroline who has now joined us as assistant priest.

As ever you have undertaken the work of loving and serving one another and our community:

Ian and Anna lead the Robes night shelter in the winter months on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings, quietly carrying out much needed support;

Judith and her team are welcoming an increasing number of older folks at Silver Socials having received referrals from our local GP surgery;

Rhian led our Junior Church volunteers in making church accessible and fun for a growing number of young people.

This year saw the launch of Beyond Sunday, with Rachel and Henry inviting speakers and facilitating discussion to aid us in our growth in faith and learning. Andrew stood down as treasurer and his mantle has been picked up by Paula and Ros who have done an amazing amount of work keeping us in the black and looking at ways in which we can increase our income and reduce our expenditure. Andrei stepped down as Music Director. We are fortunate for the six years that he shared his gifts with us and also for the work of Sarah, Emma, Joe and Rhian in keeping up the high standard of music since his departure. They continue to be actively involved in the recruitment of a new music director and we will keep you posted.

Some of the year's highlights included a wonderful Summer Event, Quiz night, the hugely popular All Hallows' Eve party, bumper congregations at Christmas (we ran out of chairs at Christingle) and a beautiful and moving Holy Week (kicked off by a star turn from Rocky, the rescue donkey, on Palm Sunday).

The PCC are busy with plans for the quinquennial building repairs schedule, the support and expansion of our ministry among our youngest and oldest members and the start of anti-racism and eco-church initiatives. We also continue our work with the Lambeth North Deanery, Churches Together in Clapham, our local primary school and our local councillors to explore ways in which we can better serve our community.

All that we do is fuelled by God's love but also by your love. To continue to thrive and grow in the coming year we need your continued support and commitment.

Please take time after reading this year's Annual Report to think about the areas of our church life that you are most passionate about and whether you would like to be more engaged. I have not stopped giving thanks to God for you and for this little part of God's kingdom that we are called to serve.

WARDENS' REPORT

Worship and Prayer

During the course of the year, modifications to the pattern of regular worship and prayer were made to reflect both our Mission Action Plan priorities and our dependency on visiting clergy (to whom we are enormously grateful for their support during Mother's Ruth's period of ill health). These modifications resulted in the arrangement still current at the time of writing, namely:

- Sunday morning 8am Pram Service
- Sunday morning 10.30am Parish Mass with Junior Church
- Sunday evening 6.30pm Monthly Choral Evensong
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9-9.30am Morning Prayer
- Tuesday and Thursday 1-1.30pm Lunchtime Prayer (online)

In addition, we held special services throughout the year in celebration of seasonal festivals and introduced an occasional Sunday morning 10.30am All-age Service which saw our young people join and participate in the delivery of the whole of several principal Sunday morning services. Many of our services are broadcast live and made available online thanks to the system installed during the coronavirus outbreak and a team of willing volunteer operators.

Following a dip in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, attendance rose gradually during the year and presented a growing degree of age and ethnic diversity. Our work with children and young people particularly flourished and – in the form of the “Hope” pillar of our Mission Action Plan – will remain at the heart of our activities in the coming year.

On behalf of the congregation at large we wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all involved in delivering our services of worship and prayer, clergy, readers, intercessors, servers, sacristans, sidespeople, organists and members of the choir. Without you, Holy Spirit Clapham would not have been the vibrant place of worship it was in 2023. Thank you.

Care of the Church Fabric and Property

The wardens have certain responsibilities in relation to the care of the church. These responsibilities cover the keeping of records and the making of inspections and reports on the church's property and fabric, their state of upkeep and maintenance.

The Terrier and Inventory

The Terrier is the name the Church of England gives to the records required to be kept of the land and buildings belonging to a church. The Inventory, less cryptically, is the record of a church's plate and ornaments and other significant items of movable property.

Until recently and despite the best efforts of the Churchwardens and our Joint Treasurers to locate it, our Terrier and Inventory had been missing and could not be found. In April 2024, however, they were discovered, hiding in plain sight, in the Church Hall office.

Unfortunately, neither is accurate but at the time of writing both were being brought up to date with the help of our Parish Administrator and others. Once this process is complete, the updated Terrier and Inventory will be presented to the PCC. The churchwardens have no concerns regarding the ownership of the land, buildings or property of Holy Spirit, Clapham.

The Log Book

The Log Book is the term used by the Church of England to refer to the records required to be kept of maintenance work on the fabric of a church's buildings and their periodic inspection. Records are kept by the Parish Office of all work done on our buildings. We are in the process of digitising this record-keeping process consistent with the form recommended by the Church Buildings Council.

Annual Fabric Report

Each church is required by law to undergo an official inspection every five years. Our quinquennial inspection was due in 2023 and was duly conducted by our inspecting architect, Karen Butti of Thomas Ford and Partners. Karen's report was received by the PCC in January 2024 and offered the following summary:

- The church is generally in fair condition and the only major concern is that the movement on the south and west sides appear to have continued, possibly during the very dry summer of 2022. It is good that the outflow of water from the former neighbouring dry cleaners has now come to an end which may have exacerbated problems on that side. A means of repairing the rainwater pipe on the south side and preventing adjoining owners from damaging it needs to be put in hand.
- There are quite a number of items which have been carried over from the last inspection. Fortunately, some of those have not deteriorated as quickly as I might have anticipated so while they still need still doing there have been no dramatic failures.
- It is understood that the Parish has had a difficult time with reduced numbers since Covid. There are a number of low-level items that could be done on a DIY basis by volunteers if funds are short, a small group might undertake some of the painting and

clearing tasks at low level, together with some of the simple internal repairs such as dealing with trip hazards, etc.

Since receiving the report, the PCC has set about instructing some of the more-straightforward items identified. Separately, the PCC has resolved to obtain a similar report on the Church Hall (Contact Centre) to better understand the state of that building and enable a prioritisation of work across the estate to be made on a fully informed basis.

The PCC is already in possession of a prioritised specification of works for the church building, which was prepared by Thomas Ford as a follow up to their 2018 quinquennial report. Owing to the depletion of reserve funds (by the new Church Hall toilets) and a drop in receipts from regular giving, the PCC has not yet felt it prudent to proceed with the specified remedial works.

The need to invest in our buildings which in turn enable our pastoral, mission and outreach work in the parish will be highlighted in our forthcoming giving campaign. If we were to lose the use of our buildings to poor upkeep, our rental income and ability to serve the community would both be critically affected.

Prudent Management

Spiralling costs more generally called for some tough decisions by the PCC in 2023, balancing everything we would have wished to have done with the prudent management of our limited resources.

Notwithstanding the straightened times and with the invaluable help of our Joint Treasurers, we did succeed in getting on top of unnecessary expenditure on utilities and improving rental income.

This is not to say that we are “out of the woods” financially (an operating deficit persists) but our financial discipline did improve markedly last year. The need remains to put our finances onto a healthier footing, which will be another focus of the Mission Action Plan and our forthcoming giving campaign as we seek to attract more people and encourage us all to give more and regularly.

Our Plan: Faith, Hope and Love

We stuck to our Mission Action Plan in 2023 and its pillars of Faith, Hope and Love.

Faith

We refer above the new service pattern and gradual growth in numbers, last year. Alongside our services of worship and prayer, we ran two Lent Talks and, later in the year, launched a series of theological speakers and discussions under the banner of Beyond Sunday (with thanks to Rachel Edge and Henry Chu for their leadership). Enormous enthusiasm was shown by the congregation in suggesting subjects for the

sessions and the first was well attended. We look forward to Beyond Sunday becoming a permanent fixture in 2024 and beyond.

Throughout the year we organised individual events that drew us closer to each other in fellowship, including the hotly competitive Lent series of Soup on Saturday, and the ever-popular Quiz Night. Following her return from leave, Mother Ruth resumed preparation classes for marriage, baptism and adult confirmation with plans for first communion preparation at the next opportunity.

Looking ahead, the PCC has several exciting ideas of ways for us to broaden and deepen our faith together, including a possible parish retreat and pursuing further our ambition to become an “Eco Church”.

Hope

Our work with children and young people flourished in 2023 with attendance at the Pram Service and Junior Church both growing in numbers. An enlarged cohort of volunteers has helped Junior Church find new vigour for their regular Sunday morning appearances on the chancel step. The PCC has resolved to consolidate our efforts in 2024 around the Pram Service, Junior Church and the All-Age Service while maintaining the family-facing events and celebrations throughout the year, from

our Christmas Workshop, Christingle and Community Carols through Mothering Sunday, Shrove Tuesday and our Good Friday Workshop through to Harvest, All Hallows Eve and Remembrance.

The Mission Action Plan calls for further opportunities for young people to get involved to be identified. Progress has been made by the serving and A/V teams but with plenty of scope for further advances remaining.

Love

Love for our neighbour was strongly in evidence in 2023 through our mission and outreach work.

Our Silver Socials group continued to offer a vital weekly focal point with an increase last year in referrals from primary healthcare swelling their numbers.

Through our partnership with the Robes winter night shelter, volunteers helped provide a roof over the head and a warm welcome for guests as well as a hearty supper and breakfast.

Ties remained to local soup kitchen, the Ace of Clubs, and the local Food Bank, with Holy Spirit Clapham serving as a collection point and promoting donations.

Mother Ruth supported by volunteer help continued to offer pastoral care for the sick, the elderly, the dying and the bereaved throughout the year.

Our summer and Christmas fairs again brought crafts, music and children's activities together to raise funds for our selected charities and church funds.

After the solemnity of the loss of Her Late Majesty the Queen the previous year, May 2023 brought the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. Members of Holy Spirit Clapham, young and old, had great fun participating in the Ring for the King, taking turns to ring the church bell in celebration. This was followed by a service of celebration and a Bring and Share lunch in church.

As part of our ongoing mission to be part of the Eco Church movement members of the congregation also participated in litter picking on Clapham Common as part of the Big Help Out organised at the new King's request.

Music retained a prominent place in the life of Holy Spirit Clapham in 2023 as part of both our worship and our outreach activities. As we prepared to bid farewell to our Music Director of six years, Andrei Lebed, the choir went from strength to strength, welcoming new members and performing to great acclaim John Rutter's Requiem.

Thank you

Looking back on 2023, our principal feeling was one of thanksgiving and appreciation. Although the year brought with it more than a few challenges, the resolve shown by so many to step forward with offers of time, talents or treasure was hugely encouraging. With so much darkness in the world,

Holy Spirit Clapham shone brightly as a place of love and care in Clapham, where everyone is welcome, no exceptions.

As we turn to the year ahead, we pray that we shall continue to be blessed as a church by the renewed devotion and generosity of our congregation, that we shall continue to grow in number, and that we shall have success in putting our Mission Action Plan into practice (and in finding a new Music Director)!

Katie Pollock Gavin Williams

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM**

14 Wray Mill House, Wray Mill Park, Batts Hill, Reigate RH2 0LJ

18 March 2024

Members of the Parochial Church Council
Church of the Holy Spirit
Narbonne Avenue
London SW4 9JU

I report on the financial statements of the PCC of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham for the year ended 31 December 2023, as set out on the following pages. This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC, as Trustees of the charity, those matters I am required to state to them in this Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the PCC as a body, for my work, for this Report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

As Trustees of the charity, the PCC are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements have not been met:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Michael J Woolley BA, FCA
Chartered Accountant

Annual Treasurer's Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

Income for the year

The church's General Fund increased by £9,335.12 in 2023 compared with 2022, but £3,498.69 of this was as a result of the closure of the Abbeville fete account with the transfer of the fete's funds to the General fund. The Contact Centre's fund increased by £10,494.57. The excess of income over expenditure for the combined church and contact centre was £13,096.03.

Contact Centre

The income from the Contact Centre has increased, the new WCs and shower are being well used and have been popular and the Centre is more used, and receipts have increased, unfortunately it does need repairs.

Utility Costs

The cost of heating, particularly gas and to a lesser extent electricity, has been very high but we believe the new contracts being entered into this Spring on the expiry of the current contracts will reduce these costs substantially.

The Mission and Volunteering

The Summer and Christmas fairs, Quiz Night, Halloween, The Rutter Requiem and Christmas Wreath Workshop, along with many other events were very well attended and not only raised funds for the Church due to the huge efforts put in by a large number of volunteers, but new faces came into the Church, widening its appeal.

Thank you to all the Volunteers and attendees.

Finance Going Forward

The Church alone, excluding substantial "one-off" gifts, unfortunately runs at a deficit, while the Contact Centre makes a profit and effectively makes up for the deficit; but both Church and Contact Centre need repairs carried out and special projects (such as the dais) have been "on hold" for some years.

We need to fulfil our mission and in addition to keep the Church warm and welcoming, and in good condition.

For this we also need increased generosity.

As a final note, the Church itself is under-used so if any of you know of a suitable group who would like to use the Church, for rehearsals, opera, concerts or similar do please tell them we are here.

Church of The Holy Spirit, Clapham
Statement of Financial Activities **For the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from donors	113,599.00	-	-	113,599.00	187,530.29
Other voluntary incoming resources	50.00	-	-	50.00	1,400.00
Activities to further the work of the church	16,174.53	-	-	16,174.53	15,487.42
Activities for generating funds	10,800.27	-	-	10,800.27	10,496.19
Income from investments	1,308.72	-	-	1,308.72	1,245.89
Other incoming resources note this includes £6000 Contact Centre rent from 2022	74,608.04	-	-	74,608.04	70,819.45
Income directly relating to worship	3,497.30	-	-	3,497.30	2,244.00
Total income	220,037.86	-	-	220,037.86	289,223.24
Resources used					
Costs of generating funds	1,710.06	-	-	1,710.06	2,584.60
Grants	2,311.77	-	-	2,311.77	5,968.50
Payments to further the work of the Church	76,434.17	41.66	-	76,475.83	90,956.63
Support costs	37,750.99	-	-	37,750.99	29,441.38
Church building, management and administration	68,388.80	-	-	68,388.80	217,343.94
Expenditure directly relating to worship	20,346.04	-	-	20,346.04	10,106.29
Total expenditure	206,941.83	41.66	-	206,983.49	356,401.34
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	13,096.03	(41.66)	-	13,054.37	(67,178.10)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	28,411.94	141.97	-	28,553.91	236,347.68
Gross transfers between funds - out	(28,411.94)	(141.97)	-	(28,553.91)	(236,347.68)
Net movement in funds	13,096.03	(41.66)	-	13,054.37	(67,178.10)
Total funds brought forward	136,821.53	141.00	-	136,962.53	204,140.63
Total funds carried forward	149,917.56	99.34	-	150,016.90	136,962.53
Unrestricted					
General fund	73,177.92	-	-	73,177.92	63,842.80
Designated					
Contact Centre	6,904.16	-	-	6,904.16	(3,590.41)
Fabric Fund	64,819.02	-	-	64,819.02	64,819.02
Organ Fund	5,016.46	-	-	5,016.46	5,016.46
Refugees Ukraine	-	-	-	-	3,234.97
Refugees Welcome Lambeth	-	99.34	-	99.34	141.00
Total funds	149,917.56	99.34	-	150,016.90	136,962.53

Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham

Balance Sheet (Summary) as at 31 December 2023

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Fixed assets		
Tangible Assets	25,416.48	48,761.48
	25,416.48	48,761.48
Current assets		
Debtors	8,992.35	6,749.01
Cash At Bank And In Hand	120,933.27	91,187.63
	129,925.62	97,936.64
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	5,325.20	3,735.59
	5,325.20	3,735.59
Net current assets less current liabilities	124,600.42	94,201.05
Total assets less current liabilities	150,016.90	142,962.53
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	-	6,000.00
	-	6,000.00
Total net assets less liabilities	150,016.90	136,962.53
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	73,177.92	63,842.80
Designated		
Designated - Abbeville Fete	-	3,498.69
Designated - Contact Centre	6,904.16	(3,590.41)
Designated - Fabric Fund	64,819.02	64,819.02
Designated - Organ Fund	5,016.46	5,016.46
Designated - Refugees Ukraine	-	3,234.97
Restricted		
Restricted - Refugees Welcome Lambeth	99.34	141.00
Fund Totals	150,016.90	136,962.53

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Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Note	From To	01-Jan-23 31-Dec-23	01-Jan-22 31-Dec-22
Ukraine - Refugees Ukraine (Designated) Fund			
Other giving not under Gift Aid		-	265.52
Total Incoming resources from donors		-	265.52
Total Incoming resources		-	265.52
Resources used - expenditure			
Home mission & outreach		-	1,668.00
Total Grants		-	1,668.00
Gifts		3,234.00	-
Total Support costs		3,234.00	-
• Church building, management and administration			
Miscellaneous		-	439
Total Resources used		3,234.00	2,107.00
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		-3,234.00	-1,841.48
Brought forward balance		3,234.97	-
Transfers to/(from)		-0.97	5,076.45
Total carried forward balance		-	3,234.97
REFUGEES - Refugees Welcome Lambeth (Restricted) Fund			
Resources used- expenditure			
Refugees fund expenditure		41.66	-
Total Resources used		41.66	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		-41.66	-
Brought forward balance		141	141
Total carried forward balance		99.34	141
GENERAL- (Unrestricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
• Incoming resources from donors			
Gift Aid - Bank		76,956.46	134,513.56
Gift Aid - Envelopes		50.5	20
Other giving not under Gift Aid		10,364.06	7,784.55
Loose plate Collections		3,837.87	1,746.47
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		22,390.11	42,200.19
Total Incoming resources from donors		113,599.00	186,264.77
Flowers		50	-
One off Grants		-	1,400.00
Total Other voluntary incoming resources		50	1,400.00
Christingle - Children's Soc		430.36	-
Christmas Giving		472.27	66.42
Easter/Lent Call		45	-
Rent: church/LDF building use		3,095.00	-
Choir & Music fees		16.45	-
Total Activities to further the work of the church		4,059.08	66.42
• Activities for generating funds			
Rummage jumble books sales etc.		5,316.13	25

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Other funds generated	659.92	2,244.99
Cake Sales	129.5	-
Church stalls - other	60	195
Christmas Fair	4,636.62	3,288.62
Tea & Coffee	5.6	-
Concerts	-7.5	-
Church hire	-	4,092.15
Webstore income	-	230.03
<u>Total Activities for generating funds</u>	<u>10,800.27</u>	<u>10,075.79</u>
Bank & building soc interest	1,119.91	1,223.41
<u>Total Income from investments</u>	<u>1,119.91</u>	<u>1,223.41</u>
Fees to PCC	3,497.30	2,244.00
<u>Total Income directly relating to worship</u>	<u>3,497.30</u>	<u>2,244.00</u>
<u>Total Incoming resources</u>	<u>133,125.56</u>	<u>201,274.39</u>
Resources used - expenditure		
Concert and entertainment expenses	400	-
Christmas Fair expenses	812.69	2,438.02
Summer Fair expenses	497.37	-
<u>Total Costs of generating funds</u>	<u>1,710.06</u>	<u>2,438.02</u>
Grants given out from CHS		
Ace of Clubs	767.42	669
Robes Project	-	2,102.50
Children's Society	767.42	844
Church Action	-	25
Home mission & outreach	9.51	660
other charities	767.42	-
<u>Total Grants</u>	<u>2,311.77</u>	<u>4,300.50</u>
Parish Support Fund	70,327.96	80,929.70
Parish training and mission	1,507.89	2,000.00
Working expenses of incumbent	2,455.16	2,346.43
Sunday School	14.72	-
Youth activities	46	1,538.24
Seniors' activities	400	137.99
Printing & Stationery	1,682.44	2,723.95
Catering	-	1,280.32
<u>Total Payments to further the work of the Church</u>	<u>76,434.17</u>	<u>90,956.63</u>
• Support costs		
Salary/administrator	10,458.98	10,792.30
Assistant staff costs	-	720
Gifts	397.5	111.98
Staff Pension Costs	1,093.88	2,346.23
Salaries (except administrator)	1,092.99	2,600.00
Printer, computer, network and software	1,610.78	2,569.98
Website expense	896.42	45.98
<u>Total Support costs</u>	<u>15,550.55</u>	<u>19,186.47</u>
• Church building, management, and administration		
Bank GoCardless Data Developments etc & financial charges	1,106.69	1,184.65
Church running exp-cleaning	1,412.07	1,072.50
Church running exp-insurance	1,713.24	1,602.66

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Church maintenance and repairs	6,070.64	7,023.59
Upkeep of churchyard	3,373.72	-
Miscellaneous	416.35	9,559.94
Depreciation	-	8,940.65
Church running expenses - Heat	14,133.67	13,565.68
Church running exp - Electric	3,637.99	-
Church running exp - Water	338.55	267
Telephone and broadband	1,628.59	1,423.32
Contact Centre - Cleaning	-	-200
Major repairs/church	100	-
MR/church installations	-894	-
<u>Total Church building, management, and administration</u>	<u>33,037.51</u>	<u>44,439.99</u>
• Expenditure directly relating to worship		
Organ/piano tuning	200	-
Music, organist and choir	8,367.15	8,461.57
Upkeep of services	10,166.09	-
Chancel Expenses	-	1,322.22
Flowers	427.2	322.5
Major repairs/costs - organ	1,185.60	-
Total Expenditure directly relating to worship	20,346.04	10,106.29
Total Resources used	149,390.10	171,427.90
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	-16,264.54	29,846.49
Brought forward balance	63,842.80	85,178.45
Transfers to/(from)	25,599.66	-51,182.14
<u>Total carried forward balance</u>	<u>73,177.92</u>	<u>63,842.80</u>

Abbeville - Abbeville Fete (Designated) Fund

Incoming resources

Activities for generating funds		
Sponsorship received	-	420
Total Activities for generating funds	-	420
Total Incoming resources	-	420

Resources used - expenditure

Costs of generating funds		
Printing/publicity	-	146.58
Total Costs of generating funds	-	146.58
Miscellaneous	-	362.7
Total Resources used	-	509.28
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	-	-89.28
Brought forward balance	3,498.69	3,587.97
Transfers to/(from)	-3,498.69	-
<u>Total carried forward balance</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,498.69</u>

CONTACT CENTRE (Designated) Fund

Incoming resources

Gift Aid - Bank	-	1,000.00
Contact Centre - Lettings	12,115.45	15,421.00
<u>Total Activities to further the work of the church</u>	<u>12,115.45</u>	<u>15,421.00</u>

Other funds generated	-	0.4
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<u>Total Activities for generating funds</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.4</u>
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Bank & building soc interest	188.81	22.48
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<u>Total Income from investments</u>	<u>188.81</u>	<u>22.48</u>
Contact Centre - Rents rec'd	42,358.04	37,564.45
Clapham & Clapham Park Montessori – Rent Note £6000 of this is from 2022	32,250.00	33,255.00
<u>Total Other incoming resources</u>	<u>74,608.04</u>	<u>70,819.45</u>
<u>Total Incoming resources</u>	<u>86,912.30</u>	<u>87,263.33</u>
Resources used - expenditure		
Salary/administrator	13,973.91	10,254.91
Gifts	100	-
Staff Pension Costs	804.53	-
Salaries (except administrator)	4,000.00	-
Printer, computer, network, and software	88	-
<u>Total Support costs</u>	<u>18,966.44</u>	<u>10,254.91</u>
Contact Centre Administration		
Bank GoCardless Data Developments etc and financial charges	57.13	-
Church running exp-cleaning	96	-
Miscellaneous	170.51	-
Depreciation	-	355.56
Contact Centre costs - gas	10,984.69	-
Contact Centre - Electricity	4,466.75	-
Contact Centre - Insurance	1,713.24	1,602.66
Contact Centre - Cleaning	1,449.37	3,952.14
Repairs, maintenance & safety - CC	22,431.33	155,030.56
Repairs & Maintenance (CCPM) - CC	-6,017.73	936.85
MR/Contact Centre redecoration/maintenance	-	604.88
New building - Contact Centre	-	9,619.60
Total Church building, management, and administration	35,351.29	172,102.25
Total Resources used	54,317.73	182,357.16
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	32,594.57	-95,093.83
Brought forward balance	-3,590.41	45,396.51
Transfers to/(from)	-22,100.00	46,106.91
<u>Total carried forward balance</u>	<u>6,904.16</u>	<u>-3,590.41</u>
Organ - Organ Fund (Designated) Fund		
Brought forward balance	5,016.46	5,016.46
Total carried forward balance	5,016.46	5,016.46
Fabric - Fabric Fund (Designated) Fund		
Brought forward balance	64,819.02	64,820.24
Transfers to/(from)	-	-1.22
<u>Total carried forward balance</u>	<u>64,819.02</u>	<u>64,819.02</u>

DEANERY SYNOD

The Deanery Synod consists of a group of 16 parishes (21 churches) in Lambeth North. Geographically, our church is the furthest south and St John's Waterloo is the furthest north. Representatives (both clergy and lay members) from those parishes meet about 3 times a year, in a different church each time, with the purpose of working together in the community and sharing information and experiences.

14 March 2023. We met at St Paul's, Clapham (and learned that there has been a church there since the 12th Century.) This was the first meeting chaired by the new Area Dean, Rev Jamie Mulvaney who had taken over the reins from Rev Caroline Clarke. The main talk was on church schools, of which there are 104, but pupil numbers are shrinking. We were also updated on arrangements for the upcoming 7-mile passion Trail which was to finish at Holy Spirit for a service and refreshments.

5 July 2023. At St John's, Waterloo. This was Deanery Synod annual social event, and each church contributed some food to share. We from Holy Spirit contributed desserts (meringues and fruit salad) and cheese. The Lay Chairman who had held the post for the last 6 years stepped down, and his replacement was announced. The main business was getting to know each other by chatting over dinner, seated at two long tables.

9 November 2023. At St Mark's Kennington. The main topic was "Thinking through our Children and Youth Ministries". We split into groups to discuss what different parishes offer for young people. Examples were a youth choir, homework club, youth club, drumming sessions, Diddy Disciples, child servers, and our own pram service – all very different approaches. The importance of making church attractive to children was discussed. An eye-opening statistic - nationally, 68% of churches have 5 or less children in the congregation.

Margi Mahoney, Deanery Synod rep.

ELECTORAL ROLL

In 2023-24 there were 153 names on the electoral roll.

The Church Representation Rules state that:

- 1) There shall be a church electoral roll (in these rules referred to as 'the roll') in every parish, on which the names of lay persons shall be entered as hereinafter provided. The roll shall be available for inspection by bona fide inquirers.
- 2) A lay person shall be entitled to have his name entered on the roll of a parish if he is baptised, of sixteen years or upwards, has signed an application form for enrolment set out in Appendix I of these rules and declares himself either -
 - a. to be a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion therewith resident in the parish; or
 - b. to be such a member and, not being resident in the parish, to have habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment; or
 - c. to be a member in good standing of a church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity (not being a Church in communion with the Church of England) and also prepared to declare himself to be a member of the Church of England having habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment.

Being on the Electoral Roll entitles you to stand for election to the PCC and to assist with the overall running of our church. It also means that you are formally showing that you are a committed member of our church. The roll is closed for new names for the two weeks leading up to the APCM, but if you would like to add your name after the APCM, forms will be available.

CONTACT CENTRE

The Contact Centre has remained busy, for which we are thankful.

During term time the hall is fairly well booked out, there are parties nearly every weekend, over 50 party bookings in the last year. There are a couple of slots available for both the main hall and the stage room. The Clapham Park Montessori have exclusive use of the upstairs room.

As of the end 2023 users of the Contact Centre are as follows, for children there are: Montessori Infant Community, Spring School of Ballet, Monkey Music, Clapham Martial Arts, Robot Reg. Sadly, the Brownies and Guides have left us – but we wish them all the best in their new home in Bonneville Primary School, and hope their numbers increase and they go from strength to strength.

We host adult dance instructors: Vera the Diva ballroom dancing, and Forro Works Brazilian Dance – note the Spring School of Ballet also offer adult classes too. There is a weekly Art Class for adults, and we also rent out to AA and NA charities, as well as host Robes once a year – usually once a week over 6 weeks in the winter.

The rates were increased in September 2023 for regular hirers of the Centre.

We did invest in major works in the Centre: renewing and rebuilding our toilet facilities: we have toilets which open directly into the main hall, which was in response to users concerns about children having to go into the lobby area to use the facilities (and possibly wandering out into the street) – this new site is more secure. We have a new disabled toilet with a shower, which has been used to great affect during by guests of the winter shelter. Finally, we have new toilet facilities opening into the stage room – again offering more secure access for younger users who are not having to exit the stage room completely. The Contact Centre is cleaned regularly by Paul.

It is an old building and starting to show signs of wear and tear – specifically with leaks in the flat roof and worn external facias and paintwork. We would like to see some investment in maintaining the building.

Paula Wilson

JUNIOR CHURCH

We have had a fun year in Junior Church with our awesome team of volunteers: Fiona Morris, Matt North, Amanda Chen, Zoe Olivier and Gladys Claxton Stevens. Special thanks must also go to Harry (Fiona's son), who has been an angel helping to keep the younger children occupied and amused.

We now have over 10 regular/semi-regular children attending Junior Church. We have changed the age range for Junior Church and now welcome children of all ages. If we are aware that the pram service is not running, we try to extend our activities to accommodate younger children.

We have shifted the focus of the sessions to always include a craft element which the children will either take home or display at the back of the Church. We use the resources from Roots from Scripture Union which provides a lesson plan that follows the same readings from the main service. We have travelled from Genesis right through to Acts and we discuss how the teachings of Jesus affect our everyday lives.

The children present their work at the end of the adult service and sometimes also practice readings or prayers to deliver at the adult service. Junior Church does not run on Sundays when there is an all-age service, but the children will prepare readings for this service. A colouring table is also present at the back of the Church for the all age services.

The children do some special projects. Last year we grew tomato and bean plants from seed to sell at the Summer Fayre. We are hoping to expand upon these activities in the coming year.

Junior Church now runs pretty much all year. If we are not able to run, we provide a craft table which is sometimes supervised (and sometimes for parents/carers to supervise) so that there is always an activity for children in Church.

We have a growing number of children. We can do so much more if we can increase the team of volunteers. We are not far off needing to split into two classes, but we are unable to do this with the current size of the volunteer team. Please contact Rhian if you would be interested in helping. The commitment should be no more than once a month.

Rhian Granleese

PRAM REPORT

We had a successful 2023 hosting over 40 weeks of pram service for ages 0-8 years, between 8-9am.

The pram service focuses on learning about God through music, movement, craft and stories. We start and finish (after a light breakfast) with the lighting and extinguishing of a candle for each child, their family members and other loved ones. We participate in a standard celebratory prayer and discuss the great and challenging things we need to pray for. We encourage children to read or act out the stories of the Bible. We celebrate with piano music and instruments. As well as providing an informal and relaxed workshopping environment, the service provides an important respite for parents and particularly new parents to meet and share challenges and joys!

The pram service has also on occasion extended its reach to accommodate older children and adults with disabilities as the service provides a less formal and less reflective environment than the main service, and we welcome their inclusion.

MUSIC

The Choir at CHS has had a great year, singing regular Sunday Eucharist services and Choral Evensong once a month with fully sung canticles, responses, psalms and an anthem. The Choir currently has one soprano choral scholar, and is keen to recruit more scholars for other voice parts.

The Choir has enjoyed singing a diverse repertoire over the last few months and participating in regular music-making during the services at CHS. Anthems have ranged from Ave Verum Corpus (Byrd) to the Agnus Dei from Rutter's Requiem. This year's traditional Christmas service of lessons and carols heard the choir perform a range of repertoire across a variety of choral traditions. The music included works by Willcocks and Warlock. The Choir also contributed musical items for the Christmas and Summer Fairs.

Sadly, we said goodbye to our wonderful Music Director, Andrei Lebed, in January. Andrei has led music-making at CHS over the last six years with great dedication. He has boosted recruitment to the choir and encouraged young organists. Not afraid to push the choir to new heights, he has introduced a wide range of repertoire including some lovely works from Eastern Europe. Andrei's versatility showed itself in his ability to conduct while singing tenor or bass and to move seamlessly from organ to piano as needed. We will miss his musicality, his friendly and supportive approach to rehearsals and his pragmatism.

Since Andrei's departure, various musicians have been contributing to CHS services while the recruitment of a new Music Director is underway.

Emma Grainger and Sarah Mistry

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CLAPHAM

CTiC (Churches Together in Clapham) is the body which represents the different church denominations in Clapham (Anglican, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal and Orthodox). CTiC's Standing Committee members are also the trustees who act as governance for the organisation. Liz Marin-Curtoud (Clapham Methodist Church) is currently Chair of CTiC and Henry Holmes (Holy Trinity Church) is Secretary. Rev Kit Gunasekera of St James Church, continues to run the CTiC website: www.cticlapham.org

The CTiC Forum, the principal body, met in May (the AGM at the Ace of Clubs), July (at St Paul's, including an art workshop) and October 2023 (St James's, with a talk on the Church Land Trust), as well as in February 2024 (Holy Trinity, marking Racial Justice Sunday). CHS members might like to note that we expect to host the AGM here on May 14th.

Community Engagement/Projects

CTiC has continued to support Lifeline (providing Summer and Christmas parties for the elderly housebound of the area), the Ace of Clubs and the Hub, providing a refuge (in the Methodist Church) for young revellers from the bars and clubs of Clapham High Street. Individual churches, including CHS, have continued to support Robes.

Ecumenical Services and Events

St Paul's once again hosted the ecumenical Advent carol service. The World Day of Prayer service didn't take place in 2023 (but has been revived this year). Monthly ecumenical Taizé services take place at St Peter's Church. Clapham Methodist Church again hosted the Palm Sunday evening service. Rev Kit Gunasekera hosted and led our online Advent prayers.

Alan Mundy and Caroline Studdert

SILVER SOCIALS

The Silver Socials group meet every Tuesday morning in church. It is an opportunity for older and more vulnerable people in the congregation and wider community to come together for tea, coffee and cake, chat and activities.

The Silvers attendees usually average about ten each week and we currently provide lifts for three people and assist two wheelchair users to attend. Two regular guests were referrals from local surgeries, from their Social Prescribing Link workers.

There are ten regular volunteers, Biddy Taylor, Margi Mahoney, Alan Mundy, Trina Thomson, Anna Long, Madeline Johnson, Terry Parker, Nicola Kingston and Judith Vickery from the congregation and Lisa Walsh, a local resident. In addition to the Tuesday mornings, we support our Silvers to attend NHS appointments and deal with other issues linked to benefits, pensions, housing and foodbank applications etc.

The Silvers group have contributed to Citizens UK work. Initially through discussions on the South London Listens campaign where, after lockdown, we listened to what people felt they needed. We heard that our Silvers group really appreciated coming together on Tuesdays, and being part of a regular community. Then and now, we heard that for some people Tuesdays is their only outing of the week that isn't linked to formal appointments.

South London Listens is a partnership between Citizens UK and the NHS in South London in order to promote mental health and wellbeing. In Lambeth the primary link is to the South London and Maudsley Hospital. As part of this partnership some CUK member organisations (including Silver Socials) have, or are becoming, Be Well Hubs. In order to become a Be Well hub you have to go through three training sessions with at least two volunteers attending each. One is run by Citizens UK and the two on Mental Health are run by the South London and Maudsley. The recent training sessions were attended by seven of our Silvers volunteers, the largest representation on the sessions.

We are always looking for additional drivers and wheelchair pushers as well as ideas for, and offers of help with, activities.

Do drop in one Tuesday morning for coffee, cake and a chat, we love visitors.

Judith Vickery and Nicola Kingston

ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS

CHS's online communications comprise the church website¹, social media (Facebook, Instagram, Next Door and X aka Twitter), WhatsApp, the newsletter and the broadcasting of services on Zoom and YouTube. Rachel Edge, Nick Jenni, Natalie Wood and Gavin Williams contribute to updating the various church social media accounts.

The church website is maintained by a small team including Natalie Wood, the parish administrator and Gavin Williams.

The newsletter continues to be produced weekly, with a mailing list of 347 people, but with between 130 and 180 opening it every week. A small team made up of Joe Sternberg, Alan Mundy and Nick Jenni take turns producing it.

The church continues to share its main services online, with a team of seven operating the cameras and controlling the audio output from the desk at the back of church and previously Rachel and now Natalie managing the rota for this team. There is always some online attendance, both on Zoom and on YouTube (linked to on the church website). Facebook has a challenging policy on music copyright and so we have stopped broadcasting with them. Much work by Mtr Ruth and Natalie Wood goes into making available the orders of service and linking to them both on the website and in the newsletter. Many of the 2,905 views during 2023 of the YouTube videos occur after the event when people listen to the recordings, rather than live. At the time of writing, in the first 12 weeks of 2024, views on YouTube were up 43% compared to the same period in 2023.



¹ church website (www.holyspirit-clapham.org.uk), Facebook www.facebook.com/CHSCLapham, Instagram @holyspiritclapham, Next Door (<https://nextdoor.co.uk/pages/church-of-the-holy-spirit-london-england/>) and X (previously Twitter) @holyspiritsw4.

For weddings and other life events, people appreciate having the ability not only to have a recording to keep of their event, but also to share it with others who are not able to attend.

Anyone interested in contributing to either church comms is welcome to contact Gavin Williams and Rachel Edge and, for the AV duties, Natalie Wood.

All of the people who support all this work online give life to the church. Thank you!

ROBES PROJECT

Background - In summary the Robes charity provides the following:

1. Year round support for the homeless
2. A weekly lunch and meeting place for current and former Robes guests, this takes place near Elephant and Castle
3. A winter (November to March) night shelter for a group of registered guests who would otherwise have nowhere to sleep. The shelter takes place in a rotating circuit of Church Halls.

Specific CHS involvement during 2023:

1. Our main involvement In 2023 was to organise and host the night shelter on Saturday nights in November and December (6 nights) in the contact centre. This was run by a group of volunteers who provided a hot evening meal, a place to sleep for the night supported by 2 volunteers and a hot breakfast. A shower was also available.
2. During Q1 2023 we agreed that the contact centre could be used for Sunday nights as the planned shelter venue had to withdraw at short notice. So the centre was used for 12 Sunday nights from Jan to March 2023. These nights were organised by Robes centrally and supported by volunteers from across a number of churches in the area including CHS.

As usual huge thanks is due to those who gave up their weekend evenings, nights and mornings. We had 21 volunteers across the 6 weeks in November and December without whom the shelter would not have been able to operate.

More information on Robes is available at www.robles.org.uk

Finally, once again to say a big thankyou to all those who volunteered over the Winter.

More information about Robes can be found at www.robles.org.uk

Ian Cherrie

LAMBETH CITIZENS

The PCC last year decided that they could not support continued membership of Citizens UK,

But we have continued to play our part as the discussions we had as part of 'South London Listens' came to fruition during 2023/24, with a big community assembly with the NHS,

This resulted in pledges from the NHS to work with local communities on things like more support for children and young people waiting for support from mental health services, and more support to surgeries to provide care for people without challenge about their immigration status.

We have also continued the work we started for our Silver Socials group to be trained up in Mental Health support to improve health and wellbeing.

There are live campaigns on housing locally, and we have spoken there about the issues we have with Charleston House lifts, as well as the lack of social housing and affordable rental properties and also the impact of homelessness.

We still hope that the new PCC will reconsider our membership of Citizens UK , so we can play our part in work on social justice in partnership with other Lambeth organisations, particularly other faith groups.

Alan Mundy and Nicola Kingston

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Holy Spirit, Clapham, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives, Treasurer and the members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Holy Spirit, Clapham is part of the diocese of Southwark within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Narbonne Avenue, Clapham London SW4 9JU. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales under number 1134600.

Since the PCC is a body corporate, liabilities it incurs in contract are enforceable against it rather than against its members. A PCC member only become personally liable for a debt of the PCC if he or she voluntarily accepted legal responsibility for it or if the debt has arisen in circumstances involving a breach of the PCC member's fiduciary duties.

The PCC members who have served in 2023 until the date of this report was approved are:

2023/24

Ex Officio members:

Clergy: The Reverend Ruth Burge-Thomas Chair (Incumbent)
 The Reverend Canon Caroline Clarke (P/T Assistant Priest)

Wardens: Gavin Williams (Safeguarding Officer)
 Katie Pollock

Deanery Synod:

Paula Wilson (Co-Treasurer)
Rachel Edge
Margi Mahoney
Kathryn Newell

Elected members:

Rhian Granleese (PCC Secretary)	James Buchanan
Paul Donohue	Caroline Studdert
Zoe Olivier	Ros Patterson-Morgan (Co-Treasurer)
Henry Chu	

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Rev Ruth Burge-Thomas.

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Accounts

PCC CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CLAPHAM



APCM 14TH MAY 2023

**REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2022**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents their reports and financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2022.

AIM AND PURPOSES

The principal purpose of the PCC of the Church of the Holy Spirit Clapham is to cooperate with the incumbent, Revd Ruth Burge-Thomas, on matters of importance to the parish in promoting the mission of the Church, and to have joint responsibility, with the incumbent, in the running of the parish.

The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church fabric and its contents, and for the maintenance and running of the Contact Centre, our church hall.

The PCC also considers and discusses matters concerning the Church of England, or other matters of religious or public interest.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church, and to become part of our parish community in Clapham.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The PCC (as Trustees) have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through

- worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel and delivering their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church and the Contact Centre.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

VICAR'S REPORT

“The luckiest vicar in the Church of England.” That was how I described myself in 2014. Blessed to be called to shepherd the best bunch of sheep ever. We are little and local but what we lack in size we make up for in our ability to love and serve and get stuck in.

You have, once more, proved to be the most amazing bunch in a year that was not without its challenges.

Together we have celebrated the 70th jubilee and mourned the death of Queen Elizabeth II. In our own community we marked the death of our beloved Pinkie Turner (who we buried aged 100 and had been a member of our church since the age of 6) along with Marcus Hope (who served the parish in many roles over many years) and Jean Day.

We said goodbye to some of our church family who moved abroad including Hayden and Roy, who left for Berlin with their beautiful twins, and Hylina and Tima, who returned to Kyiv, and to both our parish administrator, Rosslyn, and contact centre manager, Gill.

In the six months that we were without an administrator I could not have coped without the truly astonishing support of the Standing Committee: our treasurer, Andrew, ran the contact centre with great efficiency and our wardens, Katie and Gavin, and PCC secretary, Rhian, shouldered the burden of supporting the parish at the same time as recruiting our new Administrator and Manager, Natalie Wood. Their commitment, creativity, insight and support has been outstanding.

This year we seen the return of the Robes Night Shelter which was made possible by the sterling efforts of Ian Cherrie and Anna Long leading a team of local volunteers.

Our Silver Socials has grown under Judith Vickery's lovely helpers' wings. Her team do the most amazing amount of work behind the scenes: checking on the well being of our older parishioners, taking them to appointments, visiting them in hospital, even doing laundry and shopping.

The choir have increased their role in church, singing at four services a month and providing exceptional music over Christmas and Holy Week. My thanks to Andrei and Emma and to our supporting organist and pianists, Joe and Paula.

We continue to be engaged in the community at many levels, supporting our local ward councillors and hosting school events. In the wider church we are well represented in both Deanery and Diocesan Synod as well as Churches Together in Clapham and hosted the closing service for the second deanery wide Passion Trail.

Sunday school children have thrived under Caroline Russell-Clarke who has now stepped back from Sunday School as we launched a new monthly Family Service to provide a transition from our very successful Pram Service into the wider church family. This has enjoyed a joyous and energetic start with many old pram families returning to give their children an opportunity to participate in leading worship. Again, this is a team effort, and I am enormously grateful to all who make breakfast, provide crafts, music and then clear up afterwards. The children took centre stage at the packed Christingle Service and the wild and wonderful All Hallows' E'en party (when the best costume prize should definitely have gone to your warden, Katie Pollock).

Mother Caroline has continued to support us and it was a joy to celebrate her achievements when she stood down as Area Dean and was made a canon of Southwark Cathedral. I'd like to offer her my special thanks.

Our beloved treasurer, Andrew, will be standing down at the APCM this year. He has been a passionate and energetic champion of the parish (as well as making me laugh out loud often). We will all miss his drive and commitment and I know that you will join me expressing our gratitude for all his work.

In the year ahead I am sure that I will continue to be the luckiest vicar in the Church of England as we work together to fulfil our calling to be the people of the Holy Spirit: gathered together to grow in our love of God and sent out to serve our community whilst nurturing the oldest and youngest among us.

Revd Ruth Burge-Thomas

WARDENS' REPORT

As always, the Wardens want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who keeps the wheels turning for us all to enjoy our wonderful Church and Community.

MAY	
	We kicked off May with our annual Christian Aid Big Breakfast and, whilst we can't yet compete with Gails, the bacon and sausage butties went down a treat with congregation and passers-by alike and raised £512.
JUNE	
	June was a busy month: our patronal festival of Pentecost coincided with the national celebration of The Queen's Jubilee. We decided to combine the two into one glorious event (which had the added bonus of reducing the number of opportunities for Mother Ruth to set fire to things!). Later in the month we hosted our increasingly popular Summer Show and Tea.
JULY	
	July saw us celebrating Pride as well as saying goodbye to the lovely Nathan who had been an integral part of the congregation as he took up a new job in Scotland. It also saw the launch of our Contact Centre Loos appeal.
AUGUST	
	August is a traditionally quiet time for us: Mother Ruth took a much-needed break allowing us to welcome both Father Richard and Father Kit Gunasekera
SEPTEMBER	



With the sad news on the 8th September that Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II had died, we along with the rest of the country honoured her long service with the ringing of the church bell, opening the church as a place of quiet prayer and reflection and a beautiful candlelit service.

It was a busy month as we held another one of our Cake Sales and hosted a great Quiz and curry night to raise money for our new Contact Centre toilets

OCTOBER



In early October we had the honour of welcoming back Rev David Houghton to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

Later that month we celebrated Harvest Festival with a collection for Ace of Clubs homeless shelter.

We ended the month with what is fast becoming one of our most popular community event, All Hallows' E'en. Once again the church was filled with ghosts, ghouls, wraiths and mummies of all ages.

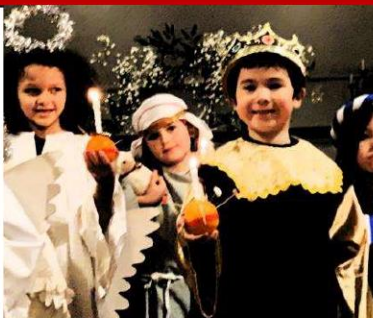
October also saw the departure of our amazing Parish Office Administrator, Rosslyn

NOVEMBER



November saw the traditional celebration of remembrance Sunday and the hunt was on for a new Parish Office Manager. The month ended on a high note with our festive Christmas Fair which was well attended and a great success in kick starting the Christmas spirit.

DECEMBER



December came in before we knew it along with all the Christmassy services and celebrations, Service of Lessons and Carols, Carols in the Village, Carols by Candlelight and the ever-popular Christingle. Maybe we weren't quite as popular as some of the World Cup matches but we still had great turnouts showing that the Church, in a post covid world, still holds a draw for those who celebrate the season with us.

December also saw the return of our night shelter Hosted by Robes.

JANUARY



January started with the welcoming of a new Organ Scholar SiYu and we extended our Robes night shelter dates into March.

FEBRUARY



February saw the launch of our new Family Service once a month, offering the opportunity for people of all ages to share in and worship together and offering a delicious breakfast to start!

MARCH



In a change to our usual Lent practice we hosted two evening talks welcoming members of St Pauls EcoChurch to talk to us about becoming an EcoChurch ourselves and then Simon Lawson, who runs his business on Quaker Principles. We also bid a sad farewell to Pinkie Turner who died at the age of 100 and was a well-known, loved and active member of the congregation for many years.

Whilst we were saying goodbye to one person, one very welcome new arrival was settling in with the appointment of our New Parish Office Manager, Natalie.

Mothering Sunday saw another successful Bake Sale with every single bit of cake, muffin and biscuit being sold!

We ended a very busy month by hosting the service to close the end of the Deanery Passion Trail.

APRIL



April started with the Easter Week and the very welcome return of the Donkey which as last year was a great draw as we processed from the Vicarage to the Church through Abbeville Village. As usual we had a very active production of the Passion Play with Tonys no doubt on the way for all!

With Mother Ruth taking a much-needed post Easter break we were very glad to welcome Mother Caroline and Rev Liz Russell

Katie Pollock and Gavin Williams

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM**

14 Wray Mill House, Wray Mill Park, Batts Hill, Reigate RH2 0LJ

18 April 2023

Members of the Parochial Church Council
Church of the Holy Spirit
Narbonne Avenue
London SW4 9JU

I report on the financial statements of the PCC of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham for the year ended 31 December 2022, as set out on the following pages. This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC, as Trustees of the charity, those matters I am required to state to them in this Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the PCC as a body, for my work, for this Report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

As Trustees of the charity, the PCC are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements have not been met:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Michael J Woolley BA, FCA Chartered Accountant

Treasurer's report for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

Costs rocket – and giving isn't plugging the gap

2022 saw services return to a normal pattern and most Contact Centre users returned post-Covid although many shortened or cut their sessions. Energy costs rocketed and although giving by the congregation increased it has not plugged the gap.

The PCC agreed after many years to spend most of the available reserves on re-building the Contact Centre toilets. These had not been upgraded since the building was built in 1960 so this was long overdue. A hot shower was added in the new disabled toilet which hugely benefits users such as the Robes night shelter. Thank you to the many people who in 2022 contributed £40,000 to the cost of this work.

The Abbeville Fete is unlikely to return so PCC agreed that its funds of £3,498 should be transferred to the General Fund, and in 2023 PCC agreed to remit the £3,234 remaining in the Ukraine Fund to the DEC Ukraine Appeal.

We must focus this year on increasing income or we will not cover our costs. We have reduced by £10,000 our payment to the Diocese (£70,000 in 2023) which covers the cost of providing our vicar as well as Diocesan overheads such as pensions, training and admin. PCC noted that the Diocese has repeatedly failed to keep the Vicarage wind- and water- proof through several winters so whilst the Parish is now 'underpaying' the Diocese it is perhaps also true that the Diocese has been 'underserving' the Parish.

I ask each of you to consider increasing your regular giving, and if you haven't already done so to set up a Monthly Standing Order to:

Church of the Holy Spirit Clapham
Sort Code: 40-01-07
Account number 2110624

After 8 years as Treasurer I am standing down at the APCM. Sadly no-one has come forward to assume the role and we will now engage the services of Data Developments Ltd to carry out our book-keeping to produce the 2023 accounts. That will lighten the load for a new Treasurer.

I thank all those who have helped me over the years, not least my predecessor Nick Jenni and a wonderful team of volunteers including Peta Parker, Lottie Lago, Lynn Woolley, Frances Stormer and Terry Parker. I also thank Michael Woolley who, despite serious illness, has again carried out the Independent Examination of the accounts.



Andrew Chevis, Hon. Treasurer, Church of the Holy Spirit, Narbonne Avenue, London SW4 9JU
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Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from donors	186,264.77	1,265.52	-	187,530.29	108,419.61
Other voluntary incoming resources	1,400.00	-	-	1,400.00	-
Activities to further the work of the church	66.42	15,421.00	-	15,487.42	9,116.50
Activities for generating funds	10,075.79	420.40	-	10,496.19	5,919.61
Income from investments	1,223.41	22.48	-	1,245.89	33.79
Other incoming resources	-	70,819.45	-	70,819.45	52,061.24
Income directly relating to worship	2,244.00	-	-	2,244.00	2,027.45
Total income	201,274.39	87,948.85	-	289,223.24	177,578.20
Resources used					
Costs of generating funds	2,438.02	146.58	-	2,584.60	310.95
Grants	4,300.50	1,668.00	-	5,968.50	2,694.94
Payments to further the work of the Church	90,856.63	-	-	90,856.63	85,773.05
Support costs	19,186.47	10,254.91	-	29,441.38	23,459.78
Church building, management and administration	44,439.99	172,903.95	-	217,343.94	55,136.72
Expenditure directly relating to worship	10,106.29	-	-	10,106.29	8,359.54
Total expenditure	171,427.90	184,973.44	-	356,401.34	175,734.98
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	29,846.49	(97,024.59)	-	(67,178.10)	1,843.22
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	92,582.77	143,764.91	-	236,347.68	19,795.24
Gross transfers between funds - out	(143,764.91)	(92,582.77)	-	(236,347.68)	(19,795.24)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(21,335.65)	(45,842.45)	-	(67,178.10)	1,843.22
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	85,178.45	118,821.18	141.00	204,140.63	202,297.41
Total funds carried forward	63,842.80	72,978.73	141.00	136,962.53	204,140.63
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	63,842.80	-	-	63,842.80	85,178.45
Designated					
Abbeville Fete	-	3,498.69	-	3,498.69	3,587.97
Contact Centre	-	(3,590.41)	-	(3,590.41)	45,396.51
Fabric Fund	-	64,819.02	-	64,819.02	64,820.24
Organ Fund	-	5,016.46	-	5,016.46	5,016.46
Refugees Ukraine	-	3,234.97	-	3,234.97	-
Restricted					
Refugees Welcome Lambeth	-	-	141.00	141.00	141.00

Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham

Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Fixed assets		
Tangible Assets	48,761.48	57,607.70
	48,761.48	57,607.70
Current assets		
Debtors	6,749.01	1,971.50
Cash At Bank And In Hand	91,187.63	152,241.31
	97,936.64	154,212.81
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	3,735.59	1,679.88
	3,735.59	1,679.88
Net current assets less current liabilities	94,201.05	152,532.93
Total assets less current liabilities	142,962.53	210,140.63
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	6,000.00	6,000.00
	6,000.00	6,000.00
Total net assets less liabilities	136,962.53	204,140.63
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	63,842.80	85,178.45
Designated		
Designated - Abbeville Fete	3,498.69	3,587.97
Designated - Contact Centre	(3,590.41)	45,396.51
Designated - Fabric Fund	64,819.02	64,820.24
Designated - Organ Fund	5,016.46	5,016.46
Designated - Refugees Ukraine	3,234.97	-
Restricted		
Restricted - Refugees Welcome Lambeth	141.00	141.00
Fund Totals	136,962.53	204,140.63

Cost	B/fwd	Additions	Disposals	C/fwd
	£	£	£	£
Fixtures and fittings	94,709.68	-	-	94,709.68
Furniture and equipment	89,432.96	449.99	-	89,882.95
	184,142.64	449.99	-	184,592.63
Depreciation	B/fwd	Charge in year	On disposals	C/fwd
	£	£	£	£
Fixtures and fittings	94,709.07	-	-	94,709.07
Furniture and equipment	31,825.87	9,296.21	-	41,122.08
	126,534.94	9,296.21	-	135,831.15
NBV	As at 31.12.2021			As at 31.12.22
Fixtures and fittings	0.61			0.61
Furniture and equipment	57,607.09			48,760.87
	57,607.70			48,761.48
				48,761.48
Fixed assets are depreciated over 1 and 20 years.				

Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Note	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
Ukraine - Refugees Ukraine (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from donors			
Other giving not under Gift Aid		265.52	-
Total Incoming resources from donors		265.52	-
Total Incoming resources		265.52	-
Resources used			
Grants			
Home mission & outreach		1,668.00	-
Total Grants		1,668.00	-
Church building, management and administration			
Miscellaneous		439.00	-
Total Church building, management and administration		439.00	-
Total Resources used		2,107.00	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(1,841.48)	-
Transfers to/(from)		5,076.45	-
Total carried forward balance		3,234.97	-
REFUGEES - Refugees Welcome Lambeth (Restricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from donors			360.00
Gift Aid - Bank		-	360.00
Total Incoming resources from donors		-	360.00
Total Incoming resources		-	360.00
Resources used			
Support costs			
Printer, computer, network and software		-	219.00
Total Support costs		-	219.00
Total Resources used		-	219.00
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		-	141.00
Brought forward balance		141.00	-
Total carried forward balance		141.00	141.00
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from donors			
Gift Aid - Bank		134,513.56	79,480.25
Gift Aid - Envelopes		20.00	-
Other giving not under Gift Aid		7,784.55	13,577.57
Loose plate Collections		1,746.47	-
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		42,200.19	15,001.79
Total Incoming resources from donors		186,264.77	108,059.61
Other voluntary incoming resources			
One off Grants		1,400.00	-
Total Other voluntary incoming resources		1,400.00	-
Activities to further the work of the church			
Christmas Giving		66.42	1,915.50
Easter/Lent Call		-	955.00
Christian Aid events		-	111.00
Total Activities to further the work of the church		66.42	2,981.50
Activities for generating funds			
Rummage sales etc.		25.00	-
Other funds generated		2,244.99	2,724.86
Church stalls - other		195.00	300.00
Christmas Fair		3,288.62	2,275.73
Book Sales		-	14.52
Church hire		4,092.15	2,104.50
Webstore income		230.03	-
Total Activities for generating funds		10,075.79	7,419.61
Income from investments			
Dividends		-	0.05
Bank & building soc interest		1,223.41	33.74
Total Income from investments		1,223.41	33.79
Income directly relating to worship			
Fees to PCC		2,244.00	2,027.45
Total Income directly relating to worship		2,244.00	2,027.45
Total Incoming resources		201,274.39	120,521.96
Resources used			
Costs of generating funds			
Printing/publicity		-	282.20
Christmas Fair expenses		2,438.02	28.75
Total Costs of generating funds		2,438.02	310.95
Grants			
Age of Clubs		669.00	839.94
Robes Project		2,102.50	390.05
Children's Society		844.00	-
Church Action		25.00	25.00
Home mission & outreach		660.00	-
Secular charities		-	1,439.94
Total Grants		4,300.50	2,694.94
Payments to further the work of the Church			
Parish Support Fund		80,929.70	81,000.03
Parish training and mission		2,000.00	294.86
Working expenses of incumbent		2,346.43	2,215.46
Youth activities		1,538.24	-
Seniors activities		137.99	-
Printing & Stationery		2,723.95	2,262.70
Catering		1,280.32	-
Total Payments to further the work of the Church		90,966.63	86,773.05

Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham

Support costs		
Salary/administrator	10,792.30	12,248.36
Assistant staff costs	720.00	-
Gifts	111.98	-
Staff Pension Costs	2,346.23	-
Salaries(except administrator)	2,600.00	-
Printer, computer, network and software	2,669.98	994.80
Website expense	45.98	100.00
Total Support costs	19,186.47	13,343.16
Church building, management and administration		
Bank and finance charges	1,184.65	331.14
Church running exp-cleaning	1,072.50	1,210.00
Church running exp-insurance	1,602.66	3,094.21
Church maintenance	7,023.59	6,199.43
Miscellaneous	9,659.94	6,522.73
Depreciation	8,940.65	8,202.00
Church running expenses - Heat	13,665.68	9,505.11
Church running exp - Water	267.00	171.03
Telephone and broadband	1,423.32	2,019.26
Contact Centre - Cleaning	(200.00)	-
Total Church building, management and administration	44,439.99	37,254.91
Expenditure directly relating to worship		
Organ/piano tuning	-	245.12
Music, organist and choir	8,461.57	7,368.52
Chancel Expenses	1,322.22	545.90
Flowers	322.50	180.00
Total Expenditure directly relating to worship	10,106.29	8,359.54
Total Resources used	171,427.90	147,736.55
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	29,846.49	(27,214.59)
Brought forward balance	85,178.45	112,393.04
Transfers to/(from)	(51,182.14)	-
Total carried forward balance	63,842.80	85,178.45
Abbeville - Abbeville Fete (Designated) Fund		
Incoming resources		
Activities for generating funds		
Sponsorship received	420.00	-
Total Activities for generating funds	420.00	-
Total Incoming resources	420.00	-
Resources used		
Costs of generating funds		
Printing/publicity	146.58	-
Total Costs of generating funds	146.58	-
Church building, management and administration		
Miscellaneous	362.70	-
Total Church building, management and administration	362.70	-
Total Resources used	509.28	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(89.28)	-
Brought forward balance	3,587.97	3,587.97
Total carried forward balance	3,498.69	3,587.97
Contact - Contact Centre (Designated) Fund		
Incoming resources		
Incoming resources from donors		
Gift Aid - Bank	1,000.00	-
Total Incoming resources from donors	1,000.00	-
Activities to further the work of the church		
Contact Centre - Lettings	15,421.00	6,135.00
Total Activities to further the work of the church	15,421.00	6,135.00
Activities for generating funds		
Other funds generated	0.40	(1,500.00)
Total Activities for generating funds	0.40	(1,500.00)
Income from investments		
Bank & building soc interest	22.48	-
Total Income from investments	22.48	-
Other incoming resources		
Contact Centre - Rents rec'd	37,564.45	21,241.25
Clapham & Clapham Park Montessori - Rent	33,255.00	30,819.99
Total Other incoming resources	70,819.45	52,061.24
Total Incoming resources	87,263.33	56,696.24
Resources used		
Support costs		
Salary/administrator	10,254.91	9,897.62
Total Support costs	10,254.91	9,897.62
Church building, management and administration		
Miscellaneous	-	(1,500.00)
Depreciation	355.56	2,299.56
Contact Centre - Insurance	1,602.66	(25.79)
Contact Centre - Cleaning	3,952.14	6,108.60
Repairs, maintenance & safety- CC	155,030.56	6,028.81
Repairs & Maintenance (CCPM) - CC	936.85	452.63
MV/Contact Centre redecoration/interior	604.88	-
New building - Contact Centre	9,619.60	4,518.00
Total Church building, management and administration	172,102.25	17,881.81
Total Resources used	182,357.16	27,779.43
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(95,093.83)	28,916.81
Brought forward balance	45,396.51	16,479.70
Transfers to/(from)	46,106.91	-
Total carried forward balance	(3,590.41)	45,396.51
Organ - Organ Fund (Designated) Fund		
Brought forward balance	5,016.46	5,016.46
Total carried forward balance	5,016.46	5,016.46
Fabric - Fabric Fund (Designated) Fund		
Brought forward balance	64,820.24	64,820.24
Transfers to/(from)	(1.22)	-
Total carried forward balance	64,819.02	64,820.24

FABRIC

Over the past year there have been two major ongoing matters with the fabric of the Church and the Contact Centre

The project to replace the washrooms of the Contact Centre in the Main Hall and Stage Room was completed and is covered in more detail in the separate Contact Centre report.

The other significant matter is the quinquennial (QI) report and the works following from that. All Churches are required to have a building inspection every 5 years. The inspection is to identify maintenance work which should be performed to ensure the upkeep of the buildings. To perform the work, we need to go through architects and suppliers authorised by the Diocese for quotes and a plan. We then apply for permission from the Diocese to start the work. Our last quinquennial inspection was in 2018. Due to lockdown and bandwidth constraints of the architect authorised by the Diocese we received permission to proceed with the works in the second half of 2022. However, due to soaring energy costs and the lower reserves due to the CC washrooms, the work was put on hold.

The next QI report is due in 2023. The PCC have decided to proceed with the next report before commencing work from the previous report as this appears to be the most efficient way forward.

The PCC have also discussed the installation of a new Dais. Due to the current financial situation. The Dais has been put on hold.

Gavin Williams

DEANERY SYNOD

The Deanery Synod consists of a group of 16 parishes (21 churches) in Lambeth North.

Geographically, our church is the furthest south and St John's Waterloo is the furthest north.

Representatives (both clergy and lay members) from those parishes meet about 3 times a year, with the purpose of working together in the community and sharing information and experiences.

23 March 2022

At Christ Church Brixton Road. The attendees discussed what effect the pandemic had had on congregations, after a period where individuals were connecting to each other remotely – e.g WhatsApp groups and online services. The outcome of this led to some congregations losing members, but others experiencing substantial increases. Many families have moved out of London in the past couple of years, and as a result there are not enough students to fill the spaces in church schools, and some may be in danger of closing.

5 July 2022

Social at St Paul's Clapham with bring-and-share food and drink in the vicarage garden and a chance to exchange ideas with our fellow Deanery reps from other churches. Canon Jonathan Boardman gave a short history of the church, and talked about their Eco Church Silver Award as encouragement to other churches to follow suit. (In March 2023, a couple of St Paul's people came to talk to us at CHS about how to go about becoming an eco-church.)

6 October 2022

At St John's Waterloo. This church had recently reopened after major refurbishment work, including 120 solar panels on the roof with an aim to become carbon neutral. The cost-of-living crisis was discussed in groups, and while opening churches as warm spaces seemed desirable, in practice the Churches did not have the resources to pay for it, or sufficient volunteers. Rev Caroline Clarke ended her 5 years in office as Area Dean at this meeting. A service to mark the event was held later at Holy Spirit.

Margi Mahoney, Deanery Synod rep

ELECTORAL ROLL

In 2022-23 there were 146 names on the electoral roll.

The Church Representation Rules state that:

- 1) There shall be a church electoral roll (in these rules referred to as 'the roll') in every parish, on which the names of lay persons shall be entered as hereinafter provided. The roll shall be available for inspection by bona fide inquirers.
- 2) A lay person shall be entitled to have his name entered on the roll of a parish if he is baptised, of sixteen years or upwards, has signed an application form for enrolment set out in Appendix I of these rules and declares himself either -
 - a. to be a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion therewith resident in the parish; or
 - b. to be such a member and, not being resident in the parish, to have habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment; or
 - c. to be a member in good standing of a church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity (not being a Church in communion with the Church of England) and also prepared to declare himself to be a member of the Church of England having habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment.

Being on the Electoral Roll entitles you to stand for election to the PCC and to assist with the overall running of our church. It also means that you are formally showing that you are a committed member of our church. The roll is closed for new names for the two weeks leading up to the APCM, but if you would like to add your name after the APCM, forms will be available.

CONTACT CENTRE

The Contact Centre (CC) had a successful year in 2022 with most users back to normal after the Covid lockdowns. The Montessori Clapham Park branch and their Infant Community returned to full operation and most of the regular users returned although many on reduced hours. Private bookings grew steadily through the year as confidence returned in hosting large-scale public events.

The Robes Night Shelter did not operate during 2022 but we were able to raise funds to provide food parcels for Robes at their winter 2021/2022 locations. The CC did see the return of the Robes Night Shelter in early 2023.

Montessori Community

The Infant Community meet in the centre's main hall on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning. The Clapham Park Community meet upstairs every weekday and have an ongoing lease. Their proprietors are Ros Bowles and Lucía Gómez. The Clapham Park community pays £25,000 per year. The infant community pays £60 per session while the parent and babies group pay £37.50 per session. A new 'Montessori for parent and baby' group runs in the stage room on Tuesday mornings. This is run by Early Years teacher and speech therapist Mercedes López Palao and has been highly successful.

Our other groups include:

Children's Groups: ABC German, Spring School of Ballet, Clapham Martial Arts, Monkey Music, Sensory Land, Clip Theatre, Brownies and Guides.

Adult Groups: Vera the Diva ballroom dancing, Hapkido for adults, Ki-Aikido, AA, NA and ACA.

Holidays: holiday camp 7 Seals has been using the contact centre main hall during school holidays. It is run by primary school teacher Demii Patterson. They pay £100 per day.

New CC washrooms and hot shower



In 2022 PCC agreed to spend our available reserves to fund the re-building of the 60 year old CC washrooms off both the Main Hall and off the Stage Room. Additional fundraising was undertaken as the cost of the works (both in terms of materials and labour) had hugely increased since Covid.

The work caused inevitable nuisance and frustration for existing CC users and we are grateful for their forbearance during this period. Happily, users are delighted with the new washrooms none more so than the Robes team who made use of the showers constantly on Sunday evenings and Monday mornings in early 2023.

CC availability

Only a few slots remain available either in the Stage Room or Main Hall. Availability can be checked at <https://www.holyspirit-clapham.org.uk/hire-hall>

Staff

Paul Gregson cleans the centre for ten hours a week. He also provides cover for our church cleaner Basia when required. He is also extremely helpful with additional DIY tasks such as installing locks and putting up hooks. His weekly hours are 2 hours on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Gill Fisher was contact centre manager between October 2020 and December 2022. In March 2023 Natalie Wood was appointed as Parish Manager – in this capacity Nat is in charge of all Contact Centre bookings and user enquiries as well as managing church payroll and maintenance.

Steven Rhind provides support as a handyman as and when required. He also cleans the church gutters on a six-monthly basis. He is paid out of petty cash.

Maintenance

Throughout 2022 various electric, boiler and ventilation matters were dealt with by Eco-heat plumbing, Dravo for the boiler issues and PJ Electrics. Robert Bowles, former church warden and lead on the church organ restoration, remains a constant source of support in dealing with issues such as stuck doors, leaks and damaged tiles.

Bookings and rates

With the exception of the Montessori community and 7 Seals, in 2022 professional groups paid a standard fee of £22p/h for the hall and £20p/h for the stage room. Charity groups such as NA paid £15 per session. Brownies and Guides paid £6 per session.

The rates for single hire of the space as a venue remained at £45.00p/h. Local people are also able to rehearse various art projects if we have space when no one else needs it.

In 2023 we are reviewing CC hire rates in view of prevailing inflation and huge energy costs.

For more information about the Contact Centre please email

contactcentre@holyspirit-clapham.org.uk

Andrew Chevis

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Report on Covid Era March 2020 - December 2023 From the second half of Spring Term 2020 CHS Sunday School was different. The children were the same - our very own children but the place, the means and the adults were all different. Covid had arrived and we were no longer allowed to be in physical contact with each other - particularly with children who were thought to spread diseases with their frequent runny noses and funny tums! It was crucial to help them understand that we were all still there and were concerned about them, wanting to keep them secure and promote their well being. It was vital that the church was there to help them through this troubling time. Caroline, a long-time Sunday school leader and youth-worker knew our children needed extra care to keep them secure and safe and confident in this troubling environment. They needed help from outside the family to navigate this scary time. Sunday school was well placed to help. The church provided excellent IT advice and encouragement to use Zoom - of which most of us had never heard in those early days of March. Families stuck at home supported their young week in and week out by putting on their computers in their own kitchens and helping the children to tune in to Caroline's familiar face when it seemed as though everyone else had disappeared. Not one of the parents interfered with the concentration - or lack of it - the children's smiles or their confusion. Every one set up the tools requested each week in the online newsletter - and let us get along together - with half an ear cocked to take in what was going on so they could build on it in the week ahead. I knew it was vital to give our children familiarity and continuity. Fear interferes with everyone's normal development and reactions. To ease the fear surrounding the children became my core aim. I had a golden opportunity to use online resources in pictures and photos illustrating Biblical stories; we made connections between the uncertain walk we were all taking and the lessons Jesus was teaching over 2000 years ago. We sang songs on line - often going one more step along the road together in a noisy cacophony. We kept to a regular structure and we chatted without having to mute ourselves or stop anyone contributing. We followed a regular pattern allowing the children to engage with the story, to make pictures and crafts to embed the learning, and to find a language for their prayers at the end of each session. We followed the church's readings each week (except in the second half of the summer term, and the first half of the autumn when we met the children's needs more specifically - like explaining the Lord's Prayer). We developed children's ideas without having to re-interpret them to the adults. We let the whole church know exactly what we were doing and invited others to join us - but that was tricky. Throughout the three years it remained important to keep the structure and style of Sunday school regular and unchanging. When so much was uncertain it was crucial that the children could rely on at least one familiar

steady place and meeting. I had my reward one Sunday when I returned after an internet lapse to find the children all there, all waiting, all saying, "We knew you'd get back to us." We carried 10/11 children aged from 11 to 4 every Sunday until the first lock down lifted restrictions on sporting activities in July - at which point the older children went out to find friends and sport - essential to their well being. The 6 younger children, including Harry with his capacity to support the younger children, stayed together. They came regularly and frequently either in person or on Zoom marking major festivals by making decorations, pictures and scrapbooks wherever we were in the cycle of lockdown or release. Their termly scrapbooks marked their progress and retold the parables and stories we had discussed during our sessions. By Christmas 2023 it was obvious that the alarms and fears of the previous three years were receding. It was time to reach out to other children and for that we needed to change the format - more easily done by the whole congregation in its new plan of including the pram service members at our monthly 9.00 am service. Our Covid children form a tight little band of regulars - who learnt hymns and songs to sing together, learnt to pray at each gathering, to consider each other, to ask questions about relating to God and Jesus and each other. It is with great pleasure that I now see them taking the lead in encouraging other children to join in and grow in their understanding of Church life and of their own walk with God. I have taught Sunday school throughout my adult life but never as effectively as during this Covid Era. It was wonderful that I could call on all my learning, all my experience and all my skills to produce the best Sunday school sessions of my life. I was keen throughout to pass on those skills to younger people. I was supported by wonderful parents who were trusting and open minded to learning themselves, particularly Fiona, a loyal, regular, reliable assistant without whom I could not have delivered any of it. I hope the lessons of this troubling time will not be lost in our urgent rush to 'return to normal'. I thank our children of CHS for the enthusiasm, enjoyment and willingness to share which helped me in my turn to keep sane and smiling throughout these tricky Covid times. May the Lord be with them as they travel through their lives.

Caroline Russell Clark, former lay reader, primary teacher, youth worker, foster parent and childminder 4.5.2024

MUSIC

The Choir at CHS has had a fantastic year, singing regular Sunday Eucharist services and Choral Evensong once a month with fully sung canticles, responses, psalms and an anthem. The Choir currently has three choral scholars (two sopranos and one bass), who have also sung a smaller choral scholars' service once a month.

The Choir has thoroughly enjoyed tackling some more challenging music over the last few months and participating in regular music-making during the services at CHS.

In remembrance of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's passing in September last year, the Choir beautifully performed Wesley's 'Lead me Lord' and Goodall's 'The Lord is my Shepherd' at CHS' Service of Commemoration.

This year's traditional Christmas service of lessons and carols heard the choir perform a range of repertoire across a variety of choral traditions. The music included works by MacMillan, Vaughan Williams, Victoria and Rutter. The Choir also continued its tradition of singing carols in Abbeville Village in December, which is always an enjoyable occasion.

The Choir was delighted to sing in several services during Holy Week this year. The choral scholars gave a wonderful yet solemn performance of White's Lamentations on Maundy Thursday, performed Rutter's 'Out of the Deep' written for organ, choir and solo cello, and the full choir jubilantly performed Vaughan Williams' 'Let all the World' on Easter Sunday.

The Choir is looking forward to more excellent music-making over the next few months.

The introduction of monthly services has also introduced some more modern hymns and pieces for a younger congregation. Many thanks to Paula Constant who has been leading this service from the music side.

Emma Grainger and Andrei Lebed

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CLAPHAM

CTiC (Churches Together in Clapham) is the body which represents the different church denominations in Clapham (Anglican, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal and Orthodox), now comprising 11 congregations. CTiC's Standing Committee members are also the trustees who act as governance for the organisation. Liz Marin-Curtoud (Clapham Methodist Church) is Chair of CTiC and Henry Holmes (Holy Trinity Church) is Secretary. Rev Kit Gunasekera of St James Church, continues to run the CTiC website: www.cticlapham.org

The CTiC Forum, the principal body, met in May (the AGM at St James's Church), July (at CHS, including a talk by Christians against Poverty and the foodbank) and October 2022 (Holy Trinity, focusing on Eco-church/A-Rocha), as well as in February 2023 (Clapham Methodists).

Community Engagement/Projects

CTiC has continued to support Lifeline (providing a Christmas party for the elderly housebound of the area), the Ace of Clubs (venue for the forthcoming AGM) and the Hub, providing a refuge (in the Methodist Church) for young revellers from the bars and clubs of Clapham High Street. Individual churches, including CHS, have continued to support Robes.

Ecumenical Services and Events

St Paul's once again hosted the ecumenical Advent carol service. Monthly ecumenical Taize services take place at St Peter's Church. Clapham Methodist Church again hosted the Palm Sunday evening service.

Alan Mundy and Caroline Studdert

SILVER SOCIALS

Silver Socials has now been running for 8 Years! It is a get together for older or more vulnerable members of the local community, some are members of CHS, others not. It runs from 10.30 until 12 noon every Tuesday morning and provides chat, tea, coffee and homemade cake and an activity. We usually end with a few simple chair exercises. Once a month Deborah offers much appreciated manicures and pedicures which are funded by CHS. Otherwise, the morning is funded by the volunteers and members and includes the purchase of a bingo machine with a digital display to help the hard of hearing.

We have had several new members in the last year, some referred by the Social Prescribing link worker at Clapham Park Group Practice.

The majority of our guests now come by car or are pushed in wheelchairs. This requires a team of volunteers, but we are blessed with a terrific group of people and I think this is one of the great strengths of Silver Socials. Their support often goes beyond Tuesday mornings by providing advice, helping with form filling, giving lifts to appointments and visiting people who, for whatever reason, cannot join us in church. They are not all members of our congregation but are local residents. If you fancy a coffee on a Tuesday morning, do pop in to say hello and see what we get up to.

Judith Vickery

ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS

Online communications - 2022

CHS's online communications consist of the church website (www.holyspirit-clapham.org.uk), social media – on Twitter @holyspiritsw4 and Facebook - www.facebook.com/CHSCLapham, the newsletter and the broadcasting of services on Zoom, YouTube and Facebook.

The church website is managed primarily by Gavin Williams, using a service called Squarespace - www.holyspirit-clapham.org.uk ! It is maintained weekly with details of services and much more besides by a team which includes Rosslyn, Gavin and Gill.

The church also has a presence on Facebook (CHSCLapham) and Twitter (@holyspiritsw4) with postings made by a number of people including Gavin Williams and the church administrator.

The newsletter continues in weekly form with a team consisting of Joe Sternberg, Alan Mundy and Nick Jenni. The mailing list has seen very little growth ,with a mailing list of 350 people, but only 160 or so open it every week. It would be good to find ways to increase these numbers during 2023.

The church continues to share its main services online, with Gavin Williams having passed the rota management to Rachel Edge with other operators having included Andrew Chevis, Elizabeth Xie, Richard Long, Rhian Granleese and Nick Jenni.

There is always online attendance, both on Zoom and on YouTube (available on the church website). Much work by Mtr Ruth and Rosslyn, and now Natalie goes into making available the orders of service , and linking to them both on the website and in the newsletter.

Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham



First Sunday after Christmas
16 views • Streamed 3 months ago



Christmas Day Festival Eucharist
35 views • Streamed 3 months ago



Midnight Mass
30 views • Streamed 3 months ago



Carols by Candlelight
18 views • Streamed 4 months ago



Fourth Sunday in Advent
6 views • Streamed 4 months ago



Traditional Service of Lessons & Carols
44 views • Streamed 4 months ago



Third Sunday in Advent
12 views • Streamed 4 months ago



Second Sunday in Advent
28 views • Streamed 4 months ago



Advent Sunday
70 views • Streamed 4 months ago



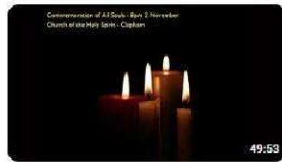
Feast of Christ the King
92 views • Streamed 5 months ago



Remembrance Sunday
26 views • Streamed 5 months ago



Third Sunday before Advent
99 views • Streamed 5 months ago



Commemoration of All Souls



All Saints



Evensong on Last Sunday after Trinity



Last Sunday after Trinity

For weddings and other life events, people appreciate having the ability not only to have a recording to keep of their event, but also to share it with others who are not able to attend. We extended the scope of the AV recently, with a recording of the Come & Sign event by Whitehall Choir, as well as an excellent Lent talk.

All of the people who support all this work online give life to the church. Thank you!

Nick Jenni

ROBES PROJECT

Background to Robes

The Robes Project has been serving the homeless of Southwark and Lambeth since 2007. The aim of Robes is to help relieve poverty among those experiencing homelessness in London by the provision of a winter night shelter, food, advice, support and re-settlement services to help them rebuild their lives. CHS's main involvement along with other Churches in Clapham is to support the rotating winter night shelter. In total there are 7 venues supporting the night shelter during any week through the winter months. Each venue will provide accommodation on a given night with guests rotating around the venues.

Robes 2022/2023

Due to Covid restrictions this winter was the first time the Winter Night Shelter has operated since 2019/2020. Originally CHS's involvement was to provide accommodation in the Contact Centre for guests over 3 Saturday nights in December. We achieved this with brilliant support from a team of volunteers from within the Congregation and the wider community. In summary the night shelter works as follows:

- > 6:00pm Volunteers arrive to set up beds and prepare for guests to arrive, volunteer Chefs arrive to prepare the evening meal
- > 7:00pm Guests arrive
- > 8:00 - food is served
- > 2 volunteers then stay in the Contact Centre overnight to look after the guests
- > 6:30am the following morning, Breakfast Chefs arrive along with volunteers to help wash up and clear away.
- > 7:30am - Breakfast served
- > 8:30am - everything cleared away and guests leave.

For the first time this winter we were able to offer showers to our guests, this was much appreciated.

The original plan was for a different group of 7 churches to support the night shelter from January through to end March (12 weeks), however the venue supporting Sunday nights had to drop out at short notice. After some discussion we agreed that the Contact Centre could be used instead. We are grateful to other users of the Contact centre for allowing this to happen. So, in addition to the 3 Saturday nights in Dec, we also supported 12 Sunday nights Jan to March. For these additional nights the volunteers were drawn from the CHS and other Churches in Southwark and Lambeth.

Next Winter

At this stage it is unclear what will happen next winter, Robes are looking for a "Static Shelter" which would allow guests to stay in a single venue through the winter with volunteers going to the venue to support and feed the guests. This would probably run in parallel with the usual rotating shelter, so there will be plenty of opportunities for people to get involved.

Finally, once again to say a big thankyou to all those who volunteered over the Winter.

More information about Robes can be found at www.robles.org.uk

Ian Cherrie

LAMBETH WELCOMES REFUGEES

Lambeth Refugees Welcome have not had expertise to contribute as a group to the efforts to host Ukrainian refugees, so as such, the group is currently dormant. Rachel is directing offers of help and donations towards local charities involved in supporting asylum seekers and refugees, such as English for Action, CARAS and Care 4 Calais.

The families welcomed by the council in the initial scheme and later Afghan families are settled and by and large have what they need and existing relationships locally. The only continuing need is larger accommodation from time to time, specifically, room to rent locally in 2-bed or larger rental properties which will accept payment at housing benefit rates - please get in touch with lambethrefugeewelcome@gmail.com if you know of anyone looking to rent on that basis.

Rachel Edge

LAMBETH CITIZENS

For the last few years CHS has been an active member of Lambeth Citizens, part of the nationwide Citizens UK movement, which seeks to empower local people to enable positive change in their communities by lobbying and practical action on social justice issues at the local and national level. Like other churches, colleges and community organisations we have paid an annual fee to belong to Citizens.

In 2022/23 representatives from CHS have:

- Taken part in the Assembly which lobbied local election candidates on the themes of better resourcing of refugee education, support for better social housing in the borough and better mental health provision.
- Met with the Leader of Lambeth Council as part of a Lambeth Citizens delegation, to follow up on promises made. This has resulted in Lambeth becoming a Borough of Sanctuary.
- Taken part in presentations to health providers of a report on mental health and subsequently establishing “Be well” hubs across the borough
- Continued to support Syrian and Afghan refugees living in the borough.

If CHS continues to support Citizens financially in the coming year we hope to:

- “twin” our Silver Socials group with a similar group from St John’s, Angell Town
- Continue our support for refugees
- Encourage training in mental health first aid and developing potential community leaders
- Take part in developing manifesto commitments for General Election candidates.

We ask that the PCC in 2023/4 considers how CHS can continue its support for Lambeth Citizens.

Alan Mundy, Caroline Russell-Clark and Nicola Kingston

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Holy Spirit, Clapham, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives, Treasurer and the members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Holy Spirit, Clapham is part of the diocese of Southwark within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Narbonne Avenue, Clapham

London SW4 9JU. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales under number 1134600.

Since the PCC is a body corporate, liabilities it incurs in contract are enforceable against it rather than against its members. A PCC member only become personally liable for a debt of the PCC if he or she voluntarily accepted legal responsibility for it or if the debt has arisen in circumstances involving a breach of the PCC member's fiduciary duties.

The PCC members who have served from 2022 until the date of this report was approved are:

2022

Ex Officio members:

Incumbent: The Reverend Ruth Burge-Thomas Chair

Wardens: Gavin Williams (Safeguarding Officer)
Katie Pollock

Elected members:

Rhian Granleese (PCC
Secretary)

Andrew Chevis (Treasurer)

Chris Loller

Paul Donohue

Caitrin Robertson

Margi Mahoney (Deanery Synod)

Kathryn Newell

James Buchanan

Caroline Studdert

Paula Wilson

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Rev Ruth Burge-Thomas.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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PCC CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CLAPHAM



APCM 15TH MAY 2022

**REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2021**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents their reports and financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2021.

AIM AND PURPOSES

The principal purpose of the PCC of the Church of the Holy Spirit Clapham is to cooperate with the incumbent, Revd Ruth Burge-Thomas, on matters of importance to the parish in promoting the mission of the Church, and to have joint responsibility, with the incumbent, in the running of the parish.

The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church fabric and its contents, and for the maintenance and running of the Contact Centre, our church hall.

The PCC also considers and discusses matters concerning the Church of England, or other matters of religious or public interest.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church, and to become part of our parish community in Clapham.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The PCC (as Trustees) have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through

- worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel and delivering their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church and the Contact Centre.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

VICAR'S REPORT

“You can’t do everything, which sets you free to do something”. I know that this is not the first (or the last time) I’ve quoted Archbishop Oscar Romero, but it seems important now. This time last year I was desperate to be with you all again as we began opening up after lockdown and were full of hope. A year on, Covid-19 is still with us, and the effects of it are likely to be with us even longer. It feels like we are not quite back on an even keel but we are on the way. We have not done everything, but we have done some things, and those some things are definitely worth celebrating.

Gradually more of us have moved back to worshipping in person in church, although having the excellent AV team and equipment (and new website) allows us to keep services accessible online and keep in touch whatever the circumstances.

Marriages, baptisms and funerals are now held without restrictions.

We have made the most of the big festival occasions, which help us to offer our faith to the wider community: Our All Hallows’ ’en party was one of the biggest yet, with the church packed with families sporting very creative costumes and engaging in great crafts and activities. Christingle was not quite as big as usual but not far off. Palm Sunday was naturally a big hit because, for the first time ever, we had a real live donkey, Flash. Flash was a major success and was fed an unseemly number of carrots, apples, gingernuts and custard creams (his favourites) by the occupants of Abbeville Road. Our summer show and high tea event was fantastic for punters and volunteers alike. Pancake making and hot cross bun making were in person and messy as ever.

Pram service, school visits, junior choir and Silver Socials are all also back up and running well, and Caroline Russell-Clark and her team have consistently worked to keep Sunday school relevant and fun. We are, however, at a record low for numbers of children and young people in the church, but are planning for more youth events and looking for volunteers for film and pizza evenings once a month (speak to the vicar if you feel moved to join in).

Singing returning to church has been an enormous blessing. The choir have been fabulous, and we now have two choral scholars (still looking for some tenors and basses though...), and two organ scholars who have shown great commitment and talent and allowed us to extend the range of music we offer. The concert we held was also incredible, and drew in many people from the community, as has the re-establishment of regular monthly choral evensong.

In terms of outreach work our Robes night shelter activities have been more limited this year as, once again, we could not host a night shelter due to covid-restrictions. You have continued to support our fundraising efforts to provide meal vouchers and care packages for our former guests who are still in local authority hotel accommodation. Queering Church (our LGBT+ outreach) has also been more limited, and its re-launch was made difficult by the Omicron variant wave, but we had a very jolly Drag Carols at the Two Brewers, with a quick drag nativity that was a big hit. More recently we have been astonished and grateful for the financial contributions made to support Ukrainian refugees, with some of our members stepping up to sponsor those arriving from Kyiv.

In other news, this year Kathryn was recognised in the Queen's New Year's Honours for her services to government science! She has continued to support the community work we do alongside Paula and Gavin, our wardens, and Katie, our warden elect, together with Andrew our Treasurer and Rhian our PCC secretary. Their support, together with that of our Area Dean, Mother Caroline, the PCC, and all of you regular volunteers and supporters is appreciated so much more than I can express here. I thank God for them and for you all continually.

We still don't do everything (and maybe never will), but the somethings are glorious and valuable, and we have many more planned for the year ahead. I hope that you will join us in making them happen and building an even stronger, inclusive, loving and joyful community.

Revd Ruth Burge-Thomas

WARDENS' REPORT

We started the church year by opening up our church to worship in person as well as online in April 2021. We had our APCM by this hybrid method and started the year with the following PCC:

Gavin Williams (Warden)	Katie Pollock (Warden in training)	Liz Muldoon
Andrew Chevis (Treasurer)	Kathryn Newell	Sharon Gordon
Paula Wilson (Warden)	Margi Mahoney	Paul Donohue
Fran Cavanagh	(Deanery Synod)	Yaw Basoah
Andrew Bailey		Rhian Granleese

We are very grateful to all the members of the PCC 2021-22 who attended PCC meetings and helped us keep CHS up and running. It wasn't an easy year, with some lockdown limitations and plenty of social distancing and PCR tests.

Here are some highlights of our year at CHS.

April



Sadly, we began the year with a service which was a response to the murder of Sarah Everard. She was abducted 800 metres away from our church. We held a **Violence Against Women Service of Prayer & Protest**, with guest speakers Bell Ribeiro-Addy Labour MP Streatham and Tabitha Morton, Deputy Leader, Women's Equality Party.

May



The church was used by our local **Foodbank** as a collection station for a Spring food drive. This drive was organised by local residents Alison Inglis-Jones and Lisa Walsh. This is a very popular event and vital as our local Foodbank at the Bonneville Centre on Poynders Rd has been closed whilst their church has building work done.

June



We held our amazing **Afternoon Tea**. It was a ray of sunshine after months of being limited in our social interactions. It was a very popular event, and even though we maintained bubbles and social distancing it gave a semblance of feeling 'normal' for the afternoon of delicacies and music.

October



On the 31st we hosted our **Heavenly Hallows E'en event** – for all those mini-ghouls and skeletons out and about in the local area. This has become an increasingly popular event – especially for those under 7 years old. We had activities, games and treats for all.

November



The last Saturday of November is the official start of Christmas activities at CHS – we always hold our **Christmas Fair** on this day. It was an afternoon of stalls from local makers, raffle, games and a lovely showcase for our talented musicians & choir. It is also an opportunity for us to fundraise for our own church. That day we raised £2575.

December



As you can imagine it's hectic during December. Many of you may not be aware but we hosted a **Children's Christmas Workshop**: stations were set up around the church to teach our young visitors about various aspects of the nativity story. These included a long journey by the kings, a frightened young girl being told of her special role, the promises we make at Christmas. There was also the promise of mulled wine for the accompanying adults.

February

Again, we acted as a **Foodbank** collection point. A much-needed event – sadly.



We were the venue for the service dedicated to **Racial Justice Sunday** for the Churches Together in Clapham. Our neighbouring churches gathered with us to attend a service where we heard local MP Florence Eshalomi speak. The next day we were made famous as Florence mentioned CHS in parliament!

March



This March we found ourselves particularly stretched in the lead up to our Easter preparations. On Mothering Sunday we had a **cake sale**, with the proceeds going to our fundraising efforts for Ukrainian refugees.



One of Mother Ruth's dreams came true... we hired a donkey for Palm Sunday. The winsome Flash the Donkey joined us for processing from the vicarage and made many friends on the way to the church.



On the 24 March Church of the Holy Spirit held a **Passiontide Concert**. The original premise had been to support our Lent charities, which focussed on Home, and homelessness. But circumstances took an unprecedented turn with the invasion of Ukraine by Russia.



The money raised for the concert was given to Robes, our local homeless charity, and the Bishop's Lent Call charity – but this amount was match-funded by some very kind parishioners and the second amount went to our Ukraine fundraising appeal.



The concert was an uplifting experience. We heard performances from all our CHS musicians and singers, whilst enjoying wine and nibbles in our beautiful church setting.

April



As to be expected – our business is Easter! On Good Friday we opened our doors for **Family Workshops**: hot cross bun making, colouring flower decorations, helping to create the Easter Garden. This was followed by the Stations of the Cross and the Good Friday liturgy.

We, the wardens, would like to thank all those who made all these wonderful events happen. We also need to thank all those who keep the church on an even keel with their untiring service to CHS, daily and weekly, not just for special events. We would like to thank our staff: **Rosslyn, Gill, Paul and Basia** – who are working hard during the weekdays, and who many of you have never met but they are vital to our upkeep. Finally, of course thanks to our beloved Mother Ruth.

Gavin Williams and Paula Wilson

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM**

**14 Wray Mill House, Wray Mill Park
Batts Hill, Reigate RH2 0LJ**

5th May 2022

Members of the Parochial Church Council
Church of the Holy Spirit
Narbonne Avenue
London SW4 9JU

I report on the financial statements of the PCC of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham for the year ended 31 December 2021, as set out on the following pages. This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC, as Trustees of the charity, those matters I am required to state to them in this Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the PCC as a body, for my work, for this Report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

As Trustees of the charity, the PCC are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

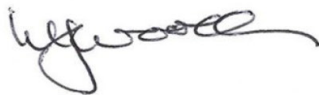
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements have not been met:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Michael J Woolley BA, FCA
Chartered Accountant

Treasurer's report for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

Coming out of lockdown

The pandemic continued into 2021 with reduced in-person worship and reduced levels of activity for much of the year both in church and the Contact Centre. Online giving largely compensated for the drop in physical giving. 2021 General Fund income at 120,000 was 5,000 less than in 2020. Costs at 147,000 were 20,000 higher than in 2020 due to increases in the cost of staff, insurance, maintenance and IT.

The Contact Centre re-opened in 2021 with income increasing to 57,000 up 13,000 from 2020. Costs fell to 28,000 down 8,000 from 2020. So the church was able to contribute 81,000 to the Diocese in addition to supporting the cost of the vicar's MA.

Some activities resumed in 2021, notably a Summer Fair and Christmas Fair which raised income for the church thanks to the time and effort put in by dozens of volunteers. Thank you to them and to those who helped raise additional funds through the year. Once again there was no Abbeville Fete but funds remain in that account pending a future event perhaps in 2023.

Overall the balance sheet rose 1% to 204,000. We intend to spend most of our available funds in 2022 as we finally carry out Quinquennial Inspection repairs & maintenance and deliver much-needed new showers & toilets in the Contact Centre to replace loos that are half a century old.

Basis of accounting

The accounts for all funds are prepared so as to recognise income and expenditure when they fall due rather than when they are actually paid, and assets purchased for use over several years are shown in the balance sheet, and their cost written off over their lives.

As a non-accountant I rely heavily on several members of the finance team: Lottie Lago for making sure the Church's books add up; Gill Fisher who has mastered Contact Centre book-keeping; Stevie Wren who helps me process payments and administration of Church Plate giving; and Nick Jenni who manages our contactless and online giving.

I am indebted to Michael Woolley, who has once again given his time freely to carry out the Independent Examination of these accounts. Thank you Michael!

I've been Treasurer since 2015 and it's time for someone new to take over. Would you consider taking on the role of Treasurer in 2023? If so, I'll be happy to give you a long induction and will be on-hand to help throughout 2023, 2024 and beyond. If interested please email me to arrange a chat about the role at treasurer@holyspirit-clapham.org.uk



Andrew Chevis, Hon. Treasurer

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Sort Code: 40-01-07 Account number 2110624

Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from donors	108,059.61	360.00	-	108,419.61	123,262.53
Other voluntary incoming resources	-	-	-	-	452.40
Activities to further the work of the church	9,116.50	-	-	9,116.50	245.00
Activities for generating funds	5,919.61	-	-	5,919.61	878.13
Income from investments	33.79	-	-	33.79	526.51
Other incoming resources	52,061.24	-	-	52,061.24	42,781.33
Income directly relating to worship	2,027.45	-	-	2,027.45	1,224.25
Total income	177,218.20	360.00	-	177,578.20	169,370.15
Resources used					
Costs of generating funds	310.95	-	-	310.95	462.51
Grants	2,694.94	-	-	2,694.94	3,795.00
Payments to further the work of the Church	85,773.05	-	-	85,773.05	87,592.81
Support costs	23,240.78	219.00	-	23,459.78	18,177.31
Church building, management and administration	55,136.72	-	-	55,136.72	48,497.23
Expenditure directly relating to worship	8,359.54	-	-	8,359.54	6,589.14
Total expenditure	175,515.98	219.00	-	175,734.98	165,114.00
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	1,702.22	141.00	-	1,843.22	4,256.15
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	19,795.24	-	-	19,795.24	30,307.14
Gross transfers between funds - out	(19,795.24)	-	-	(19,795.24)	(30,307.14)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	1,702.22	141.00	-	1,843.22	4,256.15
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	202,297.41	-	-	202,297.41	198,041.26
Total funds carried forward	203,999.63	141.00	-	204,140.63	202,297.41
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	85,178.45	-	-	85,178.45	112,393.04
Designated					
Abbeville Fete	3,587.97	-	-	3,587.97	3,587.97
Centenary	-	-	-	-	-
Chairs Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Contact Centre	45,396.51	-	-	45,396.51	16,479.70
Fabric Fund	64,820.24	-	-	64,820.24	64,820.24
Legacies Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Organ Fund	5,016.46	-	-	5,016.46	5,016.46
Pastoral Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Refugees Ukraine	-	-	-	-	-
Restoration Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Sound system Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted					
Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-
Refugees Welcome Lambeth	-	141.00	-	141.00	-
Total funds	203,999.63	141.00	-	204,140.63	202,297.41

Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham

Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
Fixed assets		
Tangible Assets	57,607.70	60,321.26
	57,607.70	60,321.26
Current assets		
Debtors	1,971.50	7,996.78
Cash At Bank And In Hand	152,241.31	143,778.16
	154,212.81	151,774.94
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	1,679.88	3,798.79
	1,679.88	3,798.79
Net current assets less current liabilities	152,532.93	147,976.15
Total assets less current liabilities	210,140.63	208,297.41
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	6,000.00	6,000.00
	6,000.00	6,000.00
Total net assets less liabilities	204,140.63	202,297.41
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	85,178.45	112,393.04
Designated		
Designated - Abbeville Fete	3,587.97	3,587.97
Designated - Contact Centre	45,396.51	16,479.70
Designated - Fabric Fund	64,820.24	64,820.24
Designated - Organ Fund	5,016.46	5,016.46
Restricted		
Restricted - Refugees Welcome Lambeth	141.00	-
Fund Totals	204,140.63	202,297.41

Notes to the Balance Sheet

I. Fixed Assets

Cost					B/fwd	Additions	Disposals	C/fwd
					£	£	£	£
Fixtures and fittings					94,709.68	7,788.00	-	102,497.68
Furniture and equipment					81,644.96	-	-	81,644.96
					176,354.64	7,788.00	-	184,142.64
Depreciation					B/fwd	Charge in year	On disposals	C/fwd
					£	£	£	£
Fixtures and fittings					92,765.07	1,944.00	-	94,709.07
Furniture and equipment					23,268.31	8,557.56	-	31,825.87
					116,033.38	10,501.56	-	126,534.94
NBV					As at 31.12.2020			As at 31.12.21
Fixtures and fittings					1,944.61			7,788.61
Furniture and equipment					58,376.65			49,819.09
					60,321.26			
Fixed assets are depreciated over their useful economic life of between 1 and 20 years.								
								(57,607.70)

2. Debtors

Debtors include HMRC/PAYE (£2430.24), Ace of Clubs & War Child (£1679.88), Salaries (£485); and insurance (£1560.00).

Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Note	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
REFUGEES - Refugees Welcome Lambeth (Restricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from donors			
Gift Aid - Bank		360.00	-
Total Incoming resources from donors		360.00	-
Total Incoming resources		360.00	-
Resources used			
Grants			
Home mission & outreach		-	530.00
Total Grants		-	530.00
Payments to further the work of the Church			
Household and other equipment		-	(530.00)
Total Payments to further the work of the Church		-	(530.00)
Support costs			
Printer, computer, network and software		219.00	-
Total Support costs		219.00	-
Total Resources used		219.00	-
Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure		141.00	-
Brought forward balance		-	-
Total carried forward balance		141.00	-
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from donors			
Gift Aid - Bank		79,480.25	78,734.80
Gift Aid - Envelopes		-	1,912.00
Other giving not under Gift Aid		13,577.57	17,821.60
Loose plate Collections		-	440.92
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		15,001.79	24,353.21
Total Incoming resources from donors		108,059.61	123,262.53
Other voluntary incoming resources			
One-off Gift Aid gifts		-	67.40
Donations appeals etc.		-	385.00
Total Other voluntary incoming resources		-	452.40
Activities to further the work of the church			
Christingle - Children's Soc		-	(820.00)
Christmas Giving		1,915.50	-
Easter/Lent Call		955.00	-
Christian Aid events		111.00	-
Total Activities to further the work of the church		2,981.50	(820.00)
Activities for generating funds			
Other funds generated		2,724.86	25.00
Church stalls - other		300.00	-
Christmas Fair		2,275.73	-
Tea & Coffee		-	46.41
Book Sales		14.52	-
Church hire		2,104.50	699.00
Webstore income		-	107.72
Total Activities for generating funds		7,419.61	878.13
Income from investments			
Dividends		0.05	-
Bank & building soc interest		33.74	125.05
Total Income from investments		33.79	125.05
Income directly relating to worship			
Votive Candles		-	20.05
Fees to PCC		2,027.45	1,204.20
Total Income directly relating to worship		2,027.45	1,224.25
Total Incoming resources		120,521.96	125,122.36

Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham

Costs of generating funds		
Printing/publicity	282.20	(74.88)
Christmas Fair expenses	28.75	-
Total Costs of generating funds	310.95	(74.88)
Grants		
Ace of Clubs	839.94	-
Robes Project	390.06	-
Christian Aid	-	1,600.00
Children's Society	-	-
Church Action	25.00	25.00
Secular charities	1,439.94	-
Fishermens Rest	-	-
Thames Reach	-	-
Peer Power Youth	-	820.00
Medical Aid for Palestine	-	820.00
Total Grants	2,694.94	3,265.00
Payments to further the work of the Church		
Parish Support Fund	81,000.03	84,000.00
Parish training and mission	294.86	-
Working expenses of incumbent	2,215.46	1,760.10
Youth activities	-	1,100.00
Printing & Stationery	2,262.70	180.35
Catering	-	185.52
MR/PCC property installations	-	400.00
Total Payments to further the work of the Church	85,773.05	87,625.97
Support costs		
Salary/administrator	12,248.36	9,053.74
Printer, computer, network and software	994.80	1,604.94
Website expense	100.00	-
Total Support costs	13,343.16	10,658.68
Church building, management and administration		
Bank and finance charges	331.14	-
Church running exp-cleaning	1,210.00	478.08
Church running exp-insurance	3,094.21	1,484.20
Church maintenance	6,199.43	741.60
Miscellaneous	6,522.73	3,872.69
Depreciation	8,202.00	4,171.32
Church running expenses - Heat	9,505.11	7,724.91
Church running exp - Water	171.03	-
Telephone and broadband	2,019.26	465.53
Total Church building, management and administration	37,254.91	18,938.33
Expenditure directly relating to worship		
Organ/piano tuning	245.12	245.12
Music, organist and choir	7,388.52	5,889.00
Chancel Expenses	545.90	455.02
Flowers	180.00	-
Total Expenditure directly relating to worship	8,359.54	6,589.14
Total Resources used	147,736.55	127,002.24
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(27,214.59)	(1,879.88)
Brought forward balance	112,393.04	84,580.06
Transfers to/(from)	-	29,692.86
Total carried forward balance	85,178.45	112,393.04
Abbeville - Abbeville Fete (Designated) Fund		
Resources used		
Costs of generating funds		
Printing/publicity	-	537.39
Total Costs of generating funds	-	537.39
Total Resources used	-	537.39
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	-	(537.39)
Brought forward balance	3,587.97	4,125.36
Total carried forward balance	3,587.97	3,587.97

Contact - Contact Centre (Designated) Fund

Incoming resources

Activities to further the work of the church		
Contact Centre - Lettings	6,135.00	1,065.00
Total Activities to further the work of the church	6,135.00	1,065.00
Activities for generating funds		
Other funds generated	(1,500.00)	-
Total Activities for generating funds	(1,500.00)	-
Income from investments		
Bank & building soc interest	-	297.39
Total Income from investments	-	297.39
Other incoming resources		
Contact Centre - Rents rec'd	21,241.25	21,948.00
Clapham & Clapham Park Montessori - Rent	30,819.99	20,833.33
Total Other incoming resources	52,061.24	42,781.33
Total Incoming resources	56,696.24	44,143.72

Resources used

Payments to further the work of the Church		
Printing & Stationery	-	343.14
Other PCC property upkeep	-	153.70
Total Payments to further the work of the Church	-	496.84
Support costs		
Salary/administrator	9,897.62	5,531.47
Gifts	-	130.00
Salaries(except administrator)	-	1,857.16
Total Support costs	9,897.62	7,518.63
Church building, management and administration		
Miscellaneous	(1,500.00)	804.00
Depreciation	2,299.56	2,684.16
Church running exp - Water	-	263.76
Telephone and broadband	-	1,620.56
Contact Centre - Insurance	(25.79)	1,484.20
Contact Centre - Cleaning	6,108.60	10,465.86
Repairs, maintenance & safety - CC	6,028.81	10,926.86
Repairs & Maintenance (CCPM) - CC	452.63	-
New building - Contact Centre	4,518.00	-
Total Church building, management and administration	17,881.81	28,249.40
Total Resources used	27,779.43	36,264.87
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	28,916.81	7,878.85
Brought forward balance	16,479.70	38,293.71
Transfers to/(from)	-	(29,692.86)
Total carried forward balance	45,396.51	16,479.70

Organ - Organ Fund (Designated) Fund

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	-	-
Brought forward balance	5,016.46	5,016.46
Total carried forward balance	5,016.46	5,016.46

Fabric - Fabric Fund (Designated) Fund

Incoming resources

Income from investments		
Bank & building soc interest	-	104.07
Total Income from investments	-	104.07
Total Incoming resources	-	104.07

Resources used

Church building, management and administration		
Miscellaneous	-	1,309.50
Total Church building, management and administration	-	1,309.50
Total Resources used	-	1,309.50
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	-	(1,205.43)
Brought forward balance	64,820.24	66,025.67
Total carried forward balance	64,820.24	64,820.24

DIOCESAN SYNOD

To follow.

DEANERY SYNOD

The Deanery Synod consists of a group of 16 parishes (21 churches) in Lambeth North.

Geographically, our church is the furthest south and St John's Waterloo is the furthest north.

Representatives (both clergy and lay members) from those parishes meet about 3 times a year, with the purpose of working together in the community and sharing information and experience. In 2021, 2 of these meetings were by zoom, and 1 was face to face.

February 2021

We discussed the lockdown then in progress and regretted that singing in churches was not allowed. The planned 8-mile Passion Trail around the Deanery was discussed, with 14 churches and schools taking part, including Holy Spirit. It duly took place on 20 March 2021 and the collaborative effort was felt to have been a great success.

July 2021

Social at St John the Divine, with food and drink and a chance to exchange ideas with our fellow Deanery reps from other churches.

October 2021

The main topic was climate change and environmental issues. This was topical as COP26 was about to take place in Glasgow. Several churches said what activities they were involved in to combat climate change, and St Paul's Rectory Grove explained how they had become an Eco-church and encouraged other churches to do the same. Some simple things like recycling church candles and using a food bin were mentioned.

Margi Mahoney

ELECTORAL ROLL

In 2021-22 there were 146 names on the electoral roll.

The Church Representation Rules state that:

- 1) There shall be a church electoral roll (in these rules referred to as 'the roll') in every parish, on which the names of lay persons shall be entered as hereinafter provided. The roll shall be available for inspection by bona fide inquirers.
- 2) A lay person shall be entitled to have his name entered on the roll of a parish if he is baptised, of sixteen years or upwards, has signed an application form for enrolment set out in Appendix I of these rules and declares himself either -
 - a. to be a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion therewith resident in the parish; or
 - b. to be such a member and, not being resident in the parish, to have habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment; or
 - c. to be a member in good standing of a church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity (not being a Church in communion with the Church of England) and also prepared to declare himself to be a member of the Church of England having habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment.

Being on the Electoral Roll entitles you to stand for election to the PCC and to assist with the overall running of our church. It also means that you are formally showing that you are a committed member of our church. The roll is closed for new names for the two weeks leading up to the APCM, but if you would like to add your name after the APCM, forms will be available.

CONTACT CENTRE

*This report covers the period from the 1st January to the 31st December 2021.
Any changes to fees or developments taking place from 1st January 2022 are not included.*

Overall, the Contact Centre has had a successful year and continues to be busy both during term and holiday time. The start of 2021 was challenging, as lockdown meant the majority of groups were unable to meet. However, the Montessori Clapham Park branch and their Infant Community continued to operate.

When the government's Roadmap out of Lockdown commenced on the 8th March, some of the groups were able to return as they qualified as wraparound childcare. The majority of the groups were then able to return from the 12th April, such as parent and toddler groups and under-18 indoor activity groups. The full quota of groups then returned from the 17th May. All users who returned to the centre were asked to complete a risk assessment with specific Covid regulations. Contact Centre usage continued to increase from the 21st June when private bookings were permitted, with our first booking taking place on the 17th July.

Groups

2021

The centre was not able to host people from the Robes homeless shelter over 2021, however the church has been raising funds for the charity and continues to support their referral organisation Ace of Clubs. The Contact Centre advises users wishing to make a donation to do so to Ace of Clubs.

Montessori Community

The Infant Community meet in the centre's main hall on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning. The Clapham Park Community meet upstairs every weekday and have an ongoing lease. Their proprietors are Ros Bowles and Lucía Gómez. The Clapham Park community pays £25,000 per year. The infant community pays £60 per session while the parent and babies group pay £37.50 per session. From September 2021, the community introduced a new 'Montessori for parent and baby' group which runs in the stage room on Tuesday mornings. This is run by Early Years teacher and speech therapist Mercedes López Palao and has been highly successful.

Our other groups are as follows:

Children's Groups: ABC German, Spring School of Ballet, Clapham Martial Arts, Hartbeeps, Babyfare, Monkey Music, Sensory Land, La Ola Spanish, Clip Theatre, Brownies and Guides.

Adult Groups: Vera the Diva ballroom dancing, Hapkido for adults, Ki-Aikido, AA, NA and the monthly Labour ward meeting.

New Groups: From July 2021, holiday camp 7 Seals has been using the contact centre main hall during school holidays. It is run by primary school teacher Demii Patterson. Their daily rate is £100. This is a significant means of income for the centre over otherwise sparse periods.

Discontinued Groups: Sadly, the following groups left the Contact Centre throughout the year as they were unable to pay the fees. Hartbeeps, Babyfare and La Ola Spanish.

Contact Centre availability

We currently have a few slots available in the stage room during the week. Otherwise, the main hall is at full capacity during the week.

Since the summer, the main hall has been used for private hire almost every weekend.

Staff

Paul Gregson continues to do an excellent job of cleaning the centre for ten hours a week. He is very willing to provide cover for the church cleaner *Basia* when required. He is also extremely helpful with additional DIY tasks such as installing locks and putting up hooks. His weekly hours have changed from 2 hours every weekday, to 2 hours on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. He has also been informed that he needs to take his annual allocation of holiday throughout the year rather than being paid for the additional time.

Gill Fisher has been in the role of contact centre manager since October 2020. She is in charge of all bookings, user enquiries, payroll and maintenance. Gill also supports the church's digital team by posting additional events and content to CHS' social media and occasionally adding to the website.

At the start of the year, as the centre was less busy than usual due to groups not being able to meet, Gill covered the church cleaning as *Basia* was shielding. Gill used this less busy period to organise a clear out of the church cellar and was massively supported by the church community in filling a skip on Saturday 10th April.

Gill attends a weekly meeting with Vicar *Ruth Burge-Thomas* and church administrator *Rosslyn Okumu* to discuss upcoming events and tasks. Gill also provides basic cover for *Rosslyn* during leave periods in the same way that *Rosslyn* provides cover for Gill.

Steven Rhind provides support as a handyman as and when required. He also cleans the church gutters on a six-monthly basis. For this he is paid out of the petty cash.

Bookings and rates

With the exception of the Montessori community and 7 Seals, all professional groups pay a standard fee of £22p/h for the hall and £20p/h for the stage room. Charity groups such as NA pay £15 per session. Brownies and Guides pay £6 per session.

The rates for single hire of the space as a venue remain at £45.00p/h. Local people are also able to rehearse various art projects if we have space when no one else needs it.

Maintenance

Throughout 2021 there were various issues with the contact centre, in particular problems with the boiler, ventilation and tripped electrical circuits. These have been dealt with by our main service providers, who are Eco-heat plumbing and Dravo for the boiler issues and PJ Electrics for the electricity. Rob Bowles, former church warden and lead on the church organ restoration has also been a constant source of support in dealing with issues such as stuck doors and damaged tiles. In an attempt to reduce costs, the centre has enlisted the help of some additional service providers, with the sanitary bin contract changing from PHS to 365 Direct and future boiler services being offered to local plumber, John Smythe. This last change was taken on the recommendation of the Dravo technician who explained that their fees are high as they are based in the Midlands and a more local provider would be more suitable for our budget.

Burglary

There was a break-in at the centre and church, which was discovered by the Babyfare group on Thursday 12th August. This was reported to the local police who sent a forensic offer to take samples. There has been no update on this from the police. The church and centre responded by fitting hasp locks on cupboards in the old vestry, adding a new hidden key safe for the organ loft in the old vestry cupboard and installing a new digital lock on the centre's entry door. A full report and images is available on request / can be found at the following link https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/I_s_pDVd6hqV7rno03-EFt3BE2UHktAzS.

AOB

In case anyone would like to know more about how the Contact Centre is run there is a manual available. There is a hard copy in the Contact Centre, or you can ask Gill Fisher, or the Church Wardens for a copy.

Gill Fisher

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Following on from a year in 2020 of sharp and dramatic but at least clear change we have struggled this year with whether or not we go back to 'normal' today or tomorrow or next week - or back to zoom. Covid has resurged rather frequently and hit us more randomly and unexpectedly. However, we have ploughed on whatever circumstances presented to us and the sturdy little band of our Sunday school of around 5/6 have attended regularly and enthusiastically - supported wonderfully by their caring and dedicated parents. We have had fun and have learnt to pray together, to sing together, to listen together and to work together.

We now follow a similar format each week. We have a theme and a learning objective (sorry that is a bit school like but schools do teaching mostly rather well). We sing a traditional hymn along to a YouTube recording and try to end with a popular children's song. We share our reading of the week's story based on the gospel for the day and then swing into action - a game or a drawing or an acting out or a craft. We close by saying prayers in a circle and conclude with the Lord's Prayer and the children's song. Our big challenge is to match our own timetable with the main church's! Hence our sometimes patchy timing to join in the Eucharist. Forgive us please.

We love being blessed at the end of the Communion and apologise that we don't always feed back to you - as that takes the focus away from our work on understanding the Bible into your presentation work. We are keeping scrap books of each week's stories, prayers and work and we will be delighted to share those with you every so often. Thank you all for being so interested in what we do either out in the yard at the side of church or in the stage room. Our children are special and we have a duty, and a joy, to pass on to them our best understanding of God's role in our lives - informed by what might become pressing for them - and how pressing matters in our own lives have formed our responses to the Lord - as well as what we learnt/inherited from our own adults.

Caroline Russell Clark together with Rhian Granleese, Fiona Morris (whose faithful and regular support has been of the very best), Amanda Chen and Matthew North - all of whom give dedicated and loving work. Ever onwards in the Lord's name.

Caroline Russell Clark

MUSIC

The 2021/2022 musical year at CHS has finally started to feel slightly more 'normal' after a period of disruption in 2019 and 2020. The year started with a 'changing of the guard', as Shawn Li, our organ scholar, left to take up his organ scholarship at Peterhouse, Cambridge, and we were delighted to welcome Vivian Lui and Stephan Dyakonov as new organ scholars to CHS.

On top of this, CHS formally launched its choral scholarship program, and are now delighted to have welcomed Stevie Wren, Emma Grainger and Mark Thornton as choral scholars. We are still on the lookout for a tenor and alto choral scholar. We were also delighted to have Stevie Wren officially take on her role as Music Administrator - supporting Andrei in running a (now) much better organised and run choir!

The Christmas period in 2021 had a magnificent start with some beautiful music leading up the Carol Service, such as Rutter's 'I wonder as I wander' and the 'Sussex Carol'. The choir and members of the congregation also enjoyed a spectacular session of Carolling in the Village this year. However, due to a spike in COVID-19 cases leading up to the carol service, we unfortunately had to turn our traditional carol service with full choir and trumpet into a congregation-led carol service, which was still a lovely evening.

Leading up to Easter 2022, the choir started singing Choral Evensongs again, introducing some new repertoire such as Howells' 'Gloucester Service'.

On Thursday 24th March, CHS hosted a Passiontide concert - an evening of music and poetry on a theme of Passiontide, in aid of Robes and the Ukraine appeal. We heard a delightful variety of musical excellence from all parts of the musical community, including, but not limited to, choral anthems, chamber music, instrumental solos, vocal solos and small vocal ensembles.

Leading into Holy Week, a small group of singers (Stevie Wren, Emma Grainger, Sarah Mistry, Mark Thornton and Andrei Lebed), performed the iconic Tallis Lamentation during the washing of feet on Maundy Thursday, which perfectly set the tone during this period of Holy Week. As Easter Sunday arrived, the choir roused the congregation with 'This Joyful Eastertide' as an uplifting introit at the start of the service, and concluded with Wesley's memorable anthem 'Blessed be the God and Father' during communion.

Andrei Lebed

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CLAPHAM

CTIC (Churches Together in Clapham) is the body which represents the different church denominations in Clapham (Anglican, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal and Orthodox), now comprising 11 congregations. All clergy and laity are entitled to participate, though we are limited to 3 voting lay representatives (in 2021 these were Anna Long and Alan Mundy).

CTiC's Standing Committee members are also the trustees who act as governance for the organisation.

Officers and forum meetings

At the 2021 AGM, Liz Marin-Curtoud (Clapham Methodist Church) was re-elected Chair of CTiC and Mark Potter (Holy Trinity Church) was re-elected Secretary; Anna Long (St Mary's) remains Treasurer. The CTIC Forum, the principal body, met in May (the AGM, via Zoom), July (St Paul's, focussing on Eco-church) and October 2021 (CHS, focussing on refugees), as well as in January 2022 (Clapham Methodists, focussing on the work of the Hub - see below). We maintained links with Churches Together in South London and Faiths Together in Lambeth.

Community engagement/projects

Despite another year of Covid, CTiC has continued to support Lifeline (providing a Christmas party for the elderly housebound of the area), the Ace of Clubs and the Hub, providing a refuge (in the Methodist Church) for young revellers from the bars and clubs of Clapham High Street. Individual churches have continued to support Robes as they changed their focus of provision (see Ian Cherrie's report to this APCM). CTiC has also written to local MPs to express its concern about the cuts in the Government's overseas aid budget.

Ecumenical services and events

St Peter's Church hosted the service in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January 2022.

Unfortunately, CTiC did not take part in the (renamed) World Day of Prayer service this year. Holy Spirit hosted the service in February 2022 to mark Racial Justice Sunday and St Paul's once again hosted the ecumenical Advent carol service. During Advent 2021 and Lent 2022 there have been short weekly evening prayer sessions online, led by members of the congregations from the different churches (including Iain Pearce from CHS).

Web presence

Rev Kit Gunasekera of St James Church, continues to run the CTiC website: www.cticlapham.org.

Future issues

Holy Spirit urgently needs more representatives to attend quarterly CTiC meetings and to be active within CTiC so that we can maintain our current level of ecumenical engagement. Perhaps you can offer yourself for this job at the APCM?

Alan Mundy

SILVER SOCIALS

Silver Socials is a coffee morning for older members of the local community. We also incorporate a range of fun activities such as quizzes, crafts and bingo. A manicurist/pedicurist visits once a month giving treatments for just £15 a go. This is funded by the church but otherwise these mornings are largely funded by the volunteers themselves. We meet every Tuesday morning from 10.30 to 12, no school holiday breaks! If you are ever about in Abbeville Road on a Tuesday morning, do pop in for a cup of tea or coffee, visitors are always welcome, whatever your age.

Volunteers and 'clientele' are a mix of both church goers and non-church goers and include some residents of Charleston House at the top of Narbonne Avenue. Volunteers work on a rota and make coffee, bake cakes, give lifts, push wheelchairs and organise activities.

During the pandemic volunteers and members kept in touch by phone. However, we were delighted and relieved to get back together again after lockdown when friends were reunited in person and ready to put the world to rights again! To find out more, please have a word with me. We always need volunteers and it would be great if anyone could offer to do a simple activity one morning or to share a story or experience.

Judith Vickery

ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS

CHS's online communications comprise the church website (www.holyspirit-clapham.org.uk), social media – on Twitter @holyspiritsw4 and Facebook - www.facebook.com/CHSCLapham, the newsletter and the broadcasting of services on Zoom, YouTube and Facebook.

The church website was moved during 2021, thanks to Gavin Williams' efforts, to a new service called Squarespace, and offers a much more pleasing look and appearance – take a look for yourself www.holyspirit-clapham.org.uk! It is

maintained weekly with details of services and much more besides by a team which includes Rosslyn, Gavin and Gill.

The church also has a presence on Facebook (CHSClapham) and Twitter (@holyspiritsw4) with postings made by a number of people including the boss, Gill Fisher (the contact centre manager), Gavin Williams and others.

The newsletter moved from being monthly to weekly in 2020 during the pandemic, and has stayed there, with a mailing list of 300 people, but only 130 or so open it every week. There is now a team, with Joe Sternberg having recently joined Alan Mundy and Nick Jenni in producing it.

The church now shares its main services online, with Gavin Williams managing a rota which includes Rachel Edge, Andrew Chevis, Elizabeth Xie, Richard Long, Rhian Granleese and Nick Jenni. There is always online attendance, both on Zoom and on YouTube (available on the church website) and on Facebook. Much work by Mtr Ruth and Rosslyn goes into making available the orders of service, and linking to them both on the website and in the newsletter.



For weddings and other life events, people appreciate having the ability not only to have a recording to keep of their event, but also to share it with others who are not able to attend.

All of the people who support all this work online give life to the church. Thank you!

Nick Jenni

JUST CHURCH / LGBT+ INCLUSION

To follow.

ROBES PROJECT

For those not familiar with Robes, it has operated with the support of over 30 Church venues and over 1,000 volunteers since 2007 across Southwark and Lambeth to provide shelter for people who find themselves homeless in London. Robes also supports people with vital welfare advice enabling them to access services and accommodation.

Once again, with the impact of Covid, Robes have not been able to run the “rotating” winter night shelter which normally includes CHS providing accommodation and meals for Guests on Saturday night / Sunday morning. Instead, Robes have provided accommodation for 29 guests through the winter months in a static shelter at Davies Court in Canary Wharf. Thanks to generous donations including from CHS, Robes were able to provide vouchers for guests to buy food, CHS were also able to deliver “care packages” to guests through the Winter months. In total this year CHS donated over £2,000 to Robes.

In addition to providing accommodation, Robes has also now restarted the Wednesday Lunch time club near the Elephant and Castle. The club provides a safe place for Robes guests to meet, eat and find advice.

Looking ahead, we will need to see if the rotating night shelter starts up again in November and that will determine the level of support we need to provide and any opportunities for volunteering. In the meantime, many thanks to those who have contributed to Robes over the year.

Ian Cherrie

LAMBETH WELCOMES REFUGEES

Lambeth welcomed two families from Afghanistan in August and September 2021, who have been housed in Streatham and Brixton. Members of the LVR group helped to partially furnish and tidy the flats in record time - two weeks' notice in one case! - and have made friends with the families. The fathers in both families both have excellent English, having worked with the UK government previously, and both families are very resourceful and trying to make the best of the situation they find themselves in. Their children are also doing well in their respective primary schools. However, as with many refugees, living on Universal Credit is a challenge and the effects of the traumatic exit from their homeland is something that will stay with them.

Lambeth Council have voluntarily committed to take three more families but finding suitable accommodation has been a big challenge (please let us know if you own property you would rent out or know any friendly landlords!) so these have not yet arrived. Some of our earlier settled families also need to move to larger places due to growing families, older children or poor conditions so please do share info of good quality 2-bed, 3-bed and 4-bed housing in the borough if you have it.

Please pray for the many Afghan families feeling frustrated and powerless still stuck in temporary accommodation across the country (just like many asylum seekers from everywhere).

Members of CHS have connections with some of the refugee families and have offered help in setting up their new homes, offering furniture etc. Rachel continues to do admin for the group in her spare time, working closely with Barbara Wilson, a member of Corpus Christi RC Church on Brixton Hill, who devotes a lot of her time to keeping in touch with the families and running the whole LVR group alongside involvement in Lambeth Citizens.

If you would like to find out more or sign up to receive emails about the group, please email lambethrefugeewelcome@gmail.com.

Rachel Edge

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Holy Spirit, Clapham, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, Deanery Synod

representatives, Treasurer and the members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Holy Spirit, Clapham is part of the diocese of Southwark within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Narbonne Avenue, Clapham London SW4 9JU. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales under number 1134600.

Since the PCC is a body corporate, liabilities it incurs in contract are enforceable against it rather than against its members. A PCC member only become personally liable for a debt of the PCC if he or she voluntarily accepted legal responsibility for it or if the debt has arisen in circumstances involving a breach of the PCC member's fiduciary duties.

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

2021

Ex Officio members:

Incumbent: The Reverend Ruth Burge-Thomas Chair

Wardens: Gavin Williams (Safeguarding Officer)
Paula Wilson

Elected members:

Rhian Granleese (PCC Secretary)	Sharon Gordon
Andrew Chevis (Treasurer)	Margi Mahoney (Deanery Synod)
Andrew Bailey	Kathryn Newell
Fran Cavanagh	Liz Muldoon
Yaw Basoah	Katie Pollock
Paul Donohue	

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Rev Ruth Burge-Thomas.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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**REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2019 AND 2020**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents their reports and financial statements for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2020*.

*We have yet to produce full accounts for 2020. These will be published as soon as possible.

AIM AND PURPOSES

The principal purpose of the PCC of Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham is to cooperate with the incumbent, Revd Ruth Burge-Thomas, on matters of importance to the parish and in promoting the mission of the Church and to have joint responsibility, with the incumbent, in the running of the parish.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church fabric and its contents and for the maintenance and running of the Contact Centre, our church hall.

The PCC also considers and discusses matters concerning the Church of England or other matters of religious or public interest.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community in Clapham.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. The PCC (as trustees) have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and delivering their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church and the Contact Centre.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

VICAR'S REPORT

2019

It's hard to remember what life was like before the lockdown, and this retrospective report is mainly a lament for all that we were doing in 2019 that we could not do in 2020.

Our Pram Service and toddler group were thriving. Holy Molies on a Tuesday morning provided socialising for both the pre-schoolers and their carers, and Caroline Russell-Clark did an AMAZING job at keeping them entertained and engaged. Pram was fun, fun, fun, and the families who supported it formed a wonderful community. A highlight for our younger members was the Good Friday workshop which was packed and crazy.

Children were prepared for first communion (one of my favourite parts of the year), and our adult confirmation class was one of the most thoughtful and profound groups that I have led. We also hosted a Lent Reflection group based on paintings in the Tate Britain collection which was cut short by the pandemic.

One of the significant decisions that was made in 2019 was not to have the Abbeville Fete. The Fete had grown into a magnificent beast, the fundraising kept increasing and the entertainment was second to none. It did, however, take an enormous amount of time and resources to run. We debated whether to hand it over to the wider community to run, but no one, in church, or outside, had the energy and time to commit to what looked like a full-time job. Instead we had a summer fete: entirely located in the church and run by our own members. IT WAS GREAT. I am so grateful to our churchwarden Kathryn for the initial idea, and her enthusiasm for encouraging us all to bake, paint and grow, and generally prepare us for the lockdown to come.

Another area of creative growth was the choir, which increased in numbers and ambition, and regularly provided an outstanding level of music for special events and services.

Our schools' engagement was thriving with the launch of a junior choir and visits to our Silver Socials by pupils from our local school, Bonneville. The junior choir sang beautifully at several services before lockdown came into effect just as they were due to perform for Mothering Sunday.

Our Robes homeless shelter, however, continued during the first few weeks of the pandemic whilst the local authority arranged temporary housing for our guests under the Everybody In project. I am enormously grateful to the hardy souls who helped keep it open.

Our LGBT action group also thrived. Services hosted at several local churches invited some wonderful and inspirational guest speakers, and the highlight of the year was our carol event at the Two Brewers drag pub on Clapham High Street.

My ministry was encouraged and challenged and generally made life-giving by the PCC, wardens and volunteers who gave so unstintingly during the year. The PCC had a great away day in May, with the usual mix of crazy team games and serious hard questioning and reflection.

2020

Then came lockdown.

Celebrating holy week, Easter and Pentecost at a computer screen was a challenge. Fortunately, Nick Jenni worked tirelessly to get us online, producing a weekly newsletter to keep us in touch and organising (together with Yaw and Ollie) the design specification, tender process and installation of a new AV system in church. This meant that even during lockdown we could hold services in church and zoom them into your living rooms and studies. Kathryn was all over the Covid regulations and risk assessments and has put enormous effort into keeping us safe.

Many of you contributed financially to the new system and many more have been unsung heroes of the pandemic, phoning and visiting our older members and those in isolation.

Introducing zoom services had some up sides: it allowed less mobile parishioners to be a part of the worshipping community, and put us back in touch with parishioners who had moved abroad and who joined us from Korea, Malawi, Colchester and other exotic places. However online church is not suitable for the very young – we had a good stint

of presenting pram online but it was not hugely successful – kids want the real thing. Similarly, some parishioners found it hard to access online services. Caroline Russell-Clark single-handedly held Sunday School together with an online service every week and a loyal and engaged group of grateful families. Online church also motivated us to up our game in social media, and we have had good followings on Youtube and Facebook and launched two new services: online daily midday prayer and a weekly meditation beautifully led by June Williams.

Predictably I took far more funerals than I have in previous years, but we also had a number of small but nevertheless joyous weddings.

During the year we continued to support our Robes guests with support parcels. Thank you for contributing generously, and to Vicki, Sara, Marghi, Alan and Ian for organising the shopping, packing and delivery. We also hosted a monthly foodbank drive, which has seen 4 van-loads of essentials collected every month to support the increasing number of families in food poverty.

The lockdown has sharpened our awareness of inequalities in our community, and the Black Lives Matter protests over the summer also focused our attention on the continuing negative impact of racism in British society. The church took part in a number of BLM events at a local, deanery and Diocesan level, though we need to keep the issue at the forefront of our work and the life of the wider church.

During the year Jo Ross stood down as contact centre manager and Lilly Bell (who had been our temporary administrator) began full-time study. We were joined by Gill Fisher in the contact centre and have already benefitted from her additional support with social media and her fantastic clear out of the cellar! Our new administrator, Rosslyn Okumu, is also a fresh broom and is impressively organised. I have relied on both of them heavily.

This year Kathryn Newell stands down as Churchwarden but will continue (praise be!) to support us on the PCC. Judith Vickery will also stand down as PCC secretary, a role she has filled very ably for something like 100 years – well done Judith!

The year ahead presents us with plenty of challenges: to fully open up and get Sunday school, pram service and silver socials back up and running. We will need your help to achieve this.

We have a bumper crop of baptism candidates lining up for the next few months, the choir are in fine voice and we look forward to throwing a big parish party as soon as we are able.

Thank you for sticking with us over the last year and giving your vicar the will to live! I am tremendously grateful (and am guessing that you are too) that Rev Caroline Clarke, our Area Dean, has been so committed to our worship and ministry this year. She has provided me with much needed cover and collegiate support and has provided you with a break from me! You will, no doubt, be aware of her great pastoral and organizational skills and the breadth of wisdom and experience that she brings as well as the huge the amount of work that she shoulders in leading our deanery. Thank you so much. I am looking forward to the year ahead.

Revd Ruth Burge-Thomas

WARDENS' REPORT

2019

The role of the Churchwarden is defined as supporting the vicar in the day to day running of the parish and ensuring that all parish services run well. We do all that we can on all fronts, but as the needs and demands of our parish have increased, we are immensely grateful to our parish administrators Sarah Spillet and Lilly Bell who took over from her on a temporary basis.

The PCC/Fabric Committee started to take forward the work on the church space, and appointed Thomas Forde to take forward the plans for the permanent dais and the new contact centre toilets. But progress was slow, with difficulties in agreeing the shape of the dais and a delay in appointing contractors for the toilets.

The latter meant that if any work was to take place in 2019 it would have to be done in the summer at peak time resulting in a cost that exceeded our budget. We therefore decided to put the contact centre toilets on hold.

We would like to thank Alan Mundy, who is standing down as church warden this year, and everyone who volunteers and supports bringing the work of the church

to fruition. And of course to Mtr Louise, Fr Robin, Fr Christopher and Mtr Ruth for their leadership, guidance and spiritual nurturing of us all.

2020

2020 has been particularly challenging with the COVID 19 pandemic impacting on all aspects of our daily lives and the operation of the church. In March 2020, the Prime Minister put the whole country into a “lockdown” which included encouraging all people to stay at home and closing places of worship.

We knew that closing our church would have an impact on all our congregation and, although we had to stop many of our services, we embraced online solutions by moving our Sunday 10.30 Eucharist to “zoom” and starting a new lunchtime daily prayer on “zoom”. We are grateful to Nick Jenni for his help with developing the processes to make this work. This was supplemented by a Sunday coffee morning social zoom instigated by Rachel Edge, and later we were able to add an online “Sunday School” which Caroline Russell-Clark delivered single handed. We also created a newsletter and service sheet to be delivered to parishioners not having access to the service.

In addition, to make use of the church network to help people cope with the pandemic, we arranged for the members of our congregation living alone to receive regular phone calls.

The zoom online worship opened up new opportunities for delivering services in the future – it provided access for people not well enough to attend church, but also excluded many of our longstanding congregation who did not have access to IT. However, following a donation we were able to install a permanent AV system that would enable us to deliver services from church in a hybrid format. This has been very successful and has been particularly welcome when there have been limitations on attendees at weddings and funerals.

In August we were able to open the church again to services and restarted the pram service and 9.00am Eucharist. This had to be done safely, meeting all the requirements to create a COVID safe venue. We were able to deliver a number of our Christmas services, but used Eventbrite to manage numbers and to keep the church congregation as safe as possible. In January 2021, when a further national lockdown was introduced, we took the decision to close the church again.

This year we recruited a new contact centre manager and church administrator. Jo Ross retired and Lilly Bell our temp church administrator resigned. These roles have been increasingly important, as the pandemic has made it more difficult to involve volunteers in the work of the church, and we are immensely grateful to our church staff past and present.

We have not made much progress on the layout of the church and installation of a permanent dais. There have been issues around a design that meets the needs of the church and is acceptable to the DAC. We will be taking a proposal on how to proceed to the next PCC.

We are grateful to Robert Bowles, who maintains a close eye on the organ and is currently carrying out maintenance work on it.

The pandemic has made it difficult to take forward work identified in the quinquennial review for the maintenance and uptake of the building, so, as suppliers open up in 2021, we will look to develop a plan to take this forward.

Kathryn Newell is about to stand down as church warden after 2 years. Paula Wilson will continue until new church wardens can be identified and this will provide some continuity for the smooth running of the parish.

We would like to thank everyone who volunteers and supports the work of the church in any way during this very difficult year. We would also like to thank our music Director Andre and our organ scholar Shawn Li for continuing to provide us with music, as well as our clergy team: Mtr Caroline, Mth Louise and Mtr Ruth for their concern and guidance over this last year. We would also like to offer a special “thank you” to Nick and Ollie Jennie for their work in installing the new AV system allowing us to deliver our services online.

Kathryn Newell and Paula Wilson

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

1st September 2020

I report on the financial statements of the PCC of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham for the year ended 31 December 2019 as set out on the following pages. This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC, as Trustees of the charity, those matters I am required to state to them in this Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the PCC as a body, for my work, for this Report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

As Trustees of the charity, the PCC are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the

requirements have not been met:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Michael J Woolley BA, FCA

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund Deficit Down, Contact Centre Income Up

The deficit on the General Fund reduced from £42,508 in 2018 to 24,152 in 2019. Regular giving was £99,804 which is up 6% on 2018. Fortunately, Contact Centre income remained steady at £67,327 with costs down almost 10% to £42,767. The Church contributed £91,593 to the Diocese in 2019 (a 5.6% reduction on 2018) in the form of the 'Parish Support Fund' which enables the Diocese to fund clergy and clergy pensions both in this Parish and in less-wealthy Parishes where need is inevitably greater.

Abbeville Fete and Christmas Fair

The Abbeville Fete contributed £6,800 to CHS in 2018 but there was no Fete in 2019 (the next Fete is scheduled for 19th June 2021). The lack of Fete income was partly compensated for by the Summer and Christmas Fairs (the latter's takings were up 30% at £4,172). Both events were successful due to the huge effort put in by a large number of volunteers and hopefully we might be able to hold a Fair either in 2021 or 2022.

Capital Spending and Reserves

In 2016 I reported that I hoped a permanent dais, re-siting of or reinstated chancel screens, new toilets in the Contact Centre (CC) and a programme of church repairs and maintenance would be carried out in 2018. A surveyor did carry out a Quinquennial Inspection in late 2018 and emergency repair work was carried out on the roof. Unfortunately, despite having £85,000 worth of reserves available for the past six years, the PCC has made very little progress. We must all hope that the new PCC can finally get to grips with this and deliver a new dais & restored chancel screens and new CC toilets before the end of 2021 by which time the 'temporary' dais will have been in use for more than half a decade.

Basis of accounting

The accounts for all funds are prepared so as to recognise income and expenditure when they fall due rather than when they are actually paid, and assets purchased for use over several years are shown in the balance sheet, and their cost written off over their lives.

As a non-accountant I rely heavily on the accounting skills of my colleagues. I am indebted to:

- Peta Parker and Lynn Valkenaar for making sure the Church's books add up and

- Jo Ross and Frances Stormer for making sure the Contact Centre's books add up

I am very sorry that all four have left the team, having earlier lost Deborah Di Biase who helped with Fete accounts until last year. A special thank you to Jo Ross who has been running the Contact Centre since 2004!

I am thrilled that Lottie Lago has re-joined the team following her return to SW4 from New York, and I welcome Gill Fisher who looks after the Contact Centre finances and manages the church payroll. If you'd like to join the friendly Team Finance please email me for more info at treasurer@holyspirit-clapham.org.uk

I thank those led by Anna Long who count the collections given by the congregation on more than 60 occasions in 2019 including Marcus Hope, Erica Shelton, Sarah Miles and Nick Jenni (who also helps me to put these accounts together).

I particularly thank Terry Parker who, alongside huge caring responsibilities, found the time in 2019 and early 2020 to account for, and bank, our weekly collections come rain or shine. For now, physical collections have stopped.

We all use the church's IT and in 2019 and 2020 with Martin Gill's help we accessed the CHS server from home and from the Church and Contact Centre offices. In 2021 we migrated all the software to the 'cloud' bidding farewell to the server.

Huge thanks are due to Michael Woolley, who has once again given his time freely to carry out the Independent Examination both of these 2019 accounts and will do so again when he examines the 2020 accounts.

As I write (in April 2021) we have yet to produce accounts for 2020, a year of reduced income (both in terms of fees and giving) matched by reduced spending. Happily reserves remain untouched thanks especially to a few very generous donations received during the year. This enabled us to maintain a £7,000 monthly donation to the Diocese, a real achievement in a year with little income from the Contact Centre and neither an Abbeville Fete nor a Christmas Fair.

If you can dig a little deeper, please consider increasing your giving as costs will increase as we come out of lockdown. Any amount, however small, is welcome (the bank account details are below) and we can usually add 25% to the value of the donation in

Gift Aid. Thanks to generous giving from the congregation we raised the £25,000 needed to install a new AV system and I thank everyone who made this possible notably Nick and Ollie Jenni.

The 2020 accounts will be published as soon as possible.

Andrew Chevis
Hon Treasurer

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from donors	99,803	—	—	99,803	93,262
Other voluntary incoming resources	540	—	—	540	1,447
Activities to further the work of the church	6,519	—	—	6,519	6,308
Activities for generating funds	10,671	—	—	10,671	74,376
Income from investments	678	—	—	678	—
Other incoming resources	61,886	—	—	61,886	61,258
Income directly relating to worship	666	—	—	666	930
Total income	180,766	—	—	180,766	237,584
Resources used					
Costs of generating funds	3,304	—	—	3,304	29,236
Grants	3,729	(309)	—	3,420	31,135
Payments to further the work of the Church	95,855	2,600	—	98,455	107,598
Support costs	18,313	—	—	18,313	19,975
Church building, management and administration	53,600	—	—	53,600	57,282
Expenditure directly relating to worship	7,083	—	—	7,083	8,038
Total expenditure	181,887	2,290	—	184,178	253,266
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(1,121)	(2,290)	—	(3,412)	(15,682)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	114,537	—	—	114,537	27,800
Gross transfers between funds - out	(114,537)	—	—	(114,537)	(27,800)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(1,121)	(2,290)	—	(3,412)	(15,682)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	199,463	2,290	—	201,754	217,436
Total funds carried forward	198,341	—	—	198,341	201,754

Balance sheet (Church of England)
As at: 31 December 2019

	As at 31/12/2019 £	As at 31/12/2018 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	43,433	54,875
	<u>43,433</u>	<u>54,875</u>
Current assets		
Debtors	10,159	6,532
Cash at bank and in hand	155,707	150,193
	<u>165,867</u>	<u>156,726</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	4,958	3,847
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>160,908</u>	<u>152,879</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>204,341</u>	<u>207,754</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	6,000	6,000
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>198,341</u>	<u>201,754</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	84,880	68,463
Designated		
Designated - Chairs Fund	—	—
Designated - Sound system Fund	—	545
Designated - Abbeville Fete	4,125	4,350
Designated - Contact Centre	38,293	43,734
Designated - Centenary	—	—
Designated - Restoration Fund	—	—
Designated - Organ Fund	5,016	5,016
Designated - Fabric Fund	66,025	77,329
Designated - Pastoral Fund	—	23
Designated - Legacies Fund	—	0
Restricted		
Restricted - Refugees Welcome Lambeth	—	2,290
Funds of the church	<u>198,341</u>	<u>201,754</u>

Notes to the Balance Sheet

1. Fixed Assets

Cost	B/fwd	Additions	Disposals	C/fwd
	£	£	£	£
Fixtures and fittings	94,709.68	-	-	94,709.68
Furniture and equipment	57,901.76	-	-	57,901.76
	152,611.44	-	-	152,611.44
Depreciation	B/fwd	Charge in year	On disposals	C/fwd
	£	£	£	£
Fixtures and fittings	82,464.75	7,971.72	-	90,436.47
Furniture and equipment	15,271.63	3,469.80	-	18,741.43
	97,736.38	11,441.52	-	109,177.90
NBV	As at 31.12.18			As at 31.12.19
Fixtures and fittings	12,244.93			4,273.21
Furniture and equipment	42,630.13			39,160.33
	54,875.06			43,433.54
Fixed assets are depreciated over their useful economic life of between 1 and 20 years.				

2. Debtors

Debtors include amounts due from HMRC for Gift Aid tax (£7907); Salaries (£792); and insurance (£1460).

3. Creditors

Creditors include amount due to Clapham & Clapham Park Montessori School in respect of a licensee's deposit of £6,000.

Reserves	Total	General Fund	Contact Centre	Organ Fund	Pastoral Fund	Fabric Fund	Refugees (restricted)	Abbeville	Sound
At 1 January 2019	201,750	68,463	43,734	5,016	23	77,329	2,290	4,350	545
Excess income/(expenditure)	- 3,411	- 24,151	24,559		-	- 1,304	- 2,290	- 225	
Transfers	-	30,568	10,000		- 23	-40,000		-	-545
At 31 December 2019	198,339	74,880	78,293	5,016	-	36,025	-	4,125	0
These reserves consist of:									
Fixed assets	43,432	38,005	5,427						
3 months' operations	47,000	36,000	11,000						
Repairs & Maintenance *	20,000					20,000			
Capital commitments	75,000		60,000			15,000			
Free reserves/deficit	12,907	875	1,866	5,016	-	1,025	-	4,125	-

Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2019 31 December 2019	01 January 2018 31 December 2018
REFUGEES - Refugees Welcome Lambeth (Restricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Other voluntary incoming resources			
One-off Gift Aid gifts		—	700.00
One off Grants		—	200.00
		<i>Total Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	<i>900.00</i>
Total receipts		—	900.00
Payments			
Grants			
Home mission & outreach		(309.02)	—
		<i>Total Grants</i>	<i>(309.02)</i>
Payments to further the work of the Church			
Working expenses of incumbent		—	50.49
Youth activities		—	400.00
Household and other equipment		2,600.00	—
		<i>Total Payments to further the work of the Church</i>	<i>450.49</i>
Support costs			
Gifts		—	800.00
		<i>Total Support costs</i>	<i>800.00</i>
Total payments		2,290.98	1,250.49
		<i>Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used</i>	<i>(350.49)</i>
		<i>Brought forward balance</i>	<i>2,641.47</i>
Total carried forward balance		—	2,290.98

General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund

Receipts			
Incoming resources from donors			
Gift Aid - Bank	51,992.00	58,072.50	
Gift Aid - Envelopes	14,367.60	12,740.87	
Other giving not under Gift Aid	9,211.99	2,967.16	
Giving through church boxes	95.01	—	
Donations in kind	—	250.00	
Loose plate Collections	3,709.21	2,319.64	
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	20,428.09	16,912.03	
		<i>Total Incoming resources from donors</i>	<i>93,262.20</i>
Other voluntary incoming resources			
One-off Gift Aid gifts	515.00	282.15	
Donations appeals etc.	25.00	265.51	
		<i>Total Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	<i>547.66</i>
Activities to further the work of the church			
Christingle - Children's Soc	679.38	—	
Easter/Lent Call	—	338.87	
Rent: church/LDF building use	200.00	—	
Holy Molies	210.00	240.00	
		<i>Total Activities to further the work of the church</i>	<i>578.87</i>

Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2019 31 December 2019	01 January 2018 31 December 2018
Activities for generating funds			
Other funds generated		415.12	—
Cake Sales		172.30	—
Church stalls - other		1,717.00	—
Church stall - BBQ		—	205.00
Christmas Fair		4,172.16	3,222.82
Tea & Coffee		274.20	255.56
Concerts		91.96	1,756.79
Book Sales		9.00	—
Church hire		1,375.00	1,335.00
The Opera Project		2,305.00	3,410.00
Webstore income		130.06	225.85
	<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>	<i>10,661.80</i>	<i>10,411.02</i>
Income from investments			
Bank & building soc interest		364.27	—
	<i>Total Income from investments</i>	<i>364.27</i>	<i>—</i>
Other incoming resources			
Disposal of assets		—	(158.06)
	<i>Total Other incoming resources</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>(158.06)</i>
Income directly relating to worship			
Votive Candles		165.29	179.42
Fees to PCC		501.00	751.00
	<i>Total Income directly relating to worship</i>	<i>666.29</i>	<i>930.42</i>
Total receipts		113,125.64	105,572.11
Payments			
Costs of generating funds			
Printing/publicity		1,889.81	54.99
Christmas Fair expenses		571.44	502.62
Summer Fair expenses		608.74	—
	<i>Total Costs of generating funds</i>	<i>3,069.99</i>	<i>557.61</i>
Grants			
Robes Project		—	1,617.45
Children's Society		969.31	—
Church Action		25.00	25.00
McCabe Educational Trust		—	746.29
Paul's Cancer Support		—	746.29
Home mission & outreach		309.02	—
Ozanne Foundation		400.00	—
Disaster Emergency Committee		88.00	—
Fishermens Rest		969.31	—
Thames Reach		969.31	—
	<i>Total Grants</i>	<i>3,729.95</i>	<i>3,135.03</i>
Payments to further the work of the Church			
Parish Support Fund		91,592.87	97,104.96
Parish training and mission		(25.87)	1,500.94
Working expenses of incumbent		370.38	556.03
Youth activities		1,306.18	547.27
Seniors activities		356.05	313.98
Printing & Stationery		795.09	667.69
Catering		437.41	674.10
	<i>Total Payments to further the work of the Church</i>	<i>94,832.11</i>	<i>101,364.97</i>

Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2019 31 December 2019	01 January 2018 31 December 2018
Support costs			
Salary/administrator		8,547.23	10,931.60
Gifts		270.00	177.19
Printer, computer, network and software		342.84	415.58
	<i>Total Support costs</i>	<i>9,160.07</i>	<i>11,524.37</i>
Church building, management and administration			
Bank and finance charges		53.60	39.64
Church running exp-insurance		1,608.99	1,719.67
Church maintenance		5,017.82	4,203.43
Miscellaneous		—	233.47
Depreciation		3,114.24	3,116.90
Church running expenses - Heat		6,288.00	3,426.27
Church running exp - Electric		1,066.86	1,276.42
Telephone and broadband		956.19	949.60
Major repairs/church		1,296.00	—
	<i>Total Church building, management and administration</i>	<i>19,401.70</i>	<i>14,965.40</i>
Expenditure directly relating to worship			
Organ/piano tuning		—	390.52
Music, organist and choir		6,230.54	5,986.33
Chancel Expenses		730.52	1,551.94
Flowers		122.50	110.00
	<i>Total Expenditure directly relating to worship</i>	<i>7,083.56</i>	<i>8,038.79</i>
Total payments		137,277.38	139,586.17
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		(24,151.74)	(34,014.06)
Transfers to/(from)		20,744.41	27,800.00
Transfers to/(from)		(4,383.86)	—
Transfers to/(from)		24,208.16	—
Brought forward balance		68,463.56	74,677.62
Total carried forward balance		84,880.53	68,463.56

Abbeville - Abbeville Fete (Designated) Fund

Receipts

Activities for generating funds

Abbeville Fete	—	4,594.56
Church stalls - other	—	2,340.07
Church stall - bar	—	6,208.00
Church stall - BBQ	—	5,075.10
Stalls rents & share received	—	9,643.00
Programme advertising	—	2,900.00
Sponsorship received	—	11,170.00
Trader and street collection boxes	—	115.00
Church - Silent auction	—	19,475.00
Church - Raffle	10.00	2,445.23

Total Activities for generating funds **10.00** **63,965.96**

Total receipts

10.00 **63,965.96**

Payments

Costs of generating funds

Abbeville Fete Expenses	—	11,458.90
Printing/publicity	235.00	2,996.00
Stalls direct costs	—	2,790.00
Stalls costs - bar	—	3,918.62
Stalls Costs - BBQ	—	1,438.34
Entertainers and attractions	—	5,076.97

Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2019 31 December 2019	01 January 2018 31 December 2018
	Fete party	—	1,000.00
	<i>Total Costs of generating funds</i>	<i>235.00</i>	<i>28,678.83</i>
Grants			
	Ace of Clubs	—	6,800.00
	Home Start Lambeth	—	6,800.00
	Parallel Youth Enterprise	—	6,800.00
	The Trojans Scheme	—	6,800.00
	<i>Total Grants</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>27,200.00</i>
Total payments		235.00	55,878.83
	Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(225.00)	8,087.13
	Transfers to/(from)	—	(6,800.00)
	Brought forward balance	4,350.36	3,063.23
Total carried forward balance		4,125.36	4,350.36

Contact - Contact Centre (Designated) Fund

Receipts

Activities to further the work of the church		
Contact Centre - Lettings	5,430.00	5,730.00
<i>Total Activities to further the work of the church</i>	<i>5,430.00</i>	<i>5,730.00</i>
Income from investments		
Bank & building soc interest	10.90	—
<i>Total Income from investments</i>	<i>10.90</i>	<i>—</i>
Other incoming resources		
Contact Centre - Rents rec'd	45,219.83	36,466.50
Clapham & Clapham Park Montessori - Rent	16,666.66	24,949.99
<i>Total Other incoming resources</i>	<i>61,886.49</i>	<i>61,416.49</i>
Total receipts	67,327.39	67,146.49

Payments

Payments to further the work of the Church		
Printing & Stationery	1,023.00	460.92
Catering	—	13.15
<i>Total Payments to further the work of the Church</i>	<i>1,023.00</i>	<i>474.07</i>
Support costs		
Salary/administrator	9,153.08	7,651.28
<i>Total Support costs</i>	<i>9,153.08</i>	<i>7,651.28</i>
Church building, management and administration		
Miscellaneous	13.57	5.00
Depreciation	8,327.28	11,869.02
Church running exp - Water	239.99	231.41
Telephone and broadband	1,249.84	1,192.58
Contact Centre costs - gas	1,512.76	2,349.25
Contact Centre - Electricity	1,513.28	2,583.00
Contact Centre - Insurance	1,602.99	1,719.67
Contact Centre - Cleaning	9,458.41	9,971.06
Repairs, maintenance & safety - CC	5,050.64	8,760.59
Repairs & Maintenance (CCPM) - CC	622.92	450.00
MR/Contact Centre redecoration/mtce	3,000.00	—
<i>Total Church building, management and administration</i>	<i>32,591.68</i>	<i>39,131.58</i>
Total payments	42,767.76	47,256.93

<i>Note</i>	<i>From To</i>	01 January 2019 31 December 2019	01 January 2018 31 December 2018
	Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	24,559.63	19,889.56
	Transfers to/(from)	(10,000.00)	—
	Transfers to/(from)	10,000.00	—
	Transfers to/(from)	(30,000.00)	(21,000.00)
	Brought forward balance	43,734.08	44,844.52
	Total carried forward balance	38,293.71	43,734.08
Organ - Organ Fund (Designated) Fund			
	Transfers to/(from)	269.92	—
	Transfers to/(from)	3,630.08	—
	Transfers to/(from)	(3,900.00)	—
	Brought forward balance	5,016.46	5,016.46
	Total carried forward balance	5,016.46	5,016.46
Fabric - Fabric Fund (Designated) Fund			
Receipts			
	Income from investments		
	Bank & building soc interest	303.16	—
	<i>Total Income from investments</i>	<i>303.16</i>	—
	Total receipts	303.16	—
Payments			
	Payments to further the work of the Church		
	Major repairs/PCC property	—	5,308.80
	<i>Total Payments to further the work of the Church</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>5,308.80</i>
	Church building, management and administration		
	Church maintenance	—	2,045.58
	Major repairs/church	1,607.40	1,140.00
	<i>Total Church building, management and administration</i>	<i>1,607.40</i>	<i>3,185.58</i>
	Total payments	1,607.40	8,494.38
	Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(1,304.24)	(8,494.38)
	Transfers to/(from)	6,514.38	—
	Transfers to/(from)	4,383.86	—
	Transfers to/(from)	(20,898.24)	—
	Brought forward balance	77,329.91	85,824.29
	Total carried forward balance	66,025.67	77,329.91

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2019 31 December 2019	01 January 2018 31 December 2018
Pastoral - Pastoral Fund (Designated) Fund			
Payments			
Grants			
Home mission & outreach		—	800.00
Total Grants		<u>—</u>	<u>800.00</u>
Total payments		<u>—</u>	<u>800.00</u>
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		—	(800.00)
Transfers to/(from)		1,970.00	—
Transfers to/(from)		(1,993.36)	—
Brought forward balance		23.36	823.36
Total carried forward balance		<u>—</u>	<u>23.36</u>
Legacies - Legacies Fund (Designated) Fund			
Transfers to/(from)		1,046.32	—
Transfers to/(from)		(4,946.64)	—
Transfers to/(from)		3,900.00	—
Brought forward balance		0.32	0.32
Total carried forward balance		<u>—</u>	<u>0.32</u>
Sound - Sound system Fund (Designated) Fund			
Transfers to/(from)		(545.03)	—
Brought forward balance		545.03	545.03
Total carried forward balance		<u>—</u>	<u>545.03</u>

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (CONT'D)

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Mtr Ruth and Paula were elected representatives for Lambeth North Deanery.

Meetings in 2019-20 took place on

9th March 2019

17th July 2019

16th November 2019

14th March 2020

In 2020-21 meetings took place on zoom as follows

8th July 2020

5TH Dec 2020

13th March 2021

8th July 2020

Covid and lockdown were in full swing. This was the first ever zoom meeting. It was very short with a Presidential Address, a short financial statement and a general greet and check on everyone's welfare.

5th December 2020

This had been put back from November to allow a bit more time for financial statements and estimates to be prepared. The Parish Giving Scheme was mentioned but not in much detail.

Property – the Diocese has an ongoing parsonage condition survey which they have had to extend into this year as it was impacted by Covid. The thing for us to note is that they intend to develop a 5 year and 10 year maintenance plan for the properties, like the quinquennials for churches.

Worship – they want to increase worshipping communities and will be reviewing smaller churches, those with less than 50 parishioners. The number of Southwark churches who are involved in social action and community outreach is higher than the national average.

Education – there was a report on schools, generally positive. 14 governor vacancies. Please consider if you could become a school governor.

13th March 2021

Our 3rd meeting on zoom.

Living in Love and Faith – a presentation and then we were asked to consider how can we get involved? How can we work on this in our own church?

There was a vote on adopting the Southwark anti-racism charter – carried unanimously. We looked at Racial Justice and BLM. We were asked to consider have we discussed racial injustice issues in our church? And how do we promote racial inequality and inclusion in our church? We had a small group discussion which raised the interesting question about the removal of a benefactor's statue in a church in South East London where the family were known to have profited from slavery.

There was a financial report which showed 96% of churches are honouring their pledges for their Parish Support Fund, also vicars' stipends are receiving a 0% increase this year.

Revd Ruth Burge-Thomas and Paula Wilson

DEANERY SYNOD

2019

The Deanery Synod consists of a group of 16 parishes (21 churches) in Lambeth North. Geographically, our parish is the furthest south, and St John's Waterloo is the furthest north. Representatives (both clergy and lay members) of the 16 parishes meet regularly, typically 3 times a year, with the purpose of working together in the community and sharing information and experience. In 2019, the calendar ran as follows:

We met in February, July and October 2019, in a different church each time. The main joint activities we arranged between the 16 parishes were:

1. Lambeth Country Show. 20/21 July 2019. For the third year, a church stand, manned jointly by all the Lambeth Deaneries, provided activities for children, hymns, hand massages, a daily eucharist and prayers.
2. Food and Fun Summer Club was held every Tuesday and Thursday 23 July to 29 August 2019 at Christchurch Primary School, Brixton Road. This was a playscheme with activities (including cooking) and meals to support

particularly families whose children normally get free school meals in term time, and struggle with hunger and activities during the long summer holiday period. A good number of volunteers from the Deanery helped with this – 8 of the 16 parishes were represented, including CHS. The highlight for the children was a visit to the zoo. Finance came from the Deanery Synod funds.

3. The autumn Deanery Synod on Monday 14 October 2019 debated the motion concerning the request for a service of prayer and dedication following civil partnerships and same-sex marriages. There was a formal paper vote, with a substantial majority in favour of the motion.
4. The North Lambeth Deanery synod also circulated information to its member parishes about activities of interest – such as the dates of Welcoming Church Lambeth, a bereavement course at Holy Trinity, Clapham, a “Come and Sing” day with John Rutter at St Mary Magdalene, Wandsworth Common etc.

2020

1. The Deanery Synod meeting in February 2020 was held in the lovely chapel at St Thomas’s Hospital. Following lockdown, the other meetings were held by zoom.
2. Although it was planned to repeat the summer play scheme and the church stand at the Lambeth Country Show, both were cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.
3. Black Lives Matter was a main topic at the June 2020 meeting – with many comments and suggestions from the churches as to how best to approach the subject in churches and more widely in society. Two events followed (socially distanced of course) in Brockwell Park and at St Mark’s, Kennington. The St Mark’s Kennington event in July was held on the steps of the church and was called “Exhale” – a spoken word event open-mic performances.
4. The November 2020 meeting compared how the churches in our Deanery were coping with lockdown, and the pros and cons of zoom services and prayer meetings. Plans were also made to hold a Deanery Passion Trail on 20 March 2021, around 14 churches and church schools, each illustrating one of the Stations of the Cross. (Note: this duly took place, and Holy Spirit was involved, providing music and art works for the 4th Station, “Jesus meets his

mother”). A permanent website was also announced, and can now be viewed on www.lambethnorthdeanery.org with pictures and video clips from the Passion Trail.

Margi Mahoney

ELECTORAL ROLL

2019-21

In 2019 there were 81 names on the Electoral Roll, and 113 names in 2021, however this is not a true reflection of regular worshippers in our congregation.

The Church Representation Rules state that:

(1) There shall be a church electoral roll (in these rules referred to as 'the roll') in every parish, on which the names of lay persons shall be entered as hereinafter provided. The roll shall be available for inspection by bona fide inquirers.

(2) A lay person shall be entitled to have his name entered on the roll of a parish if he is baptised, of sixteen years or upwards, has signed an application form for enrolment set out in Appendix I of these rules and declares himself either -

(a) to be a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion therewith resident in the parish; or

(b) to be such a member and, not being resident in the parish, to have habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment; or

(c) to be a member in good standing of a church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity (not being a Church in communion with the Church of England) and also prepared to declare himself to be a member of the Church of England having habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment.

Being on the Electoral Roll entitles you to stand for election to the PCC and to assist with the overall running of our church. It also means that you are formally showing that you are a committed member of our church. The roll is closed for new names for the two weeks leading up to the APCM, but if you would like to add your name after the APCM, forms will be available.

CONTACT CENTRE

2019

The Contact Centre continued to be busy with children's and adult classes and groups. Most of the people coming to the classes were local from the immediate Abbeville Road area.

During term time the hall and stage room were nearly fully booked on weekdays and there were parties nearly every weekend. New groups hoping to use the Contact Centre needed to fit in with the very limited space available and accept that we do not have any storage space for equipment. The Clapham Park Montessori had exclusive use of the upstairs room.

As of the end of 2019 users of the Contact Centre were as follows: Montessori Infant Community, Spring School of Ballet, Monkey Music, ABC German, Clapham Martial Arts (formerly Hapkido), Hartbeeps, Sensory Land, Mama Codes all activities for children, paying the full rent. We had a few groups who paid a nominal fee to use the Contact Centre like the Brownies, Guides and La Leche League, all charitable groups run by volunteers. Adult activities include Janet Buck's exercise classes, Pilates Plus, Ki Aikido, Clapham Martial Arts for adults, Toto Yoga, AA, Vera the Diva ballroom dancing, and the Art Class run by Joakim Agulander. Labour Clapham Common Ward ran a Surgery in the Stage room on the second Saturday of the month from 11.30 – 12.30.

The rates for single hire were increased from January 2019 to £45.00p/h, and for the regular renters from September 2019 to £22p/h for the hall and £20p/h for the stage room. Local people were also able to rehearse various art projects if we had space when no one else needs it.

There were small improvements to the Contact Centre over 2019 but mainly general maintenance. Plans to renew the toilets were still current but a large job and will have to take place during the summer holidays.

The Church hosted Robes on Saturday nights from the end of January through to March. Thankfully, due to all the volunteers, we were able to do this again in 2020. Also, although the timings needed to be carefully managed, we managed to fit in lots of birthday parties on Saturday afternoons.

In case anyone would like to know more about how the Contact Centre is run there is a manual. There is a hard copy in the Contact Centre, or you can ask the Church Wardens for a copy.

Jo Ross

2020

As a community space, the Contact Centre has been significantly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic over the last year. Our regular groups began suspending their classes from the beginning of March, and all groups were cancelled by the first national lockdown from 23rd March 2020.

Groups 2020

The centre was not able to host people from the Robes homeless shelter over the 2020 Autumn/Winter period due to Covid and no information has been shared about 2021.

As an Early Years' setting, the Clapham and Clapham Park Montessori groups have remained open for children of key workers throughout 2020. The Infant Community meet in the centre's main hall on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning. The Clapham Park Community meet upstairs every weekday.

The staff have responded to the Covid-19 emergency by implementing multiple safety measures, including staggered pickup and drop-off times, temperature checks and equipment sanitation.

As restrictions were eased from the 4th of July, Manager Jo Ross began liaising with groups about their return. All returning groups provided a signed risk assessment and agreed to the new Covid compliant rules, such as reduced group sizes and checking in using the track and trace app. Automatic hand sanitiser dispensers have also been installed along with appropriate signage.

From September 2020, the following groups returned:

Children's Groups: ABC German, Spring School of Ballet, Clapham Martial Arts, Hartbeeps, M Monkey Music & Sensory Land.

Adult Groups: Vera the Diva ballroom dancing, Hapkido for adults and the Art Class run by Joakim Agulander.

The following groups did not return and do not plan to: Mama Codes, Janet Buck's exercise classes, Pilates Plus, Toto Yoga, and the monthly Labour Clapham Common surgery.

A new Early Years group called La Ola Spanish (formerly E-Kids Spanish) joined the Contact Centre in November 2020. An Early Years group called Clip Theatre also joined the Contact Centre for a weekly session, but this sadly could not continue as they were taking the slot which had been unconditionally reserved for Babyfare (formerly La Leche League).

When the second lockdown was imposed on the 5th November, Early Years groups were allowed to continue, so Monkey Music, Hartbeeps, La Ola Spanish, Clip Theatre and Sensory Land remained.

Groups' return 2021

All groups except the Art Class and Babyfare returned in December. Since January 2021, the third lockdown has meant that only the Montessori, Early-Years setting ABC-German, and parent and baby support group Babyfare have returned to the centre.

The Art class has been suspended as the teacher is emigrating. Otherwise all groups plan to return to the centre when restrictions allow. The majority are set to return from the 12th April 2021.

All returning groups have been asked to review and sign an updated Risk Assessment and Booking conditions form.

Other

Staff Jo Ross and Paul Gregson were placed on furlough from Monday 13th April until June under the Government Job retention Scheme.

In October 2020 Jo Ross retired after 14 years as Contact Centre Manager. She was replaced by Gill Fisher with a slightly revised role.

Paul Gregson continues to clean the centre for ten hours a week.

Bookings and rates

The booking forms have been updated to include clear guidelines on storage and Covid regulations. The space has not been hired out as a venue since the pandemic hit, but it was previously booked out almost every weekend for parties and receptions.

We recently reviewed the standard rates which are £22p/h for the hall and £20p/h for the stage room. These have been capped. However, the current charity rate which has been applied to voluntary groups of £6 per session has been increased to £20 per session active from April 2021. The groups in question were made aware of the impending change from January 2021.

The rates for single hire of the space as a venue remain at £45.00p/h. Local people are also able to rehearse various art projects if we have space when no one else needs it.

Maintenance

There were ongoing issues with the centre boiler which are now fixed. The heating vents in the stage room have been blanked off to be Covid compliant by avoiding air being circulated between two spaces. The stage room must now rely on oil heaters.

There have been some sporadic power outages from isolated electrical sockets in the main hall and office which have been fixed. This led to an outage of the wi-fi network, which was sadly complicated and costly to reset, but it prompted the move of the centre's sever to a cloud based system.

During the third lockdown, staff have been enacting a clear out, which has involved a cataloguing of the different group's storage and getting rid of unneeded items. This is a work in progress.

AOB

In case anyone would like to know more about how the Contact Centre is run there is a manual available. There is a hard copy in the Contact Centre, or you can ask Gill Fisher, or the Church Wardens for a copy.

Gill Fisher

SUNDAY SCHOOL

2019-20

In pre-history, Sunday school was changing – Kathryn Newell who had led Sunday school so kindly and with such dedication had become Church Warden and needed to let go of some of her other church commitments – she continued to offer service as a teacher but let go of her superb, meticulous and calm organisational efforts. Some of our team were changing as their children grew older and needed to move into different ways of being Christian. New and younger children kept arriving and demanding their space and time in Sunday School.

I volunteered to help lead and Deborah (Rufus' Mum) wonderfully volunteered to deal with all the paperwork.

We met once a term at a team supper, decided our themes in collaboration with the vicar, agreed our rota and carried on much as before. About 10/12 children came irregularly to Sunday morning worship and a team of 8/10 adults volunteered to lead, in pairs, the Sunday morning sessions held in the large hall of the Contact Centre. Each teaching partnership decided their own style, their own manner of delivery, and used Roots magazine to guide the content and interpretation of the week's liturgical readings. The children presented their work to the congregation at the end of the service cleverly led by Ruth to reinforce the message of the day. Most teachers were very apprehensive of this performance as they were well aware that it revealed how much – or how little – the children had taken in. The appreciative laughs, smiles and claps of the congregation however was reassuring – and showed the children that they were valued by the 'grown-ups'.

We were making some additions – using a noticeboard at the back of the church to pin up some of the children's work, questioning whether or not we wanted more uniformity of delivery, how we could improve our training and support for teachers, and most importantly delivering an 'Eco Advent' where we focused on a sustainable, plastic free world – aligning some of our contemporary patriarchs and prophets such as David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg with the more traditional ones as told in the Bible.

See Appendix I on page 47 for the detailed Sunday School report.

Holy Molies

During 2019/2020 Holy Molies continued their weekly sessions every Tuesday from 9.30 to 11.30. We sadly said goodbye to minister Helen but, as a band of about 10, we continued enjoying stories and music in church followed by play and gossip in the stage room.

Then, in February 2021 came Covid; it all halted. We are aiming to return as soon as possible, outside in the first instance.

Caroline Russell-Clark

MUSIC

2019

The last year has seen some wonderful musical performances at CHS, with some additions to the musical team and choir.

The Christmas carol service is always a highlight of the musical year, and with good reason! In 2019 the congregation was treated with a few classics such as the intimate yet bleak 'Coventry Carol', a dramatic story telling of Mary's Annunciation through 'Gabriel's Message', and Darke's classic carol 'In the bleak midwinter'.

In addition to these better known carols, the choir also performed a sweet rendition of Wilcock's Christmas carol 'Quelle est cette odeur' under Sarah Mistry's expert watch, and a smaller trio (Lucilla Poston, Sarah Mistry and Andrei Lebed) sang the 14th century carol 'There is no rose' from the top of the gallery.

The musical team were delighted to welcome Shawn Li as our new organ scholar. Shawn was preparing to apply for an organ scholarship at Oxford and Cambridge, and we had the pleasure of his exceptional musicality and dedication as he prepared for those exams.

Over the next year the plan was to undertake a project to re-organise the choir library (a key back-bone to any good choir, thank you Ian Pearse for volunteering

to help with this). This would streamline our rehearsing but also help us sensibly expand our repertoire of music.

We also planned to bring back Choral Evensongs once a month after Easter following a short hiatus this year.

However, music at CHS is not only confined to choral singing and organ playing! We are blessed with a group of highly talented instrumentalists, who grace us with their music regularly during communion, and occasionally get together in ensembles. Highlights from an instrumental perspective include performances of the band at the Abbeville Fete and the Passover dinner under Anna Rowsell's experienced leadership!

Music also played a very large part in the Abbeville Fete in 2019. There was nearly twenty hours of live music and entertainment across four different stages - from steel bands to school choirs, ukulele groups to jazz ensembles... and a bit of dancing thrown in as well. We are so grateful to all those who took part and to our sponsors who covered almost all our fete music costs, enabling us to donate even more money to local charities.

Andrei Lebed, Ian Pearse, David Jeffries, Anna Roswell

2020

- Shawn Li organ scholarship at Oxbridge
- COVID changes
- Christmas services

2020 has offered challenges to many aspects of church life, music notwithstanding. With lockdown measures put in place in March 2020, services moved online on zoom, with music being provided live via zoom, or often pre-recorded by musicians and then shared as part of the service.

As well as continuing to hear the sounds of the organ to help lead worship, we were also fortunate to hear a variety of solo performances from musicians across the church, including solo voice, piano, guitar and flute.

In the meantime, our Organ Scholar, Shawn Li, was diligently preparing for his Oxbridge Organ Scholarship auditions, which took place in September over zoom. We were delighted to hear that he was awarded an Organ Scholarship at Peterhouse, Cambridge - his first choice college!

As COVID-19 case rates started to fall towards the end of 2020, we were pleased to be able to perform our traditional service of lessons and carols to a real audience in the church building. The choir debuted a chilling a cappella arrangement of 'I Wonder as I Wander' by John Rutter, and finished the service with a rousing rendition of Gardiner's 'Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day' - which brought pleasant childhood memories to several ladies in the choir who sang the same piece under Gardiner's baton at St Paul's Girl School.

While the year was somewhat musically hampered by COVID-19 restrictions, we have all been incredibly grateful for our wonderful new AV system which has allowed us to stream music from the acoustically impressive church building direct to our congregation's living rooms. Going forward, the AV system will be used regularly to support not just streaming, but also recording of the musical activities in church so that more people in our community can enjoy the music we produce on a weekly basis.

Andrei Lebed

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CLAPHAM

2020-21

CTIC (Churches Together in Clapham) is the body which represents the different church denominations in Clapham (Anglican, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal and Orthodox), now comprising 12 congregations. All clergy and laity are entitled to participate, though we currently have 3 voting lay representatives (Anna Long and Alan Mundy, with a third person to be appointed). CTiC's Standing Committee members are also the trustees who act as governance for the organisation.

Officers and Forum Meetings

At the October 2020 AGM. Liz Marin-Curtoud (Clapham Methodist Church) was elected Chair of CTiC and Mark Potter (Holy Trinity Church) was elected

Secretary; Anna Long (Holy Spirit) was (re-) elected Treasurer following Rev Robert Faulkner's move to Brixton. The CTiC Forum, the principal body, met physically in May, July and October 2019, as well as in January 2020. Because of the CV-19 lockdown more recent meetings (the delayed 2020 AGM in October and in January 2021) have taken place via zoom. The new CTiC covenant was signed at a service at Holy Trinity in January 2020. The Robes Project, Ace of Clubs and the High Street Hub continued to feature in discussions in 2020 and 2021 and there have been useful discussions on youth work and developing our social media presence. A survey was conducted into how CTiC churches had managed to continue their work during the pandemic. We maintained links with Churches Together in South London and Faiths Together in Lambeth.

Study groups

The 2020 Lent course focussing on a series of art works had just commenced when the CV-19 lockdown started, so could not be completed. Similarly, there has been no study group this Lent.

Community Engagement/Projects

CTiC has continued to support Lifeline (providing a Christmas party for the elderly housebound of the area), the Ace of Clubs and, until the lockdown, the Hub, providing a refuge (in the Methodist Church) for young revellers from the bars and clubs of Clapham High Street.

The Robes Project

In 2019/20 CHS members again volunteered for Robes (providing winter food and accommodation for the homeless) at St Paul's Hall, Ace of Clubs, and in the Contact Centre. Holy Trinity and Christ Church also hosted Robes. In 2020/21 volunteers provided support packages to Robes guests living in the Best Western Hotel, Peckham, as part of the Government's Everybody In initiative.

Ecumenical Services and Events

Holy Trinity Church hosted the service in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January 2020 (when the Covenant was re-signed). The (renamed) World Day of Prayer service was an online event in March 2021. St Paul's held an outdoor service in February 2021 to mark Racial Justice Sunday and prior to the latest lockdown again hosted the ecumenical Advent carol service. During this Lent there have been

short weekly evening prayer sessions online, led by clergy from the different churches (including CHS).

Web presence

Rev Kit Gunasekera of St James Church, continues to run the CTiC website: www.cticlapham.or

Alan Mundy

SILVER SOCIALS

2019

Silver Socials is a coffee morning/social gathering for the more mature members of the parish, both church goers and those living locally who do not usually attend services. These include residents of Charleston House, the sheltered housing complex at the common end of Narbonne Avenue. We met in church every Tuesday morning from 10.30 – 12 noon to share coffee and cake, chat, exercise, activities and quite a lot of laughter.

Once a month we were visited by Debbie who does manicures and provides a very popular toenail cutting service. She charges only £10 for each treatment which is paid for by CHS although some members do contribute towards the cost. Bingo with Terry is also a monthly regular.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Pinkie Turner, a founding member of Silver Socials and long-standing member off the congregation, as she moved to a care home in Suffolk to be close to her daughter. Always the schoolteacher, she never failed to keep us all in order!

The smooth running of Tuesday mornings was down to the commitment of a group of volunteers who drove, baked, served tea and organised activities. They also provided support at other times during the week by shopping, visiting and chatting on the phone. So, thanks go to Deborah di Biase, Anna Long, Madeline Johnston, Biddy Taylor, Monika Majieko, Terry Parker and Lisa Walsh.

2020

Silver Socials did meet during January and February 2020, but then we had to close down due to Covid and we have not been able to open since. From telephone conversations with members, it is clearly missed, but I gather contact between them is maintained and many phone chats continue.

Thanks to Alan Mundy, Jacqui Whitewick, Trina Thompson and Fiona Millar, the weekly service sheet has been delivered to all members. We look forward to the day when we can all meet up again.

We were very sad to hear of the death of Monika Majieko, who volunteered every week and remembered exactly how we all liked our tea or coffee. Shortly after her husband died last year as a result of cancer, Monika had a severe stroke. She went back to Poland where she was in a care home and died recently. Both were in their fifties.

Judith Vickery

ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS

2019

The main online communications continued to be the parish newsletter, of which there were 6 editions during 2019, sent to a readership which grew from 260 to 317 by the end of the year. This was mainly the result of an efficient sharing of the welcome cards received in church, but partly from people signing up online. The letter has an open rate of between 35 and 50%. The website on www.holyspirit-clapham.org.uk continues to be the main online presence for the church, but <https://www.facebook.com/CHSClapham> and <https://twitter.com/holyspiritsw4> are also used from time to time to promote particular events and support offline communications, like banners, posters and cards. All of these can be used and maintained by a number of people, thus sharing the load.

2020

From 6 editions of the online newsletter during 2019, 44 editions were produced in 2020, when the newsletter became a weekly publication in March 2020 in response to Covid and the lockdown.

Part of the purpose of the weekly newsletter has been to share details of various events, including the main Sunday service, daily prayer and weekly meditation

service, held on the church's zoom account opened for that purpose. All these services were presided over by clergy from their homes, and included welcome contributions from many people, including live and recorded music. The zoom recordings of sermons were posted weekly on Facebook and YouTube.

One of the newsletter editions, in July, was an appeal for funding for an upgrade of the church sound system and the provision of an audio-visual system allowing the sharing of services online. This allowed, from October, the services on zoom to be broadcast from church. A team of AV operators has formed a rota, organised first by Andrew Chevis, and now by Gavin Williams, to be the eyes and ears of the congregation at home. Their skills have got better and better as times has gone on. From December, these services have also been broadcast on YouTube and Facebook, allowing people to participate in services in a way which is a little more distanced than seeing and being seen on zoom. Numbers doing so are small but these are also available as recordings afterwards, which is when they get the most views. December saw our first broadcast wedding, to be followed in January by a funeral, both allowing large numbers to attend from all over the world.

Much else has gone online, as we have been deprived of social contact, and this includes notably giving, on which the church's mission depends, and administration, with meetings large and small taking place on zoom. An online quiz enlivened the first lockdown. Much more use is being made of the church's page on Facebook and account with Twitter, and the service details are published on the website in the virtual church section. This has been made possible through the efforts of Lilly Bell, and now Rosslyn Okumu, as church administrator, and the social media skills of Gillian Fisher, our contact centre administrator.

It is clear that many of these changes are permanent, while some will wither away when we emerge from lockdown. What is not clear is in what proportions that will happen. What is fairly clear is that our congregation and we are no longer bound only to those who are attending church in Clapham on a Sunday.

www.holyspirit-clapham.org.uk/virtual-church

www.holyspirit-clapham.org.uk/about/newsletters

www.facebook.com/CHSClapham

<https://twitter.com/holyspiritsw4>

Nick Jenni

JUST CHURCH / LGBT+ INCLUSION

2019

Church of the Holy Spirit has continued to grow the network of churches included in our LGBT+ outreach activities. Our group, originally consisting of steering committee members from CHS and St Paul's Clapham, started under the banner of 'Welcoming Church Lambeth' several years ago. In 2019, we re-named ourselves 'Just Church' as we have grown to include more parishes. In 2019, our activities focused on two major directions:

1. Just Church services: We have continued monthly worship services with the aim of creating 'a safe, sacred space of welcome and reflection particularly for those who have felt excluded.' These services have included reflections on the experiences of LGBT+ Christians as well as liturgy and music aimed at creating a welcoming space. In widening our outreach, we hosted services at CHS, St Paul's Clapham, and St John the Divine Kennington in 2019, and are now hosting zoom services with the aim of expanding to additional churches (St Anne and All Saints Vauxhall) when church buildings reopen. In the Advent season, we hosted a carols singing event at the Two Brewers, giving us ideas for future fresh expressions of church in new venues.
2. Action for increased inclusion in liturgy: Over the course of 2018-2019, our group led discussions with other churches in our Deanery that culminated in a motion submitted to Deanery Synod for their October 2019 meeting. This motion followed on very similar motions passed in other Diocesan (Hereford) and Deanery synods, requesting that the House of Bishops 'commend an Order of Prayer and Dedication after the registration of a civil partnership or a same sex marriage for use by ministers in exercise of their discretion...' This motion was voted on and approved at our October 2019 Deanery Synod meeting, and we continue to discuss with other nearby parishes in other Deaneries to voice wider support for more LGBT-inclusive liturgy.

2020

In 2020, our activities focused on two major directions during lockdown:

1. Just Church worship services: We continued our worship services on zoom, hosting four services online in 2020. One highlight was our “Pride at Home” service in June, which attracted more than 50 attendees from as far-flung as Yorkshire, North Wales, and Malawi, and led by our guest clergy Revd Ayla Lepine (Hampstead), Revd Andrew Hammond (Cambridge), and Revd Mae Christie (Tooting). At the end of 2020, we took a break from Zoom services while we all anticipate a fresh start with in-person events after lockdown.
2. Networking with other groups: A major aim for the coming year is to form deeper connections with similar-minded groups in London and throughout the UK. We hope to speak to the leaders of Open Table and other groups to develop ideas for moving forward in 2021.

Nathan Woodling

ROBES PROJECT

2019

This was the 9th year the Robes Project has been hosted at churches in Clapham. The Robes Project’s amazing volunteers and partner churches allowed us to offer warm beds throughout the winter in South London night shelters, while Robes advice workers were busy all year round, providing guidance and support for homeless guests.

That winter, from mid-November to mid-January the venues in Clapham on Tuesday nights were Holy Trinity hosting 20 guests and Ace of Clubs (for St Mary’s) hosting 15 guests. St Paul’s Rectory Grove hosted 15 guests on Thursday nights. From mid-January the venues changed to Christ Church on Tuesday nights with 20 guests and Holy Spirit in the Contact Centre with 15 guests.

Members from Holy Spirit again volunteered at all these venues providing food, hospitality and a welcoming atmosphere for the guests. This was the fourth year in the Contact Centre and it was rewarding to see how we worked together for the benefit of the guests who have truly valued our companionship, conversations, listening, support, wonderful meals, friendly kitchen magic, and especially the consistency of regular friendly faces each evening and breakfast time, creating a homely welcome each week.

Sadly the night shelters had to close early because of Covid 19, however all the guests were accommodated in hotels, various flats, B&Bs around south London and continue to be supported by the Robes Project advice workers.

2020

Looking back to March 2020, as we were moving into lockdown the overnight shelters churches in Clapham had been hosting were closed down early. The good news is that guests were found accommodation in hotels, various flats and B&Bs spread over London including as far away as Action and Camden. Robes continued to support guests through advice, guidance and a weekly delivery of care packages (essential items and some food). This continued till September when hotels and accommodation were returning to pre-lockdown use.

In October Robes opened a Tuesday club at Trinity Hall offering a takeaway lunch service with an open door policy welcoming all vulnerable guests and rough sleepers within Clapham and surrounding areas. Robes have provided 1,244 meals since 20th of October 2021 and 780 care packages to Tuesday club guests. The club provides 70- 80 meals every Tuesday. Advice workers are also stationed at the Tuesday club helping guests with issues relating to housing, employment, health, finance and signposting to other specialised agencies. The support workers have provided 186 advice sessions in total.

It was very clear early on that the normal winter shelters we were used to hosting would not be feasible this winter. Fortunately in November, Robes partnered with Southwark Council to provide accommodation for around 36 guests up to the end of April based in the Best Western hotel in Peckham. Churches in Southwark including the churches in Clapham have been providing care packages to the guests each week. Throughout the year Robes have been able to support guests with items such as furniture, electrical / kitchen items and groceries. Robes have also been able to provide guests with a phone and tablet, and also support them with laundry vouchers and food vouchers (targeted mostly towards guests with no recourse to public funds). Out of 36 guests, 9 have recently moved into more permanent accommodation.

It is too early to tell if the normal winter shelters will be up and running for next winter, in the meantime Robes are working to help guests move into alternate accommodation.

More about the Robes charity can be found on their website <http://robes.org.uk/> .

Anna Long and Ian Cherrie

LAMBETH WELCOMES REFUGEES

2019

In 2019 Lambeth Welcomes Refugees hosted another Christmas party at Holy Spirit and secured the support of the then-Mayor, Ibrahim Dogus, as one of his charities of the year. 2020 started with the arrival of our final (28th) family in January, settling in Loughborough Junction. This fulfils Lambeth Council's original commitment, but they have promised there will, in time, be more. We as a group continue to support the families socially and practically in various ways, including connecting local residents (including some of our congregation) to support and befriend them as they establish themselves here and seek to improve their English. Thank you to several people from Holy Spirit for their efforts in furnishing flats and moving furniture etc. Rachel continues to do admin for the group in her spare time.

In lockdown, our fortnightly ESOL chat sessions moved to weekly zoom calls, hosted on the church account, which have helped the confidence and speaking levels of our newest family come on leaps and bounds, as well as strengthen our relationships with them in this difficult time. Anyone interested in joining in with these calls is welcome to speak to Rachel Edge.

This year a new community organiser, Paulina, joined Lambeth Citizens to coordinate the various churches, schools, mosque, synagogue and other groups. For obvious reasons in 2020 Lambeth Citizens members have been focussed on coronavirus needs, with an appeal for devices and funding to buy devices so that children in Lambeth can connect to online learning.

We have as a church been less involved in other Lambeth Citizens activity and campaigns, and there is a need for someone to take on the role of church representative as Rachel does not have capacity to do this. Are you interested in joining forces with other groups in our borough to make changes that improve all of our lives? Could you enthuse the congregation about community organising, attend monthly meetings and report back to the church about what is going on? If so, please get in touch with Rachel and Mother Ruth.

2020

It remains to be seen what support will be required or offered from volunteers in LVR as we come out of lockdown and the council explores the possibility of welcoming more refugees, especially in the light of increasingly hostile government policies towards international migrants, including reuniting child refugees with family in the UK.

Since meeting has not been possible due to lockdown restrictions, the main activity has been continuing to keep in touch with families who people have established relationships with, one on one, or digitally, as well as assisting with moving house or furniture needs. These often arise due to new babies or growing children, but the refugees are generally on low wages or benefits so not able to afford new items so support is greatly appreciated as and when requests are circulated. Thank you to several people from Holy Spirit for offering items to help provide and move items etc. Rachel continues to do admin for the group in her spare time, working closely with Barbara Wilson, a member of Corpus Christi RC Church on Brixton Hill, who devotes a lot of her time to keeping in touch with the families and running the whole LVR group.

We have as a church been much less involved in other Lambeth Citizens activity and campaigns, although Nicola Kingston has been working with them regarding health provision in the local area. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Paulina, who is one of the now two part-time Community Organisers for Lambeth, who would love to speak to you.
paulina.tamborrelesignoret@citizensuk.org.

Rachel Edge

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Holy Spirit, Clapham, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives, Treasurer and the members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Holy Spirit, Clapham is part of the diocese of Southwark within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Narbonne Avenue, Clapham London SW4 9JU. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales under number 1134600.

Since the PCC is a body corporate, liabilities it incurs in contract are enforceable against it rather than against its members. A PCC member only become personally liable for a debt of the PCC if he or she voluntarily accepted legal responsibility for it or if the debt has arisen in circumstances involving a breach of the PCC member's fiduciary duties.

The PCC members who have served from 2019 until the date this report was approved are:

2019

Ex Officio members:

Incumbent: The Reverend Ruth Burge-Thomas Chair

Wardens: Kathryn Newell
Paula Wilson (Deanery Synod)

Elected members:

Judith Vickery (PCC Secretary)
Andrew Chevis (Treasurer)
Yaw Basoah
Deborah di Biase
Paul Donohue
Sharon Gordon
David Jeffries
Sara Spillett
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Liz Muldoon
Katie Pollock
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Approved by the PCC on [] 2021 and signed on their behalf by Revd Ruth Burge-Thomas.

APPENDIX: SUNDAY SCHOOL FULL REPORT 2019-2021

In pre-history, Sunday school was changing – Kathryn Newell who had led Sunday school so kindly and with such dedication had become Church Warden and needed to let go of some of her other church commitments – she continued to offer service as a teacher but let go of her superb, meticulous and calm organisational efforts. Some of our team were changing as their children grew older and needed to move into different ways of being Christian. New and younger children kept arriving and demanding their space and time in Sunday School.

I volunteered to help lead and Deborah (Rufus' Mum) wonderfully volunteered to deal with all the paperwork.

We met once a term at a team supper, decided our themes in collaboration with the vicar, agreed our rota and carried on much as before. About 10/12 children came irregularly to Sunday morning worship and a team of 8/10 adults volunteered to lead, in pairs, the Sunday morning sessions held in the large hall of the Contact Centre. Each teaching partnership decided their own style, their own manner of delivery, and used Roots magazine to guide the content and interpretation of the week's liturgical readings. The children presented their work to the congregation at the end of the service cleverly led by Ruth to reinforce the message of the day. Most teachers were very apprehensive of this performance as they were well aware that it revealed how much – or how little – the children had taken in. The appreciative laughs, smiles and claps of the congregation however was reassuring – and showed the children that they were valued by the 'grown-ups'.

We were making some additions – using a noticeboard at the back of the church to pin up some of the children's work, questioning whether or not we wanted more uniformity of delivery, how we could improve our training and support for teachers, and most importantly delivering an 'Eco Advent' where we focused on a sustainable, plastic free world – aligning some of our contemporary patriarchs and prophets such as David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg with the more traditional ones as told in the Bible.

That was pre-history.

On Mothering Sunday 2020 I was in 'self-isolation' due to family Covid illness. Church gathered for the normal distribution of flowers and an all age worship service. The next week 'lockdown' came. That first Sunday I managed Zoom church with everyone else and Gavin Williams said, "Well Caroline – I'm hoping for Zoom Sunday school". The IT wizards among us, Martin, and Nick Jenni, gave me careful instructions, a zoom role as host - I have delivered Zoom Sunday school ever since.

At 9.30 every Sunday morning during term time I have pressed the Zoom button and welcomed a screenful of wonderful smiling children, with supportive parents moving around in the background. I needed church worship myself hence a new separation between the main service and Sunday school. At first we had about 10 children ranging from 11/12 year olds to 4/5 years. After the first lockdown eased, the need for sport took the majority of older children – and I gladly saw that release – then they joined their new schools and continued, I believe, their sporting activities. The younger children grew older, wiser about IT and continued smiling throughout the whole year. Once when the internet froze on me I returned from internet oblivion $\frac{3}{4}$ minutes later to see the children still there. "We waited for you because we knew you'd come back", they said. Who could have imagined that patience a year earlier! Since September we have had a dedicated and regular attendance of 5/6 children. They have shared their gardens, their weeks and their fun, week in and week out – and have helped keep me sane – and in touch with life and living.

My primary objective throughout has been to help the children manage this oddest of times – and that needed consistency, regularity, structure and calmness. It required weekly work on setting up presentations, you tube hymn/songs/dances, prayers – which took longer than any normal planning as I had to reformulate all my teaching techniques (sometimes all day). I also had to grapple with technology – not my preferred way to deliver learning opportunities. However that delivered a much better Sunday school offer than in pre-history – and more reliably. Although I could not say exactly what the children have learnt I have been able to give them more information on our Biblical background, on Jesus' role in our lives and learning, on the place of prayer and song, and I think, a more coherent sense of how our faith gives us support and hope in 'tricky' times.

As a teacher I plan over a period – usually in half term blocks – then ideas mature as the children move through the topic. The topics followed the church's liturgical and seasonal teaching. I have used the weekly readings to give me content, and Roots Magazine, and my own Biblical understanding to prepare the sessions. Underpinning everything has been the aim to impart the sense of a God of Love, of Wonder, and of Support (Comfort) who commands us to love our neighbour. I have tried to give a sense that our weekly church sessions are a starting point, and a supporting point, for the journey through each day and each week.

The first topic was the Easter story focused around the “I am” sayings of Jesus – I am the Resurrection and the Life, I am the Bread of Life, I am the Vine, I am the Good Shepherd, I am the Gate, I am the Way, I am the Light of the World. I used pictures from the Internet to explain what each of these claims were in Jesus' time and place – the reality of being a Shepherd, the Door that keeps us safe, the Bread that feeds us so that they could remember the images and reflect on them at moments later in their lives. We included the Pentecost story of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit being the Fire that inspires us.

During June and July we looked at the Lord's Prayer – taking each phrase and examining what it meant – using pictures from the Internet to reinforce the ideas and creating their own art work after the initial story and pictures told by me – now the children all know and say the Lord's Prayer every week together, on unmuted zoom, so we hear each other and know each other to be ‘gathered together in Christ's name’.

In September there were flutterings about starting back as a ‘normal’ Sunday school and I considered meeting up on the Common by Eagle Pond – however that presupposed regular, tested additional leaders, dealing with unwelcome intrusions from the public, and raised issues for parents. It came to naught and instead I planned to continue the delivery over zoom – keeping the children secure and confident that we were all doing the ‘right’ thing.

Before Harvest the sessions followed the liturgical readings from St. Paul's epistles to the Philippians and Thessalonians – we looked at Roman towns of the time with their temples, markets and roads – we looked at St. Paul as a writer, teacher, traveller and encourager of communities he knew. I pulled out ways of helping each other and of facing ‘tricky’ decisions about what to do when things were

challenging. We used paper, glue and scissors to make pictures, mobile shapes, – mobile paper scales balancing each other to show how many things we need to balance when we decide what path to follow.

Harvest came with mobiles of fruit hung upon the kitchen walls and was followed by more lessons drawn from Philippians and Thessalonians – Who do we follow?, Caring by sharing, Onwards and Upwards, and Peace of Mind – big themes translated to issues faced by children in their remote classrooms – and with their siblings.

After half term we explored Remembrance and followed with an extended Advent period – producing work for the Church door by December 1st and studying Prophets and Patriarchs from the more recent and Clapham based past – William Wilberforce, Mary Seacole, Thomas Babington Macaulay and Florence Nightingale, Lilian Bayliss – all searching for ‘enlightment’ as recognisable people and trying to bring it to others. We looked at John the Baptist and our need to make things ‘right’ with our friends before we can celebrate together and at Mary, travelling to a place where people didn’t know her and weren’t exactly welcoming. On my afternoon exercise I biked around delivering little goodie bags of crafty stuff to encourage the children to produce fun stuff for Christmas – to make Christmas preparations fun even though rather different.

The Christmas season saw us talking about “Journeys” and we produced 5 zig zag books which we called ‘Guide Books’ – The Journey (Magi), Where do I get help for my journey?, How can we hear and understand?, Who should we listen to?, What should we do?.

We had a Sunday rest over half term and during Lent we have been working in our scrapbooks to draw pictures of events in Jesus’ life. These events have been themed around Jesus the Walker and Friend, Jesus the Teacher, Jesus the Healer, Jesus the story teller, Jesus the acute observer, Jesus the Thinker and Faith Leader. So far the favourite stories have been the paralysed man being lowered through the roof, the wise man building his house on a Rock (and the Foolish Man’s house going ‘Splat’ after all the rain), and the blind man healed at the Pool of Siloam. We used the Teacher episode to look at the Sermon on the Mount and Beatitudes – and the commandment to love our neighbour- interpreted in drawings for the church’s Lenten Tweets - and an enchanting window display. The stories of Jairus’

daughter, the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, the Sower and the Seed – have all been told but didn't gather the interest for drawing as did the others! I am hoping we will be doing something to decorate our homes with Easter eggs and trees and baskets – but we are promising ourselves gleefully that we can meet up in church on Easter Day.

This is a more detailed report than usual but – so much has happened. It is important that the congregation understand our ups as well as the downs. This affects how we deliver Sunday School in future. As in so many other ways, Covid has exposed what we were **not** doing in pre-history.

Covid Pluses –

- I. A regular, secure, consistent weekly format –
 - Newsletter plug about direction of Sunday school and the necessary materials before we start.
 - Prompt start at zoom time.
 - Know how long it will continue and adapt activities to regular timings.
 - Open with traditional Anglican hymn with printed words from YouTube.
 - Power point presentation with stories illustrated from internet – me telling stories and making points backed up by pictures.
 - Craft – activity follows with picture, painting, book making, mobiles.
 - 6 one sentence written out prayers read out by each child.
 - We all say the Lord's prayer together – and the Grace.
 - Finish with lively hymn/dance/ that we all join in.
2. Real relationships developed between regular teacher and regular children. Smiles all round – never mute any child – giggles when zoom goes wrong – listen to each other – tactful background support from parents – zoom being taken round gardens – hearing birds outside – all fun and interesting – and shows children that their interaction is genuinely welcomed and valued.
3. Considerably more ground covered than in pre-history.
4. Many connections made between daily life and religious learning.

5. Learning reinforced every week – by reminding of past weeks' work, in rote learning and in incidental learning – e.g. Geographic and Historical context for 1st century AD, biography of St. Paul, what is a 'gospel' and which are the Four, Biblical old Testament references such as Prophets and Patriarchs.
6. Included wider resources – pictures and hymns to reinforce learning - internet and you tube plus children's bibles, prayer books and hymn books, both Anglican traditional and lively song and dance appropriate to teaching point – enhances and strengthens learning throughout session – and increases interest and fun – thereby further deepening learning.
7. Craft activities more closely connected to lesson objectives – keeps up motivation and clearer to children what they are doing – how it connects to their learning objective – some Roots craft activities difficult to connect!
8. Longer seasonal periods of topics gave coherence to biblical stories and relevance to everyday life – again enabling deeper learning.
9. Tighter, regular, consistent structure allows children to be confident of what they are doing which relaxes them and enhances their learning.
10. Regular weekly repetition reinforces learning and usefulness – as our services do in Sunday morning worship – gives children security by predictability and the consequent space to explore ideas they hadn't considered before - can explain words of hymns, meanings of prayers, key messages – Love your neighbour as yourself, Blessed are those we generally don't rate, praise and thank God, talk with God in prayer – all because adult can build up a clear picture of what specific children know and they ask questions which adult understands – and thereby receive answers which are more likely to increase their understanding.
11. Regular place of prayers – modelled by adult but read by each child (currently high reading levels among children – often not the case among this age group) builds prayer life appropriately for children. Children favour prayers of praise and thanksgiving – I add in prayers for those in need of help to model that thinking for them to use in future.

12. Weekly regular attendance very much higher than before in pre-history.

Down sides:

1. Weekly planning taken much longer than before.
2. Sessional planning crucial in underpinning work.
3. Hard to share adult leadership without face to face contact with team members – tried emails but not enough response (possibly inadequate list).
4. Hard to broaden out and be open to newcomers.
5. Without consistency and regularity and smiling face provided by I teacher not sure it would have worked – a problem for delivering Sunday school with a team of teachers – who rotate according to busy life schedules.
6. My personal Biblical knowledge has been strong enough to shape lessons – my own childhood learning plus my later study/thinking as a practising Christian has enriched and deepened my planning and delivery – not available in many volunteers.
7. My professional skills have been key in developing a strong learning environment – especially as had to learn a huge amount about IT delivery – equally not widely available in volunteers from congregation.
8. Need to stay in step with church and community – apart from overhearing parents (very important) little contact with wider church – and without actual presence of children not much interest – danger of divergence here.

Most important caveat – obviously I can only reflect on the learning I saw taking place in Sunday schools I delivered in pre-history – other leaders might have different recall.

Questions for future

Given Lockdown has shown how much more we can help our children learn about God and Jesus, Church worship and Christian living, surely we have to ask what to change about the past to deliver a better learning environment for our children in the future.

1. How do we improve the learning environment and teaching techniques of all teachers? Are we content to muddle through ‘teaching’ our religious life without more training to guide us in what we have now discovered is a

demanding task – at which volunteers can flounder if not properly guided – I struggled to deliver all this and have much more professional qualifications than many – including serving and reflecting as a Sunday school teacher years ago, youth leader, foster parent, parent and grandparent, childminder and primary school teacher? How can I pass that knowledge and those skills on to others in congregation? And use new thinking in today's education to keep fresh and appropriate?

2. Should we give more consideration to topics delivered consistently over periods giving children time to absorb well thought out lessons in both information and spiritual life – or deliver in a scramble someone else's magazine suggestions in rather haphazard manner?
3. Could we be more consistent in the weekly structure – or continue as a team doing what fits in best with our individual skills and personal experience?
4. Timings - Is Sunday school for the children – or for our peace in church? Are we right to deliver Sunday school at the time we do – is it 'babysitting' for our church needs – is it helpful to their learning that timing dictated by the length of other people's lessons, sermon and prayers dictates the timing and planning of their lesson delivery? And what value does late arrival give to the whole effort? (Really hard to be late for zoom!)
5. How many of the children we have raised as a congregation remain as practising Christians in their adult life? My own record is abysmal in my family – good people all but apart from one the other four have no contact with formal religion. Some success with one or two young people through Sunday school and Guides but not great. Society is not well disposed to formal religion nowadays which doesn't help but..... Does some of the responsibility for that not fall on church congregations – and their Sunday school teachers?

None of these questions are new – or even unrehearsed but this year has shown me how much better we could do by changing our accepted practice. Is this not the time to take new risks, new attitudes and thereby strengthen our children's understanding of the centrality of God in our lives?

Caroline Russell-Clark
18.3.21

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM

14 Wray Mill House, Wray Mill Park
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8th August 2021

Members of the Parochial Church Council
Church of the Holy Spirit
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I report on the financial statements of the PCC of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham for the year ended 31 December 2020, as set out on the following pages. This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC, as Trustees of the charity, those matters I am required to state to them in this Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the PCC as a body, for my work, for this Report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

As Trustees of the charity, the PCC are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

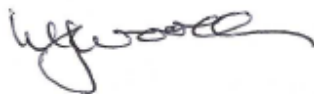
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements have not been met:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Michael J Woolley BA, FCA
Chartered Accountant

Treasurer's report for the financial year ended 31 December 2020

Covid-19 changed everything

The pandemic meant that the church was closed or offered reduced provision during 2020. Cash and cheque-based giving collapsed but offset by an increase in online giving: gift-aided bank transfers up 34% to £78,735 as gift-aided envelopes fell 87% to £1,912. Overall, giving was up 10% on 2019.

Closed for much of 2020, Contact Centre income fell 34% to £44,123. Despite this, the Church contributed £84,000 to the Diocese in 2020 (an 8% reduction on 2019) in the form of the 'Parish Support Fund' which enables the Diocese to fund clergy and clergy pensions both in this Parish and in less-wealthy Parishes where need is inevitably greater.

The signal achievement in 2020 was the speedy design and installation of a new audio-visual system to enable us to broadcast and livestream our services to congregation members who for much of 2020 were in lockdown or shielding as some continue to do. Huge thanks to Nick and Ollie Jenni who oversaw the project and trained a small but willing group to operate the system. Particular thanks to those who donated so generously to enable it all to happen. Thank you all.

Basis of accounting

The accounts for all funds are prepared so as to recognise income and expenditure when they fall due rather than when they are actually paid, and assets purchased for use over several years are shown in the balance sheet, and their cost written off over their lives.

As a non-accountant I rely heavily on the accounting skills of my colleagues. I was indebted to:

- Lottie Lago for making sure the Church's books added up and
- Frances Stormer for making sure the Contact Centre's books added up

I am as always indebted to Michael Woolley, who has once again given his time freely to carry out the Independent Examination of these accounts.

We need new congregation members to join Team Finance. Please email me for more info at treasurer@holyspirit-clapham.org.uk



Andrew Chevis, Hon. Treasurer

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Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from donors	123,262.53	-	-	123,262.53	99,803.90
Other voluntary incoming resources	452.40	-	-	452.40	540.00
Activities to further the work of the church	245.00	-	-	245.00	6,519.38
Activities for generating funds	878.13	-	-	878.13	10,671.80
Income from investments	526.51	-	-	526.51	678.33
Other incoming resources	42,781.33	-	-	42,781.33	61,886.49
Income directly relating to worship	1,224.25	-	-	1,224.25	666.29
Income from other funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	169,370.15	-	-	169,370.15	180,766.19
Resources used					
Costs of generating funds	462.51	-	-	462.51	3,304.99
Grants	3,265.00	530.00	-	3,795.00	3,420.93
Payments to further the work of the Church	88,122.81	(530.00)	-	87,592.81	98,455.11
Support costs	18,177.31	-	-	18,177.31	18,613.62
Church building, management and administration	48,497.23	-	-	48,497.23	53,600.78
Expenditure directly relating to worship	6,589.14	-	-	6,589.14	7,083.56
Expenditure relating to Church activities	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to other funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	165,114.00	-	-	165,114.00	184,478.99
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	4,256.15	-	-	4,256.15	(3,712.80)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	30,307.14	-	-	30,307.14	114,537.67
Gross transfers between funds - out	(30,307.14)	-	-	(30,307.14)	(114,537.67)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	4,256.15	-	-	4,256.15	(3,712.80)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	198,041.26	-	-	198,041.26	201,754.06
Total funds carried forward	202,297.41	-	-	202,297.41	198,041.26
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	112,393.04	-	-	112,393.04	84,580.06
Designated					
Abbeville Fete	3,587.97	-	-	3,587.97	4,125.36
Centenary	-	-	-	-	-
Chairs Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Contact Centre	16,479.70	-	-	16,479.70	38,293.71
Fabric Fund	64,820.24	-	-	64,820.24	66,025.67
Legacies Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Organ Fund	5,016.46	-	-	5,016.46	5,016.46
Pastoral Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Restoration Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Sound system Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted					
Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-
Refugees Welcome Lambeth	-	-	-	-	-

Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham

Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019
Fixed assets		
Tangible Assets	60,321.26	43,433.54
	60,321.26	43,433.54
Current assets		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	143,778.16	155,407.18
Debtors	7,996.78	10,159.36
	151,774.94	165,566.54
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	3,798.79	4,958.82
	3,798.79	4,958.82
Net current assets less current liabilities	147,976.15	160,607.72
Total assets less current liabilities	208,297.41	204,041.26
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	6,000.00	6,000.00
	6,000.00	6,000.00
Total net assets less liabilities	202,297.41	198,041.26
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General (Unrestricted)	112,393.04	84,580.06
Designated		
Designated - Abbeville Fete	3,587.97	4,125.36
Designated - Contact Centre	16,479.70	38,293.71
Designated - Organ Fund	5,016.46	5,016.46
Designated - Fabric Fund	64,820.24	66,025.67
Restricted		
Funds of the church	202,297.41	198,041.26

Notes to the Balance Sheet

1. Fixed Assets

Cost					B/fwd £	Additions £	Disposals £	C/fwd £
Fixtures and fittings					94,709.68	-	-	94,709.68
Furniture and equipment					57,901.76	23,743.20	-	81,644.96
					152,611.44	23,743.20	-	176,354.64
Depreciation					B/fwd £	Charge in year £	On disposals £	C/fwd £
Fixtures and fittings					90,436.47	2,328.60	-	92,765.07
Furniture and equipment					18,741.43	4,526.88	-	23,268.31
					109,177.90	6,855.48	-	116,033.38
NBV					As at 31.12.19			As at 31.12.20
Fixtures and fittings					4,273.21			1,944.61
Furniture and equipment					39,160.33			58,376.65
					43,433.54			60,321.26
Fixed assets are depreciated over their useful economic life of between 1 and 20 years.								

2. Debtors

Debtors include amounts due from HMRC for Gift Aid tax (£6003); Salaries (£485); and insurance (£1508.42).

3. Creditors

Creditors include amount due to Clapham & Clapham Park Montessori School in respect of a licensee's deposit of £6,000.

Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
REFUGEES - Refugees Welcome Lambeth (Restricted) Fund			
Resources used			
Grants			
Home mission & outreach		530.00	(309.02)
	Total Grants	530.00	(309.02)
Payments to further the work of the Church			
Household and other equipment		(530.00)	2,600.00
	Total Payments to further the work of the Church	(530.00)	2,600.00
Total Resources used		-	2,290.98
Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure		-	(2,290.98)
Brought forward balance		-	2,290.98
Total carried forward balance		-	-
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from donors			
Gift Aid - Bank		78,734.80	51,992.00
Gift Aid - Envelopes		1,912.00	14,367.60
Other giving not under Gift Aid		17,821.60	9,211.99
Giving through church boxes		-	95.01
Loose plate Collections		440.92	3,709.21
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		24,353.21	20,428.09
	Total Incoming resources from donors	123,262.53	99,803.90
Other voluntary incoming resources			
One-off Gift Aid gifts		67.40	515.00
Donations appeals etc.		385.00	25.00
	Total Other voluntary incoming resources	452.40	540.00
Activities to further the work of the church			
Christingle - Children's Soc		(820.00)	679.38
Rent: church/LDF building use		-	200.00
HolyMbles		-	210.00
	Total Activities to further the work of the church	(820.00)	1,089.38
Activities for generating funds			
Other funds generated		25.00	415.12
Cake Sales		-	172.30
Church stalls - other		-	1,717.00
Christmas Fair		-	4,172.16
Tea & Coffee		46.41	274.20
Concerts		-	91.96
Book Sales		-	9.00
Church hire		699.00	1,375.00
The Opera Project		-	2,305.00
Webstore income		107.72	130.06
	Total Activities for generating funds	878.13	10,661.80
Income from investments			
Bank & building soc interest		125.05	364.27
	Total Income from investments	125.05	364.27
Income directly relating to worship			
Votive Candles		20.05	165.29
Fees to PCC		1,204.20	501.00
	Total Income directly relating to worship	1,224.25	666.29
Total Incoming resources		125,122.36	113,125.64
Resources used			
Costs of generating funds			
Printing/publicity		(74.88)	1,889.81
Christmas Fair expenses		-	571.44
Summer Fair expenses		-	608.74
	Total Costs of generating funds	(74.88)	3,069.99
Grants			
Christian Aid		1,600.00	-
Children's Society		-	969.31
Church Action		25.00	25.00
Home mission & outreach		-	309.02
Ozanne Foundation		-	400.00
Disaster Emergency Committee		-	88.00
Fishermens Rest		-	969.31
Thames Reach		-	969.31
Peer Power Youth		820.00	-
Medical Aid for Palestine		820.00	-
	Total Grants	3,265.00	3,729.95
Payments to further the work of the Church			
Parish Support Fund		84,000.00	91,592.87
Parish training and mission		-	(25.87)
Working expenses of incumbent		1,760.10	370.38
Youth activities		1,100.00	1,306.18
Seniors activities		-	356.05
Printing & Stationery		180.35	795.09
Catering		185.52	437.41
MRPCC property installations		400.00	-
	Total Payments to further the work of the Church	87,625.97	94,832.11
Support costs			
Salary/administrator		9,053.74	8,547.23
Gifts		-	270.00
Printer, computer, network and software		1,604.94	643.31
	Total Support costs	10,658.68	9,460.54
Church building, management and administration			
Bank and finance charges		-	53.60
Church running exp-cleaning		478.08	-
Church running exp-insurance		1,484.20	1,608.99
Church maintenance		741.60	5,017.82
Miscellaneous		3,872.69	-
Depreciation		4,171.32	3,114.24
Church running expenses - Heat		7,724.91	6,288.00
Church running exp - Electric		-	1,066.86

Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
	Telephone and broadband	465.53	956.19
	Major repairs/church	-	1,296.00
	Total Church building, management and administration	18,938.33	19,401.70
	Expenditure directly relating to worship		
	Organ/piano tuning	245.12	-
	Music, organist and choir	5,889.00	6,230.54
	Chancel Expenses	455.02	730.52
	Flowers	-	122.50
	Total Expenditure directly relating to worship	6,589.14	7,083.56
	Total Resources used	127,002.24	137,577.85
	Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure	(1,879.88)	(24,452.21)
	Brought forward balance	84,580.06	68,463.56
	Transfers to/(from)	29,692.86	40,568.71
	Total carried forward balance	112,393.04	84,580.06
Abbeville - Abbeville Fete (Designated) Fund			
	Incoming resources		
	Activities for generating funds		
	Church - Raffle	-	10.00
	Total Activities for generating funds	-	10.00
	Total Incoming resources	-	10.00
	Resources used		
	Costs of generating funds		
	Printing/publicity	537.39	235.00
	Total Costs of generating funds	537.39	235.00
	Total Resources used	537.39	235.00
	Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure	(537.39)	(225.00)
	Brought forward balance	4,125.36	4,350.36
	Total carried forward balance	3,587.97	4,125.36
Contact - Contact Centre (Designated) Fund			
	Incoming resources		
	Activities to further the work of the church		
	Contact Centre - Lettings	1,065.00	5,430.00
	Total Activities to further the work of the church	1,065.00	5,430.00
	Income from investments		
	Bank & building soc interest	297.39	10.90
	Total Income from investments	297.39	10.90
	Other incoming resources		
	Contact Centre - Rents rec'd	21,948.00	45,219.83
	Clapham & Clapham Park Montessori - Rent	20,833.33	16,666.66
	Total Other incoming resources	42,781.33	61,886.49
	Total Incoming resources	44,143.72	67,327.39
	Resources used		
	Payments to further the work of the Church		
	Printing & Stationery	343.14	1,023.00
	Other PCC property upkeep	153.70	-
	Total Payments to further the work of the Church	496.84	1,023.00
	Support costs		
	Salary/administrator	5,531.47	9,153.08
	Gifts	130.00	-
	Salaries(except administrator)	1,857.16	-
	Total Support costs	7,518.63	9,153.08
	Church building, management and administration		
	Miscellaneous	804.00	13.57
	Depreciation	2,684.16	8,327.28
	Church running exp - Water	263.76	239.99
	Telephone and broadband	1,620.56	1,249.84
	Contact Centre costs - gas	-	1,512.76
	Contact Centre - Electricity	-	1,513.28
	Contact Centre - Insurance	1,484.20	1,602.99
	Contact Centre - Cleaning	10,465.86	9,458.41
	Repairs, maintenance & safety - CC	10,926.86	5,050.64
	Repairs & Maintenance (CCPM) - CC	-	622.92
	MR/Contact Centre redecoration/mtce	-	3,000.00
	Total Church building, management and administration	28,249.40	32,591.68
	Total Resources used	36,264.87	42,767.76
	Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure	7,878.85	24,559.63
	Brought forward balance	38,293.71	43,734.08
	Transfers to/(from)	(29,692.86)	(30,000.00)
	Total carried forward balance	16,479.70	38,293.71
Organ - Organ Fund (Designated) Fund			
	Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure	-	-
	Brought forward balance	5,016.46	5,016.46
	Transfers to/(from)	-	-
	Total carried forward balance	5,016.46	5,016.46
Fabric - Fabric Fund (Designated) Fund			
	Incoming resources		
	Income from investments		
	Bank & building soc interest	104.07	303.16
	Total Income from investments	104.07	303.16
	Total Incoming resources	104.07	303.16
	Resources used		
	Church building, management and administration		
	Miscellaneous	1,309.50	-
	Major repairs/church	-	1,607.40
	Total Church building, management and administration	1,309.50	1,607.40
	Total Resources used	1,309.50	1,607.40
	Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure	(1,205.43)	(1,304.24)
	Brought forward balance	66,025.67	77,329.91
	Transfers to/(from)	-	(10,000.00)
	Total carried forward balance	64,820.24	66,025.67
Pastoral - Pastoral Fund (Designated) Fund			

Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
		-	-
Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure		-	-
Brought forward balance		-	23.36
Transfers to/(from)		-	(23.36)
Total carried forward balance		-	-
Legacies - Legacies Fund (Designated) Fund			
Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure		-	-
Brought forward balance		-	0.32
Transfers to/(from)		-	(0.32)
Total carried forward balance		-	-
Sound - Sound system Fund (Designated) Fund			
Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure		-	-
Brought forward balance		-	545.03
Transfers to/(from)		-	(545.03)
Total carried forward balance		-	-

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8th August 2021

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I report on the financial statements of the PCC of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham for the year ended 31 December 2020, as set out on the following pages. This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC, as Trustees of the charity, those matters I am required to state to them in this Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the PCC as a body, for my work, for this Report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

As Trustees of the charity, the PCC are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements have not been met:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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