

THE PARISH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Trustees Annual Report for the Year ended 31st December 2022



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Vicar's Statement and review of the Year

This year under review has been the first full year for church activities since the COVID-19 pandemic. Just about all the pre-COVID-19 worship services and activities returned to normal. It has been a huge blessing to see people come back even though there are some that have not returned, but there are also new people who have joined.

The Vicar suffered a health setback that saw him out of active physical duties immediately after Easter for several months. Thankfully priests within and outside the Deanery stepped in to help ensuring there were no disruption to Sunday services. The leadership of the Wardens and prayer support from the congregation were greatly appreciate.

Baptism & Confirmation

During this year seven (7) children were baptised. Meanwhile, Harvest Sunday was a joyous occasion as we had eight (8) young people and one adult confirmed. It was wonderful to welcome back our former Bishop, Dr Graham Tomlin, who presided over the event; thanks to the Bishop of London for granting him special permission to officiate.

Day of Prayer & Discernment

The Area Mission Director, Revd Jonathan Rust, was invited to facilitate a Day of Prayer and Discernment attended by about 30 people from the congregation who met to reflect on the past and present ministry and discern priorities for the future.

The outcome of this day were the following four (4) key priority areas:

- **Discipleship and Service**
- **Compassionate Outreach**
- **Youth & Children**
- **Worship**

A small group of four people have accepted the task to develop these key priorities into workable action plan to be implemented in the next five years.

Engagement with Schools

This year saw increased engagement with local schools in terms of both visits for school assemblies and to the church for learning and worship. Thanks to Alwyn Williams who helped out when I could not do. We are grateful for the roles played by our two PCC appointed Governors: Alwyn Williams and Kerry Doggett. It is important to mention that Alwyn's term as a Governor of Bishop CofE School ended this year but PCC endorsed a renewal for another term.

In addition to existing relationships with Bishop Perrin CofE School and Heathfield School, we hosted Christmas Carols for Waldegrave School, and trusting this could develop into long term relationship. Contacts will be made with the newly opened school, Turing House.

Youth & Children

The participation and contribution of youth and children to the life and worship ministry of the church has been very encouraging, both from Junior and Youth Church and the Uniformed groups. Please check out the Junior and Youth church & Uniformed Groups reports for more details.

St Augustine 65th Anniversary Celebration

PCC resolved to mark and celebrate our church's 65th Anniversary throughout the month of June in 2023 with series of activities in each week, culminating in a celebratory day on the last Sunday of June.

PCC saw the anniversary celebration as an opportunity to be a church that is both community and world facing, in expressing the love of Jesus Christ for the world.

A group of eight (8) people has been put together chaired by Mr Rob Dowler to take the responsibility for planning and implementation of the anniversary celebration.

We are most grateful for the willingness of the group to serve the church in this way. After two years of lockdown, we are all looking forward to celebrating.

Obituary

In this past year the church sadly lost two dedicated and faithful members of the church, Enid Long and Richard Norris, whose absence from us is greatly missed. We are most grateful for their life and faith and the gift they both were to us, and commend them into God's eternal presence.

Word of gratitude

I am sincerely grateful to every member of this church community and for the many different contributions everyone makes in sustaining the thriving life, worship, mission and ministry of this church especially during this year under consideration.

I pay special tribute to the following:

- The **cleaning** team that ensured the worshipping space was maintained clean, and especially Analyn Price who took over the cleaning work for the rest of the year and moving forward.
- The **Sidespersons** team for ensuring that those who come to worship are warmly received and helped to find a place and feel comfortable.
- The **Serving and Sacrist** team for providing support to the clergy and ensure smooth running of worship.
- The **Safeguarding Team** for ensuring the church and its activities are safe for everyone.
- The **Choir** for sustaining music as a central part of the worship life of this church. Special thanks to Dominic Veall who served as Director of Music for one year and left in November for a role closer to where he lived in Central London; and for Sian Cadogan who stepped in as interim Director of Music.
- The **Hospitality** team for ensuring coffee/tea is served providing an opportunity to fellowship and reconnect with others.
- The **Junior and Youth Leadership** team for sustaining the ministry among our children and young people.
- The **Working Party** for maintaining the church surroundings clean.
- The **Cornerstone** team for providing a safe space of hospitality where people can meet and talk with others.
- The **Strollers** team for providing an opportunity for people to exercise and meet with others.
- The **Dorcas** group for their hard work in producing banners.
- The **Homelink Volunteers** for providing continued link and support to this important charity founded by this church.
- The **Guilds** for their contribution to the worship life of the church at special services, and for fundraising for the ministry of the church.
- The **Governors** of Bishop Perrin and **Trustees** of Homelink for providing continued strategic leadership to these institutions with which we have strong historical links.
- The **PCC** (and Standing Committee) for providing leadership and direction.

- The **Wardens** for their unreserved commitment and hard work to serve and sustain the thriving life of the church.

Nothing can be done without everyone taking a part and it is my prayer and desire that everyone is involved in the various activities of the church life. I therefore encourage everyone to consider appropriate ways to be involved in the life and activities of this our church.

Finally, thanks be to the Almighty God for His sustaining love and grace upon each one of us, even as we look to the future with hope and trusting in the saving grace and power of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Shalom

Revd Canon John Kafwanka Kaoma

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling the whole people of God to grow in their faith and to live out the love of Jesus Christ in worship and in action as part of the parish community at St. Augustine. To this end the Incumbent works with the PCC to encourage and involve in the services and other activities people of the parish community to serve the wider community.

In particular, we try to encourage and enable ordinary people to live out their faith in their everyday life through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Service to the community through volunteering, especially Homelink, and giving material and monetary contribution that help those in need.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and compassionate outreach that enable others to be drawn into the love of Jesus Christ.

Fabric and Church Grounds

Following the Quinquennial Inspection in 2021, we have prioritised the issues identified by the diocesan architect in the report and have been working to address these items as well as continuing with the routine maintenance of the Church and its grounds. The various works carried out are as follows:

The Church

- In December we overhauled our Audio Visual system, a new projector was installed and the sound system was rebalanced, and this has made a positive impact.
- We are in the process of receiving faculty approval from the DAC for the installation of a fibre cable that will replace the current cable and will run along an overhead feed, across the external face of the building and then enter the church via an existing hole and follow the existing route to the telecommunication equipment cabinet in the church tower.
- We have a contract with a company via the Parish buying scheme for the annual clean and maintain the gutters. This reduces the risk of water ingress through blocked gutters.
- The lightning conductor was inspected and found to be inadequate and remedial work was carried out.

- During the storm in February part of the cast Iron guttering was damaged. This required replacing. After the due process a contractor was selected to carry out the work on the gutter to be done early 2023.
- We continue to care for the fabric of the church ensuring that all routine maintenance is carried out such as the PAT testing, the annual servicing of heating system etc. which are all carried out by contractors as necessary. Graham Beaumont, a PCC member, continued to skillfully look after any small maintenance items.

The Grounds

- Many of the trees in the ground of our church have tree preservation order (TPO) on them, therefore, any maintenance work needs council approval before it can be undertaken. During the summer and Autumn of last year, we finally received approval from the council to treat the trees as appropriate.

Deanery Synod

There were four main themes in the Deanery for the year 2022 as follows:

- **co Church** - 15 churches had registered for the scheme and congratulations expressed for the 14 that received Bronze awards and one which received silver level award.
- **Safeguarding** - training was strengthened and a Parish Dashboard had been created by the CofE so that Parishes could more easily update their records and register the training that had taken place.
- **Common Fund payments** - Tony Dixon, the Deanery Treasurer was pleased that all the Common Fund pledges for 2022 had been honoured and all payments received.
- **Going forward from Covid** - Churches had shared their experience of Covid-19 and how they responded to the challenges of lockdown. Some increased their online presence which they continued post Covid and found their churches had grown. Others found that they needed to rebuild numbers and were tapping into the vocational skills of their congregations in order to do that. All churches were challenged to increase the numbers of LLMs and encourage vocational training.

Finally, ACTIVATE was set up three years ago to help the Deanery engage with local communities in new ways through sport and wellbeing. The Revd Chris Kennedy called on churches to share more widely what they were doing in supporting people in community suffering isolation, especially post COVID-19, so that GPs and other relevant bodies could be sign posting their clients to such activities. Cornerstone and Strollers for us was identified as examples.

Joan Greening & Connie Chingwaru

Ecumenical Relationships

St Augustine is a part of Churches together in Whitton (CTiW) who undertake three main activities each year.

- **Week of Christian Unity service** which takes place in January and is hosted by rotation at one of the four churches in Whitton.
- The **Walk of Witness** on Good Friday brings together Christians of different denominations and of no affiliation to *journey with Jesus* through the High Street to the Church of St Philip & St James where a short service is held followed by refreshments.

- The **Christmas Lunch**, organised by CTiW committee members and volunteers, is provided in one place to anyone who could otherwise be spending Christmas on their own. CTiW is grateful to the Twickenham Rotary Club and the Royal Hanover Lodge for their generous contribution, and the volunteers who make this venture possible.

The Church Site

The grounds of St Augustine also house the Homelink Day Respite Centre building, the Church Hall, the Vicarage and the Garden of Remembrance

- **Homelink Day Respite Centre** - St Augustine Community Care Trust trading as Homelink was established as a charity in 1997 through the efforts of the then incumbent and the congregation and in 2019 it became a charitable company limited by guarantee. As part of its constitution the Archdeacon of Middlesex, the Incumbent and a member of St Augustine's congregation, nominated by the PCC, serve on the board of directors of Homelink. In 2021, Roubina de Winton was nominated by the PCC and was appointed to the board of its directors.
- **Church Hall** – As part of our outreach, the uniform organisations use the hall for their activities on Thursdays and Fridays. The hall is also used by the church Art Group once a month on a Saturdays.
We derive rental income from the church hall through letting to:
 - Whitton Playdays, an OFSTED registered playgroup, during term time Mondays to Fridays from 8am to 3pm.
 - A Zumba class on Monday evenings
 - Private hire for parties at a reasonable hourly rate
- **Garden of Remembrance** – A small number of our congregation who make up the Work Party volunteers continue to maintain the garden and the church grounds once a month with work in progress to create a border with shrubs and perennial plant.

The PCC would like to thank the Work Party volunteers for all their hard work throughout the year.

Electoral Roll Officer's Report

The Electoral Roll as at end of December 2022 stood at 165. The roll is currently being revised in advance of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and up to date verbal report will be given at that meeting.

Jayne Firth

Safeguarding Report

We have continued to ensure that St Augustine's is a safe place for all and therefore strive to be compliant with safeguarding regulations. Relevant safeguarding personnel have been appointed and have an updated list of those who require a DBS check for their role in Church. The annual audit has been completed for submission to the Diocese and addressed any matters arising from it. Online training and refresher courses have been completed by majority PCC members. Our CSO has been attending the Deanery Safeguarding Officers forum both online and face to face. There are also monthly Zoom meetings for the whole of the Kensington area Church Safeguarding Officers (CSOs).

The Sunday School register is fully functional and is completed every week by the junior and youth church Leaders. The DBS requirements for regular helpers are being checked

to ensure we are fully compliant.

Patricia Hamilton has stepped down from her role as the DBS Checker and lead Recruiter, and Alwyn Williams has now been appointed by the PCC to take up both roles.

The Churchwardens and safeguarding team are made aware of the vulnerable adults and unaccompanied children in the congregation.

Gill Gooding

Churchwardens' Report

In May 2022 Sue and Roubina were re-elected as churchwardens.

First of all, we would like to thank everyone who has helped us to manage and discharge our various duties, without the support of our church family we would not be able to serve our community. The following is a summary of the work which we are pleased to report:

- The property at 60 Powder Mill Lane has remained occupied allowing us to receive a monthly rental of £1,717 which includes the management fees. The tenants have given notice of their intentions not to renew their two years lease.
- The Church Hall was leased for five years from September 2021 by Whitton Playdays operating from 8am to 3pm, Mondays to Fridays during term time. We maintain a good working relationship with them and benefit from their tenancy as the property is well cared for, any structural or maintenance issue are reported which allows us to deal with the matter swiftly.
- The casual hall hire generated an income of £2,150 in the year. In recent months we have seen an increase in the number of bookings.
- On a non-commercial basis, the Art Club, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows continue to use the hall.
- Following the improvements made to the church website, we have noticed a in increased footfall and we now have an average of 260 visitors to the site each month. Our aim is to use the website as well as all other form of communication to share information and news with our community.
- During the year Sue and Roubina with the help of the hospitality team organised many events such as the Quiz Night, the Summer Fair, the Harvest Lunch, the Fireworks and finally the Winter Fair. These events are good opportunities to bring together the wider community.

Sue Thornton & Roubina de Winton

Work Party

We are few in number but our expertise knows no bounds and have tried to keep on top of the grass cutting and the weeds but it would be lovely to see more people every month.

My thanks to Graham, Michael, Gill, Peter, Roubina, Jane, Gerald and Joan for turning up on the 1st Saturday of every month come rain or shine.

Also, thank you to Ann for looking after the roses in the front and keeping the weeds at bay, which is a never ending job.

It is extremely important to keep the church grounds spit spot, there's nothing worse when you walk past the church and look at unkempt grounds. The Garden of Remembrance is an area that could be tidied up at any time, not necessarily on a Work Party day. If you have a spare hour or two during the week, and you fancy doing some weeding!! Come up

and start digging.

So my plea to you all is – come and help on the 1st Saturday of every month, or spend an hour or two weeding the Garden of Remembrance beds.

Just think you'll be out in the fresh air, have refreshments, meet up with friends. So whatever time you can spare it will be wonderful to see you.

Thank you

Sue Thornton

Music & the Choir

Under the direction of Dominic Veall from January 2022 to November 2022, the music and choir at St Augustine's remained central to the work and ministry of the church. As a new Director of Music had not been appointed, I agreed to take the temporary position for Advent and Christmas 2022. A successful 'Nine Lessons and Carols' saw the choir in fine voice and the congregation being able to sing carols properly for the first time together in two years.

The continuing difficulty in recruiting a permanent Director of Music, which is a problem nationwide not just for us in Whitton, has meant that a temporary solution has been put in place. When I am available, I play for services but I am unable to commit to weekday rehearsals which has meant the choir meets before Sunday services to run through the music. For those services that I am unavailable the hymns are accompanied by backing tracks. The choir have continued to attend whenever it is possible for them to do so and have been a huge support over the months.

I would like to offer my thanks to Roubina, Sue, Fr John and all of the choir for their commitment and support.

As a group of musicians, we hope and pray that a more permanent solution will be found for the Director of Music position so that the music ministry can flourish.

Sian Cadogan

Children's and Youth Ministry

We thank God and give Him honour and praise for the past year and for many blessings seen in the ministry of the young people.

Junior Church

Since January, the Junior church has continue meeting every Sunday at 10:00am, beginning the service with the rest of the congregation and go to their own time of learning in the Church Hall and return to join at holy communion.

The Junior church ranges from 4 years to around 11, though some younger than 4 join at times. Meanwhile, most youth members at present have tended to remain for the 'main' worship service.

The current register has about 30 from the Junior group but the number of attendances varies every Sunday between 4 and 7 children. Some of the children who attended Junior church last year have now moved to youth group.

Youth

The youth group started with the children in year 7 to year 13 and has continue meeting once a month, every 2nd Sunday of the month. Later in the year the group was extended

to include year 5 as it was noticed that the church had more children from year 5 who were being left out.

The youth group has been growing steadily with monthly attendance ranging from 7-13, including about 3 children from other churches.

Currently St Augustine has about 20 youths registered. We thank God that the children seem to be happy.

The group continues to enjoy the activities such as sharing ideas of what is possible, playing table and off-the-table games, reflecting on their faith, eating food together (pizza is the most favourite!). This year the group was able to do the baking as one of the activities they chose to do. We aim to do more.

Participation in Worship Service

For this past year, Junior and Youth church have been participating and taking lead in the All Age/Family services: bible readings, intercession prayers, sharing what they learn in Junior in church.

Mothering Sunday

The Children performed a beautiful play and a poem in honour of all mothers and together with the Uniformed groups helped distribute the posy of flowers to all the women present in church that Sunday.

Harvest /confirmation Service

The Junior and Youth church performed a beautiful Harvest song at the service when 8 youths were confirmed, and glory be to God.

It was a wonderful occasion to have Bishop Graham with us and have lunch together as a church.

Nativity Play

The Junior and Youth church again put up a beautiful Nativity play. They did very well and everyone who attended greatly appreciated the performance.

Kensington Episcopal Area Youth Events

Four Youth members attended an evening event at St Paul's Brentford on 29/01/22 where they had wonderful time with a lot of activities - games, art, basketball, testimonies from the leaders and from the archdeacon, praise and worship. They enjoyed refreshments.

On 6th to 8th May 2022 four of our youth attended the Youth Weekend Away at Oakwood Youth Centre. This was a time of activities and learning and our youth had a wonderful time and wish to attend next year's event in June 2023.

Leader's Seminar

Martha attended the Growing Younger briefing on 15/10/22 at St Mellitus College organised by the Diocese of London Children and Youth Ministry for Kensington Episcopal Area. There was a lot to learn about All Age services, recruiting and supporting volunteers, supporting young people with mental health and wellbeing, how Gospel Arts Develop understanding of God and Christian experience. A lot of resources were also given out.

Leadership

The leadership team has slightly grown. We have 4 leaders: Patricia, Sian, Martha and Taro, and two helpers Ana and Hilda. We need more people to join the team but give thanks to God for every member of the team.

A word of thanks

On behalf of Junior and Youth Church ministry, I would like to say a big thank you to our children champion, the leaders and helpers for their hard work in helping the children to grow in faith and their knowledge of God and God's love for them.

We would also like to thank Fr John for the prayers for the leaders, helpers, and the children. Thank you to Patricia and Alwyn who have been helping with the DBS checks.

To the whole congregation, we are grateful for the support and prayers.

As a team we continue giving thanks to God for the privilege to work and support the young people.

Challenges and Prayer Points

- There is need to have more leaders and helpers in order to operate at full capacity and meet the needs of children ministry.
- Having more leaders will ensure that the younger and older children at junior and youth are managed according to age, which is currently not possible because there are not enough leaders. This result in some of the children avoiding attending Junior and Youth church, especially the older ones.
- If you feel God is speaking to you to be part of the leadership team and use your God-given gifts in this exciting ministry of supporting the young people, please speak to any of the team members or Fr John.

Martha Kafwanka

On behalf of the Junior &
Youth Leadership Team

Cornerstone Café

Initially formed by the Compassion Hub our aim was to provide support for people who had been recently bereaved. Initially meeting bi-monthly, its first meeting took place in November 2015. Since then, the group has evolved to provide a wider remit, it now meets monthly on the second Tuesday and provides an opportunity for anyone in the community to pop in and enjoy a friendly chat over a cup of coffee or tea, usually with some home - made biscuits or cake. A warm welcome is extended to new members as well as people who just pop in when they see the church is open.

The friends to meet in a warm space, enjoying companionship and friendly banter as well as a range of games such as dominoes, scrabble and even joining in to help with a crossword – it's like having a 'pub quiz' but without any competition – and its always great fun helping out with a scrabble board containing no vowels! This year at Christmas, Dinah joined the group and played her clarinet as we all sang along to well know Christmas carols.

Working within the new Compassion Group we are now looking at expanding our offering. Whilst still being available to offer a listening ear when needed, we also hope to extend our facilities and the number of meetings. Anybody interested in joining the group which

offers so much then please chat with Patricia, Kathy, Jayne or Alwyn.

Our thanks go to all who help and support the group, and a very special thanks to Gerald who bakes such beautiful cakes and biscuits.

Patricia Hamilton

Strollers' Report

It has been a very busy and enjoyable year of walking. We have walked twice in each of the months of 2022 (except December), and the need for fresh air and company continues to bring our members together. We started the mid-month walks in January.

We continued to meet each month during 2022 on the final Saturday (conditions permitting) but felt there was demand for a mid-month mid-week gathering so piloted this for the first three months of 2022, to suit those who either couldn't do weekends or just wanted more walks! This was well received and is now a permanent fixture.

Once again, we focused on local walks accessible from public transport, to avoid car use and also to see more of our beautiful locality. But we also visited pastures new and further away such as the River Lea and Blackheath.

We received and acted on suggestions for new walks from members, which has resulted in discovering some promising new days out.

During the year the database of members has enlarged and it is good to see some new faces, which are always welcome. We are sad to have lost David Alldridge (the co-founder of the group) and Richard Norris, (a staunch supporter) but look forward to more adventures in 2023 with new and existing members.

Peter de Winton & John Woodley

Dorcas Group

There are 5 people in the sewing group (Jane, Sue, Jo, Angela and Roubina) and we are finally finishing the 2 wall hangings that we started before the pandemic. They are one for the Old Testament and one for the New Testament containing five stories on each for the children. They also contain two 65th anniversary panels.

Our next project will be a Coronation banner which we will start shortly.

We often have trips out to stitch festivals to get ideas and meet socially. We are pleased to be back sewing again and meet once a week.

Jane Derry

on behalf of the Dorcas team

Uniformed Organisations

It has been such a pleasure for us at Guides, Brownies and Rainbows to have been able to meet over the last year – seeing young people enjoying their activities and each other's company has been so rewarding.

Over the last few terms, we have been working on a series of badges and awards as part of the new Guiding programme which has involved activities as diverse as fire-lighting, dancing, cooking and creating. Some of our badge work has focused on sustainability and diversity as we mix a range of activities between traditional Guiding skills such as first aid and map reading with contemporary issues.

We have a great group of girls who throw themselves whole-heartedly into everything we do, including our off-site activities which have covered camps, holidays, high ropes, outdoor cooking and skating. Next term we are thinking about a District event to mark the King's Coronation, running some camps and hopefully benefiting from the better weather; there's lots to look forward to!

Gill Gooding

Structure, Governances and Management

The St Augustine Whitton Parochial Church Council, registered charity no 1134957, is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the 'PCC' (Powers) Measures of 1956.

PCC members, elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), serve for a period of three years after which they are required to step down for a minimum of one year before re-election, unless APCM passes a resolution to change the rule.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (M15). All church attendees and Parish members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and may stand for election to the PCC if they have been on the Electoral Roll for six months prior to the APCM and are over 16 years of age, or in the case of a new roll have been on the old roll for the required rulings.

The PCC is the main decision making body of a parish, and in co-operating with the incumbent has the responsibility of promoting the mission of God in the parish; including, pastoral, evangelism, social and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility to care and maintain the fabric of the church as well as the church hall and the parish house, and their contents.

PCC has the legal responsibility for maintenance of proper financial books and records, put adequate control systems in place to safeguard the assets and the format and content of the financial statement of the parish.

With the incumbent the PCC has a duty of care to ensure the protection of the vulnerable in their church community, and those suffering from racial, economic and other injustices.

The PCC should make known and put into effect any provisions made by the Diocesan Synod or the Deanery Synod, but without prejudice to the powers of the Council on any particular matter. Also, to contribute and where appropriate give advice to the Deanery Synod on any matter referred to the Council and raise such matters as the Council consider appropriate with the Deanery Synod, thus showing the link between the PCC, the Deanery Synod and through it with the Diocesan Synod.

Whilst members of the PCC cannot be expected to know all the rules and legal implications of certain fields but would be expected to seek advice before any discussions and decisions made. This could involve such things as health and safety, discrimination legislation, child protection, church appointments, church services and property conveyancing.

The PCC is required to hold sufficient number of meetings to enable sufficient transaction of its business in a year.

Constituted by PCC to transact PCC's business in between the meetings, the Standing Committee is made up of the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, Treasurer and the PCC

Secretary.

Administrative and Legal Information

St Augustine of Canterbury Church is situated in Whitton, in the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames and is a part of the Hampton Deanery in the Kensington Episcopal Area of the Diocese of London.

Correspondence Address	The Vicarage, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham, TW2 6DE
Incumbent	The Rev Canon John Kafwanka K (Since 6 th January 2021)
PCC Members	Sian Cadogan, Childrens' Champion (Elected 2020)
	Pauline Churchman, PCC Secretary (Re-elected 2020)
	Jay Cao (Re-elected 2021)
	Eric Girma, Treasurer (Elected 2019)
	Elizabeth Muir (Elected 2022)
	Graham Beaumont (Elected 2022)
	Patricia Hamilton, Vice Chair (Retired 2022)
Deanery Synod Rep(s)	Joan Greening (Elected 2021)
	Constance Chingwaru (Elected 2020)
Churchwardens	Sue Thornton, Vice Chair (First elected May 2021)
	Roubina de Winton (First elected May 2021)
Other Church Officials	
Bookkeeper	Peter de Winton
Children's Champion	Sian Cadogan
DBS Checker/L Recruiter	Alwyn Williams
Electoral Roll Officer	Jayne Firth
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Safeguarding Officer	Gill Gooding
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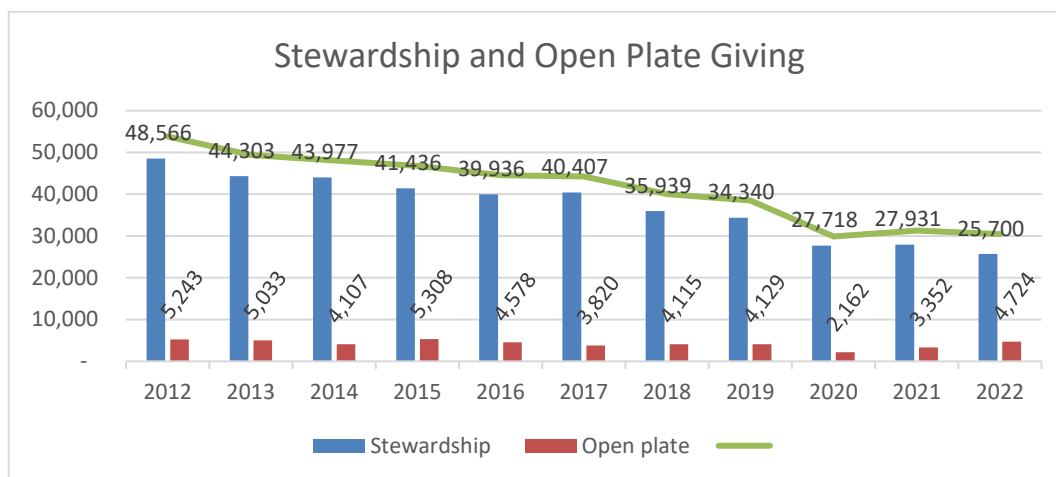
Stewardship & Open Plate Donations

We continue to receive stewardship and donations at our regular services via the contactless system and Open Plate as well as through monthly standing orders. Your generosity enables the PCC to maintain the church services, church buildings and partially meet our obligation to the church of England Common Fund.

In 2022 the total of Stewardship & Open Plate donations amounted to £30,424 (2021 £31,283) and we are able to maximise these donations claiming Gift Aid and GASDS schemes where possible.

Stewardship forms to set up direct debits or contribute by weekly envelopes are available from <https://www.st-augustine-of-canterbury-whiton.org/give>.

The PCC would like to thank you for your generosity and continued support.



Roubina de Winton

Financial Review for the Year

General Fund – Income

The church has been very fortunate to continue to be generously supported by its regular donors and stewardship community throughout the pandemic and planned giving continues to provide £44,773 in income for the church.

Investment was also supported through the year and showed a significant increase with the parish hall tenant being in place for a full year. In 2023 we do not expect to see a similar increase in investment income.

The church was also very successful in fund raising in the year with total funds raised of £7,192. This fund raising is a testament to the generosity of the parishioners in supporting our various events such as the fireworks display in November and the winter fete.

Overall, Income totalled nearly £99,772 in 2022. Income is expected to be similar in 2023.

General Fund – Expenditure

Expenditure for the year was £95,713 (2020 £82,252), although £13,008 of that was spent on significant maintenance items via the fabric fund including nearly £10,000 for the purchase of a new AV system and a projector. We have been able to continue to maintain our £50,000 contribution to the Common Fund and to support the Diocese and the Church's mission.

Surplus in 2022

After revaluing the equity investments held by the church, we are pleased to show a

surplus of £1,005 for 2022.

Designated Funds -

In our 2021 accounts the Fabric Fund was shown as a restricted fund. After significant research by the Churchwarden and the PCC, it was determined that these funds were never restricted by the donor and were in fact designated by the PCC. This research included reviewing PCC minutes and as well as the documentation for the legacy that was received that resulted in the establishment of the Fabric Fund. After review of these documents, the PCC passed a motion releasing the erroneous restriction on the Fabric Fund and has deemed it to be a designated fund for significant maintenance and capital improvements to the church.

Reserves policy

The PCC established a reserves policy in October 2021 to maintain an unrestricted funds balance equivalent to 3 months of unrestricted payments including the common fund. This is equivalent to £22,000. It is held to smooth out cash flow fluctuations and to meet emergencies. Unrestricted funds at the end of 2021 were £52,796. As the Fabric Fund is a designated fund, this is included in the unrestricted reserves.

Eric Girma

Appendix I

Independent examiner's Report

To the Trustees of

St Augustine of Canterbury Church, Whitton

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2022

Charity no

1134957

Set out on pages

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of 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 come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



James Parker
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St Augustine of Canterbury Whitton

Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted General Fund	Designated Fabric Fund	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
	Note	£	£	£	2022 £	2021 £
Income and endowments						
Voluntary income	2a	44,773			44,773	53,469
Activities for generating funds	2b	7,192			7,192	2,210
Income from investments	2c	46,523			46,523	33,304
Church activities	2d	1,284			1,284	974
Total Income		99,772			99,772	89,957
Expenditure						
Church activities	3a	82,625	13,088		95,713	82,252
Total expenditure		82,625	13,088		95,713	82,252
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/losses		17,147	(13,088)		4,059	7,705
Release of Common Fund liability						36,609
Gains/ (Losses) on Investments	4b	(1,040)		(2,014)	(3,054)	4,375
Net Movement in Funds		16,107	(13,088)	(2,014)	1,005	48,689
Balances B/Fwd at 1 January 2022		9,603	40,174	482,280	532,057	483,368
Balances C/Fwd at 31 December 2022		25,710	27,086	480,266	533,062	532,057

St Augustine of Canterbury Whitton

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible	4a	465,001	465,001
Investments	4b	32,900	35,954
		<u>497,901</u>	<u>500,955</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	1,951	2,073
Deposits		35,478	27,605
Cash at bank and in hand		11,485	6,802
		<u>48,914</u>	<u>36,480</u>
Liabilities:			
Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	8	(13,753)	(5,378)
Net Assets		<u>533,062</u>	<u>532,057</u>
Funds	5		
Unrestricted including Designated		52,796	9,603
Restricted		480,266	522,454
Total Funds		<u>533,062</u>	<u>532,057</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by



The Rev'd Canon John Kafwanka K(Chairman)

The notes attached form part of these accounts.

St Augustine of Canterbury Whitton

Notes To The Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting Policies

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention (except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value), in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective 1 January 2015) Charities SORP (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit charity.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue in operation as a going concern.

Funds

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

The Fabric Fund is a Designated fund for major repairs or building improvements to the Church, the Hall and the Parish House.

Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Gift aid refunds are recognised when the Incoming resource to which they relate are received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. All other Income is accounted for when receivable. All Incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and Beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(A) of the Charities Act 1993. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Investments are valued at market value at 31st December.

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Notes To The Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2022

2. Income and endowments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds	
			2022 £	2021 £
2a Voluntary Income				
Planned Giving: Gift Aid donations	23,798		23,798	25,000
Gift Aid Recovered	8,809		8,809	6,751
Planned Giving: Non Gift Aid donations	1,902		1,902	2,931
Collections (open plate)	4,724		4,724	3,352
Grants	1,903		1,903	2,076
Legacies				12,081
Sundry donations	3,637		3,636	1,278
	44,773		44,773	53,469
2b Activities for generating funds				
Fund raising	7,192		7,192	2,210
2c Income from investments				
Dividends on CBF Investment Fund	454		454	439
Distributions on Charifund	996		996	888
CBF Deposit fund interest	427		427	15
Rent on parish house	20,135		20,135	16,826
Rent Church Hall	16,652		16,652	7,277
Rent for phone mast	7,859		7,859	7,859
	46,523		46,523	33,304
2d Income from church activities				
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,284		1,284	974
Total Income and endowments	99,772		99,772	89,957

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Notes To The Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

3. Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds		Total Funds	
	General	Designated	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
3a Church activities				
Missionary and charitable giving				
Overseas: Bishops Easter Appeals				
Tear Fund				88
International Rescue C'ttee Ukraine	188		188	
Home:				
Bishops Easter Appeal	187		187	180
Action for Children re Methodist church				200
Crisis at Christmas	227		227	287
Leprosy Mission	177		177	
	779		779	755
London Diocesan Fund	50,000		50,000	50,000
Youth Ministry	296		296	
Clergy Travel	122		122	78
Church Major Repairs		9,874	9,874	2,076
Upkeep of Churchyard	3,673	3,214	6,887	2,738
Gas, Electricity & Water	6,403		6,403	5,055
Director of Music	5,559		5,559	2,490
Insurance	5,130		5,130	5,276
Church Maintenance and Routine Repairs	2,155		2,155	1,431
Hall Maintenance & Routine Repairs	1,207		1,207	2,599
Cleaning	1,101		1,101	
Telephone and Broadband	1,023		1,023	674
Printing stationery and office consumables	958		958	926
Subscriptions	780		780	
Costs of fund raising events	658		658	
Music licenses and other	650		650	675
IT and other Equipment	555		555	
Hospitality	525		525	314
Upkeep of Services	478		478	305
Maintenance of musical instruments	312		312	398
Bank Charges	165		165	226
Parish house repairs	96		96	6,236
Total Church activities	82,625	13,088	95,713	82,252

During the year there were no disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

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Notes To The Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2022

4. Fixed Assets

The property at 60 Powder Mill Lane is revalued at 5 year intervals. The Church Hall which was transferred from Homelink in 2015 is included at a nominal value of £1.

4a Tangible Fixed Assets

	Parish House	Church Hall	Total
	£	£	£
Valuation at 1 January 2022	465,000	114,369	579,369
Cumulative depreciation		(114,368)	(114,368)
Valuation at 31 December 2022	465,000	1	465,001

4b Investment Fixed Assets

	CCLA	Charifund	Total
	£	£	£
Market Value 1 January 2022	17,279	18,675	35,954
Revaluation adjustment 31 December 2022	(2,014)	(1,040)	(3,054)
Market Value 31 December 2022	15,265	17,635	32,900

5. Analysis of movements by Fund

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Net Resource Movement	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	9,603	16,107	25,710
Fabric Fund	40,174	(13,088)	27,086
	49,777	3,019	52,796
Restricted Funds			
Investment Fund	17,279	(2,014)	15,265
Parish House/ Church Hall fund	465,001		465,001
	482,280	(2,014)	480,266
Total Funds	532,057	1,005	533,062

6. Analysis of balance sheet by fund

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	17,634	480,267	497,901
Current assets	48,914		48,914
Current liabilities	(13,753)		(13,753)
Total	52,795	480,267	533,062

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Notes To The Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2022

7. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accrued income	1,382	1,566
Other debtors	569	507
	<u>1,951</u>	<u>2,073</u>

8. Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deferred income	1,964	1,964
Accrual of utility and other costs	11,609	3,414
	<u>13,573</u>	<u>5,378</u>