

**PARISH OF POPLAR
All Saints & St. Nicholas
(A Parochial Church Council)**

Annual Report of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021

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The Parochial Church Council is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission - Registration Number 1134962.

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The Treasurer is assisted by a member of the congregation to help with Gift Aid claims.

Objectives and activities

The PCC of All Saints and St. Nicholas has the responsibility of cooperating and planning with the Team Rector, Team Vicar and clergy in promoting our pastoral, evangelistic, educational, social and ecumenical mission in the whole Parish. The charitable objectives of the Parish of Poplar are to serve the spiritual, pastoral and social needs of those who live in the Parish or who worship in our churches.

Electoral roll

Our electoral roll for 2021 was 233.

One member of our Electoral Roll died during 2021: Edna Howard was a longstanding, faithful and much-loved member of St Nick's and we miss her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

In 2022 the Electoral Roll was revised and the new figures are as below:

Last Year (2021)	233	
New	11	
Moved Away		4
Died	1	
Stopped coming	2	
Total for 2022	<u>237</u>	

Review of the year

Like 2020, 2021 was an exceptional year. In March 2020 the country went into lock down due to the Covid 19 pandemic and churches were legally required to close. In 2021 we were able to hold 'in-person' services more than we had in 2020 but were still restricted as to when we could be open to meet together. We continued to also hold services online via Facebook during the week – by the end of the year we had settled into a pattern of two online services a week, transmitting our two lunchtimes Eucharistic services on a Tuesday and Thursday (one from each church). We continued to hold Morning and Evening Prayer online via Zoom and by the end of the year had additionally settled back into the pattern of holding Morning Prayer at All Saints on a Sunday morning.

Our children's and youth work continued to flourish – in different ways at the beginning of 2021 but back into a pattern of in-person events, services and meetings by the end of the year.

Below are some key statistics and events over the year:

In addition to our regular in person and online services we conducted the following occasional offices in the past 12 months:

21 funerals – of which 2 were conducted in All Saints and 2 at St. Nicholas
3 burial of ashes in the All Saints memorial garden
4 baptisms at All Saints and 2 at St Nicholas church
6 weddings at All Saints Church

£4722 Statutory fees for services are paid to the Diocese for 2021

Children and Families Work

For part of the last year, Laura Brown (Parish Children & Families worker) had been on part-time furlough leave and has resumed her role again since September, where there was a change to her working hours. Previously she worked 30 hours per week term time. Since September, at her own request, she has dropped her hours to 20 hours per week during term time.

Recently Laura has been participating on a 6 month Cultivate course with the Diocese of London which is aimed at Children and Families workers and covers subjects such as safeguarding and faith development in Children.

The work with Children and Families is summarized below:

- **Tiny Tots** – Tiny Tots reopened for the first time since the pandemic began in September. We have had to start from scratch with Tiny Tots as all the children who attended previously before Covid are now in full time school. We now average between 6-10 children attending each week, and hopefully this number will increase over time.
- Prior to Tiny Tots reopening we ran a toddler craft event in the garden at St Nick's for 3 consecutive weeks in partnership with the Aberfeldy Big Local. This was very successful and thankfully the Great British weather held off on the rain front for us.
- **Messy Church** – After doing a year of Messy Church at home we were finally able to bring Messy Church back in person with our first one being Messy Harvest held in October. We have since held Messy Christmas and Messy

Easter also. Numbers of attendees have been between 44-51. In previous years we would have expected higher numbers, especially at the Christmas event, however at the time Covid numbers were very high and national restrictions were being re-introduced. Our next event is Messy Pentecost being held on 9th June 2022.

- **Junior Church** - At St Nick's Junior Church is going well and thanks to our wonderful volunteers we are able to run a session every week (with myself being at St Nicks every other week). At All Saints' sadly due to lack of volunteers and low numbers of children attending regularly we have had to change Junior Church to every other week. I have been trying to recruit some more volunteers to help at junior church at All Saints so that we can run a session each week but as, yet I haven't had any success.
- **Buggy Mass** - We attempted to relaunch Buggy Mass after the pandemic in September but due to very low numbers attending, we made a decision to stop Buggy Mass for the time being as Laura's time could be better used elsewhere, especially with the decrease in her hours. However, if there is a demand for it in the future, and we hope there is, Buggy Mass can be bought back.
- **Work within local schools** - We lead assembly, also known as collective worship at St Saviour's School every week. We also have regular services at All Saint's where St Saviour's as a whole school attend. These include Harvest, Ash Wednesday and Pentecost services. All Saints will be hosting the Deanery school leavers service for Year 6 children on 30th June 2022 where all the year 6 leavers at COE schools in Tower hamlets will attend a special service. Alongside Matt, Laura has helped host visits to our churches from non-faith schools including visits from Mayflower & Bygrove primary schools. In the lead up to Christmas we had 180 children visit St Nick's from Culloden School over 2 days.
- **Ad-Hoc** - Laura and Liz Lee (Youth Worker) held a summer kids club at St Nick's for 3 days in July. Due to Covid we were restricted to allowing 30 children to attend, we reached full capacity on all three days and on the last day we had people queuing up outside the church before we opened to make sure they got a space. Great fun was had by all who attended, and we received some great feedback. Some of Liz's young leaders attended as volunteers and were a great help in assuring the events went well. Crib Service - Unfortunately due to Laura testing positive for Covid we had to cancel the crib service due to be held on Christmas Eve.

Youth Work

- **Sunday ministry** - Liz Lee (Youth Worker) is at each church fortnightly. St Nicholas's youth group is called Faith Builders. All Saint's youth group is called God's Saints in the Making. Both groups are during the Sunday service. The young people explore their faith by being able to lead discussions and plan where they would like the sessions to go.
- **Wednesday service and junior youth group** - The service and youth group is well attended with young people from years 4 through to 8 at youth group. We have 18 members of youth group. We have introduced cooking and are hoping to continue this as it is a life skill. The youth group raised money before Christmas for some new games and equipment, so we now have 2 new trampolines and some great new games. We were also donated 2 computers, a PS4 and an Xbox 1, and a TV. Many thanks to the 3 people who were so generous. The ethos of the group is friendship, and we have discussions at the end of each session around this.

- **One-2 -One mentoring** - Liz has 3 young people that she meets for one-2-one mentoring. All three are secondary school age and all three have different needs and requirements. The idea of the one-2-one is to give the young person some time and space to be able to be heard and sometimes to just be.
- **Young Leaders** - The young leaders is a scheme we have started to help some of our young people to grow in ministry and leadership. Two young people attend Wednesday junior youth group as young leaders and get involved in the session by helping in all areas including coming up with ideas and activities. We also have young leaders who help with Messy Church and some of the children's activities like the summer club. The young leaders are helping in all activities but are also always supervised by myself.
- **Faith Builders Garden project** - At St Nicks Faith Builders decided they would like to look at Gods' creation and how we can look after it better. After a few sessions of discussion, they asked if they could do something in the church garden. They met with Matt and put a plan together that they then took to the Diocese' spark fund. Their plan is to create a space that is a place of calm on the Aberfeldy as the estate has lots of construction work going on and will continue to have for at least the next 10 years, a place to attract wildlife like bees butterflies, bats etc. and a place that is prayerful.

Other Events

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- The Langley Hall at St Nicholas Church was used very well prior to lockdown. We have lost a significant amount of income due to Covid restrictions, losing both regular and one-off bookings. These have begun to return, to a smaller extent than previously. We also hope to rent the crypt out at All Saints.
- Our Christmas Carol service was back at the end of 2021 and was well-attended.
- Congregation members from both churches have offered their time volunteering to help ease the impact of the pandemic. This has mainly been through supporting the work of Neighbours in Poplar, local food banks and more latterly the vaccination programme.

- Clergy from the parish conduct the Remembrance Day service at Billingsgate Fish Market each year. It is well attended by market porters and stallholders as well as other community members.
- We held an annual Service of Remembrance on All Souls' Day, for the friends and families of those whose funerals we have conducted in the year. We were able to hold this in a Covid compliant way and it was a very important ministry in such a devastating year.
- We continue to have close working relationships with both the Docklands Singers and East London evensong choir. Unfortunately, no concerts could go ahead but we have begun to host Evensong once every month.
- The parish administers three trusts and the churchwardens, rector and Philippa Downs are the trustees. The Team Vicar also attends trustee meetings. The trusts are:
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 - The Poplar Benevolent Fund: registered with the Charities Commission. It is available for small grants to parishioners in need, or for church work with those in poverty, such as the night shelter. Referrals come via the staff team, St Saviour's School and other local partners.

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for the year ended 31 December 2021

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Charity Information

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Status:	The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It is constituted and governed by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended) and the Church Representation Rules (2011). The members of the PCC are its trustees under charity law and are referred to as such throughout this report.
Charity name:	Parish of Poplar
Charity registration number:	1134962
Registered office:	All Saints Church Newby Place Poplar E14 0EY
Operations address:	164 St Leonard's Road London E14 6PW
Chairperson: Treasurer:	The Rev. Jane Hodges Judith Byabazire
Independent Examiner:	Anthony Armstrong FCA Armstrong & Co <i>Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor</i> 4a Printing House Yard Hackney Road London E2 7PR

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The Trustees of the Parish of Poplar present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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2 members of our Electoral Roll died during 2020 and 2021: Joan Lewis and Helen Palmer. Both were longstanding and faithful members of the church and we miss them. We continue to pray for them and their families. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

2 new names have been added to our electoral roll, and 1 person has moved away and 1 has stopped attending church.

Review of the year

2020 was an exceptional year. In March the country went into lock down due to the Covid 19 pandemic and churches were legally required to close. We were only open for face to face worship for 30 Sundays of the year, with very reduced numbers in the lead up to every closure. We live-streamed worship five times a week, when the building was closed and provided recorded night prayer seven nights a week in the first lock down and five times a week subsequently. The pandemic and the resulting lock down and the intermittent opening and closing of the churches had a significant impact on the mission of the church, our funding and our ability to conduct occasional offices. The number of funerals in 2020 was relatively high, but we were limited in our ability to conduct weddings or baptisms.

Our children's and youth work continued to flourish, albeit in a very different form to before the pandemic.

Below are some key statistics and events over the year:

In addition to our regular in person and online services we conducted the following occasional offices in the past 12 months:

- 20 funerals – of which 3 were conducted in church (more would have been in church but Covid measures prevented it)
- 4 burial of ashes in the All Saints memorial garden and one burial of ashes in a cemetery
- 7 baptisms at All Saints and 1 at St Nicholas church – there would have been significantly more if it were not for lock down
- 3 weddings at All Saints Church – many weddings had to be postponed in 2020

Statutory fees for services are paid to the Diocese. Fees of £1768 were paid for 2020 – no fees were charged for funerals taken between 1 April 2020 – 1 October 2020.

Children and Families Work

- Our children's and families work and youth work, have by necessity, had to change due to the Covid pandemic but this still remains a very significant way in which we do mission. We continued all our face to face activities until the first lock down in March, but since then we have had to adapt everything we do. Prior to lock down the Wednesday evening 5.30pm all age service was thriving. We have not been able to hold this since then and will relaunch it in September 2021. We will also relaunch buggy mass in September 2021.
- Our children and families work is now in its ninth year and we need to secure ongoing revenue funding to ensure its continuation. Funding has come from the Aberfeldy Big Local, Poplar HARCA and the Coopers and Cobscook Company with any shortfall being made up by the parish. Every year we reach out to numerous children and their families working both with the whole community. Our youth work is in its third year thanks to the support of the Diocese of London and the youth work apprentice scheme. To continue this valuable work, we also need to secure funding for this post.

Below is a summary of the work we do with children and their families, both prior to lock down and during the pandemic.

1. Junior churches at both All Saints and St Nicholas, for children aged 4-10. This is held during the main Sunday service and was flourishing at both churches prior to the pandemic. We are always seeking new volunteers. Junior Church at St Nicholas is now called Little Nicks. Junior church had to stop during the lock down but Sunday school packs were sent out to nearly forty families on a weekly basis when we could not meet in person, and we also kept in touch with families by telephone and email. Covid guidance has meant that we have been able to do far less face to face work than we wanted and we are now building up our numbers again.
2. Messy Church, a parish wide service with crafts, worship and a shared meal, held at St Nicholas, is now very well established with a regular pattern of sessions. We have up to 80 participants at each Messy Church and for many families this is their main connection with church. During lock down we held Messy Church online, which was very popular. Families were sent craft packs and videos, explaining how to do each craft, were uploaded onto our Facebook pages. The young people in our youth group made some of the videos and we have had very positive feedback about Messy Church at home and many photos of happy children and completed crafts have been sent to us.
3. Buggy Mass was held at St Nicholas church every Friday and is for preschool children and their carers. It is the entry point to church for many families. It was impossible to run this service under any of the Covid restrictions but we are working hard to relaunch it, with energy, in September 2021.
4. Tiny Tots toddler group meets every Wednesday in term time in the St Nicholas church hall and attracts people from across the community. It was growing in numbers and provides real support and friendship for parents and carers and a good

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structured play environment for the children. As with Buggy Mass this has been unable to meet due to Covid restrictions and will be relaunched, with energy in September 2021.

5. Our Wednesday evening all age service and the junior youth group that follows has been an area of growth in the parish. We have not been able to hold it safely since March 2020 and will relaunch it, with energy, in September 2021.
6. We usually hold very well attended seasonal activities for children and young people, including children's Stations of the Cross, Easter garden making, Easter egg hunts, a Halloween light party and a crib service. We were unable to hold any of these in 2020, but did send activity packs out to families and record an online crib service. We also made joyful Easter and Christmas videos involving many of our children, young people and families, which were widely distributed through Facebook and our website.
7. We work with several local community primary schools and lead assemblies and workshops in schools and host school visits at All Saints and St Nicholas. We provided some recorded material for local schools, as we were unable to go in.
8. We have a very close working relationship with St Saviour's, the church primary school. This has continued during Covid, both when the school has been open and when restrictions have required it to close. We have gone into school when we can, and provided online materials where this has not been possible.
9. We participated in online interfaith events and Mayflower and Manorfield Primary Schools.
10. We have a strong relationship with Culloden Primary school on the Aberfeldy estate and have provided recorded assemblies for them, during lockdown.

Youth Work

We have had a real desire to develop our work with 10-18 years olds and the employment of a youth work apprentice has really seen this come to fruition. We now face the challenge of securing funding to ensure the continuation of this post.

1. Our youth work apprentice leads the work of our junior youth group on Wednesdays, particularly working with those who are transitioning from primary to secondary school and has taken a significant role in the review of our Wednesday evening worship. As mentioned above, this service was a significant point of growth in the church and we now need to focus on building up this congregation again, when we return in September 2021. We have kept in contact by phone and by sending resources out to families and young people who attend.
2. The Sunday youth ministry, launched in March 2019, takes place during the main Sunday services at both churches. It is a great success and it is wonderful to see both the increase in participation of young people in our services, and their growth in faith. Young people are actively engaged in our worship as we encourage them to be young leaders. This group met on zoom during lock down.
3. Our youth work apprentice makes contact with young people who are on the edges of church life and is encouraging several young people to volunteer at church-based activities.
4. Our youth worker worked in partnership with a local charity to deliver craft and toy packs to over 450 families during lockdown.

Other Events

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- The Langley Hall at St Nicholas Church was used very well prior to lockdown. We have lost a significant amount of income due to Covid restrictions, losing both regular and one-off bookings. We are confident that these will return once the Covid restrictions permit. We also hope to rent the crypt out at All Saints.
- We were able to hold a parish wide carol service this year, with the Thames Chamber choir providing the music in a socially distanced, Covid compliant way. This brought a great deal of joy at a very difficult time.
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- **The St Frideswide Trust** - for ecclesiastical purposes in either church.
- **The St Matthias Trust** - registered with the Charities Commission and available for educational purposes within the parish such as materials and equipment for our various children's activities. Grants are also available to parishioners who need help to cover educational costs (such as textbooks or exam fees).
- **The Poplar Benevolent Fund** - registered with the Charities Commission. It is available for small grants to parishioners in need, or for church work with those in poverty, such as the night shelter. Referrals are usually via the clergy or St Saviours School.

In 2017 we became part of the Parish Giving Scheme. This is a tax efficient way for people to give to the church and saves us a great deal of administration. Donors give to the church by direct debit and the gift aid is claimed on our behalf at no additional cost to us. By December 2020 23 people had signed up to the scheme. This is down by 4 people from last year and represents the fact that some people have joined since the last APCM and some have left when they have moved away or died. However at the time of writing this report (May 2021) the numbers contributing to the scheme have returned to 27 .Some people still give regularly via the envelope scheme and we are trying to encourage more people to give via the Parish Giving Scheme, as this is the best way for us to plan ahead financially. We are looking at ways to encourage greater congregational giving.

Public Benefit

Parish of Poplar benefits the public by way of: regular worship that is open to all, the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation, pastoral work (including the visiting of the sick and the bereaved), teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups, taking school assemblies, promoting the whole mission of the church through its assistance to older people, parents and children, and supporting charities in the UK and overseas.

Financial Review

The results of the period and financial position of the PCC are shown in the annexed financial statements.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net outgoing resources for the year of £3,746 and reserves of £803,062.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

Fixed assets are set out in Note 9 to the accounts.

Reserves Policy

The trustees consider that a policy of holding a minimum of 3 months income as a general reserve is appropriate for the charity.

Independent Examiner

The Independent Examiner, Anthony Armstrong FCA of Armstrong & Co, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor, has indicated his willingness to be proposed for re-appointment.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 17 May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

The Rev. Jane Hodges, PCC Chairperson
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

for the year ended 31 December 2021

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity law in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) Follow applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- e) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Independent Examiner's Report

to the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Poplar

I report on the accounts of Parish of Poplar for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 set out on pages 11 to 21. My report is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

This report is made solely to the members of the PCC as a body in accordance with section 145 of the 2011 Act and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC members those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's 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 PCC and its members as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of members of the PCC and the examiner

As described on page 9, as PCC members you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and you consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Regulations or under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 Church Council 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 2011 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.

Anthony Armstrong FCA
of Armstrong & Co
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

Dated: 17 May 2022

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Hackney Road
London
E2 7PR**

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

		2021		2020
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Notes	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	103,156	10,958	114,114
Other trading activities	4	63,981	-	63,981
Investments	5	100	-	100
Other income	6	-	-	-
Total income		167,237	10,958	178,195
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	39,415	-	39,415
Charitable activities	7	122,009	20,517	142,526
Total expenditure		161,424	20,517	181,941
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		5,813	(9,559)	(3,746)
Transfers between funds	19	(9,697)	9,697	-
Net movement in funds		(3,884)	138	(3,746)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	13	795,147	11,661	806,808
Total funds carried forward	13	791,263	11,799	803,062

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	31 December 2021		31 December 2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	9		683,627		683,749
Total fixed assets			<u>683,627</u>		<u>683,749</u>
Current assets:					
Debtors	10	-		1,154	
Cash at bank and In hand	11	<u>126,792</u>		<u>142,466</u>	
Total current assets			<u>126,792</u>		<u>143,620</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>7,357</u>		<u>20,561</u>	
Net current assets			119,435		123,059
Total net assets			<u>803,062</u>		<u>806,808</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds	17		11,799		11,661
Unrestricted funds	13		<u>791,263</u>		<u>795,147</u>
Total charity funds	13		<u>803,062</u>		<u>806,808</u>

Approved by the PCC on 17 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Judith Byabazire, PCC Treasurer
Trustee

The Rev. Jane Hodges, PCC Chairperson
Trustee

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form part of these accounts.

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash used in operating activities	1	(15,774)	(48,019)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		100	205
Net cash provided by investing activities		100	205
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(15,674)	(47,814)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	142,466	190,280
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	126,792	142,466

Notes to Cash Flow Statement

	2021 £	2020 £
1 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(3,746)	(37,183)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	122	143
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(100)	(205)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	1,154	(1,154)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(13,204)	(9,624)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(15,774)	(48,019)
2 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash in hand	126,792	142,466
Total cash and cash equivalents	126,792	142,466

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Accounting Policies

for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- a) Applicable UK accounting standards, including the provisions of section 1A (Small Entities) of Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)".
- b) 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 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102);
- c) The Charities Act 2011.

Public benefit entity

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue operating and accordingly the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Income recognition

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for once the tax reclaim has been applied for. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from trading activities include rental income from the letting of church premises temporarily surplus to requirement, and is accounted for when earned. It is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs. Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Income from property held for its rental returns is included in Investments when due.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The PCC is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Expenditure included in Raising Funds includes amounts incurred in obtaining grants and other donations and property maintenance costs.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs expended in fulfilling the PCC's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the PCC. These include grants payable, governance costs and an apportionment of support costs.

- Grants payable are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the PCC's objects. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the PCC.
- Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees.
- Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure which meets these criteria are identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available as general funds.

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Designated Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold buildings	- No depreciation charged
Fixtures & fittings	- 15% WDV

Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated land and benefice property such as the church building and vicarage is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10 of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church contents are held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and require a faculty for disposal are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is expensed within the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investments

Investments are shown in the balance sheet at closing market value. Surpluses or deficits on valuation are credited or charged to the SOFA.

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1 Incoming resources

The incoming resources and surplus are attributable to the principal activities of the charity.

2 Net outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources are stated after charging:

Independent Examiners fees - Independent Examination services
Independent Examiners fees - Other services
Depreciation - owned assets

2021 2020

£ £
600 600
1,368 1,440
122 143

Trustees' emoluments

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Emoluments include salaries, fees, bonuses, expense allowances and estimated non-cash benefits receivable. All trustees serve in a voluntary capacity and do not receive payment for their services.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Grant income	14,060	10,820	24,880	17,081
Donations	6,750	138	6,888	3,132
Stewardship	27,425	-	27,425	12,268
Parish giving	19,281	-	19,281	13,244
Other Planned Giving - Unrestricted	9	-	9	-
Collections in church	30,262	-	30,262	9,999
Gift aid recovered	4,615	-	4,615	3,244
St Nicholas collections	177	-	177	432
Votive candle boxes	577	-	577	1,047
PCC & Diocesan fees	-	-	-	3,720
Fundraising	-	-	-	49
	<u>103,156</u>	<u>10,958</u>	<u>114,114</u>	<u>64,216</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
6 Mountague Place	13,726	-	13,726	28,237
11 Mountague Place	34,812	-	34,812	42,029
St Frideswide site	300	-	300	712
Regular bookings	-	-	-	3,835
Occasional bookings	15,143	-	15,143	1,265
	<u>63,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,981</u>	<u>76,078</u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Interest received	100	-	100	205
	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>205</u>
Other income	-	-	-	8,675

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
6 Mountague Place	26,522	-	26,522	8,733
11 Mountague Place	12,771	-	12,771	17,148
Depreciation	122	-	122	143
	<u>39,415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,415</u>	<u>26,024</u>

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Ministry	1,225	-	1,225	1,472
Churches utility bills	11,049	-	11,049	13,154
Churches running expenses	18,746	-	18,746	17,056
Churches/crypt repairs & maintenance	10,573	-	10,573	25,794
Organ	2,414	-	2,414	2,196
Staff costs	10,258	20,517	30,775	29,453
Education	3,013	-	3,013	3,215
London Diocesan Fund (Common Fund)	60,000	-	60,000	63,875
London Diocesan Fund (Assigned Fees)	2,256	-	2,256	1,768
Bank charges	483	-	483	376
Donations	-	-	-	246
Independent Examiner's fees	1,992	-	1,992	1,728
	<u>122,009</u>	<u>20,517</u>	<u>142,526</u>	<u>160,333</u>

8 Staff costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff salaries	30,440	29,073
Staff pensions	335	380
	<u>30,775</u>	<u>29,453</u>

Average number of employees during the year was:

3	3
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No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or their associates for services as a trustee during the year ended 31 December 2021 nor to 31 December 2020.

Employees paid in excess of £60,000 during the current year and previous year:

None	None
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9 Tangible fixed assets	Freehold buildings	Fixtures & fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 January 2021	682,938	5,928	688,866
As at 31 December 2021	<u>682,938</u>	<u>5,928</u>	<u>688,866</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 January 2021	-	5,117	5,117
Charge for the year	-	122	122
As at 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>5,239</u>	<u>5,239</u>
Net book value			
As at 31 December 2021	<u>682,938</u>	<u>689</u>	<u>683,627</u>
As at 31 December 2020	<u>682,938</u>	<u>811</u>	<u>683,749</u>

10 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Accrued income	-	1,154
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,154</u>

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11 Bank and cash in hand	2021 £	2020 £
CCLA Fabric fund	13,016	13,010
CCLA Properties	12,905	12,899
CBF deposit account	8,106	8,102
Barclays PCC account	64,546	42,684
Barclays Halls & Properties account	11,098	36,583
HSBC current account	11,413	23,526
Barclays BPA	5,607	5,561
Petty cash	101	101
	<u>126,792</u>	<u>142,466</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021 £	2020 £
Payroll taxes	(219)	1,038
Pensions	171	170
Net wages	976	1,560
LDF loan	-	8,800
Accruals	6,429	8,993
	<u>7,357</u>	<u>20,561</u>

13 The funds of the charity: current period	Opening balance £	Resources arising £	Resources utilised £	Other movements £	Closing balance £
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
Restricted income funds	11,661	10,958	(20,517)	9,697	11,799
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	683,749	-	(122)	-	683,627
General funds	111,398	167,237	(161,302)	(9,697)	107,636
<i>Total unrestricted funds</i>	<u>795,147</u>	<u>167,237</u>	<u>(161,424)</u>	<u>(9,697)</u>	<u>791,263</u>
	<u>806,808</u>	<u>178,195</u>	<u>(181,941)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>803,062</u>

14 The funds of the charity: prior period	Opening balance £	Resources arising £	Resources utilised £	Other movements £	Closing balance £
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
Restricted income funds	15,590	17,536	(23,788)	2,323	11,661
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	683,892	-	(143)	-	683,749
General funds	144,509	131,638	(162,426)	(2,323)	111,398
<i>Total unrestricted funds</i>	<u>828,401</u>	<u>131,638</u>	<u>(162,569)</u>	<u>(2,323)</u>	<u>795,147</u>
	<u>843,991</u>	<u>149,174</u>	<u>(186,357)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>806,808</u>

15 Designated funds : current period	Opening balance £	Resources arising £	Resources utilised £	Transfers & adjustments £	Closing balance £
Fixed asset funds	683,749	-	(122)	-	683,627
	<u>683,749</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(122)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>683,627</u>

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	Opening balance	Resources arising	Resources utilised	Transfers & adjustments	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
16 Designated funds : prior period					
Fixed asset funds	683,892	-	(143)	-	683,749
	<u>683,892</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(143)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>683,749</u>

Fixed asset funds	This fund represents the amount of charity funds locked up in freehold land and buildings and other fixed assets which are needed for operational purposes. The funds are carried at the net book value of the fixed assets at the balance sheet date, after deducting any outstanding loans, endowment funds or restricted funds used to finance their acquisition.
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	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers & adjustments	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
17 Restricted funds: current period					
Christian Aid	10	-	-	-	10
Children & Families Work	-	1,000	10,697	9,697	-
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS)	-	9,820	9,820	-	-
Church Railings	8,731	-	-	-	8,731
Crisis	516	-	-	-	516
Children's Society	196	-	-	-	196
Delhi Brotherhood	102	108	-	-	210
Disaster Fund	550	-	-	-	550
Growth	104	-	-	-	104
Lent Appeal	1,035	31	-	-	1,066
Poppy Appeal	201	-	-	-	201
Helping orphans	214	-	-	-	214
	<u>11,661</u>	<u>10,958</u>	<u>20,517</u>	<u>9,697</u>	<u>11,799</u>

	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers & adjustments	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
18 Restricted funds: prior period					
Christian Aid	10	-	-	-	10
Children & Families Work	4,384	2,450	9,157	2,323	-
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS)	-	14,631	14,631	-	-
Church Railings	8,731	-	-	-	8,731
Crisis	516	-	-	-	516
Children's Society	196	-	-	-	196
Delhi Brotherhood	46	56	-	-	102
Disaster Fund	550	-	-	-	550
Growth	-	104	-	-	104
Lent Appeal	740	295	-	-	1,035
Poppy Appeal	201	-	-	-	201
Helping orphans	214	-	-	-	214
	<u>15,590</u>	<u>17,536</u>	<u>23,788</u>	<u>2,323</u>	<u>11,661</u>

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Restricted funds (continued)

Projects financed by restricted funds are supported by unrestricted funding where necessary. This occurs where the funding is in arrears or the incidence of expenditure on the project occurs disproportionately at the beginning of the project compared to the income flows. Where restricted projects end the year with a deficit, this is met by after year-end restricted income or transfers from unrestricted funds.

Christian Aid	Is an international organization providing relief and help to people throughout the world.
Children & Families Work	Fund to support work specifically for children, young people and their families, organised by the parish.
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS)	The CJRS was introduced to help employers who cannot maintain their current workforce because their operations are affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. The amount relates to the furlough claims made to HMRC during the year. All the amounts received from the claims have been paid to the employees who the claims relate to.
Church Railings	Funds received to repair the Church railings.
Crisis	Help for homeless.
Children's Society	Help for children in need.
Delhi Brotherhood	Work with poor in Delhi, India and training.
Disaster Fund	International organization providing help and relief for people in need.
Growth	Help for homeless.
Lent Appeal	Money raised over Lent and Easter for designated charities.
Poppy Appeal	Royal British Legion.
Helping orphans	Helping orphans around the world.

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
19 Transfers between funds: current period					
General to restricted	(9,697)	-	9,697	-	-
Designated to general	122	(122)	-	-	-
	<u>(9,575)</u>	<u>(122)</u>	<u>9,697</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
20 Transfers between funds: prior period					
Designated to general	168	(168)	-	-	-
	<u>168</u>	<u>(168)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
21 Net assets attributable to funds: current period					
Tangible fixed assets	-	£ 683,627	£ -	£ -	£ 683,627
Current assets	114,993	-	11,799	-	126,792
Current liabilities	(7,357)	-	-	-	(7,357)
Net assets represented by funds	<u>107,636</u>	<u>683,627</u>	<u>11,799</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>803,062</u>

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
22 Net assets attributable to funds: prior period					
Tangible fixed assets	-	£ 683,749	£ -	£ -	£ 683,749
Current assets	131,959	-	11,661	-	143,620
Current liabilities	(20,561)	-	-	-	(20,561)
Net assets represented by funds	<u>111,398</u>	<u>683,749</u>	<u>11,661</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>806,808</u>

23 Taxation

The PCC is a registered charity. Accordingly, it is exempt from taxation in respect of income and capital gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

24 Post balance sheet events

There were no significant post balance sheet events.

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25 Pension commitments

The charity contributes to both employee defined contribution (DC) stakeholder pension and employee defined benefit (DB) schemes. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

The unpaid contributions outstanding at the year end were:	£	2021 171	£	2020 170
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26 Contingent liabilities

The charity had no material contingent liabilities at 31 December 2021 nor at 31 December 2020.

27 Related parties

During the year the members of the PCC and their related parties made aggregate donations of £X,xxx (2020: £10,205).

28 Gifts in kind and volunteers

During the year the charity benefited from unpaid work performed by volunteers.

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Charity Information

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Status:	The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It is constituted and governed by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended) and the Church Representation Rules (2011). The members of the PCC are its trustees under charity law and are referred to as such throughout this report.
Charity name:	Parish of Poplar
Charity registration number:	1134962
Registered office:	All Saints Church Newby Place Poplar E14 0EY
Operations address:	164 St Leonard's Road London E14 6PW
Chairperson: Treasurer:	The Rev. Jane Hodges Judith Byabazire
Independent Examiner:	Anthony Armstrong FCA Armstrong & Co <i>Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor</i> 4a Printing House Yard Hackney Road London E2 7PR

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Trustees' Report, incorporating the PCC Report for the year ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees of the Parish of Poplar present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

All Saints Church, Newby Place, E14 0EY and St. Nicholas Church, Aberfeldy Street, E14 0PT, are situated in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. The Parish Office is situated at All Saints Church, Newby Place, London E14 0EY - Telephone 020 7538 9198. The Parish of Poplar is a Team Ministry.

The Parochial Church Council is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission – Registration Number 1134962.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting elects members of the PCC or members are co-opted onto the PCC in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Clergy and licensed lay ministers are ex officio members of the PCC. Under charity law the members of the PCC are the Trustees of the charity.

PCC members as of the APCM 2019

Churchwardens:	Albert Page Michelle Darby	
Deputy Churchwardens	Becky Magnusen Ian Darby	
PCC Members	Becky Allison Christine Crossley Kerry Cohen Michelle Depree Aristedes Georgiou Edna Howard Margaret Keep Sobin Mathew Callie Moffat Imaikop Mmah Laura Penny Kevin Remon Sarah Wall Laurel Wisdom Judith Byabazire	(co opted as Parish Treasurer)
DEANERY SYNOD	Modupe Kenku Janice Milbank Mary Elizabeth Stout Hayley Thomas Edward Uzowuru	

List of clergy & Licensed Ministers:

The Rev. Jane Hodges
The Rev. Matt Wall
The Rev Ben Bell (until August 2019)
The Rev. Tom Duncan
The Rev. Jenny Sheldon
Philippa Downs (LLM)
Modupe Kenku (LLM)

Laura Brown (in attendance as Children and Families Worker from November 2018)

Liz Lee (in attendance as Youth Work Apprentice since September 2018)

PCC members as of the APCM 2020

Churchwardens:	Albert Page Callie Moffat
Deputy Churchwardens	Becky Magnusen Ian Darby

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PCC Members

Becky Allison
Christopher Bingham
Kerry Cohen
Christine Crossley
Michelle Depree
Margaret Keep
Danny Kelleher
Sobin Mathew
Imaikop Mmah
Laura Penny
Kevin Remon
Sarah Wall
Laurel Wisdom
John Young
Judith Byabazire (co opted as Parish Treasurer)

DEANERY SYNOD

John Dadson
Aristedes Georgiou
Janice Milbank

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Structure, governance and management

The method of election of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All regular church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and vote at the APCM. PCC members are elected for a period of three years in accordance with the 2004 guidance and therefore a third of the PCC is elected every year. In addition to the 2 Churchwardens (1 from each church) and 2 Deputy Churchwardens (1 from each church) up to 8 members are elected from All Saints Church and up to 7 members are elected from St. Nicholas Church. There are 5 deanery synod representatives who are elected every 3 years. The clergy and licensed lay ministers are ex-officio members of the PCC. The treasurer is co-opted onto the PCC.

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. It is responsible for implementing policies and strategies, which have been approved by the PCC and progressing organisational objectives. It meets at least 4 times a year and receives financial and operational reports. The PCC members representing All Saints and those representing St. Nicholas also meet as separate bodies to focus on mission, management and financial issues particular to their situation and report back to the full PCC. The PCC is chaired by the Team Rector.

The PCC has a Standing Committee made up of the Team Rector, Team Vicar, Churchwardens, Secretary and Treasurer. Various sub committees are formed, as needed, to address particular issues, e.g. Mission Action Planning, buildings and fabric, finance, fund raising, stewardship, children and young peoples' ministry.

The Treasurer is assisted by a member of the congregation to help with Gift Aid claims.

Objectives and activities

The PCC of All Saints and St. Nicholas has the responsibility of cooperating and planning with the Team Rector, Team Vicar and clergy in promoting our pastoral, evangelistic, educational, social and ecumenical mission in the whole Parish.

The charitable objectives of the Parish of Poplar are to serve the spiritual, pastoral and social needs of those who live in the Parish or who worship in our churches.

Electoral roll

Our electoral roll for 2020 was 235. The roll is fully renewed every 6 years.

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Our electoral roll for 2021 is 233.

2 members of our Electoral Roll died during 2020 and 2021: Joan Lewis and Helen Palmer. Both were longstanding and faithful members of the church and we miss them. We continue to pray for them and their families. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

2 new names have been added to our electoral roll, and 1 person has moved away and 1 has stopped attending church.

Review of the year

2020 was an exceptional year. In March the country went into lock down due to the Covid 19 pandemic and churches were legally required to close. We were only open for face to face worship for 30 Sundays of the year, with very reduced numbers in the lead up to every closure. We live-streamed worship five times a week, when the building was closed and provided recorded night prayer seven nights a week in the first lock down and five times a week subsequently. The pandemic and the resulting lock down and the intermittent opening and closing of the churches had a significant impact on the mission of the church, our funding and our ability to conduct occasional offices. The number of funerals in 2020 was relatively high, but we were limited in our ability to conduct weddings or baptisms.

Our children's and youth work continued to flourish, albeit in a very different form to before the pandemic.

Below are some key statistics and events over the year:

In addition to our regular in person and online services we conducted the following occasional offices in the past 12 months:

- 20 funerals – of which 3 were conducted in church (more would have been in church but Covid measures prevented it)
- 4 burial of ashes in the All Saints memorial garden and one burial of ashes in a cemetery
- 7 baptisms at All Saints and 1 at St Nicholas church – there would have been significantly more if it were not for lock down
- 3 weddings at All Saints Church – many weddings had to be postponed in 2020

Statutory fees for services are paid to the Diocese. Fees of £1768 were paid for 2020 – no fees were charged for funerals taken between 1 April 2020 – 1 October 2020.

Children and Families Work

- Our children's and families work and youth work, have by necessity, had to change due to the Covid pandemic but this still remains a very significant way in which we do mission. We continued all our face to face activities until the first lock down in March, but since then we have had to adapt everything we do. Prior to lock down the Wednesday evening 5.30pm all age service was thriving. We have not been able to hold this since then and will relaunch it in September 2021. We will also relaunch buggy mass in September 2021.
- Our children and families work is now in its ninth year and we need to secure ongoing revenue funding to ensure its continuation. Funding has come from the Aberfeldy Big Local, Poplar HARCA and the Coopers and Cobscook Company with any shortfall being made up by the parish. Every year we reach out to numerous children and their families working both with the whole community. Our youth work is in its third year thanks to the support of the Diocese of London and the youth work apprentice scheme. To continue this valuable work, we also need to secure funding for this post.

Below is a summary of the work we do with children and their families, both prior to lock down and during the pandemic.

1. Junior churches at both All Saints and St Nicholas, for children aged 4-10. This is held during the main Sunday service and was flourishing at both churches prior to the pandemic. We are always seeking new volunteers. Junior Church at St Nicholas is now called Little Nicks. Junior church had to stop during the lock down but Sunday school packs were sent out to nearly forty families on a weekly basis when we could not meet in person, and we also kept in touch with families by telephone and email. Covid guidance has meant that we have been able to do far less face to face work than we wanted and we are now building up our numbers again.
2. Messy Church, a parish wide service with crafts, worship and a shared meal, held at St Nicholas, is now very well established with a regular pattern of sessions. We have up to 80 participants at each Messy Church and for many families this is their main connection with church. During lock down we held Messy Church online, which was very popular. Families were sent craft packs and videos, explaining how to do each craft, were uploaded onto our Facebook pages. The young people in our youth group made some of the videos and we have had very positive feedback about Messy Church at home and many photos of happy children and completed crafts have been sent to us.
3. Buggy Mass was held at St Nicholas church every Friday and is for preschool children and their carers. It is the entry point to church for many families. It was impossible to run this service under any of the Covid restrictions but we are working hard to relaunch it, with energy, in September 2021.
4. Tiny Tots toddler group meets every Wednesday in term time in the St Nicholas church hall and attracts people from across the community. It was growing in numbers and provides real support and friendship for parents and carers and a good

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structured play environment for the children. As with Buggy Mass this has been unable to meet due to Covid restrictions and will be relaunched, with energy in September 2021.

5. Our Wednesday evening all age service and the junior youth group that follows has been an area of growth in the parish. We have not been able to hold it safely since March 2020 and will relaunch it, with energy, in September 2021.
6. We usually hold very well attended seasonal activities for children and young people, including children's Stations of the Cross, Easter garden making, Easter egg hunts, a Halloween light party and a crib service. We were unable to hold any of these in 2020, but did send activity packs out to families and record an online crib service. We also made joyful Easter and Christmas videos involving many of our children, young people and families, which were widely distributed through Facebook and our website.
7. We work with several local community primary schools and lead assemblies and workshops in schools and host school visits at All Saints and St Nicholas. We provided some recorded material for local schools, as we were unable to go in.
8. We have a very close working relationship with St Saviour's, the church primary school. This has continued during Covid, both when the school has been open and when restrictions have required it to close. We have gone into school when we can, and provided online materials where this has not been possible.
9. We participated in online interfaith events and Mayflower and Manorfield Primary Schools.
10. We have a strong relationship with Culloden Primary school on the Aberfeldy estate and have provided recorded assemblies for them, during lockdown.

Youth Work

We have had a real desire to develop our work with 10-18 years olds and the employment of a youth work apprentice has really seen this come to fruition. We now face the challenge of securing funding to ensure the continuation of this post.

1. Our youth work apprentice leads the work of our junior youth group on Wednesdays, particularly working with those who are transitioning from primary to secondary school and has taken a significant role in the review of our Wednesday evening worship. As mentioned above, this service was a significant point of growth in the church and we now need to focus on building up this congregation again, when we return in September 2021. We have kept in contact by phone and by sending resources out to families and young people who attend.
2. The Sunday youth ministry, launched in March 2019, takes place during the main Sunday services at both churches. It is a great success and it is wonderful to see both the increase in participation of young people in our services, and their growth in faith. Young people are actively engaged in our worship as we encourage them to be young leaders. This group met on zoom during lock down.
3. Our youth work apprentice makes contact with young people who are on the edges of church life and is encouraging several young people to volunteer at church-based activities.
4. Our youth worker worked in partnership with a local charity to deliver craft and toy packs to over 450 families during lockdown.

Other Events

- We have continued to support the Growth night shelter in Tower Hamlets but were unable to host it in either church, due to the Covid restrictions. We hope that once the restrictions ease we will, once more, be able to provide hospitality to the guests of the night shelter.
- Matt Wall, Team Vicar, runs the Pilgrim Course for those wishing to explore their faith further on Thursday evenings at St Nicholas Church. This is a very active group that enables congregation members to grow in faith and discipleship. It has met on line during lock down.
- The work of our Licensed Lay Ministers Modupe Kenku and Philippa Downs enhances our ministry and life together. Modupe runs a monthly prayer ministry team and together they have planned and delivered some quiet days. The prayer ministry team has met by zoom during lockdown. Philippa has begun to run after service discussion groups at All Saints, which will resume after the summer. This is in addition to all the other gifts, including preaching regularly, they bring to the parish.
- The Langley Hall at St Nicholas Church was used very well prior to lockdown. We have lost a significant amount of income due to Covid restrictions, losing both regular and one-off bookings. We are confident that these will return once the Covid restrictions permit. We also hope to rent the crypt out at All Saints.
- We were able to hold a parish wide carol service this year, with the Thames Chamber choir providing the music in a socially distanced, Covid compliant way. This brought a great deal of joy at a very difficult time.
- Congregation members from both churches have offered their time volunteering to help ease the impact of the pandemic. This has mainly been through supporting the work of Neighbours in Poplar, local food banks and more latterly the vaccination programme.

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- Clergy from the parish conduct the Remembrance Day service at Billingsgate Fish Market each year. It is well attended by market porters and stallholders as well as other community members. This was able to go ahead this year, as it is an outside service.
- We held an annual Service of Remembrance in November, for the friends and families of those whose funerals we have conducted in the year. We were able to hold this in a Covid compliant way and it was a very important ministry in such a devastating year.
- We continue to have close working relationships with both the Docklands Singers and East London evensong choir. Unfortunately, no concerts could go ahead but we were able to hold one sung evensong, before Covid restrictions were introduced.

The parish administers three trusts and the churchwardens, rector and Philippa Downs are the trustees. The Team Vicar also attends trustee meetings. The trusts are:

- **The St Frideswide Trust** - for ecclesiastical purposes in either church.
- **The St Matthias Trust** - registered with the Charities Commission and available for educational purposes within the parish such as materials and equipment for our various children's activities. Grants are also available to parishioners who need help to cover educational costs (such as textbooks or exam fees).
- **The Poplar Benevolent Fund** - registered with the Charities Commission. It is available for small grants to parishioners in need, or for church work with those in poverty, such as the night shelter. Referrals are usually via the clergy or St Saviours School.

In 2017 we became part of the Parish Giving Scheme. This is a tax efficient way for people to give to the church and saves us a great deal of administration. Donors give to the church by direct debit and the gift aid is claimed on our behalf at no additional cost to us. By December 2020 23 people had signed up to the scheme. This is down by 4 people from last year and represents the fact that some people have joined since the last APCM and some have left when they have moved away or died. However at the time of writing this report (May 2021) the numbers contributing to the scheme have returned to 27 .Some people still give regularly via the envelope scheme and we are trying to encourage more people to give via the Parish Giving Scheme, as this is the best way for us to plan ahead financially. We are looking at ways to encourage greater congregational giving.

Public Benefit

Parish of Poplar benefits the public by way of: regular worship that is open to all, the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation, pastoral work (including the visiting of the sick and the bereaved), teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups, taking school assemblies, promoting the whole mission of the church through its assistance to older people, parents and children, and supporting charities in the UK and overseas.

Financial Review

The results of the period and financial position of the PCC are shown in the annexed financial statements.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net outgoing resources for the year of £3,746 and reserves of £803,062.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

Fixed assets are set out in Note 9 to the accounts.

Reserves Policy

The trustees consider that a policy of holding a minimum of 3 months income as a general reserve is appropriate for the charity.

Independent Examiner

The Independent Examiner, Anthony Armstrong FCA of Armstrong & Co, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor, has indicated his willingness to be proposed for re-appointment.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 17 May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

The Rev. Jane Hodges, PCC Chairperson
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity law in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) Follow applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- e) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Independent Examiner's Report

to the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Poplar

I report on the accounts of Parish of Poplar for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 set out on pages 11 to 21. My report is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

This report is made solely to the members of the PCC as a body in accordance with section 145 of the 2011 Act and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC members those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's 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 PCC and its members as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of members of the PCC and the examiner

As described on page 9, as PCC members you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and you consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Regulations or under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 Church Council 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 2011 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.

Anthony Armstrong FCA
of Armstrong & Co
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

Dated: 17 May 2022

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Hackney Road
London
E2 7PR**

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

		2021		2020
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Notes	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	103,156	10,958	114,114
Other trading activities	4	63,981	-	63,981
Investments	5	100	-	100
Other income	6	-	-	-
Total income		167,237	10,958	178,195
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	39,415	-	39,415
Charitable activities	7	122,009	20,517	142,526
Total expenditure		161,424	20,517	181,941
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		5,813	(9,559)	(3,746)
Transfers between funds	19	(9,697)	9,697	-
Net movement in funds		(3,884)	138	(3,746)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	13	795,147	11,661	806,808
Total funds carried forward	13	791,263	11,799	803,062

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	31 December 2021		31 December 2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	9		683,627		683,749
Total fixed assets			<u>683,627</u>		<u>683,749</u>
Current assets:					
Debtors	10	-		1,154	
Cash at bank and In hand	11	<u>126,792</u>		<u>142,466</u>	
Total current assets			<u>126,792</u>		<u>143,620</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>7,357</u>		<u>20,561</u>	
Net current assets			119,435		123,059
Total net assets			<u>803,062</u>		<u>806,808</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds	17		11,799		11,661
Unrestricted funds	13		<u>791,263</u>		<u>795,147</u>
Total charity funds	13		<u>803,062</u>		<u>806,808</u>

Approved by the PCC on 17 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Judith Byabazire, PCC Treasurer
Trustee

The Rev. Jane Hodges, PCC Chairperson
Trustee

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form part of these accounts.

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash used in operating activities	1	(15,774)	(48,019)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		100	205
Net cash provided by investing activities		100	205
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(15,674)	(47,814)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	142,466	190,280
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	126,792	142,466

Notes to Cash Flow Statement

	2021 £	2020 £
1 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(3,746)	(37,183)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	122	143
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(100)	(205)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	1,154	(1,154)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(13,204)	(9,624)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(15,774)	(48,019)
2 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash in hand	126,792	142,466
Total cash and cash equivalents	126,792	142,466

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Accounting Policies

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1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- a) Applicable UK accounting standards, including the provisions of section 1A (Small Entities) of Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)".
- b) 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 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102);
- c) The Charities Act 2011.

Public benefit entity

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue operating and accordingly the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Income recognition

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for once the tax reclaim has been applied for. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from trading activities include rental income from the letting of church premises temporarily surplus to requirement, and is accounted for when earned. It is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs. Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Income from property held for its rental returns is included in Investments when due.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The PCC is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Expenditure included in Raising Funds includes amounts incurred in obtaining grants and other donations and property maintenance costs.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs expended in fulfilling the PCC's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the PCC. These include grants payable, governance costs and an apportionment of support costs.

- Grants payable are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the PCC's objects. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the PCC.
- Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees.
- Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure which meets these criteria are identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available as general funds.

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Designated Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold buildings	- No depreciation charged
Fixtures & fittings	- 15% WDV

Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated land and benefice property such as the church building and vicarage is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10 of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church contents are held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and require a faculty for disposal are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is expensed within the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investments

Investments are shown in the balance sheet at closing market value. Surpluses or deficits on valuation are credited or charged to the SOFA.

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1 Incoming resources

The incoming resources and surplus are attributable to the principal activities of the charity.

2 Net outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources are stated after charging:

Independent Examiners fees - Independent Examination services
Independent Examiners fees - Other services
Depreciation - owned assets

2021 2020

£ £

600 600

1,368 1,440

122 143

Trustees' emoluments

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Emoluments include salaries, fees, bonuses, expense allowances and estimated non-cash benefits receivable. All trustees serve in a voluntary capacity and do not receive payment for their services.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Grant income	14,060	10,820	24,880	17,081
Donations	6,750	138	6,888	3,132
Stewardship	27,425	-	27,425	12,268
Parish giving	19,281	-	19,281	13,244
Other Planned Giving - Unrestricted	9	-	9	-
Collections in church	30,262	-	30,262	9,999
Gift aid recovered	4,615	-	4,615	3,244
St Nicholas collections	177	-	177	432
Votive candle boxes	577	-	577	1,047
PCC & Diocesan fees	-	-	-	3,720
Fundraising	-	-	-	49
	<u>103,156</u>	<u>10,958</u>	<u>114,114</u>	<u>64,216</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
6 Mountague Place	13,726	-	13,726	28,237
11 Mountague Place	34,812	-	34,812	42,029
St Frideswide site	300	-	300	712
Regular bookings	-	-	-	3,835
Occasional bookings	15,143	-	15,143	1,265
	<u>63,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,981</u>	<u>76,078</u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Interest received	100	-	100	205
	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>205</u>
Other income	-	-	-	8,675

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
6 Mountague Place	26,522	-	26,522	8,733
11 Mountague Place	12,771	-	12,771	17,148
Depreciation	122	-	122	143
	<u>39,415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,415</u>	<u>26,024</u>

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Ministry	1,225	-	1,225	1,472
Churches utility bills	11,049	-	11,049	13,154
Churches running expenses	18,746	-	18,746	17,056
Churches/crypt repairs & maintenance	10,573	-	10,573	25,794
Organ	2,414	-	2,414	2,196
Staff costs	10,258	20,517	30,775	29,453
Education	3,013	-	3,013	3,215
London Diocesan Fund (Common Fund)	60,000	-	60,000	63,875
London Diocesan Fund (Assigned Fees)	2,256	-	2,256	1,768
Bank charges	483	-	483	376
Donations	-	-	-	246
Independent Examiner's fees	1,992	-	1,992	1,728
	<u>122,009</u>	<u>20,517</u>	<u>142,526</u>	<u>160,333</u>

8 Staff costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff salaries	30,440	29,073
Staff pensions	335	380
	<u>30,775</u>	<u>29,453</u>

Average number of employees during the year was:

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No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or their associates for services as a trustee during the year ended 31 December 2021 nor to 31 December 2020.

Employees paid in excess of £60,000 during the current year and previous year:

None	None
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9 Tangible fixed assets	Freehold buildings	Fixtures & fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 January 2021	682,938	5,928	688,866
As at 31 December 2021	<u>682,938</u>	<u>5,928</u>	<u>688,866</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 January 2021	-	5,117	5,117
Charge for the year	-	122	122
As at 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>5,239</u>	<u>5,239</u>
Net book value			
As at 31 December 2021	<u>682,938</u>	<u>689</u>	<u>683,627</u>
As at 31 December 2020	<u>682,938</u>	<u>811</u>	<u>683,749</u>

10 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Accrued income	-	1,154
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,154</u>

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11 Bank and cash in hand	2021 £	2020 £
CCLA Fabric fund	13,016	13,010
CCLA Properties	12,905	12,899
CBF deposit account	8,106	8,102
Barclays PCC account	64,546	42,684
Barclays Halls & Properties account	11,098	36,583
HSBC current account	11,413	23,526
Barclays BPA	5,607	5,561
Petty cash	101	101
	<u>126,792</u>	<u>142,466</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021 £	2020 £
Payroll taxes	(219)	1,038
Pensions	171	170
Net wages	976	1,560
LDF loan	-	8,800
Accruals	6,429	8,993
	<u>7,357</u>	<u>20,561</u>

13 The funds of the charity: current period	Opening balance £	Resources arising £	Resources utilised £	Other movements £	Closing balance £
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
Restricted income funds	11,661	10,958	(20,517)	9,697	11,799
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	683,749	-	(122)	-	683,627
General funds	111,398	167,237	(161,302)	(9,697)	107,636
<i>Total unrestricted funds</i>	<u>795,147</u>	<u>167,237</u>	<u>(161,424)</u>	<u>(9,697)</u>	<u>791,263</u>
	<u>806,808</u>	<u>178,195</u>	<u>(181,941)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>803,062</u>

14 The funds of the charity: prior period	Opening balance £	Resources arising £	Resources utilised £	Other movements £	Closing balance £
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
Restricted income funds	15,590	17,536	(23,788)	2,323	11,661
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	683,892	-	(143)	-	683,749
General funds	144,509	131,638	(162,426)	(2,323)	111,398
<i>Total unrestricted funds</i>	<u>828,401</u>	<u>131,638</u>	<u>(162,569)</u>	<u>(2,323)</u>	<u>795,147</u>
	<u>843,991</u>	<u>149,174</u>	<u>(186,357)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>806,808</u>

15 Designated funds : current period	Opening balance £	Resources arising £	Resources utilised £	Transfers & adjustments £	Closing balance £
Fixed asset funds	683,749	-	(122)	-	683,627
	<u>683,749</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(122)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>683,627</u>

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	Opening balance	Resources arising	Resources utilised	Transfers & adjustments	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
16 Designated funds : prior period					
Fixed asset funds	683,892	-	(143)	-	683,749
	<u>683,892</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(143)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>683,749</u>

Fixed asset funds	This fund represents the amount of charity funds locked up in freehold land and buildings and other fixed assets which are needed for operational purposes. The funds are carried at the net book value of the fixed assets at the balance sheet date, after deducting any outstanding loans, endowment funds or restricted funds used to finance their acquisition.
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	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers & adjustments	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
17 Restricted funds: current period					
Christian Aid	10	-	-	-	10
Children & Families Work	-	1,000	10,697	9,697	-
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS)	-	9,820	9,820	-	-
Church Railings	8,731	-	-	-	8,731
Crisis	516	-	-	-	516
Children's Society	196	-	-	-	196
Delhi Brotherhood	102	108	-	-	210
Disaster Fund	550	-	-	-	550
Growth	104	-	-	-	104
Lent Appeal	1,035	31	-	-	1,066
Poppy Appeal	201	-	-	-	201
Helping orphans	214	-	-	-	214
	<u>11,661</u>	<u>10,958</u>	<u>20,517</u>	<u>9,697</u>	<u>11,799</u>

	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers & adjustments	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
18 Restricted funds: prior period					
Christian Aid	10	-	-	-	10
Children & Families Work	4,384	2,450	9,157	2,323	-
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS)	-	14,631	14,631	-	-
Church Railings	8,731	-	-	-	8,731
Crisis	516	-	-	-	516
Children's Society	196	-	-	-	196
Delhi Brotherhood	46	56	-	-	102
Disaster Fund	550	-	-	-	550
Growth	-	104	-	-	104
Lent Appeal	740	295	-	-	1,035
Poppy Appeal	201	-	-	-	201
Helping orphans	214	-	-	-	214
	<u>15,590</u>	<u>17,536</u>	<u>23,788</u>	<u>2,323</u>	<u>11,661</u>

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Restricted funds (continued)

Projects financed by restricted funds are supported by unrestricted funding where necessary. This occurs where the funding is in arrears or the incidence of expenditure on the project occurs disproportionately at the beginning of the project compared to the income flows. Where restricted projects end the year with a deficit, this is met by after year-end restricted income or transfers from unrestricted funds.

Christian Aid	Is an international organization providing relief and help to people throughout the world.
Children & Families Work	Fund to support work specifically for children, young people and their families, organised by the parish.
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS)	The CJRS was introduced to help employers who cannot maintain their current workforce because their operations are affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. The amount relates to the furlough claims made to HMRC during the year. All the amounts received from the claims have been paid to the employees who the claims relate to.
Church Railings	Funds received to repair the Church railings.
Crisis	Help for homeless.
Children's Society	Help for children in need.
Delhi Brotherhood	Work with poor in Delhi, India and training.
Disaster Fund	International organization providing help and relief for people in need.
Growth	Help for homeless.
Lent Appeal	Money raised over Lent and Easter for designated charities.
Poppy Appeal	Royal British Legion.
Helping orphans	Helping orphans around the world.

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
19 Transfers between funds: current period					
General to restricted	(9,697)	-	9,697	-	-
Designated to general	122	(122)	-	-	-
	<u>(9,575)</u>	<u>(122)</u>	<u>9,697</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
20 Transfers between funds: prior period					
Designated to general	168	(168)	-	-	-
	<u>168</u>	<u>(168)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
21 Net assets attributable to funds: current period					
Tangible fixed assets	-	£ 683,627	£ -	£ -	£ 683,627
Current assets	114,993	-	11,799	-	126,792
Current liabilities	(7,357)	-	-	-	(7,357)
Net assets represented by funds	<u>107,636</u>	<u>683,627</u>	<u>11,799</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>803,062</u>

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
22 Net assets attributable to funds: prior period					
Tangible fixed assets	-	£ 683,749	£ -	£ -	£ 683,749
Current assets	131,959	-	11,661	-	143,620
Current liabilities	(20,561)	-	-	-	(20,561)
Net assets represented by funds	<u>111,398</u>	<u>683,749</u>	<u>11,661</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>806,808</u>

23 Taxation

The PCC is a registered charity. Accordingly, it is exempt from taxation in respect of income and capital gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

24 Post balance sheet events

There were no significant post balance sheet events.

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25 Pension commitments

The charity contributes to both employee defined contribution (DC) stakeholder pension and employee defined benefit (DB) schemes. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

The unpaid contributions outstanding at the year end were:	£	2021 171	£	2020 170
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26 Contingent liabilities

The charity had no material contingent liabilities at 31 December 2021 nor at 31 December 2020.

27 Related parties

During the year the members of the PCC and their related parties made aggregate donations of £X,xxx (2020: £10,205).

28 Gifts in kind and volunteers

During the year the charity benefited from unpaid work performed by volunteers.