

Parish of Poplar

All Saints & St Nicholas

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)
for the year ended 31 December 2023

Charity Registration Number: **1134962**

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Reference and Administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of Poplar is a corporate body established by the Church of England under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended) and the Church Representation Rules. Its members are the charity trustees.

Clergy

- Rector: The Revd Phil Williams
- Team Vicars: The Revd Matt Wall, The Revd Jenny Sheldon, The Revd Calebmark Onyemaobi
- Assistant Clergy: The Revd Evonne Galloway (licensed at St Paul's Shadwell), The Revd Gareth Haddow (licensed at St Paul's Shadwell)

Licensed Lay Ministers

- Modupe Kenku
- Philippa Downs

Churchwarden

- Imaikop Mmah

Elected PCC Members

- Chris Bingham
- Sarah Wall
- Liz Todd
- Michelle Depree
- Colin Campbell
- Larissa Kelly

Deanery Synod Representative

- Janice Milbank

Staff (in attendance at PCC as appropriate)

- Laura Brown (Children and Families Worker, until 2023)
- Liz Lee (Youth Work Apprentice)
- Laura Penney (Caretaker and Administrator)

Parish Office

All Saints Church, Newby Place, London, E14 0EY
Tel: 020 7538 9198

The Parish includes:

- **All Saints Church** (Newby Place, E14 0EY)
- **St Nicholas Church** (Aberfeldy Street, E14 0PT)

The Parish of Poplar is a **Team Ministry**.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC meets at least four times per year to oversee the life and mission of the parish. It is supported by a **Standing Committee** (Rector, Team Vicar, Churchwarden, Secretary, Treasurer) and sub-committees for areas such as finance, buildings and fabric, mission planning, and children/youth ministry.

Separate meetings of All Saints and St Nicholas PCC representatives focus on local mission and operational matters, with reports brought back to the full PCC.

The PCC is responsible for:

- promoting the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, educational, and social)
- stewarding finances and assets for the benefit of the parish
- ensuring safe, welcoming, and well-maintained church buildings

Objectives and Activities

The charitable objectives of the Parish of Poplar are:

- to provide public worship and opportunities for prayer and reflection
- to advance the Christian faith through teaching, pastoral care, and community service
- to support families, children, and young people in faith and wellbeing
- to serve the wider community through outreach, partnerships, and charitable support

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Attendance

- **Average weekly attendance:** 71 (46 at All Saints; 25 at St Nicholas)
- **Electoral Roll (Dec 2023):** 136 members

All Saints Church

- Welcome **Rector Phil Williams** in February 2023; developed a stronger partnership with St Paul's Shadwell and continues as a training context for curates.
- Relaunch of **All Saints Choir and Junior Choir** under Jonathan Pease.
- Continued tradition of **Choral Evensong** as a deanery resource.
- Launch of **Stay & Play group** for children and families.
- Hosted significant services: Billingsgate Remembrance, Carols in Chrisp Street Market, New Year's Eve Crossover Service, and local school services.
- Ran **100 Days of Prayer**, with strong community participation.

St Nicholas Church

- Growth in attendance post-Covid; new members welcomed.
- **Revd Evonne Galloway** joined as curate in September 2023; to be ordained priest in June 2024.
- **Christian Meditation group** established.
- **Little Nicks** (children's group) sustained by volunteers; **Tiny Tots** relaunched under new leadership, with expanded sessions funded.
- A new **All-Age Service** launched midweek.
- The church building continues to be a **vital community hub**, managed by Laura Penney.
- Began **youth work on the Aberfeldy Estate** in partnership with XLP.

Pastoral Offices (2023)

- Funerals: 2
- Baptisms: 3
- Weddings: 4
- Burials of ashes: 0

Church Facilities

- **All Saints**: boiler works completed; lift remains under review; church kept open more often though anti-social behaviour has been a challenge.
- **St Nicholas**: ongoing plumbing and toilet issues require attention.
- Archdeacon's Visitation was successfully completed.

Financial Review

The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 show a deficit for the year of £(77,356) (2022: surplus of £11,832). Cash reserves held at the end of the year totalled £95,002 (2022: £139,712).

The PCC holds reserves equivalent to **at least 3 months' income**, in line with its reserves policy.

The independent examination of the accounts was carried out by Zachary Ramsden, Independent Examiner.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The PCC is 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 PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the PCC for that period.

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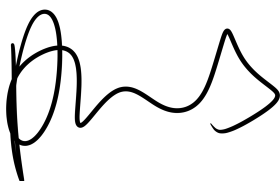
In preparing those financial statements, the PCC is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the activities of the PCC will continue.

The PCC is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the PCC and enables 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 PCC is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the PCC and financial information included in the PCC website.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 15/04/2026 and signed on its behalf by:



The Rev. Phil Williams, PCC Chairperson

Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Poplar (All Saints and St Nicholas)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: *Zachary Ramsden*

Name: Zachary Ramsden FCA

Chartered Accountant

63 Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2JT

Date: 2nd May 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2023

		Unrestrict ed Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	Unrestrict ed Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
	Note	£	£		£	£	
INCOME FROM:							
Donations and legacies	2 (a)	50,725		50,725	78,461	6,534	84,995
Other trading activities	2 (b)	62,158		62,158	95,162	-	95,162
Other income	2 (c)	1,309		1,309	3,585	-	3,585
TOTAL INCOME		114,192	-	114,192	177,208	6,534	183,742
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Raising funds		-		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3 (a)	191,548		191,548	168,969	2,941	171,910
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		191,548	-	191,548	168,969	2,941	171,910
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)		(77,356)	-	(77,356)	8,239	3,593	11,832
Transfers between funds	7			-			-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(77,356)	-	(77,356)	8,239	3,593	11,832
Balances brought forward at 1 January		796,596	15,392	811,988	788,357	11,799	800,156
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER		719,240	15,392	734,632	796,596	15,392	811,988

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	6	683,436	683,525
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand	7	95,002	139,712
Debtors		0	
		<u>95,002</u>	<u>139,712</u>
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	8	(43,807)	(11,249)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>51,195</u>	<u>128,463</u>
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR		-	-
NET ASSETS		<u>734,632</u>	<u>811,988</u>
Represented by:			
FUNDS	9		
Restricted		15,392	15,392
Unrestricted		719,240	796,596
Total funds		<u>734,632</u>	<u>811,988</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 15th April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



The Rev. Phil Williams, PCC Chairperson

Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- a) UK accounting standards, including the provisions of Section 1A (Small Entities) of **FRS 102** – The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.
- b) **Charities SORP (FRS 102)** – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective 1 January 2015).
- c) The **Charities Act 2011**.

Public Benefit Entity

The charity qualifies as a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going Concern

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

Income Recognition

- **Voluntary income & donations (including legacies):** Recognised when entitlement exists, receipt is probable, and the amount can be reliably measured.
- **Gift Aid tax recovery:** Recognised once the tax reclaim has been submitted.
- **Grants:** Recognised when receivable.
- **Trading activities (e.g., rental income):** Recognised when earned, shown gross, with associated costs included under fundraising.
- **Interest:** Recognised when receivable, normally upon bank notification.
- **Investment property income:** Included in Investments when due.

Expenditure Recognition

- Expenditure is recognised when a liability is probable and can be reliably measured. Longer-term liabilities are discounted to present value.
- As the PCC is not VAT-registered, expenditure includes VAT where applicable.

Categories of expenditure:

- **Raising funds:** Includes fundraising costs, property maintenance, and grant applications.
- **Charitable activities:** Includes costs directly related to fulfilling the PCC's objectives, grants payable, governance costs, and support costs.
 - Grants payable: Accrued once the recipient has been notified (if unconditional). Conditional grants are accrued only when conditions outside PCC control remain.
 - Governance costs: Include independent examination, legal fees, and compliance costs.

Other:

- Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred.

Funds

- **Restricted Funds:** Must be used for specified purposes as directed by the donor/funder. Related expenditure and

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fair cost allocations are charged to these funds.

- **Unrestricted Funds:** Available for general use without restriction.
- **Designated Funds:** Unrestricted funds set aside by trustees for specific purposes.

Tangible Fixed Assets

- Assets costing more than £1,000 are recorded at cost less depreciation.
- **Depreciation rates:**
 - Freehold buildings: No depreciation charged
 - Fixtures & fittings: Calculated to write off fixed assets over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis at rates of 15%, 20% or 33.3%

Consecrated & benefice property:

- Consecrated land, the church building, vicarage, and certain furnishings are excluded from the accounts under the Charities Act 2011.
- Moveable church furnishings held in trust (requiring a faculty for disposal) are treated as inalienable property.
- All expenditure on such property (maintenance or improvement) is charged as an expense in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investments

- Investments are shown at closing market value in the balance sheet.
- Gains and losses on revaluation are recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA).

2 INCOME	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2 (a) Donations and legacies						
Grant income	8,205	-	8,205	-	6,141	6,141
Donations	41,973	-	41,973	63,986	393	64,379
Gift Aid	-	-	-	14,475	-	14,475
Other fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	-
	50,178	-	50,178	78,461	6,534	84,995
2 (b) Other trading activities						
Rent	51,949	-	51,949	85,542	-	85,542
Occasional hire	4,889	-	4,889	9,620	-	9,620
Fees income	47	-	47	-	-	-
	56,885	-	56,885	95,162	-	95,162
2 (c) Other income						
Interest received	1,309	-	1,309	508	-	508
Other income	5,820	-	5,820	3,077	-	3,077
	7,129	-	7,129	3,585	-	3,585
TOTAL INCOME	114,192	-	114,192	177,208	6,534	183,742

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3 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS (restated) 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
3 (a) Charitable activities						
Ministry	8,387	-	8,387	492	-	492
Church running expenses	53,380	-	53,380	55,804	2,641	58,445
Depreciation	88	-	88	103	-	103
Repairs and maintenance	38,717	-	38,717	9,315	-	9,315
Organ	647	-	647	2,359	-	2,359
Staff costs including pensions	34,185	-	34,185	32,342	-	32,342
Education	-	-	-	2,251	-	2,251
Common Fund	51,250	-	51,250	61,000	-	61,000
Assigned fees	-	-	-	2,692	-	2,692
Bank charges	444	-	444	447	-	447
Away giving	-	-	-	-	300	300
Bookkeeping	-	-	-	400	-	400
Independent Examiner's fees	4,451	-	4,451	1,764	-	1,764
	<u>191,548</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191,548</u>	<u>168,969</u>	<u>2,941</u>	<u>171,910</u>

4 Staff costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs including pensions	34,185	32,342
	<u>34,185</u>	<u>32,342</u>

No employee earned in excess of £60,000 in the year (2022:none).

5 Related party transactions

No trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the PCC. There were no other disclosable transactions.

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6 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold buildings £	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2023	682,938	5,928	688,866
Additions during the year	-	-	-
Disposals during the year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>682,938</u>	<u>5,928</u>	<u>688,866</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	-	5,343	5,343
Charge for the year	-	88	88
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>5,430</u>	<u>5,430</u>
Net Book Value			
At 1 January 2023	<u>682,938</u>	<u>587</u>	<u>688,866</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>682,938</u>	<u>498</u>	<u>683,436</u>

7 Bank and cash in hand

	2023 £	2022 £
CCLA Fabric fund	13,610	13,188
CCLA Properties	13,494	13,075
CBF deposit account	8,476	8,213
Barclays PCC account	-	82,791
Barclays Halls & Properties account	1,873	9,058
HSBC current account	10,547	7,538
Barclays BPA	5,666	5,613
Petty cash	-	236
Cheque in hand	41,336	
	<u>95,002</u>	<u>139,712</u>

8 Creditors

	2023 £	2022 £
Payroll taxes	468	206
Pensions	62	201
Net wages	-	1,152
Accruals	-	9,690
Owing to SPS	<u>43,277</u>	
	<u>43,807</u>	<u>11,249</u>

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9 Analysis of movement in funds

	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Closing Balance £
Restricted funds					
Christian Aid	10	-	-	-	10
Church railings	8,731	-	-	-	8,731
Crisis	516	-	-	-	516
Children's Society	196	-	-	-	196
Delhi Brotherhood	210	-	-	-	210
Disaster Fund	643	-	-	-	643
Church energy cost support grant	-	-	-	-	-
GrowTH	104	-	-	-	104
Lent Appeal	1,066	-	-	-	1,066
Poppy Appeal	201	-	-	-	201
Helping orphans	214	-	-	-	214
Youth garden project	3,500	-	-	-	3,500
Total restricted funds	15,392	0	0	0	15,392
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	683,524	-	(88)	-	683,436
General funds	113,072	114,192	(191,460)	-	35,804
Total unrestricted funds	796,596	114,192	(191,548)	0	719,240
Total funds	811,988	114,192	(191,548)	0	734,632

10 Analysis of movement in funds: prior year

	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Closing Balance £
Restricted funds					
Christian Aid	10	-	-	-	10
Church railings	8,731	-	-	-	8,731
Crisis	516	-	-	-	516
Children's Society	196	-	-	-	196
Delhi Brotherhood	210	-	-	-	210
Disaster Fund	550	393	(300)	-	643
Church energy cost support grant	-	2,641	(2,641)	-	-
GrowTH	104	-	-	-	104
Lent Appeal	1,066	-	-	-	1,066
Poppy Appeal	201	-	-	-	201
Helping orphans	214	-	-	-	214
Youth garden project	-	3,500	-	-	3,500
Total restricted funds	11,798	6,534	(2,941)	0	15,392
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds: fixed assets	683,627	-	(103)	-	683,524
General funds	104,730	177,208	(168,866)	-	113,072
Total unrestricted funds	788,357	177,208	(168,969)	0	796,596
Total funds	800,155	183,742	(171,910)	0	811,988

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11	Net assets by fund	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	Tangible fixed assets	-	683,436	-	683,436
	Current assets	79,611	-	15,392	95,002
	Current liabilities	(43,807)	-		(43,807)
	Total net assets	35,804	683,436	15,392	734,632