THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. GILES' CRIPPLEGATE, WITH ST. BARTHOLOMEW, MOOR LANE, AND ST. ALPHAGE, LONDON WALL AND

England & Wales · Charity number 1138077

Details

Other names	ST. GILES' CRIPPLEGATE PCC; PCC OF ST. GILES' CRIPPLEGATE WITH ST. LUKE'S OLD ST.; PCC OF ST. GILES' CRIPPLEGATE; PCC OF ST. GILES' BARBICAN EC2
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2010-09-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

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Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£421,450	£332,540	-	-
2023-12-31	£358,369	£288,649	-	-
2022-12-31	£288,695	£260,468	-	-
2021-12-31	£251,494	£232,082	-	-
2020-12-31	£385,140	£207,729	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alderwoman Elizabeth King BEM JP		2024-07-04
Anne Marsden Thomas		2017-04-02
Beverly Ann Levy		2025-04-06
Daniel James Gerring		2013-05-01
David J Price		2021-04-25
David J R Archer		2021-04-25
Dawn Alroy Runnicles		2022-04-24
Dr Derek Sorensen		2026-05-17
Gail Marie Beer		2020-09-13
Kathryn Elsby		2017-04-02
Louis Sebastian Hurst		2026-05-17
Louise Hunter		2023-04-28
MARK ADAM HUNTER		2012-10-31
PENELOPE JANE VIRGINIA SHARPE B.MUS		
TIM MIDDLETON		2012-10-31
The Reverend Canon Jack Noble		2022-05-08
Toby Michael Orford		2025-04-06
Zoe Marie Willenbrock		2026-05-17
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Accounts

Annual Report 2024



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St. Giles' Cripplegate
Parochial Church Council
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Giles' Cripplegate, with St. Bartholomew, Moor Lane, and St. Alphage, London Wall and St. Luke, Old Street with St. Mary, Charterhouse and St. Paul, Clerkenwell [the PCC] present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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1. AIM AND PURPOSES

St Giles' Cripplegate PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibility for the parish church, for the Roscoe Street Hall and for St Giles' Columbarium. In addition, it acts as Managing Trustee of the Cripplegate Church Sworder Foundation, a charity established by a Charity Commission Scheme for the maintenance of the fabric of the parish church.

2. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC provides public benefit by:

- Facilitating regular public worship open to all.
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- Taking religious assemblies in schools, school tours of the church explaining worship and history and hosting school services.
- Building community and promoting Christianity through the staging of events and meetings.
- The provision of performance space and instruments for educational activities benefiting local schools and colleges including the Royal College of Organists.

To facilitate this work, it is essential to maintain the fabric of the church of St. Giles' Cripplegate.

The trustees have complied with the duty imposed by section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance (PB3 Public benefit: reporting) published by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit.

Church and charity law require the PCC as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting period, and the PCC is also responsible for keeping proper books of account with respect to its affairs.

Mission

We are here to love God and make Christ known in word and deed. We are an inclusive church and welcome all comers.

Mission Action Plan 2023/24:

In a process of discernment, the PCC has identified two areas of special focus for 2023/24:

1. Welcome - especially on a Sunday morning at the 10am Parish Eucharist. To enrich and enliven our welcome to all who come to the Parish Eucharist, which is the heart of the Church and our life together.

2. To properly engage with serving the whole geographic Parish, by drawing people into the life of The Church - the greatest gift we have to give and the core of our calling as Christians: the worship of Almighty God.

3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The PCC Highlights and the Church's Mission

The following achievements for 2024 which contributed to fulfilling our objectives (in no particular order):

- Regular weekday services including weekday Eucharist, Morning/Evening Prayer and Bible Study continue to define the midweek life of St Giles'. They are growing in congregation numbers, and the demographic reach of St Giles' across the parish and wider. These services now represent a significant part of our mission and outreach, and our fulfilling of our vocation as a parish church. The balancing of worship with other events in the church midweek continues to be a healthy and embedded feature of life, drawing people into St Giles' and into worship.



- Fortnightly prayer meetings, led by Diana, which continued through the year, initially on zoom.
- Lent and autumn ecumenical study groups are lively expressions of our commitment to church unity. In 2024 we enjoyed a series on Mother Julian of Norwich, including a highly successful Pilgrimage to Norwich, led by Fr Edwin.
- Special services throughout the year including Welcome Back to those who had been married at St Giles 'and All Souls. Sung monthly Evensong and irregular sung Compline continue to be highlights.
- Advent Fair, which encouraged a much-increased number of people to visit church and feel part of our community.
- Social events continue to blossom with crisp-off and cheese-off amongst others
- Glorious and rich celebration of Holy Week and Easter.
- A new treasury team is in place and doing great work, with 'Tola our P/T Parish Administrator
- Jake's ministry of events continues to grow in scope, imagination and financial support to the church
- An al fresco service in St Alphage London Wall ruins for Remembrance Day for workers and residents and Livery. This service continues to grow and flourish.
- Successful group trip to Othona (Bradwell).
- A quarterly Book Fair in the church which is run by a team of around 40 volunteers, enriching the community and welcome provided by the church, and raised c. £33k for church funds.
- The annual RCO Organ School based at St Giles ran once again. It continues to have significant number of participants from across the country, and wider. It continues to educate, resource, and encourage church organists.



- Sunday services including a quartet of musicians.
- David Freeman and Diana Morgan Gray received the St Mellitus Medal from the Bishop of London
- Supporting an organ scholar.
- Baptism and Confirmation at St Pauls of several adult and younger candidates.
- Deacon Lucy arrives as Asst Curate and immediately contributes to the life of the parish in church and school, and especially in the YMCA chaplaincy that she has refounded and is already thriving for the good of staff and residents. Including a wonderful outdoor community carol service by the Culture Mile BID-funded Christmas Tree.
- Production of two leaflets for Holy Week and Advent distributed throughout the parish to create awareness of the churches programme and how to get involved in activities.
- The PCC has also sent representatives to take part in wider church life including representatives at Deanery Synod.
- Church attendance has been consistently high throughout the year and grows steadily (even in August, which saw little drop off). Welcome and belonging to the population in the north of the parish has become part of our daily bread, thanks be to God.
- Christmas services exceeded all records held in the church archives, with over 3000 people through our doors for worship during Advent and Christmas.
- Guest preachers, new friends and old to continue to nourish our faith.
- Production of two leaflets for Holy Week and Advent distributed throughout the parish to create awareness of the churches programme and how to get involved in activities. These are thematic and enable a greater exploration of the life and mission of Jesus Christ not only for those who are of the Christian faith but more widely across the parish.
- St Luke's School: Fr Jack, Louise Hunter and Susan Steele all serve as Governors for our Church School, St Luke's. Together they appointed a new head after Mrs Ann Dwulit retired in 2024, having been awarded the St Mellitus Medal by the Bishop of London. Mr Tom O'Donnell started in September 2024. The school continues to thrive as a place of nurture, learning and faith. And St Giles' provides worship (weekly Collective Worship, half termly School Masses etc), governance, pastoral and financial (helping to broker support for the school with local partners) support. St Giles' and St Luke's are indivisible parts of our local church family



Charitable Giving

Charitable giving was reviewed with a congregational consultation. The PCC tithed our events income and supported; a poor parish in the northeast of England to be able to heat their church over the winter; the diocese of Kagera, in the Anglican Church of Tanzania; and Groundswell, a London homeless charity. This was financial giving, facilities and other partnerships.

4. FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS
(No Archdeacon's Visitation this year)

St Giles' Cripplegate – The Parish Church

- Condition and Quinquennial Inspection: Inspection year before last.
- Tower and Bells – Nothing new to report no inspection this year.
- Organs and Piano - Following an increasing number of faults on the gallery organ, and after 16 years' use of the chancel and practice organs, we commissioned Mander Organs to inspect all three organs and recommend restoration work. We formed a committee to raise funds for the work, comprising Kathryn Elsby (Treasurer), Elizabeth Day, David Freeman, Fr Jack, Jade Fletcher, Robert Andrews, David Wakefield, me (Secretary) and Ed Buckley, a direct descendant of 'Mr Buckley of Old Street', who funded the installation of the gallery organ in 1738. The committee appointed William McVicker as organ consultant, who proposed a more modest restoration scheme than Manders' first proposal. The committee approved this amended scheme in October 2024, appointing Mander Organs to do the work. An anonymous donor generously gave over £1,000 for the work on the two smaller organs, which was completed in December 2024. The committee assembled funds from the PCC, the Friends of St Giles and The Larkin Trust to commission Stage 1 of the work on the gallery organ, costing c£90,000 including VAT, and this work began in January 2025. Fundraising

events for the organs included a concert of my organ students in March, the St Giles choir concert in July, the annual sale of used organ music in August and the continuing income from users of our practice organ in the church office. The practice organ was more popular than ever, used from very early morning until late evening with around twenty sessions each week. Our ever-efficient organist Elizabeth Day manages the booking system and all communications with the practisers. The Steinway B piano was frequently tuned in 2024, always at the cost of hirers.

- Work during the year – Deterioration of the Purbeck limestone floor, as highlighted in last year's the Quinquennial Inspection, has been repaired by Skillington Workshop.
- Future plans – the boilers will need replacing in the near future and the PCC are assessing options for their replacement. The removal of the biomass boiler is in the planning phase and will be completed in 2026. The vacated space will be used as an extension to the columbarium.
- Property Register and Logbook - The Churchwardens inspected the Property Register in March 2025, and they confirmed that it provided an accurate terrier (a list of land belonging to the church) and inventory (a list of all the items belonging to the church) and logbook (a detailed record of all the alterations, additions and repairs carried out in relation to the church, its land and its contents).

Churchyard, St Giles' Church Hall and Columbarium

We continue to engage with the Corporation of London on restoration of the brick paving and underlying membrane, which is part of an estate-wide plan of improvements. No further progress has been made during this year.
The Hall income and its occupancy by the nursery continues and is under review.

St. Alphage Garden

The parish of St. Alphage held a 1,000-year lease, from 1587, on its burial ground which is now maintained by the Corporation of London as a public park. St. Alphage was united with St. Giles' in the post-WW2 rationalization of City parishes, and we inherited the lease.

Roscoe Street Hall (was St. Luke's Church Centre)

The hall was leased to Kunstraum, a not-for-profit art gallery for five years in 2016. By 2021, Covid had curtailed their activities and they had restructured as Studio Roscoe CIC, a Community Interest Company supporting artists with origins in the African & Caribbean Diasporas and People of Colour of the world. The contract has been updated to reflect their new identity and rent. This year the rent was increased to £2335 per month in line with the agreed plan set out in 2023. The rights over the adjoining flat are disputed with the Diocese. The LDF presumes complete ownership, this is clearly not the case given the parish's part in the cost of enlarging the flat, maintenance, and use over the years, as well as its designated function for the life and ministry of the parish. Discussions continue.

Net Zero Ambition

Buildings Supervisor Jake Kirner has made various attempts to reduce our carbon footprint relative to our activities. In recent years the number of services and events in church requiring heating has increased by around 50% but in 2023 our gas consumption fell to less than half of that of 2018.

Taking these questions and practicalities into account, St Giles' is exploring potentially carbon neutral options to succeed its gas boilers and replace or complement its central heating system.

5. PROTECTING OUR PEOPLE

Safeguarding

- Safeguarding Audits – We continue to use an online app, the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard, to allow for regular reviews and self-audits of safeguarding actions and issues. The Parish Safeguarding Dashboard has replaced the safeguarding self-audit undertaken on an annual basis. Using the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard continues to highlight the need for refreshed safeguarding training for all clergy, licensed lay ministers, churchwardens and many lay officers both paid and volunteers. In addition to having Safeguarding as a standing item on the PCC agenda, we held a PCC meeting in 2024 focussed on Safeguarding.

- Safeguarding Agreement - We have a Safeguarding Agreement for the Protection of Children and Adults at Risk in place. The agreement is reviewed annually.

- Disclosure and Baring Service (DBS) – In line with the current guidance, we will be renewing the DBS checks every three years and will be conducting those checks in relation to both children and adults.

- Lead Recruiter – Judy Guy Briscoe was appointed as Lead Recruiter in May 2023 and has updated the DBS checks and implemented the guidance from the Diocese.

Security, Health & Safety and Risk Assessment

There was one accident during the year. The PCC's Health & Safety Officer fell from a step ladder whilst lighting some candles. The only significant injury sustained was to his pride.
The PCC subsequently replaced the step ladder, but not the Health & Safety Officer.

6. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Giles' Cripplegate the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, the Assistant Priest, up to four churchwardens, twelve elected lay members, representatives of the Cripplegate Ward, Deanery Synod representatives and co-opted members. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The Churchwardens Measure 2001 provides for annual election of churchwardens.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be raised and spent. All are deemed to be "Fit and Proper Persons" under the terms of the Finance Act 2010 and are not disqualified from being a charity trustee under the terms of the Charities Act 2011.

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. Online Safeguarding training is offered to all PCC members.

PCC members are encouraged to attend Diocesan Training Events and to access documentation on the Parish Resources website (www.parishresources.org.uk) including "Trusteeship – An Introduction for PCC Members" and PCC Governance. Electronic copies of PCC minutes and reports, dating back to 2007, are accessible by all PCC members.

The PCC has met on five occasions during 2024 including the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in April. Meetings in person had an average attendance of 72%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has several committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These committees are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly, minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Volunteers play an important part in the day-to-day life of the church supporting our mission and living out our faith. St Giles is lucky enough to have many volunteers from both the congregation and the local community. We would like to thank all the volunteers who give so generously of their time and skill.

Administrative information

St. Giles' is the Ward Church of Cripplegate Ward. The PCC is also known as St. Giles' Cripplegate PCC, or the PCC of St. Giles' Cripplegate with St. Luke Old St.

Diocese:	London	
Archdeaconry:	Archdeaconry of London	
Deanery:	The City	
Location:	St Giles Cripplegate Church, Fore Street, Barbican, London EC2Y 8DA	
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Church/Parish Office	Telephone:	07535442955
	Email:	tola@stgileschurch.com
Bank:	CAF Bank	
Bank Account Name:	St Giles Cripplegate PCC	
Account Number:	00034121	
Sort Code:	40-52-40	

An account is also held with NatWest (St Giles' Cripplegate Church, 56-00-23, 46985867).

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Administrator and Book Keeper	'Tola Adegboye

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Data Protection Compliance Officer	Lorraine Mullins	data_protection@stgileschurch.com
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PCC Secretary	Anthony Murphy	secretary@stgileschurch.com
PCC Assistant Secretary	Anne Marsden Thomas MBE	
PCC Treasurer	Ed Barnard	treasurer@stgileschurch.com

PCC Assistant Treasurers	David Archer and Louise Hunter assistant_treasurer@stgileschurch.com
Independent Examiner:	The Revd Alan Clements
Quinquennial Inspector/ Church Architect	Kelley Christ (A&RME architects)
Legal Advice	Travers Smith LLP. The PCC are grateful for the advice and assistance received from Travers Smith on a fee-free basis as part of their charitable pro-bono commitment.

In accordance with the Charities Act 2006, the PCC was notified by the Charity Commission on 16th September 2010 that it had been registered as charity number 1138077.

Churchwardens

The role of a churchwarden is described on the London Diocesan website at http://www.london.anglican.org/kb/churchwardens/. The website description finishes with “Churchwardens are not expected to do everything themselves, but to make sure that there are other people available to carry out the various tasks.” At St. Giles’ the “other people” include the PCC and its committees, task & finish groups, church officers, the parish administrator, the concert assistants, professional advisors and the many volunteers. The churchwardens can be contacted by email churchwardens@stgileschurch.com.

PCC Members

During 2024 the following have served as members of the PCC; they are either ex officio under the Governing Documents, or elected by the APCM, or co-opted, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules: -

Ex officio

Rector	The Reverend Canon Jack Noble*	Ex officio Chair
Assistant Curate	The Reverend Lucy Newman Cleeve* from July 2024 The Reverend Edwin Wilton-Morgan	
Churchwarden	Lorraine Mullins* Elected April 2015 and re-elected annually. (off from 2024 – 2026) Returns in 2026 until 2032	

Elected Members

Until APCM 2025

Mark Hunter
Dawn Runnicles
Lorraine Mullins (Lay Chair)

Until APCM 2026

David Archer
Kathryn Elsby

Anne Marsden Thomas MBE *
Catherine Urquhart

Until APCM 2027

David Price
Penelope Sharpe
Louise Hunter
Ed Barnard *

Until APCM 2028

Beverly Levy
Toby Orford
Mark Hunter
Dawn Runnicles
Lorraine Mullins (Lay Chair)

Ex officio as Deanery Synod Representatives until 30-June-2026

Gail Beer
Daniel Gerring

Ex officio as representatives of Cripplegate Ward

Alderwoman Elizabeth King
Two vacancies

Secretary

Tony Murphy 2023 - 2025
Peter Lewin 2025 onwards

PCC Committees

- Standing Committee: The PCC Standing Committee [members marked * above] has power to transact the business of the Council between the meetings thereof, subject to any directions given by the Council, and reports back to every meeting of the Council. Each of the other committees and groups [Worship and Liturgy, Stewardship, Parish Rate, Documentation of Financial Procedures and Administrative Restructuring] advises the PCC within the area of activity implied by its title but has no delegated powers as such.

- Worship and Liturgy Committee: The Worship and Liturgy committee comprised David Freeman, Diana Morgan Gray, Mona Henshall, Amanda Gibbon (chair), Revd. Canon Jack Noble, Revd. Edwin Wilton-Morgan, Anne Marsden Thomas (minutes). The committee welcomed the appointment of Deacon Lucy Newman Cleeve and she will join the meetings when available. 'Tola Adgeboye (Parish Administrator) attended the January meeting to discuss the rota, for which she now has responsibility. Poor health increasingly prevented the attendance of Mona Henshall and David Freeman.

  The committee met three times in 2024, in January, April and September.

  Throughout the year the committee focused on prayer. Diana ran a prayer survey which led to the introduction in late October of optional supported prayer in the Lady chapel during Sunday communion and invitations to join the Lectio Divina. There was renewed attention to the prayer board, whose entries were included in the weekday intercessions and a rolling programme was established to remove old prayers. Diana and Lucy addressed the reprinting of the prayer cards.

  The committee celebrated the growing congregation and the increasing number of GSMD students attending on Sunday but expressed concern about the mysterious dearth of children (since turned around). There was again a record attendance at the Parish Carol Service. Sadly 'Little St Luke's' services struggled to attract a committed congregation, and the

services were temporarily moth-balled, but they will be revived in a new format after Fr Jack's sabbatical, with support from a local charity.

The committee discussed Sunday services and the special services of the church year, especially those in Holy Week. Fr Jack designed and oversaw the printing of new orders of service for each season and for several annual services such as the Easter Vigil and Christingle. Lent ecumenical discussions were particularly successful, including a trip to Norwich. Advent sessions were called 'Seeing with Faith' and Dn Lucy planned the starting activity. 'God at Work' sermons by members of the congregation were particularly inspiring. The congregation chose the hymns for Sundays in August, as usual. St Giles Day fell on a Sunday and celebrations included Evensong, a lecture and a party. The Gardeners Company attended Harvest Festival in October. Dn Lucy led a 'Baby Loss' service in October with full choir. Local schools joined in Beating the Bounds on 15th October, finishing with tea and buns in church. Autumn services – All Saints, All Souls, Baby Loss, Remembrance, Armistice Day, and Sunday services in November – focused on death and dying well.

Although social events are beyond its remit, the committee recorded its thanks to volunteers who organised various successful gatherings, including the February progressive lunch, run by our professional soprano Penelope Sharpe.

The Worship and Liturgy committee aims to represent the views of the whole congregation, so it greatly welcomes suggestions and opinions, and any offers to join the committee.

- Stewardship Committee: The committee members: Catherine Urquhart (Stewardship Recorder), Amanda Dean, Christopher Gadsden and Malcolm Waters. The stewardship committee's role is to encourage giving to St Giles' by members of the congregation, other visitors to the church and those further afield.

  In 2024, Malcolm Waters resigned from the committee after many years of service as a member and as chair. We are very grateful to Malcolm for all his work and encouragement as the current committee of Amanda Dean and Romha Berhane continue.

  Despite a slight drop since 2023, we are glad to report that total giving was again well above pre-Covid levels. It is very pleasing that the vast majority of donations are made via Gift Aid, a higher proportion than in recent years. More detail is given in the table below.

  The card reader remains a convenient way for visitors to donate to St Giles'. However, regular donations by standing order continue to be the main source of donations to the church. In 2024, the number of standing order donors decreased, bringing the total to 44. We continue to encourage standing orders because the predictability is so helpful for financial planning, but it may be a sign of the times that although St Giles' benefits from generous giving, the regularity of a standing order is difficult for many to commit to.

Donations (other than for furniture)	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**
Donations supported by gift aid declaration	61,500	56,000	65,366	63,887	66,501	71,761
Stewardship and via card reader (with gift aid where applicable)	-	300	1,660	650	9,460	7,443
Open plate donations without a gift aid declaration*	8,700	1,400	1,118	3,342	6,522	3,497
Other donations made without a gift aid declaration*	5,600	4,800	3,448	5,046	3,504	1,540
Total	**75,800**	**62,500**	**71,592**	**72,925**	**85,987**	**84,241**

* Up to an extra £2,000 can be claimed on these donations under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme, provided each one is for not more than £30.

We are still working on a new Legacy Leaflet for 2025, to encourage people to include St Giles' in their will.

We look forward to being in touch later this year with the Harvest appeal message.

- Sunday Club: In 2024 St Giles was blessed with presence of a good number of children. Older teenagers lead our worship by serving. Tweenies participate fully in worship. Younger children enjoy parallel activities within the worshipping assembly and have led our worship at the Nativity and Mothering Sunday. We also, of course. have an active children's ministry in St Luke's School and continue to host Duke of Edinburgh teenagers.



Music report

The superb team of four singers, an organist and an organ scholar remained consistent during 2024, and I suspect that we are unique in having a professional team so committed to the whole life of the church. Penelope Sharpe (soprano) is the PCC's Electoral Roll Officer, leader of the clothes stalls at the Advent Fair and organiser of the annual Progressive Lunch. Amanda Dean (alto) is now House Composer, and she sits on the PCC Stewardship Committee. Robin Whitehouse (tenor) plays the trumpet for the Remembrance services. Louis Hurst preached a 'God at Work' sermon in Lent, organised the choir concert in July and regularly leads the prayers in Sunday services, devising musical responses for the congregation in conjunction with Amanda's compositions. We all depend on Elizabeth Day (organist), not just for her beautifully crafted accompanying and her voluntaries, but also for her astonishing attention to detail; she also contributes to the Organ Restoration committee.

Our organ scholar Inga de Vegvar completed two and a half happy years with us as organ scholar at the end of 2024 and we wished her well as she enters the final stage of preparation for her 'A' levels

and the next stage of her training as a musician.

Sunday services include more music than in previous years and we very much welcome Fr Jack's inclusion of printed music in his new orders of service. The choir included Gospel Acclamations throughout the year and the BCP services in Lent contain much for us to do.

Thanks to the increased attendance at St Giles, we were all pleased to be involved in more special services in 2024, too, with full choir at Easter Vigil, the Baby Loss service, Midnight Mass and Christmas morning.

After years of good intentions, and with many thanks to Daniel Gerring and Louise Hunter, contracts for all of us were eventually agreed and signed in June. We were grateful, too, to Amanda Dean, whose financial and business experience was invaluable.

We were delighted to have such strong congregational support for our choir concert in July, in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund. The concert was called 'Lost Chords' and included an entertaining new piece by Amanda Dean.

The monthly Choral Evensong by the Solis Choir continues to draw a good and appreciative congregation.

The church continues to be rich with musical rehearsals, concerts and recordings throughout the year, thanks to Jake Kirner's brilliance in attracting bookings. The organs are usually heard between the bookings and the services, with the regular organists preparing for service, students taking lessons in church and practising in the office. The Royal College of Organists (RCO) holds regular classes at St Giles, and the RCO Summer Course (established 1997) continues to regard St Giles as its headquarters, gathering a large attendance. Having abandoned daily services on the 2023, the course reinstated them in 2024, and the final choral Eucharist was, as always, a moving occasion.

We all feel proud and grateful to be part of a church that sings, including three priests with beautiful voices, and we love the regular feedback from everyone after the services. Keep it coming!

Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod Deaneries are small geographical divisions of the Diocese, within which parishes are grouped under the care of an Area Dean.

Each deanery is governed by a deanery synod. We at St Giles are part of the City of London Deanery, in the Two Cities area of the Diocese of London.

Each deanery synod is made up of clergy and lay members drawn from each of the parishes which they cover.

- to consider matters concerning the Church of England and to make provision for such matters in relation to their deanery, and to consider and express their opinion on any other matters of religious or public interest.
- to bring together the views of parishes of the deanery on common problems, to discuss and formulate common policies on those problems, to foster a sense of community and interdependence among those parishes, and generally to promote in the deanery the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.
- to make known and so far as appropriate put into effect any provision made by the Diocesan Synod,
- to consider the business of the Diocesan Synod, and particularly any matters referred to that synod by the General Synod, and to sound parochial opinion whenever they are required or consider it appropriate to do so.
- to raise matters, as the deanery synod consider appropriate, with the Diocesan Synod.

The deanery synod, in addition to the above synodical functions, also serves as an electoral college to various bodies, including the General Synod, Diocesan Synod and Area Councils.

In attending the City of London Deanery Synod as a representative of St Giles, my thinking often comes back to **Matthew, chapter 5**, which calls us all to reflect on Jesus Christ coming to earth to include the excluded and preach the good news for all.

The highlights of synod for me centre on our discussions around collaboratively spreading the Good News.

My hope for our synod is that we find more in common between its members as, too often, time is spent on matters which divide us. This was, sadly, underlined in 2023 by the creation of an alternative 'deanery chapter', by a group of City clergy in protest at the decision by the Church of England's General Synod to allow blessings for same-sex couples in churches which wished to offer them.

Please do keep all members of the City of London Deanery Synod in your prayers to support us working together, despite our differences, recognising our shared love of God and of our neighbours.

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our income rose during the year to £421,450 (2023: £358,369). Notable increases in income were Roscoe Street Hall rental income (2024: £30,340; 2023: £15,800) and new rental income from the Church Hall Nursery (£22,942), commercial church lettings (2024: £63,814; 2023: £51,790), gift-aid donations (2024: £92,334; 2023: £83,238) and grants, mostly related to supporting a new curate (2024: £52,856; 2023: £47,582).

Our investment income, which includes interest on our longer-term deposit account, rose slightly this year to £43,861 (2023: £39,026) mostly driven by an increase in interest received, whilst dividend income on our investment portfolio remained stable.

Our expenditure for the year increased to £332,540 (2023: £288,649). Notable increases in expenditure resulted from a grant-supported new curate (2024: £17,041), organ maintenance driven by starting of the restoration works (2024: £34,288, 2023: £2,468), maintenance of the new Church Hall Nursery (£2,736) and increased special services and events expenditure (2024: £12,734; 2023: £3,389). There was an increase in staff costs (2024: £41,341; 2023: £39,418) whilst other church running costs broadly remained stable compared to 2023 along with a notable reduction in major repairs and restoration works (2024: £5,096; 2023: £30,379).

Our net surplus for 2024 was therefore £88,910 (2023: £69,720) before gains on investments

Statement of Financial Activities
For year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments						
Voluntary income	*2 (a)*	99,315	69,796		169,111	158,727
Activities for generating funds	*2 (b)*	162,672	-		162,672	111,004
Income from investments	*2 (c)*	43,861	-		43,861	39,026
Income from church activities	*2 (d)*	45,805	-		45,805	49,611
Total income		351,653	69,796	-	421,450	358,369
Expenditure						
Church activities	*3 (d)*	291,930	15,956	-	307,886	262,801
Raising funds	*3 (d)*	23,634	1,019		24,654	25,849
Total expenditure		315,565	16,975	-	332,540	288,649
Net surplus/(deficit) before investment gains		36,089	52,821	-	88,910	69,720
Net unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	*7 & 8*	11,891		18,681	30,572	108,712
Investment during year		(165)		165	-	-
Net surplus/(deficit)		**47,815**	**52,821**	**18,846**	**119,482**	**178,432**
Transfers between funds	*13*	-	-		-	-
Net movement in funds		47,815	52,821	18,846	119,482	178,432
Total funds brought forward - adjusted		1,151,325	245,123	723,510	2,119,958	1,941,525
Total funds carried forward		**1,199,140**	**297,944**	**742,356**	**2,239,440**	**2,119,957**
		-	-	-	-	-

Balance sheet
As at 31 December

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible	*6*	350,000	241,409		591,409	588,978
Investments	*7*	531,413			531,413	519,521
Endowments	*8*			742,356	742,356	723,510
		881,413	241,409	742,356	1,865,177	1,832,009
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	*9 (a)*	22,151	-		22,151	28,136
Cash at bank and in hand	*9 (b)*	310,817	56,535		367,352	271,543
		332,968	56,535	-	389,503	299,679
Liabilities						
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	*10*	(15,240)			(15,240)	(11,731)
Net current assets		317,728	56,535	-	374,263	287,948
Total net assets		**1,199,140**	**297,944**	**742,356**	**2,239,440**	**2,119,957**
Parish funds						
Unrestricted	*11 & 12*	1,199,140			1,199,140	1,151,324
Restricted	*11 & 12*		297,944		297,944	245,123
Endowment	*11 & 12*			742,356	742,356	723,510
		1,199,140	**297,944**	**742,356**	**2,239,440**	**2,119,957**
Rounding diff		-	-	-	-	-

Reserves Policy

The PCC aims to hold approximately one year's unrestricted expenditure in reserves to enable us to

- Plan effectively for the longer term.
- Invest in developing activities that further our mission.
- Respond strategically and responsibly to changes in the external environment.
- Manage our cashflow.

Our target for our reserves, defined as unrestricted net current assets, is £200k. Our reserves stood at £317,728 on 31 December 2024 (31 December 2023: £281,448), meeting this policy objective.

Investment Policy

It is our policy to invest the short-term investment fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund, and the remainder in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund.

Approved by the PCC on 5th April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



The Reverend Canon Jack Noble
Rector

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. GILES' CRIPPLEGATE

England & Wales - Charity number 1138077

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Annual Report 2023



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St. Giles' Cripplegate
Parochial Church Council
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2023

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Giles' Cripplegate, with St. Bartholomew, Moor Lane, and St. Alphage, London Wall and St. Luke, Old Street with St. Mary, Charterhouse and St. Paul, Clerkenwell [the PCC] present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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1. AIM AND PURPOSES

St Giles' Cripplegate PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibility for the parish church, for the Roscoe Street Hall and for St Giles' Columbarium. In addition, it acts as Managing Trustee of the Cripplegate Church Sworder Foundation, a charity established by a Charity Commission Scheme for the maintenance of the fabric of the parish church.

2. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC provides public benefit by:

- Facilitating regular public worship open to all.
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- Taking religious assemblies in schools, school tours of the church explaining worship and history and hosting school services.
- Building community and promoting Christianity through the staging of events and meetings.
- The provision of performance space and instruments for educational activities benefiting local schools and colleges including the Royal College of Organists.

To facilitate this work, it is essential to maintain the fabric of the church of St. Giles' Cripplegate.

The trustees have complied with the duty imposed by section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance (PB3 Public benefit: reporting) published by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit.

Church and charity law require the PCC as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting period, and the PCC is also responsible for keeping proper books of account with respect to its affairs.

Mission

We are here to love God and make Christ known in word and deed. We are an inclusive church and welcome all comers.

Mission Action Plan 2023/24:

In a process of discernment, the PCC has identified two areas of special focus for 2023/24:

1. Welcome - especially on a Sunday morning at the 10am Parish Eucharist. To enrich and enliven our welcome to all who come to the Parish Eucharist, which is the heart of the Church and our life together.

2. To properly engage with serving the whole geographic Parish, by drawing people into the life of The Church - the greatest gift we have to give and the core of our calling as Christians: the worship of Almighty God.

3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The PCC Highlights

The following achievements for 2023 which contributed to fulfilling our objectives (in no particular order):

- Regular weekday services including weekday Eucharist, Morning/Evening Prayer and Bible Study continue to define the midweek life of St Giles'. They are growing in congregation numbers, and the demographic reach of St Giles' across the parish. The balancing of worship with other events in the church midweek has become a healthy and embedded feature of life.
- The introduction of "Little St Luke's", a Sunday service once a month hosted at our partnership school St Luke's CoE Primary School. Children from the school assist with the service which attracts families from the north of the parish particularly.
- These two initiatives continue to mature and typify our Mission Action Plan (MAP) for the year - a twofold commitment to Mission and Welcome. These arose as MAP out of a series of deep conversations at PCC meetings and meals, of healthy soul-searching and priority settings.
- Fortnightly prayer meetings, led by Diana, which continued through the year, initially on zoom.
- Lent and autumn ecumenical study groups continue to draw Christians across our parish together. The autumn event with author and TV presenter Abbot Christopher Jamison OSB drew high levels of involvement and gave rise to a series of films and a new website on 'Grace-ful Communication' - a much needed piece of Christian witness in our wider society.
- Special services throughout the year including Welcome Back to those who had been married at St Giles 'and All Souls. Sung monthly Evensong and irregular sung Compline continue to be highlights.
- Advent Fair, which encouraged a much-increased number of people to visit church and feel part of our community.
- A summer wine tasting in the Rectory garden was great fun and cemented newer congregants in belonging in our church family.
- Glorious and rich celebration of Holy Week and Easter.
- A new al fresco service in St Alphage London Wall ruins for local workers, Livery and residents on the Friday nearest Remembrance Sunday.
- HRH the Duke of Edinburgh visits St Giles' for a New Zealand Society Service for Waitangi Day.
- Successful group trips to Othona (Bradwell) and St Gilles (France), The monastery at Mirfield (W. Yorkshire), The St Francis Exhibition (National Gallery) which fostered a greater sense of community within the parish as well as providing space to explore and rejoice in our faith.
- A quarterly Book Fair in the church which is run by a team of around 30 volunteers, enriching the community and welcome provided by the church, and raised c. £30k for church funds.
- The annual RCO Organ School based at St Giles ran once again. It continues to have significant number of participants from across the country, and wider. It continues to educate, resource, and encourage church organists.
- Sunday services including a quartet of musicians.
- Supporting an organ scholar.
- Baptism and Confirmation at St Pauls of 3/4 adult candidates.
- Fr Edwin arrives as Asst Curate (Asst Priest) and immediately contributes to the life of the parish in church and school.
- Production of two leaflets for Holy Week and Advent distributed throughout the parish to create awareness of the churches programme and how to get involved in activities.
- The PCC has also sent representatives to take part in wider church life including representatives at Deanery Synod.
- Church attendance has been consistently high throughout the year and now surpasses pre-Covid levels. Christmas services exceeded all records held in the church archives (as opposed to earlier LMA held records).

Charitable Giving

The PCC supported the Diocesan Lent Appeal during the year as well as contributing our full share to Diocesan Common Fund. Charitable giving will be reviewed in 2024 with a view to including some charitable giving to overseas communities as well as supporting local projects.

4. FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS
(No Archdeacon's Visitation this year)

St Giles' Cripplegate – The Parish Church

- Condition and Quinquennial Inspection: Inspection last year.
- Tower and Bells – Nothing new to report no inspection this year.
- Organs and Piano - The piano was tuned twice, both times at hirers' expense. The chancel organ had no attention and remained well in tune; its blower is sealed and requires no maintenance. Manders attended both church organs in June; then made frequent visits to repair faults on the gallery organ; overall organ repairs and minor tuning in 2023 cost over £2,000. As a result, we requested a survey of all three organs earlier this year; we learn that major refurbishment is needed on the gallery organ and some attention to the two smaller organs. The first estimate so far received is for over £200k, so we are now forming a fundraising committee.
- Work during the year – Deterioration of the Purbeck limestone floor, as highlighted in last year's the Quinquennial Inspection, has been repaired by Skillington Workshop.
- Further repairs were carried out in May to the stonework.
- An accidental breaking of a stained-glass window required repair but was covered by insurance and a contribution from the organisation responsible for the damage.
- Future plans – the boilers will need replacing in the near future and the PCC are assessing options for their replacement. The removal of the biomass boiler is in the planning phase and will be completed in 2024. The vacated space will be used as an extension to the columbarium.
- Extensive reorganisation of the storage area in the Southwest corner of the church and the book fair storage has resulted in the creation of a Lady Chapel.
- New storage units for the books were enabled by a grant of £6,500 from the Culture Mile Community Fund. (See under Faculties)
- Redecoration of the vestry kitchen and toilets was undertaken in March.
- Purchase of a new Nativity figures from Holy art in France through donations. The retirement of the old figures was long overdue as they had sustained considerable damage over the years.
- Property Register and Logbook - The Churchwardens inspected the Property Register in March 2024, and they confirmed that it provided an accurate terrier (a list of land belonging to the church) and inventory (a list of all the items belonging to the church) and logbook (a detailed record of all the alterations, additions and repairs carried out in relation to the church, its land and its contents).

Faculties

DAC Reference	Faculty	Date	Description
0111.01-042 2B	List B	7th. June 2022	Defrassing spalling external stonework in the south aisle wall.

0111.01-0722A	4289	21st. November 2022	Survey of damage to medieval piscina and sedilia in the chancel, marble floor and nave pillars. Subsequent conservation and repair works. Condition - The proposal for the final treatment works is to be reviewed by an architect member of the DAC prior to tendering for work.

Churchyard, St Giles' Church Hall and Columbarium

We continue to engage with the Corporation of London on restoration of the brick paving and underlying membrane, which is part of an estate-wide plan of improvements. No further progress has been made during this year.
The Hall income and its occupancy by the nursery continues but a review of the rent is planned during 2024. Plans for the return of income and rental agreements to the Parish will begin in 2024.

St. Alphage Garden

The parish of St. Alphage held a 1,000-year lease, from 1587, on its burial ground which is now maintained by the Corporation of London as a public park. St. Alphage was united with St. Giles' in the post-WW2 rationalization of City parishes, and we inherited the lease.

Roscoe Street Hall (was St. Luke's Church Centre)

The hall was leased to Kunstraum, a not-for-profit art gallery for five years in 2016. By 2021 covid had curtailed their activities and they had restructured as Studio Roscoe CIC, a Community Interest Company supporting artists with origins in the African & Caribbean Diasporas and People of Colour of the world. The contract has been updated to reflect their new identity and rent. This year the rent was increased to £2335 per month in line with the agreed plan set out in 2023. The rights over the adjoining flat are disputed with the Diocese. The LDF presumes complete ownership, this is clearly not the case given the parish's part in the cost of enlarging the flat, maintenance, and use over the years, as well as its designated function for the life and ministry of the parish. Discussions continue.

Net Zero Ambition

Buildings Supervisor Jake Kirner has made various attempts to reduce our carbon footprint relative to our activities. In recent years the number of services and events in church requiring heating has increased by around 50% but in 2023 our gas consumption fell to less than half of that of 2018.

Taking these questions and practicalities into account, St Giles' is exploring potentially carbon neutral options to succeed its gas boilers and replace or complement its central heating system.

5. PROTECTING OUR PEOPLE

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Audits – We have adopted an online app, the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard, to allow for regular reviews and self-audits of safeguarding actions and issues. The Parish Safeguarding Dashboard has replaced the safeguarding self-audit undertaken on an annual basis. Using the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard continues to highlight the need for refreshed safeguarding training for all clergy, licensed lay ministers, churchwardens and many lay officers both paid and volunteers. In addition to having Safeguarding as a standing item on the PCC agenda, we will be holding a PCC meeting in 2024 focussed on Safeguarding.

Safeguarding Agreement - We have a Safeguarding Agreement for the Protection of Children and Adults at Risk in place. The agreement is reviewed annually.

Disclosure and Baring Service (DBS) – In line with the current guidance, we will be renewing the DBS checks every three years and will be conducting those checks in relation to both children and adults.

Lead Recruiter - Simon Freeman was appointed as Lead Recruiter in May 2022 and has updated the DBS checks and implemented the guidance from the Diocese.

Security, Health & Safety and Risk Assessment

There was one accident during the year. A member of the Cleaning Angels team lost their footing and fell from the step which supports the font. The cleaning angle broke a collar bone as a result of the fall.and was taken to hospital for treatment.

6. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Giles' Cripplegate the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, the Assistant Priest, up to four churchwardens, twelve elected lay members, representatives of the Cripplegate Ward, Deanery Synod representatives and co-opted members. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The Churchwardens Measure 2001 provides for annual election of churchwardens.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be raised and spent. All are deemed to be “Fit and Proper Persons” under the terms of the Finance Act 2010 and are not disqualified from being a charity trustee under the terms of the Charities Act 2011.

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops’ Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. Online Safeguarding training is offered to all PCC members.

PCC members are encouraged to attend Diocesan Training Events and to access documentation on the Parish Resources website (www.parishresources.org.uk) including “Trusteeship – An Introduction for PCC Members” and PCC Governance. Electronic copies of PCC minutes and reports, dating back to 2007, are accessible by all PCC members.

The PCC has met on five occasions during 2023 including the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in May With meetings in person with an average of 72%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has several committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly, minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Volunteers play an important part in the day-to-day life of the church supporting our mission and living out our faith. St Giles is lucky enough to have many volunteers from both the congregation and the local community. We would like to thank all the volunteers who give so generously of their time and skill.

Administrative information

St. Giles' is the Ward Church of Cripplegate Ward. The PCC is also known as St. Giles' Cripplegate PCC, or the PCC of St. Giles' Cripplegate with St. Luke Old St.

Diocese:	London
Archdeaconry:	Archdeaconry of London
Deanery:	The City
Location:	St Giles Cripplegate Church, Fore Street, Barbican, London EC2Y 8DA
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Church/Parish Office	Telephone: 0207 638 1997 Email: admin@stgileschurch.com
Bank:	CAF Bank
Bank Account Name:	St Giles Cripplegate PCC
Account Number:	00034121
Sort Code:	40-52-40

An account is also held with NatWest (St Giles' Cripplegate Church, 56-00-23, 46985867).

Events and Buildings manager	Jake Kirner
Administrator and Book Keeper	Tola Adbeboye

Director of Music	Anne Marsden Thomas	music@stgileschurch.com
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Data Protection Compliance Officer	Lorraine Mullins	data_protection@stgileschurch.com
Electoral Roll Officer	Penelope Sharpe	electoral_roll@stgileschurch.com
Stewardship Recorder	Catherine Urquhart until 202/11/2023 and then Malcolm Waters	stewardship@stgileschurch.com
PCC Secretary	Anthony Murphy	secretary@stgileschurch.com
PCC Assistant Secretary	Anne Marsden Thomas	
PCC Treasurer	Dave Archer	treasurer@stgileschurch.com
PCC Assistant Treasurers	David Freeman and Louise Hunter	assistant_treasurer@stgileschurch.com
Independent Examiner:	Revd. Alan Clements	
Quinquennial Inspector/ Church Architect	Kelley Christ (A&RME architects)	

Legal Advice	Travers Smith LLP. The PCC are grateful for the advice and assistance received from Travers Smith on a fee-free basis as part of their charitable pro-bono commitment.

In accordance with the Charities Act 2006, the PCC was notified by the Charity Commission on 16th September 2010 that it had been registered as charity number 1138077.

Churchwardens

The role of a churchwarden is described on the London Diocesan website at http://www.london.anglican.org/kb/churchwardens/. The website description finishes with "Churchwardens are not expected to do everything themselves, but to make sure that there are other people available to carry out the various tasks." At St. Giles' the "other people" include the PCC and its committees, task & finish groups, church officers, the parish administrator, the concert assistants, professional advisors and the many volunteers. The churchwardens can be contacted by email churchwardens@stgileschurch.com.

PCC Members

During 2023 the following have served as members of the PCC; they are either ex officio under the Governing Documents, or elected by the APCM, or co-opted, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules: -

Ex officio

Rector	Reverend Canon Jack Noble* Ex officio Chair
Assistant Priest	Reverend Alex Norris until June 2023 then Fr Edwin Wilton -Morgan from June 2023
Churchwarden	Tim Middleton* elected April 2015 and re-elected annually.
Churchwarden	Gail Beer* elected September 2020 and re-elected annually.

Elected Members

Until APCM 2024	
	David Price
	Penelope Sharpe
	Mona Henshall
	Louise Hunter
Until APCM 2025	
	Mark Hunter
	Dawn Runnicles
	Vivian Elliot
	Lorraine Mullins (Lay Chair)
Until APCM 2026	
	David Archer *
	Kathryn Elsby

Anne Marsden Thomas *
Catherine Urquhart

Ex officio as Deanery Synod Representatives until 30-June-2023
David Freeman *
Daniel Gerring

Ex officio as representatives of Cripplegate Ward
Alderwoman Susan Pearson
Two vacancies

PCC Committees

Standing Committee: The PCC Standing Committee [members marked * above] has power to transact the business of the Council between the meetings thereof, subject to any directions given by the Council, and reports back to every meeting of the Council. Each of the other committees and groups [Worship and Liturgy, Stewardship, Parish Rate, Documentation of Financial Procedures and Administrative Restructuring] advises the PCC within the area of activity implied by its title but has no delegated powers as such.

Worship and Liturgy Committee: The Worship and Liturgy Committee was set up by The Revd Katherine Rumens about ten years ago as a forum to discuss all aspects of worship at St Giles. We review recent services and look ahead to future events and aim to be a supportive and engaged sounding board for the Rector. When the committee was first established it was chaired by the Rector but the move to a lay chair during the interregnum has been maintained by Fr Jack. The membership consists of the Rector, any other clergy currently with us at St Giles together with the Director and Music and David Freeman, Amanda Gibbon, Diana Morgan Gray, Mona Henshall. Anne Marsden Thomas is an important member of the committee since music is so central to both worship and liturgy at St Giles and she is also our very able committee secretary. Where any of our recommendations come with funding implications these are passed on to the PCC for approval.

In the last year we have discussed changes to the Sunday service booklets and agreed ways in which the number of pieces of paper handed out to the congregation can be reduced in order to make the service easier to follow. We have discussed the launch of Little St Luke's.

Stewardship Committee: The committee members: Catherine Urquhart (Stewardship Recorder), Amanda Dean, Christopher Gadsden and Malcolm Waters.
The purpose of the stewardship committee is to encourage giving to St Giles' by members of the congregation and the wider church community. By doing so, the committee seeks to support the mission of the church, while giving practical expression to the importance of a life of generosity to the Christian faith.

In December 2023, Cath Urquhart resigned from the committee after more than a decade as a member and more recently as chair. We are hugely grateful to her for her invaluable contribution to the work of the committee. We are grateful too to Christopher Gadsden, who has also stepped down from the committee. The stewardship committee's work is now being taken forward by Amanda Dean (chair), Malcolm Waters and Romha Berhane.

The main event in the committee's calendar is the stewardship appeal every October. This is made in part by a verbal address during the Harvest service and in part by a letter distributed to the members of the congregation and all those on the church's electoral roll. The 2023 appeal acknowledged the success of the 'Payaz' machine at the back of the church in increasing card donations. A total of £5,695 was raised in this way during the year, with a further £9,460 being given by online donations through give.net. While these newer forms of giving are very welcome, regular donations by standing order continue to be the main source of giving to the church. There was a net decrease of one during 2023 in the number of donors



giving by standing order and the total now stands at 45.

Overall, we are glad to report that, despite continuing cost of living pressures, the total amount given during 2023 finally exceeded (and by a margin of more than £10,000) the amount raised pre-Covid in 2019. More detail is given in the table below:

Donations (other than for new furniture)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Donations supported by gift aid declaration	61,500	56,000	65,366	63,887	66,501
Donations via Give.net (with gift aid where applicable)	-	300	1,660	650	9,460
Open plate donations without a gift aid declaration*	8,700	1,400	1,118	3,342	6,522
Other donations made without a gift aid declaration*	5,600	4,800	3,448	5,046	3,504
Total	**75,800**	**62,500**	**71,592**	**72,925**	**85,987**

* The church can claim up to an extra £2,000 on these donations under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme so long as each one is for £30.

No legacies were received in 2023. The committee is conscious that the church's Legacy Leaflet (now available only in online form via the stewardship section of the website) is now seriously out of date. A new edition is in preparation and will be published in 2024.

Parish Rate Committee: The committee members: Lorraine Mullins, Catherine Urquhart and the Parish Administrator. This committee has been disbanded by the PCC, it's work completed.

Sunday Club: The Sunday Club meets in term time during the Sunday Parish Eucharist at 10.00. Children leave the service for the Vestry (within the church building), after the Collect and join their family again for Holy Communion. The club is run by parents of the children and a programme of Bible reading, Christian teaching and creative activities is followed each term. There is a Nativity play as well as singing. We ask that pre-school children are always accompanied by a responsible grown up. Parents and carers are welcome to join the Sunday Club sessions. During the Notices the children come to the front of the church and tell the congregation about each session and show anything they have made. They also take part in the Procession at the end of the Eucharist.

In 2023 Sunday club Easter term the bible stories we learnt about included King Saul, the lost coin, David and Bathsheba, King Solomon the wise, a poor widow, Jesus' friends Mary and Martha (having

an argument), Woman who anointed Jesus's feet (this woman doesn't care how much the perfume cost), Women find he is alive John 20; and Cleopas wife Luke 24.

In the summer term several members graduated and in the winter term the nativity play was given by grown ups! Hopes for next year: seek new members

A coloured pic that best reflects your work within St Giles.



Music report
2023 felt musically less eventful after the upheavals and excitements of the pandemic, followed by the late Queen's Jubilee and death, and the installation of a new Rector. I direct the same excellent group on Sunday mornings and for special services - Elizabeth Day (organist), Inga de Vegvar (organ scholar), Penelope Sharpe (soprano), Amanda Dean (alto), Robin Whitehouse (tenor) and Louis Hurst (bass) -and our repertoire has grown to include much more music by women, especially music by our own in-house composer, alto Amanda Dean. At the end of July, before the choir took its August holiday, Louis designed an 'end-of-term' concert, in which all seven of us sang and played to celebrate the art of music. We were touched that so many of the congregation stayed after the service to listen. Indeed, we deeply appreciate all the support and feedback that regularly flows from clergy and congregation; this underpins our conviction that music in worship is a shared act which connects us all to God. *Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music!* (Psalm 98:4)

Deanery Synod
Deaneries are small geographical divisions of the Diocese, within which parishes are grouped under the care of an Area Dean. Each deanery is governed by a deanery synod. We at St Giles are part of the City of London Deanery, in the Two Cities area of the Diocese of London.

Each deanery synod is made up of clergy and lay members drawn from each of the parishes which they cover. Their task is to:

- consider matters concerning the Church of England and to make provision for such matters in relation to their deanery, and to consider and express their opinion on any other matters of religious or public interest;
- bring together the views of parishes of the deanery on common problems, to discuss and formulate common policies on those problems, to foster a sense of community and interdependence among those parishes, and generally to promote in the deanery the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical;
- make known and so far as appropriate put into effect any provision made by the Diocesan Synod;

- consider the business of the Diocesan Synod, and particularly any matters referred to that synod by the General Synod, and to sound parochial opinion whenever they are required or consider it appropriate to do so; and
- raise matters, as the deanery synod consider appropriate, with the Diocesan Synod.

The deanery synod, in addition to the above synodical functions, also serves as an electoral college to various bodies, including the General Synod, Diocesan Synod and Area Councils.

Highlights and hopes
In attending the City of London Deanery Synod as a representative of St Giles, my thinking often comes back to Matthew, chapter 5, which calls us all to reflect on Jesus Christ coming to earth to include the excluded and preach the good news for all.

The highlights of synod for me centre on our discussions around collaboratively spreading the Good News.
My hopes for our synod is that we find more in common between its members as, too often, time is spent on matters which divide us. This was, sadly, underlined recently by the creation of an alternative 'deanery chapter', by a group of City clergy in protest at the decision by the Church of England's General Synod to allow blessings for same-sex couples in churches which wished to offer them.

Please do keep all members of the City of London Deanery Synod in your prayers to support us working together, despite our differences, recognising our shared love of God and of our neighbours.



7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our income rose during the year to £358,369 (2022: £288,695). Notable increases were grants, mostly related to the floor repair activities (2023: £47,582; 2022 £9,321), quarterly bookfairs (2023: £31,800; 2022: £23,667) and gift-aid donations (2023: £83,238; 2022: £73,004).

Our investment income, which includes interest on our longer-term deposit account, rose this year to £39,026 (2022: £31,730). Dividend income on our investment portfolio was stable, though higher market interest rates and the placing of excess current account cash on deposit contributed to this change.

Our expenditure for the year increased to £288,649 (2022: £260,468). Our broader ongoing costs were stable compared to 2022 though major repairs and restoration costs relating to the floor work were notably higher due to grant-covered expenditure, at £30,379 (2022: £4,105). Additional employee costs due to employing a dedicated Parish Administrator (2023: £39,418; 2022: £31,744) were a further notable year-on-year increase.

Our net surplus for 2023 was therefore £69,720 (2022: £28,227) before gains on investments.

Statement of Financial Activities
For year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments						
Voluntary income	*2 (a)*	117,391	41,336		158,727	112,331
Activities for generating funds	*2 (b)*	111,004	-		111,004	101,690
Income from investments	*2 (c)*	39,026	-		39,026	32,982
Income from church activities	*2 (d)*	49,611	-		49,611	41,693
Total income		317,033	41,336	-	358,369	288,695
Expenditure						
Church activities	*3 (d)*	227,054	35,747	-	262,801	240,386
Raising funds	*3 (d)*	19,773	6,076		25,849	20,082
Total expenditure		246,827	41,823	-	288,649	260,468
Net surplus/(deficit) before investment gains		70,206	(487)	-	69,720	28,227
Net unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	*7 & 8*	44,675		64,037	108,712	(148,979)
Investment during year		(165)		165	-	-
Net surplus/(deficit)		**114,716**	**(487)**	**64,202**	**178,432**	**(120,752)**
Transfers between funds	*13*	(82,233)	82,233			
Net movement in funds		32,483	81,746	64,202	178,432	(120,752)
Total funds brought forward - adjusted		1,118,841	163,376	659,308	1,941,525	2,062,277
Total funds carried forward		**1,151,324**	**245,123**	**723,510**	**2,119,957**	**1,941,525**

Balance sheet
As at 31 December

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible	*6*	350,355	238,623		588,978	597,886
Investments	*7*	519,521			519,521	474,847
Endowments	*8*			723,510	723,510	659,308
		869,876	238,623	723,510	1,832,010	1,732,041
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	*9 (a)*	28,136	-		28,136	21,989
Cash at bank and in hand	*9 (b)*	265,043	6,500		271,543	198,593
		293,179	6,500	-	299,679	220,582
Liabilities						
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	*10*	(11,731)			(11,731)	(11,097)
Net current assets		281,448	6,500	-	287,948	209,485
Total net assets		**1,151,324**	**245,123**	**723,510**	**2,119,958**	**1,941,526**
Parish funds						
Unrestricted	*11 & 12*	1,151,324			1,151,324	1,118,841
Restricted	*11 & 12*		245,123		245,123	163,376
Endowment	*11 & 12*			723,510	723,510	659,308
		1,151,324	**245,123**	**723,510**	**2,119,957**	**1,941,526**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
2. Income and endowments					
(a) Voluntary income					
Gift aid donations		66,031	-	66,031	58,599
Tax recoverable		17,207	-	17,207	14,406
Wall safe donations		188	-	188	407
Open plate collections		6,522		6,522	3,342
Legacies		-		-	-
Grants	City Churches Grants Committee		17,500	17,500	-
	Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	5,702	-	5,702	1,604
	ASCY Ancient Society of College Youths		-	-	-
	Friends of St Giles		-	-	-
	Friends of City Churches	-	-	-	2,000
	Deanery Grant for insurance	545	-	545	576
	Other Grantors	-	23,836	23,836	5,141
Stewardship - Give.net		9,461	-	9,461	1,032
City Burial Ground Fund		2,600		2,600	2,500
Donations - other		3,317	-	3,317	5,124
Parish rate		5,819	-	5,819	17,601
		117,391	41,336	158,727	112,331
(b) Activities for generating funds					
Church lettings (Commercial)		51,790		51,790	56,707
Church lettings (Mission)		11,615		11,615	11,268
Bookstall		-		-	48
Book fairs		31,800		31,800	23,667
Roscoe Street hall income		15,800		15,800	10,000
		111,004	-	111,004	101,690
(c) Income from investments					
Dividends		31,905		31,905	31,730
Interest		7,121		7,121	1,252
		39,026	-	39,026	32,982
(d) Income from church activities					
Columbarium		600		600	-
Special services		12,564		12,564	10,589
Weddings and funerals		4,418		4,418	2,972
Music income		22,063		22,063	21,121
Vergers income		3,377		3,377	2,944
Bellringers' income		886		886	832
Refreshments		25		25	35
Events and other income		5,679		5,679	3,201
		49,611	-	49,611	41,693
Total income and endowments		317,033	41,336	358,369	288,695
3. Expenditure					
(a) Missionary and charitable giving					
Diocesan Lent Appeal		4,000		4,000	-
Hackney Food Bank		-		-	-
Plan International		180		180	180
Refugees' charities		1,000		1,000	2,998
		5,180	-	5,180	3,178
(b) Activities					
Ministry:					
	Diocesan common fund	87,775		87,775	87,200
	Diocesan parochial fees			-	-
	Clergy expenses	6,245		6,245	4,892
	Pastoral Assistant's expenses			-	-
Church running costs:					
	Heating, lighting and water	14,966		14,966	22,353
	Insurance	1,407		1,407	945
	Major repairs and restoration	-	30,379	30,379	4,105
	Maintenance	11,927		11,927	12,906
Music:					
	Director of Music remuneration	12,830		12,830	16,711
	Choir remuneration	28,608		28,608	25,925
	Assistant Organist	7,456	-	7,456	5,993
	Organ tuning, piano tuning & maintenance	2,468		2,468	4,817
	Music scores, books & licence	909		909	907
Services:					
	Church	3,045		3,045	867
	Special services and events	3,389		3,389	1,654
	Weddings and funerals	33		33	-
Church lettings		327		327	819
Columbarium		130		130	-
Leaflets & guides		-		-	-
Roscoe Street I Insurance		-		-	-
Vergers expenses		6,723		6,723	6,499
Bellringers' expenditure		886		886	1,072
Rectory maintenance		51		51	6,900

Other Expenses	3,345			3,345	2,190
	192,521	30,379		222,899	206,755
(c) Management and administration					
Employee costs	39,418			39,418	31,744
Advertising	1,536			1,536	-
Printing, stationery and postage	3,636			3,636	3,396
Telephone, fax and email	490			490	253
Website & internet connections	1,633			1,633	1,348
Accounting expenses	1,028			1,028	848
Independent Examiners Fees	300			300	150
Bank charges	166			166	237
Depreciation	920	11,444		12,364	12,559
Bad Debt write off				-	-
	49,126	11,444		60,570	50,535
Total expenditure	246,827	41,823		288,649	260,468

(d) Allocation of costs

	Church activities	Raising funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Missionary and charitable giving	5,180	-	5,180	3,178
Activities	209,164	13,735	222,899	206,755
Management and administration	48,456	12,114	60,570	50,535
	262,800	25,849	288,649	260,468

The basis for the allocation is as follows.
- missionary and charitable giving are fully attritutable to church activities
- activities costs are allocated on a line by line basis
- management and administration costs are allocated on an estimate of time taken

4. Staff costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages .	35,788		35,788	29,020
Pension	3,630		3,630	2,725
	39,418	-	39,418	31,744
Average number of employees			2	1

Under the terms of the Employment Allowance Scheme the church is able to reclaim its employers NIC payments in full.

The PCC has contracts for services with the Director of Music, musicians and our cleaning firm. All of these people work on a freelance basis.

5. Payments to and giving by PCC members - all paid from unrestricted funds

	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	2022
(a) PCC members received fees for services rendered as follows.	£	£
Anne Marsden Thomas - Director of Music	16,059	16,711
Penny Sharpe - Choir member	6,232	5,804
(b) Clergy were reimbursed for clergy expenses as follows.		
Jack Noble - Rector (from May 2022)	3,499	3,281
Alex Norris (to June 2023)	1,375	1,612

(c) No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

(e) in 2023 PCC members gave £30,339 to the church (2022: £35,383).

6. Tangible fixed assets

		Property	Church fixtures & fittings	Church furniture (20 yrs)	Church furniture (50 yrs)	Church & office equipment	Total
		£	£	£		£	£
At valuation - 1 January 2015		350,000					350,000
Cost	At 1 January 2023	350,000	150,867	39,456	87,765	3,856	631,943
	Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Additions at costs	-	-	3,456	-	-	3,456
	At 31 December 2023	350,000	150,867	42,912	87,765	3,856	635,399
Depreciation	At 1 January 2023	-	22,046	5,919	3,511	2,581	34,057
	Withdrawn on disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Charge for the year	-	7,543	2,146	1,755	920	12,364
	At 31 December 2023	-	29,589	8,065	5,266	3,501	46,421
Net book value	At 31 December 2022	350,000	128,821	33,537	84,254	1,275	597,886
	At 31 December 2023	350,000	121,278	34,847	82,499	355	588,978

The hall in Roscoe Street is vested in the London Diocesan Fund as Custodian Trustee and for which the PCC are acknowledged to be the Managing Trustee.

The church has opted not to present the valuation of ornaments and antiques within its possession in either year. These are intended to be held for perpetuity and are not used for purposes of generating income for the church.

7. Investment assets

	£
Market value at 31 December 2022	474,846
Disposal	-
Purchases at cost	-
Revaluation gain	44,675
Market value at 31 December 2023	519,521

8. Endowment assets

	£
Market value at 31 December 2022	659,306
Disposal	
Purchases at cost	165
Revaluation gain	64,040
Market value at 31 December 2023	723,510

The endowment assets represent permanent endowment investments held within the Cripplegate Church Sworder Foundation for which the London Diocesan Fund acts as the Custodian Trustee and the PCC as the Managing Trustee. The capital is subject to restriction on its use and is governed by the objects of the Foundation as indicated in the Charity Commission Scheme of 21 January 1992. There is power to convert capital into income and the capital is held permanently although the constituent investments may change over time.

9. Current assets

	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	2022 £
(a) Debtors		
Trade debtors	16,854	17,359
Other debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	11,282	4,630
	28,136	21,989

	2022
	209,485

(b) Cash at bank and in hand

Current - NatWest		19,841	27,252
Current - CAF Bank		73,543	69,823
Deposit	General	169,800	94,392
	Roscoe Street Hall	5,349	5,116
	Credit Union	3,010	2,010
		271,543	198,593

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Trade creditors	18	2,318
Other creditors	5,566	5,558
Accruals and deferred income	6,148	3,221
	11,731	11,097

There are no liabilities due after one year.

11. Summary of fund movements

	Unrestricted funds General £	Unrestricted funds Investments £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2023	643,994	474,847	163,376	659,308	1,941,525
Incoming resources	317,033		41,336		358,369
Resources expended	(246,827)		(41,823)		(288,649)
Investment gains		44,675		64,037	108,712
Transfer between funds	(82,233)	(165)	82,233	165	-
Balance at 31 December 2023	631,967	519,357	245,123	723,510	2,119,957

Restricted funds: capital improvements to the church funded by specific grants and donations.

12. Summary of assets by fund

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	350,355	238,623		588,978
Investment fixed assets	519,521		723,510	1,243,031
Debtors and prepayments	28,136			28,136
Cash	265,043	6,500		271,543
Liabilities: amounts falling due in one year	(11,731)			(11,731)
Fund balances at 31 December 2023	1,151,324	245,123	723,510	2,119,958
Fund balances at 31 December 2022	1,118,841	163,376	659,308	1,941,525

13. Transfer Between Funds

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Following a post-year end review of receipt and utilisation of grants in the current and prior periods, the PCC has confirmed a reallocation of £82,233 from unrestricted to restricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The PCC aims to hold approximately one year's unrestricted expenditure in reserves to enable us to

- Plan effectively for the longer term.
- Invest in developing activities that further our mission.
- Respond strategically and responsibly to changes in the external environment.
- Manage our cashflow.

Our target for our reserves, defined as unrestricted net current assets, is £200k. Our reserves stood at £281,448 on 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: £294,627), meeting this policy objective.

Investment Policy

It is our policy to invest the short-term investment fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund, and the remainder in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund.

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Our reserves target is £200k. Our reserves (excluding sums invested in fixed assets) at 31 December 2023 stood at £294,627 (31 December 2021: £258,533), meeting our policy objectives.

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It is our policy to invest the short-term investment fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund, and the remainder in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund.

Approved by the PCC on 14th April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

The Reverend Canon Jack Noble
Rector

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. GILES' CRIPPLEGATE

England & Wales - Charity number 1138077

Accounts

St. Giles' Cripplegate Church



Annual Report 2022

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With thanks for contributions from: -

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- The PCC Secretary (Gwen Rogers) for information from PCC Minutes, Annual Returns and past Annual Reports.
- The Treasurer (Dave Archer) for the Financial Review and Financial Statements.
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- Church Times for the attendance chart on Page 14

St. Giles' Cripplegate
Parochial Church Council
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2022

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Giles' Cripplegate, with St. Bartholomew, Moor Lane, and St. Alphage, London Wall and St. Luke, Old Street with St. Mary, Charterhouse and St. Paul, Clerkenwell [the PCC] present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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AIM AND PURPOSES

St Giles' Cripplegate PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibility for the parish church, for the Roscoe Street Hall and for St Giles' Columbarium. In addition, it acts as Managing Trustee of the Cripplegate Church Sworder Foundation, a charity established by a Charity Commission Scheme for the maintenance of the fabric of the parish church.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC provides public benefit by:

- facilitating regular public worship open to all;
- the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation;
- pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved;
- the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups;
- taking religious assemblies in schools, school tours of the church explaining worship and history and hosting school services.
- building community and promoting Christianity through the staging of events and meetings;
- the provision of performance space and instruments for educational activities benefiting local schools and colleges including the Royal College of Organists.

To facilitate this work it is essential to maintain the fabric of the church of St. Giles' Cripplegate.

The trustees have complied with the duty imposed by section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance (PB3 Public benefit: reporting) published by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit.

Church and charity law require the PCC as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting period, and the PCC is also responsible for keeping proper books of account with respect to its affairs.

Mission

We are here to love God and make Christ known in word and deed. We are an inclusive church and welcome all comers.

Planning objectives to progress our mission in 2022 were postponed until a new Rector was appointed.

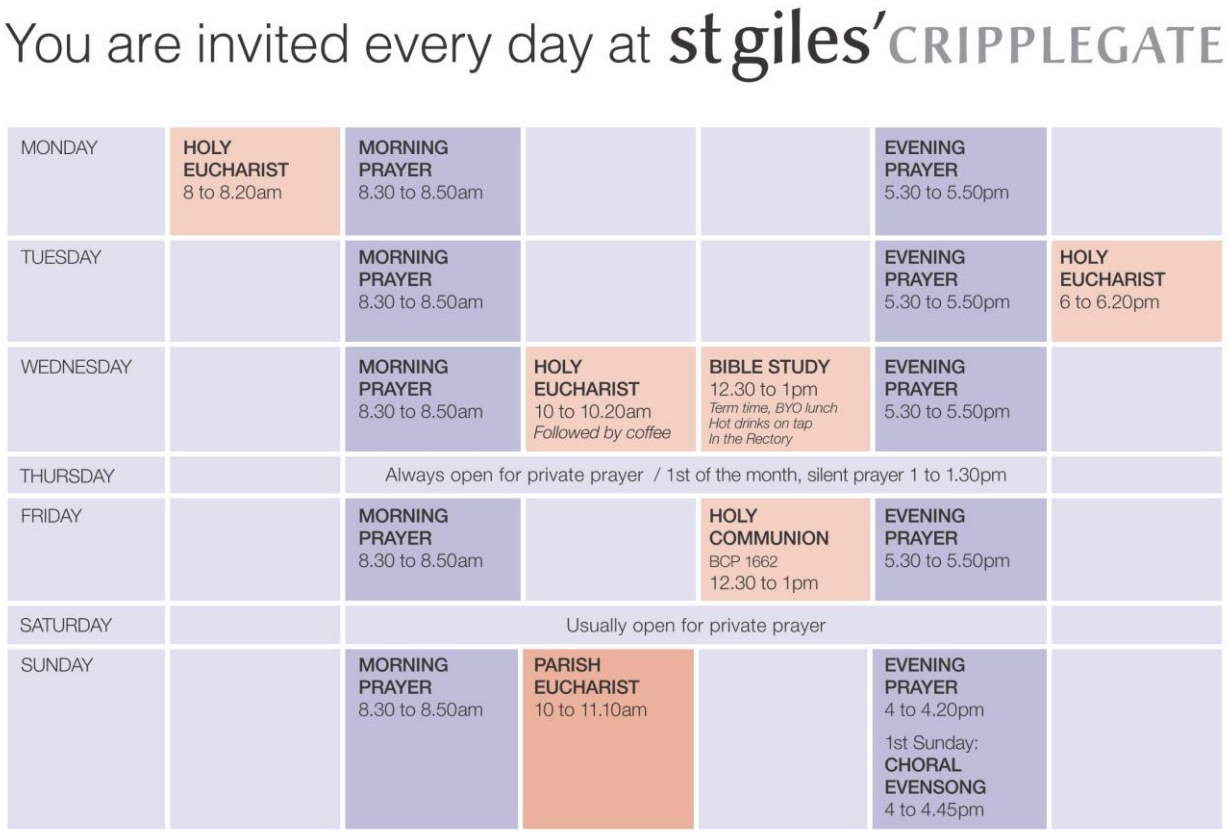
Planning for 2023 started at the PCC meeting in November which included a presentation entitled "Discerning a Shared Way of Life". It introduced a framework for reflecting on the life of the church at St. Giles'. The approach draws from the rules of the Desert Fathers & Mothers, the Benedictine rule and the analogy of a trellis supporting a plant growing. It started with three movements –

- Stay with God
- Share the Journey
- Serve our World

which we discussed in break-out groups focusing first on things our church is already doing that bring life, then on the things that drain our energy and finally the opportunities and hopes for the future.

Then we were presented with lists of "Postures" for each movement e.g. to Stay with God the postures included Confession, Fasting, Prayer, Scripture, Silence and Solitude. For each of our chosen Postures we defined a pattern e.g. weekly of daily and practices to support the posture.

Services and Church Opening Hours



Private Prayer and Reflection
13.00-13.30 on the first Thursday of each month.

Church and Parish Office Opening Hours
11.00 - 16.00 Monday to Friday

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Liturgy

Committee Report

The Worship and Liturgy committee comprised Diana Morgan Gray, David Freeman, Mona Henshall, Revd Alex Norris, Anne Marsden Thomas (minutes), Amanda Gibbon (chair). Our new Rector, the Revd Canon Jack Noble joined the committee after May, but Amanda continued as chair. The committee met on 17th January, 28th March, 11th July and 7th September.

The special events we planned and reviewed were:

- Induction of our new Rector on 8th May. A choir of 8 supported a splendid service in a packed church, followed by a festive celebration in church with lots of cakes
- The Platinum Jubilee June 2nd, in which the Sunday service included 'Zadok the Priest' from the choir, the national anthem, prayers for the sovereign and a few flags in the flower arrangement, with celebrations afterwards.
- A Children's Party on 10th July, and other facilities for our small band of children, including training sessions for Holy Communion. These children were then allowed to receive consecrated bread.
- Our Patronal Festival on 4th September, which welcomed friends from neighbouring churches St Joseph's, Bunhill Row, Jewin Welsh Chapel and Wesley's Chapel to an Ecumenical Choral Evensong at 4pm, followed by a party in the Rectory garden.
- Lancelot Andrewes feast day on 25th September, when Jack's sermon and one of the choir anthems used texts by Lancelot Andrewes, and residents from Andrewes House were invited to attend. Diana made a beautiful display of appropriate items in the church.
- A party for students and staff of Guildhall School of Music and Drama on 23rd October, which was a happy event attended by 12 people.
- The introduction of monthly Evensongs by Solis Choir, which has had a consistent attendance of 25.

We also discussed recurring events …

- Fortnightly prayer meetings, led by Diana, which continued through the year, initially on zoom.
- Lent – ecumenical study groups focused on the Christian virtues.
- Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter – when we were pleased to note that attendance had returned to pre-pandemic numbers.
- In July and August we experimented with the arrangement of pews. August Sunday services were mostly well attended and the congregation chose the hymns, as usual.
- All Souls 30th October – for the first time this included Eucharist, and the congregation bought red candles to place on the churchyard in memory of loved ones.
- Advent – ecumenical study groups focused on The Lord's Prayer. The Sunday morning visiting preachers were all women, except for one where Jack substituted at short notice after the preacher caught COVID.
- Christmas services - the choir were booked for more Christmas services than in the past, and the committee agreed that the high attendance and informal feedback amply justified the extra expenditure.

… and Sunday mornings

- The rota for crucifers and sidespeople has continued to give concern, due to lack of volunteers. Mona, churchwarden Gail Beer and Diana had given energetic assistance to Jake in organising and implementing the rota.
- The impact of COVID. Vital personnel continued to catch the virus, and we were grateful to the churchwardens and visiting clergy on Good Friday and Easter for leading services. This was because our wonderful assistant priest, Revd. Alex Norris, who had given such superb leadership throughout the interregnum, had caught the virus. Attendance at Sunday services was slow to pick up but by the end of year had fully recovered, and attendance at Christmas services, especially the parish carol service and the two eucharists on Christmas Eve, was particularly strong.

The Sunday Club



Sunday Club has run throughout 2022. It was held in the vestry during the 10am Sunday service.

In 2022 the syllabus has covered:

- Easter term 2022 – It's only Joseph's son, John in prison, The boy in the temple, The man who came at night, The woman who came for water, The workers and their wages, The good shepherd, The sermon on the mount
- Summer term 2022 – Esther, Jeremiah at the pottery and clay activity, The King's pen knife, The woman who came for water, The Queen and what she does as head of the church, The three servants, Noah's ark.
- Autumn term 2022 – St Paul's cathedral in the fire of London, Moses, Ruth, Saul, Nativity

Sunday Club sessions start with a welcome from the Sunday club leader on the rota that week and introducing everyone. The children then read from the children's Bible, discuss the passage and learn through activities such as role playing, dressing up, arts and crafts and puzzles. Sunday Club sessions seek to tie in the stories to the children's experiences, current events and the world around them. Sunday Club generally report back to the congregation during the notices. Much of the art work, including the clay pots are on display near the back of church.

In February 2022 Simon Freeman kindly took over managing the DBS paperwork for Sunday club after Wendy Ellis moved away.

In the autumn term Fr Jack kindly gave 5 sessions for First Holy Communion Preparation for 25 mins after the Parish Eucharist and some of the Sunday clubbers took their first communion.

On 8 May Sunday club children joined Fr Jack's installation and induction when church was packed with many people.

Sunday Club's numbers remained steady although fairly low during 2022. However, Sunday club has continued and has had new members later in the autumn term especially around the nativity play performance time and after the advent fair.

In the spring term Alex gave a couple of very well received story sermons one for Candlemas and one for Mothering Sunday. On these Sundays, such as the Harvest festival in the autumn term, the Sunday Club remain in church for the whole service and take part by doing the readings, assisting with the prayers, bringing up the bread and wine and carrying the candles.

In 2022, Sunday Club highlights included the children's feast on 10th July where Fr Jack led activities outside for the children.

The Sunday Club presented their annual nativity performance during the Parish Eucharist on 11 December. The children performed a nativity poem in costumes. The youngest member raised a pole with a star and make it twinkle accompanied by sound effects from the choir. At the end of the performance the children sang Away in a Manger together with the congregation, as the organist had kindly taught the children this at earlier Sunday clubs during the autumn term.

Music - Report from the Director of Music

2022 was a good year for the St Giles musicians: twelve months of musicmaking with our full team, after COVID's disruptions, and the installation of our new Rector, with the many benefits that has brought to us all.

For the first four months we worked under the excellent leadership of Revd. Alex Norris, our assistant priest. This period included Woman Composer Sunday on 6th March, when we sang music by our own alto, Amanda Dean, and Cecilia McDowall; our organist Elizabeth Day played music by Germaine Tailleferre. During this time our bass of ten years, Tom Kennedy, resigned due to the pressure of his new 6-days-a-week job teaching at Westminster School. It took time to find his ideal replacement, but we were delighted to appoint Louis Hurst in April. Mancunian-born Louis sings regularly with English National Opera, and freelances with other opera companies. He is a superb singer and has gelled with our regular musicians both artistically and socially.

On 8th May we booked a vocal octet for the Rector's installation service, at which I was thrilled to find that his musical choices were exactly what I would have suggested myself: Parry 'I was glad'; Howells 'Collegium Regale' service, and much more. On Sunday mornings the choir has continued to sing two anthems and to lead the congregational setting, the psalm and hymns each Sunday morning. In May we changed the congregational setting from that by Grayston Ives to a setting by Paul Ayres; as always, some were less keen on the change at first, but now it seems that everyone is comfortable with Ayres' fine, sensitive setting, which I feel has worn well through its weekly repetitions.

We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 5th June, with Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' from the choir, and afterwards Elizabeth and I played Walton's Crown Imperial March as a duo. It was poignant that, very soon after that, on 8th September, the Queen died. On the following two Sundays we changed the music to match the nation's mourning and sang several items which we later found were also included in her funeral service

On 4th September our vocal quartet and Elizabeth contributed to the special ecumenical choral evensong for St Giles Day. That was also the first time our new organ scholar, Inga de Vegvar, joined us. Inga is younger than our previous organ scholars; nevertheless, her enthusiasm, drive and musicality have equipped her to progress quickly in the role and we all greatly enjoy working with her.

On 2nd October I was immensely touched that everyone made such a fuss of my 40th anniversary as Director of Music; I look back on the past 40 years in wonder that I have been in such a happy post so long. Working with our musicians - Elizabeth Day (organist), Inga de Vegvar (organ scholar), Penelope Sharpe (soprano), Amanda Dean (alto), Robin Whitehouse (tenor) and Louis Hurst (bass) – is full of joy. But an even larger team supports the music, and I would particularly like to thank Diana Morgan Gray, Jake Kirner and, of course, our wonderful clergy, Alex our assistant priest and our Rector Jack, who encourage all our musical activities and constantly inspire us to keep raising our game. Thank you all!

Deanery Synod

A Deanery Synod consists of two "Houses" one of clergy, who represent their churches ex officio, and the other of lay members who are elected for three years. The number of lay members is based on the Electoral Roll and with the St. Giles' roll dropping from 122 to 118 we will have only two lay members from 2023 to 2026. In 2022 we were represented by Revd. Alex Norris, Revd. Canon Jack Noble, David Freeman, Daniel Gerring and Gwen Rogers.

There were three meetings including, in July, Evensong at the Temple Church followed by a Party in the Master's Garden.

The January meeting was held in St. Botolph Church Hall, Bishopsgate and was, for the first time since the pandemic, an opportunity to welcome the new Lord Mayor. Rory Anderson, Synod Lay Chair, presented him with a copy of the 'The Message', a Bible in contemporary language and he responded with

thanks to the City Churches for their presence during covid and presented gifts for the Area Dean and Lay Chair.

The main topic for the evening was “Caring for God’s Earth”. In the first session we concentrated on the Churches response to the City’s Climate Action Strategy. The Synod target, in line with the national C of E commitment, is to reach net zero carbon emissions by making considerable reduction in energy use in church buildings together with personal reductions and offsetting the residual effects by 2030. This is in parallel with the City Corporation’s aim to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2027, and the whole Square Mile by 2040.

The Eco Church Scheme was set up in 2016 to help churches care for creation (climate change/loss of biodiversity) as a part of our Christian mission. 10% of English/Welsh churches are registered and all 42 dioceses have signed up to Eco Diocese. In London 120 churches had registered including St. James, Piccadilly the recipients of a Gold Eco Church award. They made a simple start addressing energy bills, reducing the heating thermostat, using energy efficient light bulbs, eliminating plastic where possible, recycling, composting, and adding solar panels. The church garden encouraged biodiversity and helped others to grow plants suitable for their environment and encouraged bees, a day of activities on the environment included: games for children, poetry, art, vegan food, and fashion shows of suitable clothing.

St. Paul’s, Marylebone had been awarded Silver for a similar approach to a net zero carbon efficient building, with other initiatives such as outdoor worship, community walks, climate club for children, food recycling and cooking vegetarian meals for the local vulnerable and homeless community. St. Giles’ has not registered but our new lighting system employs energy efficient LED luminaires while heating usage is proactively controlled by our Administrator, Jake Kirner. Sadly, our churchyard is unsuitable for many plants although solar panels may be possible on the roof.

Catherine McGuiness (Chair of the City Corporation’s Policy and Resources Committee) reported the City ambition to be a world leader in Green Finance and the need for investment. The greatest challenges are the buildings – new ones can be built to energy efficient standards but many of the buildings are much older especially the churches. Private company resources were being evaluated to generate a climate action fund to support decarbonisation projects. In 2019 the Green Finance Institute was formed promoting eco-friendly buildings, with a group at COP26 looking at transition arrangements and justice for communities. The Corporation considered the City Churches a vital stakeholder in the promotion of biodiversity in its open spaces, many of which are churchyards.

The focus of the October meeting was “Ministering to the unseen City”. The first presentation described the Tamar Project which reaches out to the victims of sex trafficking and prostitution. In this form of modern slavery women are tricked into coming to London and imprisoned in prostitution. If they escape they will need help with asylum and Home Office processes especially when they are not fluent in English. Mandarin speakers specifically are helped by members of the Chinese Church at St. Helen, Bishopsgate where the project is based.

A project at St. Katharine Cree focuses on workers who are “unseen” because of their working hours or occupations. Some come to church early in the morning as they finish a shift, others arrive during the day still wearing their high-viz jackets. They come from many church traditions, from Roman Catholic to Pentecostal, and are very different from the stereotypical city worker in a suit. English language skills are an issue for some of these workers who struggle to understand the contracts they must sign. To meet this need Conversation and Bible Study sessions with bilingual leaders have been arranged at times to fit with their work.

The Corporation of London has a statutory duty to support the homeless and during covid reduced rough sleeping with safe provisions which have now been withdrawn. Pre-covid churches were used as winter spaces to provide the homeless with a bed for the night and a meal. Drawing on this experience a 15 bed assessment centre was being developed on Snow Hill near Holy Sepulchre church and a 30 bed hostel on the south bank near London Bridge. With winter approaching those on low income and with energy poverty will struggle. We were encouraged to open as “warm banks” with no other services required although if tea and coffee can be served the Corporation will help with promotion.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Audits – During the course of the year we have adopted an online app, the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard, to allow for regular reviews and self-audits of safeguarding actions and issues. The Parish Safeguarding Dashboard has replaced the safeguarding self-audit undertaken on an annual basis. Using the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard has identified additional policies which need to be adopted and continues to highlight the need for refreshed safeguarding training for all clergy, licensed lay ministers, churchwardens and many lay officers both paid and volunteers.

Safeguarding Agreement - We have a Safeguarding Agreement for the Protection of Children and Adults at Risk in place. Following the appointment of Fr Jack as Rector a review meeting took place in 2022 with Andrew Munro, one of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisors and Mark Hunter (Safeguarding Officer). The agreement will be reviewed annually.

Disclosure and Baring Service (DBS) – With effect from January 2022 guidance has been provided by the Diocese of London under which the regularity of enhanced DBS checks on clergy, churchwardens, lay officers paid and volunteer and those involved in the church. Prior to the guidance the DBS checks were refreshed every five years. In line with the new guidance, we will be renewing the DBS checks every three years and will be conducting those checks in relation to both children and adults.

Lead Recruiter

Simon Freeman was appointed as Lead Recruiter in May 2022 and has been working on updating the DBS checks and implementing the guidance from the Diocese. In line with that guidance, we will be aiming to have completed this process as soon as possible and, in any event, by November 2023.

Charitable Giving

The PCC has been supporting Plan International since 2013. Initially by sponsoring a child's education and then when she completed her studies by a modest monthly contribution of £15.

In January we were informed that Prior Weston school were supporting nine Afghan refugee pupils and the PCC contributed £2,000 to their families.

During the interregnum payments from the Rector's Discretionary Fund ceased and when St. Luke's school appealed for help a donation of £1,000 was made from PCC funds. Now a new Rector is in post he administers the fund and can make such discretionary payments to those in need.

'St Giles' continues to contribute huge amounts, through the time and energy of the clergy and volunteers (David Freeman foremost among them) in administration, support and governance of a number of historically church charities and funds.'



Before covid foodbank collections were made outside Waitrose. Now there is a community collection hub at St. Luke's School for food, clothing and hygiene products illustrated in this photograph. It is staffed by volunteers and Year 6 students. It was also the recipient of our Harvest Festival appeal and collection.

Events

10-April Palm Sunday



8-May Installation of Fr Jack Noble as Rector



Annual Parish Weekend to Othona 1-3 July 2022

The organising team of Fr Jack, Cath and David Price devised a successful weekend of prayer, discussion, workshops, leisure pursuits, and time to be at peace in this holy place. Susan had arrived after lunch to sort the accommodation needs of the group. For the first time all the yurts were used this year.

We expected to be a party of 18 but a last-minute strike by Great Anglia Railway staff meant that 3 people who would have joined us or left on the Saturday were unable to do so and with one person ill, it was finally a party of 14 that arrived on the Friday early evening by train, taxi, or car. The train journey was not without its difficulties as it required a change at Wickford for the shuttle train to Southminster but as the train was late leaving Liverpool Street the connection was missed. Eventually everyone had arrived by 7pm and, after a welcome drink, we were able to have our dinner at 7.30pm.

After dinner Fr Jack led our first workshop 'Arriving' with us all sitting comfortably in the solar room. We discussed how we felt about arriving at Othona and what we had left behind us. We agreed it was great to be back and several of us reflected on letting go of our day-to-day concerns while we were here and of soaking up the peace and tranquillity of this ancient place. We then made our way around the wonderful field of ripening barley to the chapel of St Peter-on-Wall, built on the site of a Roman fort by St Cedd in 654, for the service of Compline. We marvelled at the stunning sunset as we walked back to the Community buildings.

On Saturday after breakfast at 08.30 we met in the chapel for Morning Prayer. This was followed by the next workshop led by Ros. Our theme this year was 'Blessed are the Peacemakers'. Ros writes, 'In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5: 1-12), Jesus describes the attitudes that are foundational to building the Kingdom of God – and their rewards. These eight « Beatitudes » are radical and transformational and turn everything upside down: the world declares the powerful and the rich to be the blessed, but God favours the humble and the poor, and "the peacemakers shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9). Blessed is taken to mean flourishing or truly happy.

After a coffee break our next workshop, 'Blessed are the Peacemakers' was led by Susan. We were invited 'to create something about Peace'. We worked on our own or in pairs using the wonderful

collection of photos, cards coloured papers, paints, and pens that Susan had brought with her for our creations.

After lunch, we had our usual free afternoon to walk the sea wall, garden, swim, rest or read. We met for Evening Prayer in the chapel before drinks and a barbeque as we enjoyed the warm evening outside. We walked to the chapel at the end of the day for Compline. For those who wished there was a showing of the film, 'The Life of Brian' in the Lounge



We were back in the chapel for Holy Communion at 10.00 after which we asked a couple who were walking their dog to take a group photo of us outside the chapel. There was one more session 'Leaving' led by Father Jack when we reflected on our time at Othona and how we felt about leaving. This was held outside and ended with one of Mona's famous exercises – standing still in the open air in our own space with our eyes closed and listening to the sounds of nature around us – the birds singing and the wind rustling the leaves on the trees.

After a lovely Sunday lunch and thanking our hosts, it was time to leave Othona for our journey back to London. All of us felt relaxed and calmed by our stay in this holy and beautiful place and in company of each other.

It was the first visit with us for Fr Jack and Penny, our soprano from St Giles' choir whose beautiful voice enriched our worship in the Chapel. Fr Jack wrote, 'Thank you, for all you've done to make this weekend so wonderful. It was a joy to be with you all.' Penny wrote, What a wonderful weekend. Thank you all for making it so special.

4-September Ecumenical Choral Evensong for the Feast of St. Giles'



Anne Marsden Thomas: 40 years as Director of Music



Sunday 31 October 4pm Requiem Eucharist: All Souls' service in church and afterwards placing of candles on the tombs outside.



Saturday 26 November Advent Ecumenical Session 1 at St Giles'



Sunday 27 November Advent Fair and Christingle Service



12-December Parish Carol Service



Book Fairs

The Book Fair had a record-breaking year, raising £24K (compared to £14K in 2021) over four fairs, with each fair about 16 days. We received some high-quality books and folios, and the volunteers worked hard to improve the sorting and weed out old stock. We also increased the prices but remain a bargain and this is demonstrated by the increase in people coming into the church to browse and buy.

The mailing list has grown to 300 and we're increasingly attracting people from outside the City although we still could improve our marketing. We are looking at a safer alternative to the bread trays in which the books are kept, considering some kind of shelving/table hybrid which hopefully would be attractive enough to store under the tower between fairs, thus beautifying the space.

Many thanks to our dozen volunteers who give so much time and make it such a joyous event.

Stewardship

At the end of 2022, we finally achieved one of our key aims for the year, that of installing a cashless 'donation station', which is now situated by the north door.

The Stewardship Committee had for some time been looking at this as a good way to encourage easy giving, particularly in our increasingly cashless society. The project was then taken forward by Gwen Rogers, Jake Kirner and Tim Middleton but an unforeseen difficulty – our first intended supplier went bust just as we were about to place an order – meant that we were only able to take delivery of the new 'Payaz' machine at the end of the year.

The 'Payaz' machine invites donors to tap their debit or credit card on it to donate a default sum of £5, £10 or £20 – or to put in any other sum that they wish to give. There is no need to provide personal information and the transaction takes seconds. In January 2023, we received 30 donations totalling £305

through Payaz, most of them for £5 or £10. In 2023, we hope its prominent position by the door will encourage more visitors to donate this way, particularly at weddings, concerts, the Christmas carol services and other special events.

As the table below shows, overall donations have risen slightly compared with 2021, but are not yet back to the pre-pandemic level of 2019. This is despite receipts in 2022 being increased by around £2,000 in donations taken during livery company services relocated to St Giles' while St Lawrence Jewry has been closed for refurbishment. It's worth noting that we are able to claim gift aid not just in cases where the donor has signed a gift aid declaration (included in the first row of the table) but also via the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (allowing us to claim gift aid on small anonymous cash or contactless payments). In 2022, these two types of gift aided donations have added about £18,000 of income to the total in the table below.

The number of people giving regularly by standing order has dropped this year from 45 to 44, but we will continue to encourage new and existing members of the congregation to give this way, as it makes financial planning so much easier for the church. Details of how to give by standing order are on the church's website under 'Our Stewardship'. There were no bequests or legacies in 2022.

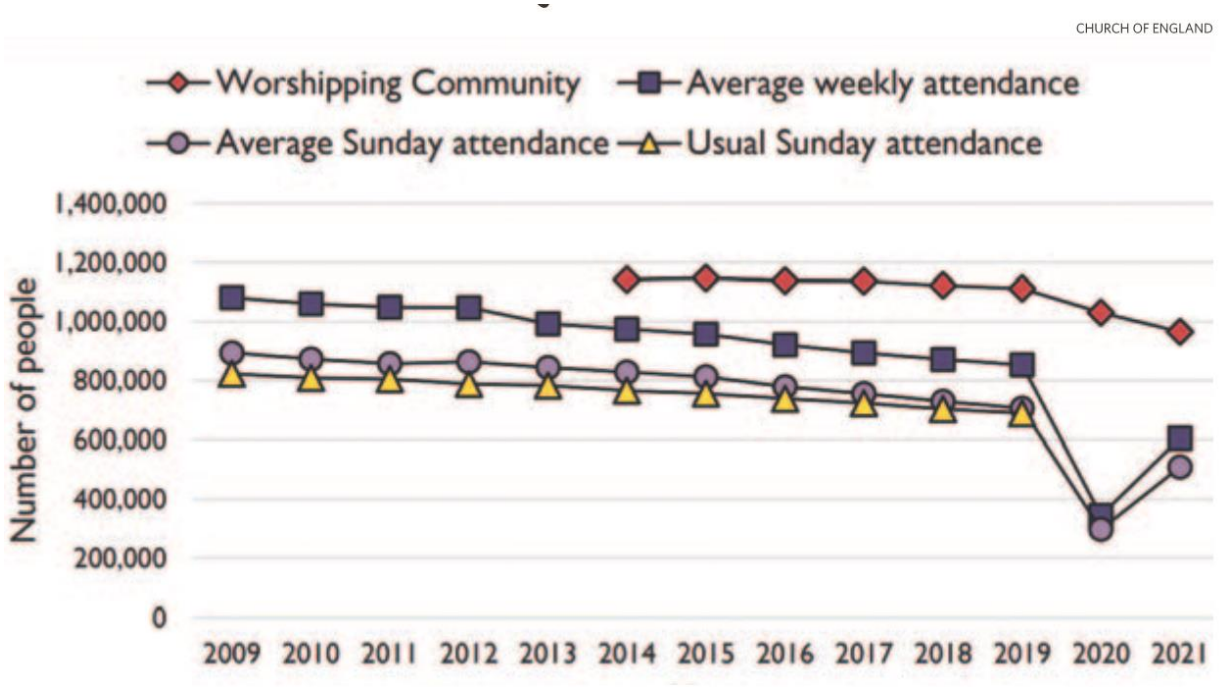
One striking difference between 2021 and 2022 has been the increase in the cost of living. Inflation is now hitting around 10%, so a donation of £10 in 2022 only buys what £9 would buy in 2021, but many donors, quite understandably, have not adjusted to that in their giving. We understand the pressures on household budgets but in 2023 we will hope to encourage the congregation and visitors to take account of inflation in whatever sum they are able to give, whether by cash, Payaz or standing order.

The Stewardship Committee will be helped in its work this year by the very welcome addition of Amanda Dean and Christopher Gadsden to our numbers.

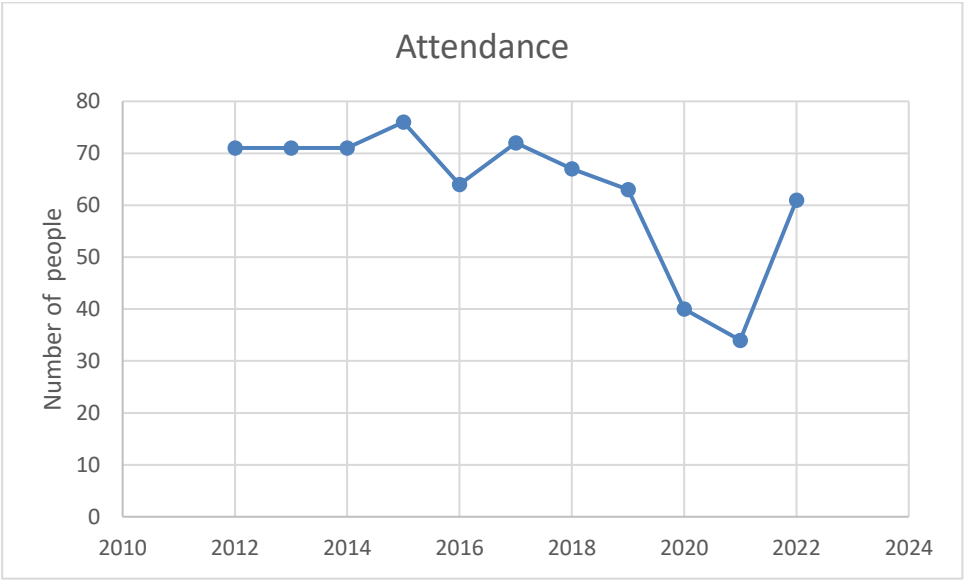
Donations (other than for new furniture)	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**
Donations eligible for gift aid	£61,500	£56,000	£65,366	£63,887
Donations via Give.net	-	£300	£1,660	£650
Open plate donations not eligible for gift aid	£8,700	£1,400	£1,118	£3,342
Other donations not eligible for gift aid	£5,600	£4,800	£3,448	£5,046
Total	**£75,800**	**£62,500**	**£71,592**	**£72,925**

Church Attendance (Statistics for Mission)

In December the Church Times published an article about attendance headlined “Attendance survey shows Covid effect – C of E mission figures record another anomalous year”. It included this chart –



The data for St. Giles’ followed a similar pattern –



with declining attendance until covid closed the church and in-person attendance ceased. At St. Giles’ the recovery in 2022 saw a return to the 2019 level, unlike the CofE nationwide.

With additional services on Sunday and mid-week it is hoped to continue the upward trend.

Archdeacon’s Visitation

The Visitation was conducted by The Ven Luke Miller (Archdeacon of London) on Tuesday 6th. September 2022. He met with the Rector, Assistant Priest, Churchwardens, PCC members and the Administrator. His report describes the parish and comments on it as follows:-

Parish Life

MAJOR PARISH ACTIVITIES
• Concerts, music and recitals. • The Book Fairs – well established, well known and well run; brings in net c £15k pa
FINANCE
• It was noted that finances are 'robust' and there is a realisation that the church is well endowed and has good support from capital investments for day to day work. Events and concerts have done well, and consideration is being given to the implications of this and whether a trading subsidiary might be needed.
HOPES
• Reconnect the church with the north of the parish. • Establishment of more weekday services, including a weekday eucharist and morning and evening prayer already now regularly publicly said. • There is much spiritual depth: building on this with more explicit teaching and learning.
BUILDING MATTERS
• The building is in good order with the recently installed lighting, furniture and cleaning of the floors. • Redecoration is planned.
WORK OF THE STAFF TEAM
• **Alex Norris** is to be thanked for all the work he did on top of his full time job during the vacancy. He worked very hard indeed and the deanery and Archdeaconry is most grateful to him. • The church was thus in very good order after a good incumbency and a well run vacancy. • **Jake Kirner** has combined the work of administration, (supporting the volunteer PCC Secretary), and buildings manager. Hires have increased, There is a plan as Gwen steps down to separate the two functions of administration and buildings manager to build capacity. • **Anne Marsden Thomas MBE** Music is at the heart of the liturgy at S Giles and Anne has been MD for 40 years. It is very good to have a Rector both knowledgeable and supportive of the music. • Volunteering is being reviewed by the Churchwardens to see how it can support the church better.
COMPLIANCE ISSUES
• Documentation is well stored on a computerised system, but not entirely user friendly for someone new to it. It would add to resilience if the files could be set out in a clearer way. • Photographs should be added to the (commendably comprehensive) church property register (inventory) which clearly show the hallmarks of the silver and/or the hall marks of each piece should be described. • Please confirm that the fire extinguishers really are 'service free' and do not require an annual service.

Additional Comments

The beginning of a new incumbency gives a chance to take stock and look at the work of the parish. In the case of S Giles there is the happy opportunity to seize the opportunities which have been opened by the hard and effective work of the last few years while also embarking on new things. The building is in good order. While recognising the inevitable challenges, the finances are healthy. There are good people doing great things. There is also a sense of new beginning in the need to rebuild after Covid. There is opportunity to reach to the offices in the parish and already the church is getting its information into some of their internal communications. As it was put in the PCC, **S Giles is "re-stating where we were going well, and unlocking the tremendous potential."**

There are hopes to expand the midweek offering of the parish to make connections with firms and businesses. Plans are afoot to support the teaching and deepening of spirituality and continue the pastoral ministry on which so much else depends. Some simple immediate actions, such as the planned overhaul of the website, make a great deal of sense. We discussed things such as the use of the church's year and its rhythm to bring people to a series of 'specials' (Christmas; Epiphany; Shrove Tuesday / Ash Wednesday; Easter; Pentecost; Harvest; Armistice/Requiem). This would build on things like the annual requiem already in place to develop a congregation of 'once a monthers' who then, if there are good catechetical systems in place to lead them on in devotion and spirituality, grow in commitment.

Overall, there is a hope in the parish to be more intentional about growth and welcome. There was a clear-eyed recognition that S Giles, though wanting to be much more than this, has been in many ways 'the church of the Barbican' and has some work to do genuinely to serve the whole parish. This does not mean that there has been no contact with the 'north' of the parish: good relations with S Luke's School, are just one example. It is good to have used opportunities such as the SIAMS inspection of the school to look both at the school vision and that of the parish church and see how connection can be made better. I would encourage thoughts about reaching out to those less seen in S Giles and thinking about how to increase the offer of the parish church. At the visitation there was mention of, for example, a Families' Service on Sundays. In answer to the point made in the PCC about the accessibility of S Giles from the north, in time thought could perhaps be given to developing a second worship centre.

Thinking has been going on about how to make sure that there is capacity among the people of the parish for what needs to be done, and there is consideration of how to ensure volunteering is well used, administration is in place and the necessary caretaking function provided. This is to be welcomed. As volunteering is reviewed it is important always to ask not how posts can be filled, but how people can be developed in their service of God through their offering of time to the church. It is healthy to ensure there is as much join-up as possible between the practical needs of the church and the spiritual growth of the faithful. How are volunteers enabled to pray through their work, galvanized by Scripture and supported with the Sacraments? "Flower arrangers' Eucharist" and Sunday Club Teachers' Bible Study are more important than full rotas and skilled delivery.

S Giles is a church which has a new beginning with a new incumbency just at the end of the pandemic. This is a moment to seize the opportunity and respond to the call.

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

- ***St Giles' Cripplegate – The Parish Church***

Condition and Quinquennial Inspection

The Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in September 2020 by Kelley Christ, the Inspecting Architect. In her report she describes the church as "generally well maintained, in fair condition for its age and the PCC and church community continue to invest in the ongoing care and representation of the building fabric".

The most urgent issues were "the presence of efflourescence to the column bases and irregular deterioration of the Purbeck limestone floor to the Nave", "a localised section of damp plaster to the south nave aisle wall which has inexplicably high moisture readings relative to adjacent plastered surfaces" and similar damage to the mediaeval sedilia and piscina in the chancel. This damage was surveyed by Dr. David Carrington, Skillington Workshop, in November and his report describing the causes and possible remedies is expected before Easter 2023.

Work during the year

Walls - The "localised section of damp plaster to the south nave aisle wall" was behind a drain from the aisle roof which had been inspected by Andrew Thompson, Fullers Builders, in May 2021 when he reported –

> *"that the hopper is in good condition and is not leaking from any part, we were able to inspect behind it and could confirm that the stone work was remaining dry.*

We have also noted that there is an area of masonry that is spalling to some extent, the location of which pretty much corresponds with the damp internally. We're wondering whether this could be the cause of the internal issue."

Following this advice Fullers were invited to defrass the spalling stonework in June 2022 and the work was funded by the Friends of City Churches and the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

Despite gutter maintenance in January the Rector observed an overflowing hopper in August caused by a blocked drain pipe which was cleared by him and Jake Kirner, Administrator.

Heating – the boilers were repaired in January and then again in September and October. When winter weather reduced the outside temperature to 3°C the boilers could only raise the indoor temperature by 10°C. Further repairs are urgently needed.

Rectory – was redecorated and a new kitchen installed.

Future Plans

An overdue Electrical Inspection including PAT testing will be arranged as soon as possible (Ref. QI Report Section 1.3). The internal water damage to the south aisle will be repaired when the wall is dry.

When Skillington Workshop publish their report the recommended conservation work will be arranged and funding has already been offered by the City Churches Grants Committee and the Garfield Weston Foundation.

Eco Heating Systems will be researched as carbon neutral, warm and reliable replacements for the current failing system.

Tower and Bells

The QI report states that the tower condition is good and no further investigations of movement when the bells are ringing have been undertaken. Since the movement adversely affects the bells the ringers can informally monitor it and report any deterioration. They remain "challenging" but no change has been reported. The Steeple Keeper, Henry Coggill, has performed the routine maintenance of bells and fittings. He reports that ropes are fraying and will need replacement soon.

All twelve bells were rung before the Installation and Induction of Fr. Jack as Rector and the Tenor bell was tolled for the death of the Queen.

The Organs and Piano

Use of the two organs in church was roughly equal in 2022. While social distancing was required, the choir always sang from the east end accompanied by the beautiful chancel organ; as the restrictions lifted we enjoyed the varied richness of the larger gallery organ on alternate Sunday mornings. The church paid for repairs and/or tuning on four occasions, and on a fifth occasion the BBC paid for tuning prior to a recording. The organ blowers received their annual service and the booster blower on the gallery organ was taken away for overhaul, so much of that organ was silent for a week. The extremes of temperature in 2022 were unkind to the state of both organs: unfortunately, organs prefer consistent temperatures and humidity levels. For the second year running the practice organ in the church office required no maintenance and that organ is much appreciated by organ students who access it in the hours when the church administrator is off duty. The income from that organ goes to Friends of St Giles, where it is held in a restricted fund ready for use when the three organs needed cleaning. Elizabeth Day, our organist, oversees the booking and payment system, which is through Google calendar and Paypal.

We should be aware that organs need cleaning every 20 or so years, especially in a dusty city centre. Our organs were last installed or cleaned in 2008, so that expense is beginning to loom ahead.

Our superb Steinway piano was tuned five times in 2022, always at a hirer's expense. Its right block came unstuck in the summer but, thanks to the skills of Jake and Lydia, who fixed it for a cost of £160, we saved the £800 plus VAT quoted by Steinway.

Security, Health & Safety and Risk Assessment

Accidents - Two accidents were recorded in the Accidents Book. The first involved a loose churchwarden's stave in the Strong Room which fell and cut the warden's hand. The stave has since been stored securely. A second more serious injury was caused by a falling coat stand in the vestry. The stand was usually located by the west door where it was supported by the wall. It has been returned to the west door and will not be left unsupported in future.

Defibrillator - During the year, the PCC resolved to buy a defibrillator. This has now been purchased and is kept in the vestry.

Fire Extinguishers - In 2021, the PCC agreed that it could save money by replacing the existing collection of fire extinguishers with newer models that would be suitable for dealing with all types of fire and which would not need to be maintained as frequently. Consequently, during this year the PCC purchased new extinguishers, with single items replacing the pairs of extinguishers that had been in place previously. The new extinguishers take up less space than their predecessors, are easier to use, and require maintenance at ten year intervals.

Property Register and Logbook

The PCC inspected the Property Register at is meeting, 30th. January 2023, and the Churchwardens confirmed that it provided an accurate terrier (a list of land belonging to the church) and inventory (a list of all the items belonging to the church). The log book (a detailed record of all the alterations, additions and repairs carried out in relation to the church, its land and its contents) was unavailable.

Faculties

DAC Reference	Faculty	Date	Description
0111.01-0422B	List B	7th. June 2022	Defrassing spalling external stonework in the south aisle wall.
0111.01-0722A	4289	21st. November 2022	Survey of damage to medieval piscina and sedilia in the chancel, marble floor and nave pillars. Subsequent conservation and repair works. Condition - The proposal for the final treatment works is to be reviewed by an architect member of the DAC prior to tendering for work.

- ***Churchyard, St Giles' Church Hall and Columbarium***

The Churchyard continues to be a place of bustle and life. Services spill out into it, especially weddings, Evensong on St Giles' Day, and other major celebrations.

The Corporation of London has made some efforts to restore the Engineering brick paving, but the fundamental membrane is in poor state, and the flawed draining a regular source of clogging and flooding. The result of these design flaws is the damp in the Church Hall and Columbarium.

Conversations with the Corporation about suitable maintenance (e.g. tackling efflorescence on the niche stones in the Columbarium) have begun but are typically slow in nature. Also ongoing are discussions about boundaries and land use resulting from confusion in the 1973 lease of the Church Hall, and a mis-measuring of the Churchyard from the South East corner of the Church building. Despite this, the Columbarium is regularly visited by families whose loved ones are interred there, and the Hall is daily filled with young life by the Newpark Nursery. This combination of old and young is testament to St Giles' rootedness in our community, and the breadth of it.

The Hall income continues to go, until 2024, to the Diocese for major re-tanking work nearly 20 years ago. Plans for the return of income and rental agreements to the Parish will begin in 2023.

- ***St. Alphage Garden***

The parish of St. Alphage held a 1000 year lease, from 1587, on its burial ground which is now maintained by the Corporation of London as a public park. St. Alphage was united with St. Giles' in the post-WW2 rationalisation of City parishes and we inherited the lease. The lease was registered in the name of the Rector at the Land Registry in 2010. The burial ground remains subject to the faculty jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical courts. In 2016 the PCC applied for a Faculty, on behalf of the Corporation, to redevelop the garden on "the condition that the final design be approved by the Rector and PCC to ensure that the Christian
and historic interpretation of the footprint of the church and graveyard is developed in accordance with the PCC's wishes". The PCC approved commemorative panel designs, which included the text "This is the house of God and the gate of Heaven" from Genesis 28:17". The installed plaque omitted the text and the Corporation Project Manager attributed this to it being exclusively Christian and the location being Corporation owned. Being an Old Testament book, Genesis is not exclusively Christian and the ownership of the "lower garden" was established in 2012 when it was "oversailed" by cranes used to redevelop Roman House.

- **Roscoe Street Hall (was St. Luke's Church Centre)**

The hall was leased to Kunstraum, a not-for-profit art gallery for five years in 2016. By 2021 covid had curtailed their activities and they had restructured as Studio Roscoe CIC, a Community Interest Company supporting artists with origins in the African & Caribbean Diasporas and People of Colour of the world. The contract is to be updated to reflect their new identity and rent. At the same time any outstanding issues relating to quinquennial inspections, insurance and responsibility for gas safety certification will be resolved.

Financial Review

After a period of interregnum, 2022 was a welcome step back towards normality. Father Jack's arrival in May has re-energised the church, with new services, events and community engagement, with new faces coming through our doors. There is a strong sense that we are now investing for the future which is reflected in our financial statements.

Considering our external environment, our results have been shaped by the following key factors:

- The post-Covid demand for 'real-life events', leading to a record year for our events activities.
- The War in Ukraine and the end of Covid, both of which have led to very significant rises in energy costs and general inflation, affecting all areas of our expenditure.
- Global central banks policies to control this inflation through significant hikes in interest rates have had a markedly negative impact on the value of our investment portfolio.

Taking our income first, this rose notably during the year (2022: £288,695; 2021: £251,494). The increase was almost entirely due a successful increase in our fund-raising activities, with an uplift in lettings (2022: £67,975; 2021: £40,864) and quarterly bookfairs (2022: £23,667; 2021: £13,987) representing almost all of the change. Voluntary income fell, (2022: £101,690: 2021: £133,150), due to recategorisation of music income to income from church activities. Donations from other sources offset the fall in our regular Gift Aid Donations.

Our investment income held up well (2022: £31,730; 2021: £30,720) as investment yields rose, offsetting the fall in the value of the underlying assets.

Our expenditure for the year rose significantly (2022: £260,468; 2021: £232,082), due to a combination of cost increases, one-off items in preparation for our new rector, and a notable increase in costs linked to additional event activity, noting this also led to additional income.

Our most significant cost item was our contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund (2022: £87,200; 2021: £87,200), as we continue to contribute our full share. Our costs of management and administration, including the employment of our administrator and depreciation ticked upwards (2022: £50,535; 2021: £46,864), with the main uplift due to a considerable increase in printing costs. Overall church running costs were flat (2022: £40,309; 2021: £41,567), though heating costs more than tripled before any supporting grants (2022: £22,353; 2021: £5,874), though this was offset by a c. £20k reduction in repairs and restoration versus our prior year as planned works were rescheduled to 2023.
The overall picture before investment gains was one of a modest surplus (2022: £28,227; 2021: £19,412). This was made up of surplus on unrestricted funds (2022: £34,129; 2021: £34,367) and a small deficit on restricted funds of (2022: £5,902 deficit; 2021: £14,955 deficit) as depreciation and expenses exceeded restricted income.

Both our unrestricted investments and endowments investments (Sworder Foundation) suffered notably from falls in global asset prices (2022: £148,979 loss; 2021: £162,237 gain), though our fund performance in 2022 of minus 12% was less negative than global equity benchmarks.

Reserves Policy

The PCC aims to hold approximately one year's unrestricted expenditure in reserves to enable us to

- Plan effectively for the longer term
- Invest in developing activities that further our mission
- Respond strategically and responsibly to changes in the external environment
- Manage our cashflow

Our reserves target is £200k. Our reserves (excluding sums invested in fixed assets) at 31 December 2022 stood at £294,627 (31 December 2021: £258,533), meeting our policy objectives.

Investment Policy

It is our policy to invest the short-term investment fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund, and the remainder in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund.

Publications

Our online communication remained important again this year and enabled us to continue to reach a wider number of people outside of those attending services including the extended congregation and those who have moved away. This has enabled many of them to stay in touch and attend services when they are in London.

The regular newsletters written by Jake Kirner and the Rector, Jack Noble focused on sharing the notices, updating on volunteering activities and ways to participate in supporting the church. The increase in midweek services and in particular the introduction of a monthly sung evensong service has been well advertised.

Key services, especially during Easter and Advent, were listed on www.achurchnearyou.com by Revd Alex Norris.

We continue to reach out to all those married at St Giles' for the 'Welcome Back' service as well as to friends and family of the deceased ahead of the All Souls Service.

Diana Morgan Gray and Brian Solomons continued to manage the website and Diana kept the display panels at the back of the church up to date. The weekly service, including readings and sermons, continued to be posted on the website. The annual retreat to Othona was well advertised and articles and pictures were displayed afterwards.

Formal notices of meetings and faculties were displayed on the notice board outside the north door and continue to appear on the church website as well as the notice board inside church.

A Christmas and Easter Leaflet were prepared, published, and printed with widespread distribution across the parish, All the advertised services went ahead and a large number of people attended including once again some who had not previously been to St Giles. Both the Christmas and Easter leaflet continue

to explore how St Giles lives out the Christian message, in addition we have included thoughts and insights from the children of St Luke's Church of England Primary School.

We continue to be grateful to the graphic designer Gill Thomas for her help in designing and formatting the leaflet. The leaflets are distributed by members of the congregation who we are very dependent upon. Local feedback suggests that even those who do not attend church enjoy reading the leaflet and feel a closer connection to our message.

The Advent Fair was well advertised with many local shops and services using the church's poster in their windows and this attracted a large number of people.

The Book Fair was advertised to its 300-strong mailing list, as well as through Barbican Talk, although word of mouth is probably the main driver behind the increased custom we've seen.

The hire page on the website was beefed up by Jake and Diana to provide more detail, and so reduce the email burden. This provides information for those wishing to make use of the church for concerts and rehearsals.

The team have increased activity on Twitter and other forms of social media which has attracted a greater following. This activity will be enhanced next year.

St Giles continued to contribute a regular quarterly article to Barbican Life with a full page spread from our new Rector and are a lively introduction to his style of ministry. These too have been well received by the local community

The events to welcome Fr. Jack Noble, the new incumbent, were well-advertised and this resulted in a very diverse and large attendance for his installation and induction. Photographs of the event were posted on the website and the notice boards.

The services to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee were well advertised. Sadly, these events were followed by the passing of the late Queen and the church was able to respond to the need of members of the local community to come and pay their respects. Communication on how to sign the book of condolences was swiftly shared and attracted a number of people who do not usually visit St Giles. The streaming of the state funeral was also well advertised, and this enabled many in the local community to be together to mourn.

Volunteers

- play an important part in the day to day life of the church supporting our mission and living out our faith. St Giles is lucky enough to have a large number of volunteers from both the congregation and the local community.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who give so generously of their time and skill.

- The PCC, especially the Churchwardens, Treasurer Dave Archer and Secretary Gwen Rogers
- The Sunday Club – Rachel Free, Dave Archer, Louise Watson, Louise Ketley, and Alastair Woods; Elizabeth Day led singing.
- The "Rota participants for Sunday Parish Eucharist" too numerous to list and without whom we could not cope.
- All those make the special services possible including the Easter Vigil, Parish Carol Service and All Souls Service and the delivery of the Easter and Advent leaflets to the parish.
- The Cleaning Angels - Angela Simons, Mona Henshall, Diana Morgan Gray, Dawn Runnicles, Ann Bradley and Pat Simmonds.
- Flower Arrangements – Diana Morgan Gray.
- Notices on Display Panels, Boards and Email. - Diana Morgan Gray and John Marshall.
- Those who take part in the 'God at Work' Lent sermons.
- Finance Team and money-counters – David Freeman and Christopher Gadsden
- Othona Planning Team – Cath Urquhart, Susan Royce and David Price. Diana Morgan Gray looked after the travel arrangements.
- The bell ringers especially Richard Pullin (Tower Secretary) and Henry Coggill (Steeplekeeper).
- The singers who join the regular quartet for special services and repertoire.

- Solis, our resident Evensong choir
- The IT Support Team -Tim Middleton and Gwen Rogers.
- The website and social media team of Brian Solomons, Tim Middleton and Diana Morgan Gray.
- The Advent Fair - Diana Morgan Gray, Dawn Runnicles, Tim Passey, Charis Wong, Wendy Ellis, Cyril Leroy, Penny Sharpe, Anne Marsden-Thomas, Christopher Gadsden, David Price, Brian Solomons, Gail Beer, Marianne Christensen, David Price and Elizabeth Day, who organised the Children's Concert.



Book Fair volunteers celebrating after another successful fair.

- All involved with the Book Fairs, donating and selling books Wendy Spurry, Karen Lee, James-Paul Kelly, Dawn Runnicles, Mona Henshall, Christopher Gadsden, Anna Bayraktar, Brigid Barton, Lai Marsh, Simon Freeman, Serena Scaramuzzi, Maeve Alexander, Alison Parry, Valerie Mills, Sue Lyon, Stephanie Ross, Hugh Smith, Helen, Mani Pillai, Liz Setchim, and Caroline Swash. Thank you to our Administrator Jake Kirner for co-ordinating this amazing effort
- Those who, on behalf of St Giles, act as Trustees and sit on committees within our local community including Louise Hunter.
- Simon Freeman and Mark Hunter for supporting Safeguarding at St Giles

We at St Giles always welcome newcomers to consider undertaking these roles and we reach out to our local community to encourage and support people to participate in whatever way and whenever they feel is right for them.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Giles' Cripplegate the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, the Assistant Priest, up to four churchwardens, twelve elected lay members, representatives of the Cripplegate Ward, Deanery Synod representatives and co-opted members. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The Churchwardens Measure 2001 provides for annual election of churchwardens

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be raised and spent. All are deemed to be “Fit and Proper Persons” under the terms of the Finance Act 2010 and are not disqualified from being a charity trustee under the terms of the Charities Act 2011.

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops’ Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. Online Safeguarding training is offered to all PCC members.

PCC members are encouraged to attend Diocesan Training Events and to access documentation on the Parish Resources website (www.parishresources.org.uk) including “Trusteeship – An Introduction for PCC Members” and PCC Governance. Electronic copies of PCC minutes and reports, dating back to 2007, are accessible by all PCC members.

The PCC has met on four occasions since the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in April and twice before it. With meetings in person instead of video conferencing the attendance returned to pre-pandemic levels with an average of 63%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly, minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

St. Giles’ is the Ward Church of Cripplegate Ward. The PCC is also known as St. Giles’ Cripplegate PCC, or the PCC of St. Giles’ Cripplegate with St. Luke Old St.

Diocese:	London
Archdeaconry:	Archdeaconry of London
Deanery:	The City

Location:	St Giles Cripplegate Church, Fore Street, Barbican, London EC2Y 8DA.	
Postal Address:	St Giles' Rectory, 4 The Postern, London EC2Y 8BJ.	
Church/Parish Office	Telephone:	0207 638 1997
	Email:	admin@stgileschurch.com

Bank:	CAF Bank
Bank Account Name:	St Giles Cripplegate PCC
Account Number:	00034121
Sort Code:	40-52-40

An account is also held with NatWest (St Giles’ Cripplegate Church, 56-00-23, 46985867).

Administrator	Jake Kirner	admin@stgileschurch.com
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Lead Recruiter	Simon Freeman	dbs@stgileschurch.com
Champion for Vulnerable People	Diana Morgan Gray	vulnerable_champion@stgileschurch.com
Safety Officer	Tim Middleton	safety@stgileschurch.com
Data Protection Compliance Officer	Lorraine Mullins	data_protection@stgileschurch.com
Electoral Roll Officer	Penelope Sharpe	electoral_roll@stgileschurch.com
Stewardship Recorder	Catherine Urquhart	stewardship@stgileschurch.com
PCC Secretary	Gwen Rogers	secretary@stgileschurch.com
PCC Assistant Secretary	Anne Marsden Thomas	
PCC Treasurer	Dave Archer	treasurer@stgileschurch.com
PCC Assistant Treasurer	David Freeman	assistant_treasurer@stgileschurch.com
Independent Examiner:	Revd. Alan Clements	
Quinquennial Inspector/ Church Architect	Kelley Christ (A&RME architects)	
Legal Advice	Travers Smith LLP. The PCC are grateful for the advice and assistance received from Travers Smith on a fee-free basis as part of their charitable pro-bono commitment.	

In accordance with the Charities Act 2006, the PCC was notified by the Charity Commission on 16th September 2010 that it had been registered as charity number 1138077.

Churchwardens

The role of a churchwarden is described on the London Diocesan website at http://www.london.anglican.org/kb/churchwardens/. The website description finishes with "Churchwardens are not expected to do everything above themselves, but to make sure that there are other people available to carry out the various tasks." At St. Giles' the "other people" include the PCC and its committees, task & finish groups, church officers, the parish administrator, the concert assistants, professional advisors and the many volunteers. The churchwardens can be contacted by email churchwardens@stgileschurch.com.

PCC Members

During 2022 the following have served as members of the PCC; they are either ex officio under the Governing Documents, or elected by the APCM, or co-opted, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules: -

Ex officio

Rector	Reverend Canon Jack Noble*	Ex officio Chair
Assistant Priest	Reverend Alex Norris	

Churchwarden elected April 2015 and re-elected annually.
Tim Middleton *

Churchwarden elected April 2016 and re-elected annually.
Lorraine Mullins * Lay Vice Chair

Churchwarden elected September 2020 and re-elected annually.
Gail Beer *

Elected Members

Until APCM 2023
David Archer *
Kathryn Elsby
Anne Marsden Thomas *
Catherine Urquhart

Until APCM 2024
David Price
Penelope Sharpe
Mona Henshall
Vacancy

Until APCM 2025
John A Bryden
Mark Hunter
Dawn Runnicles
Vivian Elliot

Ex officio as Deanery Synod Representatives until 30-June-2023
David Freeman *
Daniel Gerring
Gwen Rogers *

Ex officio as representatives of Cripplegate Ward
Alderman David Graves
Two vacancies

PCC Committees

- **Standing Committee**

The PCC Standing Committee [members marked * above] has power to transact the business of the Council between the meetings thereof, subject to any directions given by the Council, and reports back to every meeting of the Council. Each of the other committees and groups [Worship and Liturgy, Stewardship, Parish Rate, Documentation of Financial Procedures and Administrative Restructuring] advises the PCC within the area of activity implied by its title but has no delegated powers as such.

- **Worship and Liturgy Committee**

Rector, Assistant Priest, David Freeman, Amanda Gibbon, Diana Morgan Gray, Mona Henshall and Anne Marsden Thomas (minutes). Chaired by Amanda Gibbon during the interregnum.

- **Stewardship Committee**

Catherine Urquhart (Stewardship Recorder), Amanda Dean, Christopher Gadsden and Malcolm Waters.

- **Parish Rate Committee**

Tim Middleton, Lorraine Mullins, Catherine Urquhart and the Parish Administrator.

PCC Task & Finish Groups

As implied by the name these groups are formed to complete a specific project and disband when it is completed.

- **Documentation of Financial Procedures**

Gwen Rogers, David Archer, David Freeman and Jake Kirner.

- **Administrative Restructuring**

Rector, David Archer, Gail Beer, Mark Hunter, Tony Murphy, Gwen Rogers

Approved by the PCC on 28th. March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



The Reverend Canon Jack Noble
Rector

Statement of Financial Activities
For year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments						
Voluntary income	*2 (a)*	104,613	7,717		112,331	133,150
Activities for generating funds	*2 (b)*	101,690	-		101,690	67,174
Income from investments	*2 (c)*	32,982	-		32,982	30,720
Income from church activities	*2 (d)*	41,693	-		41,693	20,449
Total income		280,978	7,717	-	288,695	251,494
Expenditure						
Church activities	*3 (d)*	227,236	13,150	-	240,386	211,456
Raising funds	*3 (d)*	19,613	469		20,082	20,626
Total expenditure		246,849	13,619	-	260,468	232,082
Net surplus/(deficit) before investment gains		34,129	(5,902)	-	28,227	19,412
Net unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	*7 & 8*	(63,355)		(85,624)	(148,979)	162,237
Investment during year		(165)		165	-	-
Net surplus/(deficit)		**(29,391)**	**(5,902)**	**(85,459)**	**(120,752)**	**181,649**
Transfers between funds						
Net movement in funds		(29,391)	(5,902)	(85,459)	(120,752)	181,649
Total funds brought forward - adjusted	*13*	1,148,232	169,278	744,767	2,062,277	1,880,628
Total funds carried forward		**1,118,842**	**163,376**	**659,308**	**1,941,526**	**2,062,277**

Balance sheet
As at 31 December

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible	6	351,275	246,611		597,886	609,382
Investments	7	474,847			474,847	538,202
Endowments	8			659,308	659,308	744,767
		826,122	246,611	659,308	1,732,041	1,892,351
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	9 (a)	21,989	-		21,989	15,869
Cash at bank and in hand	9 (b)	281,827	(83,235)		198,593	164,254
		303,817	(83,235)	-	220,582	180,122
Liabilities						
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	10	(11,097)			(11,097)	(10,196)
Net current assets		292,720	(83,235)	-	209,485	169,926
Total net assets		**1,118,842**	**163,376**	**659,308**	**1,941,526**	**2,062,277**
Parish funds						
Unrestricted	11 & 12	1,118,841			1,118,841	1,148,232
Restricted	11 & 12		163,376		163,376	169,278
Endowment	11 & 12			659,308	659,308	744,767
		1,118,842	**163,376**	**659,308**	**1,941,526**	**2,062,277**

Approved by the PCC on 28th. March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

The Reverend Canon Jack Noble
Rector

1 Accounting Policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations 'true and fair view' provisions.

(a) Incoming Resources

Income is accounted for on the accruals basis except where noted below.

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are accounted for on receipt by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving under gift aid is accounted for on receipt, and tax recoverable is recognised when the related recovery has been received.

Grants, legacies and donations receivable are allocated to the relevant fund according to any restrictions placed upon their use. Grants and legacies are accounted for when they become due, and are included as debtors at the balance sheet date where:

- the PCC is certain of its entitlement and any pre-conditions have been complied with;
- it is reasonably certain that the grant or legacy will be received within a reasonable time span;
- the amount to which the PCC is entitled, and which will be received, can be reliably measured.

Income from investments

Dividends, interest and any related tax recoveries are accounted for on receipt, except where the amounts due at the balance sheet date cannot be reliably quantified.

(b) Resources used

Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis except where noted below.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are accounted for on payment, or when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities relating to the work of the Church

The contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund is accounted for when it becomes payable, and any amount outstanding at the balance sheet date is included as an operational, though not legal, liability.

(c) Assets

Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the Financial statements.

No value is attributed in these accounts to the following.

- The fabric of St. Giles' church and the churchyard which are vested in the Rector.
- The former churchyard of St. Alphage, London Wall (which is laid out as a public open space in St. Alphage Garden) and which is on a long lease from the City Corporation. It was registered in the name of the Rector during 2010; the value of which is undetermined at the present time.
- The former St. Giles' Church Hall adjacent to St. Giles' church, which is on a long lease from the City Corporation to the PCC (vested in the LDF as custodian trustee); it is underlet to LDF and sub-under-let to and occupied by Newpark Nursery. However the final form of each of these leases remains under negotiation and there are issues of boundaries needing to be rectified, so the PCC is unable at present to value this asset. The adjacent Columbarium remains under PCC control.

Moveable church furnishings
These are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient cost information is available. In this case the item is not capitalised, but all items are included in the Church's inventory in any case.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows

Church seating	20 - 50 years

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity
These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost net of recoverable VAT or else, for gifts in kind, at a reasonable estimate of their open market value on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows.

Land	Nil
Fixtures & fittings	20 years
Computers and similar equipment	3 years

No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the property is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life of this asset currently exceeds 50 years, so that any deprecation charges would be immaterial.

An impairment review is carried out at each year end and any resultant loss identified and included in expenditure for the year.

Investments
Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange or whose value derives from them are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at PCC's best estimate of market value.

Short term deposits
These are the cash held either the CCLA or at the bank.

(d) Funds

Unrestricted Funds
These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are not therefore included in the reserves disclosed in the trustees' report.

Restricted Income Funds
These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted Capital Funds
These are funds that represent income received for specific capital investments. Depreciation on these assets are charged to the these funds.

Endowment Funds
These are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Details of their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

(e) Volunteers

The monetary value of volunteer time is not recorded neither as an incoming nor outgoing resource since this cannot be accurately quantified because the number of hours and value per hour is indeterminate.

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
2. Income and endowments					
(a) Voluntary income					
Gift aid donations		58,599	-	58,599	68,366
Tax recoverable		14,406	-	14,406	20,181
Wall safe donations		407	-	407	769
Open plate collections		3,342		3,342	1,118
Legacies		-		-	1,726
Grants	City Churches Grants Committee		-	-	-
	Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	1,604	-	1,604	9,684
	ASCY Ancient Society of College Youths		-	-	475
	Friends of St Giles		-	-	1,188
	Friends of City Churches	-	2,000	2,000	-
	Deanery Grant for insurance	-	576	576	951
	Other Grantors	-	5,141	5,141	-
	Stewardship - Give.net	1,032	-	1,032	3,233
City Burial Ground Fund		2,500		2,500	2,500
Donations - other		5,124	-	5,124	2,679
Parish rate		17,601	-	17,601	12,573
		104,613	7,717	112,331	125,443
(b) Activiities for generating funds					
Church lettings (Commercial)		56,707		56,707	40,684
Church lettings (Mission)		11,268		11,268	-
Bookstall		48		48	289
Book fairs		23,667		23,667	13,987
Roscoe Street hall income		10,000		10,000	12,215
		101,690	-	101,690	67,174
(c) Income from investments					
Dividends		31,730		31,730	30,687
Interest		1,252		1,252	33
		32,982	-	32,982	30,720

(d) Income from church activities				
Columbarium	-		-	4,442
Special services	10,589		10,589	4,845
Weddings and funerals	2,972		2,972	1,183
Music income	21,121		21,121	7,707
Vergers income	2,944		2,944	1,607
Bellringers' income	832		832	-
Refreshments	35		35	-
Events and other income	3,201		3,201	8,372
	41,693	-	41,693	28,156
Total income and endowments	280,978	7,717	288,695	251,494

3. Expenditure

(a) Missionary and charitable giving				
Diocesan Lent Appeal	-		-	1,400
Hackney Food Bank	-		-	48
Plan International	180		180	165
Refugee & Other charities	2,998		2,998	-
	3,178	-	3,178	1,613
(b) Activities				
Ministry:				
Diocesan common fund	87,200		87,200	87,200
Diocesan parochial fees			-	-
Clergy expenses	4,892		4,892	3,990
Pastoral Assistant's expenses			-	-
Church running costs:				
Heating, lighting and water	22,353		22,353	5,874
Insurance	945		945	1,263
Major repairs and restoration	1,759	2,346	4,105	24,150
Maintenance	12,906		12,906	10,280

Music:					
	Director of Music remuneration	16,711		16,711	11,099
	Choir remuneration	25,925		25,925	19,294
	Assistant Organist	5,993	-	5,993	3,773
	Organ tuning, piano tuning & maintenance	4,817		4,817	2,906
	Music scores, books & licence	907		907	2,206
Services:					
	Church	867		867	682
	Special services and events	1,654		1,654	1,142
	Weddings and funerals	-		-	-
Church lettings		819		819	114
Columbarium		-		-	656
Leaflets & guides		-		-	486
Roscoe Street ha	Insurance	-		-	101
Vergers expenses		6,499		6,499	3,912
Bellringers' expenditure		1,072		1,072	-
Rectory maintenance		6,900		6,900	268
Other Expenses		2,190		2,190	4,210
		204,410	2,346	206,755	183,604
(c) Management and administration					
Bkkper/Administrator salary, oncosts		31,744		31,744	30,769
Printing, stationery and postage		3,396		3,396	1,218
Telephone, fax and email		253		253	416
Website & internet connections		1,348		1,348	1,117
Accounting expenses		848		848	718
Independent Examiners Fees		150		150	150
Bank charges		237		237	292
Depreciation		1,286	11,273	12,559	12,184
Bad Debt write off				-	-
		39,262	11,273	50,535	46,864
Total expenditure		246,849	13,619	260,468	232,082

(d) Allocation of costs

	Church activities	Raising funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Missionary and charitable giving	3,178	-	3,178	1,613
Activities	196,780	9,975	206,755	183,604
Management and administration	40,428	10,107	50,535	46,864
	240,386	20,082	260,468	232,082

The basis for the allocation is as follows.
- missionary and charitable giving are fully attritutable to church activities
- activities costs are allocated on a line by line basis
- management and administration costs are allocated on an estimate of time taken

4. Staff costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages .	29,020		29,020	27,866
Pension	2,725		2,725	2,903
	31,744	-	31,744	30,769
Average number of employees			1	1

Under the terms of the Employment Allowance Scheme the church is able to reclaim its employers NIC payments in full.

The PCC has contracts for services with the Director of Music, musicians and our cleaning firm. All of these people work on a freelance basis.

5. Payments to and giving by PCC members - all paid from unrestricted funds

	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	2021
(a) PCC members received fees for services rendered as follows.	£	£
Anne Marsden Thomas - Director of Music	16,711	11,410
Penny Sharpe - Choir member	5,804	4,335

(b) Clergy were reimbursed for clergy expenses as follows.

Jack Noble - Rector (from May 2022)	3,281	-
Katharine Rumens - Rector (to June 2021)	-	3,156
Alex Norris - Curate	1,612	834

(c) No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

(d) in 2022 PCC members gave £35,383 to the church (2021: £36,082).

6. Tangible fixed assets

		Property	Church fixtures & fittings	Church furniture (20 yrs)	Church furniture (50 yrs)	Church & office equipment	Total
		£	£	£		£	£
At valuation - 1 January 2015		350,000					350,000
Cost	At 1 January 2022	350,000	150,867	39,456	87,765	2,792	630,880
	Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Additons at costs	-	-	-	-	1,064	1,064
	At 31 December 2022	350,000	150,867	39,456	87,765	3,856	631,943
Depreciation	At 1 January 2022	-	14,502	3,946	1,755	1,295	21,498
	Withdrawn on disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Charge of the year	-	7,544	1,973	1,756	1,286	12,559
	At 31 December 2022	-	22,046	5,919	3,511	2,581	34,057
Net book value	At 31 December 2021	350,000	136,365	35,510	86,010	1,497	609,382
	At 31 December 2022	350,000	128,821	33,537	84,254	1,275	597,886

The hall in Roscoe Street is vested in the London Diocesan Fund as Custodian Trustee and for which the PCC are acknowledged to be the Managing Trustee. It has been currently let commercially at a reduced rent of £10,000 since 2021 in recognition of the financial hardships brought by the Covid-19 pandemic. The rent will be progressively raised to a commercial rate during 2023

7. Investment assets

	£
Market value at 31 December 2021	538,202
Disposal	-
Purchases at cost	-

Revaluation gain	(63,355)
Market value at 31 December 2022	474,847

8. Endowment assets

	£
Market value at 31 December 2021	744,767
Disposal	
Purchases at cost	165
Revaluation gain	(85,624)
Market value at 31 December 2022	659,308

The endowment assets represent permanent endowment investments held within the Cripplegate Church Sworder Foundation for which the London Diocesan Fund acts as the Custodian Trustee and the PCC as the Managing Trustee. The capital is subject to restriction on its use and is governed by the objects of the Foundation as indicated in the Charity Commission Scheme of 21 January 1992. There is no power to convert capital into income and the capital is held permanently although the constituent investments may change over time.

	TOTAL FUNDS	
	2022	2021
9. Current assets	£	£
(a) Debtors		
Trade debtors	17,359	8,932
Other debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	4,630	6,937
	21,989	15,869

(b) Cash at bank and in hand

Current - NatWest		27,252	25,018
Current - CAF Bank		69,823	30,637
Deposit	General	94,392	101,483
	Roscoe Street Hall	5,116	5,116
	Credit Union	2,010	2,000
Rector's expenses float		-	-
Petty cash		-	-
		198,593	164,254

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Trade creditors	2,318	972
Other creditors	5,558	5,435
Accruals and deferred income	3,221	3,789
	11,097	7,517

There are no liabilities due after one year.

11. Summary of fund movements

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted	Endowment	Total
	General	Investments	funds	funds	
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2022	610,030	538,202	169,278	744,767	2,062,277
Incoming resources	280,978		7,717		288,695
Resources expended	(246,849)		(13,619)		(260,468)
Investment gains		(63,355)		(85,624)	(148,979)
Transfer between funds	(165)			165	-
Balance at 31 December 2022	643,994	474,847	163,376	659,308	1,941,525

Restricted funds: capital improvements to the church funded by specific grants and donations.

12. Summary of assets by fund

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	351,275	246,611		597,886
Investment fixed assets	474,847		659,308	1,134,155
Debtors and prepayments	21,989			21,989
Cash	281,827	(83,235)		198,593
Liabilities: amounts falling due in one year	(11,097)			(11,097)
Fund balances at 31 December 2022	1,118,842	163,376	659,308	1,941,526
Fund balances at 31 December 2021	1,148,232	169,278	744,767	2,062,277

13. Prior year adjustment

In 2022, Music income has been moved from 2(a) to 2(d), to reflect the non-voluntary nature of this income.

Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the P.C.C. of St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, London EC2Y 8BD on the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st. December 2022 as set out on pages 27 to 39 of this Report.

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C., 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for 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 matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed. Alan A Clements Date 19th. April 2023.

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St. Giles' Cripplegate Church



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St. Giles' Cripplegate
Parochial Church Council
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2021

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Giles' Cripplegate, with St. Bartholomew, Moor Lane, and St. Alphage, London Wall and St. Luke, Old Street with St. Mary, Charterhouse and St. Paul, Clerkenwell [the PCC] present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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AIM AND PURPOSES

St Giles' Cripplegate PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibility for the parish church, for the Roscoe Street Hall and for St Giles' Columbarium. In addition, it acts as Managing Trustee of the Cripplegate Church Sworder Foundation, a charity established by a Charity Commission Scheme for the maintenance of the fabric of the parish church.

Church and charity law require the PCC as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting period, and the PCC is also responsible for keeping proper books of account with respect to its affairs.

The PCC provides public benefit by:

- facilitating regular public worship open to all;
- the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation;
- pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved;
- the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups;
- taking religious assemblies in schools, school tours of the church explaining worship and history and hosting school services.
- building community and promoting Christianity through the staging of events and meetings;
- hosting the organ education activities which deliver "educational opportunities for hundreds of organists, both amateur and professional".

To enable this work it is essential to maintain the fabric of the church of St. Giles' Cripplegate.

The trustees have complied with the duty imposed by section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance (PB3 Public benefit: reporting) published by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

MISSION ACTION PLAN 2021 – 2022

We are here to love God and to make Christ known in word and deed.
We are an inclusive church and welcome all comers

Strengthened by this knowledge, these are our objectives for the coming year.

What we stand for	Our targets/goals for 2021-2022
We are energised by our faith • We celebrate God through regular worship and prayer and pilgrimage • Music is a central part of St Giles – we praise God through singing, organ playing, bell ringing and concerts.	i. Recruitment of a new Rector to lead us in this mission. ii. To continue to welcome new attendees and visitors. iii. To support our Curate, Alex. iv. A parish weekend at Othona in the Summer (planned 10th. to 12th. September). v. To explore opportunities for prayer and contemplation. vi. To promote the monthly private prayers on the website and in church publications vii. Continued participation by members of the congregation in the rota and preaching the God at Work sermon series. In August they choose the hymns. viii. To continue to support individual and class organ tuition by RCO accredited teachers. ix. To continue support for our Organ Scholar. x. To continue to support the Director of Music in encouraging sight readers to join the choir at the Parish Carol Service and other occasions during the year. xi. To encourage City of London School for Girls to promote their lunchtime concerts. xii. To encourage the bell ringers when rules for social distancing permit ringing to restart.
We make room for others • We embrace diversity in our church • We seek to build a positive atmosphere for our visitors.	i. To offer an open church, with a welcome for stressed City workers seeking peace and quiet, during the working week and, whenever possible, at weekends. ii. We will continue to work hard to create a welcoming and social environment at the church, in particular before the service greeting people by name, and after the service, sharing coffee and cake. iii. We will work hard to promote St Giles as a church where everyone is welcome, regardless of race, sexuality or disability, and including people of other faith traditions, whether they are attending a service, concert, the book fair or visiting the church at other times. iv. To continue our registration with Inclusive Church and Visible Congregation. v. To continue to welcome the London Gay Symphony Orchestra.

We look outwards • We will give a warm welcome to all our congregation – new and old • Our church is open during the week, offering space for prayer, for peace and information about our history • We support international and local charities – and members of the congregation in their individual fund-raising ventures. • We are committed to raising the issue of hidden and unrelieved poverty within the parish. • We consider the wider world in how we purchase goods for the Church	i. To be Confident Disciples, a Compassionate Community and to Create Growth. ii. Continue the practice of inviting stake holders in the community to read at the Parish Carol Service iii. Foodbank collections four times a year targeting specific shortages as needed in partnership with Wesley's Chapel. iv. Support and promote the London Capital Credit Union to ensure that affordable loans are available to those in the parish who need them. v. Book Fairs which raise funds for the church, involve a wide range of volunteers and simultaneously encourage the public to come into St. Giles'. vi. Where we can, making sure the sick in hospital and at home are visited vii. Supporting members of the congregation who are caring for sick, elderly, lonely or bereaved parish residents. viii. Encourage individual fundraising by members of the congregation, especially Sunday cake stalls and sponsored activities. ix. Support for other charities from our commercial income when activities in the previous year generated a surplus.
We are inquisitive • We are ready to explore our faith – St Giles offers the chance to discuss themes and views on faith and religion	i. To maintain our significant Ecumenical Partnership with St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Jewin Welsh Church and Wesley's Chapel. ii. To create opportunities to increase awareness and understanding of other faiths. iii. To support the weekly Ecumenical Saturday Groups in Lent and October. iv. Encourage participation in the St. Paul's Cathedral Adult Learning programme. v. Baptism and Confirmation classes will be held twice a year to prepare candidates for baptism and/or confirmation at St Paul's when permitted. vi. Preparation groups for young children (aged 7) to receive communion before confirmation. vii. Encourage involvement with "Home Prayer Groups". viii. Promote links with local schools.

We adapt and grow • We seek ways to ensure we can maintain our church – it is a living place and seek to generate revenues from a range of sources. • We are able to evolve and adapt as events demand.	i. ii. iii. iv. v. vi. vii.	Complete the first phase of the Strategic Plan with new furniture and repairs to the interior walls. Plan for a servery. To encourage donors who pay UK tax to Gift Aid their donations. To encourage regular donors to give by standing order. To continue use of the portable card reader and Give.net for contactless payments. To promote St Giles' as a venue for concerts, recordings and filming publicising when covid restrictions permit. To conclude discussions with the City of London Corporation concerning the church yard lease. To encourage visitors, especially organised tours, to contribute to the upkeep of the church.
We build community • Our church is a sacred place for the benefit of our community. • We look towards the wider community, local and virtual. Our events are for everyone – attenders and non-attenders alike. • Children are an important part of our church – through the Sunday Club and through their roles in services, we are building a congregation that is confident to share the gospel with future generations	i. ii. iii. iv. v. vi. vii. viii. ix. x. xi. xii. xiii.	We will share the church with our neighbours, welcoming them to community events including our Advent Fair, Give & Take days and Book Fairs. Encourage the wider community to join the regular congregation by publicity for the All Souls service, Christingle Service, Parish Carol service and "Welcome Back Sunday". Bringing others in the community into contact with the church by making it available as a venue for non-church events Continue distribution of the Advent/Christmas and Holy Week/Easter news leaflets. To practise hospitality and to eat together including PCC Supper meetings, Maundy Thursday, Progressive Lunches, Bring and Share lunch at Open Church Sunday, special Sundays and summer picnics. To socialise together e.g. pub quizzes. We will encourage parental involvement in the Sunday Club and continue to support the children in their fundraising cake stalls and other events. To support St. Luke's CofE Primary School as governors, in worship both at school and at St. Giles'. We will encourage others to join the cleaning angels who meet monthly to clean and share companionship We will maintain appropriate relationships with our neighbour Moorgate Talks. To participate in the Culture Mile and maintain a friendly relationship with the Barbican Arts Centre. To build links with Livery Companies and businesses in the parish or with connections to St. Giles'. To engage with the YMCA and support its chaplain.

Services and Church Opening Hours

Before the Coronavirus Pandemic

Sunday
08.00 BCP Holy Communion (First Sunday in the month)
10.00 Parish Eucharist
16.00 Evening Prayer

Weekdays
08.30 Morning Prayer (Monday to Thursday)

Private Prayer and Reflection
13.00-13.30 on the first Thursday of each month.

Church and Parish Office Opening Hours
11.00 - 16.00 Monday to Friday

Evening Opening of the church during Holy Week from 7 to 9pm with a Labyrinth. During Holy Week Compline is said each evening at 8.30pm. until Maundy Thursday when the Last Supper is commemorated with Supper together followed by the Eucharist.

During Covid-19 restrictions

When services were not permitted in church they were recorded and broadcast on the St. Giles' YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgJgsMQXa4aED1TSE-lHQbQ,

Sunday
10am Parish Eucharist

Weekdays
8.30am Morning Prayer (Monday to Thursday)
8.30pm Compline (Friday)

Private Prayer and Reflection
13.00-13.30 on the first Thursday of each month.

Church and Parish Office Opening Hours
11.00 - 16.00 Monday to Friday

During the Interregnum

Sunday
10am Parish Eucharist

Private Prayer and Reflection
13.00-13.30 on the first Thursday of each month.

Church and Parish Office Opening Hours
11.00 - 16.00 Monday to Friday

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Liturgy

Committee Report

The committee met three times in 2021, on 19th January, 4th May and 20th September. The committee comprised Revd. Katharine Rumens (chair until June), Amanda Gibbon (chair from September), David Freeman, Mona Henshall, Anne Marsden Thomas (minutes) and Diana Morgan Gray.

At the start of the year the church was closed; services were recorded and distributed via YouTube, with recorded music supplied by our choir and organists, with Sunday Club and congregational coffee meetings on zoom.

The congregation was allowed to return to church in mid-Lent and found there were many changes: new furniture arranged to allow social distancing, a refurbished floor and new lighting. While only the choir was allowed to sing, Anne took advantage of the opportunity to introduce a new service setting by Paul Ayres. During Lent the seats were arranged around a nave altar, an ecumenical compline was streamed on Mondays, attracting a widely-spread congregation despite problems with the sound owing to limited bandwidth, and prayer group met weekly on Wednesdays. Daffodils were distributed on Mothering Sunday and Holy Week included Compline, Tenebrae and the labyrinth in the chancel. There was good attendance for the picnic arrangement for Maundy Thursday, and we had two volunteer singers for the service which followed.

Since Katharine's retirement on 23rd May, our curate Revd Alex Norris has played a major role in leading services, supported by visiting clergy, but on 13th September, during the congregation's visit to Othona, there was no priest available at St Giles and the congregation greatly appreciated the churchwardens' leadership of the service.

August is normally a choir holiday, but our singers volunteered solos, in gratitude for the church's generosity during the lockdowns, and the congregation chose the hymns, as usual.

On 19th September the rules eased and at last the congregation was allowed to sing; Sunday Club resumed in person, too. Congregations have been smaller than before, as many are nervous about COVID, and this has contributed to the challenge of filling rotas.

The inter-regnum has underlined how hard our Rector Katharine worked, and we are deeply grateful to those who have maintained the smooth running of worship, especially the church wardens, Jake and, most of all, our Curate Alex.

The Sunday Club

Sunday Club has run throughout 2021. During the spring and summer terms it was held online via Zoom at 10am on Sunday for half an hour in an online format due to the pandemic. During the autumn term it was held in the vestry during the 10am Sunday service.

In 2021 the syllabus has covered:

- Easter term 2021 – great leaders and talking about a new Rector, The lost sons, Sermon on the Mount, I don't know the man
- Summer term 2021 – Cain and Abel, Noah and the ark.
- Autumn term 2021 – Samson the strong, David the giant killer.

Online sessions start with an entertaining, introduction by the Sunday club leader on the rota that week. The children then read from the children's Bible, discuss the passage and learn through activities such as role playing, dressing up, arts and crafts and puzzles. Sunday Club sessions seek to tie in the stories to the children's experiences, current events and the world around them. Sessions conclude with a prayer focusing on the week's theme.

In the Easter term a particularly exciting Sunday club was held outdoors on Palm Sunday 27 March and was well participated. This gave a chance for the children to safely see each other in 3D rather than on zoom and was very welcomed.

On 23 May each Sunday club child read out their own individual message of thanks to Katherine at her leaving service and Sunday club baked cakes which were enjoyed after the service.

At the end of the summer term, Sunday club gave a presentation to Dave Archer to thank him for 7 years as Sunday club leader. Dave has been an invaluable Sunday club leader including managing the zoom links for online Sunday club during the pandemic. Dave has now moved to being treasurer.

Sunday Club's numbers dropped at the start of the autumn term 2021 since one family moved away and other children "graduated". However, Sunday club has continued and has had new members later in the autumn term especially around the nativity play performance time and after the advent fair.

In the autumn term Alex gave a couple of very well received story sermons. On these Sundays, such as the Harvest festival in the autumn term, the Sunday Club remain in church for the whole service and take part by doing the readings, assisting with the prayers, bringing up the bread and wine and carrying the candles. After the harvest festival service Sunday club gave a cake sale and raised £35 for Water Aid.

In 2021, Sunday Club highlights were the return to Sunday club in the vestry as opposed to online. On 5th December there was a very special puppet show sermon given by Rev Buckley which was very much enjoyed by Sunday club.



The Sunday Club presented their annual nativity performance during the Parish Eucharist on 12 December. The children were able to perform in church without being socially distanced unlike the previous year. We used two standing mics and one hand held mic which worked very well. The stately King made a speedy costume change to become an awed Shepherd. The charming narrator held together the whole performance whilst the youngest performer was the star of the show! The Innkeeper made a very convincing cockney accent and coped admirably with a lot of visitors to the Inn. Mary packed her handbag several times and Joseph coped admirably despite the long journey, lack of room in the Inn, arrival of a new baby and many visitors. At the end of the performance the children sang Away in a Manger together with the congregation, as the organist had kindly taught the children this at two Sunday clubs during the autumn term.

Music - Report from the Director of Music

This report is inevitably an account of how COVID-19 has impacted musicmaking at St Giles.

By Candlemas, 31st January, we were back in lockdown, with services transmitted electronically, thanks to Tim Middleton's expertise, and music recorded by our singers and organists. Tom Kennedy, our bass, cleverly coordinated solo recordings from our quartet and, thanks to the singers' hard work and Tom's wizardry, sometimes we even heard our four singers perform ***eight***-voice anthems, such as 'Bring us, O Lord' by William Harris.

By 7th March we saw the gradual easing of restrictions, and it was wonderful to return to services in church, albeit with singing allowed only from one member of our professional quartet. 7th March was Woman Composer Sunday, for which our alto, Amanda Dean, composed a setting of 'The Heavens are Telling' for the service, and Anne played music by 19th century composers Elizabeth Stirling and Fanny Mendelssohn.

11th April was the first day when the full quartet was allowed to sing. That was Low Sunday, when our choir are traditionally on holiday, but they volunteered to sing anyway, socially distanced in the chancel as before, and it was glorious to have them making music together. Because there was sadly little other professional work for them through last year, we benefited from hearing our regular team almost every Sunday, to the benefit of their musical empathy.

Katharine's last service was on 23rd May; she chose the music for all the services that month and, as always, we celebrated her good taste, not least in her choice of anthem for her special Evensong, Geistlisches Lied, by Brahms, whose words and music reflected our sadness at her leaving but also our confidence in God's love for us: *why take thought for the morrow? The one God who gives thee what is thine watches over all.*

In July our organ scholar Emma van Setten left us; she is now studying music at St Hilda's College, Oxford, and our new organ scholar Maranatha Wang began her year with us. Maranatha is in her final year at City of London School for Girls, and will apply for an organ scholarship at OxBridge, where she hopes to read mathematics. Maranatha has been taking an increasing role in playing and conducting the services.

Our vocal quartet usually takes the whole of August as a holiday but, again, still grateful for the church's generosity during the previous lockdowns, and with the congregation still forbidden from singing, they volunteered to sing solos for all the five August Sundays.

The government at last allowed congregations to sing again from 19th September and everyone appreciated the return to normality. Sadly, with the arrival of the omicron variant, normality lasted only ten weeks or so. Our own parish carol service went ahead, with a choir of twenty, but several visiting carol services were cancelled. The final services up to Christmas included the Blue carol service, the crib service, Christmas Eve service and Christmas morning, all of which were covered by deputy organists because, I, too, caught COVID and had to isolate.

As the years go by, I feel increasingly privileged to work with such a fine team of musicians - Elizabeth Day (organist), Penelope Sharpe (soprano), Amanda Dean (alto), Robin Whitehouse (tenor) and Tom Kennedy (bass) - and to prepare an organ scholar for what I hope will be a lifetime of making music in church. The pandemic's challenges have also underlined how privileged we musicians are in having such supportive clergy, church wardens and congregation. Thank you!

Confirmation

On Saturday 6th. November, candidates from Parishes in the Diocese of London gathered at St Paul's Cathedral for the first Service of Confirmation since the start of the Covid 19 Pandemic.

It was a joyful occasion as +Sarah, Bishop of London confirmed over 70 candidates. Revd. Alex Norris, our curate, was there to present 4 candidates from St Giles' to the Bishop.



Ophelia, Alex, Sandra, Jeff and Cyril with +Sarah after the service.

Deanery Synod

A Deanery Synod consists of two "Houses" one of clergy and the other of laity. Ref. Church Representation Rules Part 3 (https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/legal-services/church-representation-rules/part-3). In 2021 St. Giles' Cripplegate was represented by Revd. Alex Norris, Revd. Katharine Rumens, David Freeman, Daniel Gerring and Gwen Rogers.

There were three meetings and elections to General Synod.

Meetings

As expected the January meeting was a Zoom session. Actually, three Zoom sessions because the two Houses met separately to elect members of Standing Committee and then joined together for the main topic "City Churches and Covid: responding to the impact, an unusual Christmas and what's next?"

Four speakers answered the question with illustrations from their home churches and then questions and answers were invited from all attending.

A video of Christmas at St. Bartholomew the Great showed how plans made in the Summer were delivered with Victorian and medieval music, readings from Dickens and from the Wycliffe Bible. To cope with the pandemic, services were repeated for smaller, socially distanced congregations and livestreamed to those unable to attend.

At St. Helen Bishopsgate and St. Michael Cornhill technology was exploited to reach congregation members throughout London many of whom were single and living alone. At St. Michael, Cornhill Zoom organ recitals and Virtual Bible Study were responses to the challenge. The St. Helens Bishopsgate Christianity Explored Course had reached participants worldwide. Google Maps was used to conduct a tour of New Testament resources at the British Museum. A home Christmas Carol Service for family and friends was offered as a menu of online items which included recorded talks in English and Mandarin. Gathering people from around the world and all over London presents a challenge for the future when covid restrictions are lifted e.g. those living in Singapore have been encouraged to attend local churches

Representing St. Magnus the Martyr and St. Andrew Holborn, Alex Rayner presented the learning experiences of a year dominated by covid from the early, naïve optimism that it would be a short-lived issue to the hope of meeting as a church community again. With a focus on physically receiving the sacraments and the importance of place and the five senses in the liturgy it had been difficult to know how to be virtual. There were early failures online and socially distanced but by reaching out to other churches and listening to them progress was made. The website was improved and a grant used to make the church covid safe with contactless giving. Christmas was a mixed mode of stay safe, stay home and stay open with an overriding message of Hope.

The pandemic experience of Rev'd. Laura Jørgensen, Rector of St. Botolph's Aldgate, included home schooling her two children, aged five and seven. Zoom was used for virtual "Services of the Word", virtual "Sunday School" for school age children and virtual "Diddy Disciples" with stories and nursery rhymes for pre-schoolers. In partnership with the local primary school the St. Botolph's community supported families in need. They helped with the Square Mile Food Bank. By responding with compassion and reality they created a sense of purpose and togetherness.

The open Q&A session ranged from 21st. century questions like whether to Livestream or Zoom to a 13th. century call for repentance in the face of a plague. Most seemed to question the decision to close churches during the covid lockdown with one speaker describing churches as more important than supermarkets.

For its Summer meeting the Synod is invited to Evensong at the Temple Church followed by a party in the Master's Garden. Unfortunately this year none of us could intend, one because she had been pinged by NHS Track and Trace.

In October the Synod met at St. Andrew's, Holborn. The business of the meeting started with the financial impact of the pandemic on the Synod accounts and the Burial Ground Fund. It continued with changes to the process for appointing Deanery Synod members as Trustees of the London Diocesan Board of Schools The main topic for the evening was "**City Churches' Vision for the Future** – in light of the Diocesan Vision 2030 and the impact and experience of Covid". Five groups were formed fairly randomly from the colour of their name badges and asked to consider five questions about their church's experience of the pandemic –

I. What have been the problems?
II. What have been the opportunities?
III. What have you changed that you will keep?
IV. What have you changed that you will abandon?
V. Where do you think you are going?

Bishop Ric Thorpe (Bishop of Islington) started the feedback session with an introduction to the Diocesan Vision. Formulated from 6000 conversations, 4500 written responses and 1500 focus groups, its overall aim is for every Londoner to encounter the Love of God in Christ. He invited the groups to reconvene and identify connections between the 2030 vision and pandemic experience discussions.

Many of the group comments echoed the pandemic responses described at the January meeting but others examined the changed situation in the City with many working from home and simply not present to meet one another and go to church. Rising to the challenges of online communication had led to a growth of discipleship as congregations were not limited by parish boundaries. Some shy people were more encouraged to share remotely in services and groups in the safety of their own camera/sound control.

<u>General Synod Elections</u>

In September WATCH (Women and the Church) and Inclusive Church sent messages to Synod members listing the candidates they were supporting and the advice "Once you have used your highest preference votes for our supported candidates, continue to vote for other candidates on the ballot who you want to support. Read their election statement carefully, and if they are not clear on issues like ordained women's ministry or fully supporting same sex relationships do not vote for them. Some candidates make nuanced and obfuscating statements on key issues, or don't mention them at all – don't be caught out!"

In October the vote was held and for the first time it was electronic, although a small minority used the paper ballot. The results for the Diocese of London were –

For the Laity, 1051 people were entitled to vote, and 648 actually did vote (a 62% turnout). 630 of the votes were cast using the portal and 18 on physical paper. In 2015, the turnout was 49% and in 2010 it was 50%. There were 11 places to be filled and 41 candidates stood for election. The following were elected: Philip Baldwin; Liz Brutus; Debbie Buggs*; Sophie Clarke; Sarah Finch*; Aiden Hargreaves-Smith*; Fiona MacMillan; Clive Scowen*; Busola Sodeinde; Temitope Taiwo; Robert Zampetti. (* = re-elected)

For the Clergy, 841 people were entitled to vote and 619 actually did vote (a 74% turnout) only one of the voters used a physical ballot paper. In 2015 the turnout was 62% and in 2010 it was 56%. There were 11 places to be filled and 31 candidates stood for election. The following were elected: Jon Carter; Amatu Christian-Iwuagwu; Lis Goddard*; Fiona Jack; Sarah Jackson; Luke Miller*; Charlie Skrine*; Jody Stowell; Robert Thompson; Christopher Trundle*; Marcus Walker. (* = re-elected)

If you would like to know the Diocese that elected no female clergy, or the youngest member elected and much more information, it is available in the Church Times analysis at https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2021/22-october/news/uk/high-turnover-in-general-synod-elections .

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Audits – During the course of the year we have carried out two audits. The first is a regular safeguarding self-audit, which highlights the need to refresh safeguarding training for all clergy, licensed lay ministers, churchwardens and many lay officers both paid and volunteer. The second audit has been undertaken for the City & Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership which focuses particularly on safeguarding issues relating to children. Again, following this review we will be ensuring training is refreshed regularly and reviewing the materials on the website and in the church to ensure that they follow best practice.

Disclosure and Baring Service (DBS) – With effect from January 2022 new guidance has been provided by the Diocese of London changing the frequency of DBS checks on clergy, churchwardens, lay officers paid and volunteer and those involved in the church. Prior to the new guidance the DBS checks were refreshed every five years. In line with the new guidance, we will be renewing the DBS checks every three years.

Safeguarding Agreement - We have a Safeguarding Agreement for the Protection of Children and Adults at Risk in place. A review meeting took place in 2021 with Andrew Munro, one of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisors, once permitted under the lockdown restrictions. A review meeting will be held once the new Rector has been installed. During the interregnum Mark Hunter (Safeguarding Officer) has been supported by Area Dean Katherine Hedderly.

Events

JANUARY

The New Year was less than a week old when the Mayor of London declared ”a major incident in London due to the coronavirus” and requested voluntary closure of all places of public worship. He was supported by the Bishop of London and at St. Giles’ services were recorded or livestreamed.

FEBRUARY

The Archbishops called for a month of prayer. Shrove Tuesday pancakes were prepared at home by PCC members in a Zoom session. Ash Wednesday imposition of the Ashes was a Do-it-Yourself event using ash in shells from Othona.

MARCH & APRIL

Churches re-opened and we restarted socially-distanced Parish Eucharists which were live-streamed for those who could not attend in person. Katharine anticipated Holy Week with the message “*It is a great relief to be back in church this year for Holy Week with its rhythms of music and meditation. We will welcome our Ecumenical friends for Tenebrae on Wednesday evening. On Maundy Thursday our catering arrangements are different: those who wish to can bring food (not to share) and our kindly bakers, Charis and Tim, will provide take away home-made hot cross buns for us to enjoy at breakfast on Good Friday. On Good Friday we read the Passion Narrative and wait in prayer till 3.00pm, the third hour when Jesus died on the cross.*”.

MAY

Farewells to Katharine after 21 years as Rector of St Giles’ Cripplegate with St Luke’s Old Street.



There may have been other events in May but, for the congregation and friends, of St. Giles’ Cripplegate they were overshadowed by Katharine’s retirement. Three formal events were arranged between the 19th. and 23rd. May.

19 May - Choral Evensong and Reception in church at 6.30pm.

On the 19 May members of the congregation and friends including other City clergy, gathered for Choral Evensong to celebrate Katharine’s ministry at St Giles’ from 2000 to 2021. It was a joyful service with anthems and hymns sung by our 4 professional choir members only since, at this time, the congregation was not permitted to sing because of the Covid 19 restrictions. The music chosen included a Magnificat setting by Charles Villiers Stanford and the Anthem, Geistlisches Lied, by Johannes Brahms. Our organist, Elizabeth, played organ music including a prelude, Aria by Brian Solomons, and postlude, Toccata and Fugue in D minor by JS Bach.

Katharine in her address said she had been encouraged to apply for the living of St Giles’ in the Barbican with the words, ‘I think it would suit you nicely’ and at that stage she didn’t know where it was or what it would mean for her!

Jen Smith, Superintendent at Wesley’s Chapel spoke for us all when she thanked Katharine for her ministry, friendship, hospitality, and support. She spoke about the space of this place, the church, with a confident people and Katharine at the centre guiding the work of the Holy Spirit. She presented Katharine with a gift of a bottle from the church wardens to get her through the next few days!

Diana and her team were ready at the back of church to serve glasses of prosecco or fruit juice and a delicious selection of party food. Some went outside to the churchyard to enjoy the warm May evening.

22 May- Drinks and Canapes Party in the Rectory Garden.

Next was a drinks and canapes party for past and present PCC members, other friends and family members.





More than 20 current and former PCC members, plus Katharine's brother and sister-in-law, gathered at the Rectory to toast Katharine as she prepared to leave St Giles and move to Salisbury.
Judith and Cath were Mistresses of the Apron, bossing everyone round in the kitchen and overseeing the catering. Guests kindly contributed canapés and snacks, with honourable mentions going to Mona for her cheese and spinach filo pastry puffs, and Diana for beautiful pastry shells filled with prawn and egg.

The sun shone and the rosé flowed. We all enjoyed the opportunity to admire Katharine's lovingly tended garden and the few remaining paintings that had not been packed away.

The party was a wonderful opportunity to say an informal goodbye to our Rector and friend.'







23 May- Family Parish Eucharist at 10.00 and Reception afterwards.



The Family Parish Eucharist was for members of the congregation, Sunday Club members past and present, and friends, to present gifts and give words of thanks to Katharine.

Before the service the Bells – a covid limited number - were rung for the first time for many months. The procession, led by the Crucifer, the children, the Church Wardens, Alex, and Katharine, moved to the Chancel and the Parish Eucharist Service began.

The children have always played an important role in the life of St Giles' including the children of the St Giles' Sunday Club, the Newpark Nursery, St Luke's CofE Primary School and the City of London School and Katharine has done so much to encourage and welcome them all to be part of St Giles'.



This day was no exception as past and present children of the Sunday Club had important roles in the service – in the processions, Children's sermon, and after the service, thanking and presenting flowers to Katharine.

The Church Wardens made several presentations, a commemorative plate made specially for Katharine, a handsome cheque from donations made by the congregation and a framed photograph of Katharine from the time she was ordained, the original hangs in the National Portrait Gallery, with a book of photos taken over the years of Katharine at St Giles' to follow later. All 3 Church Wardens, Lorraine, Tim, and Gail thanked Katharine for her ministry, the legacy she leaves for us and her support and guidance over 21 years and wished her a happy and healthy retirement.



With the presentations over it was time to welcome back the City of London Brass Band to play. Members of the congregation moved to the back of the church where Tim, Charis and the team were ready to serve prosecco and party food. Many moved outside to make the most of the sunny weather

JUNE

Without Katharine the Churchwardens discovered some of the many indispensable roles she had filled. They met with The Archdeacon of London to plan the recruitment process for a new Rector which included mandatory Unconscious Bias Training for the PCC.

JULY

The recruitment process continued with the PCC appointment of churchwardens, Tim Middleton and Lorraine Mullins, to act as representatives of the council in connection with the selection of a new incumbent. A "Section 12" meeting took place between the PCC, ✠Sarah and Rev'd. Jonathan Brewster who represented the patron, St. Paul's Cathedral. The third churchwarden, Gail Beer, prepared Profiles of both Parish and an ideal Rector.

The London Festival of Bells 31st. July



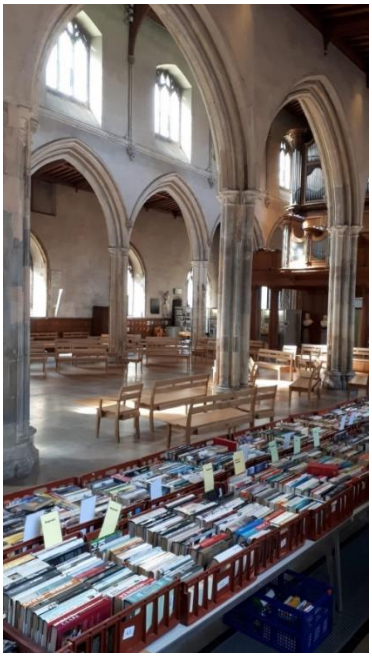
By the end of July the many Covid restrictions in the City of London were finally being eased sufficiently to allow reopening to take place. Similarly the requirement to socially distance had been relaxed sufficiently to permit ringing of the City's many church bells. To mark this stage of the reopening, the Lord Mayor and the Archdeacon of London called for the ringing of as many of the City's bells as possible on Saturday 31 July in a grand Festival of Bells.

The day was set to begin with the ringing of Great Paul at St Paul's Cathedral. Great Paul is the largest swinging bell in the United Kingdom and hadn't been rung properly for over ten years. This, the grandfather of all City bells, was rung in the presence of the Lord Mayor and the Bishop of London at 9:20am. In the event they both "had a go".

Throughout the day bells replied from other City Towers including St. Giles', Cripplegate at 1.30pm.

For members of the Ancient Society of College Youths ringing at St Giles', it was good to ring again although they felt they were out of practice and didn't succeed in ringing a quarter-peal!

AUGUST



A long Book Fair allowed the church to stay open even when the Administrator was on holiday.

Book Fairs

Our first Book Fair of the year, with some easing of Covid restrictions, was in May. During the pandemic the book fairs have played an important part in giving members of the community a safe place to meet other people, as well as enjoy and buy the huge range of books, CDs and vinyl records. The excellent team of volunteers who come from within the congregation and an increasing number of others who have joined them have worked hard to keep the fairs running in a safe and welcoming environment. We thank all our volunteers and all who have donated and purchased books.

May Book Fair raised £3,263
July to September Book Fair raised £6,889
November to December Book Fair raised £3,835

The total amount raised in 2021 = £13,987

SEPTEMBER

During the first weekend of September the church was open as part of the Open House London Festival 2021.

Othona 10-12 September 2021

Again, this year our visit to Othona was in September, a time we enjoyed last year when there had been a short easing of the Covid 19 restrictions. The organising team of Alex, Cath and David Price devised a successful weekend of prayer, workshops, leisure pursuits, and time to be at peace.

Eventually, on the Friday, twelve of us made our way by train, minibus, taxi, or car to Othona and were met by the early team members who had already arranged bedroom, yurt allocations and other weekend essentials. We were able to all gather at 6.30pm for a pre-supper drink and be welcomed by Debbie and Richard the Wardens, who were joined again this year by young volunteers from France, Italy, and Spain.

After dinner Alex led our first workshop 'Arriving', with us all sitting comfortably in the solar room. We discussed how we feel about arriving at Othona and what we hoped to take away with us at the end of the weekend. We agreed it was great to be back and we could already feel the tensions and anxieties of the past year easing away.

We then made our way around the field to the chapel of St Peter-on-Wall, built on the site of a Roman fort by St Cedd in 654, for the service of Compline. We walked back to the accommodation blocks in the dark and could see twinkling lights on the other side of the Blackwater Estuary.

On Saturday after breakfast we met in the chapel for Morning Prayer. This was followed by the next workshop, 'Arriving' led by Mona our drama and movement expert. We formed groups of 3 and were given a scene from one of Chekov's plays to prepare our own interpretation of a Russian family leaving their summer country house and returning to the town. These were acted out the next day with amazing twists and ideas added to the original text. Mona also took us through some of her famous 'warming up' exercises.

After a coffee break our next workshop, 'Practising Hope' was led by Susan. We were invited 'to create something about Hope'. We worked on our own or in pairs using the wonderful collection of photos, cards coloured papers, paints and pens that Susan had brought with her for our creations.

After lunch, we had our usual free afternoon to walk the sea wall, garden, swim, rest or read. We met for Evening Prayer in the chapel before drinks and dinner. At the end of the day we returned to the chapel for Compline and marvelled at the cloud formation and the setting sun.



On Sunday morning we met in the chapel for Morning Prayer followed by breakfast. We were back in the chapel for Holy Communion at 10.00 after which a passing cyclist took a group photo of us outside the chapel. There were two more sessions by Mona and Alex, 'Leaving' when we reflected on our time at Othona and how we felt about leaving. Mona led us in a favourite session of stillness – standing still in the open air in our own space with our eyes closed and listening to the sounds to nature around us – the birds singing and the wind rustling the leaves on the trees.

Time for a final group photo before a lovely Sunday lunch and to thank our hosts before leaving for our journey back to London. All of us felt relaxed and calmed by our stay in this holy and beautiful place and in company of each other.

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Late in October an advertisement for a Rector appeared in the Church Times and we were encouraged by the many expressions of interest. The closing date for applications was the 18th. November. Four candidates were shortlisted and the churchwardens reported that they were a good match to the profiles.

In November a belated farewell peal for Katharine was rung on St. Giles' bells. It was 5021 Stedman Cinques, to celebrate her 21 years as Rector, and the band of College Youths included past and present Cripplegate tower officials. Ringing full peals had not been permitted in May owing to the covid restrictions on meetings indoors and social distancing.



Katharine with the peal band

Stewardship

Following a challenging 2020, the good news is that in 2021 – as the table below shows – donations to St Giles for the church's general use rose substantially, and in total came close to the sum received in 2019, before the pandemic. However, the Stewardship Committee is aware that the way people give to the church is changing, and there is plenty to do in the year ahead if we are to maintain this upward trend.

As the table shows, donations that were eligible for gift aid rose from £56,000 in 2020 to £65,366 in 2021 – which is nearly £4,000 more than was received in 2019 (and of course means a larger amount of gift aid can be reclaimed by the church). The greater use of the church, as we recover from the pandemic, accounts for much of the increased giving, as does the generosity of many of the church's regular donors, who chose to increase their contributions to the church when we switched bank accounts from NatWest to CAF bank last year. For this, we are very grateful.

Donations through the online platform Give.net, which was not available in 2019, also increased encouragingly compared with 2020. This platform has now rebranded and the best way to give to St Giles online is at www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20099707.

In 2021, there was a further decline in donations that are not eligible for gift aid, not least because there were fewer attendees at services, and fewer carol services, and other special services such as weddings or memorials, than before the pandemic. We hope that trend may be reversed as the pandemic recedes and as we welcome our new rector, Father Jack, in May.

In addition to the information in the table, in 2021 the church received generous donations of around £4,500 that were put towards the new furniture – benches and chairs – that the church invested in last year. For further information about this, visit the church's website at www.stgilesnewsite.co.uk/strategic-plan-and-new-furniture-appeal/ or turn to the Fabric Report at page 20.

The church also benefited from the generosity of Mollie Munn, a lifelong local resident who had worshipped at St Luke's before its congregation moved to St Giles, and who died in 2020 just weeks before her 99th birthday. St Giles has now received the balance of her estate, more than £1,700, adding to the £20,000 received last year.

Now that services have largely returned to normal, we are looking to the future. We continue to urge anyone who can to set up a standing order to St Giles, because these regular gifts are vital in helping the church plans its finances. All the details are on the church website under 'Our Stewardship'.

The collection plate is once more passed around in church on Sunday mornings and the donations collected are taken up to the altar to be blessed. The congregation is offered yellow gift aid envelopes, as well as cards that can be placed in the offertory baskets to be blessed. These indicate that the donor already pays by standing order (yellow cards), or that they intend to make an electronic donation after the service (green cards).

However, during the pandemic, many people stopped using or carrying cash. Many shops and cafes are now 'cashless' and oblige you to pay by card. The Stewardship Committee is looking for a simple way to allow cashless payments in church, given that it is too time-consuming to take a cashless payment during the offertory itself.

That's why the Stewardship Committee and the PCC have been making plans to acquire a free-standing 'donation station' which enables easy one-tap payments using a debit or credit card. You have probably seen something similar at a cathedral or stately home, and historic churches are increasingly installing them. We hope that in 2022, this will produce another income stream for the upkeep of this wonderful church.

Tim Passey, a member of the stewardship committee, put in a lot of hard work on this project in early 2022 and we thank him for that. Gwen, Jake and the Stewardship Committee are taking the project forward now that Tim and Charis have left the parish.

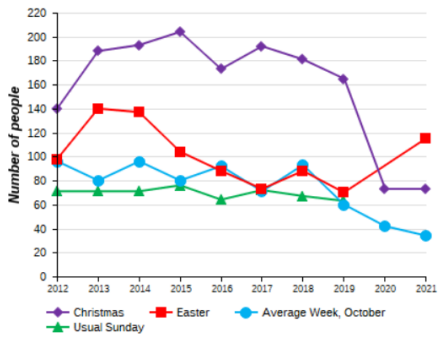
And for that reason, there is a vacancy on the Stewardship Committee! We would be keen for anyone with an interest to step into Tim's shoes and join Malcolm Waters and me. We meet some three times a year, generally by zoom.

Donations (other than for new furniture)	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**
Donations eligible for gift aid	£61,500	£56,000	£65,366
Donations via Give.net	-	£300	£1,660
Open plate donations not eligible for gift aid	£8,700	£1,400	£1,118
Other donations not eligible for gift aid	£5,600	£4,800	£3,448
Total	**£75,800**	**£62,500**	**£71,592**

Church Attendance (Statistics for Mission)

Congregation statistics have been collected in an annual return since 2012. The data is available as a "Dashboard" on the Church of England website. Following is the data displayed for St. Giles'.

1. Attendance Summary, (2012-2021)

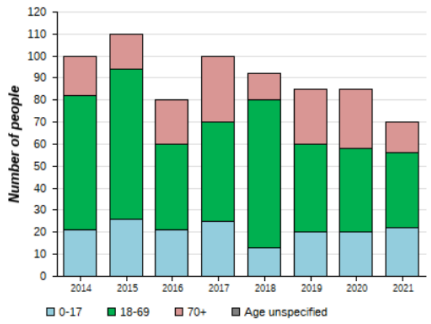


	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Christmas	140	188	193	204	173	192	181	165	73	73
Easter	98	140	137	104	88	73	88	70	-	115
Average Week, October	96	80	96	80	92	71	93	60	42	34
Usual Sunday	71	71	71	76	64	72	67	63	-	-

N.B. Because of the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, churches were not asked to report their Usual Sunday attendance for 2020 or 2021, or their Easter attendance for 2020

- Christmas: Christmas Eve & Christmas Day;
- Easter: Easter Eve & Easter Day;
- Average week, October: includes Sunday and midweek church services & fresh expressions in October but excludes attendance at services for schools;

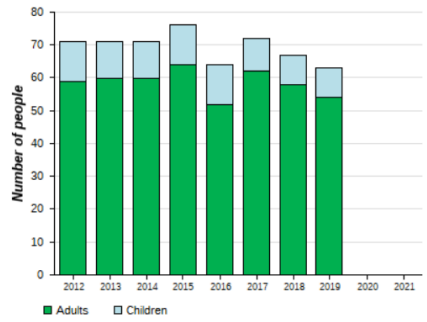
2. Worshipping Community, (2014-2021)



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total	100	110	80	100	92	85	85	70
0-17	21	26	21	25	13	20	20	22
18-69	61	68	39	45	67	40	38	34
70+	18	16	20	30	12	25	27	14
Age unspecified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joiners	19	15	7	29	10	4	5	11
Leavers	5	5	15	12	9	3	3	10

Worshipping Community information has been collected from 2012 onwards.

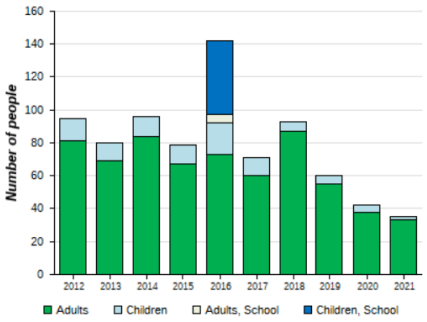
3. Usual Sunday Attendance, (2012-2021)



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Adults	59	60	60	64	52	62	58	54	-	-
Children	12	11	11	12	12	10	9	9	-	-

N.B. Because of the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, churches were not asked to report their Usual Sunday attendance for 2020 or 2021

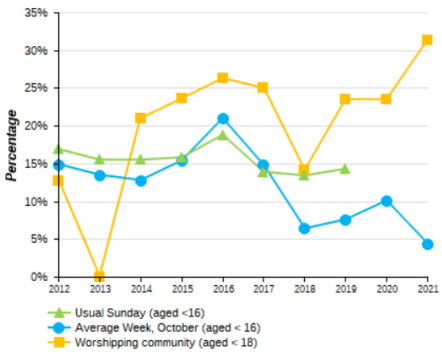
4. Average Weekly Attendance, (2012-2021)



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Adults	81	69	84	67	73	60	87	55	38	33
Children	14	11	12	12	19	11	6	5	4	2
Adults, School	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Children, School	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0

Attendance at Sunday and midweek church services & fresh expressions in October. Services for schools were included from 2013.

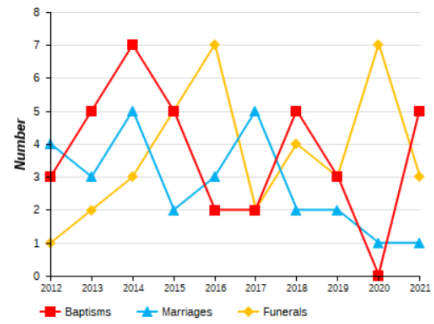
5. Percentage Children, (2012-2021)



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Usual Sunday (aged <16)	17%	15%	15%	16%	19%	14%	13%	14%	-	-
Average Week, October (aged < 16)	15%	14%	13%	15%	21%	15%	6%	8%	10%	4%
Worshipping community (aged < 18)	13%	0%	21%	24%	26%	25%	14%	24%	24%	31%

Average week, October: Attendance at services for schools is not included

6. Baptisms, marriages and funerals, (2012-2021)



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Baptisms	3	5	7	5	2	2	5	3	0	5
Marriages	4	3	5	2	3	5	2	2	1	1
Funerals	1	2	3	5	7	2	4	3	7	3

- Baptisms: all baptisms & thanksgivings.
- Marriages: marriages and services of prayer & dedication after civil marriages.
- Funerals: those held in church & at crematoria/cemeteries.

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

- ***St Giles' Cripplegate – The Parish Church***

Condition and Quinquennial Inspection

The Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in September 2020 by Kelley Christ, the Inspecting Architect. In her report she describes the church as "generally well maintained, in fair condition for its age and the PCC and church community continue to invest in the ongoing care and representation of the building fabric".

In April 2021 she met with Tim Middleton, Churchwarden, Gwen Rogers, PCC Secretary, and Jake Kirner, Administrator, to review the most urgent issues which are "the presence of efflourescence to the column bases and irregular deterioration of the Purbeck limestone floor to the Nave", "a localized section of damp plaster to the south nave aisle wall which has inexplicably high moisture readings relative to adjacent plastered surfaces" and similar damage to the mediaeval sedilia and piscina in the chancel. Conservation assessments have been requested and it is hoped that heritage funding will be available for the historical fabric.

Work completed during the year

Memorials - The marriage between Elizabeth Bourchier and Oliver Cromwell took place in St Giles in August 1620. The Cromwell Society commissioned a window panel, designed by Caroline Swash, which was installed and dedicated in 2021.

Lighting – To the lighting installed in 2020 were added two extra chancel lights and improved lighting for the grand organ console.

Furniture – twenty-eight Treske St. Mary benches and eighteen armchairs were delivered in February. They immediately proved their worth providing the flexibility needed for social distancing. Four more benches and two armchairs were ordered and delivered before Christmas.



Nave Floor – the original plan, to lay new oak floorboards on the existing timber battens, proved impossible because they were in poor condition and the sub-floor was not level. New battens were fitted and levelled before the oak boards were laid. The picture opposite shows the finished north side and the battens and sub-floor on the south side.

New floorboards highlighted adjacent chips in the Purbeck marble which were repaired with coloured resin.

Walls – while scaffolding was erected for installation of the new lights the opportunity was taken to clean the walls. Water damage in the north-west corner of the church and at several points on the south wall was repaired using a specialist plaster finish. Unfortunately, one of south wall stains could not be treated because it was still damp. The contractor Jason Ebers, Viero UK, took his cherry picker outside the church and with our Administrator, Jake Kirner, identified spalling stonework in approximately the same position as the damp.

Gutter Maintenance - As part of the Diocese of London Gutter Maintenance Programme, IPH Solutions inspected the roofs, gutters, drains, downpipes and hoppers. Rubbish including fallen leaves and bird droppings

was removed and the fabric was reported to be in good condition. The tower roof rain water outlet required a wire balloon to prevent blockages.

Tower and Bells - Ringing was prevented by covid rules for indoor meetings until Easter when six bells were rung. It was not until July that all twelve bells could be rung and St. Giles' joined many City Churches in the Festival of Bells. Before the Festival ringing, bell maintenance was undertaken by Whites of Appleton. The bells remain challenging to ring, but safe. Aside from routine maintenance, tasks over the last year have included replacing frayed sound-control ropes, adjusting clappers and commencing straightening out the worn runner boards. Rope tail-ends on the 7, 9 & 11 are starting to fray around the tucks, and these will need to be replaced soon, depending on usage.

Heating – after repairs to the control system in November 2020 it failed again in January 2021. Further repairs and replacement parts were required in March. Annual servicing took place in June.

Future Development Plans - will be developed with the new Rector after his Institution and Induction.

The Organs and Piano

Practice organ in the church vestry - Before the pandemic we had a substantial number of students studying on the small pipe organ in the church office. Various lockdowns saw that almost grind to a halt, though a few of our practisers continued throughout 2021. The number of practisers is now growing again; our organist Elizabeth manages the booking and payment systems with her customary efficiency, and the instrument continues to earn a steady, if small, income for the Friends of St Giles. The practice organ required no maintenance in 2021.

Chancel organ - The chancel organ has been our main Sunday organ, and we frequently remark how lucky we are to have a beautiful organ close to the choir's new position on the chancel. Thank you again, David Wakefield, chair of the fundraising effort to purchase the two new organs! Access to the chancel organ was interesting while the nave floor was being beautified, but the workers were considerate in always allowing us a path. Apart from a visit to tune the Reeds in December, the chancel organ required no maintenance.

Grand organ - Light Perceptions fitted a smart new desk light in February. Last year's report mentioned an imminent repair to the grand organ's booster blower, but we delayed this non-urgent work because of the lockdowns and the reduced use of the grand organ; Duplex Organ Blowers will visit to start the work on the booster blower in February 2022.

Extreme temperatures and humidity affect the grand organ much more than our other organs; we are grateful to Jake for monitoring the church's heat and humidity to try and keep this organ, many of whose parts are from the 18th century, in good condition. Nevertheless, the organ suffered various faults and needed attendance, including tuning, in March, May and December.

Piano - Our Steinway B piano was serviced on 13th June, and tuned on 26th January, 21st April, 29th May, 26th June and 6th November.

Security, Health & Safety and Risk Assessment

Fire - MA Sharman and Associates carried out a Fire Audit on 26 May 2021. The report found no major areas of concern. However, we have now purchased some additional signage to indicate the principal fire exits. The PCC has also decided to replace the existing fire extinguishers, which require regular maintenance, with newer alternatives, which do not require maintenance on such a regular basis.

Covid - Following Diocesan advice, many of the Covid restrictions in place in 2020 have now been relaxed. Communal singing has been restored and there are less stringent restrictions concerning the wearing of face coverings in church. However, we continue to celebrate Communion in One Kind only, and there are no imminent plans to restore the common cup.

Property Register and Logbook

Valuable silver taken into safe keeping during the pandemic has been returned, cleaned and checked against the inventory. The annual inspection by the PCC of Property Register and Logbook was postponed until the PCC can meet in person not Zoom.

Faculties

DAC Reference	Faculty	Date	Description
0111.01-0221A	List B	9th. February 2021	Re-plastering and making good of internal walls damaged by historic water ingress.

Churchyard

The churchyard, and a thin triangle of Glebe Land alongside the north aisle, remains on a long lease under Faculty to the City of London (subject to the right of Church use on seven days in each year), as is the fenced area surrounding the boiler room entrance; there are no other churchyard fences. The lease plans are inaccurate, and this has led to some encroachment by the City of London School for Girls onto the leased land.

- ***St. Alphage Garden***

St Alphage (or St Alphege) Church is one of the medieval gems of the City. It is named in honour of St Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, who was killed by Danish Vikings when he refused to be ransomed. He apparently said that he would not allow his people to be impoverished by the huge ransom demanded by the Danes. For many years the ruins of St Alphage Church and St Alphage Gardens were accessible but tucked away and difficult to see. The City led a sensitive redevelopment of the area which has revealed this beautiful and interesting part of the City and made it far more accessible. St Giles' agreed to a faculty allowing this development but on condition that the religious and historical context was set out for visitors to see. This has been done in part but not completed by the City. We are discussing with the City what they can do to remedy this.

- ***Roscoe Street Hall (was St. Luke's Church Centre)***

This has been let to Kunstraum over the past several years, an organisation that promotes art with a community emphasis. It was important to St Giles' that the occupant of the Hall should be an enterprise that enhanced the community rather than a competitor for the small businesses on Whitecross Street.

- ***St Giles' Church Hall***

This is a long running issue which stems from discrepancies in boundary placements between the City and St Giles' when the area was rebuilt after the War. The boundary issues are small and not at all surprising given the bomb damage in the area. However, these small discrepancies should be rectified in order to match the respective leases and ownership interests. Progress has been slow although it is something that should be done for the sake of good order. The Church Hall has been the home of a popular nursery for many years.

- ***Columbarium***

The Columbarium suffers from the drainage and water penetration problems that are common in the Barbican. There is unfortunately no easy fix for the water staining that has disfigured and blurred some of the memorial stones. The solution is to improve the overall drainage in this part of the Barbican but realistically this is not going to happen soon.

Financial Review

2021 began as another abnormal year for our finances, though by the end of the year, there was a growing return to normality. The year's performance was shaped by three factors.

- The continued impact of the Covid pandemic including a reduction in events and rental income
- The completion of our capital projects to improve the seating in the church
- The generosity of our congregation and donors both in continuing to support the church and in giving generously to support our capital appeal

Our income for the year dropped notably during the year (2021: £251,494; 2020: £385,140). The fall in voluntary income was a major driver (2021: £133,150: 2020: £310,061), though this change was largely comprised of a non-recurring City Churches Grant Committee item of £137,000 in 2020 as well as a reduction in other grants of approximately £20,000. Legacies also fell by £18,274. Our activities for generating funds rebounded (2021: £67,174; 2020: £32,845) as lettings activities recovered, though mostly at a discounted rate to pre-pandemic levels. Investment income was consistent (2021: £30,720; 2020: £30,097) whilst income from church activities showed a small gain in absolute terms (2021: £20,449; 2020: £12,137).

Our costs for the year rose as Covid restrictions lifted (2021: £232,082; 2020: £207,729). Our most significant costs were our contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund (2021: £87,200; 2020: £86,250) and the costs of management and administration, including the employment of our administrator and depreciation on our newly acquired assets (2021: £46,864; 2020: £44,331). Church running costs were higher, predominantly due to repairs that could not be capitalised (2021: £41,567; 2020: £24,678)

We made an overall surplus before investment gains (2021: £19,412; 2020: £177,411). This was made up of surplus on unrestricted funds (2021: £34,367; 2020: £23,178) and a small deficit on restricted funds of (2021: £14,955 deficit; 2020: £154,233 surplus) as depreciation and expenses exceeded restricted income. The overall positive result was made possible by the continuing generosity and energy of our congregation and donors.

Both our unrestricted investments and endowments investments (Sworder Foundation) benefitted from increases in value (2021: £162,237 gain; 2020: £73,647 gain).

Reserves Policy

The PCC aims to hold approximately one year's unrestricted expenditure in reserves to enable us to –

- Plan effectively for the longer term
- Invest in developing activities that further our mission
- Respond strategically and responsibly to changes in the external environment
- Manage our cashflow

Our reserves target is £200k. Our reserves (excluding sums invested in fixed assets) at 31 December 2021 stood at £268,729 (31 December 2020: £232,617), meeting our policy objectives.

Investment Policy

It is our policy to invest the short term investment fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund, and the remainder in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund.

Publications

Although able to meet in church this year, the congregation was smaller as many still felt unsure about attending given the ongoing restrictions and concerns over Covid 19. This meant our online communication remained important and enabled us to continue to reach a wider number of people outside of those attending services including the extended congregation. The weekly newsletter written by Jake Kirner focused on sharing the notices, updating about covid precautions, local events and the progress on the recruitment and appointment of the new Rector.

Diana and Brian continued to manage our wonderfully comprehensive website, and Diana kept the display panels at the back of the church up to date. The weekly service including readings and sermons

continued to be posted on the website. This year we were once again able to include news from the annual retreat to Othona with articles and pictures.

Formal notices of meetings and faculties are displayed on the notice board outside the north door, continue to appear on the church website as well as the notice board given the continued restrictions and advice on the management of Covid 19.

Christmas and Easter Leaflets were prepared, published, and printed with widespread distribution across the parish, All the advertised services went ahead, and a large number of people attended, including some who had not previously been to St Giles. The Easter Leaflet included a piece from the new Rector designate, Jack Noble. We continue to be grateful to the graphic designer Gill Thomas for her help in designing and formatting the leaflet, and this year in particular for her support in the preparation of the Parish Profile.

St Giles' continued to contribute a regular quarterly article to Barbican Life with a full page spread. Thank you to Christopher Gadsden who worked hard to bring this together. The articles focused on those behind the scenes at St Giles, including our musicians, the work of the organ school, and our volunteers.

The celebrations to say farewell to Katherine Rumens who retired in 2021 were well-advertised and photographs of the event were posted on the website and the notice boards. The congregation presented Katharine with a book of photographs recording her ministry and a copy was placed for all to see at the back of the church.

During the course of the year a large amount of communication both locally and to the wider community of St Giles centred around the development of the Parish Profile and the Person profile to support the recruitment of the new Rector. Members of the extended congregation, partners and stakeholders were involved in the development of the profile, helping the churchwardens to identify what makes St Giles successful whilst giving thought to the opportunities and changes needed in a post-Covid environment. The profile was posted on the website and shared with the PCC.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who give so generously of their time and skill.

- The PCC, especially the Churchwardens, Treasurers and Secretary
- The Sunday Club – *Rachel Free, Dave Archer, Louise Watson, Louise Ketley, Chris Moore and Alastair Woods; Elizabeth Day led singing.*
- The "Rota participants for Sunday Parish Eucharist" too numerous to list and without whom we could not cope.
- The Cleaning Angels - Angela Simons, Christopher Gadsden, Mona Henshall, Diana Morgan Gray and Dawn Runnicles.
- Flower Arrangements – Diana Morgan Gray.
- Notices on Display Panels, Boards and Email. - Diana Morgan Gray and John Marshall.
- All involved with the Book Fairs, donating and selling books – Wendy Ellis, Wendy Spurry, Karen Lee, James-Paul Kelly, Dawn Runnicles, Mona Henshall, Christopher Gadsden, Anna Bayraktar, Brigid Barton, Lai Marsh, Simon Freeman, Janey Haigh, Matthew Haigh, Serena Scaramuzzi, Maeve Alexander, Alison Parry, Valerie Mills, Sue Lyon, Stephanie Ross, Hugh Smith and Caroline Swash.
- The Advent Fair - Diana Morgan Gray, Dawn Runnicles, Tim Passey, Charis Wong, Wendy Ellis, Cyril Leroy, Penny Sharpe, Anne Marsden-Thomas, Brian Solomons, Gail Beer, Marianne Christensen, David Price and Elizabeth Day, who organised the Children's Concert.
- Those who take part in the 'God at Work' Lent sermons.
- Finance Team and money-counters – David Freeman, Mona Henshall and Christopher Gadsden.
- Othona Planning Team – Cath Urquhart, Susan Royce and David Price. Diana Morgan Gray looked after the travel arrangements.
- The bell ringers especially Chris Rimmer (Tower Secretary) and Henry Coggill (Steeplekeeper).
- The singers who join the regular quartet for special services or repertoire.
- The IT Support Team -Tim Middleton and Gwen Rogers.
- The website and social media team of Brian Solomons, Tim Middleton and Diana Morgan Gray.
- Filming Sunday services Tim Middleton with Alex's support.

We are always inviting newcomers to consider undertaking these roles and to reaching out to the community.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Giles' Cripplegate the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, the Curate, up to four churchwardens, twelve elected lay members, representatives of the Cripplegate Ward, Deanery Synod representatives and co-opted members. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The Churchwardens Measure 2001 provides for annual election of churchwardens

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be raised and spent. All are deemed to be "Fit and Proper Persons" under the terms of the Finance Act 2010 and are not disqualified from being a charity trustee under the terms of the Charities Act 2011.

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. Online Safeguarding training is offered to all PCC members.

PCC members are encouraged to attend Diocesan Training Events and to access documentation on the Parish Resources website (www.parishresources.org.uk) including "Trusteeship – An Introduction for PCC Members" and PCC Governance. Electronic copies of PCC minutes and reports, dating back to 2007, are accessible by all PCC members.

Only one PCC meeting took place in person. It was socially distanced in the nave following the APCM in April. The other six meetings took place on the video conferencing platform Zoom with decisions made by email under the provisions for Business by Correspondence, Church Representation Rules M29. The March meeting was attended by the Archdeacon of Charing Cross, Ven. Adam Atkinson, and the Area Dean of the City, Rev. Katherine Hedderly, who described the process for recruitment of a new Rector. In the previous year attendance had improved to 75% when Zoom enabled members to attend even when far from St. Giles'. This continued in 2021.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly, minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

St. Giles' is the Ward Church of Cripplegate Ward. The PCC is also known as St. Giles' Cripplegate PCC, or the PCC of St. Giles' Cripplegate with St. Luke Old St.

Diocese:	London
Archdeaconry:	Archdeaconry of London
Deanery:	The City

Location:	St Giles Cripplegate Church, Fore Street, Barbican, London EC2Y 8DA.	
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	Email:	admin@stgileschurch.com

Bank:	CAF Bank
Bank Account Name:	St Giles Cripplegate PCC
Account Number:	00034121
Sort Code:	40-52-40

An account is also held with NatWest (St Giles' Cripplegate Church, 56-00-23, 46985867) which should close in 2022.

Administrator	Jake Kirner	admin@stgileschurch.com
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Electoral Roll Officer	Penelope Sharpe	electoral_roll@stgileschurch.com
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PCC Assistant Secretary	Anne Marsden Thomas	
PCC Treasurer	Dave Archer	treasurer@stgileschurch.com
PCC Assistant Treasurer	David Freeman	assistant_treasurer@stgileschurch.com
Independent Examiner:	Revd. Alan Clements	
Quinquennial Inspector/ Church Architect	Kelley Christ (A&RME architects)	
Legal Advice	Travers Smith LLP. The PCC are grateful for the advice and assistance received from Travers Smith on a fee-free basis as part of their charitable pro-bono commitment.	

In accordance with the Charities Act 2006, the PCC was notified by the Charity Commission on 16th September 2010 that it had been registered as charity number 1138077.

Churchwardens

The role of a churchwarden is described on the London Diocesan website at http://www.london.anglican.org/kb/churchwardens/. The website description finishes with "Churchwardens are not expected to do everything above themselves, but to make sure that there are other people available to carry out the various tasks." At St. Giles' the "other people" include the PCC and its committees, task & finish groups, church officers, the parish administrator, the concert assistants, professional advisors and the many volunteers. The churchwardens can be contacted by email churchwardens@stgileschurch.com.

PCC Members

During 2021 the following have served as members of the PCC; they are either ex officio under the Governing Documents, or elected by the APCM, or co-opted, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules: -

Ex officio

Rector	Reverend Katharine Rumens * until May 2021	Ex officio Chair
Curate	Reverend Alex Norris	

Churchwarden elected April 2015 and re-elected annually.
Tim Middleton *

Churchwarden elected April 2016 and re-elected annually.
Lorraine Mullins * Lay Vice Chair

Churchwarden elected September 2020 and re-elected annually.
Gail Beer *

Elected Members

Until APCM 2022
John Bryden
Wendy Ellis
Vivian Elliot
Mark Hunter

Until APCM 2023
David Archer *
Kathryn Elsby
Anne Marsden Thomas *
Catherine Urquhart

Until APCM 2024
David Price
Timothy Passey
Penelope Sharpe
Mona Henshall

Ex officio as Deanery Synod Representatives until 31-May-2023
David Freeman *
Daniel Gerring
Gwen Rogers *

Ex officio as representatives of Cripplegate Ward
Alderman David Graves
Two vacancies

PCC Committees

- **Standing Committee**

The PCC Standing Committee [members marked * above] has power to transact the business of the Council between the meetings thereof, subject to any directions given by the Council, and reports back to every meeting of the Council. Each of the other committees and groups [Worship and Liturgy, Stewardship, Parish Rate, Banking and Documentation of Financial Procedures] advises the PCC within the area of activity implied by its title but has no delegated powers as such.

- **Worship and Liturgy Committee**

Rector, Curate, David Freeman, Amanda Gibbon, Diana Morgan Gray, Mona Henshall and Anne Marsden Thomas (minutes). Chaired by Amanda Gibbon during the interregnum.

- **Stewardship Committee**

Tim Passey, Catherine Urquhart (Stewardship Recorder) and Malcolm Waters

- **Parish Rate Committee**

Tim Middleton, Lorraine Mullins, Catherine Urquhart and the Parish Administrator.

PCC Task & Finish Groups

As implied by the name these groups are formed to complete a specific project and disband when it is completed.

During 2021 the Strategic Plan Group completed Phase 1 of the implementation and the Online Donations Group implemented Give.net.

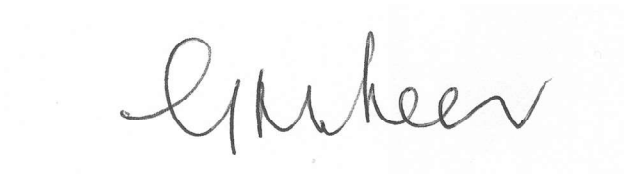
- **Banking**

Mona Henshall, Gwen Rogers, David Freeman, Jake Kirner and Dave Archer.

- **Documentation of Financial Procedures**

Gwen Rogers, David Archer, David Freeman and Jake Kirner.

Approved by the PCC on 29th. March 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Gail Beer
Churchwarden

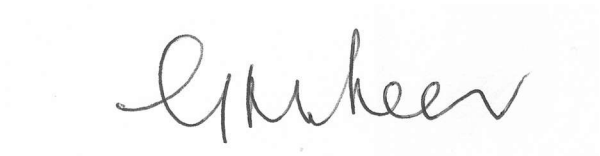
Statement of Financial Activities
For year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments						
Voluntary income	*2 (a)*	121,031	12,119		133,150	310,061
Activities for generating funds	*2 (b)*	67,174	-		67,174	32,845
Income from investments	*2 (c)*	30,720	-		30,720	30,097
Income from church activities	*2 (d)*	20,449	-		20,449	12,137
Total income		239,375	12,119	-	251,494	385,140
Expenditure						
Church activities	*3 (d)*	187,194	24,262	-	211,456	189,866
Raising funds	*3 (d)*	17,814	2,812		20,626	17,863
Total expenditure		205,008	27,074	-	232,082	207,729
Net surplus/(deficit) before investment gains		34,367	(14,955)	-	19,412	177,411
Net unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	*7 & 8*	67,357		94,880	162,237	73,647
Investment during year		(165)		165	-	-
Net surplus/(deficit)		**101,559**	**(14,955)**	**95,045**	**181,649**	**251,058**
Transfers between funds						
Net movement in funds		101,559	(14,955)	95,045	181,649	251,058
Total funds brought forward - adjusted	*13*	1,046,673	184,233	649,722	1,880,628	1,629,570
Total funds carried forward		**1,148,232**	**169,278**	**744,767**	**2,062,277**	**1,880,628**

Balance sheet
As at 31 December

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible	*6*	351,497	257,884		609,382	520,412
Investments	*7*	538,202			538,202	470,845
Endowments	*8*			744,767	744,767	649,722
		889,699	257,884	744,767	1,892,351	1,640,979
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	*9 (a)*	15,869	-		15,869	69,730
Cash at bank and in hand	*9 (b)*	252,860	(88,606)		164,254	177,436
		268,729	(88,606)	-	180,122	247,166
Liabilties						
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	*10*	(10,196)			(10,196)	(7,517)
Net current assets		258,533	(88,606)	-	169,926	239,649
Total net assets		**1,148,232**	**169,278**	**744,767**	**2,062,277**	**1,880,628**
Parish funds						
Unrestricted	*11 & 12*	1,148,232			1,148,232	1,046,673
Restricted	*11 & 12*		169,278		169,278	184,233
Endowment	*11 & 12*			744,767	744,767	649,722
		1,148,232	**169,278**	**744,767**	**2,062,277**	**1,880,628**

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Gail Beer (Churchwarden)

1 Accounting Policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations 'true and fair view' provisions.

(a) Incoming Resources

Income is accounted for on the accruals basis except where noted below.

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are accounted for on receipt by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving under gift aid is accounted for on receipt, and tax recoverable is recognised when the related recovery has been received.

Grants, legacies and donations receivable are allocated to the relevant fund according to any restrictions placed upon their use. Grants and legacies are accounted for when they become due, and are included as debtors at the balance sheet date where:

- the PCC is certain of its entitlement and any pre-conditions have been complied with;
- it is reasonably certain that the grant or legacy will be received within a reasonable time span;
- the amount to which the PCC is entitled, and which will be received, can be reliably measured.

Income from investments

Dividends, interest and any related tax recoveries are accounted for on receipt, except where the amounts due at the balance sheet date cannot be reliably quantified.

(b) Resources used

Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis except where noted below.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are accounted for on payment, or when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities relating to the work of the Church

The contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund is accounted for when it becomes payable, and any amount outstanding at the balance sheet date is included as an operational, though not legal, liability.

(c) Assets

Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the Financial statements.

No value is attributed in these accounts to the following.

- The fabric of St. Giles' church and the churchyard which are vested in the Rector.
- The former churchyard of St. Alphage, London Wall (which is laid out as a public open space in St. Alphage Garden) and which is on a long lease from the City Corporation. It was registered in the name of the Rector during 2010; the value of which is undetermined at the present time.
- The former St. Giles' Church Hall adjacent to St. Giles' church, which is on a long lease from the City Corporation to the PCC (vested in the LDF as custodian trustee); it is underlet to LDF and sub-under-let to and occupied by Newpark Nursery. However the final form of each of these leases remains under negotiation and there are issues of boundaries needing to be rectified, so the PCC is unable at present to value this asset. The adjacent Columbarium remains under PCC control.

Moveable church furnishings
These are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient cost information is available. In this case the item is not capitalised, but all items are included in the Church's inventory in any case.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows

Church seating	20 - 50 years

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity
These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost net of recoverable VAT or else, for gifts in kind, at a reasonable estimate of their open market value on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows.

Land	Nil
Fixtures & fittings	20 years
Computers and similar equipment	3 years

No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the property is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life of this asset currently exceeds 50 years, so that any deprecation charges would be immaterial.

An impairment review is carried out at each year end and any resultant loss identified and included in expenditure for the year.

Investments
Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange or whose value derives from them are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at PCC's best estimate of market value.

Short term deposits
These are the cash held either the CCLA or at the bank.

(d) Funds

Unrestricted Funds
These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are not therefore included in the reserves disclosed in the trustees' report.

Restricted Income Funds
These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted Capital Funds
These are funds that represent income received for specific capital investments. Depreciation on these assets are charged to the these funds.

Endowment Funds
These are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Details of their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

(e) Volunteers

The monetary value of volunteer time is not recorded neither as an incoming nor outgoing resource since this cannot be accurately quantified because the number of hours and value per hour is indeterminate.

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
2. Income and endowments					
(a) Voluntary income					
Gift aid donations		62,766	5,600	68,366	75,707
Tax recoverable		18,531	1,650	20,181	21,000
Wall safe donations			769	769	561
Open plate collections		1,118		1,118	1,950
Legacies		1,726		1,726	20,000
Grants	City Churches Grants Committee		-	-	137,000
	Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	9,684	-	9,684	27,144
	ASCY Ancient Society of College Youths		475	475	-
	Friends of St Giles		1,188	1,188	-
	Deanery Grant for insurance		951	951	6,851
	Stewardship - Give.net	1,818	1,415	3,233	1,683
City Burial Ground Fund		2,500		2,500	2,750
Donations - general		2,679	-	2,679	14,727
Music - Donations		7,707		7,707	96
Parish rate		12,502	71	12,573	592
		121,031	12,119	133,150	310,061
(b) Activiities for generating funds					
Church lettings		40,684		40,684	14,020
Bookstall		289		289	428
Book fairs		13,987		13,987	5,897
Roscoe Street hall income		12,215		12,215	12,500
		67,174	-	67,174	32,845
(c) Income from investments					
Dividends		30,687		30,687	29,633
Interest		33		33	464
		30,720	-	30,720	30,097

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
(d) Income from church activities				
Columbarium	4,442		4,442	3,450
Special services	4,845		4,845	2,022
Weddings and funerals	1,183		1,183	4,028
Vergers income	1,607		1,607	-
Refreshments	-		-	387
Events and other income	8,372		8,372	2,250
	20,449	-	20,449	12,137
Total income and endowments	239,375	12,119	251,494	385,140

3. Expenditure

(a) Missionary and charitable giving				
Diocesan Lent Appeal	1,400		1,400	3,500
Angola London Mozambique Asson	-		-	-
Hackney Food Bank	48		48	-
The Children's Society	-		-	-
Christian Aid	-		-	-
Plan International	165		165	195
St John's Warminster	-		-	-
Refuges at Home	-		-	1,500
	1,613	-	1,613	5,195

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
		£	£	£	£
(b) Activities					
Ministry:					
	Diocesan common fund	87,200		87,200	86,250
	Diocesan parochial fees	-		-	-
	Clergy expenses	3,990		3,990	2,148
	Pastoral Assistant's expenses	-		-	-
Church running costs:				-	-
	Heating, lighting and water	5,874		5,874	4,323
	Insurance	1,263		1,263	8,044
	Major repairs and restoration	10,088	14,062	24,150	3,384
	Maintenance	10,280		10,280	8,927
Music:				-	-
	Director of Music remuneration	11,099		11,099	9,503
	Choir remuneration	19,294		19,294	14,232
	Assistant Organist	2,014	1,759	3,773	4,373
	Organ tuning, piano tuning & maintenance	2,906		2,906	5,069
	Music scores, books & licence	2,206		2,206	239
Services:				-	-
	Church	682		682	1,168
	Special	1,142		1,142	2,014
	Weddings and funerals	-		-	1,930
Church lettings		114		114	740
Columbarium		656		656	748
Leaflets & guides		486		486	881
Roscoe Street ha	Insurance	101		101	651
Vergers Expenses		3,912		3,912	-
Other Expenses		4,478		4,478	3,579
		167,783	15,821	183,604	158,203

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
	£	£	£	£
(c) Management and administration				
Bkkper/Administrator salary, oncosts	30,769		30,769	30,758
Printing, stationery and postage	1,218		1,218	981
Telephone, fax and email	416		416	544
Website & internet connections	1,117		1,117	724
Accounting expenses	718		718	527
Independent Examiners Fees	150		150	164
Bank charges	292		292	501
Depreciation	931	11,253	12,184	10,132
Bad Debt write off	-	-	-	-
	35,611	11,253	46,864	44,331
Total expenditure	205,008	27,074	232,082	207,729

(d) Allocation of costs

	Church activities	Raising funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
	£	£	£	£
Missionary and charitable giving	1,613	-	1,613	5,195
Activities	172,351	11,253	183,604	158,203
Management and administration	37,492	9,373	46,865	44,331
	211,456	20,626	232,082	207,729

The basis for the allocation is as follows.
- missionary and charitable giving are fully attritutable to church activities
- activities costs are allocated on a line by line basis
- management and administration costs are allocated on an estimate of time taken

4. Staff costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages .	27,866		27,866	26,782
Pension	2,903		2,903	2,680
	30,769	-	30,769	29,462
Average number of employees			1	1

Under the terms of the Employment Allowance Scheme the church is able to reclaim its employers NIC payments in full.

The PCC has contracts for services with the Director of Music, musicians and our cleaning firm. All of these people work on a freelance basis.

5. Payments to and giving by PCC members - all paid from unrestricted funds

	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
	£	£
(a) PCC members received fees for services rendered as follows.		
Anne Marsden Thomas - Director of Music	11,410	10,878
Penny Sharpe - Choir member	4,335	4,003
(b) Clergy were reimbursed for clergy expenses as follows.		
Katharine Rumens - Rector	3,156	1,693
Alex Norris - Curate	834	455

(c) No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

(d) in 2021 PCC members gave £36,082 to the church (2020: £35,015).

6. Tangible fixed assets

		Property	Church fixtures & fittings	Church furniture (20 yrs)	Church furniture (50 yrs)	Church & office equipment	Total
		£	£	£		£	£
At valuation - 1 January 2015		350,000					350,000
Cost	At 1 January 2021	350,000	139,178	39,456	-	1,092	529,726
	Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Additons at costs	-	11,689	-	87,765	1,700	101,154
	At 31 December 2021	350,000	150,867	39,456	87,765	2,792	630,880
Depreciation	At 1 January 2021	-	6,959	1,991	-	364	9,314
	Withdrawn on disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Charge of the year	-	7,543	1,955	1,755	931	12,184
	At 31 December 2021	-	14,502	3,946	1,755	1,295	21,498
Net book value	At 31 December 2020	350,000	132,219	37,465	-	728	520,412
	At 31 December 2021	350,000	136,365	35,510	86,010	1,497	609,382

The hall in Roscoe Street is vested in the London Diocesan Fund as Custodian Trustee and for which the PCC are acknowledged to be the Managing Trustee. It is currently let commercially; the rent has been reduced for £10,000 in recognition of the financial hardships brought by the Covid-19 pandemic. The rent will increase to its normal level of £20,000 from 1 July 2021.

7. Investment assets

	£
Market value at 31 December 2020	470,845
Disposal	-
Purchases at cost	-
Revaluation gain	67,357
Market value at 31 December 2021	538,202

8. Endowment assets

	£
Market value at 31 December 2020	649,722
Disposal	
Purchases at cost	165
Revaluation gain	94,880
Market value at 31 December 2021	744,767

The endowment assets represent permanent endowment investments held within the Cripplegate Church Sworder Foundation for which the London Diocesan Fund acts as the Custodian Trustee and the PCC as the Managing Trustee. The capital is subject to restriction on its use and is governed by the objects of the Foundation as indicated in the Charity Commission Scheme of 21 January 1992. There is power to convert capital into income and the capital is held permanently although the constituent investments may change over time.

		TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
9. Current assets		£	£
(a) Debtors			
Trade debtors		8,932	12,117
Debtors		-	-
Prepayments and accrued income		6,937	57,613
		15,869	69,730
(b) Cash at bank and in hand			
Current - NatWest		25,018	104,463
Current - CAF Bank		30,637	20,000
Deposit	General	101,483	50,763
	Roscoe Street Hall	5,116	-
	Credit Union	2,000	2,000
Rector's expenses float		-	200
Petty cash		-	10
		164,254	177,436

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	972	525
Other creditors	5,435	5,335
Accruals and deferred income	3,789	1,657
	10,196	7,517

There are no liabilities due after one year.

11. Summary of fund movements

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted	Endowment	Total
	General	Investments	funds	funds	
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2021	575,828	470,845	184,233	649,722	1,880,628
Incoming resources	239,375		12,119		251,494
Resources expended	(205,008)		(27,074)		(232,082)
Investment gains		67,357		94,880	162,237
Transfer between funds	(165)			165	-
Balance at 31 December 2021	610,030	538,202	169,278	744,767	2,062,277

Restricted funds: capital improvements to the church funded by specific grants and donations.

12. Summary of assets by fund

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	351,497	257,884		609,382
Investment fixed assets	538,202		744,767	1,282,969
Debtors and prepayments	15,869			15,869
Cash	252,860	(88,606)		164,254
Liabilities: amounts falling due in one year	(10,196)			(10,196)
Fund balances at 31 December 2021	1,148,232	169,278	744,767	2,062,277
Fund balances at 31 December 2020	1,046,673	184,233	649,722	1,880,628

13. Prior year adjustment

In 2021, an amount of of £2,215 was released to income. This relates to an overassessment of the Roscoe Street hall rental prepayment at 2020 year-end.

Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the P.C.C.
of
St. Giles' Cripplegate

Accounts for the year ended 31st. December 2021 **Charity no 1138077**
Set out on pages 29 to 41

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C., 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for 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 matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed. Alan A Clements. Date 8th April 2022.

Revd Alan Clements
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Accounts

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Annual Report 2020

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- The Treasurer (Susan Royce) and the Administrator (Jake Kirner) for the Financial Review and Financial Statements.
- Malcolm Waters for Stewardship.

St. Giles' Cripplegate
Parochial Church Council
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2020

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Giles' Cripplegate, with St. Bartholomew, Moor Lane, and St. Alphage, London Wall and St. Luke, Old Street with St. Mary, Charterhouse and St. Paul, Clerkenwell [the PCC] present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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AIM AND PURPOSES

St Giles' Cripplegate PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, Reverend Katharine Rumens, to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibility for the parish church, for the Roscoe Street Hall and for St Giles' Columbarium. In addition, it acts as Managing Trustee of the Cripplegate Church Sworder Foundation, a charity established by a Charity Commission Scheme for the maintenance of the fabric of the parish church.

Church and charity law require the PCC as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting period, and the PCC is also responsible for keeping proper books of account with respect to its affairs.

The PCC provides public benefit by:

- facilitating regular public worship open to all;
- the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation;
- pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved;
- the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups;
- taking religious assemblies in schools, school tours of the church explaining worship and history and hosting school services.
- building community and promoting Christianity through the staging of events and meetings;
- hosting the organ education activities which deliver "educational opportunities for hundreds of organists, both amateur and professional".

To enable this work it is essential to maintain the fabric of the church of St. Giles' Cripplegate.

The trustees have complied with the duty imposed by section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance (PB3 Public benefit: reporting) published by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Mission Action Plan was prepared by the PCC at its meetings in January and adopted at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The APCM was planned for Sunday 26th. April 2020 but postponed until September because the covid-19 pandemic restrictions prevented such meetings. Some of the targets and goals were impossible or irrelevant during the pandemic but, as the following reports make clear, we found ways to be "What we stand for".

MISSION ACTION PLAN 2020 – 2021

We are here to love God and to make Christ known in word and deed.
We are an inclusive church and welcome all comers

Strengthened by this knowledge, these are our objectives for the coming year.

What we stand for	Our targets/goals for 2020-2021
We are energised by our faith • We celebrate God through regular worship and prayer and pilgrimage • Music is a central part of St Giles – we praise God through singing, organ playing, bell ringing and concerts.	i. To continue to welcome new attendees and visitors. ii. To support our Curate, Alex. iii. A parish weekend at Othona in the Summer (planned for 3rd. to 5th. July 2020) iv. To explore opportunities for prayer and contemplation. v. To promote the monthly private prayers on the website and in church publications vi. Continued participation by members of the congregation in the rota, in leading Morning and Evening Prayer and preaching. In August they choose the hymns and have the opportunity to lead different styles of worship. vii. To continue to support individual and class organ tuition by RCO accredited teachers and the Summer Organ School. viii. To continue support for our Organ Scholar. ix. To continue support for the City of London Brass Band which rehearses/performs in the church each Wednesday evening. x. To continue to support the Director of Music in encouraging sight readers to join the choir at the Parish Carol Service and other occasions during the year. xi. To encourage City of London School for Girls to promote their lunchtime concerts. xii. To encourage the bell ringers especially when ringing with shutters open.
We make room for others • We embrace diversity in our church • We seek to build a positive atmosphere for our vsitors.	i. To offer an open church, with a welcome for stressed City workers seeking peace and quiet, during the working week and, whenever possible, at weekends. ii. We will continue to work hard to create a welcoming and social environment at the church, in particular before the service greeting people by name, and after the service, sharing coffee and cake. iii. We will work hard to promote St Giles as a church where everyone is welcome, regardless of race, sexuality or disability, and including people of other faith traditions, whether they are attending a service, concert, the book fair or visiting the church at other times. iv. To continue our registration with Inclusive Church and Visible Congregation. v. To continue to welcome the London Gay Symphony Orchestra.

We look outwards • We will give a warm welcome to all our congregation – new and old • Our church is open during the week, offering space for prayer, for peace and information about our history • We support international and local charities – and members of the congregation in their individual fund-raising ventures. • We are committed to raising the issue of hidden and unrelieved poverty within the parish. • We consider the wider world in how we purchase goods for the Church	i. Listening to God and Listening to London (Discerning our 2030 Vision) - we will pray and listen to discern God's plans for our city. ii. Continue the practice of inviting stake holders in the community to read at the Parish Carol Service iii. Invite representatives/descendants of notable figures associated with St. Giles' to read at the Parish Carol Service. iv. Foodbank collections four times a year targeting specific shortages as needed in partnership with Wesley's Chapel. v. Support and promote the London Capital Credit Union to ensure that affordable loans are available to those in the parish who need them. vi. Book Fairs which raise funds for the church, involve a wide range of volunteers and simultaneously encourage the public to come into St. Giles'. vii. Where we can, making sure the sick in hospital and at home are visited viii. Supporting members of the congregation who are caring for sick, elderly, lonely or bereaved parish residents. ix. Encourage individual fundraising by members of the congregation, especially Sunday cake stalls and sponsored activities. x. Support for Refugees at Home. xi. Support for the Diocesan Lent Appeal. xii. Support for Alex's Sunday Lunches
We are inquisitive • We are ready to explore our faith – St Giles offers the chance to discuss themes and views on faith and religion	i. To maintain our significant Ecumenical Partnership with St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Jewin Welsh Church and Wesley's Chapel. ii. To create opportunities to increase awareness and understanding of other faiths. iii. To support the weekly Ecumenical Saturday Groups in Lent and October. iv. Encourage participation in the St. Paul's Cathedral Adult Learning programme. v. Baptism and Confirmation classes will be held twice a year to prepare candidates for baptism and/or confirmation at All Saints and on Holy Saturday at St Paul's. vi. Preparation groups for young children (aged 7) to receive communion before confirmation. vii. Encourage involvement with "Home Prayer Groups". viii. Promote links with local schools.

We adapt and grow • We seek ways to ensure we can maintain our church – it is a living place and seek to generate revenues from a range of sources. • We are able to evolve and adapt as events demand.	i. ii. iii. iv. v. vi. vii. viii.	Commence implementation of the Strategic Plan with a new lighting system, new furniture, clean interior walls and fund raising. Plan for a servery in the south-west corner of the church. To encourage donors who pay UK tax to Gift Aid their donations. To encourage regular donors to give by standing order. To continue use of the portable card reader and to investigate installation of a fixed reader for payments at fairs and donations whenever the church is open. We will review the Reserves Policy. To advertise St Giles' as a venue for concerts, recordings and filming publicising music as our speciality. To conclude discussions with the City of London Corporation concerning the church yard lease. To encourage visitors, especially organised tours, to contribute to the upkeep of the church.
We build community • Our church is a sacred place for the benefit of our community. • We look towards the wider community, local and virtual. Our events are for everyone – attenders and non-attenders alike. • Children are an important part of our church – through the Sunday Club and through their roles in services, we are building a congregation that is confident to share the gospel with future generations	i. ii. iii. iv. v. vi. vii. viii. ix. x. xi. xii.	We will share the church with our neighbours, welcoming them to community events including our Advent Fair, Give & Take days and Book Fairs. Encourage the wider community to join the regular congregation by publicity for the All Souls service, Christingle Service, Parish Carol service and "Welcome Back Sunday". Bringing others in the community into contact with the church by making it available as a venue for non-church events Continue distribution of the Advent/Christmas and Holy Week/Easter news leaflets and include a "Year Card". To practise hospitality and to eat together including PCC Supper meetings, Maundy Thursday, Progressive Lunches, Bring and Share lunch at Open Church Sunday, special Sundays and summer picnics. To socialise together e.g. pub quizzes. We will encourage parental involvement in the Sunday Club and continue to support the children in their fundraising cake stalls and other events. To support St. Luke's CofE Primary School as governors, in worship both at school and at St. Giles'. We will encourage others to join the cleaning angels who meet monthly to clean and share companionship We will maintain appropriate relationships with our neighbour Moorgate Talks. To participate in the Culture Mile and maintain a friendly relationship with the Barbican Arts Centre. To build links with Livery Companies and businesses in the parish or with connections to St. Giles'.

Services and Church Opening Hours

Before the Coronavirus pandemic.

Sunday
08.00 BCP Holy Communion (First Sunday in the month)
10.00 Parish Eucharist
16.00 Evening Prayer

Weekdays
08.30 Morning Prayer (Monday to Thursday)

Private Prayer and Reflection
13.00-13.30 on the first Thursday of each month.

Church and Parish Office Opening Hours
11.00 - 16.00 Monday to Friday

Evening Opening of the church during Holy Week from 7 to 9pm with a Labyrinth. During Holy Week Compline is said each evening at 8.30pm. until Maundy Thursday when the Last Supper is commemorated with Supper together followed by the Eucharist.

During the Pandemic

When services were not permitted in church they were recorded and broadcast on the St. Giles' YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgJgsMQXa4aED1TSE-lHQbQ,

Sunday
10am Parish Eucharist

Weekdays
8.30am Morning Prayer (Monday to Thursday)
8.30pm Compline (Friday)

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Liturgy

Committee Report

The Worship and Liturgy committee comprises Diana Morgan Gray, Amanda Gibbon, Mona Henshall, David Freeman, the Rector (chair), Revd. Alex Norris and Anne Marsden Thomas (minutes). It met twice: live on 8th January live and online on 20th October. The committee planned and reviewed, or heard updates on:

- The four-way ecumenical partnership agreement was signed on 23rd January.
- The new lighting system is easier to operate. Training for key members of the congregation by Bruce Kirk has been postponed because of lockdowns.
- Candlemas 2nd February, with Story Sermon and children lighting everyone's candle for the blessing and final hymn
- Transfiguration Sunday 23rd February, when the choir premiered a new anthem by Frederick Stocken.
- Our curate Alex's ordination 20th September
- Sunday Club: see the separate report.
- The pandemic safety measures: track and trace, masks, hand sanitizing.
- Online services. Since the end of March various methods were tried: at first Katharine recorded from the Rectory, then from church with or without congregation, according to the prevailing regulations. Livestreaming proved unsatisfactory so services were recorded and shared on YouTube. When forbidden from attending, the musicians contributed recordings, mostly made from home. We were all indebted to Tim Middleton who has patiently operated the camera and completed the services.
- Autumn services. Social distancing reduced attendance slightly, including at the All Souls service. In the absence of the usual near-continuous carol services, December was a relatively quiet month, though we offered three new 'community' carol services, including a Blue service. We will abandon offering online seat reservations as many booked and then failed to attend.

The Sunday Club

Sunday Club has run throughout 2020. During the beginning of the year, it was held during the 10am Parish Eucharist, and also at 10am for half an hour in an online format throughout the pandemic. Katharine works with the Sunday club leaders to draw up a syllabus and a rota is set.

In 2020 the syllabus has covered:

- Easter term 2020 - parables and the Easter story
- Summer term 2020 – previously uncovered stories - such as Jonah, Ehud the left-handed, the Sermon on the Mount, and the Book of Revelations.
- Autumn term 2020 – stories tied to our experience of the pandemic – renewal, kindness, protection and integrity.

Elizabeth Day taught the Sunday Club singing whilst the club was in church. Sunday Club continues to have around 5 to 7 lively, creative parents who are on the rota to teach the even livelier children.

Online sessions start with an entertaining, pre-recorded introduction by Katharine or Alex Norris. These typically pose a challenge to the group. The children then read from the children's Bible, discuss the passage and learn through activities such as role playing, dressing up, arts and crafts and puzzles. Sunday Club sessions seek to tie in the stories to the children's experiences, current events and the world around them. Sessions conclude with a prayer focusing on the week's theme.

Sunday Club's numbers were steady through 2020. Our three eldest children graduated in the summer, though the online format has meant many children have attended more regularly.

Each term Katharine gives a couple of story sermons. On these Sundays the Sunday Club remain for the whole service and take part by doing the readings, assisting with the prayers, bringing up the bread and wine and carrying the candles.

In 2020, Sunday Club highlights were seeing each other at church at the end of the Summer term, and at the Nativity. It was great for the children to see each other in real life, after so long apart.



The Sunday Club presented their annual nativity performance during the Parish Eucharist on 13 December. One by one, dressed in their outfits, the children gave an atmospheric account of their character's take on the nativity. The format gave the opportunity for the younger and less vocal children to take an equal part in the show, which they did brilliantly. Elspeth was first up as the nervous Mary. William was next as Joseph, troubled by his dreams. Alex, Martha and Gracie were the three kings, navigating the demands of King Herod. Imogen, Elspeth and William played the three shepherds, recounting the haunting and dangerous landscape they worked in, and how they were called to the inn. Elspeth reprised as the donkey, a puffed-up animal who reminded us whose role was most important in this wondrous story.

Report from the Director of Music

Mothering Sunday marked the start of the first lockdown, and we musicians gradually got the hang of contributing to the youtube services. The singers were thrilled to return, albeit only one at a time, at the start of July and, unlike normal years, we continued to have singers through August. On 13th September the choir returned in full, and delighted in live music-making again, albeit socially distanced and at the east end of the church. At the start of the second lockdown we musicians gathered on a Friday evening to record enough music for the Sundays until the church doors could open again. We were grateful to have the chancel organ, as coordinating with the grand organ with the singers spaced out at the east end of the church would have been a major challenge. There was organ music and a solo singer for each of the community carol services in December, four singers (two professionals and tenor Robin's parents) on Christmas Eve and two professional singers on Christmas morning. The Friends of St Giles funded a set of new music stands for the choir, complete with clip-on lights, which proved invaluable during December's dark evenings.

Our organ scholar Jack Gonzalez-Harding had no role to play from March, and in September we welcomed his successor, Emma van Setten. Emma studies at the Royal Academy of Music on the one-year foundation course before she goes to St Hilda's College, Oxford in September 2021. Emma has been conscientious in attending services when the pandemic allowed, and has enjoyed playing parts of the service, working with our choir and practising on our organs during the week. Other than the organ scholar, our musical team has remained the same: Penelope Sharpe (soprano), Amanda Dean (alto), Robin Whitehouse (tenor), Tom Kennedy (bass) and Elizabeth Day (organist). All are a delight to work with, and I am particularly grateful to Tom for his wizardry in compiling the single recordings into SATB performances – even SSAATTBB occasionally – ready for the online services.

Deanery Synod

Synod members are elected for three years and in January 2020 we were expecting to retire at the APCM in April.

The January meeting followed its usual pattern. The Area Dean, Rev. Katherine Hedderly, welcomed the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress to the meeting and the Synod Lay Chair, Rory Anderson, presented them with a Bible. The main topic of the meeting was the 2030 Diocesan Vision in the context of the City of London Plan 2036. The City Plan has three themes –

- To shape outstanding environments
- To contribute to a flourishing society
- To support a thriving economy

A flourishing society will be supported by Diocesan aspirations for inclusive buildings, open all hours to provide social, community and recreation facilities. The contribution of City Churches to heritage and an outstanding environment is obvious. Many City churches offer retail and hospitality opportunities. In the parishes of St. Sepulchre without Newgate, St. Bartholomew Smithfield and St. Giles' Cripplegate the City Plan proposes 860 new housing units, new hotels, improvements to transport, 13,000 new jobs and the Culture Mile. Inviting the construction workers, the new residents and workers into our churches is an opportunity but resources may be stretched. The practicalities were explored in the usual lively discussion. Notice was given of the next meeting to be held in July which would be the first meeting of the new synod. Then the meeting ended, as always, with the Evening Collect and the Grace.

By the beginning of April the covid-19 pandemic prevented face to face meetings and the synod triennium was extended until the end of November. At a socially distanced APCM in September Daniel Gerring and Gwen Rogers were re-elected as lay representatives for St. Giles'.

The July meeting was cancelled, and the next meeting was a Zoom session in October. Catherine McGuinness, Chair of the City of London Policy and Resources Committee, had been invited to tell us more about the City Plan 2036 but, as she said, "in this unprecedented year, the impact of Covid 19 has meant crowded streets are quiet and working remotely has quickly and successfully been adopted as the norm but at the expense of retail businesses, bars, restaurants, shops and churches reliant on footfall of clients". The Corporation response as a Landlord has been to change rent billing frequency, to defer payments and to suspend charges for late payment. The City Bridge Trust created a CoronaVirus Emergency Fund which donated £5 million to the London Community Response and awarded over £1.7 million in grants to small charities. Street planning schemes focused on helping walkers and cyclists with more space and reduced traffic. These schemes have helped people to return to work safely. Resources have been provided for covid security. Her conclusion was that "the burden of debt taken on because of Covid 19 will be considerable for the future, which is where the City Plan 2036 and its vision will be paramount".

The next meeting will be on Zoom. We hope, by the Summer, that covid-19 will be under control and Synod members can meet face to face for the traditional Garden Party.

Safeguarding

Past Cases Review 2 - The Church of England is engaged in an ongoing review of historic abuse cases affecting children and vulnerable adults. We were invited to consult parish files and those in the parish with long memories to identify cases involving clergy and lay church officers that had not been previously reported. None were found and the PCC authorised the Rector to sign off a nil return. Incidentally this was the first time, unable to meet face to face, the PCC conducted business by email under Church Representation Rule M29.

Parish Safeguarding Self Audit 2020 - Leadership (aka. C3) training is required for all clergy, licensed lay ministers, churchwardens and many lay officers both paid and volunteer. It must be "refreshed" every three years and the audit found that some of us needed a refresher course. All courses were cancelled during the covid lockdown. They are now available online and on Zoom.

The only other issue uncovered by the audit was a requirement to delegate reporting of serious incidents to the Charity Commission. A motion to delegate to the Diocesan Secretary was passed at the PCC meeting in November.

Safeguarding Agreement - We have a Safeguarding Agreement for the Protection of Children and Adults at Risk in place. Scheduled review meetings of the Agreement, which happen in person, had to be cancelled. The next meeting will be with Andrew Munro, one of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisors, and will take place as soon as lockdown restrictions in 2021 are lifted. During the interregnum the Area Dean Katherine Hedderly will be available to work with Mark Hunter (Safeguarding Officer).

Events

JANUARY

The year started with the arrival at St. Giles' of contractors from Tom Flynn Electrical, including Tom himself, and Mander Organs. The Grand and Chancel organs were covered to protect them from the dust and debris thrown down while TFE worked above. Old light fittings and their wiring were removed from the aisles and clerestory windows. Temporary festoon lights were strung from pillar to pillar and shed so much better light that some members of the congregation thought they might be the new system.

During January, Tom and his colleagues made good progress from Monday to Friday, even finding time to clean the walls. At weekends bells were rung, the LGSO rehearsed, a Give and Take Fair was well supported and worship proceeded as usual throughout Epiphany. There were news reports of a coronavirus outbreak in China but that was far away.

Thursday 23 January Wesley's Chapel at 12.45 A Special Ecumenical Event

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a special service was held at Wesley's Chapel during which an Ecumenical Partnership agreement was signed by the clergy of 4 local churches who, with their congregations, have over many years grown in friendship and in working together. The service was led by Steven Cooper, Minister of Wesley's Chapel and the Preacher was Ruth Gee, Former President of the Methodist Conference and Methodist Church Ecumenical Officer

Katharine in her introduction said that this ecumenical coming together was the result of a chance conversation she had in Errol Street, with Brother Kentigern, an Anglican Franciscan and Chaplain at the YMCA who asked her what the churches around here were doing about ecumenicism.



The Partnership document was signed by Richard Brunt, Minister of Jewin Welsh Church, Katharine Rumens, Rector of St Giles' Cripplegate, Chris Vipers, Priest in Charge, St Joseph's Catholic Church and Jennifer Smith, Superintendent, Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission.

Our shared activities include prayer, study, fellowship, food bank appeals and pilgrimage together. The Saturday morning study groups meet in Lent and October; a book is usually chosen, and we visit each church in turn. Our pilgrimages have taken us to Rome, Latvia, the WW1 Belgium Battlefields and Spain in the Steps of St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross.

An Ecumenical Partnership between St. Giles' Cripplegate, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Jewin Welsh Church, and Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission

Drawn together in one baptism, confessing our faith in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, we are inspired by the Holy Spirit to hear his Good News and pledged to share it, and so we commit ourselves to:

- Promote reflection on the Christian Church, its mission and its proclamation of God's reign in our midst,
- Take time to listen, try to understand and respond to each other and to the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the people of our time and place,
- Value each person, rejoicing in their gifts, and celebrating our rich human diversity,
- Support those seeking to recognise Christ in their own lives,
- Enjoy each other's company as we worship, study, and journey together as God's pilgrim people.

Where possible this will be done through:

- The sharing of occasional worship, especially during Advent, Lent, and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,
- Collaboration in planning and holding regular adult faith education programmes,
- Going on pilgrimage together,
- Supporting action for justice and peace initiatives in one another's churches and community.

We give thanks for the many years of growing unity and friendship which we have shared together, and which has brought us to this time of grace, and we regret our continuing divisions. We undertake to promote understanding, respect and dialogue with people of good will as we work for the common good of all. We affirm our intent to work, pray, and study together for that unity which is Christ's will for the Church and so formalise this commitment in this present Partnership.

FEBRUARY

The weekly pattern continued with music and worship at weekends and lighting construction midweek. Preparations for Lent had begun when coronavirus in Italy was reported. The new light fittings were manufactured by IGuzzini Illuminazione in Recanati, Italy and were still at the factory when the Italian government imposed a lockdown to limit spread of the virus. TFE prepared as much as they could without the fittings and then left St. Giles' with a promise to return and complete the installation after Easter. By Ash Wednesday the virus was known to have arrived in England.

Sunday 2 February - Presentation of Christ in the Temple or Candlemas



Sunday was a special day for members of the Sunday Club. There was a Story Sermon with Katharine as a Roman centurion and the children as Roman soldiers in Bethlehem as she told them of rumours of angels in the sky and magicians coming with gifts. They had to be alert and report any strange happenings. We heard about Simeon and Anna when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple and how they blessed Jesus and told Mary that a sword would pierce her side as they foretold the crucifixion.

The Children led the Intercessions and then with their lighted candles moved through the church lighting the candles of the congregation - not before long hair had been tied back with elastic hair bands supplied by Katharine! They came back to the chancel and stayed by the altar with their candles alight while the Offertory was brought to the altar and the Eucharistic Prayer said.

Sunday 9 February at 15.15 Choral Evensong sung by the Choristers of St Paul's Cathedral.

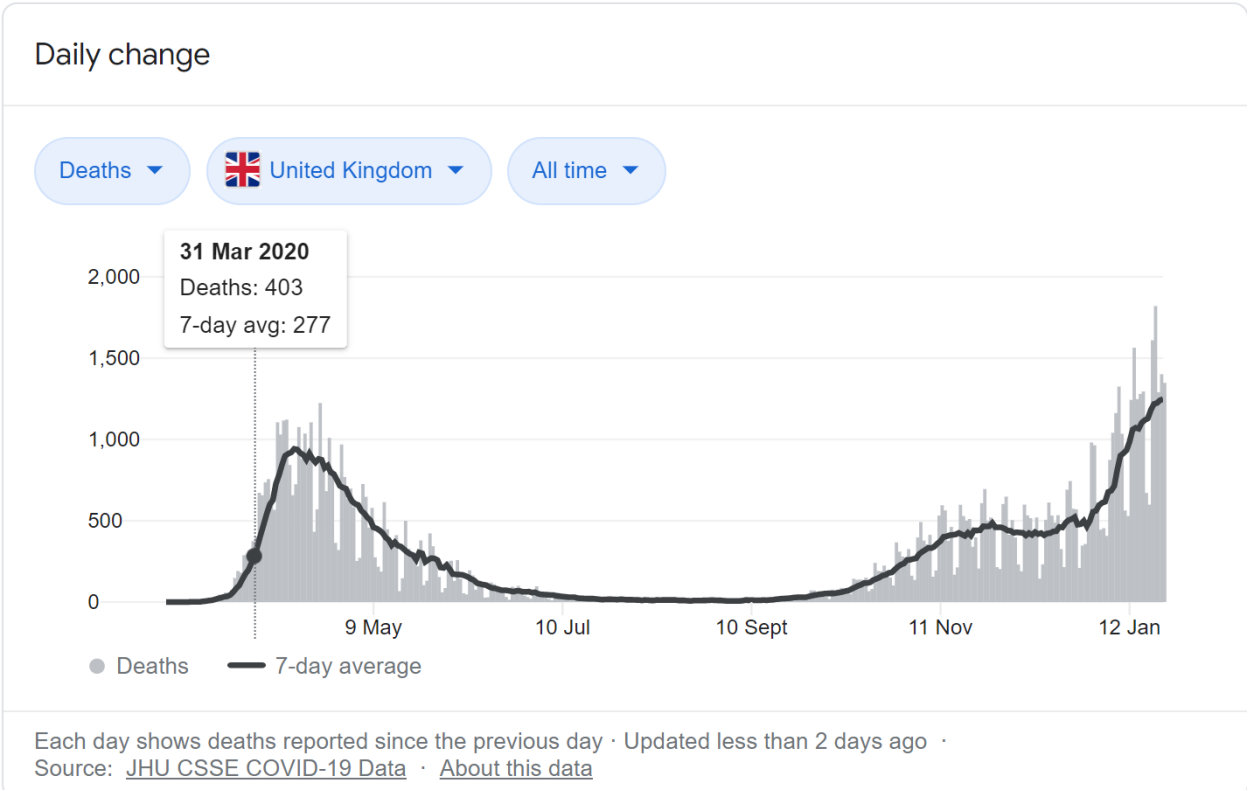
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT

This new venture by the City of London Deanery for congregations to gather in churches around the City to meet, pray and worship together, have the chance to hear the wonderful voices of the Choristers and volunteer to read the lessons and lead the intercessions, got off to a good start at St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield.

We were welcomed by Marcus Walker the Rector of St Bart's to this ancient church. Robert Coupland, Sacrist at St Paul's Officiated, Canon James Milne, Precentor at St Pauls was the Preacher, William Fox, sub-organist and the Choir was directed by Andrew Carwood, Director of Music at St Paul's. Katharine Hedderly, our Area Dean and Vicar of All Hallows by the Tower gave the Blessing. Refreshments were served afterwards in the Cloister and it was good to meet and talk with our friends from St Paul's and other City Churches. It was certainly an uplifting and shared experience on a very wet and windy afternoon.

St Giles' was well represented, and we had been invited to lead the Intercessions. We look forward to gathering at other churches in the future.

MARCH TO JUNE



By the third Sunday of Lent there were rumours of a UK national lockdown for the over seventies who were more likely to be seriously ill or die if infected. At post-service coffee, we speculated about a PCC meeting without the older members and whether it would be quorate. Then the following week the UK governments imposed a lockdown for all except essential workers, dubbed "Stay Home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives". It banned all non-essential travel and closed most gathering places including churches. Worship was suspended on Mothering Sunday. The Diocese of London Property Team moved valuables to safe storage and boarded up churches, although not St. Giles', and the clergy were encouraged to broadcast services from their homes. Katharine celebrated the Eucharist in her living

room filmed by Tim and broadcast on YouTube. After the Sunday broadcast we met for virtual coffee on Zoom.

Many have commented that usually we speak to a few people, but over Zoom everyone has their say and our knowledge of one another and our friendships have deepened. We have been given tours of other people's flats and gardens, met the pets and admired the art work.

Not just virtual coffee but all of the following as well -

***Sunday Club** meets on Sundays at 10.00 on (closed room) Zoom.*

Wednesday evenings - Studying together

June 19.30. Join Alex's bi-weekly course on the Lord's Prayer on Zoom.

Praying together with Lectio Divina

June 19.30 on Zoom. Details from Wendy Ellis

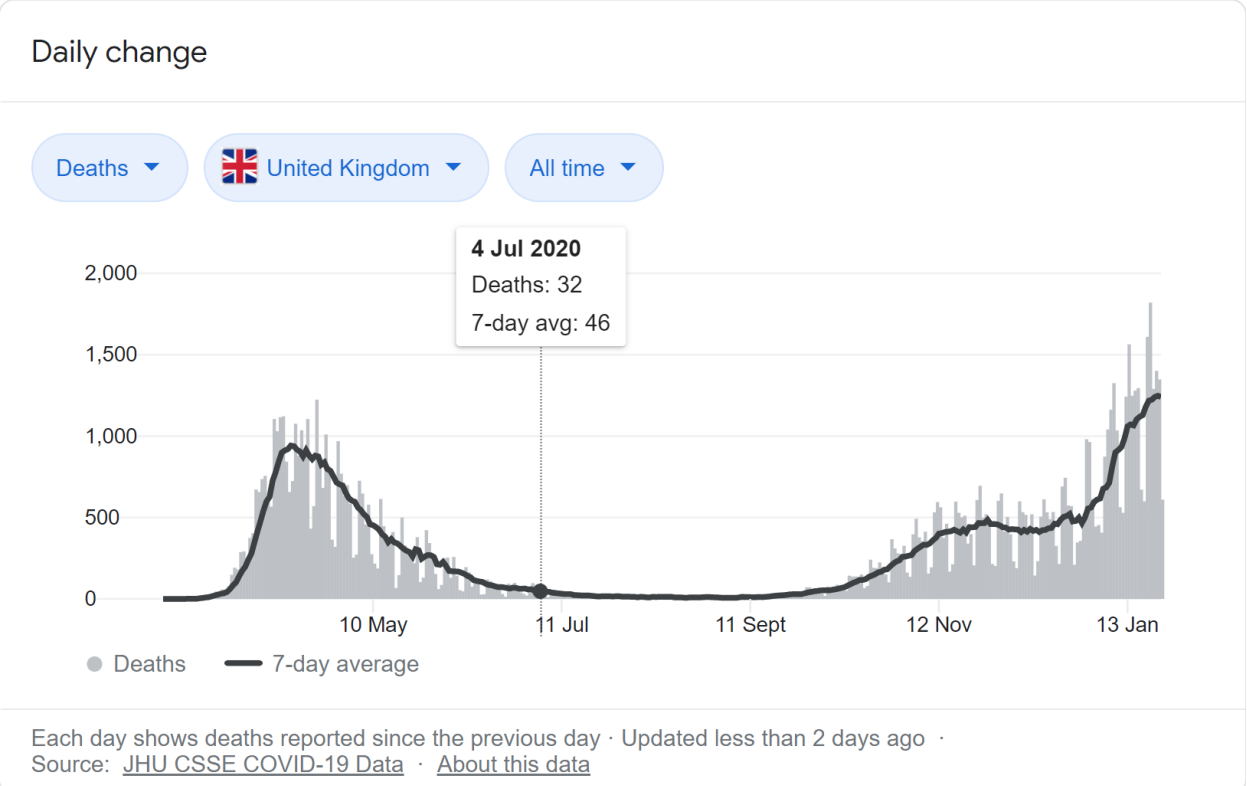
***Friday evenings Compline** at 20.30, available on St. Giles' YouTube Channel*

***Keeping in touch Tim Passey's WhatsApp** group. Contact Tim if you would like to join.*

***Private Prayer and Reflection** We continue to pray together on the first Thursday of the month. It's a set time to pray for our community and the wider world, knowing that others are praying with us. Our silent prayers conclude at 13.30 with all saying the Lord's Prayer.*

Churches remained closed for public worship throughout April, May and June.

JULY & AUGUST



By the beginning of July the government judged that the level of covid infections was low enough to allow socially distanced public worship. At the Eucharist the common cup could not be shared and communion was administered as bread alone. Masks were worn and the peace shared without physical contact. Nonetheless it was a joy to meet for worship in church.

Non-essential retail was allowed including the St. Giles' Book Fair.

Book Fairs



It was the Spring of 1983 which saw the first book fair in St Giles', when the enterprising team of Beryl and David Freeman set up a one-day fair selling "nearly new" books which had been donated by local residents. This modest beginning grew to become a regular feature in the church's calendar. It soon became clear that in addition to raising funds for the church and other charities, the fairs were also serving a useful service as a social and spiritual hub for the local community. It gave the seller, the donor and the buyer the common ground to share in a friendly chat. This aspect of the importance of human contact was highlighted more than ever by the silence that prevailed in the Barbican during the first lockdown. Our friends, the customers, dealers and neighbours, appreciated more than ever the seven-week extended run of the fair during July and August and the opportunity to air concerns and triumphs in a safe space.

The book fairs are manned by a mixture of volunteers, some from the church's membership and some by friends and acquaintances, two of whom bring with them a wealth of knowledge and skills, from having worked professionally in the book trade. Thanks to Jake and Wendy S's knowledge and guidance, we brought in a list of new measures to ensure social distancing. Hand gel and posters were installed at the front door, reminding everyone to sanitize their hands, wear face masks and keep a safe distance from each other while browsing. Numbers of customers were limited at any one time. We usually had only one volunteer working alone, to minimise the risk of spreading the virus. This was one of the most difficult new rules to adhere to, because all of us enjoy sorting the books and selling alongside our fellow Volunteers on a rota system. It is like catching up with old friends who share a common interest. The 4 book fairs each year are the one time we work together as part of a team. We also had to rely mostly on card payments and when a customer wanted to pay in cash, then it had to be an exact amount only, as no change was given. We did not handle any cash, it was placed directly by the customer into the collection box. Another new rule was that books were quarantined for several days in boxes and delivered by the owners directly to our blue crates, before being touched by any volunteer. These new measures ensured we volunteers felt safe to continue to staff the fair and our regulars felt safe to come in and buy our books.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Othona 4-6 September 2020



Ten of us from St Giles' spent the weekend in the beautiful and peaceful surroundings of the Othona Community at Bradwell on Sea, Essex.

It was a perfect place to talk, study and pray together after our difficult period of lockdown and isolation because of Covid 19. - a special and holy area with its ancient chapel of St Peter, built on the ruins of a Roman fort by St Cedd of Lindisfarne in 654.

The estuary close by flowing to the sea, the wide-open sky, the wonderful cloud formations, the hospitality of the Othona Community and the perfect weather all added to our feeling of being blessed in sharing this time together.

Katharine and Susan came on Friday after lunch to allocate the rooms and complete other housekeeping jobs and the rest of us arrived by car or train during the afternoon - this year bringing our own bed linen and towels - and we were all ready to enjoy a drink before supper outside in the sunshine.

Normally our Parish weekend at Othona is in June or July but because of the pandemic this was cancelled, so being there much later in the year we noticed the difference in our surroundings – not many flowers and the wild flower meadow already ploughed up requiring a longer walk to the chapel that we could only use on the Sunday. Our other services, including Compline, were said in the large comfortable lounge in the accommodation block with a log fire burning for us. On Friday evening after supper Katharine led our first workshop 'Arriving' that gave us time to think and talk about how we felt about being at Othona and what we hoped for from our stay.

Our theme this year was how to deal with anxiety with our readings and study used to explore this at a time when we have all suffered from anxiety over the past months and to seek ways to cope with it.



'Do not worry…consider the birds of the air and lilies of the field. Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these'.

After breakfast and Morning Prayer on Saturday we moved outside into the sunshine and a clear blue sky for our first workshop of the day.

'Do not be anxious' led by David P who talked about anxiety as a medical condition and the various ways this can be treated today. Others gave examples of how they cope with anxiety and we all agreed how important it is to recognise and talk about it with friends or with our doctor when necessary.

Susan led our second workshop, '*Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.'* Our reading at Morning Prayer on Saturday was from Matthew 6 when Jesus tells us not to worry about our life, what you will eat, drink or what you will wear.

We were invited to work in pairs to produce a diptych with our interpretation of Solomon in all his glory and the lilies of the field. Susan had brought with her a large selection of pictures, photos, paints, coloured pens, and craft papers to help us in our task.

Saturday afternoon was free time to walk, swim, deadhead flowers, catch up and sit in the sun. Safe swimming at Othona depends on the tides and a goodly number enjoyed a pleasant swim while others watched or looked after the towels on the shore.



On Sunday morning we were able to use the chapel for Holy Communion with a socially distanced traditional photograph taken afterwards.

Katharine led our final workshop *'Leaving'* thinking about our time together and what we would be taking away with us.

Before lunch Mona led us in a time of stillness and quiet – standing in the open air listening to the sounds around us, the birds, the wind in the trees, seeing and feeling God's presence and creation around us.

Finally after a splendid lunch cooked for us by the young volunteers it was time to make our way home, refreshed, and thankful for the friendship, faith, and support of each other.

Sunday 20 September at 17.00
Ordination to the Priesthood of our Curate Alex Norris, in St. Giles' by Bishop Joanne, Bishop of Stepney



This year the ordination planned for July was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic but finally took place in St Giles' under social distancing regulations.

Katharine writes,

'We don't know when there was last an ordination at the church. 50 years ago? 100 years ago? These days ordinations to the diaconate are at St Paul's and the priestings in the parish churches. For Post-Ordination Training the City and Stepney are together and the ordinations alternate between the two areas.



The crucial question when a church is chosen is that it is big enough. Could we seat 250? We have Alex, and we were to have the ordination. In the event, there were two services during the afternoon each with three deacons who could bring just five family members each!

Since joyfully returning to the building on Sunday mornings in July, we have discovered an intimacy to worship. We are spaced apart; we speak but do no sing; we need to reorientate ourselves in the liturgy. The ordinations reflected this new intimacy for us all.

Bishop Joanne let on that it was her first ordination (it was also the first time she had used her new 'kingfisher' crosier). The warmth of her love shone through the service. Geoffrey Maughan who had led the retreat reminded us in his sermon that meekness in not weakness.

Tom sang hymns and the anthem 'Love bade me welcome' by Vaughan Williams and the full volume of both organs was loudly (not meekly) demonstrated by Anne and Elizabeth playing Widor's Toccata on both organs as the postlude.

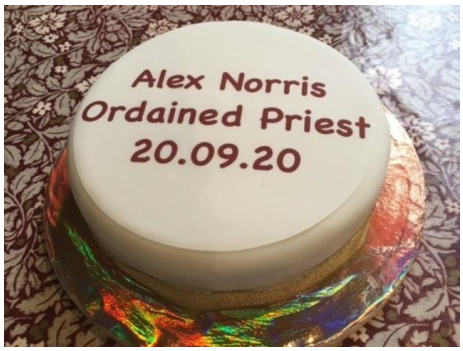
At the end of the service Alex walked with the bishop and other priests through the west door, the music sounding around them and reaching out into the churchyard where members of the congregation were waiting to welcome him, Alex our curate, as a priest in the Church of God.

Alex reflects,

'Yesterday was very special for me, and St Giles was such a wonderful church in which to be priested.'

Sunday 27 September Alex presided at the Eucharist for the first time





Following Alex's Ordination in St Giles' the previous Sunday this time we were able to be with and support him when he presided at the 10.00 Eucharist for the first time.

We were glad that so many of his family and friends were able to join him.

Afterwards he was presented with a Prue Cooper plate inscribed with the words, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you, and I appointed you to go out and bear fruit.'

John Marshall made a delicious fruit cake to go with the coffee and prosecco for the celebration after the service.

Alex says: "I'd like to thank everyone who has been so supportive of me this past 15 months as I have prepared for my Priesting, which took place on the 20th September at St Giles, with my presiding at Holy Communion for the first time last Sunday. It has been a privilege to share this journey with you all and will be something that remains with me for the rest of my ministry.

Additionally, may I offer thanks for the stunning Prue Cooper plate which was presented to me on Sunday. As mentioned at the time John's Gospel is my favourite Gospel, so to have that famous quote from Chapter 15 just makes it all that more special. Additionally, the case of wine which I received is also much appreciated and rest assured has gone to a good home. Deo Gratias!"

Saturday 3 October, Ecumenical Creation Prayer Walk Jubilee of the Earth



As it is not possible this October to meet in the different churches of our Ecumenical friends as we usually do to study and pray together, this walk was suggested as a way of meeting up and spending time together in a socially distanced group to visit gardens in the area. It coincided with the final week of the ecumenical celebration of the 2020 Season of the Creation.

We started at Wesley's Chapel where we were welcomed by Jen Smith who led us into the garden behind the church. Here we saw the tomb of John Wesley and wandered in the garden to admire the trees and the shrubs and to pray. Martin from St Joseph's reminded us of WH Davies' poem, *'What is this life if full of care, we have no time to stop and stare'*

We crossed City Road on the next stage of our journey stopping in Bunhill Fields and the burial ground of many dissenters including William Blake and Daniel Defoe.



It is always a pleasure at any time of the year to walk in the grounds and see the many flowers and shrubs and now the small pale pink cyclamen and the autumn crocus are a joy to see.

Our next stop was the Barbican Wild Garden, an area on the north side of the Barbican that residents have created and looked after for many years. It is another haven of peace and nature with two ponds and a wild meadow.

Our final stop was to the Quiet Garden at St Joseph's. This compact garden beside the church with its trees and shrubs, running water and lighting is another haven of peace and tranquillity.



A plaque on the wall says,

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.

This quiet garden is dedicated to the memory of Basil Hume, monk and shepherd 1923-1991.

Here we shared some moments of reflection and silence and made our intercessions to God.

Then the final blessing*, 'May God who established the dance of creation, who marvelled at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos to order, lead us to transform our lives and the Church to reflect God's glory in creation,….. now and always Amen.'*

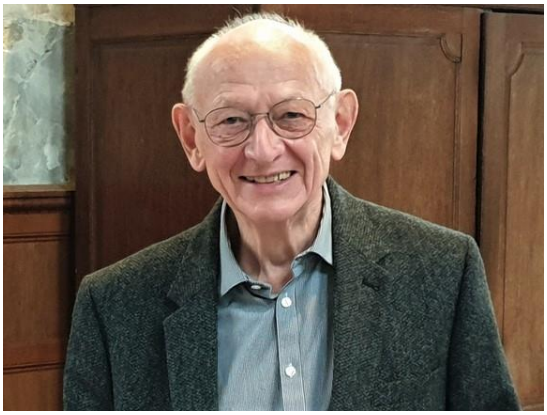
So, a gentle and reflective wander with friends at what is a difficult time for us and the world. A time to pause and wonder at the beauty of God's work around us. The weather forecast suggested heavy rain but although the sky looked very black as we finished our time together no rain came. Our thanks to Martin from St Joseph's for organising this event and Champo from Carmel in the City for telling us about it.

Sunday 18 October - John at 80



After the Parish Eucharist we celebrated John Marshall's 80th birthday.

Katharine presented him with a card and a bouquet. There was 'bubbly' with a splendid cake made by John, the choir sang 'Happy Birthday', and we all clapped!



John's signature iced fruit cakes have become a regular feature of birthday celebrations at St Giles' and are much sort after from the cake stall at the Advent Fair!

John is a very practical person. His expert knowledge of furniture making has been a great help in deciding on the planned new benches, chairs, and floorboards for St Giles'. He can also turn his hand to repairing or upgrading items – like fitting a small magnet on the door of an old cupboard to keep it shut or re-covering and providing the lighting for the display boards in the church. Thank you, John.

Sunday 25 October - Celebration of Katharine's 20 years as Rector of St Giles' Cripplegate with St Luke's Old Street.



After the service we celebrated Katharine's Induction as Rector on St Luke's Day 2000 by Bishop Richard, former Bishop of London.

At the end of the Notices, Elizabeth played an organ fanfare and Tim one of our Church Wardens with his daughter Alex came to the front of the church where Alex presented Katharine with a bouquet of flowers.

Tim on behalf of us all, thanked Katharine for her leadership, ministry and commitment over the past 20 years, reminding us that she had guided us through many world events, some tragic like 9/11, and happy ones like royal weddings. He said that during the current Covid 19 pandemic through her leadership she has guided the congregation and the wider community in prayer and worship in new ways and working together to care and support each other. We all clapped loudly in agreement!



Alex with her mother Louise, who made a special chocolate and strawberry cake for the occasion that we enjoyed with coffee and sparkling wine served by Diana - all of us socially distanced!



Rising covid-19 infections led to a second national lockdown from All Saints until Advent. It was hoped it would drive numbers of infections down to a level where the restrictions could be relaxed for Christmas. Worship with a socially distanced congregation continued at St. Giles' and was accompanied by YouTube recordings for those shielding or isolating at home. Congregational singing was not allowed but by now the choir was permitted to sing provided they were distanced from us and one another. Advent in the City of London is usually overwhelmed by corporate and school Christmas carol services. With schools and businesses closed, most were cancelled and replaced by weekly "Carols in the Community" with music that reflected the Advent themes and prepared for the incarnation and Christmas.

Monday 14 December at 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight



Our annual Parish Carol Service was different this year because of the Covid-19 restrictions and the need to be socially distanced. Katharine welcomed us, then the choir. already seated under the East Window sang the first hymn, Once in Royal David's city.

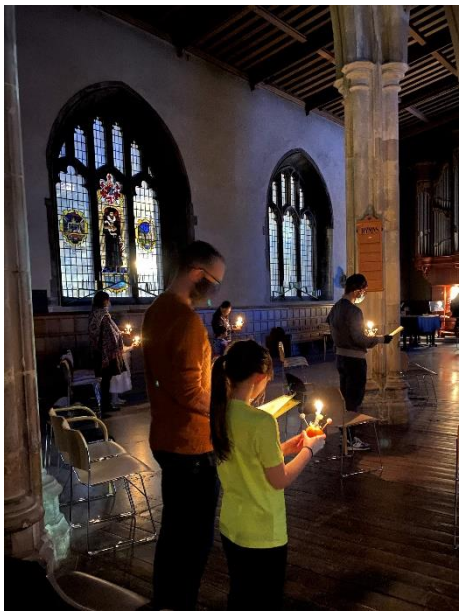
There were readings by the Chuch Wardens and other members of the congregation telling the story of the Nativity. More carols were sung by the choir including O little town of Bethlehem, In the bleak midwinter and O come all ye faithful.

There was a more contemplative, peaceful feeling to the service this year

perhaps reflecting the difficult year and a time to remember all who had died, were in hospital and those in the NHS and front line services.

At the end of the service the lights were dimmed as Katharine and Alex walked through the church lighting candles held by members of the congregation that twinkled like stars in the sky.

Thursday 24 December Crib and Christingle Service



Because of the Covid 19 restrictions this year we were unable to have our annual Advent Fair and normally the Christingle Service is on Sunday afternoon at the end of the Fair - this year things were different. The service is always enjoyed by families with small children in our congregation as well as those in the wider community.

Alex our Curate writes, 'The Crib and Christingle Service took place on Christmas Eve this year. In the service we learnt about the Nativity, who was present and what happened. Then the Crib was blessed.

Everyone was given a Christingle and we learnt what they represent, as well as what each part signifies. Then the Christingle candles, representing Christ the Light of the World were lit, as the church lights were dimmed.

The service ended with prayers and music as we were unable to form a circle around the inside of the church, to process or sing the familiar songs.'

Eucharist for Christmas Day – Picture from the St. Giles' YouTube Channel



Yes, we have learnt a lot this past year. About one another, about being part of the Body of Christ at St Giles', about maintaining the fabric of this world with our prayers, about the centrality of our faith – especially at times when we don't understand.

Zooming in to St Giles (Ros & Simon Freeman)

Living in Herne Hill with one of us shielding, we have not been to St Giles in person for some time, erring on the side of caution during the pandemic. We have felt very fortunate to be able to maintain contact with the Christian community at St Giles, via services posted on You-Tube and "Coffee on Zoom". Last Sunday we watched and heard a wonderful Candlemas service from St Giles, the result of a great deal of thought, creativity and technical skill on the part of church members. Afterwards we were delighted to see familiar faces and hear of their activities over the previous week. While we regret not being able to gather together on a Sunday we have been able to participate in a new style of worship and maintain a very real sense of contact with other members of the church. In fact, we realise that conversations over coffee have made us much more aware of the lives of other members of the congregation. Our Rector's facilitation of these conversations has been central to their success. Being able to "Zoom in" has meant a great deal to us, and we offer a big "thank you" to those who have made this happen and to our fellow travellers on our spiritual journey at St. Giles.

Stewardship

The pandemic made 2020 a challenging year for stewardship as for so much else. As can be seen from the following table, giving for the general purposes of the church (*i.e.* excluding money to buy new furniture) went down from a total of £75,800 in 2019 to £62,500 in 2020 – a fall of £13,300.

Donations (other than for new furniture)	**2019**	**2020**
Donations eligible for gift aid	£61,500	£56,000
Donations via Give.net	-	£300
Open plate donations not eligible for gift aid	£8,700	£1,400
Other donations not eligible for gift aid	£5,600	£4,800
Total	**£75,800**	**£62,500**

Given that the church was closed between March and July 2020 and that no services were held in church in November 2020, the reduction in open plate donations is not surprising. However, the pandemic also caused a large fall in the number of special services for livery companies and carol services, so reducing the amount of gift-aided cash donations normally collected at these services through the yellow envelopes. It is, however, good to record that the reduction was partially offset by more than one regular member of the congregation switching from giving via the yellow envelopes to giving by standing order.

A new departure in 2020 was the introduction of giving through Give.net, which provides a convenient way for people watching online broadcasts of services from St Giles' to give money to the church. Give.net is operated by a charity, which collects the donations, recovers gift aid in its own name and then passes on the combined amount to St Giles' less a small transaction charge. Give.net has also largely replaced the use of the card reader as a means of collecting donations at regular services; the card reader is, however, being held in reserve for use at future livery and carol services.

Another bright note is that, through the generosity of individual donors and the Barbers Company, an additional £23,100 was raised during 2020 towards the cost of replacing the pews and clergy stalls previously used in church. As can seen from the table below, the Barbers' Company made a donation of £10,000 for the new clergy stalls and a further £13,100 was raised from individual donors towards the cost or replacing the pews with the new chairs and benches. Give.net made a valuable contribution to the latter sum, with £2,100 being raised via this route.

Donations for new furniture	**2020**
Donation from the Barbers' Company for new clergy stalls	£10,000
Donations eligible for gift aid	£11,000
Donations via Give.net	£2,100
Total	**£23,100**

Church Attendance (Statistics for Mission)

Every parish must make an annual return reporting their "Statistics for Mission" and this year the online form was introduced by "*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic many of our church buildings were closed for a large part of 2020. We recognise the huge upheaval that churches have been through, and the amazing creativity and resilience that churches have displayed in continuing to offer worship and pastoral support to their congregations and parishioners during this difficult time.*

Where possible we've tried to keep this Statistics for Mission form as close as we can to last year's form. However, we have removed some questions that do not really apply to the situation during 2020 and have included a few new questions about your church's response to the pandemic."

(2019 figures in brackets)

The usual enquiry about demographics was restricted to age and St. Giles' reported –

Children (Age 0 to 10)	14 (14)
Young People (Age 11 to 17)	6 (6)
Adults (Age 18 to 69)	38 (40)
Adults (Age 70 +)	27 (25)
TOTAL	85 (85)

October is chosen as a month to capture the typical attendance since it is after the school holidays, well before Advent and around the umpteenth after Trinity.

Week beginning	No of Sunday Services	Adults	Under 16s	No of Weekday Services	Adults	Under 16s
4th. October	1 (3)	36 (56)	4 (4)	4 (4)	1 (0)	0
11th. October	1 (2)	41 (56)	0 (7)	4 (4)	1 (0)	0
18th. October	1 (2)	30 (45)	11 (5)	4 (4)	1 (0)	0
25th. October	1 (2)	41 (63)	2 (2)	4 (4)	1 (0)	0

Christmas attendance in person was –

Total number of people attending special services for the congregation and local community during Advent.	280 (298)
Total number of people attending special services held specifically for civic organisations or schools during Advent.	36 (1888)
Number of communicants at services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.	48 (90)
Total number of people attending worship at services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.	73 (165)

& many joined the online services –

	Views
Advent Sunday Eucharist	227
Eucharist 2nd in Advent	48
Eucharist 3rd. in Advent	39
Eucharist for Christmas Day	64
Carols in the Community 1	52
Carols in the Community 2	38
Carols by Candlelight aka. Parish Carol Service	133

Despite the covid restrictions on funerals and weddings one couple were married in church, three funeral services took place in church, two at the cemetery/crematorium and there were two “drive by” services while the church was closed.

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

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Condition and Quinquennial Inspection

The Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in September 2020 by Kelley Christ, the Inspecting Architect. The report has not yet been published.

Memorials



Mark Catesby - Covid delayed the installation of the second window panel to Mark Catesby, but it was finally in place at the end of November. It was commissioned by David J. Elliott Director, Mark Catesby Centre, University of South Carolina and others. David writes on behalf of his colleagues, ‘Caroline (Swash) certainly did a beautiful job, which would have been challenging, even without all the challenges created by the pandemic. Charles, Sylvia and I are proud to have played a small role in making it possible.’ We need archdeacon’s permission for each panel and to advise the Registrar upon their completion. Richard Hastings, Diocesan Registry Clerk received the paperwork and commented ‘It looks superb’. We are so fortunate to have Caroline among us and that she is so willing to undertake these commissions. Caroline was advised by the botanist Charles Nelson, co- editor with David Eliot of ‘The Curious Mister Catesby’ and has written an explanation of the different plants, birds and animals depicted in the panel and their significance in Catesby’s travels and studies. The plan is for the window to be dedicated at the Fairchild Lecture in June 2021.

Elizabeth Bourchier and Oliver Cromwell -Their marriage took place in St Giles in August 1620. The Cromwell Society is (belatedly) marking the 400th anniversary with a window panel. The window has been designed and will be installed and dedicated in 2021.

Lighting

Light Perceptions designed a lighting scheme to “add articulation, flexibility and ambience to this important Grade 1 interior” and Tom Flynn Electrical were appointed as an “electrical contractor highly experienced in working with heritage buildings”. A bright, warm colour of light at 3000K was chosen. LED light fittings from Mike Stoane Lighting and Iguzzini Illuminazione were surface mounted at various levels to provide general downlighting, uplighting for specific architectural features and a wash for walls and the chancel organ. The light fittings below the organ loft were replaced. The control system was installed in the “caretaker’s” cupboard below the organ with control panels beside the north and vestry doors. The system is programmable using an iPad and fifteen lighting schemes can be preset to be switched on by a single touch key on a control panel.

Installation started immediately after the New Year and completion was expected before Easter. Covid-19 issues delayed the work and the system was finally commissioned in June with socially-distanced training sessions. Two additional lights for the chancel were judged necessary and improved lighting for the grand organ console was requested. Chancel and organ lights will be installed in the early 2021.

Furniture

Russell Clynch, Senior Manager at Treske, makers and suppliers of church furniture, gave a presentation to PCC of possible designs of benches and chairs for St Giles'. We had road tested both benches and chairs from three different suppliers in 2019 and decided on the Treske St Mary's bench.

Anne Marsden Thomas, John Marshall and Revd. Katharine Rumens formed the Furniture Focus Group which worked with Russell to ensure that the furniture meets our requirements. There was an invitation to buy a bench or chair in memory of a loved one or to celebrate an occasion to which many people responded.

We had faculty approval for the new furniture and the sale of the old pews and sundry pieces of church furniture to Antique Church Furnishings.

Over the Christmas, while waiting for delivery of the Treske furniture, we used the new Howe 40/4 chairs intended for concerts. With the removal of the old pews there is greater flexibility of church space and we used both aisles as well as the nave for services. Our new benches can be easily moved and stacked when not required. We look forward to using St Giles' in new ways both for services and concerts in future.

Gutter Maintenance Programme and Roof Repairs

Hall & Randall inspected the guttering and the roofing in November 2019. Their report noted that the condition of the roof covering was very 'poor' and should be repaired immediately. Defective pointing to lead flashings would need attention within six months. Both roof covering and lead flashings were repaired by Fullers in January 2020.

Heating System

Engineers from EngDesign and Automated Systems investigated the faulty control system. Their report concluded "The current system of controls installed is now 13 years old with numerous faults and design issues identified during this visit. There may be other imminent issues or items not yet found that would become apparent after any remedial works. Consideration should be given to replacing the controls as a whole with a modern, fully documented, energy efficient and user-friendly system." The control system was repaired and a quotation for a new system requested.

The Organs and Piano

The organs in church began 2020 under plastic covers to protect them from the dust caused by Light Perceptions' replacement of the church lighting. Mander Organs returned in March to remove the covers and add an extension of the Great Flute 8' stop to the Pedal department of the chancel organ; this extension was most generously funded by David Wakefield, who has been a wonderful friend to the church since chairing the Organ Project 2000-08. Surprisingly, the organs' tuning had not suffered too badly from being covered, and we waited until June 2020 to tune them. Mander Organs fitted an adjustable bracket to the music desk on the grand organ to make the instrument more comfortable for small players and those with a visual impairment; this was funded by the Larkin Trust. Mander Organs ceased trading in July 2020 but was bought by F.H. Browne of Canterbury. Standing Committee agreed that the new firm should continue maintaining our organs. The Friends of St Giles agreed to fund a new desk light for the grand organ; Light Perceptions ordered a suitable design, which took time to arrive, so they will fit it in early 2021.

We have used the chancel organ almost exclusively for services since July because of its proximity to the singers' new position at the east end of the church. The chancel organ holds its pitch

much better than the grand organ, and was tuned at a hirer's expense in September, so this saved the cost of tuning the grand organ, which has suffered from the cold winter temperatures. The grand organ has also had a problem with its booster blower; Duplex Organ Blowers serviced both organ blowers in December and will return after the pandemic to complete the repair.

Use of the practice organ has been very patchy due to the pandemic, but it continues to be an essential resource for those unable to gain access to any other practice organ, and we have been pleased to help such organists maintain their technique and studies during such a difficult period. We usually tune the practice organ once a year, just before its intensive use during the RCO Summer Course, but the latter was transferred to online transmission in 2020, so the practice organ was not tuned or serviced in 2020.

Tower and Bells

Bell ringing was explicitly prohibited in the March covid lockdown and for safety the bells were rung down. No ringing was permitted until September when it was limited to fifteen minutes with ringers at least 2 metres apart, wearing masks. The steeplekeeper inspected the bells and fittings to ensure it was safe to ring and reported no new issues. They were rung down again for the November lockdown and plans for Christmas ringing abandoned when meeting indoors, even socially distanced, was limited to two households.

With so little ringing the bells and fittings are no better and no worse than reported last year. Maintenance and an inspection by Whites of Appleton will be arranged in 2021.

Future Development Plans

When the church was restored after WW2 the nave floor was laid using pre-used pine floorboards. Over the past sixty years the supporting timbers have deteriorated, and the floorboards are a little lower than the surrounding Purbeck marble aisles. Some of the boards move and creak disturbingly when stood or knelt on. Trial repairs established that the boards and supports were too damaged for re-use and it was decided to apply for a faculty to install a new floor. The DAC encouraged a "*long-term investment to re-floor these areas in oak boards, particularly given the significance of this church"* and an oak floor will be installed in January 2021. Delivery of the Treske furniture will follow before Easter.

After cleaning the walls look appropriately aged but their appearance is marred by a number of water stains. Restoration of the stained areas will take place early in 2021.

A drainage survey in 2020 established that a permanent, plumbed servery in the south west corner of the church, as envisaged in the Strategic Plan, will not be possible. Alternatives will be investigated in 2021.

The Church of England has set a target of net zero carbon for churches by 2030. The new LED lighting system is a step forward but the gas fired heating system will need replacement. Planning to meet the target should commence soon.

When the Quinquennial Inspection report is available the most urgent items will be reviewed and, if possible, remedied in 2021.

Security, Health & Safety and Risk Assessment

In June, our cleaner Patricia De Moura completed her IOSH Working Safely course. Everyone who works within the Church building has now completed this Health and Safety course.

Lockdown disrupted our plans for a formal Fire Audit which is required every five years. We will, of course, proceed with this as soon as circumstances permit. The annual inspection of the fire extinguishers took place in September.

Before re-opening the church after lockdown it was a legal requirement to complete a coronavirus focussed risk assessment. The risks associated with public worship, book fairs, bell ringing, organ teaching and practising were analysed and the Risk Assessments published on the church website.

Property Register and Logbook

The terrier and the inventory are published together as the 'church property register' and should be submitted to the PCC annually, along with the logbook and a statement from the Churchwardens confirming the accuracy of the documents.

It has not been possible for the Churchwardens to check the silver because it was taken into safe storage at the beginning of the first covid-19 lockdown in March 2020. It will be compared with the Property Register when it is returned.

The Logbook is believed to be an accurate record of changes to the property and fabric.

Faculties

DAC Reference	Faculty	Date	Description
0111.01-0220A	3797	4th. May 2020	Proposal to upgrade the Chancel Organ of St Giles, Cripplegate to make the Great Stopped Diapason 8' available as a Pedal stop, Bass Flute 8', in the same way, that the Great Open Diapason 8' is available as the Pedal Principal 8', using the same set of pipes.
0111.01-0220B	3890	16th. October 2020	Disposal of furniture in the nave and chancel including pews, chairs, choir stalls, pulpit and lectern and replacement with bespoke pews, chairs and stalls which match existing woodwork and are easily moved for different liturgies and events.
0111.01-0720C	3891	16th. October 2020	Repairs to the wooden nave floor including laying of new oak floorboards.
0111.01-1120A	List B	26th. November	Improved lighting for the Grand Organ console.
0111.01-1118C	3565		Archdeacon's permission for an amendment to the faculty authorising a memorial to commemorate Mark Catesby.
0111.01-1118C	3565	18th. February 2020	Archdeacon's permission for an amendment to the faculty authorising a memorial to commemorate Elizabeth Bourchier's marriage to Oliver Cromwell.

Churchyard

The churchyard, and a thin triangle of Glebe Land alongside the north aisle, remains on a long lease under Faculty to the City of London (subject to the right of Church use on seven days in each year), as is the fenced area surrounding the boiler room entrance; there are no other churchyard fences. The lease plans are inaccurate, and this has led to some encroachment by the City of London School for Girls onto the leased land. Discussions of the necessary minor amendments with the City of London could not be progressed owing to the covid-19 restrictions.

- ***St Giles' Church Hall***

The Church Hall is leased to the London Diocesan Fund (LDF) and sublet to Newpark Childcare nursery. As with the Churchyard (see above), we believe there are some inaccuracies in the lease plans. The LDF Property team describe the "registrations around the church as really confusing" and this lease was not registered, so does not appear on the Land Registry. It is believed to end in 2024 and prior to the first covid lockdown LDF staff were trying to find details in their Finance Committee minutes. Negotiations with the Corporation of London to resolve inconsistencies between leases and plans were interrupted by the pandemic. When it is over we hope to complete negotiations with the Corporation and find the documentation for the LDF lease.

- ***Columbarium***

The visible Columbarium stones continue to suffer from water damage. We are very aware of the distress this can cause to families and have investigated to see if there is anything we can do to prevent or repair the damage. Unfortunately, there isn't. We have, for example, investigated whether it is possible to wash the stones but have been advised that this would result in even more damage. There is a Corporation of London waterproofing project which includes St Giles Terrace and we hope this will solve the problem of water penetration. We have made a request to prioritise this area as part of the Corporation's Churchyard Enhancement programme but realistically it will be several years before work starts.

- ***St. Alphage Garden***



The Garden is much enjoyed by office workers in good weather. In the autumn correspondence with the Corporation was resumed about the quotation, "'This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven" (Genesis 17.28), missing from the information panel. They replied that "The Covid restrictions impacted the operations of our term contractor as well as the stone engraving supplier, but we continue to liaise with the supplier about their availability."

The information panel has suffered weather damage and cleaning has been requested when making good the inscription.

We await the date for this work to be done in 2021 when lockdown restrictions permit.

- ***Roscoe Street Hall (was St. Luke's Church Centre)***

The hall is leased to Kunstraum as a non-profit art space with a focus on international mid-career artists underrepresented in the UK and early-career UK-based artists. Covid-19 precautions have prevented exhibitions and performances for most of the year.

Financial Review

2020 was not a normal year for our finances and our performance has been shaped by three factors.

- The impact of the Covid pandemic and a reduction in our events and book fair income
- The two major capital projects we have undertaken to improve the lighting and seating in the church
- The generosity of our congregation and donors both in continuing to support the church and in giving generously to support our capital appeal

Our income for the year dropped by a modest sum during the year (2020: £385,140; 2019: £404,349). We saw a substantial reduction in our activities for generating funds (2020: £32,845; 2019 £ 82,791) as many events had to be cancelled but saw a welcome increase in total voluntary income largely as a result of generous support for our capital improvements and a legacy of £20,000 from the estate of the late Mollie Munn (2020: £310,061: 2019: £ 251,506). We are very grateful to the City Churches Grants Committee for their grant of £137,000 towards the improvements, to the Worshipful Company of Barbers for their grant £10,000 and to all those who have given to the furniture appeal including gifts in memory of Mollie Munn.

Our costs for the year fell slightly as a result of the Covid restrictions (2020: £207,729: 2019: 232,986). Our most significant costs were our contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund (2020: £86,250; 2019: £84,000) and the costs of management and administration, including the employment of our administrator and depreciation on our newly acquired assets (2020: £44,331; 2019: £34,766).

We made an overall surplus of £177,411 before investment gains (2019: £171,363). This was made up of surplus on unrestricted funds (2020: £23,178; 2019: £141,363 restated) and a surplus on restricted funds relating to the capital works of £154,233 (2019: £30,000 restated). This positive result was made possible by the continuing generosity of our congregation and donors.

Both our unrestricted investments and endowments investments (Sworder Foundation) benefitted from increases in value (2020: £73,647, 2019: £141,115).

Reserves Policy

The PCC aims to hold approximately one year's unrestricted expenditure in reserves to enable us to

- Plan effectively for the longer term
- Invest in developing activities that further our mission
- Respond strategically and responsibly to changes in the external environment
- Manage our cashflow

Our reserves target is £200k. Our reserves (excluding sums invested in fixed assets) at 31 December 2020 stood at £232,617 (2019: £209,660 restated) so we are currently meeting our policy objectives.

Investment Policy

It is our policy to invest the short term investment fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund, and the remainder in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund.

Publications

While unable to meet we generated a weekly newsletter with a range of articles: church as a child, my favourite mug, a parable for modern times – from wheelie bins to potatoes. We've had poetry and medical advice (of sorts), glimpses of gardens and displays of sourdough bread. This now continues as a monthly letter with the same lively variety of articles.

Diana and Brian continue to manage the website and Diana looks after the display panels at the back of church. Many of the reports and photographs are published on both website and in church. With covid restrictions limiting access to the church and confining some of us to our homes the website has become an increasingly important resource.

Formal notices of meetings and faculties are displayed on the notice board outside the north door. For a time, the Chancellor suspended the faculty application process because so few people were able to view the public notices under lockdown. When faculty applications were reinstated it was on the condition that the public notice appeared on the church website as well as the notice board.

The Easter leaflet had been distributed before the first lockdown. In it we featured the signing of the Ecumenical Partnership and the new church furniture with a request for donors. None of the listed events took place as advertised with the exception of the Othona weekend which was postponed to September. The Christmas leaflet was distributed between lockdowns and featured musicians we had helped over the summer, and a brief history of the book fairs. The services did go ahead in church as advertised and we included details of reserving places. The biannual leaflet is valued by many who receive it and in times of uncertainty is a reminder of the continuation of the ministry of the church in their midst.

We continue to be grateful to the graphic designer Gill Thomas for her help in designing and formatting the leaflets and to Linklaters who offer us quality colour printing for prayer cards and leaflets as required.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who give so generously of their time and skill.

- The PCC, especially the Churchwardens, Treasurers and Secretary
- The Sunday Club – Rachel Free, Dave Archer, Louise Watson, Louise Ketley, Chris Moore and Alastair Woods; Elizabeth Day led singing.
- The "Rota participants for Sunday Parish Eucharist" too numerous to list and without whom we could not cope.
- The Cleaning Angels, who clean and tidy in church when building projects allow.
- Notices on Display Panels, Boards and Email. - Diana Morgan Gray and John Marshall.
- A willing handyman – John Marshall
- All involved with the Book Fairs, donating and selling books – see report on Page 13.
- Those who take part in the 'God at Work' Lent sermons.
- Finance Team and money-counters - Mona Henshall and David Freeman.
- Othona Planning Team – David Price, Susan and Katharine
- The bell ringers especially Chris Rimmer (Tower Secretary) and Henry Coggill (Steeplekeeper).
- The singers who join the regular quartet for special services or repertoire.
- The IT Support Team -Tim Middleton and Gwen Rogers.
- The website and social media team of Brian Solomons, Tim Middleton and Diana Morgan Gray.
- Filming Sunday services Tim Middleton with Alex's support.
- Charis and Tim Passey for their baking skills: hot cross buns, carrot cake and pork pies delivered to members of the community living on their own

We are always inviting newcomers to consider undertaking these roles and to reaching out to the community.

Obituaries

Mollie Munn



Mollie was a devoted member of this congregation for 61 years, and before that of our daughter church, St Luke's, Old Street. With Mollie's death we lost, not just a beloved and longstanding member of the St Giles congregation, but also the sole survivor of St Luke's, as the congregation of St Luke's moved here in 1959 following the closure of that church. After Frank Major died in 2015 Mollie proudly claimed her rightful place as the oldest member of St Giles.

Although Mollie never bothered with conversational niceties, she was kindness itself, especially towards children and musicians. Mollie herself had sung in the church choir at St Luke's.

Mollie suffered many ailments and illnesses, but she always ended any conversation about these with 'why worry?'. In fact, rather than focus on her own concerns, she preferred to focus on other people.

Mollie loved children, and they loved her – that's why she always sat at the back during services, to keep in touch with them. And not just children. Suzanne, the professional alto in the choir for many years, said:

I remember how kind she was to Bridget, when I used to bring her to church. Bridget had Down's Syndrome. Mollie called Bridget her little girl, always asked after her, and sent her money for birthday and Christmas presents. She would have Bridget sit with her during the service. Bridget used to head straight for Mollie when we arrived at church. In fact, it was Mollie who made it possible for me to bring Bridget and be free to sing.

Mollie's brain remained acute into her great old age, as we can hear in the wonderful memories she recorded five years ago, now available on the St Giles website.

It was thanks to the devoted care of David and Beryl, plus support from Katharine, Dorothy, Lesley, her neighbour Bert, and others, that she was able to continue attending church and living in her own home. We were all indebted to David and Beryl for ensuring Mollie's challenging final years brought her such comfort and contentment.

David found an epitaph in a church which seems wonderfully apposite to Mollie: :
"She lived to a good old age and, although she declined gradually through weakness and infirmity of body, yet she retained a cheerful temper and vivacity of spirit to the last."

Barbara Rivett

Geoffrey Rivett writes



Barbara Rivett (née Hartmann), 1927 – 2020

Barbara was the daughter of a soldier who, over his lifetime and two World Wars, worked his way up the ranks to become a Major. Regularly moving with the regiment, a habit of removal that she never lost, she spent her infancy on the Northwest Frontier, where her father was posted. Evacuated as a schoolgirl in the War, she came under the influence of three people, her grandmother, the district nurse who inspired her to take up that profession, and the Parish Priest, who guided her through Confirmation.

From then on, Sunday services were part of her life. At St Georges Hospital, she regularly helped with the preparation of the Chapel, which was furnished with oak chairs made by Thompson's, the Mouse Man of York. Each chair had his trademark Mouse on it, said to be because one of the Churches where he worked was inhabited by them. Later we purchased bedroom furniture from the Mouse Man. Barbara and I met through work, and sometimes we travelled together to attend committee meetings. Her invitation to accompany her to Communion at Exeter Cathedral first brought her religious commitment to my notice. After our marriage, we lived in many places, attending St Giles from 1987, where for a while she was PCC Secretary, but also Holy Trinity, and St Peter's and St Paul's in Long Melford and Lavenham in Suffolk, and St Frances in the Valley in Arizona.

Barbara was born before the doors were opened wide to the intelligent woman. Yet she became an Assistant Matron, a Sister Tutor, and learned to program in Cobol (Computer programming language) in the 1980s. Her constant characteristic was kindness. She supported me when needed, and many other younger people, including a young Italian girl we met on holiday, and who over four decades virtually became an adoptive daughter. She is dearly missed.

Keith Simmonds

Keith Simmonds 1927 – 2020

Pat in conversation with Katharine



Keith was born into a family of staunch Methodists; he was involved from the very beginning when, as a child, he looked after the hymn books and later taught in Sunday School.

He met Pat and began to go to church with her. In the course of time he became an Anglican and was confirmed in Chelmsford Cathedral. As young things at St James' Hadleigh, the organist encouraged a group of them to join the choir, which had become frail and elderly. It became a very successful choir and friendships blossomed. 'Church took up most of our time,' says Pat. The move to Thorpe Soken saw Keith and Pat's even greater involvement. Keith, now a Churchwarden, would catch the 7.30am each morning in bowler hat and with rolled umbrella. His secretary at Lloyds helpfully printed the weekly parish newsletter in the office. There were two or three meetings a week and by now Keith was also on Deanery Synod. The vicar was supplied with sherry when he called and he and his wife were great friends. The move to Yorkshire saw Keith become Treasurer to PCC, a job that he did for nearly all the time they lived there. The vicar had four churches to look after and Keith would take evensong on Sunday evenings in one of them. The church was their lives.

By the time Pat and Keith moved to Saffron Walden Keith was in his 80s; they would go to the 8.00am with the Book of Common Prayer that Keith loved. A return to the Barbican (where they had lived in the 1970s) and St Giles' where Keith, as an Alleyn Old Boy, sat as close as he could to the Alleyn window.

Keith died during the first lockdown. In the spring sunshine we stood outside the West door, prayers were said and we sang 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind.' Pat is a Cleaning Angel, and completely unplanned, the Cleaning Angels formed a distanced guard of honour as the hearse drove onto St Giles' terrace. Angels on earth, as the angels of God received a faithful, loving servant into heaven.

Keith, may Christ have opened for you the gates of paradise;
and received you as a citizen of the Kingdom,
For you were his friend.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Giles' Cripplegate the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, up to four churchwardens and elected/co-opted members. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The Churchwardens Measure 2001 provides for annual election of churchwardens

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be raised and spent. All are deemed to be "Fit and Proper Persons" under the terms of the Finance Act 2010 and are not disqualified from being a charity trustee under the terms of the Charities Act 2011.

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. Online Safeguarding training is offered to all PCC members.

PCC members are encouraged to attend Diocesan Training Events and to access documentation on the Parish Resources website (www.parishresources.org.uk) including "Trusteeship – An Introduction for PCC Members" and PCC Governance. Electronic copies of PCC minutes and reports, dating back to 2007, are accessible by all PCC members.

The PCC met three times before the first Covid-19 National Lockdown and the agenda for its fourth meeting had been circulated when the lockdown started. That meeting and all following took place on the video conferencing platform Zoom with decisions made by email under the provisions for Business by Correspondence, Church Representation Rules M29. The APCM was postponed from April until September, when it was held with twenty-three present and socially distanced. Before the lockdown the average attendance at PCC meetings was 55%. After lockdown, on Zoom, attendance improved to 75% with members joining from their homes in the Barbican, Devon, Cambridge and the south of France.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly, minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

St. Giles' is the Ward Church of Cripplegate Ward. The PCC is also known as St. Giles' Cripplegate PCC, or the PCC of St. Giles' Cripplegate with St. Luke Old St.

Diocese:	London
Archdeaconry:	Archdeaconry of London
Deanery:	The City

Location:	St Giles Cripplegate Church, Fore Street, Barbican, London EC2Y 8DA.	
Postal Address:	St Giles' Rectory, 4 The Postern, London EC2Y 8BJ.	
Church/Parish Office	Telephone:	0207 638 1997
	Email:	admin@stgileschurch.com

Bank:	CAF Bank
Bank Account Name:	St Giles Cripplegate PCC
Account Number:	00034121
Sort Code:	40-52-40

Administrator	Jake Kirner	admin@stgileschurch.com
Director of Music	Anne Marsden Thomas	music@stgileschurch.com
Children's Champion	Rachel Free	childrens_champion@stgileschurch.com
Church Safeguarding Officer	Mark Hunter	safeguarding@stgileschurch.com
Lead Recruiter	Wendy Ellis	dbs@stgileschurch.com
Champion for Vulnerable People	Diana Morgan Gray	vulnerable_champion@stgileschurch.com
Safety Officer	Tim Middleton	safety@stgileschurch.com
Data Protection Compliance Officer	Lorraine Mullins	data_protection@stgileschurch.com
Electoral Roll Officer	Penelope Sharpe	electoral_roll@stgileschurch.com
Stewardship Recorder	Malcolm Waters	stewardship@stgileschurch.com
PCC Secretary	Gwen Rogers	secretary@stgileschurch.com
PCC Assistant Secretary	Anne Marsden Thomas	
PCC Treasurer	Susan Royce	treasurer@stgileschurch.com
PCC Assistant Treasurer	David Freeman	assistant_treasurer@stgileschurch.com
Independent Examiner:	Revd. Alan Clements	
Quinquennial Inspector/ Church Architect	Kelley Christ (A&RME architects)	
Legal Advice	Travers Smith LLP. The PCC are grateful for the advice and assistance received from Travers Smith on a fee-free basis as part of their charitable pro-bono commitment.	

In accordance with the Charities Act 2006, the PCC was notified by the Charity Commission on 16th September 2010 that it had been registered as charity number 1138077.

Churchwardens

The role of a churchwarden is described on the London Diocesan website at http://www.london.anglican.org/kb/churchwardens/. The website description finishes with "Churchwardens are not expected to do everything above themselves, but to make sure that there are other people available to carry out the various tasks." At St. Giles' the "other people" include the PCC and its committees, task & finish groups, church officers, the parish administrator, the concert assistants, professional advisors and the many volunteers. The churchwardens can be contacted by email churchwardens@stgileschurch.com.

PCC Members

During 2020 the following have served as members of the PCC; they are either ex officio under the Governing Documents, or elected by the APCM, or co-opted, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules: -

Ex officio

Rector	Reverend Katharine Rumens *	Ex officio Chair
Curate	Reverend Alex Norris	

Churchwarden elected April 2015 and re-elected annually.
Tim Middleton *

Churchwarden elected April 2016 and re-elected annually.
Lorraine Mullins * Lay Vice Chair

Churchwarden elected September 2020
Gail Beer *

Elected Members

Until APCM 2021
Mona Henshall
Penelope Sharpe
Susan Royce *
Malcolm Waters

Until APCM 2022
John Bryden
Wendy Ellis
Vivian Elliot
Mark Hunter

Until APCM 2023
Kathryn Elsby
David Freeman *
Anne Marsden Thomas *
Catherine Urquhart

Ex officio as Deanery Synod Representatives until 31-May-2023
Gwen Rogers *
Daniel Gerring

Ex officio as representatives of Cripplegate Ward
Alderman David Graves
Two vacancies

PCC Committees

- **Standing Committee**

The PCC Standing Committee [members marked * above] has power to transact the business of the Council between the meetings thereof, subject to any directions given by the Council, and reports back to every meeting of the Council. Each of the other committees and groups [Worship and Liturgy, Stewardship, Parish Rate, Strategic Plan, Online Donations, Banking and Documentation of Financial Procedures] advises the PCC within the area of activity implied by its title but has no delegated powers as such.

- **Worship and Liturgy Committee**

David Freeman, Amanda Gibbon, Diana Morgan Gray, Mona Henshall, Revd. Katharine Rumens (chair) and Anne Marsden Thomas (minutes).

- **Stewardship Committee**

Susan Royce, Catherine Urquhart and Malcolm Waters (Stewardship Officer)

- **Parish Rate Committee**

Tim Middleton, Lorraine Mullins, Catherine Urquhart and Jake Kirner (Parish Administrator)

PCC Task & Finish Groups

As implied by the name these groups are formed to complete a specific project and disband when it is completed.

- **Strategic Plan Task & Finish Group (Implementation)**

Programme Board – PCC Secretary, Rector, Churchwardens, Director of Music and Church Architect.

Furniture – Katharine Rumens, John Marshall, Anne Marsden Thomas and Russell Clynch (Treske)

- **Online Donations**

Susan Royce, Alex Norris, Gwen Rogers and Jake Kirner.

- **Banking**

Mona Henshall, Gwen Rogers, David Freeman, Jake Kirner and Susan Royce.

- **Documentation of Financial Procedures**

Gwen Rogers, Susan Royce, David Freeman and Jake Kirner.

Approved by the PCC on 12th. April 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Revd. Katharine Rumens
Rector

Statement of Financial Activities
For year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2020	2019
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments						
Voluntary income	*2 (a)*	140,762	169,299		310,061	251,506
Activities for generating funds	*2 (b)*	32,845	-		32,845	82,791
Income from investments	*2 (c)*	30,097	-		30,097	26,769
Income from church activities	*2 (d)*	12,137	-		12,137	43,283
Total income		215,841	169,299	-	385,140	404,349
Expenditure						
Church activities	*3 (d)*	174,912	14,954	-	189,866	187,136
Raising funds	*3 (d)*	17,751	112		17,863	45,852
Total expenditure		192,663	15,066	-	207,729	232,986
Net surplus/(deficit) before investment gains		23,178	154,233	-	177,411	171,363
Net unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	*7 & 8*	30,295		43,352	73,647	141,115
Investment during year		(165)		165	-	141,115
Net surplus/(deficit)		**53,308**	**154,233**	**43,517**	**251,058**	**312,478**
Transfers between funds						-
Net movement in funds		53,308	154,233	43,517	251,058	312,478
Total funds brought forward - adjusted	*13*	993,365	30,000	606,205	1,629,570	1,317,092
Total funds carried forward		**1,046,673**	**184,233**	**649,722**	**1,880,628**	**1,629,570**

Balance sheet
As at 31 December

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2020	2019
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible	*6*	350,728	169,684		520,412	350,818
Investments	*7*	470,845			470,845	440,550
Endowments	*8*			649,722	649,722	606,205
		821,573	169,684	649,722	1,640,979	1,397,573
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	*9 (a)*	38,355	31,375		69,730	32,030
Cash at bank and in hand	*9 (b)*	160,610	(16,826)		143,784	207,630
		198,965	14,549	-	213,514	239,660
Liabilties						
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	*10*	(7,517)			(7,517)	(7,664)
Net current assets		191,448	14,549	-	205,997	231,997
Total net assets		**1,013,021**	**184,233**	**649,722**	**1,846,976**	**1,629,570**
Parish funds						
Unrestricted	*11 & 12*	1,046,673			1,046,673	1,023,365
Restricted	*11 & 12*		184,233		184,233	-
Endowment	*11 & 12*			649,722	649,722	606,205
		1,046,673	**184,233**	**649,722**	**1,880,628**	**1,629,570**

Approved by the PCC on 12th. April 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Revd. Katharine Rumens
Rector

1 Accounting Policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations 'true and fair view' provisions.

(a) Incoming Resources

Income is accounted for on the accruals basis except where noted below.

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are accounted for on receipt by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving under gift aid is accounted for on receipt, and tax recoverable is recognised when the related recovery has been received.

Grants, legacies and donations receivable are allocated to the relevant fund according to any restrictions placed upon their use. Grants and legacies are accounted for when they become due, and are included as debtors at the balance sheet date where:

- the PCC is certain of its entitlement and any pre-conditions have been complied with;
- it is reasonably certain that the grant or legacy will be received within a reasonable time span;
- the amount to which the PCC is entitled, and which will be received, can be reliably measured.

Income from investments

Dividends, interest and any related tax recoveries are accounted for on receipt, except where the amounts due at the balance sheet date cannot be reliably quantified.

(b) Resources used

Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis except where noted below.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are accounted for on payment, or when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities relating to the work of the Church

The contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund is accounted for when it becomes payable, and any amount outstanding at the balance sheet date is included as an operational, though not legal, liability.

(c) Assets

Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the Financial statements.

No value is attributed in these accounts to the following.

- The fabric of St. Giles' church and the churchyard which are vested in the Rector.
- The former churchyard of St. Alphage, London Wall (which is laid out as a public open space in St. Alphage Garden) and which is on a long lease from the City Corporation. It was registered in the name of the Rector during 2010; the value of which is undetermined at the present time.
- The former St. Giles' Church Hall adjacent to St. Giles' church, which is on a long lease from the City Corporation to the PCC (vested in the LDF as custodian trustee); it is underlet to LDF and sub-under-let to and occupied by Newpark Nursery. However the final form of each of these leases remains under negotiation and there are issues of boundaries needing to be rectified, so the PCC is unable at present to value this asset. The adjacent Columbarium remains under PCC control.

Moveable church furnishings
These are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient cost information is available. In this case the item is not capitalised, but all items are included in the Church's inventory in any case.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows

Church seating	20 - 50 years

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity
These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or else, for gifts in kind, at a reasonable estimate of their open market value on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows.

Land	Nil
Fixtures & fittings	20 years
Computers and similar equipment	3 years

No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the property is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life of this asset currently exceeds 50 years, so that any deprecation charges would be immaterial.

An impairment review is carried out at each year end and any resultant loss identified and included in expenditure for the year.

Investments
Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange or whose value derives from them are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at PCC's best estimate of market value.

Short term deposits
These are the cash held either the CCLA or at the bank.

(d) Funds

Unrestricted Funds
These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are not therefore included in the reserves disclosed in the trustees' report.

Restricted Income Funds
These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted Capital Funds
These are funds that represent income received for specific capital investments. Depreciation on these assets are charged to the these funds.

Endowment Funds
These are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Details of their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

(e) Volunteers

The monetary value of volunteer time is not recorded neither as an incoming nor outgoing resource since this cannot be accurately quantified because the number of hours and value per hour is indeterminate.

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2020	2019
		£	£	£	£
2. Income and endowments					
(a) Voluntary income					
Gift aid donations		65,762	9,945	75,707	69,516
Tax recoverable		21,000		21,000	19,781
Wall safe donations			561	561	2,312
Open plate collections		1,950		1,950	9,641
Legacies		20,000		20,000	80,220
Grants	City Churches Grants Committee		137,000	137,000	30,000
	Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	27,144	-	27,144	1,390
	Deanery Grant for insurance		6,851	6,851	6,277
	Stewardship - Give.net	1,324	359	1,683	
City Burial Ground Fund		2,750		2,750	2,750
Donations - general		144	14,583	14,727	5,654
Donations - music		96		96	1,817
Parish rate		592		592	22,148
		140,762	169,299	310,061	251,506
(b) Activiities for generating funds					
Church lettings		14,020		14,020	49,233
Bookstall		428		428	1,194
Book fairs		5,897		5,897	12,364
Roscoe Street hall income		12,500		12,500	20,000
		32,845	-	32,845	82,791
(c) Income from investments					
Dividends		29,633		29,633	25,233
Interest		464		464	1,536
		30,097	-	30,097	26,769

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
(d) Income from church activities				
Columbarium	3,450		3,450	4,500
Special services	2,022		2,022	19,183
Weddings and funerals	4,028		4,028	6,177
Refreshments	387		387	1,264
Events and other income	2,250		2,250	12,159
	12,137	-	12,137	43,283
Total income and endowments	215,841	169,299	385,140	404,349
3. Expenditure				
(a) Missionary and charitable giving				
Diocesan Lent Appeal	3,500		3,500	2,500
Angola London Mozambique Asson			-	2,500
Hackney Food Bank			-	280
The Children's Society			-	118
Christian Aid			-	79
Plan International	195		195	180
St John's Warminster			-	8,000
Refuges at Home	1,500		1,500	-
	5,195	-	5,195	13,657
(b) Activities				
Ministry:				
Diocesan common fund	86,250		86,250	84,000
Diocesan parochial fees			-	1,225
Clergy expenses	2,148		2,148	2,437
Pastoral Assistant's expenses			-	3,750

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2020	2019
		£	£	£	£
Church running costs:				-	
	Heating, lighting and water	4,323		4,323	5,731
	Insurance	8,044		8,044	6,538
	Major repairs and restoration	2,823	561	3,384	16,025
	Maintenance	8,927		8,927	10,504
Music:				-	
	Director of Music remuneration	9,503		9,503	9,241
	Choir remuneration	14,232		14,232	13,733
	Honorarium	-	4,373	4,373	3,396
	Organ tuning & maintenance	5,069		5,069	2,103
	Music scores, books & licence	239		239	656
Services:				-	
	Church	1,168		1,168	1,079
	Special	2,014		2,014	8,703
	Weddings and funerals	1,930		1,930	3,412
Church lettings		740		740	5,833
Columbarium		748		748	1,398
Leaflets & guides		881		881	1,091
Roscoe Street hall				-	
	Insurance	651		651	582
Other Expenses		3,579		3,579	3,127
		153,269	4,934	158,203	184,564
(c) Management and administration					
	Bkkper/Administrator salary, oncosts	30,758		30,758	29,462
	Printing, stationery and postage	981		981	2,245
	Telephone, fax and email	544		544	554
	Website & internet connections	724		724	466
	Accounting expenses	527		527	611
	Independent Examiners Fees	164		164	164
	Bank charges	501		501	795
	Depreciation		10,132	10,132	457
	Bad Debt write off			-	12
		34,199	10,132	44,331	34,766
Total expenditure		192,663	15,066	207,729	232,987

(d) Allocation of costs

	Church activities	Raising funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Missionary and charitable giving	5,195	-	5,195	13,657
Activities	149,206	8,997	158,203	184,564
Management and administration	35,465	8,866	44,331	34,766
	189,866	17,863	207,729	232,987

The basis for the allocation is as follows.
- missionary and charitable giving are fully attritutable to church activities
- activities costs are allocated on a line by line basis
- management and administration costs are allocated on an estimate of time taken

4. Staff costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages .	27,891		27,891	26,782
Pension	2,867		2,867	2,680
	30,758	-	30,758	29,462
Average number of employees		1		1

Under the terms of the Employment Allowance Scheme the church is able to reclaim its employers NIC payments in full.

The PCC has contracts for services with the Director of Music, musicians and our cleaning firm. All of these people work on a freelance basis.

5. Payments to and giving by PCC members - all paid from unrestricted funds

	TOTAL FUNDS	
	2020	2019
(a) PCC members received fees for services rendered as follows.	£	£
Anne Marsden Thomas - Director of Music	10,878	13,696
Penny Sharpe - Choir member	4,003	4,439
(b) Clergy were reimbursed for clergy expenses as follows.		
Katharine Rumens - Rector	1,693	1,910
Alex Norris - Curate	455	527

(c) No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

(d) in 2020 PCC members gave £35,015 to the church (2019: £33,340).

6. Tangible fixed assets

		Property	Church fixtures & fittings	Church furniture	Church & office equipment	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
At valuation - 1 January 2015		350,000				350,000
Cost	At 1 January 2020				1,371	1,371
	Disposals				(1,371)	(1,371)
	Additons at costs		139,178	39,456	1,092	179,726
	At 31 December 2020	350,000	139,178	39,456	1,092	529,726
Depreciation	At 1 January 2020				1,153	1,153
	Withdrawn on disposals				(1,153)	(1,153)
	Charge of the year		6,959	1,991	364	9,314
	At 31 December 2020	-	6,959	1,991	364	9,314
Net book value	At 31 December 2019	350,000	-	-	818	350,818
	At 31 December 2020	350,000	132,219	37,465	728	520,412

The hall in Roscoe Street is vested in the London Diocesan Fund as Custodian Trustee and for which the PCC are acknowledged to be the Managing Trustee. It is currently let commercially; the rent has been reduced for £10,000 in recognition of the financial hardships brought by the Covid-19 pandemic. The rent will increase to its normal level of £20,000 from 1 July 2021.

7. Investment assets

	£
Market value at 31 December 2019	440,550
Disposal	-
Purchases at cost	-
Revaluaton gain	30,295
Market value at 31 December 2020	470,845

8. Endowment assets

	Total
	£
Market value at 31 December 2019	606,205
Disposal	
Purchases at cost	165
Revaluation gain	43,352
Market value at 31 December 2020	649,722

The endowment assets represent permanent endowment investments held within the Cripplegate Church Sworder Foundation for which the London Diocesan Fund acts as the Custodian Trustee and the PCC as the Managing Trustee. The capital is subject to restriction on its use and is governed by the objects of the Foundation as indicated in the Charity Commission Scheme of 21 January 1992. There is power to convert capital into income and the capital is held permanently although the constituent investments may change over time.

9. Current assets

	TOTAL FUNDS 2020	TOTAL FUNDS 2019
	£	£
(a) Debtors		
Trade debtors	12,117	
Debtors	-	21,840
Prepayments and accrued income	57,613	10,190
	69,730	32,030
(b) Cash at bank and in hand		
Current - NatWest	104,463	49,753
Current - CAF Bank	20,000	
Deposit General	50,763	155,666
Credit Union	2,000	2,000
Rector's expenses float	200	200
Petty cash	10	10
	177,436	207,629

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	TOTAL FUNDS 2020	2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	525	756
Other creditors	5,335	
Accruals and deferred income	1,657	6,908
)		
	7,517	7,664

There are no liabilities due after one year.

11. Summary of fund movements

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted	Endowment	Total
	General	Investments	funds	funds	
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2020	552,815	440,550	30,000	606,205	1,629,570
Incoming resources	215,841		169,299		385,140
Resources expended	(192,663)		(15,066)		(207,729)
Investment gains		30,295		43,352	73,647
Transfer between funds	(165)			165	-
Balance at 31 December 2020	575,828	470,845	184,233	649,722	1,880,628

Restricted funds: capital improvements to the church funded by specific grants and donations.

12. Summary of assets by fund

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	350,728	169,684		520,412
Investment fixed assets	470,845		649,722	1,120,567
Debtors and prepayments	38,355	31,375		69,730
Cash	160,610	(16,826)		177,436
Liabilities: amounts falling due in one year	(7,517)			(7,517)
Fund balances at 31 December 2020	1,013,021	184,233	649,722	1,880,628
Fund balances at 31 December 2019	1,023,365	-	606,205	1,629,570

13. Prior year adjustment

A sum of £30,000 has been transferred from unrestricted funds brought forward at 1 January 2020 to restricted captial funds brought forward at 1 January 2020 to reflect the correct position regarding grant funds received in 2019.

Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the P.C.C. of St. Giles Church, Cripplegate, London EC2Y 8DA on the Accounts for the year ending 31st. December 2020 as set out on pages 37 to 50 of this Report. Charity no.1038077.

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for 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 matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect the accounting records

were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or

the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

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

Signed. Alan A Clements Date 20th April 2021
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