

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SHIRLEY

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

Registered Charity Number 1140076

THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SHIRLEY

Administrative information

St John's Church is situated in Croydon and is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England. The Incumbent, Rev'd Lu Gale, resides at The Vicarage, 49 Shirley Church Road, Croydon, CR0 5EF.

The church website is 'www.stjohnsshirley.org.uk' and e-mail enquiries should be directed to 'office@stjohnsshirley.org.uk'.

The Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of St John the Evangelist, Shirley, is a registered Charity, number 1140076, and the correspondence address is The Vicarage, 49 Shirley Church Road, Croydon, CR0 5EF.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024 are:

<i>Incumbent</i>	The Rev'd Lucille Gale	
<i>Curate</i>	Rev Tabitha Singh	(from 30 June 2024)
<i>Churchwardens</i>	Michael Wall	
	Georgina Roseweir	(from 28 April 2024)
<i>Deputy Wardens</i>	Samantha Nott	(until 28 April 2024)
	Julie Sayer	(from 28 April 2024)
	Sharon Somaiya	(from 28 April 2024)
	Darren White	(from 28 April 2024)
<i>PCC Secretary</i>	Timothy Roberson	
<i>Treasurer</i>	Julie Sayer	(until 28 April 2024)
	Vivienne Welch	(from 28 April 2024)
<i>Reader</i>	Jacqueline Pontin	
<i>Deanery Synod</i>	Gillian Goldsmith	
<i>Representatives</i>	Teresa McCarthy	(until 28 April 2024)
	Claire Barracliffe	
<i>Elected members</i>	Marie-Claire Bailey	
	Kelvin Carter	(until 28 April 2024)
	Barbara Collins	(from 28 April 2024)
	Jane Gorman	
	Miranda Heester	
	Bex Henderson	
	John Kingdom	(until 28 April 2024)
	Gill Jones	(from 28 April 2024)
	Bernard Maguire	(until 28 April 2024)
	Teresa McCarthy	(from 28 April 2024)
	Sam Nott	(from 28 April 2024)
	Georgina Roseweir	(Warden from 28 April 2024)
	Sharon Somaiya	(until 28 April 2024)
	Ros Wade	(from 28 April 2024)
	Wendy Wall	(Co-opted May 2024)
	Vivienne Welch	(Treasurer from 28 April 2024)
	Charlotte White	

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2017. Urgent business of the PCC between PCC meetings is conducted through the Standing Committee which comprises the Incumbent, Churchwardens, Secretary and Treasurer. All those attending Church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll, to take part in the Annual Meetings and stand for election to the Council.

Objectives and activities

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. There is a close contact with Shirley Methodist Church and some services and social events are shared with them. Co-operation exists with other parishes in the Deanery and through Churches Together in Shirley.

Achievements and performance

Church Attendance

There are 179 on the Electoral Roll with 63 persons living in the Parish, a marginal increase on 2023. The additional 9am Sunday service has continued to attract families with young children. Our continued thanks go to all those who operate the live streaming through the internet with over 20,000 viewings of services through YouTube and Facebook.

Under a Scheme made by the Church Commissioners taking effect on 25th April 2025 a substantial part of the Parish of All Saints will be incorporated within St John's, thus bringing some 37 persons presently on the St John's electoral roll within the parish.

Safeguarding

The safety of our young people and vulnerable adults remains a priority and 'A Safe Church', the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy, continues to be adopted in full and re-emphasised each year at PCC.

Review of the year

The 2023 report recorded some concern that one of the two Churchwarden posts had remained unfilled since the 2022 annual meeting and that two of the deputy warden posts remain unfilled since the 2023 annual meeting. The 2024 Annual Meeting marked a return to a full wardens' team.

The full PCC met formally six times during the year with an average attendance of 56%. Sub-committees formed to consider in detail the various aspects of our mission and ministry meet between Council meetings and their deliberations were reported to, and discussed by, the full Council where necessary.

The structure and condition of the church buildings remains good, though not without much effort by Mick Wall (with assistance from Christine Healey) and the Premises sub-committee of PCC (chair Paul Campbell) and significant expenditure over the past few years. This was confirmed by the quinquennial inspection completed during 2021 and a rolling programme is in place to attend to the observations contained therein. Two areas previously under active consideration, repairs to the church clock and upgrading the church lighting to improve our environmental impact, have been deferred due to spending constraints. Repairs to the church porch were undertaken during the year. Repairs to the church roof turned out to be much less than feared and will take place early in 2025.

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The churchyard remains open and, whilst there is little space left for full burials, we should be able to accept cremated remains for many years to come. We remain concerned about the instability of some of the older grave stones and it has proved impossible to trace 'grave owners', given the passage of time. Those which are clearly unstable are dealt with following periodic inspection.

In 2016, PCC decided to refurbish Church Cottage, completed in July 2017 at a cost of approximately £129,000. The cottage is now let on a short-term residential basis to assist in financing our mission and worship. Following persistent rent arrears, new tenants installed during 2022 have since been delivering a reliable income.

Following the reintroduction of live Sunday services an additional 9am service was introduced, aimed at particularly at families with young children. Live streaming of services has continued; particular thanks are due to the team of audio-visual operators.

There were 11 Baptisms, 3 Weddings, 13 Funerals in Church, 5 Funerals at the Crematorium and 9 Burials of Ashes.

A new organist was appointed during 2023.

We have continued to support various charitable causes notwithstanding the challenges of the pandemic. Locally, we have continued to support Shirley Neighbourhood Care and the foodbank at Shrublands with the Vicar delivering donated supplies on a weekly basis. Further afield, we continue to support a number of charities including Christian Aid and toilet twinning in Africa.

St Johns joined the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) in 2020. Regular donors continue to be encouraged to migrate from standing orders to PGS. The aim is to achieve significant savings in both bank charges and the hassle of dealing with HMRC and to improve cash flow. A leaflet 'Resourcing Our Future' is available to explain parish finances and the role of the PGS.

Financial Review

During the year, our 'Parish Pledge' to the Diocese amounted to £85,000 (2023 £70,000) and was paid in full.

Total Incoming Resources on Restricted and Unrestricted Funds were £143,360 (2023 £130,652) and are detailed in Note 2 on Page 11 of the accounts. Total expenditure and accruals amounted to £150,965 (2023 £127,566) details of which are set out in Note 3 on Page 12 of the accounts.

The result for the year was a deficit of the General Fund of £(5,839) (2023 surplus £3,086)

Thanks are due to the considerable efforts of those who serve the church at St John's and provide so much on a voluntary basis.

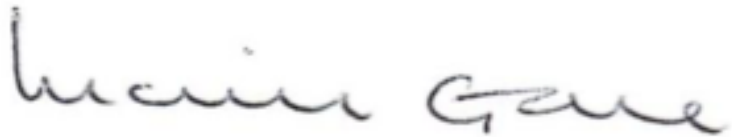
Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain Unrestricted Funds balances (excluding the designated Premises Account) equating to three months unrestricted expenditure to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

The PCC resolved that reserves be isolated into a reserve account separate from the NatWest account and that withdrawals from this account be subject to a positive resolution of the PCC. The reserve is set at £30,000 (thirty thousand pounds) until otherwise varied by a resolution of the PCC.

It is PCC policy to invest our funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Lucille Gale' in a cursive script.

Rev'd Lucille Gale
Chair

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Parochial Church Council of St John the Evangelist Shirley

I report on the accounts for the year to 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 14

Respective responsibilities of Parochial Church Council (PCC) and examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts

The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of examiner's report

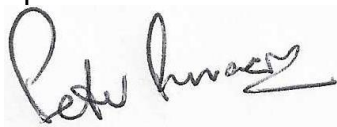
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- a) the accounting records are not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act and
- b) the accounts did not comply with the accounting records or
- c) the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

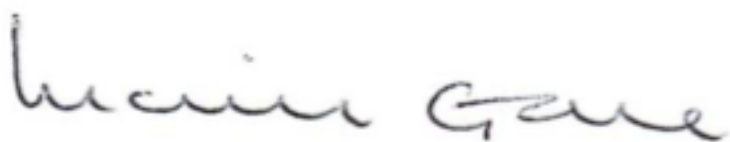
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTALS 2024 £	TOTALS 2023 £
Incoming resources					
<i>Voluntary income</i>	2a	94,869	0	94,869	86,685
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>	2b	7,166	0	7,166	10,152
<i>Income from investments</i>	2c	6,930	0	6,930	3,533
<i>Church activities</i>	2d	34,395	0	34,395	30,282
Total incoming resources		143,360	0	143,360	130,652
Resources expended					
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>	3a	0	0	0	0
<i>Distribution of charitable giving</i>	3b	2,115	0	2,115	1,565
<i>Church activities</i>	3c	147,920	270	148,190	125,341
<i>Governance Costs</i>	3d	660	0	660	660
Total resources expended		150,695	270	150,965	127,566
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		-7,335	-270	-7,605	3,086
Other recognised gains/losses		0	1,766	1,766	0
Net movement in funds		-7,335	1,496	-5,839	3,086
Total funds brought forward at 1 January	9	127,105	18,392	145,457	142,411
Total funds carried forward at 31 December		119,770	19,888	139,658	145,457

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5	0	0
Total fixed assets			
Current assets			
Investments held by Diocese		16,491	14,725
Debtors	7	3,212	2,507
Short term deposits		97,208	97,208
Cash at bank and in hand		31,033	36,138
		147,944	150,578
Creditors/Accruals: amounts falling due within one year	8	-8,286	-5,081
Net current assets		139,658	145,497
Total assets less current liabilities		139,658	145,497
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		0	0
NET ASSETS		139,658	145,497
Funds			
Restricted funds	9	19,888	18,392
Unrestricted funds	9	119,770	127,105
		139,658	145,497

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Rev'd Lu Gale

Chairman

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024**

1. Accounting policies

a Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016 together with applicable standards and Charities SORP (FRS102) with Update Bulletin 1.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

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

Designated funds – monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds – a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

c Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised in the period the claim covers.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

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d Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Church activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid

e Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by Section 10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings is written off in the year it is incurred.

The Church Cottage has been a freehold asset of the PCC for many years but has not been reflected in the accounts given the historic date of acquisition. It is insured for its estimated re-building cost of £450,000.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computer equipment	30% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews.

Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

f Current Assets

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Other Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
a Voluntary income						
Regular giving	49,422				49,422	62,668
Collections - General	5,096				5,096	6,093
Collections - Special, Weddings, Alms	1,301				1,301	3,394
Income tax recoverable	11,752				11,752	12,500
Grants	0				0	0
Legacies & Sundry Donations	27,298				27,298	2,030
	94,869	0	0	0	94,869	86,685
b Activities for generating funds						
Fund-raising events	7,166				7,166	10,152
	7,166	0			7,166	10,152
c Investment income						
Dividends and interest	6,930				6,930	3,533
	6,930	0	0	0	6,930	3,533
d Income from Church Activities						
Church Cottage Income	18,000				18,000	18,000
Tamberlin Room/Church Income	1,545				1,545	1,190
Fees from weddings and funerals	13,019				13,019	7,638
Other Income	1,831				1,831	3,454
	34,395	0	0	0	34,395	30,282
Total incoming resources	143,360	0	0	0	143,360	130,652

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3 Resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
a Costs of generating voluntary income					
Special appeal costs	0			0	0
Stewardship costs	0			0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
b Distribution of charitable giving					
Missionary and charitable giving	2,046			2,046	1,565
Grants to Parochial Organisations	69			69	0
	<u>2,115</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,115</u>	<u>1,565</u>
c Church Activities					
Ministry costs:					
Vicarage and Vicar's expenses	1,142			1,142	1,245
Cost of Church Services	760			760	827
Cost of Church Music	11,116			11,116	4,580
Choir Expenditure		270		270	127
Insurance	8,327			8,327	7,304
Utilities	7,111			7,111	7,509
Inspections & Certificates	0			0	0
Repair & maintenance of Church	7,817			7,817	6,240
Floral Decorations in the Church	25			25	88
General Admin Expenses (incl Parish Office)	3,105			3,105	3,071
Tamberlin Room - Expenditure	246			246	1,833
Churchyard Expenditure	15,507			15,507	14,451
Church Cottage Expenditure	3,892			3,892	1,416
Diocesan Parish Support Fund	85,000			85,000	70,000
Alpha Course/Healing Hub expenditure	120			120	120
Bank Charges	434			434	405
Fund raising event expenditure	2,347			2,347	3,045
Other Expenditure	971			971	1,011
	<u>147,920</u>	<u>270</u>		<u>148,190</u>	<u>125,341</u>
d Governance costs					
Independent examination fee	660			660	660
	<u>660</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>660</u>
Total resources expended	<u>150,695</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>150,965</u>	<u>127,566</u>

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4 Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
<i>Wages and salaries</i>	10,000	1666

During the year there was 2 (2023: 2) part-time employee.

5 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Church equipment	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	£	£		£
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2024			0	0
Additions			0	0
Disposals			0	0
Revaluation			0	0
At 31 December 2024	0	0	0	0
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024			0	0
Provided in the year			0	0
Disposals			0	0
At 31 December 2024	0	0	0	0
Net book amounts				
At 31 December 2024	0	0	0	0

6 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets for church use:				
Current assets	128,056	19,888	147,944	150,578
Current liabilities	-8,286	0	-8,286	-5,081
Non Current Liabilities	0	0	0	0
	119,770	19,888	139,658	145,497

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7 Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest Receivable	1,155	0
HMRC-Gift Aid	1,132	2,507
Funeral Fees	925	0
	3,212	2,507

8 Creditors and accruals: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Gardening Contractors	550	550
Accruals—Independent Examiner	660	660
Diocesan Assigned fees	5,629	1,752
Verger Fees	0	50
Property Maintenance	132	0
Estimated gas/electricity charges outstanding	1,315	2,069
	8,286	5,081

Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

2024	2023
£	£
0	0

9 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 st Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Bal c/fwd 31st Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	31,397	143,360	-150,695		24,062
Reserves	30,000				30,000
<i>Other Funds:</i>					
Legacies	65,708				65,708
	123,892	143,360	-150,695	0	127,105
Restricted Funds					
<i>Held in General Fund:</i>					
Choir Funds	1,834		-270		1,564
Eist Grave/Bench	176				176
Toilet Twinning	157				157
Music Director/Organist	0				0
<i>Other Funds:</i>					
Butterworth Trust	1,000				1,000
Watts Trust	500				500
Trust funds held by Diocese	14,725			1766	16,491
	18,392	0	-270	1766	19,888
Total funds	145,497	143,360	-150,965	1766	139,658