



REPORT TO THE CHARITY COMMISSIONERS 2024/25

THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

MITCHAM PARISH CHURCH

Charity Commission No: 1141719

St Peter & St Paul Church

Church Road Mitcham CR4 3BP

Aims & Purposes

The Parochial Church Council of Mitcham, St Peter & St Paul ('the PCC') has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Fr David Pennells, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Parish Church and the Parish Centre complex opposite the church building in Church Path, Mitcham.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church building and to become part of the parish community of Mitcham Parish Church. The PCC maintains an overview of worship and activities and makes suggestions to the Incumbent as to how our Services and activities can involve the many groups that live within the parish boundary and beyond. Our Services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and Scripture, through the seven-fold Sacraments being celebrated - principally, the Holy Eucharist – and through music and occasional offices, such as Baptisms, Holy Matrimony and Funerals. The Bishop visits periodically to administer the rite of Confirmation, whilst the important ministry of Reconciliation (Confession) and Anointing (in a healing context) and Unction ("Last Rites") are also administered as necessary or when requested.

In planning Parish activities, the Incumbent and PCC are mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit - and the specific guidance on the advancement of religion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people ('the people in the pews') to live out their faith through:

- ✘ **Worship & Prayer**; learning about God and the revelation through Jesus Christ and the preaching of the Gospel.
- ✘ **Providing pastoral care** to people, especially those living or studying or working within the Parish – and beyond.
- ✘ **Missionary and Outreach work** to our local community and beyond.

To facilitate and advance this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the historic Parish Church building (Grade II* Listed) and the adjacent modern Parish Centre Complex.

The Parish's mission is regularly measured against the 'Five Marks of Mission' posited by the Anglican Communion. This guidance forms the basis of the current agreed Parish Statement of Mission and Inclusion Statement. The Parish supports the Aims & Objectives of Inclusive Church, which reflect our open, liberal, modern Catholic approach to our faith journey.

Achievements and Performance 2024/25

Throughout this past year, as in most (Thank God) the Incumbent and PCC have been keen to offer a range of Worship Services on Sundays & during the week according to the time and season as appropriate. Happily, the major Festivals of the Church have been celebrated with due reverence and dignity – Advent, Christmastide, Lent & Holy Week, Eastertide, Pentecost, Trinity & Corpus Christi, our Patronal Festival, Dedication, Harvest, All Saints' & All Souls', and Armistice / Remembrance Festivals have all been marked with due Anglican ceremony.

At present there are 108 people on our Parish Electoral Roll (2025). Average Sunday attendance is about 45 - 55 people, and Tuesday morning celebrations of the Eucharist now attracting a regular attendance of about 18 - 25 people. As well as our regular Eucharistic Services each week, other events (such as the bi-monthly 'Julian Meetings' and annual 'Thy Kingdom Come' Novena of Prayer between Ascension and Pentecost) enables our worshipping community to come together to pray, to praise and to thank God for the many blessings we continue to experience.

Through the 'Occasional Offices' of the church, we thank God for the gift of life (Baptism & Thanksgiving for Birth Services) and ask that the graces of the Holy Spirit will pour out on the candidate(s). In Marriage we dedicate two people's lives together in the sight of God and the assembled congregation, and at Funerals we give thanks for a life now complete, handing the lamented soul back to God's merciful love, and seeking and offering support for those who grieve. A number of Banns of Marriage sequences have occurred this last year, as couples announce their Wedding plans. Both Adult and Child Baptisms, and numerous Funerals and Interment of Ashes have been celebrated; the first two categories taking place on site at the Church and the latter, Funerals, occasionally in church (especially for electoral roll members or parishioners) but now most often celebrated at local (or distant) Crematoria or Cemeteries, as suits the mourners and general circumstances. The Bishop of Kingston, Rt Rev Martin Gainsborough celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at MPC late in 2024.

Merton Deanery Synod

Three members of the Laity comprise the Parish representatives on the Deanery Synod, alongside the Vicar, Fr David Pennells; this provides the PCC with a link to the other churches within Merton Deanery (with boundaries co-terminus with the London Borough of Merton), with the Diocese of Southwark, ultimately linking through to the General Synod of the Church of England. Clergy also meet separately as a Deanery Chapter, holding regular meetings called by the Area Dean where issues of common concern are raised and collegiate support is offered and received. In March 2020, the Vicar was appointed as Assistant Area Dean to Merton Deanery, and continues, involving supporting churches, alongside annual local inspections.

The Mitcham Group Ministry

This Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul, alongside the three other Anglican Parish Churches in Mitcham (namely: St Barnabas – St Mark – St Olave) form the **Mitcham Group Ministry** in which the four Mitcham parishes seek to cooperate, work and encourage each other in their ministries to the entire geographical area.

The Incumbents meet together, when possible, to pray and share notes about shared issues together. During these times, the concept of cooperation and joint working together comes to the fore: in encouraging each other, in listening to issues / problems, and in finding ways for the ministry of the Anglican churches in this place to serve the whole local area.

As a vehicle for shared ministry, tasks are often shared - and an interchangeability of Altar / Pulpit are agreed. Joint Services of Worship are planned and instigated, and activities, both spiritual and social, are encouraged. Relying on the cooperation of each constituent member, this Group concept proves to be a great success; the Group Confirmation Service is usually held in one of the Mitcham churches by rotation – held here in November 2024).

The Parish Church

The present Parish Church building, a Grade II* Listed structure in Georgian Gothic Perpendicular style, has celebrated its Bicentenary in 2022 – having been built between the years of 1819 and 1822, on the exact ‘footprint’ of the previous mediaeval-founded structure, when it was rededicated and reopened for worship by the Bishop of London.

The PCC, in the past year or so, has seen work to restore the exterior doors and notice boards later in 2024, this portraying the church as an open and active church building. Internal works on the heating system were also undertaking, ensuring the system venting was up[to current ecological standards.

The Parish Centre Complex

The Parish Centre – which comprises of the Parish Office, a second office (hired out to an independent company), an assembly hall, a grassed garden area & ancillary rooms (toilets, storerooms and kitchen) – was previously an excellent and significant source of income to the parish, principally through the letting of the Centre Hall throughout the daytime on weekdays. Sadly, this ceased post-pandemic, and a similar replacement earner has not been located. The Mitcham Community Choir meets to rehearse in the Hall one evening a week, The Attic Theatre Company run a therapeutic Singing Performance class, Irish Dancing is taught, and a Tai Chi Group meet one evening, and Children’s Keyboard classes run weekly in term time.

The Parish Office - the administrative ‘hub’ of the Parish - is usually the locus of the part-time Parish Administrator and most parish-related administration flows through this office. The Administrator - Ms Sara Taylor - works Wednesday all day – and Thursday and Friday afternoons in the Centre. Parish Centre Hall bookings for weekend and evening sessions have started to revive following the pandemic downturn, and Children’s parties at weekends are a popular booking; due to the close proximity of the Centre to Church Path and other residential premises, the Hall is not let out for late parties or any over-boisterous activities.

The Parish Centre is regularly hired out to one Christian church community for regular Services on Sunday mid-morning to early afternoons, and a youth-focused religious community group after that. The Hall can also be hired for other social and community events (such as the Choirs, MP surgeries / meetings, gatherings of local Community & Interest Groups Social Afternoons and Evenings or even Public meetings. The use of the Hall for Mothers’ Union meetings and social events / International Evenings, Parish celebrations, etc., evidences its value as a parish resource, and the hall and garden are an asset for all.

Maintenance of the Parish Centre is the responsibility of the PCC Buildings’ Committee. The garden feature (maintained by a regular hall-user for us) is particularly welcome when an event is very well supported; the garden acts as an ‘overflow’ facility to obviate overcrowding. The Hall remains in a generally fair state of repair, though the kitchen and main hall will probably need repainting in the future.

Pastoral Care

A small number of parishioners are unable to attend church Services for various reasons, and the Incumbent is assisted by Rev'd Jackie Cockfield (who has the Bishop's permission to Officiate), keep in contact with these people by phone and visits. These regular visits enable for Holy Communion where appropriate / requested, thus encouraging these members to maintain a link with the Parish Church. The Parish Newsletter is posted out to a small number.

The clergy have been pleased to often hear of other parishioners' contact / social visits when they speak to those visited. Hospital visits are also a common feature for the clergy, who spend time at St George's / St Helier's and The Royal Marsden Hospitals. St Raphael's Hospice in North Cheam, serving the Borough of Merton is also visited - as required.

The weekly published Newsletter is sent out electronically to many email addresses (*and this is also published on Facebook & Twitter & the CoE's 'A Church Near You' Website*) This is valued as a 'link' to isolated people - who report the interest they find in 'keeping up-to-date' with Parish affairs. Parish Groups – such as The Mothers' Union, the Tuesday Morning Eucharist Church Group, the Church Choir, the Servers' Team, the Merton Citizens' Group, and the Bellingring Band, all provide interlinking and overlapping 'care networks' which provide care links and communication between individuals.

Mission and Evangelism

A principal aim of the PCC and the congregation is to be seen as a 'serving community' in the local parish area. To this end, two specific initiatives continued to run successfully and provide a number of parishioners with an 'outward' focus to support people in our local environs.

Active Parish membership of 'Merton Citizens' – a community organising coalition of many different (though currently principally faith-based) community institutions – which has opened Parishioners' eyes to the issues which are important to our local community - and galvanised three principal Citizens' working groups into action to challenge service providers in the fields of mental health, housing, and refugee support & welcoming.

The sharing of coordinated action is already showing results in a Pan-South London consultation exercise (*'South London Listens'*), coordinated with local Mental Health Trusts, who now are supporting the establishment of 'Be Well Hubs' – one of which operates here at the Parish Church. Continuing discussions concerning housing & homelessness with local housing providers, including Merton Council and relevant Housing Associations are ongoing to seek to enhance the support for those in housing need. The Parish also actively supports Faith in Action – the Homelessness Project in nearby Merton High Street.

The mental-health focus continues to be promoted in Church by the monthly 'Mental Health Be Well Hub'. This is a focused discussion opportunity - led by one of our mental health champions - over coffee and refreshments - following the Parish Eucharist.

Other contacts: The Incumbent and PCC positively encourage engagement with local schools; Benedict, Cranmer, Cricket Green, Haslemere and Merrywood schools have all visited the church to see the interior, to take part in project work or to engage with events such as 'SingFest' jointly arranged with Merton Music Foundation. Successful music-making sessions have again been arranged, again with Merton Music Foundation, involving a whole range of local schools, using professional musicians' guidance.

Promotion: The Parish Church continues to be a major player in promoting the Arts in Mitcham and an Opera Performance (Strauss's *Die Fledermaus*) and a solo Piano Recital by local pianist Andrew Garrido drew capacity crowds to MPC.

Encouragement: The Vicar has continued to serve as a Director of Croydon Almshouse Charities, which amongst other functions, managed and supported the residents of the seven Mary Tate Almshouses on Mitcham Cricket Green. The Vicar also continues as Chair of the Trustees to the Wandle Industrial Museum - which venue is situated in Lower Green West & promotes educational opportunities highlighting the industrial history of the local area.

Local Metropolitan Policing: The Vicar works with the South West London Basic Command Unit of the Metropolitan Police, chairing the Merton Borough Independent Advisory Group - and sitting *ex-officio* on the Merton Safer Neighbourhood Board, Hate Crime Working Group and attending Cricket Green Ward Police consultation meetings.

Civic Involvement: This past year the Vicar has been Chaplain to The Worshipful the Mayor of Merton on a few occasions, saying prayers to open the full Council Annual meeting. He has also led the Merton Remembrance Day observances at Mitcham War Memorial, and Holocaust Memorial Day Observance at the Civic Centre.

Ecumenical Relationships

The PCC and Parish Church positively support the concept and activities of **Churches Together in Mitcham** (affiliated to Churches Together in England): this allows the coming-together of local Christian denominations who speak with a common voice on issues of joint concern.

The Vicar continues to Chair this organisation, and works alongside the various Priests / Ministers in the town to promote joint working of the many denominations represented. The Vicar is also a member of the Merton Council's 'Inter-Faith Forum', and the South London Inter-Faith Group. CTiM Events, such as the open-air acts of witness on Good Friday and just before Christmas being popular, alongside some meetings been held in various churches such as the Jointly-led Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the five-week session Lent Course, visiting various constituent churches. The Group also sponsors and staffs a Christmas Day luncheon at the Vestry Hall for those who would otherwise be alone on that Day.

The Parish Church also acts as the host Church to the Tamil-led **Bethel International Missionary Church** (Pastor: Titus Pirabakaran) which meets every Sunday afternoon after the Parish Church Service has taken place in the morning.

The one regular independent church congregation meeting in the Parish Centre is the **Refuge Temple Community Assembly** (Pastor Reginald Weir). They gather from each Sunday for praise and worship.

Volunteers

We continue to remain grateful for the massive contribution our volunteers make to the wellbeing of the Parish, particularly in pastorally caring for one another, and also in staffing church-based activities. Such activities in church have included tasks such as arranging flowers, staffing / stewarding the church for the regular Services, and leading the singing, the Choir being directed by Andrew King, who is our Organist. Refreshments are served by a welcoming team of volunteers after every Service – an important welcoming and community-building activity.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is an important aspect of our work, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable people and children in our midst. Jim Kirby is our Safeguarding Officer, supported by the Incumbent. Where appropriate, Disclosure & Barring Service ('DBS') checks are carried out for those with designated roles (such as PCC members), or where they may come into significant contact with vulnerable people. The Safeguarding procedures, based on the Diocesan model policy, is reviewed and endorsed every year by the PCC.

Structure, Governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is as set out in the statutory Church Representation Rules (2002) as subsequently amended. At Mitcham Parish Church the membership of the PCC usually consists of the Incumbent, the Churchwardens and members elected by the congregation on a three-year rotating basis (three places per year) and also the three representatives elected to represent the Parish to the Merton Deanery Synod. Co-options are also made to the PCC by the Council as seems appropriate.

All regular worshippers and those living within the Parish boundary are encouraged to apply to join the Parish Electoral Roll – which, amongst other aspects, qualifies people to stand for PCC membership, and to vote at formal Parish Meetings. There are 108 on the Roll.

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 spent. The full PCC met regularly during the past year. A good average attendance was noted at meetings.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of subcommittees dealing with aspects of parish life. The subcommittees are the Standing Committee (*only convened for emergency decisions between PCC meetings*) Finance Committee, Buildings Committee and 'Green Group' – starting to look at ecological concerns and our involvement. All Committees and working groups report back to the full PCC and decisions are made at the full meetings.

Administrative information

Mitcham, St Peter & St Paul (Southwark Diocesan Code: KL3/172X)
is situated on Church Road, Mitcham,
in the Deanery of Merton, in the Diocese of Southwark
and in the London Borough of Merton.

The Correspondence address is:

Mitcham Parish Church

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The Parish Centre

Church Path Mitcham CR4 3BN

[t] **020 6848 1566**

The Parish Administrator is Ms Sara Taylor

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020 as amended) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission No: 1141719.

Ex-Officio members:

Vicar: The Reverend Fr David M B Pennells – Chair of PCC
PTO: The Reverend Jackie Cockfield

Deanery Synod

Representatives: David Coggins
Carole Hornsby (*also Deputy Warden*)
Josie Dixie (*also Deputy Warden*)

Elected members:

Churchwardens: Caroline Muller-Carpenter
Mary Coggins

Ordinary members: Ebele Belonwu
Josephine Dixie
Katherine Chandler (*Hon Treasurer*)
Valerie Hylton
Jim Kirby
Rachel Perera

Co-opted members: Michael Carpenter

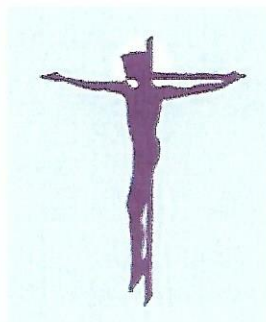
Accounts and Annual Report of the PCC 2024/25

signed on their behalf by

David M B Pennells - Vicar

The Reverend Fr David Pennells scp

**St. PETER & St. PAUL
MITCHAM PARISH CHURCH
MITCHAM**



**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

for the year ended 31st December 2024

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**Mitcham Parish Church
Mitcham Parish Centre, Church Path
Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 3BN**

Charity Number: 1141719

MITCHAM PARISH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE PCC OF MITCHAM PARISH CHURCH

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 6, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the regulations'), the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and Accounting Standard FRS102.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:-

to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

to follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this 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 PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's statement

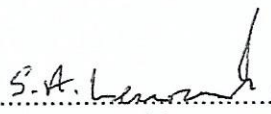
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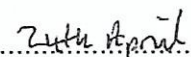
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed 
Mr Simon Lewcock FCCA
Windsor Lodge, Millfield Road,
Hounslow, Middx, TW4 5PN

Dated 2025

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

PCC GENERAL FUND (UNRESTRICTED)

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
VOLUNTARY INCOME:		
PLEDGED GIVING - Gift Aided	30,663	31,300
PLEDGED GIVING - not Gift Aided	5,910	6,124
PLATE (Sunday) - Gift Aided	23	217
PLATE (Sunday) - not Gift Aided	953	865
PLATE (Occasional) - Gift Aided	0	0
PLATE (Occasional) - not Gift Aided	548	102
DONATIONS - Gift Aided	2,940	1,357
DONATIONS - not Gift Aided	1,727	2,208
TAX RECOVERED	10,573	9,912
FEES	1,296	1,524
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS:		
PARISH FUNDRAISING - Christmas Raffle	1,090	1,026
PARISH FUNDRAISING - Other	1,638	3,844
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS:		
INTEREST	855	627
INCOME FROM CHURCH ACTIVITIES:		
MISSION FUNDRAISING	1,571	1,623
CHURCH HIRE	11,310	10,551
SHARED ACCESS LTD ELECTRICITY CONTRIBUTION	17,970	21,772
MOBILE MAST INCOME	14,475	14,475
INSURANCE CLAIM	2,224	0
GRANT AND MISCELLANEOUS	594	875
	106,360	108,402
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
CHURCH ACTIVITIES:		
PARISH ASSESSMENT	44,000	42,000
MISSION GIVING	3,284	4,570
SALARIES - ORGANIST	5,389	4,490
SALARIES - SECRETARY	4,262	3,456
WAGES	4,296	3,616
CLERGY EXPENSES	1,374	1,106
CHURCH EXPENSES - General	6,757	5,202
CHURCH EXPENSES - Printing & Stationery	4,794	4,493
CHURCH EXPENSES - Telephone, Broadband	124	147
CHURCH EXPENSES - Light, Heating & Water	42,872	39,587
CHURCH EXPENSES - Insurance	7,521	6,731
FEES	808	270
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEE	200	200
MISCELLANEOUS	0	581
FUNDRAISING COSTS:		
PARISH FUNDRAISING - Christmas Raffle	72	72
PARISH FUNDRAISING - Other	1,019	1,999
	126,772	118,520
NET RESOURCES EXPENDED	-20,412	-10,118
BALANCE B/FWD 1 JANUARY	39,218	39,921
TRANSFER TO PRIVATE OPEN SPACE FUND	0	0
TRANSFER FROM PARISH CENTRE FUND	15,512	9,415
BALANCE C/FWD 31 DECEMBER	34,318	39,218

PARISH CENTRE FUND (DESIGNATED)

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
VOLUNTARY INCOME:		
DONATIONS - Gift Aided	0	0
DONATIONS - not Gift Aided	50	0
FUNDRAISING - Gift Aided	0	0
FUNDRAISING - not Gift Aided	0	0
GRANTS	0	109
INCOME FROM CHURCH ACTIVITIES:		
LETTINGS	32,270	25,409
	32,320	25,518
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
CHURCH ACTIVITIES:		
STAFFING COSTS	6,146	5,194
PARISH OFFICE EXPENSES	1,067	1,287
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	5,539	4,356
CAPITAL COSTS	0	0
LIGHT, HEATING & WATER	3,349	4,109
INSURANCE	707	1,157
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0
	16,808	16,103
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	15,512	9,415
BALANCE B/FWD 1 JANUARY		0
TRANSFER TO CHURCH BUILDING FUND		0
TRANSFER TO PCC GENERAL FUND	-15,512	-9,415
BALANCE C/FWD 31 DECEMBER	0	0

CHURCH BUILDING FUND (DESIGNATED)

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
VOLUNTARY INCOME:		
FUNDRAISING - Gift Aided	0	0
FUNDRAISING - not Gift Aided	200	743
DONATIONS & BEQUESTS - Gift Aided	0	0
DONATIONS & BEQUESTS - not Gift Aided	50,113	531
- see Funds note on page 6		
GRANTS	972	5,178
	51,285	6,452
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
CHURCH EXPENSES:		
MAJOR WORKS	0	37,096
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	21,431	5,300
MISCELLANEOUS	536	0
	21,967	42,396
NET RESOURCES EXPENDED/ INCOMING RESOURCES	29,318	-35,944
BALANCE B/FWD 1 JANUARY	42,073	78,017
TRANSFER TO PCC GENERAL FUND	0	0
TRANSFER TO PARISH CENTRE FUND	0	0
BALANCE C/FWD 31 DECEMBER	71,391	42,073

BALANCE SHEET


as at 31st December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS:		
DEBTORS		
- Shared Access Ltd electricity Contribution	4,141	5,227
- Tax recovered (Gift Aid)	2,172	2,105
CASH WITH Scottish Widows 7 Day Account	0	52,845
CASH with CCLA	50,100	0
CASH WITH Bank	49,496	21,314
CASH IN HAND	0	0
	105,909	81,491
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year		
- Independent Examiner's Fee	200	200
- Lettings		
	200	200
NET CURRENT ASSETS/ (LIABILITIES)	105,709	81,291
	2024 £	2023 £
PARISH FUNDS:		
PCC GENERAL FUND - Unrestricted	34,318	39,218
PARISH CENTRE FUND - Designated	0	0
CHURCH BUILDING FUND - Designated	71,391	42,073
	105,709	81,291

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on
and signed on their behalf by:

4th May 2025

Signed.....  PCC Chairman

Signed.....  PCC Treasurer

Notes on page 6 form part of these accounts

MITCHAM PARISH CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024****ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities, and applicable accounting standard FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. 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 main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

FUNDS

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

Designated funds are funds set aside by the PCC for a particular project; funds so designated may be redesignated by the PCC and so designation does not prevent funds from being spent on any other purpose. A bequest of £50,000 received during the year from a former member of the congregation has been designated to the Building Fund.

Restricted funds represent donations, fundraising and 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 each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resources to which they relate are received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All income resources are accounted for gross.

RESOURCES EXPENDED

The diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are paid over immediately on receipt. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

FIXED ASSETS

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). Acquisitions of fixed assets are currently written off when incurred.

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to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this 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 PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's statement

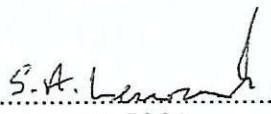
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

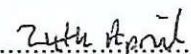
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed 
Mr Simon Lewcock FCCA
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Dated 2025