

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN, ADDINGTON

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2022

AIMS & PURPOSES

The PCC of St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Addington, supports the incumbent, the Reverend Deborah Forman, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Grade 1 Listed church building of St Mary the Blessed Virgin in Addington Village, St Mary's Community Hall in Addington Village Road and the house at 56 Viney Bank, Forestdale, which at present is rented out to a family in need of accommodation.

The Mission Statement agreed by the PCC in May 2007 is:
St Mary's seeks to be a welcoming and sensitive church where faith can be strengthened and explored, God encountered through worship and prayer, reaching out to all through service and care.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St Mary's and to become part of our parish community. All the activities overseen by the PCC are conducted with a mind to the public benefit and aspire to be in line with the guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. To facilitate our work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church building and the Community Hall. The PCC also operates a policy for the care of children and vulnerable adults and requires all organisations which use its premises to operate a similar policy. Both the Church and Hall receive full attention regarding Health & Safety and every effort has been made towards protecting the environment and the welfare of those using the facilities provided. The Church's Health and Safety Policy is up-to-date and available for inspection by anyone wishing to examine it.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

The PCC aims to offer a range of services each week and throughout the year to appeal to different members of the community, so that all may feel welcome and able to encounter God through worship and prayer.

Our main family and Eucharist service has remained at 10am each Sunday, this appears to be a popular choice. Spoken services continue at 8am each Sunday and an informal Eucharist on Tuesday evenings. There is choral Evensong has made a comeback once a month and provision for an informal service one Sunday evening each month.

This year we have welcomed many new families and individuals to our regular services. Our 'Messy Church' offering is now on a Saturday afternoon once a month, which seems a popular choice with families, avoiding clashes children may have with sports and other activities. Resources continue to be shared weekly via Whatsapp videos. Between 10 and 15 families take part. Junior church members also take part in 10am services like Harvest, playing major roles in the services.

At present there are 142 members on the Church electoral roll and an average of 50 regular attendees at our various services, many of whom live outside the parish.

It was with much joy that we were able to hold 2022 Christmas services in person, without covid restrictions.

As well as our regular services, we welcome members of our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing; through funeral services families and friends express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and commend the person to God's keeping. We have celebrated 13 baptisms, 3 weddings, 1 blessing of new wedding rings and 1 vow renewal. There was 1 interment of ashes in St Mary's church this year, along with 3 funerals.

The All Souls service, held on the first Sunday of November each year, provides an opportunity for those who have lost a loved one during the year to join others who are similarly bereaved. There are also other groups within the parish community, which enable members to worship and pray in a variety of ways:

The Altar Group give their time and skills in making the necessary preparations for the regular services to ensure the smooth-running of those services. Their work includes cleaning of vessels, laundering of linen and setting up for services.

The Bell Ringers assist in proclaiming services and celebrating weddings and other occasions. At the Monday bellringing practice, visiting ringers are regularly welcomed, the ringing of the bells has also made a welcome comeback during 2022.

The Choir membership now stands at 4 sopranos, 2 altos, 1 tenors and 2 basses. The Choir lead the singing at the Sunday morning Eucharist and often at weddings and funerals and work hard to offer choral worship at Evensong each month and at the festival services.

The Emmaus Group is a bible-study group (run by one of the Church SPAs) and the Julian Prayer Group (run by one of the parishioners) meet for meditation and prayer. Both are house-groups and there is also a more social Tuesday House-Group (run by one of the parishioners) which provides mutual support and discussion of a wide variety of topics. There are also regular Pilgrim groups held in place of these groups, with an additional group at the Vicarage led by our Lay Reader. These are six week courses.

Hand-in-hand, led by one of the Church SPAs, is held on Fridays for preschool children and their carers. This consists of a short service in church followed by activities and refreshments in the Parish Hall. It is an important outreach to new young families.

There is a thriving branch of the Mothers' Union at St Mary's with over 40 members. There are monthly meetings and a varied programme of events and activities. The Mothers' Union supports the Women's Refuge in Croydon, the Food Bank and provides babies' blankets and clothes for babies in Africa.

Bible Reading Fellowship notes are received by 18 members.

The large majority of these group's activities were curtailed by the pandemic.

The Floating Shelter is open for one night each week during November and ending on 18th December. Between 8 and 14 guests were welcomed. We were sadly not able to offer this in 2022. This has not restarted since the end of the pandemic. Instead members of the congregation made sandwiches and hot meals that were taken to larger shelters who could still operate.

A new service has been started on a Tuesday called Warm Space, which welcomes anyone from the community to have a hot drink and a light lunch with conversation and company.

An outreach service has been started in Fieldway (New Addington) on a Wednesday morning for the local community to meet up for a chat over tea/coffee and a cake.

There is a flower team who arrange the church flowers and in Advent there was a Crib Festival which gave visitors an opportunity to make a Christmas table decoration whilst enjoying the beautiful crib examples.

Deanery Synod

We currently have 4 places on the Croydon Addington Deanery. This provides the link between St Mary's parish and the wider governance of the church.

All are welcomed to the church for private prayer or to join the regular services. The church is left unlocked during daylight hours for anyone wishing to pray or look round the Church, which as it is a Grade 1 Listed building and of historical importance as the oldest public building still in daily use in Croydon is of interest to a wide range of people. We were pleased to be able to continue having the church open throughout 2022 for private prayer.

We were able to recommence hiring of the Community Hall in 2021. The toddler group has returned and the hall is also hired out to other churches for their worship. The Tuesday market has also returned. Hall bookings are increasing.

Pastoral Care

Our pastoral team of the Vicar, The Rev Deborah Forman, non-stipendiary Curate, The Rev Barbara Gentilella and Reader Lindsay Ould, and Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries, Pat Heady, Peter Wilson and Karen Holloway make visits and administer communion to any members who are unable to come to the church, together with lay chalice administrators.

"Sing4every1" has returned post covid. An enjoyable afternoon giving the opportunity for singing and socialising, providing people with somewhere to go, refreshments and a listening ear.

Mission and Evangelism

During 2022 there were charitable collections in church, which are listed in the Accounts. The total raised during 2022 was £1,374.

Ten issues of St Mary's parish magazine were distributed during the year and these were available in church for visitors. The magazine is a popular record of parish activities, containing many interesting features contributed by members of the community and providing a useful advertising vehicle for local businesses and traders. Each issue contains information about church services and their times and associated bible references as well as details of parish personnel and letters from the Vicar and the Bishop. It is now being published in colour.

The parish website (www.addington.org.uk) is an additional source of information about the church and parish activities.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Mary's is a member of Churches Together in Selsdon and Addington (CTSA) and participates in Lent Groups and other joint activities across a wider area.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During 2022 total receipts to the PCC accounts were £129,106 of which £8,625 were voluntary donations. These were from planned giving (£48,511), Gift Aid (£6,216) and other donations. Planned giving through bankers' orders and regular giving envelopes continues to be the major source of income and the amount recovered through Gift Aid is an important additional receipt. Several members of the congregation now use the Parish Giving Scheme.

The parish's contribution to the Diocese was £69,225 (£5,768.75 per month), The net result at the end of the year was a loss of £16,624. Details of all receipts and expenditure are shown in the Financial Statements.

Dividends received from our investments were £15,008.

The bank balances at the end of year totalled £156,510 this includes the PCC A/C, Hall fund, Fees and Catering.

RESERVES POLICY

At present there is no specific Reserves Policy for the PCC funds. It is intended to maintain a Reserve of £20,000 in the General Fund. The PCC also has the option to apply to St Mary's Development Trust for assistance with large expenditure for the church building. St Mary's Development Trust was set up in the 1980s to raise money from within and outside the congregation of St Mary's for the refurbishment of the frescoes in the Chancel. The Trust has since continued to be a fund-raising body for the benefit of the church building.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make St Mary's church the lively and welcoming community that it is. We especially thank our churchwardens Mrs Liz Hook (from May 2019) Mr Marc Opaleye (from May 2021) and our Treasurer, Mr James Robinson and our Parish Secretary Mrs Linda Hines, who all work tirelessly in their respective roles.

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

At St Mary's members are appointed to the Parochial Church Council through nomination and election at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), by those on the church electoral roll. The APCM is a public meeting but all members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC is chaired by the incumbent, (our vicar) and also includes our curates and the churchwardens.

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including the use of the parish finances.

The members of the PCC serve on a range of sub-committees: Worship & Education, Buildings & Equipment, Catering and Finance to plan and implement the objectives of the PCC. These sub-committees report back to the PCC and their decisions are discussed and passed as necessary by the full PCC.

The PCC met 5 times during the year.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The church of St Mary the Blessed Virgin is situated in Addington Village Road in the heart of Addington Village. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is The Parish Office, Addington Village Road, Croydon, CR0 5AS.

The PCC is a charity currently registered with the Charities Commission, No. 1142513.

PCC members who have served at any time from 17th March 2021 until 6th April 2022 are:

Ex Officio members:

- The Reverend Deborah Forman (Chair) (Incumbent)
- The Reverend Barbara Gentilella (Assistant Priest)
- Mr Marc Opaleye (Churchwarden)
- Mrs Liz Hook (Churchwarden)

Deanery Synod Members (ex officio):

Karen Holloway
Christopher Parker
Janet Davies

Elected Members:

Phil Davison
Pat Heady
Karen Holloway
Teresa Lock
Lesley Pannell
Christopher Parker
Debbie Parker
Terry Player
James Robinson
Peter Wilson
Lynn Clark
Neil Clark
Reg Van Selm
Lindsay Ould
Claire Shapiro
Linda Hines
Janet Davies

The Trustees

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Blessed Virgin

Addington

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27th October 2023

Dear Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Blessed Virgin (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Charity's accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

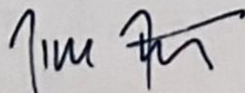
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



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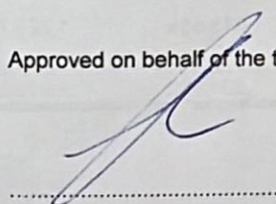
ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN ADDINGTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Statement of Financial Activities	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	1	64,276	9,000	73,276	103,279
Charitable activities	2	10,233	-	10,233	15,607
Other trading activities	3	30,589	-	30,589	34,158
Investments	4	15,008	-	15,008	13,382
Other incoming resources	5	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		120,106	9,000	129,106	166,426
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Cost of services	6	7,892	-	7,892	9,545
Running costs	7	114,169	-	114,169	103,093
Church management and administration	8	6,568	-	6,568	5,733
Cost of charitable activities	9	2,017	13,857	15,874	5,635
Other expenditure	10	1,227	-	1,227	1,096
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		131,873	13,857	145,730	125,102
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(11,767)	(4,857)	(16,624)	41,324
Curate's house		-	-	-	-
Church Hall		-	-	-	-
Investments			7,586	7,586	42,533
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(11,767)	2,729	(9,038)	83,857
Fund balances at 1st January		203,794	1,609,764	1,813,558	1,729,701
FUND BALANCES AT 31ST DECEMBER		192,027	1,612,493	1,804,520	1,813,558

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Balance Sheet	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Curate's House	11	360,000	360,000
Church Hall	12	990,000	990,000
Investments	13	<u>319,313</u>	<u>311,727</u>
		<u>1,669,313</u>	<u>1,661,727</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	14	4,054	5,371
Cash at Bank	15	<u>156,510</u>	<u>172,425</u>
		<u>160,564</u>	<u>177,796</u>
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	16	<u>(25,358)</u>	<u>(25,965)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>135,206</u>	<u>151,831</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>1,804,519</u></u>	<u><u>1,813,558</u></u>
FUNDS			
Revaluation Reserve - Properties	17	1,329,076	1,329,076
Parochial Funds	17	283,657	280,688
General Reserve	17	<u>192,027</u>	<u>203,794</u>
		<u><u>1,804,760</u></u>	<u><u>1,813,558</u></u>

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 27 Sept 2023



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Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Addington meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is accounted for when received, except for associated gift aid income which is accounted for when the related donation is received.

Investments

Investments for which there is a quoted market value are valued at the bid-price ruling at the balance sheet date. Other investments are valued at their realisable market value. Investment gains and losses arising during the year are included in the SOFA.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<u>1. Donations and legacies</u>				
Planned giving	48,511	-	48,511	49,936
Collections	924	450	1,374	935
Sundry donations	8,625	-	8,625	41,687
Gift Aid Claimed	6,216	-	6,216	8,721
Henry Smith Fund	-	-	-	2,000
Hall Fund	-	6,874	6,874	-
Other Restricted Giving	-	1,675	1,675	-
	<u>64,276</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>73,276</u>	<u>103,279</u>
<u>2. Charitable activities</u>				
Funerals	6,588	-	6,588	8,153
Weddings	3,019	-	3,019	5,728
PCC fees income	626	-	626	1,726
	<u>10,233</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,233</u>	<u>15,607</u>
<u>3. Other trading activities</u>				
Hall hire	12,262	-	12,262	8,686
Magazine sales	1,007	-	1,007	1,377
Viney Bank rent	16,800	-	16,800	23,800
Catering	520	-	520	295
	<u>30,589</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,589</u>	<u>34,158</u>
<u>4. Investment Income</u>				
Dividends	15,008	-	15,008	13,382
	<u>15,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,008</u>	<u>13,382</u>
<u>5. Other Incoming Resources</u>				
Government grant - CJRS	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
6. Cost of services				
Gravedigging	540	-	540	905
Organist Fees	875	-	875	1,300
SLCF Fees	3,657	-	3,657	4,114
Subscriptions	1,273	-	1,273	1,038
Misc Costs of Services	1,547	-	1,547	2,188
	<u>7,892</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,892</u>	<u>9,545</u>
7. Running costs				
Diocesan Quota	69,225	-	69,225	64,500
Catering	692	-	692	410
Cleaning	4,465	-	4,465	785
Electricity and Gas	7,409	-	7,409	4,036
Expenses	716	-	716	-
Insurance	6,978	-	6,978	6,506
Misc Running Costs	290	-	290	704
Operating Lease Expense	7,228	-	7,228	7,228
Printing & Stationery Costs	2,681	-	2,681	2,941
Major Repairs & Maintenance	6,548	-	6,548	9,715
Routine Repairs & Maintenance	4,892	-	4,892	2,700
Telecoms	1,070	-	1,070	854
Waste Disposal	1,226	-	1,226	1,934
Water and Waste	749	-	749	780
	<u>114,169</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114,169</u>	<u>103,093</u>
8. Management and Administration				
Salary	5,030	-	5,030	4,769
Bank Charges	141	-	141	184
Other expenses	1,397	-	1,397	780
	<u>6,568</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,568</u>	<u>5,733</u>
9. Cost of charitable activities				
Henry Smith Fund	976	-	976	1,315
Misc Charitable Giving	1,042	-	1,042	1,200
Bishop's Lenten Appeal	-	320	320	-
Fabric Fund	(0)	4,024	4,024	-
Other Restricted Giving	(0)	1,915	1,915	-
Hall Fund	0	7,597	7,597	3,120
	<u>2,017</u>	<u>13,857</u>	<u>15,874</u>	<u>5,635</u>
10. Other (Viney Bank)				
Viney Bank Insurance	367	-	367	356
Viney Bank Misc	600	-	600	500
Viney Bank Routine Repairs	260	-	260	240
	<u>1,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,227</u>	<u>1,096</u>

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Notes to the accounts

Notes to the accounts	2022 £	2021 £	
<u>11. Fixed Assets - Curate's House</u>			
b/fwd 1st January	360,000	360,000	
Gain / (loss) on revaluation	-	-	
Balance c/fwd 31st December	<u>360,000</u>	<u>360,000</u>	
<u>12. Fixed Assets - Church Hall</u>			
B/fwd 1st January	990,000	990,000	
Gain / (loss) on revaluation	-	-	
Balance c/fwd 31st December	<u>990,000</u>	<u>990,000</u>	
<u>13. Fixed Assets - Investments</u>			
Held by Southwark Diocesan Church Trust			
Balance b/fwd 1st January	311,727	269,194	
Gain / (loss) on revaluation	7,586	42,533	
Balance c/fwd 31st December at market value	<u>319,313</u>	<u>311,727</u>	
<u>14. Debtors</u>			
Gift Aid - Tax Recovered	4,044	5,361	
Sundry Debtors	10	10	
	<u>4,054</u>	<u>5,371</u>	
<u>15. Bank Accounts</u>			
Lloyds Bank Treasurer's Account	113,027	112,244	
Nat West Bank Current Account	42,276	58,812	
Fees Account	-	-	
Catering Committee Account	1,207	1,369	
	<u>156,510</u>	<u>172,425</u>	
<u>16. Creditors</u>			
Key Deposit - Hall	405	405	
Loan from Hall Fund	24,000	24,000	
Accruals	953	1,560	
	<u>25,358</u>	<u>25,965</u>	
<u>17. Capital Funds</u>			
	31.12.2021 & 01.01.2022	Movement in Year	31.12.2022
Curate's House Revaluation Reserve	339,076	-	339,076
Church Hall Revaluation Reserve	990,000	-	990,000
Parochial Investment	111,727	7,586	119,313
Fabric Fund	499	(4,024)	(3,526)
Hall Fund	165,562	(723)	164,839
Country Market	76	130	206
Lenton Appeal	1,811	-	1,811
Harvest Supper	626	-	626
Save the Children	244	-	244
Organ Fund	70	-	70
World Vision	73	-	73
Other Restricted Giving	-	(240)	(240)
General Reserve	203,794	(11,767)	192,027
Total Funds	<u>1,813,558</u>	<u>(9,038)</u>	<u>1,804,520</u>