

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PAUL'S, WIMBLEDON PARK

England & Wales · Charity number 1142917

## Details

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**Other names** ST PAUL'S PCC, SW19

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Previously excepted

**Registered** 2011-07-18

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** St Paul is an inclusive parish church with a friendly family character trying to serve the local community and to build bridges between people of different outlooks and needs. We have a lively congregation with a wide range of ages. We cater for many differing needs through worship and community in a beautiful Victorian building. We are a part of the Church of England in the Diocese of Southwark .

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Wandsworth

## Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £216,361 | £236,527    | -      | -         |
| 2023-12-31 | £275,214 | £323,024    | -      | -         |
| 2022-12-31 | £217,482 | £177,573    | -      | -         |
| 2021-12-31 | £226,474 | £168,128    | -      | -         |
| 2020-12-31 | £190,809 | £166,701    | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                           | Role  | Appointed  |
|--------------------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>Rev Susan Melanie Bolen</b> | Chair | 2019-02-05 |
| Anne Lesley Minors             |       | 2023-05-21 |
| Candice Hiu Yan Andrade        |       | 2024-05-25 |
| Doreen Hewitt                  |       | 2017-04-23 |
| Gillain Jago                   |       | 2024-09-01 |
| Gillian Thompson               |       | 2020-10-11 |
| Helena Sarah Butcher           |       | 2023-12-05 |
| Josephine Mulaki               |       | 2018-04-15 |
| Lesley Christine Hazel         |       | 2023-05-21 |
| Michael Christian Graham Bower |       | 2022-05-08 |
| Michael Lowe                   |       | 2024-05-25 |
| Norman Allen CBE               |       | 2018-04-15 |
| Preethika Suzanna Chandran     |       | 2025-05-11 |
| Rev Giacomo Giuseppe Belloli   |       | 2023-06-25 |
| William Fairbarns              |       | 2020-12-09 |

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# Accounts

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# PCC St Pauls Wimbledon Park

## Financial Activities

January - December 2024

|        | Trim                            |                                 | Church - PCC | R - Pantry Fund | R - Wimbledon Foundation Youth Work | R - Youth Work | Total       |          |
|--------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| Header | Income                          | Income                          |              |                 |                                     |                |             |          |
|        | Donated Income                  | Donated Income                  | 1,243.70     |                 |                                     |                | 1,243.70    |          |
|        | Other Giving                    | Other Giving                    | 9,426.55     | 1,459.77        |                                     |                | 10,886.32   |          |
|        | Other Giving (Gift Aid)         | Other Giving (Gift Aid)         | 4,827.40     | 300.00          |                                     |                | 5,127.40    |          |
| Total  | Total Donated Income            | Total Donated Income            | £ 15,497.65  | £ 1,759.77      | £ 0.00                              | £ 0.00         | £ 17,257.42 |          |
|        | Donated Income (Regular)        | Donated Income (Regular)        | 44.00        |                 |                                     |                | 44.00       |          |
|        | Regular Giving (Gift Aid Envs)  | Regular Giving (Gift Aid Envs)  | 3,550.00     |                 |                                     |                | 3,550.00    |          |
|        | Regular Giving (Gift Aid SO's)  | Regular Giving (Gift Aid SO's)  | 16,676.08    |                 |                                     |                | 16,676.08   |          |
|        | Regular Giving (Other)          | Regular Giving (Other)          | 2,626.00     |                 |                                     |                | 2,626.00    |          |
|        | Regular Giving (PGS)            | Regular Giving (PGS)            | 40,946.17    |                 |                                     |                | 40,946.17   |          |
| Total  | Total Donated Income (Regular)  | Total Donated Income (Regular)  | £ 63,842.25  | £ 0.00          | £ 0.00                              | £ 0.00         | £ 63,842.25 |          |
|        | Fund Raising Income             | Fund Raising Income             |              |                 |                                     |                | 0.00        |          |
|        | Fund Raising - Church           | Fund Raising - Church           | 6,114.00     |                 |                                     |                | 6,114.00    |          |
|        | Fund Raising - Cmnty Ctr        | Fund Raising - Cmnty Ctr        | 781.45       |                 |                                     |                | 781.45      |          |
| Total  | Total Fund Raising Income       | Total Fund Raising Income       | £ 6,895.45   | £ 0.00          | £ 0.00                              | £ 0.00         | £ 6,895.45  |          |
|        | Grants Received                 | Grants Received                 | 854.00       |                 |                                     |                | 854.00      |          |
|        | Grants - NINDS                  | Grants - NINDS                  | 1,500.00     |                 |                                     |                | 1,500.00    |          |
|        | Grants - Other                  | Grants - Other                  | 800.00       |                 |                                     |                | 800.00      |          |
| Total  | Total Grants Received           | Total Grants Received           | £ 3,154.00   | £ 0.00          | £ 0.00                              | £ 0.00         | £ 3,154.00  |          |
|        | Income from Activities          | Income from Activities          | 36.00        |                 |                                     |                | 36.00       |          |
|        | Hire of Church                  | Hire of Church                  | 9,850.50     |                 |                                     |                | 9,850.50    |          |
|        | Hire of Community Centre        | Hire of Community Centre        | 66,710.72    |                 |                                     |                | 66,710.72   |          |
|        | Weddings & Funerals - Church    | Weddings & Funerals - Church    | 266.00       |                 |                                     |                | 266.00      |          |
| Total  | Total Income from Activities    | Total Income from Activities    | £ 76,863.22  | £ 0.00          | £ 0.00                              | £ 0.00         | £ 76,863.22 |          |
|        | Income from Investments         | Income from Investments         |              |                 |                                     |                | 0.00        |          |
|        | Interest and Dividends          | Interest and Dividends          | 3,046.64     |                 |                                     |                | 3,046.64    |          |
|        | Rent from 90 Augustus Rd        | Rent from 90 Augustus Rd        | 33,600.00    |                 |                                     |                | 33,600.00   |          |
| Total  | Total Income from Investments   | Total Income from Investments   | £ 36,646.64  | £ 0.00          | £ 0.00                              | £ 0.00         | £ 36,646.64 |          |
|        | Income Tax Recovered (Gift Aid) | Income Tax Recovered (Gift Aid) | 5,953.86     |                 |                                     |                | 5,953.86    | 5,953.86 |
|        | Other Voluntary Income          | Other Voluntary Income          |              |                 |                                     |                | 0.00        | 5,000.00 |
|        | Legacy                          | Legacy                          | 5,000.00     |                 |                                     |                | 5,000.00    | 350      |
| Total  | Total Other Voluntary Income    | Total Other Voluntary Income    | £ 5,000.00   | £ 0.00          | £ 0.00                              | £ 0.00         | £ 5,000.00  |          |
|        | Sales of Product Income         | Sales of Product Income         | 398.00       |                 |                                     |                | 398.00      |          |

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**Financial Activities**  
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|  | Trim                               |                                    | Church - PCC | R - Pantry Fund | R - Wimbledon Foundation Youth Work | R - Youth Work | Total        |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
|  | Special Appeals Income             | Special Appeals Income             |              |                 |                                     |                | 0.00         |
|  | Special Appeals (AudioVisual)      | Special Appeals (AudioVisual)      | 250.00       |                 |                                     |                | 250.00       |
|  | Special Appeals (Pantry)           | Special Appeals (Pantry)           | 0.00         | 100.00          |                                     |                | 100.00       |
|  | Total Special Appeals Income       | Total Special Appeals Income       | £ 250.00     | £ 100.00        | £ 0.00                              | £ 0.00         | £ 350.00     |
|  | Total Income                       | Total Income                       | £ 214,501.07 | £ 1,859.77      | £ 0.00                              | £ 0.00         | £ 216,360.84 |
|  | Total                              | Total                              | £ 214,501.07 | £ 1,859.77      | £ 0.00                              | £ 0.00         | £ 216,360.84 |
|  | Expenditures                       | Expenditures                       |              |                 |                                     |                |              |
|  | Activities                         | Activities                         |              |                 | 2,485.92                            | 289.23         | 2,775.15     |
|  | Charitable Contributions           | Charitable Contributions           | 0.00         |                 |                                     |                | 0.00         |
|  | Clergy Expenses                    | Clergy Expenses                    | 78.89        |                 |                                     |                | 78.89        |
|  | Clergy Housing Costs               | Clergy Housing Costs               | 12,000.00    |                 |                                     |                | 12,000.00    |
|  | Group Activity Expenses            | Group Activity Expenses            | 1,843.46     | 468.42          | 2,122.94                            | 675.05         | 5,109.87     |
|  | Heat (Gas)                         | Heat (Gas)                         | 9,507.33     |                 |                                     |                | 9,507.33     |
|  | Insurance                          | Insurance                          | 12,302.66    |                 |                                     |                | 12,302.66    |
|  | Legacy Expenditure                 | Legacy Expenditure                 | 3,550.00     |                 |                                     |                | 3,550.00     |
|  | Light (Electricity)                | Light (Electricity)                | 5,274.64     |                 |                                     |                | 5,274.64     |
|  | Maintenance & Cleaning - Church    | Maintenance & Cleaning - Church    | 4,180.16     |                 |                                     |                | 4,180.16     |
|  | Maintenance & Cleaning - Cmnty Ctr | Maintenance & Cleaning - Cmnty Ctr | 10,933.22    |                 |                                     |                | 10,933.22    |
|  | Music (Organist / Choir Master)    | Music (Organist / Choir Master)    | 9,814.26     |                 |                                     |                | 9,814.26     |
|  | Music (Other)                      | Music (Other)                      | 1,726.86     |                 |                                     |                | 1,726.86     |
|  | Pantry costs                       | Pantry costs                       |              | 7,178.96        |                                     |                | 7,178.96     |
|  | Running Expenses                   | Running Expenses                   | 4,974.61     |                 | 207.75                              | 212.53         | 5,394.89     |
|  | Salaries - Cleaners                | Salaries - Cleaners                | 7,367.84     |                 |                                     |                | 7,367.84     |
|  | Water                              | Water                              | 188.79       |                 |                                     |                | 188.79       |
|  | Total Activities                   | Total Activities                   | £ 83,742.72  | £ 7,647.38      | £ 4,816.61                          | £ 1,176.81     | £ 97,383.52  |
|  | Costs of Generating Funds          | Costs of Generating Funds          |              |                 |                                     |                | 0.00         |
|  | Costs of 90 Augustus Rd            | Costs of 90 Augustus Rd            | 11,082.75    |                 |                                     |                | 11,082.75    |
|  | Total Costs of Generating Funds    | Total Costs of Generating Funds    | £ 11,082.75  | £ 0.00          | £ 0.00                              | £ 0.00         | £ 11,082.75  |
|  | Major Repairs                      | Major Repairs                      | 1,794.00     |                 |                                     |                | 1,794.00     |
|  | Major Repairs - Flooring           | Major Repairs - Flooring           | 3,733.20     |                 |                                     |                | 3,733.20     |
|  | Total Major Repairs                | Total Major Repairs                | £ 5,527.20   | £ 0.00          | £ 0.00                              | £ 0.00         | £ 5,527.20   |

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|        | Management and Admin                                   | Management and Admin       |              |                 |                                     |                | 0.00         |
|        | Finance Costs                                          | Finance Costs              | 1,406.45     |                 |                                     |                | 1,406.45     |
|        | Printing & Photocopier                                 | Printing & Photocopier     | 4,383.29     |                 |                                     |                | 4,383.29     |
|        | Salaries - Cmmty Ctr Mgmt                              | Salaries - Cmmty Ctr Mgmt  | 19,568.46    |                 |                                     |                | 19,568.46    |
|        | Salaries - Parish Admin                                | Salaries - Parish Admin    | 15,672.31    |                 |                                     |                | 15,672.31    |
|        | Salaries - Tax & Pensions                              | Salaries - Tax & Pensions  | 17,078.46    |                 |                                     |                | 17,078.46    |
|        | Telephones                                             | Telephones                 | 1,924.97     |                 |                                     |                | 1,924.97     |
| Total  | Total Management and Admin                             | Total Management and Admin | £ 60,033.94  | £ 0.00          | £ 0.00                              | £ 0.00         | £ 60,033.94  |
|        | Parish Support Fund                                    | Parish Support Fund        | 62,500.00    |                 |                                     |                | 62,500.00    |
|        | Purchases                                              | Purchases                  |              |                 |                                     |                |              |
| Total  | Total Expenditures                                     | Total Expenditures         | £ 222,886.61 | £ 7,647.38      | £ 4,816.61                          | £ 1,176.81     | £ 236,527.41 |
| Net    | Net Operating Income                                   | Net Operating Income       | -£ 8,385.54  | -£ 5,787.61     | -£ 4,816.61                         | -£ 1,176.81    | -£ 20,166.57 |
| Header | Other Expenditures                                     | Other Expenditures         |              |                 |                                     |                |              |
|        | Between Funds Transfers                                | Between Funds Transfers    | 0.00         |                 |                                     |                | 0.00         |
| Total  | Total Other Expenditures                               | Total Other Expenditures   | £ 0.00       |                 |                                     |                | £ 0.00       |
| Net    | Net Other Income                                       | Net Other Income           | £ 0.00       | £ 0.00          | £ 0.00                              | £ 0.00         | £ 0.00       |
| Net    | Net Income/(Expenditure)                               | Net Income/(Expenditure)   | -£ 8,385.54  | -£ 5,787.61     | -£ 4,816.61                         | -£ 1,176.81    | -£ 20,166.57 |
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# Accounts

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## **Annual Report & Accounts 2023**



**Parochial Church Council  
St Paul's Church  
Wimbledon Parkside**

*Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2024 of the  
Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul's Wimbledon Parkside  
118-120 Augustus Road, London SW19 6EW  
Presented on the 19th May 2024  
Reporting period 1<sup>st</sup> January - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023*

**Registered Charity 1142917**

## Ministry Report

We are pleased to report that in 2023 we have seen some significant signs of progress in several areas of ministry and mission at St Paul's. We continue to see growing numbers in church across our traditional Sunday morning services as well as our monthly All-Age Messy Church services. Morning and evening services continue to be offered both in-person and online, allowing us to cater to the somewhat gathered nature of our community, with regular congregation members living both in parish and some as far away as Banstead, Surrey.

Our vision is to be a growing community where God is found in the beauty and joy of our worship, the warmth of our welcome, the breadth of our outreach and our love for our neighbour, with priorities therefore focusing on: Nurture, Outreach, Welcome and the Environment. This report focusses primarily on Nurture, while other reports will address the latter three.

**Nurture:** The year has been largely been a joyful one, with the long-awaited arrival of our new full-time Curate, Jack Belloli, for whom we are grateful; a steady number of baptisms including one adult baptism and confirmation; the wedding of one of St Paul's longstanding members and the arrival of a small but growing number of young professionals.

Sunday evening prayer has been largely offered by laity, so we give thanks for the ministry of Margaret Brown, David Gooderson, Eve Speare and of course, our wonderful Lay Reader, Norman Allen who has also preached once monthly at our Sunday morning Eucharist.

Other special services this year included a Deanery Welcome service for the new Kingston Area Bishop, the Right Reverend Dr Martin Gainsborough; Compline, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services were held during Holy Week. We saw well-attended Easter celebrations; a Blessing of the Animals service as well as a Choral Evensong service in celebration of Creationtide in September; a special Evening Prayer service with Bishop Rob Gillian to celebrate the completion the Reredos; All Soul's Memorial service in November; a Lessons and Carols service and a Christingle service in Advent; and well-attended Christmas celebrations at the Crib service and Midnight Mass.

The ministry team, augmented by members of the laity including Margaret Brown, Lesley Hazel, Doreen Hewitt, Gill Thompson and Terry Woolgar, continue to welcome St Cecilia's school on a termly basis for

‘Worship in the Community’ and occasional sessions of Junior Church have been offered by our Children and Young People’s (CYP) ministry team on Sunday mornings. We continue to actively seek solutions to grow our CYP ministry and we expect to see further developments in this important area in the coming year.

Another important area of ministry to the church and wider community has traditionally been funeral ministry. In 2023, the number of funerals significantly declined at St Paul’s, which reflects a national trend away from traditional funerals and particularly church funerals. Nevertheless, there were some significant funerals in church in 2023 as we celebrated the lives of three much-loved members of St Paul’s, including a long-time Sacristan who had served St Paul’s with great dedication.

Quiet days have been an important feature of St Paul’s in the past and in 2023 we were able to renew our offering of semi-annual quiet days with a Pre-Advent Quiet Morning held in November.

Other nurture/teaching events took place throughout the year and included Lent and Advent courses, joint study courses with the Wimbledon Synagogue as well as baptism and wedding preparation courses.

We owe special thanks to the many people who make St Paul’s the warm and welcoming church that it is, including St Paul’s music director, Kevin Jones and members of the choir, who made great efforts to provide beautiful and moving music that greatly enhanced our worship at special services and every Sunday Eucharist. We give thanks for our welcomers as well as our flower arranging team organized by Doreen Hewitt; our readers and intercessors organized by Eve Speare; our hospitality team organized by Juliet Childs and our housekeeping team which includes the Woolgars, the Hewitts and the Thompsons, who faithfully spend their Tuesday mornings putting the church right.

As ever, the most important thing to be said about the ministry and mission of St Paul’s is that many people are involved in carrying it out, far beyond the ministry team. At St Paul’s we are blessed with many highly talented and generous individuals who wholeheartedly engage in sharing the love of God in daily life and through the work of the church and Community Centre. I am enormously grateful for a fantastic Staff team, including Revd Jack Belloli, Norman Allen, Gill Thompson, Terry Woolgar, Guy Booth and Sam Egan. A special mention goes to Mark

Gilbert, who has continued to offer extraordinary support to the newly formed Finance team who are a wonderful support in their own right and include Sylvia Mpawulo, Craig Campbell, Gillian Jago, Mike Lowe and Gill Thompson. The PCC and I are enormously grateful. Thanks also go to the many other members of our congregation and community who offer their time and talent for the ministry and mission of St Paul's. I offer my heartfelt appreciation and deepest thanks to you all!

*Revd Susan Bolen, Vicar*

## **Churchwardens' Report (including Fabric Report)**

The number of people attending church services has increased during the year and live streaming continues to be an important part of our worship. The average attendance at the Sunday morning Eucharist service is 59, which is an increase on last year. The church continues to be open during the week for visitors and for private reflection and prayer which, although the numbers are modest, is appreciated by those who come in. There continues to be a midday Eucharist service on Wednesday each week attended by a small number of regular members.

In April we held a service of Choral Evensong for the Deanery to welcome the new Bishop of Kingston. This was well attended by members of St Paul's, as well as from other churches.

In May we celebrated the coronation of King Charles III by opening the church to enable residents and members to come together and watch the ceremony on the big screen. Light refreshments were provided. This was appreciated by all who attended.

In June we welcomed The Revd Jack Belloli as our Curate. We were lucky enough to be able to attend the ordination service at Southwark Cathedral and we welcomed Jack to the parish on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. We were also charged by the Diocese with finding him accommodation and with the help of staff at John D. Wood & Co we managed to find a suitable flat in the parish and within walking distance to the church.

July provided us with the opportunity to hold a Summer Fair. Organised by the Community Centre Manager and with the help of many members of St Paul's congregation, it proved to be a very successful event. We hope to organise a similar event in 2025. A huge thankyou to all who took part.

St Paul's also agreed to take part in the Faith Trails for schools organised by the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE). St Paul's became part of the Wimbledon Faith Trail which includes the Wimbledon Synagogue and the Buddhist Temple. It has been a pleasure to be involved with this initiative and to see how the children enjoy the visits.

We once again celebrated 'Creationtide' in church with the display board showing a variety of art and interpretations by members of the congregation.

Anne Minors organised a very successful concert to raise the final funds needed to complete the reredos project. It was a very enjoyable evening of entertainment, followed by refreshments. Well done, Anne for the vision and tenacity to see this through.

Our Christmas Fair in November was attended by members of the community and managed to raise £2,165 towards church funds. Our sincere thanks to all those members of the congregation who willingly turned up and helped on the day. We met with the Area Dean for the annual inspection of the church and were pleased that all continues to be positive. St Paul's also continues to work within the local community, running **Tea and Toys** on a Tuesday morning and **All-Age Messy Church** on the first Sunday of the month at 4.00 pm. Both offer different activities: play at **Tea and Toys**, and more organized activities for **Messy Church**. There are also occasional meetings between the local synagogue and mosque. St Cecelia's Secondary School holds termly visits to the church by House Groups. **St Paul's Pantry** continues to serve those in need on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. Students from St Cecelia's also help with **St Paul's Pantry** on a regular basis.

### **Fabric Report**

Last year we reported that one or two wooden blocks in the floor had risen. Following further investigation, it was discovered that the surface beneath the blocks had cracked and a small amount of damp had caused the problem. This surface beneath the blocks has been repaired and the blocks re-laid. To date all is well. Our thanks to Mike Lowe for doing this work for us.

The restoration of the reredos, roodscreen and cross was completed in June. Our thanks to Elizabeth Simon who managed the project

throughout. The craftsmen/women were a joy to watch and always had time to explain and show what they were doing; it was a real insight into real craftsmanship.

The restorers also cleaned and repainted the damp patch on the north wall of the church and again our thanks to Elizabeth for organising this. The work on the wall was completed at no cost to the church.

For many years we have had a problem with one of the downpipes from the church that is located at the back of one of the hall cupboards, causing water ingress and dampness. The company who carried out the latest repair also noted a few other items of repair needed, including gutter clearance. We had our Quinquennial inspection and will await the report before taking any further action on the roof. It has also been recorded that there is a raised stone on the steps going up to the high altar and a damp corner in the wayside chapel.

Cameras for live streaming/recording have been installed in the Lady Chapel and behind the screen in the chancel. Our thanks to Sebastiaan Bolen, Mike Lowe and Alan and Jenny Bryant for all their work in completing this work.

Terry will be standing down at the APCM after serving three years as churchwarden. I would like to pass on my thanks to him for his work and support.

*Gill Thompson and Terry Woolgar*

### **Special Report: Restoration of Reredos and Roodscreen**

2023 saw the long-awaited completion of our project to restore the 1908 reredos and the 1896 roodscreen, both the work of the eminent designer Charles Eamer Kempe. This was a project intended originally to be included in our 1995 Centenary Works. We could not afford to undertake it then but were finally able to realise it this year, after many years of preparation, with the key initial financial support of a legacy from our late much loved organist, David Leyland, and a grant from The Kempe Trust, together with a legacy from a dear member and former Churchwarden, Andrew Keat.

Faculty permission was received in October 2022 and the restoration team of Stephen Bellion, with Ricky Green and Ann Reed, started work

in late January 2023 and completed the restoration in June. Although some small elements of damaged or missing carving were replaced, especially in the reredos, the main work consisted of restoring the faded painting and gilding on the reredos and the roodscreen and introducing selective gilding on the cross, including gilding its inscription 'So God loved the world'. On the reredos, restoration was undertaken both to the original Kempe painting and gilding and the new work, mainly painting, overseen in 1938 by Martin Travers. (On the latter, the Travers blues and reds were restored to the more intense 1908 Kempe palette.) On the screen, the 1957 colours were restored, using the Kempe shades, and the gold painting was gilded to provide more long-lasting lustre. As an added bonus the team repaired, cleaned and polished our pulpit and sounding board statue of St John the Baptist with his gilded halo and cross.

A funding appeal to raise the balance of the estimated cost of the restoration was launched in November 2022 to church members and friends and to our local community. When the appeal closed at the end of October 2023 it had raised £31,000 in donations with a further £1,000 raised by the very successful concert, organised by Anne Minors and held in October. Including the initial legacies and grant, and adding in the Gift Aid which many donors included, the total sum raised to pay for the restoration was nearly £84,000 which almost exactly matched the net cost of the restoration project. This means that the restoration was realised as intended at no direct cost to the PCC General Funds; in fact the Annual Accounts show a small surplus which will help fund the plaque recording the restoration, which will be installed on the reredos, opposite the 1908 plaque.

We give huge thanks to everyone who helped bring this restoration project to fruition. DEO GRATIAS.

*Elizabeth Simon*

## **Reader's Report**

I am grateful to receive Diocesan Permission to Officiate (PTO), with encouragement from the Vicar and the congregation. 2023 was another busy year: twenty sermons, delivered at various services, plus some pastoral support. I have also attended events hosted by the Ahmadiyya Community, the Wimbledon Synagogue, and the International Liberty

Association, supporting the people of Iran. I hope to be able to continue to serve St Paul's, albeit at the slower pace of advancing years.

*Norman Allen, Reader*

## **Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary (SPA)**

I retired from being a Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary (SPA) on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 after 22 and a half years of being a SPA and part of the staff team at St. Paul's. I have learned a lot during this time and met and supported many lovely people, some of whom are no longer with us.

The most valued time for me was at the start of the Covid pandemic where I worked with Revd Susan to set up church support groups and also set up and administered the Angels Project, which put people in need in touch with those offering help. We needed to ensure that vulnerable people and those offering them support had guidelines to protect themselves. This led to setting up St Paul's Pantry in which I helped support Helen with paperwork during the first year.

The Bishop of Southwark has sent me a letter of thanks and a certificate, and has given me the title of SPA Emeritus. I am sad not to be a 'full' SPA. Age and health plays a part, plus family commitments, but I hope to continue to help and support where I can, and I know that St. Paul's Church will continue to grow in the capable hands of Revd Susan and the staff team.

*Joan Endean*

## **Electoral Roll Officer Report**

The Electoral Roll of St Paul's Church now stands at 101.

Very sadly, we have lost some of our faithful members this year, but some new people have joined. If you consider yourself a part of St. Paul's Church and have been worshipping with us for three months, and are not yet on the Electoral Roll, please do fill in a yellow form at the back of the church and give it to a Churchwarden or me. When you are on the Church Electoral Roll it allows you to vote in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), and also to be on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to have a say in the running of our church. Do please consider it.

*Joan Endean*

## Parish Safeguarding

St Paul's church continues to follow the Safeguarding policies for children and vulnerable adults established by the Diocese of Southwark. In January 2023 I completed a Parish Safeguarding course at Trinity House Southwark, which adds to the leadership course I had previously attended. Southwark Diocese provides online courses covering basic and foundation in Safeguarding and training to raise awareness of domestic abuse.

In September 2023 we organised with Southwark Diocese for Revd Hannah Thomson from Christ Church & St Philip, Worcester Park to kindly come along to St Paul's to deliver Safeguarding training at foundation level. Over 20 of our staff and volunteers attended. I am pleased to say the day was a huge success and feedback was very positive. A huge 'thank you' to everyone who attended.

Face to face proof of identity checks are being carried out as part of Disclosure and Barring service (DBS). DBS is renewable after 3 years.

I continue to arrange for people to complete Safeguarding training online. Ann parkin is on standby for whenever I need her assistance.

*Claire Neate, St Paul's Safeguarding Officer*

## ----- **NURTURE** -----

### Friday Group

We meet fortnightly, except in Lent and Advent when it's weekly. It's a supportive group where we spend time together over coffee talking about concerns we have and praying for those situations. We then read either a part of the Bible or a book on faith/beliefs. It's a relaxed and safe space where we can express our ideas, doubts and joys. The books we read aren't always easy, but they invariably give us food for discussion and ideas for our onward journey in life, with support from each other.

*Sue Chick*

## **Prayer Chain**

We are a group of people who pray for anyone in need. There is a list we all hold and anyone can add people to that list. Just contact Sue Chick, Daphne Foster or any of the clergy team and we will pray for those in need. It would also be helpful to know of any changes or if the person no longer needs to be on the prayer list.

*Daphne Foster/Sue Chick*

## **Church Birthday Card Scheme**

We give a birthday card to anyone from St Paul's who would like their birthday celebrated in this way. Their name also appears on the pew sheet in the relevant month. If you wish to receive a card for yourself or your family members, please contact Daphne Foster or Sue Chick. We don't need to know ages, but if we have the age of children we can try to find an appropriate card.

*Daphne Foster/Sue Chick*

## **Jean Garling Fund**

This fund was set up in memory of Jean with a bequest from her estate and is available to lay members of the congregation for training to support their spiritual development. Once again, this year no one has approached us for support, which means the fund is in a good position to help going forward. With expanding work with children and young people, and the opportunities for more 'Quiet' and /or Study Days now that Covid lockdowns are over, we are hopeful that the fund will be used again in the near future.

*Doreen Hewitt*

----- **WELCOME** -----

## **Music**

The choir continue to lead the hymn singing at the front of the church with most singers sitting facing the congregation in front of the

roodscreen. Most of the choir and members of the congregation feel that this arrangement provides a better lead, helps singers to sing more confidently and looks better on live-stream. However others prefer the choir to be seated in the choir stalls which is our usual arrangement for special services. This presents significant challenges with respect to confidence, ensemble and coordination when numbers are low, but works well with a healthy turn-out.

Choir numbers each week tend to be very variable - on occasions up to 24 singers, other times as low as 5 or 6 - but this year we have been delighted to welcome some new voices whose contributions have been greatly appreciated.

To avoid making services too long (by request) the choir will rarely sing a stand-alone anthem but now will frequently sing a Communion anthem before the Communion hymn - a pattern which seems to work well. We continue to sing settings from a variety of periods, ancient and modern, including arrangements of music from other world music traditions as appropriate.

The organ has generally been working well, but the lowest 'Positive' manual continues to present challenges with additional stops joining the 'failing list' this year. When the more important 'Great' and 'Swell' were upgraded a few years ago it was thought that the 'Positive' could wait, but with more parts wearing out it would now benefit from the same upgrading.

Many thanks to Sue, Julia, Morgan and other visiting organists for standing in when Kevin has been away.

Once again, many thanks to all choir members for their loyal support, and especially to John for his tireless commitment helping to copy music and organise the choir music library, to Ann for dealing with music licence reporting and copyright, to Susan, Norman and Churchwardens for their support, and to members of the congregation and visitors who have made a point of thanking and complimenting St Paul's musicians for our contribution to services.

*Kevin Jones*

## Flower Group

This year has been another busy one for the team with a wedding and a number of funerals/memorial services to decorate for as well as the regular festivals. As usual we have continued to ensure suitable arrangements are in place week by week for the Sunday service with materials generously donated by the team, who see this as part of their regular giving and preparation for Sunday worship.

This year we have been supported by a small number of the congregation who have been happy to regularly plunder their gardens for greenery. We are very grateful for their generosity, however this last year we have had to buy foliage outside of the usual festivals or special occasions. Going forward this looks like becoming a regular occurrence, which means if we are to continue with fresh flowers in church on a weekly basis we are likely to be looking for more regular contributions to the flower fund. For the moment we will continue as usual and provide examples of God's wonderful creation for all to enjoy.

*Doreen Hewitt*

## IT and Technical Developments

Several improvements to the church's technical infrastructure were made during the year.

Two more cameras were installed: one is in the choir area behind the roodscreen and can be controlled from the sound desk to look through the screen into the church and also in the other direction to the altar; the other is at the back of the Lady Chapel, looking forward. Both are integrated into the AV system for broadcasts of services.

A HIVE control system was installed to control the heating in the church. This allows a much more flexible and responsive approach to managing the heating, which can now be done from the church office and remotely by smartphone. This will also enable reduction in energy usage.

The enhancements to the sound system in church, delivered in 2022, were completed with the purchase of a second radio microphone in 2023 for clergy use.

A large projector screen, with stand, was purchased to support screenings of film, video and TV broadcasts to audiences.

*Sebastiaan Boelen / Mike Lowe*

## ----- **OUTREACH** -----

Outreach is an area that has continued to grow in 2023. Outreach specifically aimed at youth and children - **Tea & Toys**, **Tea & Toast** and **Wednesday Club** - is covered in the section below.

**St Paul's Pantry** has continued to provide support for 40+ families in our community at least twice a month. We had the great fortune of receiving £10,000 from the Community Lottery Fund, thanks to the effective work of Helen Lowe. We are grateful for the leadership of Juliet Childs, Michellie Brown and Angela Ireland and for the many capable volunteers for this important part of our outreach to the community.

**St Paul's Community Centre** continues to play a vital role in our service to the wider community as a venue to gather, learn and support one another. We continue to support the Tuesday **Lunch Club**: the full two-course meal is now prepared by volunteers fortnightly, and a lighter meal is normally arranged in the intervening weeks to ensure that a regular weekly pattern is maintained. The Club has hosted a range of occasional entertainers and visitors offering community support this year, and welcomed children and carers from **Tea & Toys** and **Tea & Toast** to celebrate Pancake Day.

The lounge is reserved on Thursday mornings for a **Warm Space**: this is currently on hiatus, and we hope it will be relaunched with a broader volunteer team in 2024.

We are grateful for the efforts our Community Centre manager, Sam Egan, in all that happens at the centre.

## **Annual Outreach Events**

**St Paul's Community Fete** in June showcased many of the activities of the church and community centre. It was well attended and much appreciation was voiced by those who came.

**The Christmas Fair** in November saw a good number of people from the wider community. It was a successful fundraiser for St Paul's and offered the community a positive experience of the church and Community Centre.

**Lighting of the Community Christmas Tree** took place in the Memorial Garden, with carols by candlelight and many staying to enjoy refreshments afterwards.

Our annual **Christmas carolling** once again raised significant funds for Glass Door while bringing the Christmas message of hope and good cheer to people at Southfields station and local residents.

A **family film night** was hosted shortly before Christmas, gathering families from our Youth and Children's outreach activities.

## **School Work Development**

We welcomed Albemarle, Prospect House, Putney High School and the Study Prep school for concerts or assemblies in the last year.

House groups from St Cecilia's visited church for their 'Worship in the Community' every Advent and Lent. Thank you to Norman Allen, Margaret Brown, Lesley Hazel and Doreen Hewitt for supporting these sessions.

A number of primary schools also visited us as part of Wandsworth SACRE's new programme of faith trails: the children spend an hour being introduced to features of our church, visiting Wimbledon Synagogue and the Buddha Adipa Temple on the same day. Thanks to Norman Allen, Lesley Hazel, Doreen Hewitt, Gill Thompson and Terry Woolgar for offering welcome and leading groups on these trails.

## **Open Church**

St Paul's has continued to maintain an Open Church for private prayer, access to listeners and for pastoral support. With the generous help of several volunteers, including Doreen and John Hewitt, Terry and Kay Woolgar, Gill and Shirley Thompson, Margaret Brown, Norman and Lois

Allen, and Julia and Stuart Raeburn, the doors of the church have continued to be open four mornings and one afternoon during the week, and a warm atmosphere of welcome has been acknowledged and appreciated by members of the congregation and passers-by.

*Revd Jack Belloli and Revd Susan Bolen*

## **Youth and Children**

It has been the stated aim of the PCC at St Paul's since 2018 to build up our outreach to children and young people in the Parish. We were lucky to have Katie Gilbert, who was willing in 2019 to help start **Tea and Toys**, for pre-school children and their parents/carers on Tuesday mornings from 9.30-10.30am.

This continues to meet weekly in term-time, now with an average attendance of at least 15 adults and children combined. For some families, this is now a firm weekly part of their schedule; others drop in more occasionally, or even as a one-off when visiting the area; all are warmly welcomed, and enjoy the chance for mutual support in a relaxed environment.

We were also lucky to have a group of people led by Marc Stoneham, who successfully started monthly **All-Age Messy Church** on Sunday afternoons. This continues to meet on the first Sunday of the month: while numbers each month can vary significantly, it is now common for attendance to reach 40-50 adults and children combined, and thus sometimes equal to or greater than the numbers at the Sunday morning service.

Since last autumn, the team have benefitted from ordering in 'Sunday Boxes' from the Red Balloon Foundation (see below), which provide ready-to-use materials and instructions for craft activities on our chosen theme. We spend the first 40 minutes of the session taking part in these activities and other games, and then we gather for a Bible story or talk, songs led on the piano by Kana, and prayers - before ending with pizza!

We are continuing to explore ways in which **All-Age Messy Church** families and the Sunday morning congregation can be more integrated:

groups from both participated, and in many cases got a first chance to meet each other, in welcoming Mary and Joseph into their homes during our inaugural **Advent Posada** in 2023; an Epiphany chalk blessing activity was also introduced to both congregations. The Messy Church team also put together our annual Christmas Eve crib service and Children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, as well as arranging activities for children during the Sunday morning Harvest Festival and Easter Day Communion. We hope that one-off events like these, and the sustainable relationships that have built up through **Messy Church**, will serve as the foundation on which we can restore regular Junior Church provision on Sunday mornings in the near future.

A huge thank you to Marc, Caroline Wehrle and Kana Jones (and their families) for their dedication and good humour in continuing to make **Messy Church** a success - as well as to Deirdre Gooderson and Arani Nirmalaraj, who have stepped back from regular involvement in the last year but continue to offer support and encouragement! Our thanks also to Candice Andrade, Mike Bower, Sylvia Mpawulo, Claire Neate and Joan Endean for their support and participation at a range of events.

In 2019, we recognised we didn't really have anyone with any experience of youth work to enable outreach or ministry to older children, so in 2022 the PCC decided to apply to the Wimbledon Foundation Community Fund (WFCF) to support the appointment of a part-time youth and children's worker on a 2-year contract. The balance of funding was to be met out of a generous legacy from Elizabeth Burgess. The bid for £10 000, which also included some equipment, was successful, but we were not initially able to find any suitable applicants for the post. After consulting with other local schools and youth groups, we found an agency, the Red Balloon Foundation, which was able to supply qualified youth workers to support church activities, and signed a contract with them to launch a weekly **Wednesday Club** for ages 10-14 years in July 2023. As a result of discussions with them and others, we changed our original plan for a homework club to instead include a wide range of leisure activities, including card and board games, crafts, video games and indoor sports. At the end of each week's session, the young people share a discussion about a topical issue, facilitated by their youth worker, over pizza: we are beginning to reflect on possibilities for them to engage in group

projects or forms of community engagement together. This arrangement has worked well, and though the numbers attending (usually around 8-10) are smaller than we expected, we hope to build this up to around 20 during 2024.

Meanwhile, we discovered that some of the parents/carers also brought younger children along and wanted to stay to socialise, so in November 2023 we started to run a **Tea and Toast** group in the church for ages 4-9 years and their parents/carers between 3.30 and 5.30 pm, in parallel with **Wednesday Club** in the Community Centre. This has quickly become a source of community and deep mutual support, similar to (and overlapping with the members of) **Tea and Toys**. The funds from WFCF have covered the cost of a second youth worker from Red Balloon, who is also helping to run **Tea and Toys** on Tuesdays, as well as of additional games and equipment.

Huge thanks to Eyrusalem and Renee from Red Balloon, and to Shanta Chellappoo, Anne Minors, and Bob Essert who have provided enthusiastic and valiant help in starting and continuing to support **Wednesday Club** and **Tea and Toast**.

*Margaret Brown, Revd Jack Belloli and Revd Susan Bolen*

## Community Centre

The Community Centre continues to be a warm and welcoming place for all those who use it, either for hiring or visiting, and we continue to get great feedback especially on Google maps. We remain a very popular venue for children's parties, especially with our accessible outdoor space which is always a plus point for many customers.

The Girl Guides joined us in April. In the short time they have been here, the Guides have contributed to the Summer Fete and Christmas Fair. It's great to have them at St Paul's.

Summer Fete was a great success and was encouraging to see so many local families attending and taking part in the activities.

In October we were successful for the third successive year in securing funding as part of the Wellbeing Brighter Living week in Wandsworth, receiving £250.00. Sam organised an afternoon with refreshments and table tennis, Pilates, Zumba Gold and line dance, which was enjoyed by

all. Stephanie Norris' photo appeared in the Brighter Living Magazine, playing Table tennis at 97 years old!

The numbers for the Thursday morning coffee have declined despite trying to boost attendance by holding a monthly tabletop sale. New ideas of how to use the space more effectively are in discussion.

Our main maintenance items this year were the scrub and seal of the main hall floor and purchase of new blinds for all three offices. We have also managed to start a rolling programme of painting projects with the coffee lounge tables, toilet doors and conservatory all having been redecorated.

The Community Centre management committee meets quarterly and attendance has been good. We have discussed the new committee terms of reference. We have been unable to find a weekend cleaner and so currently this work is being covered as extra time by Sam and Siobhan.

Would like to say thank you to Alan and Jenny who continue to help and support us with our maintenance. It really is appreciated.

*Sam Egan and Gill Thompson*

## **Lunch Club**

The Lunch Club was started as a Millenium Project in 2000, and for 23 years we have managed to operate once a week on Tuesdays. Sadly, due to a lack of volunteer leaders (there are now only two), we have had to scale back the operations and this year we are only open on the first and third Tuesday of each month. On the alternate Tuesdays, Sam Egan (Centre Manager) has volunteered to offer sandwiches, soup and occasionally a 'ready meal' kindly donated by 'Cook' in Southfields.

We continue to provide a service to the members; our oldest is 98 years old. An interesting project this year started with a request from students attending the London College of Communication to film in the Community Centre. Sam was able to arrange for some of the members to take part in the short film the students produced, which they all enjoyed. The Lunch Club was also invited to see a screening of the finished film, which was arranged in the church. Thanks to Sebastiaan Boelen for setting everything up for us.

Our two cooks Janice O'Connor and Mary Novis continue to work with us, assisted by Eve Speare, Margaret McManus, and Jan Sharp. We would like to thank Chris Ward, who has retired, for his help and commitment to the Lunch Club over several years.

Thank you to Sam Egan for taking the bookings, collecting the money, being at the end of the phone, and on occasions delivering meals to those who are unable to attend in person. Sam voluntarily runs a bingo session after the Lunch Club each week. All of this is very much appreciated by the members. Our thanks also go to Chris Wright for organizing carol singing with a pianist for after lunch at Christmas.

We very much hope that Lunch Club will survive for many more years, but we really need at least two more volunteers to lead a team. This involves a commitment to coming along once every four weeks, choosing a two-course menu (main and dessert), shopping for the ingredients (money refunded on the production of bills), supervising the cooks and at least one volunteer.

This is a very worthwhile outreach project and is very much appreciated by all of those who attend.

*Shirley Thompson*

## **Church Bookings: Concerts & Recitals**

Church hire bookings were steady throughout 2023: 7 concerts / recitals by amateur choirs and orchestras (plus 2 rehearsals); 8 schools concerts, a summer piano students' recital, and our 'Songs by Candlelight' reredos appeal fundraiser on 21<sup>st</sup> October (at no charge).

Owing to rising inflation and the need to hedge against higher costs for heating and lighting, we reluctantly increased our church hire charges by 20% in January 2023. This was the first price rise since the 2020 review and was received with understanding by our loyal customers.

Among our regular hirers and friends, Wimbledon Symphony Orchestra (WSO) put on three concerts: a 'Scandinavian Winter Concert' with a performance of Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite No. 1 and Ruth Gipps' Seascape conducted by Marc Dooley in February; a 'Summer Concert' in June conducted by Thomas Payne with works by Brahms, Prokofiev and Shostakovich; and an 'Autumn Concert' in early November led by

Andrew Morley, featuring Weber's Overture from *Der Freischütz*, Mozart's Piano Concerto No.23 and Dvorak's Symphony No. 8.

Putney Choral Society (PCS), under musical director Jamie Powe, performed a moving rendition of Mozart's Great Mass in C Minor on 13<sup>th</sup> May; and on 2<sup>nd</sup> December the choir returned to deliver an accomplished recital of Henry Purcell's *Dido & Aeneas*.

We welcomed new hirers Thames Youth Orchestra, based in Kingston-upon-Thames, performing in March, and Prospect House School from Putney on 4<sup>th</sup> July. It is pleasing to note that Thames Youth Orchestra will be returning in summer 2024.

The busy Advent season saw two carol concerts by Putney High School Juniors on 7<sup>th</sup> December, led for the last time before her well-earned retirement by Ena Burgess, Head of Music. It was both heartwarming and poignant to welcome the staff and children from The Study Wimbledon Preparatory School for their nativity concert the following day, coming at the end of a year when their community has never been far from mind. We also hosted our local primary Albemarle for their Christmas Concerts, which followed earlier visits in the spring.

On 16<sup>th</sup> December, Wimbledon Choral Society's (WCS) ever-popular Christmas Concerts (matinee and evening performances) were enjoyed by large audiences, bringing many new faces to St Paul's.

Total revenue from church bookings made during 2023 was £6,848. This represents a 38% increase in revenue over 2022.

*Guy Booth, Parish Administrator*

## **Communications Group**

Three editions of *Parkside Post* were produced in 2023, for Easter, Creationtide and Advent/Christmas. We now have a consistent format including a masthead which shows the St Paul's logo. The magazine is one of the main ways in which the activities of St Paul's are promoted throughout the Parish and features colourful posters for most of our worship and outreach activities (e.g. **Wednesday Club, Tea & Toys, All-Age Messy Church, the Pantry**).

Printing costs remain high and we are pleased to have some regular advertisers who help to defray these (Putney Choral Society, Wimbledon Symphony Orchestra and The Seasons Art Classes).

3,000 copies are printed and most of these are distributed to households in the parish by our faithful band of volunteers, to whom we are very grateful. Young people working towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards occasionally help as well. Other copies are placed in locations such as Southfields Library, coffee shops, surgeries etc. Any other ideas of places where copies could be placed would be gratefully received.

Posters and banners are produced for display outside the church, also helping to advertise St Paul's worship and activities to the community, and hopefully, encouraging people through our doors.

*Juliet Childs*

## **e-Newsletters**

There were 7 e-Newsletters broadcast to our contacts during 2023 using ChurchDesk email management software. The subjects were: 'Please help us to restore our reredos' (30<sup>th</sup> April); 'Coronation Weekend at St Paul's' (4<sup>th</sup> May); 'Annual Parochial Church Meeting This Sunday 12:00 noon' (20<sup>th</sup> May); 'Songs by Candlelight' in aid of the Reredos Appeal, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 7:00 pm' (22<sup>nd</sup> September); 'Songs by Candlelight' this Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 7:00 pm - tickets still available' (20<sup>th</sup> October); 'St Paul's Christmas Fair, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November' (23<sup>rd</sup> November); 'Wishing you a very special Christmas' (22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023). We sent one text message: a reminder about the Service of Lessons & Carols by candlelight.

Open rates for all e-Newsletters in 2023 averaged 65%, click through rates 8% and unsubscribes 1%; broadly similar to 2022 performance with the same number of email campaigns broadcast (7). Our open rate is good for a relatively small database, and often the message content is sufficient to inform the reader without clicking through to the linked pages. Our most opened e-Newsletter was the first reredos appeal (78%), followed closely by Revd Susan's Christmas message (73%), which latter achieved the highest number of click throughs (12%), proving that an engaging message really cuts through.

Our total contacts subscribed to the e-Newsletter at the end of 2023 were 274. Our contact database is 374 (including those not subscribed).

*Guy Booth, Parish Administrator*

## **St Paul's Website**

St Paul's website, hosted on the ChurchDesk online church management platform, is the main digital resource for marketing the church and Community Centre to audiences in the parish and beyond. The website was kept up-to-date with a regular rotation of content to promote our services of worship and events at St Paul's, and to communicate community, parish and Diocese news.

The coronation of King Charles III in May 2023 was commemorated with a homepage banner image of the King and Queen with the coronation logo and linked to information on our coronation weekend events: live screening in church of the service at Westminster Abbey, the Coronation Picnic on Wimbledon Common, and our service of celebration.

Recitals and concerts in church by choral societies and orchestras were promoted on the homepage and in the 'What's On' section, with links to further details and booking sites. Organisers' promotional material was often reformatted and re-sized using 'Canva' design software, which was also used for creating digital artwork for banners and posters.

The welcome service of Choral Evensong for our new Kingston Area Bishop in April, and community events such as the St Paul's Summer Fete and the Christmas Fair, as well as the launch of the new St Paul's youth initiatives **Tea & Toast** and **Wednesday Club**, were all given a high profile. Easter and Christmas service times were displayed prominently on the homepage with dedicated pages carrying links to Orders of Service and links to the YouTube channel for those worshipping online.

The Reredos Restoration Appeal was featured on the website from April to October and a dedicated fundraising page was set up which collected £1,340 towards the project. A further £1,050 was raised towards general church funds during 2023 through the website 'Giving' page.

News blogs on the website carried many stories of interest including 'St Paul's Joins Wandsworth SACRE Faith Trails initiative'; 'Bishop of Kingston Leads Holy Communion at St Paul's'; 'Celebrating our own "Millennium Babe" at Southwark Cathedral' (commemorating Joan

Endean's retirement as SPA); and 'St Paul's Carol Singers Raise Over £600 for Glass Door Homeless Charity'.

Parkside Post was made available to download, and the pew sheet was posted in the 'Pew Sheets' section every week. The 'Orders of Service' section was updated with new liturgies. Norman Allen's sermons were regularly uploaded to the 'Sermons' section.

Many existing images of the church were replaced with new photography following the restoration of the reredos and roodscreen.

Following a poorly managed migration of client websites to a new operating platform by ChurchDesk, the website has been out of service and requires a complete rebuild of the content. We aim to complete the work in summer 2024.

*Guy Booth, Parish Administrator*

## **Charity Collections**

We now limit our *Christian Aid Week* effort to distributing envelopes to about 20 of the Parkside Post rounds, acting as a collection point, and collecting among our own congregation. We were able to bank £710; less than previously, but we know many people contributed online.

In December, our Carol Singers had a very positive reception on two nights, at the tube station and in the Gardens area, collecting £633.34 for *Glass Door*, supporting church hospitality for London's homeless.

*Margaret Brown*

## **Interfaith Relations**

St Paul's enjoys warm relations with its many interfaith neighbours, including Jewish (both Orthodox and Reformed), Ahmadiyya Muslim and Baha'i friends who variously support our mission including St Paul's Pantry and Wednesday Club. In 2023, we were warmly welcomed to Interfaith services, including a celebration of Shavuot and a talk on Revelation in the Jewish tradition: *God is still talking*, at the Wimbledon Synagogue; the annual Peace Symposium held at the Ahmadiyya Mosque in Morden; and we participated in the Baha'i community organised

event entitled *Our Story is One - Music in praise of Women*. St Paul's invited both Jewish and Muslim friends to our annual Remembrance Day service in church and an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

St Paul's hosted the Wandsworth Deanery Synod in February and organised guest speakers from the Council of Christians and Jews. The event had been planned for many months, so was not initially intended to address the current situation in the Middle East. However, in light of the events of October 7<sup>th</sup> in Israel, the national CCJ Christian co-chair, the Revd Dr Nathan Eddy and the local Jewish co-chair, Rabbi Adrian Schell, engaged in a listening exercise to model how we might address in a helpful way the tensions expressed in this country. The listening exercise enabled Deanery Synod members and other guests to hear of the experience of Rabbi Adrian and the local Jewish community, on the day and subsequently. Many people expressed appreciation for this meaningful experience of listening. It is our hope to enable broader listening opportunities in our community in 2024.

St Paul's took part in Faith Trails, a programme organised by Wandsworth SACRE, which enables schoolchildren to visit places of faith in the area, with Wimbledon Synagogue and the Buddha Adipa Temple on Calonne Road. This takes place a few times per year as area schools are invited in turn. We hope this might provide a basis for further multifaith cooperation, which seems especially important at this time.

Joint Study Sessions were also held with both the Wimbledon Synagogue and the local Ahmadiyya congregation. Sessions with our Jewish friends were alternatively hosted and included such topics as: Faith traditions at home; Jerusalem: the holy city; Healing and cure in the Jewish and Christian traditions; Creation and stewardship of the environment; The Open Door: Welcoming the stranger; and Finding Light in dark times. The Ahmadiyya women were also invited to St Paul's for talks on aspects of the Christian faith. Similar opportunities are planned for 2024.

*Revd Susan Bolen*

## ----- **ENVIRONMENT** -----

### **Eco Church**

Mike Lowe agreed to succeed Norman Allen as Chair of the Eco Church sub-committee. Many thanks to Norman for his contributions to running the committee, including writing the terms of reference which had been accepted by the PCC in November 2022.

*Mike Lowe*

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### **ST Paul's PCC - Treasurer's Report 2023**

2023's finances were dominated by the renovation works at 90 Augustus Road (costing around £24,000) as well as general inflation-driven increases in costs.

Income from the hire of the church and Community Centre increased substantially (by £15,000) on 2022, with regular donations also increasing between 2022 and 2023.

Overall this left us with a deficit of £27,600 in 2023, largely driven by the renovation works on 90 Augustus Road. This leaves us with a weaker cash position (£91,250 at the end of 2023), but we are confident that this investment is necessary to provide rental income in the future.

Fundraising for the reredos restoration covered all costs. Donations and grants for the reredos were classified as restricted ("R - Reredos" on the accounts), and legacies were classified as designated ("D - Reredos").

The pantry continues to attract generous donations and a £7,900 grant from the National Lottery. The pantry had £16K in funds at the end of 2023.

We gratefully acknowledge Andrew Keat's generous £10,000 legacy, which has been designated towards the restoration of the reredos (£5000) and the organ fund (£5000).

*The Finance Committee*

# APPENDIX: ST PAUL'S PCC ACCOUNTS 2023

St Paul's Church, Wimbledon Park  
Charity Commission Ref 1142917

(Income & Expenditure)  
For the year ended 31 December 2023

**Income**  
Total Donated Income  
Total Donated Income (Regular)  
Income Tax Recovered (Gift Aid)  
Total Fund Raising Income  
Total Income from Activities  
Total Income from Investments  
Total Grants Received  
Total Other Voluntary Income  
Total Special Appeals Income  
Total Other Incoming Resources  
Sales of Product Income

**Total Income**

**Expenditure**

Total Activities  
Total Costs of Generating Funds  
Parish Support Fund  
Total Grants Given  
Total Major Repairs  
Total Management and Admin  
Purchases

**Total Expenditure**

**Net Operating Surplus / (Deficit)**

**Other Expenses**

Gains on asset revaluation  
Losses on asset revaluation

**Net Surplus / (Deficit) before Transfers**

Between Funds Transfers

**Net Surplus / (Deficit)**

| Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds |                 |                |                       |                |                  |                | Restricted Funds |                          |                 |                 |                 | 2023           | 2022 |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------|
|                    | Church - PCC     | D - Fabric Fund | D - Reredos    | D - Jean Garling Fund | D - Organ Fund | R - Audio Visual | R - Lunch Club | R - Youth Work   | R - Wimbledon Foundation | R - Reredos     | R - Pantry Fund | Total           |                |      |
| £                  | 9,778            | 0               | 950            | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 45               | 0                        | 27,938          | 8,498           | 45,209          | 12,658         |      |
|                    | 81,744           | 0               | 0              | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0                | 0                        | 0               | 0               | 61,744          | 57,459         |      |
|                    | 6,720            | 0               | 0              | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0                | 0                        | 8,902           | 0               | 13,823          | 14,598         |      |
|                    | 3,816            | 0               | 0              | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0                | 0                        | 1,120           | 52              | 4,988           | 4,038          |      |
|                    | 75,372           | 0               | 0              | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0                | 0                        | 0               | 0               | 75,372          | 80,038         |      |
|                    | 26,482           | 0               | 0              | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0                | 0                        | 0               | 0               | 26,482          | 26,400         |      |
|                    | 2,450            | 0               | 0              | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0                | 0                        | 29,084          | 7,900           | 39,434          | 13,838         |      |
|                    | 0                | 0               | 5,000          | 0                     | 5,000          | 0                | -              | 0                | 0                        | 0               | 0               | 10,000          | 25,115         |      |
|                    | 20               | 0               | 0              | 0                     | 0              | (2,581)          | -              | 0                | 0                        | 60              | 570             | (1,931)         | 3,245          |      |
|                    | 295              | 0               | 0              | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0                | 0                        | 0               | 0               | 295             | 0              |      |
|                    | -                | -               | -              | -                     | -              | -                | -              | -                | -                        | -               | -               | 0               | 0              |      |
|                    | <b>186,677</b>   | <b>0</b>        | <b>5,950</b>   | <b>0</b>              | <b>5,000</b>   | <b>(2,581)</b>   | <b>0</b>       | <b>45</b>        | <b>0</b>                 | <b>65,104</b>   | <b>15,020</b>   | <b>275,214</b>  | <b>217,482</b> |      |
|                    | 73,173           | 0               | 0              | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 878              | 1,340                    | 0               | 4,775           | 79,984          | 53,718         |      |
|                    | 23,860           | 0               | 0              | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0                | 0                        | 821             | 0               | 24,481          | 2,157          |      |
|                    | 80,000           | 0               | 0              | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0                | 0                        | 0               | 0               | 80,000          | 55,000         |      |
|                    | -                | -               | -              | -                     | -              | -                | -              | -                | -                        | -               | -               | 0               | 0              |      |
|                    | 1,159            | 0               | 15,451         | 0                     | 824            | 8,025            | -              | 0                | 0                        | 76,230          | 0               | 102,489         | 14,850         |      |
|                    | 58,090           | 0               | 0              | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 1                | 0                        | 0               | 0               | 58,090          | 51,849         |      |
|                    | -                | -               | -              | -                     | -              | -                | -              | -                | -                        | -               | -               | 0               | 0              |      |
|                    | <b>214,282</b>   | <b>0</b>        | <b>15,451</b>  | <b>0</b>              | <b>624</b>     | <b>9,025</b>     | <b>0</b>       | <b>677</b>       | <b>1,340</b>             | <b>76,851</b>   | <b>4,775</b>    | <b>323,024</b>  | <b>177,573</b> |      |
|                    | <b>(27,605)</b>  | <b>0</b>        | <b>(9,502)</b> | <b>0</b>              | <b>4,376</b>   | <b>(11,606)</b>  | <b>0</b>       | <b>(632)</b>     | <b>(1,340)</b>           | <b>(11,747)</b> | <b>10,245</b>   | <b>(47,810)</b> | <b>39,909</b>  |      |
|                    | (1,782)          | 0               | 0              | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0                | 0                        | 0               | 0               | (1,782)         | (722)          |      |
|                    | 0                | 0               | 0              | 58                    | 0              | 0                | -              | 0                | 0                        | 0               | 0               | 58              | 178            |      |
|                    | <b>(25,823)</b>  | <b>0</b>        | <b>(9,502)</b> | <b>(56)</b>           | <b>4,376</b>   | <b>(11,606)</b>  | <b>0</b>       | <b>(632)</b>     | <b>(1,340)</b>           | <b>(11,747)</b> | <b>10,245</b>   | <b>(46,084)</b> | <b>40,453</b>  |      |
|                    | (11,606)         | (20,000)        | 9,502          | 0                     | 0              | 11,808           | 0              | 0                | 0                        | 10,498          | 0               | 0               | 0              |      |
|                    | <b>(37,429)</b>  | <b>(20,000)</b> | <b>0</b>       | <b>(56)</b>           | <b>4,376</b>   | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>(632)</b>     | <b>(1,340)</b>           | <b>(1,249)</b>  | <b>10,245</b>   | <b>(46,084)</b> | <b>40,453</b>  |      |

(Balance Sheet)  
As at 31 December 2023

Fixed Assets  
Investment Assets - 90 Augustus Rd  
Investment Assets - CAF UK Equity B

Current Assets

Debtors  
Dr - Accrued Income  
Dr - Landlord Float  
Dr - Prepaid Expenses  
Total Cash at bank and in hand

Current Liabilities

Cr - Accrued Expenses  
Cr - Deposits Held  
Cr - Prepaid Income  
Cr - Weddings & Funerals - Diocese  
Inter-Account Transfers  
Loans from Congregation  
Falling Due Within One Year

Net Current Assets

Loans from Congregation

Net Assets

Retained Earnings  
Surplus/(Deficit)

Net Funds

| Unrestricted Funds |                       | Designated Funds |                |                  |                                     |             |                | Restricted Funds |          |   |   |   |   | 2023     | 2022    |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|----------|---|---|---|---|----------|---------|
| Church - PCC       | D - Jean Garling Fund | D - Fabric Fund  | D - Organ Fund | R - Audio Visual | R - Wimbledon Foundation Youth Work | R - Reredos | R - Youth Work | R - Pantry Fund  | Total    |   |   |   |   |          | Total   |
| 157,137            | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0           | 0              | 0                | 157,137  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 157,137  | 157,137 |
| -                  | -                     | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -           | -              | -                | 157,137  | - | - | - | - | 0        | 5,222   |
| -                  | -                     | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -           | -              | -                | 157,137  | - | - | - | - | 0        | 162,360 |
| 4,201              | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0           | 0              | 0                | 4,201    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,201    | 1,824   |
| 13,569             | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0           | 0              | 0                | 13,569   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,569   | 4,279   |
| -                  | -                     | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -           | -              | -                | 0        | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0        | 0       |
| 483                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0           | 0              | 0                | 483      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 483      | 447     |
| 80,732             | 7,751                 | 0                | 5,048          | -                | 8,660                               | 311         | 4,464          | 16,019           | 122,984  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 122,984  | 177,983 |
| 99,015             | 7,751                 | 0                | 5,048          | 0                | 8,660                               | 311         | 4,464          | 16,019           | 141,267  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 141,267  | 184,034 |
| 4,087              | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0           | 0              | 0                | 4,087    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,087    | 5,431   |
| 2,538              | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0           | 0              | 0                | 2,538    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,538    | 2,538   |
| -                  | -                     | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -           | -              | -                | 0        | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0        | 1,700   |
| 1,130              | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0           | 0              | 0                | 1,130    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,130    | 1       |
| -                  | -                     | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -           | -              | -                | 0        | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0        | 0       |
| -                  | -                     | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -           | -              | -                | 0        | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0        | 0       |
| 7,766              | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0           | 0              | 0                | 7,766    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,766    | 9,671   |
| 91,250             | 7,751                 | 0                | 5,048          | 0                | 8,660                               | 311         | 4,464          | 16,019           | 133,502  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 133,502  | 174,363 |
| 248,387            | 7,751                 | 0                | 5,048          | 0                | 8,660                               | 311         | 4,464          | 16,019           | 290,639  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 290,639  | 336,723 |
| 285,810            | 7,806                 | 20,000           | 672            | -                | 10,000                              | 1,560       | 5,088          | 5,779            | 336,723  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 336,723  | 296,269 |
| (37,429)           | (56)                  | (20,000)         | 4,378          | -                | (1,340)                             | (1,249)     | (632)          | 10,245           | (46,084) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (46,084) | 40,453  |
| 248,381            | 7,751                 | 0                | 5,048          | 0                | 8,660                               | 311         | 4,464          | 16,025           | 290,639  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 290,639  | 336,723 |

# Notes to the Accounts

## Note 1 - Details of Income

For the year ended 31 December 2023

### Income

Church Collections (cash)

Goodbox Donations

Other Giving

Other Giving (Gift Aid)

Total Donated Income

Regular Giving (Gift Aid Envs)

Regular Giving (Gift Aid SO's)

Regular Giving (PGS)

Regular Giving (Other)

Total Donated Income (Regular)

Income Tax Recovered (Gift Aid)

Fund Raising - Church

Fund Raising - Cmnty Ctr

Sunday Coffee

Total Fund Raising Income

Hire of Church

Hire of Community Centre

Contributions to Activities

Weddings & Funerals - Church

Total Income from Activities

Interest and Dividends

Rent from 90 Augustus Rd

Total Income from Investments

Grants - DCMS (VAT Refund)

Grants - HMRC (Furlough)

Grants - NINDS

Grants - Lottery Fund

Grants - VAT

Grants - Other

Total Grants Received

Insurance Claims

Other Incoming Resources

Total Other Incoming Resources

Legacy

Total Other Voluntary Income

Special Appeals (AudioVisual)

Special Appeals (Covid)

Special Appeals (Pantry)

Special Appeals (Reredos)

Special Appeals (Other)

Total Special Appeals Income

Sales of Product Income

Total Income

|                                 | Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds |                | Restricted Funds |                |                  | 2023            | 2022    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------|
|                                 | Church - PCC       | D - Reredos      | D - Organ Fund | R - Reredos      | R - Youth Work | R - Audio Visual | R - Pantry Fund | Total   |
|                                 | £                  | £                | £              | £                | £              | £                | £               | £       |
| Church Collections (cash)       | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 0       |
| Goodbox Donations               | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 0       |
| Other Giving                    | 4,644              | 125              | 0              | 1,154            | 45             | 0                | 3,224           | 9,192   |
| Other Giving (Gift Aid)         | 5,134              | 825              | 0              | 26,784           | 0              | 0                | 3,274           | 36,016  |
| Total Donated Income            | 9,778              | 950              | 0              | 27,938           | 45             | 0                | 6,498           | 45,209  |
| Regular Giving (Gift Aid Envs)  | 1,628              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 1,628   |
| Regular Giving (Gift Aid SO's)  | 17,979             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 17,979  |
| Regular Giving (PGS)            | 33,816             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 33,816  |
| Regular Giving (Other)          | 8,322              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 8,322   |
| Total Donated Income (Regular)  | 61,744             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 61,744  |
| Income Tax Recovered (Gift Aid) | 6,720              | 0                | 0              | 6,902            | 0              | 0                | 0               | 13,623  |
| Fund Raising - Church           | 2,477              | 0                | 0              | 1,120            | 0              | 0                | 52              | 3,649   |
| Fund Raising - Cmnty Ctr        | 1,339              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 1,339   |
| Sunday Coffee                   | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 0       |
| Total Fund Raising Income       | 3,816              | 0                | 0              | 1,120            | 0              | 0                | 52              | 4,988   |
| Hire of Church                  | 7,631              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 7,631   |
| Hire of Community Centre        | 66,796             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 66,796  |
| Contributions to Activities     | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 0       |
| Weddings & Funerals - Church    | 945                | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 945     |
| Total Income from Activities    | 75,372             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 75,372  |
| Interest and Dividends          | 82                 | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 82      |
| Rent from 90 Augustus Rd        | 26,400             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 26,400  |
| Total Income from Investments   | 26,482             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 26,482  |
| Grants - DCMS (VAT Refund)      | 0                  | 0                | 0              | 9,084            | 0              | 0                | 0               | 9,084   |
| Grants - HMRC (Furlough)        | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 0       |
| Grants - NINDS                  | 1,750              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 1,750   |
| Grants - Lottery Fund           | 0                  | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 7,900           | 7,900   |
| Grants - VAT                    | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 0       |
| Grants - Other                  | 700                | 0                | 0              | 20,000           | 0              | 0                | 0               | 20,700  |
| Total Grants Received           | 2,450              | 0                | 0              | 29,084           | 0              | 0                | 7,900           | 39,434  |
| Insurance Claims                | 295                | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 295     |
| Other Incoming Resources        | 0                  | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 0       |
| Total Other Incoming Resources  | 295                | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 295     |
| Legacy                          | 0                  | 5,000            | 5,000          | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 10,000  |
| Total Other Voluntary Income    | 0                  | 5,000            | 5,000          | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 10,000  |
| Special Appeals (AudioVisual)   | 0                  | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | (2,581)          | 0               | (2,581) |
| Special Appeals (Covid)         | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 0       |
| Special Appeals (Pantry)        | 0                  | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 570             | 570     |
| Special Appeals (Reredos)       | 0                  | 0                | 0              | 60               | 0              | 0                | 0               | 60      |
| Special Appeals (Other)         | 20                 | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 20      |
| Total Special Appeals Income    | 20                 | 0                | 0              | 60               | 0              | (2,581)          | 570             | (1,931) |
| Sales of Product Income         | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 0       |
| Total Income                    | 186,677            | 5,950            | 5,000          | 65,104           | 45             | (2,581)          | 15,020          | 275,214 |
|                                 |                    |                  |                |                  |                |                  |                 | 217,732 |

# Notes to the Accounts

## Note 2 - Details of Expenditure For the year ended 31 December 2023

### Expenditure

|                                        |                |               |            |               |              |            |              |              |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Clergy Expenses                        | 94             | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Group Activity Expenses                | 899            | 0             | 0          | 0             | 900          | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Heat (Gas)                             | 6,763          | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Insurance                              | 11,152         | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Light (Electricity)                    | 5,284          | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Maintenance & Cleaning - Church        | 5,383          | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Maintenance & Cleaning - Cmnty Ctr     | 15,892         | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Music (Organist / Choir Master)        | 8,600          | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Music (Other)                          | 574            | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Pantry costs                           | 62             | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 4,775        | 0            |
| Running Expenses                       | 3,262          | 0             | 0          | 0             | 440          | 676        | 0            | 0            |
| Salaries - Cleaners                    | 7,315          | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Clergy Housing Costs                   | 6,000          | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Altar Frontal                          | 1,500          | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Water                                  | 394            | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| <b>Total Activities</b>                | <b>73,173</b>  | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>      | <b>1,340</b> | <b>676</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>4,775</b> |
| Costs of 90 Augustus Rd                | 23,158         | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Costs of Fund Raising                  | 703            | 0             | 0          | 621           | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| <b>Total Costs of Generating Funds</b> | <b>23,860</b>  | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>   | <b>621</b>    | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     |
| <b>Parish Support Fund</b>             | <b>60,000</b>  | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     |
| Grants (Missionary Giving)             | -              | -             | -          | -             | -            | -          | -            | -            |
| Grants (Other)                         | -              | -             | -          | -             | -            | -          | -            | -            |
| <b>Total Grants</b>                    | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     |
| Major Repairs                          | 0              | 15,451        | 0          | 76,230        | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Major Repairs - Organ                  | 0              | 0             | 624        | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Major Repairs - Flooring               | -              | -             | -          | -             | -            | -          | -            | -            |
| Major Repairs - Windows                | -              | -             | -          | -             | -            | -          | -            | -            |
| Major Works - Audio Visual             | 1,159          | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 9,025        | 0            |
| Major Repairs - Notice Boards          | -              | -             | -          | -             | -            | -          | -            | -            |
| <b>Total Major Repairs</b>             | <b>1,159</b>   | <b>15,451</b> | <b>624</b> | <b>76,230</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>9,025</b> | <b>0</b>     |
| Management and Admin                   | 319            | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Finance Costs                          | 1,941          | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 1          | 0            | 0            |
| IT & Systems                           | -              | -             | -          | -             | -            | -          | -            | -            |
| Legal Costs                            | -              | -             | -          | -             | -            | -          | -            | -            |
| Printing & Photocopier                 | 7,270          | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Salaries - Cmnty Ctr Mgmt              | 18,554         | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Salaries - Parish Admin                | 15,848         | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Salaries - Tax & Pensions              | 10,033         | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Telephones                             | 2,124          | 0             | 0          | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| <b>Total Management and Admin</b>      | <b>56,090</b>  | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>1</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     |
| <b>Purchases</b>                       | <b>-</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>1</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>              | <b>214,282</b> | <b>15,451</b> | <b>624</b> | <b>76,851</b> | <b>1,340</b> | <b>677</b> | <b>9,025</b> | <b>4,775</b> |

| Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds |                | Restricted Funds |                                     |                |                  |                 | 2023           | 2022           |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Church - PCC       | D - Reredos      | D - Organ Fund | R - Reredos      | R - Wimbledon Foundation Youth Work | R - Youth Work | R - Audio Visual | R - Pantry Fund | Total          | Total          |
| £                  | £                | £              |                  |                                     |                | £                | £               | £              | £              |
| 94                 | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 94             | 82             |
| 899                | 0                | 0              | 0                | 900                                 | 0              | 0                | 0               | 1,799          | 250            |
| 6,763              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 6,763          | 1,814          |
| 11,152             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 11,152         | 10,367         |
| 5,284              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 5,284          | 4,360          |
| 5,383              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 5,383          | 1,541          |
| 15,892             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 15,892         | 16,880         |
| 8,600              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 8,600          | 7,090          |
| 574                | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 574            | 1,009          |
| 62                 | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 4,775           | 4,837          | 1,452          |
| 3,262              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 440                                 | 676            | 0                | 0               | 4,377          | 1,356          |
| 7,315              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 7,315          | 7,186          |
| 6,000              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 6,000          | 0              |
| 1,500              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 1,500          | 0              |
| 394                | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 394            | 330            |
| <b>73,173</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>1,340</b>                        | <b>676</b>     | <b>0</b>         | <b>4,775</b>    | <b>79,964</b>  | <b>53,716</b>  |
| 23,158             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 23,158         | 2,157          |
| 703                | 0                | 0              | 621              | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 1,323          | 0              |
| <b>23,860</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>621</b>       | <b>0</b>                            | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>24,481</b>  | <b>2,157</b>   |
| <b>60,000</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>                            | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>60,000</b>  | <b>55,000</b>  |
| -                  | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -              | -                | -               | 0              | 0              |
| -                  | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -              | -                | -               | 0              | 0              |
| <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>                            | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       |
| 0                  | 15,451           | 0              | 76,230           | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 91,681         | 0              |
| 0                  | 0                | 624            | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 624            | 0              |
| -                  | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -              | -                | -               | 0              | 0              |
| -                  | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -              | -                | -               | 0              | 14,850         |
| 1,159              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 9,025            | 0               | 10,184         | 0              |
| -                  | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -              | -                | -               | 0              | 0              |
| <b>1,159</b>       | <b>15,451</b>    | <b>624</b>     | <b>76,230</b>    | <b>0</b>                            | <b>0</b>       | <b>9,025</b>     | <b>0</b>        | <b>102,489</b> | <b>14,850</b>  |
| 319                | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 319            | 0              |
| 1,941              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 1              | 0                | 0               | 1,942          | 2,017          |
| -                  | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -              | -                | -               | 0              | 2,723          |
| -                  | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -              | -                | -               | 0              | 0              |
| 7,270              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 7,270          | 4,236          |
| 18,554             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 18,554         | 16,892         |
| 15,848             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 15,848         | 15,265         |
| 10,033             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 10,033         | 8,262          |
| 2,124              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 2,124          | 2,454          |
| <b>56,090</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>                            | <b>1</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>56,090</b>  | <b>51,849</b>  |
| -                  | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 1              | 0                | 0               | 56,090         | 51,849         |
| <b>214,282</b>     | <b>15,451</b>    | <b>624</b>     | <b>76,851</b>    | <b>1,340</b>                        | <b>677</b>     | <b>9,025</b>     | <b>4,775</b>    | <b>323,024</b> | <b>177,573</b> |

## Notes to the Accounts

**Note 3** The PCC gratefully acknowledges Andrew Keat's generous £10,000 legacy, which has been designated towards the restoration of the reredos (£5000) and the organ fund (£5000)

**Note 4** An appropriately qualified member of the PCC undertook the management of the Parish's investment property during the year, including negotiating a new lease with the tenants, and managing significant refurbishment and repairs, at a discount to standard commercial rates, for which they were paid a total of £1363.

### Notes on the Reredos Restoration Project:

**Note 5** The £20K deficit on the reredos funds (D - Reredos, R - Reredos) refers only to 2023, with the shortfall covered by funds received in previous years

**Note 6** The £91,681 spent on restoring the reredos was offset by a VAT-reclaim / LPWS grant of £9,084

**Note 7** The fundraising concert held in October 2023 raised £1K in total, despite the income and expenditure being spread on several lines.

### Note 8 Net Current Assets - Reserves

The PCC has a policy to maintain Free Reserves of at least 3 months normal expenditure.

|                                                         |               | Weeks spend |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Normal Expenditure                                      | 214,000       | 52          |
| 3 months expenditure Free Reserves requirement          | 54,000        | 13          |
| The total <u>General Fund</u> current reserves stand at | <u>91,250</u> | 22          |
| Remaining Free reserves                                 | <u>37,250</u> | 9           |

## **Annual Report & Accounts 2023**



**Parochial Church Council  
St Paul's Church  
Wimbledon Parkside**

*Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2024 of the  
Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul's Wimbledon Parkside  
118-120 Augustus Road, London SW19 6EW  
Presented on the 19th May 2024  
Reporting period 1<sup>st</sup> January - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023*

**Registered Charity 1142917**

## Ministry Report

We are pleased to report that in 2023 we have seen some significant signs of progress in several areas of ministry and mission at St Paul's. We continue to see growing numbers in church across our traditional Sunday morning services as well as our monthly All-Age Messy Church services. Morning and evening services continue to be offered both in-person and online, allowing us to cater to the somewhat gathered nature of our community, with regular congregation members living both in parish and some as far away as Banstead, Surrey.

Our vision is to be a growing community where God is found in the beauty and joy of our worship, the warmth of our welcome, the breadth of our outreach and our love for our neighbour, with priorities therefore focusing on: Nurture, Outreach, Welcome and the Environment. This report focusses primarily on Nurture, while other reports will address the latter three.

**Nurture:** The year has been largely been a joyful one, with the long-awaited arrival of our new full-time Curate, Jack Belloli, for whom we are grateful; a steady number of baptisms including one adult baptism and confirmation; the wedding of one of St Paul's longstanding members and the arrival of a small but growing number of young professionals.

Sunday evening prayer has been largely offered by laity, so we give thanks for the ministry of Margaret Brown, David Gooderson, Eve Speare and of course, our wonderful Lay Reader, Norman Allen who has also preached once monthly at our Sunday morning Eucharist.

Other special services this year included a Deanery Welcome service for the new Kingston Area Bishop, the Right Reverend Dr Martin Gainsborough; Compline, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services were held during Holy Week. We saw well-attended Easter celebrations; a Blessing of the Animals service as well as a Choral Evensong service in celebration of Creationtide in September; a special Evening Prayer service with Bishop Rob Gillian to celebrate the completion the Reredos; All Soul's Memorial service in November; a Lessons and Carols service and a Christingle service in Advent; and well-attended Christmas celebrations at the Crib service and Midnight Mass.

The ministry team, augmented by members of the laity including Margaret Brown, Lesley Hazel, Doreen Hewitt, Gill Thompson and Terry Woolgar, continue to welcome St Cecilia's school on a termly basis for

‘Worship in the Community’ and occasional sessions of Junior Church have been offered by our Children and Young People’s (CYP) ministry team on Sunday mornings. We continue to actively seek solutions to grow our CYP ministry and we expect to see further developments in this important area in the coming year.

Another important area of ministry to the church and wider community has traditionally been funeral ministry. In 2023, the number of funerals significantly declined at St Paul’s, which reflects a national trend away from traditional funerals and particularly church funerals. Nevertheless, there were some significant funerals in church in 2023 as we celebrated the lives of three much-loved members of St Paul’s, including a long-time Sacristan who had served St Paul’s with great dedication.

Quiet days have been an important feature of St Paul’s in the past and in 2023 we were able to renew our offering of semi-annual quiet days with a Pre-Advent Quiet Morning held in November.

Other nurture/teaching events took place throughout the year and included Lent and Advent courses, joint study courses with the Wimbledon Synagogue as well as baptism and wedding preparation courses.

We owe special thanks to the many people who make St Paul’s the warm and welcoming church that it is, including St Paul’s music director, Kevin Jones and members of the choir, who made great efforts to provide beautiful and moving music that greatly enhanced our worship at special services and every Sunday Eucharist. We give thanks for our welcomers as well as our flower arranging team organized by Doreen Hewitt; our readers and intercessors organized by Eve Speare; our hospitality team organized by Juliet Childs and our housekeeping team which includes the Woolgars, the Hewitts and the Thompsons, who faithfully spend their Tuesday mornings putting the church right.

As ever, the most important thing to be said about the ministry and mission of St Paul’s is that many people are involved in carrying it out, far beyond the ministry team. At St Paul’s we are blessed with many highly talented and generous individuals who wholeheartedly engage in sharing the love of God in daily life and through the work of the church and Community Centre. I am enormously grateful for a fantastic Staff team, including Revd Jack Belloli, Norman Allen, Gill Thompson, Terry Woolgar, Guy Booth and Sam Egan. A special mention goes to Mark

Gilbert, who has continued to offer extraordinary support to the newly formed Finance team who are a wonderful support in their own right and include Sylvia Mpawulo, Craig Campbell, Gillian Jago, Mike Lowe and Gill Thompson. The PCC and I are enormously grateful. Thanks also go to the many other members of our congregation and community who offer their time and talent for the ministry and mission of St Paul's. I offer my heartfelt appreciation and deepest thanks to you all!

*Revd Susan Bolen, Vicar*

## **Churchwardens' Report (including Fabric Report)**

The number of people attending church services has increased during the year and live streaming continues to be an important part of our worship. The average attendance at the Sunday morning Eucharist service is 59, which is an increase on last year. The church continues to be open during the week for visitors and for private reflection and prayer which, although the numbers are modest, is appreciated by those who come in. There continues to be a midday Eucharist service on Wednesday each week attended by a small number of regular members.

In April we held a service of Choral Evensong for the Deanery to welcome the new Bishop of Kingston. This was well attended by members of St Paul's, as well as from other churches.

In May we celebrated the coronation of King Charles III by opening the church to enable residents and members to come together and watch the ceremony on the big screen. Light refreshments were provided. This was appreciated by all who attended.

In June we welcomed The Revd Jack Belloli as our Curate. We were lucky enough to be able to attend the ordination service at Southwark Cathedral and we welcomed Jack to the parish on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. We were also charged by the Diocese with finding him accommodation and with the help of staff at John D. Wood & Co we managed to find a suitable flat in the parish and within walking distance to the church.

July provided us with the opportunity to hold a Summer Fair. Organised by the Community Centre Manager and with the help of many members of St Paul's congregation, it proved to be a very successful event. We hope to organise a similar event in 2025. A huge thankyou to all who took part.

St Paul's also agreed to take part in the Faith Trails for schools organised by the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE). St Paul's became part of the Wimbledon Faith Trail which includes the Wimbledon Synagogue and the Buddhist Temple. It has been a pleasure to be involved with this initiative and to see how the children enjoy the visits.

We once again celebrated 'Creationtide' in church with the display board showing a variety of art and interpretations by members of the congregation.

Anne Minors organised a very successful concert to raise the final funds needed to complete the reredos project. It was a very enjoyable evening of entertainment, followed by refreshments. Well done, Anne for the vision and tenacity to see this through.

Our Christmas Fair in November was attended by members of the community and managed to raise £2,165 towards church funds. Our sincere thanks to all those members of the congregation who willingly turned up and helped on the day. We met with the Area Dean for the annual inspection of the church and were pleased that all continues to be positive. St Paul's also continues to work within the local community, running **Tea and Toys** on a Tuesday morning and **All-Age Messy Church** on the first Sunday of the month at 4.00 pm. Both offer different activities: play at **Tea and Toys**, and more organized activities for **Messy Church**. There are also occasional meetings between the local synagogue and mosque. St Cecelia's Secondary School holds termly visits to the church by House Groups. **St Paul's Pantry** continues to serve those in need on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. Students from St Cecelia's also help with **St Paul's Pantry** on a regular basis.

### **Fabric Report**

Last year we reported that one or two wooden blocks in the floor had risen. Following further investigation, it was discovered that the surface beneath the blocks had cracked and a small amount of damp had caused the problem. This surface beneath the blocks has been repaired and the blocks re-laid. To date all is well. Our thanks to Mike Lowe for doing this work for us.

The restoration of the reredos, roodscreen and cross was completed in June. Our thanks to Elizabeth Simon who managed the project

throughout. The craftsmen/women were a joy to watch and always had time to explain and show what they were doing; it was a real insight into real craftsmanship.

The restorers also cleaned and repainted the damp patch on the north wall of the church and again our thanks to Elizabeth for organising this. The work on the wall was completed at no cost to the church.

For many years we have had a problem with one of the downpipes from the church that is located at the back of one of the hall cupboards, causing water ingress and dampness. The company who carried out the latest repair also noted a few other items of repair needed, including gutter clearance. We had our Quinquennial inspection and will await the report before taking any further action on the roof. It has also been recorded that there is a raised stone on the steps going up to the high altar and a damp corner in the wayside chapel.

Cameras for live streaming/recording have been installed in the Lady Chapel and behind the screen in the chancel. Our thanks to Sebastiaan Bolen, Mike Lowe and Alan and Jenny Bryant for all their work in completing this work.

Terry will be standing down at the APCM after serving three years as churchwarden. I would like to pass on my thanks to him for his work and support.

*Gill Thompson and Terry Woolgar*

### **Special Report: Restoration of Reredos and Roodscreen**

2023 saw the long-awaited completion of our project to restore the 1908 reredos and the 1896 roodscreen, both the work of the eminent designer Charles Eamer Kempe. This was a project intended originally to be included in our 1995 Centenary Works. We could not afford to undertake it then but were finally able to realise it this year, after many years of preparation, with the key initial financial support of a legacy from our late much loved organist, David Leyland, and a grant from The Kempe Trust, together with a legacy from a dear member and former Churchwarden, Andrew Keat.

Faculty permission was received in October 2022 and the restoration team of Stephen Bellion, with Ricky Green and Ann Reed, started work

in late January 2023 and completed the restoration in June. Although some small elements of damaged or missing carving were replaced, especially in the reredos, the main work consisted of restoring the faded painting and gilding on the reredos and the roodscreen and introducing selective gilding on the cross, including gilding its inscription 'So God loved the world'. On the reredos, restoration was undertaken both to the original Kempe painting and gilding and the new work, mainly painting, overseen in 1938 by Martin Travers. (On the latter, the Travers blues and reds were restored to the more intense 1908 Kempe palette.) On the screen, the 1957 colours were restored, using the Kempe shades, and the gold painting was gilded to provide more long-lasting lustre. As an added bonus the team repaired, cleaned and polished our pulpit and sounding board statue of St John the Baptist with his gilded halo and cross.

A funding appeal to raise the balance of the estimated cost of the restoration was launched in November 2022 to church members and friends and to our local community. When the appeal closed at the end of October 2023 it had raised £31,000 in donations with a further £1,000 raised by the very successful concert, organised by Anne Minors and held in October. Including the initial legacies and grant, and adding in the Gift Aid which many donors included, the total sum raised to pay for the restoration was nearly £84,000 which almost exactly matched the net cost of the restoration project. This means that the restoration was realised as intended at no direct cost to the PCC General Funds; in fact the Annual Accounts show a small surplus which will help fund the plaque recording the restoration, which will be installed on the reredos, opposite the 1908 plaque.

We give huge thanks to everyone who helped bring this restoration project to fruition. DEO GRATIAS.

*Elizabeth Simon*

## **Reader's Report**

I am grateful to receive Diocesan Permission to Officiate (PTO), with encouragement from the Vicar and the congregation. 2023 was another busy year: twenty sermons, delivered at various services, plus some pastoral support. I have also attended events hosted by the Ahmadiyya Community, the Wimbledon Synagogue, and the International Liberty

Association, supporting the people of Iran. I hope to be able to continue to serve St Paul's, albeit at the slower pace of advancing years.

*Norman Allen, Reader*

## **Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary (SPA)**

I retired from being a Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary (SPA) on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 after 22 and a half years of being a SPA and part of the staff team at St. Paul's. I have learned a lot during this time and met and supported many lovely people, some of whom are no longer with us.

The most valued time for me was at the start of the Covid pandemic where I worked with Revd Susan to set up church support groups and also set up and administered the Angels Project, which put people in need in touch with those offering help. We needed to ensure that vulnerable people and those offering them support had guidelines to protect themselves. This led to setting up St Paul's Pantry in which I helped support Helen with paperwork during the first year.

The Bishop of Southwark has sent me a letter of thanks and a certificate, and has given me the title of SPA Emeritus. I am sad not to be a 'full' SPA. Age and health plays a part, plus family commitments, but I hope to continue to help and support where I can, and I know that St. Paul's Church will continue to grow in the capable hands of Revd Susan and the staff team.

*Joan Endean*

## **Electoral Roll Officer Report**

The Electoral Roll of St Paul's Church now stands at 101.

Very sadly, we have lost some of our faithful members this year, but some new people have joined. If you consider yourself a part of St. Paul's Church and have been worshipping with us for three months, and are not yet on the Electoral Roll, please do fill in a yellow form at the back of the church and give it to a Churchwarden or me. When you are on the Church Electoral Roll it allows you to vote in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), and also to be on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to have a say in the running of our church. Do please consider it.

*Joan Endean*

## Parish Safeguarding

St Paul's church continues to follow the Safeguarding policies for children and vulnerable adults established by the Diocese of Southwark. In January 2023 I completed a Parish Safeguarding course at Trinity House Southwark, which adds to the leadership course I had previously attended. Southwark Diocese provides online courses covering basic and foundation in Safeguarding and training to raise awareness of domestic abuse.

In September 2023 we organised with Southwark Diocese for Revd Hannah Thomson from Christ Church & St Philip, Worcester Park to kindly come along to St Paul's to deliver Safeguarding training at foundation level. Over 20 of our staff and volunteers attended. I am pleased to say the day was a huge success and feedback was very positive. A huge 'thank you' to everyone who attended.

Face to face proof of identity checks are being carried out as part of Disclosure and Barring service (DBS). DBS is renewable after 3 years.

I continue to arrange for people to complete Safeguarding training online. Ann parkin is on standby for whenever I need her assistance.

*Claire Neate, St Paul's Safeguarding Officer*

## ----- **NURTURE** -----

### Friday Group

We meet fortnightly, except in Lent and Advent when it's weekly. It's a supportive group where we spend time together over coffee talking about concerns we have and praying for those situations. We then read either a part of the Bible or a book on faith/beliefs. It's a relaxed and safe space where we can express our ideas, doubts and joys. The books we read aren't always easy, but they invariably give us food for discussion and ideas for our onward journey in life, with support from each other.

*Sue Chick*

## **Prayer Chain**

We are a group of people who pray for anyone in need. There is a list we all hold and anyone can add people to that list. Just contact Sue Chick, Daphne Foster or any of the clergy team and we will pray for those in need. It would also be helpful to know of any changes or if the person no longer needs to be on the prayer list.

*Daphne Foster/Sue Chick*

## **Church Birthday Card Scheme**

We give a birthday card to anyone from St Paul's who would like their birthday celebrated in this way. Their name also appears on the pew sheet in the relevant month. If you wish to receive a card for yourself or your family members, please contact Daphne Foster or Sue Chick. We don't need to know ages, but if we have the age of children we can try to find an appropriate card.

*Daphne Foster/Sue Chick*

## **Jean Garling Fund**

This fund was set up in memory of Jean with a bequest from her estate and is available to lay members of the congregation for training to support their spiritual development. Once again, this year no one has approached us for support, which means the fund is in a good position to help going forward. With expanding work with children and young people, and the opportunities for more 'Quiet' and /or Study Days now that Covid lockdowns are over, we are hopeful that the fund will be used again in the near future.

*Doreen Hewitt*

----- **WELCOME** -----

## **Music**

The choir continue to lead the hymn singing at the front of the church with most singers sitting facing the congregation in front of the

roodscreen. Most of the choir and members of the congregation feel that this arrangement provides a better lead, helps singers to sing more confidently and looks better on live-stream. However others prefer the choir to be seated in the choir stalls which is our usual arrangement for special services. This presents significant challenges with respect to confidence, ensemble and coordination when numbers are low, but works well with a healthy turn-out.

Choir numbers each week tend to be very variable - on occasions up to 24 singers, other times as low as 5 or 6 - but this year we have been delighted to welcome some new voices whose contributions have been greatly appreciated.

To avoid making services too long (by request) the choir will rarely sing a stand-alone anthem but now will frequently sing a Communion anthem before the Communion hymn - a pattern which seems to work well. We continue to sing settings from a variety of periods, ancient and modern, including arrangements of music from other world music traditions as appropriate.

The organ has generally been working well, but the lowest 'Positive' manual continues to present challenges with additional stops joining the 'failing list' this year. When the more important 'Great' and 'Swell' were upgraded a few years ago it was thought that the 'Positive' could wait, but with more parts wearing out it would now benefit from the same upgrading.

Many thanks to Sue, Julia, Morgan and other visiting organists for standing in when Kevin has been away.

Once again, many thanks to all choir members for their loyal support, and especially to John for his tireless commitment helping to copy music and organise the choir music library, to Ann for dealing with music licence reporting and copyright, to Susan, Norman and Churchwardens for their support, and to members of the congregation and visitors who have made a point of thanking and complimenting St Paul's musicians for our contribution to services.

*Kevin Jones*

## Flower Group

This year has been another busy one for the team with a wedding and a number of funerals/memorial services to decorate for as well as the regular festivals. As usual we have continued to ensure suitable arrangements are in place week by week for the Sunday service with materials generously donated by the team, who see this as part of their regular giving and preparation for Sunday worship.

This year we have been supported by a small number of the congregation who have been happy to regularly plunder their gardens for greenery. We are very grateful for their generosity, however this last year we have had to buy foliage outside of the usual festivals or special occasions. Going forward this looks like becoming a regular occurrence, which means if we are to continue with fresh flowers in church on a weekly basis we are likely to be looking for more regular contributions to the flower fund. For the moment we will continue as usual and provide examples of God's wonderful creation for all to enjoy.

*Doreen Hewitt*

## IT and Technical Developments

Several improvements to the church's technical infrastructure were made during the year.

Two more cameras were installed: one is in the choir area behind the roodscreen and can be controlled from the sound desk to look through the screen into the church and also in the other direction to the altar; the other is at the back of the Lady Chapel, looking forward. Both are integrated into the AV system for broadcasts of services.

A HIVE control system was installed to control the heating in the church. This allows a much more flexible and responsive approach to managing the heating, which can now be done from the church office and remotely by smartphone. This will also enable reduction in energy usage.

The enhancements to the sound system in church, delivered in 2022, were completed with the purchase of a second radio microphone in 2023 for clergy use.

A large projector screen, with stand, was purchased to support screenings of film, video and TV broadcasts to audiences.

*Sebastiaan Boelen / Mike Lowe*

## ----- **OUTREACH** -----

Outreach is an area that has continued to grow in 2023. Outreach specifically aimed at youth and children - **Tea & Toys**, **Tea & Toast** and **Wednesday Club** - is covered in the section below.

**St Paul's Pantry** has continued to provide support for 40+ families in our community at least twice a month. We had the great fortune of receiving £10,000 from the Community Lottery Fund, thanks to the effective work of Helen Lowe. We are grateful for the leadership of Juliet Childs, Michellie Brown and Angela Ireland and for the many capable volunteers for this important part of our outreach to the community.

**St Paul's Community Centre** continues to play a vital role in our service to the wider community as a venue to gather, learn and support one another. We continue to support the Tuesday **Lunch Club**: the full two-course meal is now prepared by volunteers fortnightly, and a lighter meal is normally arranged in the intervening weeks to ensure that a regular weekly pattern is maintained. The Club has hosted a range of occasional entertainers and visitors offering community support this year, and welcomed children and carers from **Tea & Toys** and **Tea & Toast** to celebrate Pancake Day.

The lounge is reserved on Thursday mornings for a **Warm Space**: this is currently on hiatus, and we hope it will be relaunched with a broader volunteer team in 2024.

We are grateful for the efforts our Community Centre manager, Sam Egan, in all that happens at the centre.

## **Annual Outreach Events**

**St Paul's Community Fete** in June showcased many of the activities of the church and community centre. It was well attended and much appreciation was voiced by those who came.

**The Christmas Fair** in November saw a good number of people from the wider community. It was a successful fundraiser for St Paul's and offered the community a positive experience of the church and Community Centre.

**Lighting of the Community Christmas Tree** took place in the Memorial Garden, with carols by candlelight and many staying to enjoy refreshments afterwards.

Our annual **Christmas carolling** once again raised significant funds for Glass Door while bringing the Christmas message of hope and good cheer to people at Southfields station and local residents.

A **family film night** was hosted shortly before Christmas, gathering families from our Youth and Children's outreach activities.

## **School Work Development**

We welcomed Albemarle, Prospect House, Putney High School and the Study Prep school for concerts or assemblies in the last year.

House groups from St Cecilia's visited church for their 'Worship in the Community' every Advent and Lent. Thank you to Norman Allen, Margaret Brown, Lesley Hazel and Doreen Hewitt for supporting these sessions.

A number of primary schools also visited us as part of Wandsworth SACRE's new programme of faith trails: the children spend an hour being introduced to features of our church, visiting Wimbledon Synagogue and the Buddha Adipa Temple on the same day. Thanks to Norman Allen, Lesley Hazel, Doreen Hewitt, Gill Thompson and Terry Woolgar for offering welcome and leading groups on these trails.

## **Open Church**

St Paul's has continued to maintain an Open Church for private prayer, access to listeners and for pastoral support. With the generous help of several volunteers, including Doreen and John Hewitt, Terry and Kay Woolgar, Gill and Shirley Thompson, Margaret Brown, Norman and Lois

Allen, and Julia and Stuart Raeburn, the doors of the church have continued to be open four mornings and one afternoon during the week, and a warm atmosphere of welcome has been acknowledged and appreciated by members of the congregation and passers-by.

*Revd Jack Belloli and Revd Susan Bolen*

## Youth and Children

It has been the stated aim of the PCC at St Paul's since 2018 to build up our outreach to children and young people in the Parish. We were lucky to have Katie Gilbert, who was willing in 2019 to help start **Tea and Toys**, for pre-school children and their parents/carers on Tuesday mornings from 9.30-10.30am.

This continues to meet weekly in term-time, now with an average attendance of at least 15 adults and children combined. For some families, this is now a firm weekly part of their schedule; others drop in more occasionally, or even as a one-off when visiting the area; all are warmly welcomed, and enjoy the chance for mutual support in a relaxed environment.

We were also lucky to have a group of people led by Marc Stoneham, who successfully started monthly **All-Age Messy Church** on Sunday afternoons. This continues to meet on the first Sunday of the month: while numbers each month can vary significantly, it is now common for attendance to reach 40-50 adults and children combined, and thus sometimes equal to or greater than the numbers at the Sunday morning service.

Since last autumn, the team have benefitted from ordering in 'Sunday Boxes' from the Red Balloon Foundation (see below), which provide ready-to-use materials and instructions for craft activities on our chosen theme. We spend the first 40 minutes of the session taking part in these activities and other games, and then we gather for a Bible story or talk, songs led on the piano by Kana, and prayers - before ending with pizza!

We are continuing to explore ways in which **All-Age Messy Church** families and the Sunday morning congregation can be more integrated:

groups from both participated, and in many cases got a first chance to meet each other, in welcoming Mary and Joseph into their homes during our inaugural **Advent Posada** in 2023; an Epiphany chalk blessing activity was also introduced to both congregations. The Messy Church team also put together our annual Christmas Eve crib service and Children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, as well as arranging activities for children during the Sunday morning Harvest Festival and Easter Day Communion. We hope that one-off events like these, and the sustainable relationships that have built up through **Messy Church**, will serve as the foundation on which we can restore regular Junior Church provision on Sunday mornings in the near future.

A huge thank you to Marc, Caroline Wehrle and Kana Jones (and their families) for their dedication and good humour in continuing to make **Messy Church** a success - as well as to Deirdre Gooderson and Arani Nirmalaraj, who have stepped back from regular involvement in the last year but continue to offer support and encouragement! Our thanks also to Candice Andrade, Mike Bower, Sylvia Mpawulo, Claire Neate and Joan Endean for their support and participation at a range of events.

In 2019, we recognised we didn't really have anyone with any experience of youth work to enable outreach or ministry to older children, so in 2022 the PCC decided to apply to the Wimbledon Foundation Community Fund (WFCF) to support the appointment of a part-time youth and children's worker on a 2-year contract. The balance of funding was to be met out of a generous legacy from Elizabeth Burgess. The bid for £10 000, which also included some equipment, was successful, but we were not initially able to find any suitable applicants for the post. After consulting with other local schools and youth groups, we found an agency, the Red Balloon Foundation, which was able to supply qualified youth workers to support church activities, and signed a contract with them to launch a weekly **Wednesday Club** for ages 10-14 years in July 2023. As a result of discussions with them and others, we changed our original plan for a homework club to instead include a wide range of leisure activities, including card and board games, crafts, video games and indoor sports. At the end of each week's session, the young people share a discussion about a topical issue, facilitated by their youth worker, over pizza: we are beginning to reflect on possibilities for them to engage in group

projects or forms of community engagement together. This arrangement has worked well, and though the numbers attending (usually around 8-10) are smaller than we expected, we hope to build this up to around 20 during 2024.

Meanwhile, we discovered that some of the parents/carers also brought younger children along and wanted to stay to socialise, so in November 2023 we started to run a **Tea and Toast** group in the church for ages 4-9 years and their parents/carers between 3.30 and 5.30 pm, in parallel with **Wednesday Club** in the Community Centre. This has quickly become a source of community and deep mutual support, similar to (and overlapping with the members of) **Tea and Toys**. The funds from WFCF have covered the cost of a second youth worker from Red Balloon, who is also helping to run **Tea and Toys** on Tuesdays, as well as of additional games and equipment.

Huge thanks to Eyrusalem and Renee from Red Balloon, and to Shanta Chellappoo, Anne Minors, and Bob Essert who have provided enthusiastic and valiant help in starting and continuing to support **Wednesday Club** and **Tea and Toast**.

*Margaret Brown, Revd Jack Belloli and Revd Susan Bolen*

## Community Centre

The Community Centre continues to be a warm and welcoming place for all those who use it, either for hiring or visiting, and we continue to get great feedback especially on Google maps. We remain a very popular venue for children's parties, especially with our accessible outdoor space which is always a plus point for many customers.

The Girl Guides joined us in April. In the short time they have been here, the Guides have contributed to the Summer Fete and Christmas Fair. It's great to have them at St Paul's.

Summer Fete was a great success and was encouraging to see so many local families attending and taking part in the activities.

In October we were successful for the third successive year in securing funding as part of the Wellbeing Brighter Living week in Wandsworth, receiving £250.00. Sam organised an afternoon with refreshments and table tennis, Pilates, Zumba Gold and line dance, which was enjoyed by

all. Stephanie Norris' photo appeared in the Brighter Living Magazine, playing Table tennis at 97 years old!

The numbers for the Thursday morning coffee have declined despite trying to boost attendance by holding a monthly tabletop sale. New ideas of how to use the space more effectively are in discussion.

Our main maintenance items this year were the scrub and seal of the main hall floor and purchase of new blinds for all three offices. We have also managed to start a rolling programme of painting projects with the coffee lounge tables, toilet doors and conservatory all having been redecorated.

The Community Centre management committee meets quarterly and attendance has been good. We have discussed the new committee terms of reference. We have been unable to find a weekend cleaner and so currently this work is being covered as extra time by Sam and Siobhan.

Would like to say thank you to Alan and Jenny who continue to help and support us with our maintenance. It really is appreciated.

*Sam Egan and Gill Thompson*

## **Lunch Club**

The Lunch Club was started as a Millenium Project in 2000, and for 23 years we have managed to operate once a week on Tuesdays. Sadly, due to a lack of volunteer leaders (there are now only two), we have had to scale back the operations and this year we are only open on the first and third Tuesday of each month. On the alternate Tuesdays, Sam Egan (Centre Manager) has volunteered to offer sandwiches, soup and occasionally a 'ready meal' kindly donated by 'Cook' in Southfields.

We continue to provide a service to the members; our oldest is 98 years old. An interesting project this year started with a request from students attending the London College of Communication to film in the Community Centre. Sam was able to arrange for some of the members to take part in the short film the students produced, which they all enjoyed. The Lunch Club was also invited to see a screening of the finished film, which was arranged in the church. Thanks to Sebastiaan Boelen for setting everything up for us.

Our two cooks Janice O'Connor and Mary Novis continue to work with us, assisted by Eve Speare, Margaret McManus, and Jan Sharp. We would like to thank Chris Ward, who has retired, for his help and commitment to the Lunch Club over several years.

Thank you to Sam Egan for taking the bookings, collecting the money, being at the end of the phone, and on occasions delivering meals to those who are unable to attend in person. Sam voluntarily runs a bingo session after the Lunch Club each week. All of this is very much appreciated by the members. Our thanks also go to Chris Wright for organizing carol singing with a pianist for after lunch at Christmas.

We very much hope that Lunch Club will survive for many more years, but we really need at least two more volunteers to lead a team. This involves a commitment to coming along once every four weeks, choosing a two-course menu (main and dessert), shopping for the ingredients (money refunded on the production of bills), supervising the cooks and at least one volunteer.

This is a very worthwhile outreach project and is very much appreciated by all of those who attend.

*Shirley Thompson*

## **Church Bookings: Concerts & Recitals**

Church hire bookings were steady throughout 2023: 7 concerts / recitals by amateur choirs and orchestras (plus 2 rehearsals); 8 schools concerts, a summer piano students' recital, and our 'Songs by Candlelight' reredos appeal fundraiser on 21<sup>st</sup> October (at no charge).

Owing to rising inflation and the need to hedge against higher costs for heating and lighting, we reluctantly increased our church hire charges by 20% in January 2023. This was the first price rise since the 2020 review and was received with understanding by our loyal customers.

Among our regular hirers and friends, Wimbledon Symphony Orchestra (WSO) put on three concerts: a 'Scandinavian Winter Concert' with a performance of Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite No. 1 and Ruth Gipps' Seascape conducted by Marc Dooley in February; a 'Summer Concert' in June conducted by Thomas Payne with works by Brahms, Prokofiev and Shostakovich; and an 'Autumn Concert' in early November led by

Andrew Morley, featuring Weber's Overture from *Der Freischütz*, Mozart's Piano Concerto No.23 and Dvorak's Symphony No. 8.

Putney Choral Society (PCS), under musical director Jamie Powe, performed a moving rendition of Mozart's Great Mass in C Minor on 13<sup>th</sup> May; and on 2<sup>nd</sup> December the choir returned to deliver an accomplished recital of Henry Purcell's *Dido & Aeneas*.

We welcomed new hirers Thames Youth Orchestra, based in Kingston-upon-Thames, performing in March, and Prospect House School from Putney on 4<sup>th</sup> July. It is pleasing to note that Thames Youth Orchestra will be returning in summer 2024.

The busy Advent season saw two carol concerts by Putney High School Juniors on 7<sup>th</sup> December, led for the last time before her well-earned retirement by Ena Burgess, Head of Music. It was both heartwarming and poignant to welcome the staff and children from The Study Wimbledon Preparatory School for their nativity concert the following day, coming at the end of a year when their community has never been far from mind. We also hosted our local primary Albemarle for their Christmas Concerts, which followed earlier visits in the spring.

On 16<sup>th</sup> December, Wimbledon Choral Society's (WCS) ever-popular Christmas Concerts (matinee and evening performances) were enjoyed by large audiences, bringing many new faces to St Paul's.

Total revenue from church bookings made during 2023 was £6,848. This represents a 38% increase in revenue over 2022.

*Guy Booth, Parish Administrator*

## **Communications Group**

Three editions of *Parkside Post* were produced in 2023, for Easter, Creationtide and Advent/Christmas. We now have a consistent format including a masthead which shows the St Paul's logo. The magazine is one of the main ways in which the activities of St Paul's are promoted throughout the Parish and features colourful posters for most of our worship and outreach activities (e.g. **Wednesday Club, Tea & Toys, All-Age Messy Church, the Pantry**).

Printing costs remain high and we are pleased to have some regular advertisers who help to defray these (Putney Choral Society, Wimbledon Symphony Orchestra and The Seasons Art Classes).

3,000 copies are printed and most of these are distributed to households in the parish by our faithful band of volunteers, to whom we are very grateful. Young people working towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards occasionally help as well. Other copies are placed in locations such as Southfields Library, coffee shops, surgeries etc. Any other ideas of places where copies could be placed would be gratefully received.

Posters and banners are produced for display outside the church, also helping to advertise St Paul's worship and activities to the community, and hopefully, encouraging people through our doors.

*Juliet Childs*

## **e-Newsletters**

There were 7 e-Newsletters broadcast to our contacts during 2023 using ChurchDesk email management software. The subjects were: 'Please help us to restore our reredos' (30<sup>th</sup> April); 'Coronation Weekend at St Paul's' (4<sup>th</sup> May); 'Annual Parochial Church Meeting This Sunday 12:00 noon' (20<sup>th</sup> May); 'Songs by Candlelight' in aid of the Reredos Appeal, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 7:00 pm' (22<sup>nd</sup> September); 'Songs by Candlelight' this Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 7:00 pm - tickets still available' (20<sup>th</sup> October); 'St Paul's Christmas Fair, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November' (23<sup>rd</sup> November); 'Wishing you a very special Christmas' (22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023). We sent one text message: a reminder about the Service of Lessons & Carols by candlelight.

Open rates for all e-Newsletters in 2023 averaged 65%, click through rates 8% and unsubscribes 1%; broadly similar to 2022 performance with the same number of email campaigns broadcast (7). Our open rate is good for a relatively small database, and often the message content is sufficient to inform the reader without clicking through to the linked pages. Our most opened e-Newsletter was the first reredos appeal (78%), followed closely by Revd Susan's Christmas message (73%), which latter achieved the highest number of click throughs (12%), proving that an engaging message really cuts through.

Our total contacts subscribed to the e-Newsletter at the end of 2023 were 274. Our contact database is 374 (including those not subscribed).

*Guy Booth, Parish Administrator*

## **St Paul's Website**

St Paul's website, hosted on the ChurchDesk online church management platform, is the main digital resource for marketing the church and Community Centre to audiences in the parish and beyond. The website was kept up-to-date with a regular rotation of content to promote our services of worship and events at St Paul's, and to communicate community, parish and Diocese news.

The coronation of King Charles III in May 2023 was commemorated with a homepage banner image of the King and Queen with the coronation logo and linked to information on our coronation weekend events: live screening in church of the service at Westminster Abbey, the Coronation Picnic on Wimbledon Common, and our service of celebration.

Recitals and concerts in church by choral societies and orchestras were promoted on the homepage and in the 'What's On' section, with links to further details and booking sites. Organisers' promotional material was often reformatted and re-sized using 'Canva' design software, which was also used for creating digital artwork for banners and posters.

The welcome service of Choral Evensong for our new Kingston Area Bishop in April, and community events such as the St Paul's Summer Fete and the Christmas Fair, as well as the launch of the new St Paul's youth initiatives **Tea & Toast** and **Wednesday Club**, were all given a high profile. Easter and Christmas service times were displayed prominently on the homepage with dedicated pages carrying links to Orders of Service and links to the YouTube channel for those worshipping online.

The Reredos Restoration Appeal was featured on the website from April to October and a dedicated fundraising page was set up which collected £1,340 towards the project. A further £1,050 was raised towards general church funds during 2023 through the website 'Giving' page.

News blogs on the website carried many stories of interest including 'St Paul's Joins Wandsworth SACRE Faith Trails initiative'; 'Bishop of Kingston Leads Holy Communion at St Paul's'; 'Celebrating our own "Millennium Babe" at Southwark Cathedral' (commemorating Joan

Endean's retirement as SPA); and 'St Paul's Carol Singers Raise Over £600 for Glass Door Homeless Charity'.

Parkside Post was made available to download, and the pew sheet was posted in the 'Pew Sheets' section every week. The 'Orders of Service' section was updated with new liturgies. Norman Allen's sermons were regularly uploaded to the 'Sermons' section.

Many existing images of the church were replaced with new photography following the restoration of the reredos and roodscreen.

Following a poorly managed migration of client websites to a new operating platform by ChurchDesk, the website has been out of service and requires a complete rebuild of the content. We aim to complete the work in summer 2024.

*Guy Booth, Parish Administrator*

## **Charity Collections**

We now limit our *Christian Aid Week* effort to distributing envelopes to about 20 of the Parkside Post rounds, acting as a collection point, and collecting among our own congregation. We were able to bank £710; less than previously, but we know many people contributed online.

In December, our Carol Singers had a very positive reception on two nights, at the tube station and in the Gardens area, collecting £633.34 for *Glass Door*, supporting church hospitality for London's homeless.

*Margaret Brown*

## **Interfaith Relations**

St Paul's enjoys warm relations with its many interfaith neighbours, including Jewish (both Orthodox and Reformed), Ahmadiyya Muslim and Baha'i friends who variously support our mission including St Paul's Pantry and Wednesday Club. In 2023, we were warmly welcomed to Interfaith services, including a celebration of Shavuot and a talk on Revelation in the Jewish tradition: *God is still talking*, at the Wimbledon Synagogue; the annual Peace Symposium held at the Ahmadiyya Mosque in Morden; and we participated in the Baha'i community organised

event entitled *Our Story is One - Music in praise of Women*. St Paul's invited both Jewish and Muslim friends to our annual Remembrance Day service in church and an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

St Paul's hosted the Wandsworth Deanery Synod in February and organised guest speakers from the Council of Christians and Jews. The event had been planned for many months, so was not initially intended to address the current situation in the Middle East. However, in light of the events of October 7<sup>th</sup> in Israel, the national CCJ Christian co-chair, the Revd Dr Nathan Eddy and the local Jewish co-chair, Rabbi Adrian Schell, engaged in a listening exercise to model how we might address in a helpful way the tensions expressed in this country. The listening exercise enabled Deanery Synod members and other guests to hear of the experience of Rabbi Adrian and the local Jewish community, on the day and subsequently. Many people expressed appreciation for this meaningful experience of listening. It is our hope to enable broader listening opportunities in our community in 2024.

St Paul's took part in Faith Trails, a programme organised by Wandsworth SACRE, which enables schoolchildren to visit places of faith in the area, with Wimbledon Synagogue and the Buddha Adipa Temple on Calonne Road. This takes place a few times per year as area schools are invited in turn. We hope this might provide a basis for further multifaith cooperation, which seems especially important at this time.

Joint Study Sessions were also held with both the Wimbledon Synagogue and the local Ahmadiyya congregation. Sessions with our Jewish friends were alternatively hosted and included such topics as: Faith traditions at home; Jerusalem: the holy city; Healing and cure in the Jewish and Christian traditions; Creation and stewardship of the environment; The Open Door: Welcoming the stranger; and Finding Light in dark times. The Ahmadiyya women were also invited to St Paul's for talks on aspects of the Christian faith. Similar opportunities are planned for 2024.

*Revd Susan Bolen*

## ----- **ENVIRONMENT** -----

### **Eco Church**

Mike Lowe agreed to succeed Norman Allen as Chair of the Eco Church sub-committee. Many thanks to Norman for his contributions to running the committee, including writing the terms of reference which had been accepted by the PCC in November 2022.

*Mike Lowe*

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### **ST Paul's PCC - Treasurer's Report 2023**

2023's finances were dominated by the renovation works at 90 Augustus Road (costing around £24,000) as well as general inflation-driven increases in costs.

Income from the hire of the church and Community Centre increased substantially (by £15,000) on 2022, with regular donations also increasing between 2022 and 2023.

Overall this left us with a deficit of £27,600 in 2023, largely driven by the renovation works on 90 Augustus Road. This leaves us with a weaker cash position (£91,250 at the end of 2023), but we are confident that this investment is necessary to provide rental income in the future.

Fundraising for the reredos restoration covered all costs. Donations and grants for the reredos were classified as restricted ("R - Reredos" on the accounts), and legacies were classified as designated ("D - Reredos").

The pantry continues to attract generous donations and a £7,900 grant from the National Lottery. The pantry had £16K in funds at the end of 2023.

We gratefully acknowledge Andrew Keat's generous £10,000 legacy, which has been designated towards the restoration of the reredos (£5000) and the organ fund (£5000).

*The Finance Committee*

# APPENDIX: ST PAUL'S PCC ACCOUNTS 2023

St Paul's Church, Wimbledon Park  
Charity Commission Ref 1142917

(Income & Expenditure)  
For the year ended 31 December 2023

**Income**  
Total Donated Income  
Total Donated Income (Regular)  
Income Tax Recovered (Gift Aid)  
Total Fund Raising Income  
Total Income from Activities  
Total Income from Investments  
Total Grants Received  
Total Other Voluntary Income  
Total Special Appeals Income  
Total Other Incoming Resources  
Sales of Product Income

**Total Income**

**Expenditure**

Total Activities  
Total Costs of Generating Funds  
Parish Support Fund  
Total Grants Given  
Total Major Repairs  
Total Management and Admin  
Purchases

**Total Expenditure**

**Net Operating Surplus / (Deficit)**

**Other Expenses**

Gains on asset revaluation  
Losses on asset revaluation

**Net Surplus / (Deficit) before Transfers**

Between Funds Transfers

**Net Surplus / (Deficit)**

| Unrestricted Funds |                 | Designated Funds |                       |                |                  |                |                | Restricted Funds         |             |                 |          |          |         | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|----------|---------|------|------|
| Church - PCC       | D - Fabric Fund | D - Reredos      | D - Jean Garling Fund | D - Organ Fund | R - Audio Visual | R - Lunch Club | R - Youth Work | R - Wimbledon Foundation | R - Reredos | R - Pantry Fund | Total    | 2023     | 2022    |      |      |
| £                  | £               | £                | £                     | £              | £                | £              | £              | £                        | £           | £               | £        | £        | £       |      |      |
| 9,778              | 0               | 950              | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 45             | 0                        | 27,938      | 8,498           | 45,209   | 45,209   | 12,658  |      |      |
| 81,744             | 0               | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0              | 0                        | 0           | 0               | 81,744   | 81,744   | 57,459  |      |      |
| 6,720              | 0               | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0              | 0                        | 6,902       | 0               | 13,823   | 13,823   | 14,598  |      |      |
| 3,816              | 0               | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0              | 0                        | 1,120       | 52              | 4,988    | 4,988    | 4,038   |      |      |
| 75,372             | 0               | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0              | 0                        | 0           | 0               | 75,372   | 75,372   | 60,038  |      |      |
| 28,482             | 0               | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0              | 0                        | 0           | 0               | 28,482   | 28,482   | 28,400  |      |      |
| 2,450              | 0               | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0              | 0                        | 28,084      | 7,900           | 39,434   | 39,434   | 13,938  |      |      |
| 0                  | 0               | 5,000            | 0                     | 5,000          | 0                | -              | 0              | 0                        | 0           | 0               | 10,000   | 10,000   | 26,115  |      |      |
| 20                 | 0               | 0                | 0                     | 0              | (2,581)          | -              | 0              | 0                        | 60          | 570             | (1,931)  | (1,931)  | 3,245   |      |      |
| 295                | 0               | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0              | 0                        | 0           | 0               | 295      | 295      | 0       |      |      |
| -                  | -               | -                | -                     | -              | -                | -              | -              | -                        | -           | -               | 0        | 0        | 0       |      |      |
| 186,677            | 0               | 5,950            | 0                     | 5,000          | (2,581)          | 0              | 45             | 0                        | 65,104      | 15,020          | 275,214  | 275,214  | 217,482 |      |      |
| 73,173             | 0               | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 876            | 1,340                    | 0           | 4,775           | 79,964   | 79,964   | 53,716  |      |      |
| 23,860             | 0               | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0              | 0                        | 621         | 0               | 24,481   | 24,481   | 2,157   |      |      |
| 60,000             | 0               | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0              | 0                        | 0           | 0               | 60,000   | 60,000   | 55,000  |      |      |
| -                  | -               | -                | -                     | -              | -                | -              | -              | -                        | -           | -               | 0        | 0        | 0       |      |      |
| 1,159              | 0               | 15,451           | 0                     | 624            | 8,025            | -              | 0              | 0                        | 76,230      | 0               | 102,489  | 102,489  | 14,850  |      |      |
| 58,090             | 0               | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 1              | 0                        | 0           | 0               | 58,090   | 58,090   | 51,849  |      |      |
| -                  | -               | -                | -                     | -              | -                | -              | -              | -                        | -           | -               | 0        | 0        | 0       |      |      |
| 214,282            | 0               | 15,451           | 0                     | 624            | 9,025            | 0              | 677            | 1,340                    | 76,851      | 4,775           | 323,024  | 323,024  | 177,573 |      |      |
| (27,605)           | 0               | (9,502)          | 0                     | 4,376          | (11,606)         | 0              | (632)          | (1,340)                  | (11,747)    | 10,245          | (47,810) | (47,810) | 39,909  |      |      |
| (1,782)            | 0               | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0                | -              | 0              | 0                        | 0           | 0               | (1,782)  | (1,782)  | (722)   |      |      |
| 0                  | 0               | 0                | 58                    | 0              | 0                | -              | 0              | 0                        | 0           | 0               | 58       | 58       | 178     |      |      |
| (25,823)           | 0               | (9,502)          | (56)                  | 4,376          | (11,606)         | 0              | (632)          | (1,340)                  | (11,747)    | 10,245          | (46,084) | (46,084) | 40,453  |      |      |
| (11,608)           | (20,000)        | 9,502            | 0                     | 0              | 11,806           | 0              | 0              | 0                        | 10,498      | 0               | 0        | 0        | 0       |      |      |
| (37,429)           | (20,000)        | 0                | (56)                  | 4,376          | 0                | 0              | (632)          | (1,340)                  | (1,249)     | 10,245          | (46,084) | (46,084) | 40,453  |      |      |

(Balance Sheet)  
As at 31 December 2023

Fixed Assets  
Investment Assets - 90 Augustus Rd  
Investment Assets - CAF UK Equity B

Current Assets

Debtors  
Dr - Accrued Income  
Dr - Landlord Float  
Dr - Prepaid Expenses  
Total Cash at bank and in hand

Current Liabilities

Cr - Accrued Expenses  
Cr - Deposits Held  
Cr - Prepaid Income  
Cr - Weddings & Funerals - Diocese  
Inter-Account Transfers  
Loans from Congregation  
Falling Due Within One Year

Net Current Assets

Loans from Congregation

Net Assets

Retained Earnings  
Surplus/(Deficit)

Net Funds

| Unrestricted Funds |                       | Designated Funds |                |                  |                                     |             |                | Restricted Funds |          |   |   |   | 2023     | 2022    |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|----------|---|---|---|----------|---------|
| Church - PCC       | D - Jean Garling Fund | D - Fabric Fund  | D - Organ Fund | R - Audio Visual | R - Wimbledon Foundation Youth Work | R - Reredos | R - Youth Work | R - Pantry Fund  | Total    |   |   |   |          |         |
| 157,137            | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0           | 0              | 0                | 157,137  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 157,137  | 157,137 |
| -                  | -                     | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -           | -              | -                | 157,137  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 157,137  | 157,137 |
| 4,201              | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0           | 0              | 0                | 4,201    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,201    | 1,824   |
| 13,569             | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0           | 0              | 0                | 13,569   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,569   | 4,279   |
| -                  | -                     | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -           | -              | -                | 0        | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0        | 0       |
| 483                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0           | 0              | 0                | 483      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 483      | 447     |
| 80,732             | 7,751                 | 0                | 5,048          | -                | 8,660                               | 311         | 4,464          | 16,019           | 122,984  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 122,984  | 177,983 |
| 99,015             | 7,751                 | 0                | 5,048          | 0                | 8,660                               | 311         | 4,464          | 16,019           | 141,267  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 141,267  | 184,034 |
| 4,087              | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0           | 0              | 0                | 4,087    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,087    | 5,431   |
| 2,538              | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0           | 0              | 0                | 2,538    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,538    | 2,538   |
| -                  | -                     | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -           | -              | -                | 0        | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0        | 1,700   |
| 1,130              | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0           | 0              | 0                | 1,130    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,130    | 1       |
| -                  | -                     | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -           | -              | -                | 0        | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0        | 0       |
| -                  | -                     | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -           | -              | -                | 0        | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0        | 0       |
| 7,766              | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0           | 0              | 0                | 7,766    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,766    | 9,671   |
| 91,250             | 7,751                 | 0                | 5,048          | 0                | 8,660                               | 311         | 4,464          | 16,019           | 133,502  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 133,502  | 174,363 |
| 248,387            | 7,751                 | 0                | 5,048          | 0                | 8,660                               | 311         | 4,464          | 16,019           | 290,639  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 290,639  | 336,723 |
| 285,810            | 7,806                 | 20,000           | 672            | -                | 10,000                              | 1,560       | 5,088          | 5,779            | 336,723  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 336,723  | 296,269 |
| (37,429)           | (56)                  | (20,000)         | 4,378          | -                | (1,340)                             | (1,249)     | (632)          | 10,245           | (46,084) | 0 | 0 | 0 | (46,084) | 40,453  |
| 248,381            | 7,751                 | 0                | 5,048          | 0                | 8,660                               | 311         | 4,464          | 16,025           | 290,639  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 290,639  | 336,723 |

# Notes to the Accounts

## Note 1 - Details of Income

For the year ended 31 December 2023

### Income

Church Collections (cash)

Goodbox Donations

Other Giving

Other Giving (Gift Aid)

Total Donated Income

Regular Giving (Gift Aid Envs)

Regular Giving (Gift Aid SO's)

Regular Giving (PGS)

Regular Giving (Other)

Total Donated Income (Regular)

Income Tax Recovered (Gift Aid)

Fund Raising - Church

Fund Raising - Cmnty Ctr

Sunday Coffee

Total Fund Raising Income

Hire of Church

Hire of Community Centre

Contributions to Activities

Weddings & Funerals - Church

Total Income from Activities

Interest and Dividends

Rent from 90 Augustus Rd

Total Income from Investments

Grants - DCMS (VAT Refund)

Grants - HMRC (Furlough)

Grants - NINDS

Grants - Lottery Fund

Grants - VAT

Grants - Other

Total Grants Received

Insurance Claims

Other Incoming Resources

Total Other Incoming Resources

Legacy

Total Other Voluntary Income

Special Appeals (AudioVisual)

Special Appeals (Covid)

Special Appeals (Pantry)

Special Appeals (Reredos)

Special Appeals (Other)

Total Special Appeals Income

Sales of Product Income

Total Income

|                                 | Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds |                | Restricted Funds |                |                  | 2023            | 2022    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------|
|                                 | Church - PCC       | D - Reredos      | D - Organ Fund | R - Reredos      | R - Youth Work | R - Audio Visual | R - Pantry Fund | Total   |
|                                 | £                  | £                | £              | £                | £              | £                | £               | £       |
| Church Collections (cash)       | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 0       |
| Goodbox Donations               | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 0       |
| Other Giving                    | 4,644              | 125              | 0              | 1,154            | 45             | 0                | 3,224           | 9,192   |
| Other Giving (Gift Aid)         | 5,134              | 825              | 0              | 26,784           | 0              | 0                | 3,274           | 36,016  |
| Total Donated Income            | 9,778              | 950              | 0              | 27,938           | 45             | 0                | 6,498           | 45,209  |
| Regular Giving (Gift Aid Envs)  | 1,628              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 1,628   |
| Regular Giving (Gift Aid SO's)  | 17,979             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 17,979  |
| Regular Giving (PGS)            | 33,816             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 33,816  |
| Regular Giving (Other)          | 8,322              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 8,322   |
| Total Donated Income (Regular)  | 61,744             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 61,744  |
| Income Tax Recovered (Gift Aid) | 6,720              | 0                | 0              | 6,902            | 0              | 0                | 0               | 13,623  |
| Fund Raising - Church           | 2,477              | 0                | 0              | 1,120            | 0              | 0                | 52              | 3,649   |
| Fund Raising - Cmnty Ctr        | 1,339              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 1,339   |
| Sunday Coffee                   | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 0       |
| Total Fund Raising Income       | 3,816              | 0                | 0              | 1,120            | 0              | 0                | 52              | 4,988   |
| Hire of Church                  | 7,631              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 7,631   |
| Hire of Community Centre        | 66,796             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 66,796  |
| Contributions to Activities     | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 0       |
| Weddings & Funerals - Church    | 945                | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 945     |
| Total Income from Activities    | 75,372             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 75,372  |
| Interest and Dividends          | 82                 | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 82      |
| Rent from 90 Augustus Rd        | 26,400             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 26,400  |
| Total Income from Investments   | 26,482             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 26,482  |
| Grants - DCMS (VAT Refund)      | 0                  | 0                | 0              | 9,084            | 0              | 0                | 0               | 9,084   |
| Grants - HMRC (Furlough)        | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 0       |
| Grants - NINDS                  | 1,750              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 1,750   |
| Grants - Lottery Fund           | 0                  | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 7,900           | 7,900   |
| Grants - VAT                    | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 0       |
| Grants - Other                  | 700                | 0                | 0              | 20,000           | 0              | 0                | 0               | 20,700  |
| Total Grants Received           | 2,450              | 0                | 0              | 29,084           | 0              | 0                | 7,900           | 39,434  |
| Insurance Claims                | 295                | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 295     |
| Other Incoming Resources        | 0                  | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 0       |
| Total Other Incoming Resources  | 295                | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 295     |
| Legacy                          | 0                  | 5,000            | 5,000          | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 10,000  |
| Total Other Voluntary Income    | 0                  | 5,000            | 5,000          | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 10,000  |
| Special Appeals (AudioVisual)   | 0                  | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | (2,581)          | 0               | (2,581) |
| Special Appeals (Covid)         | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 0       |
| Special Appeals (Pantry)        | 0                  | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 570             | 570     |
| Special Appeals (Reredos)       | 0                  | 0                | 0              | 60               | 0              | 0                | 0               | 60      |
| Special Appeals (Other)         | 20                 | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 20      |
| Total Special Appeals Income    | 20                 | 0                | 0              | 60               | 0              | (2,581)          | 570             | (1,931) |
| Sales of Product Income         | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -              | -                | -               | 0       |
| Total Income                    | 186,677            | 5,950            | 5,000          | 65,104           | 45             | (2,581)          | 15,020          | 275,214 |
|                                 |                    |                  |                |                  |                |                  |                 | 217,732 |

## Notes to the Accounts

Note 2 - Details of Expenditure  
For the year ended 31 December 2023

## Expenditure

|                                        | Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds |                | Restricted Funds |                                     |                |                  |                 | 2023           | 2022           |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                        | Church - PCC       | D - Reredos      | D - Organ Fund | R - Reredos      | R - Wimbledon Foundation Youth Work | R - Youth Work | R - Audio Visual | R - Pantry Fund | Total          | Total          |
|                                        | £                  | £                | £              |                  |                                     |                | £                | £               | £              | £              |
| Clergy Expenses                        | 94                 | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 94             | 82             |
| Group Activity Expenses                | 899                | 0                | 0              | 0                | 900                                 | 0              | 0                | 0               | 1,799          | 250            |
| Heat (Gas)                             | 6,763              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 6,763          | 1,814          |
| Insurance                              | 11,152             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 11,152         | 10,367         |
| Light (Electricity)                    | 5,284              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 5,284          | 4,360          |
| Maintenance & Cleaning - Church        | 5,383              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 5,383          | 1,541          |
| Maintenance & Cleaning - Cmnty Ctr     | 15,892             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 15,892         | 16,880         |
| Music (Organist / Choir Master)        | 8,600              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 8,600          | 7,090          |
| Music (Other)                          | 574                | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 574            | 1,009          |
| Pantry costs                           | 62                 | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 4,775           | 4,837          | 1,452          |
| Running Expenses                       | 3,262              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 440                                 | 676            | 0                | 0               | 4,377          | 1,356          |
| Salaries - Cleaners                    | 7,315              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 7,315          | 7,186          |
| Clergy Housing Costs                   | 6,000              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 6,000          | 0              |
| Altar Frontal                          | 1,500              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 1,500          | 0              |
| Water                                  | 394                | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 394            | 330            |
| <b>Total Activities</b>                | <b>73,173</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>1,340</b>                        | <b>676</b>     | <b>0</b>         | <b>4,775</b>    | <b>79,964</b>  | <b>53,716</b>  |
| Costs of 90 Augustus Rd                | 23,158             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 23,158         | 2,157          |
| Costs of Fund Raising                  | 703                | 0                | 0              | 621              | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 1,323          | 0              |
| <b>Total Costs of Generating Funds</b> | <b>23,860</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>621</b>       | <b>0</b>                            | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>24,481</b>  | <b>2,157</b>   |
| <b>Parish Support Fund</b>             | <b>60,000</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>                            | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>60,000</b>  | <b>55,000</b>  |
| Grants (Missionary Giving)             | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -              | -                | -               | 0              | 0              |
| Grants (Other)                         | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -              | -                | -               | 0              | 0              |
| <b>Total Grants</b>                    | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>                            | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       |
| Major Repairs                          | 0                  | 15,451           | 0              | 76,230           | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 91,681         | 0              |
| Major Repairs - Organ                  | 0                  | 0                | 624            | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 624            | 0              |
| Major Repairs - Flooring               | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -              | -                | -               | 0              | 0              |
| Major Repairs - Windows                | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -              | -                | -               | 0              | 14,850         |
| Major Works - Audio Visual             | 1,159              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 9,025            | 0               | 10,184         | 0              |
| Major Repairs - Notice Boards          | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -              | -                | -               | 0              | 0              |
| <b>Total Major Repairs</b>             | <b>1,159</b>       | <b>15,451</b>    | <b>624</b>     | <b>76,230</b>    | <b>0</b>                            | <b>0</b>       | <b>9,025</b>     | <b>0</b>        | <b>102,489</b> | <b>14,850</b>  |
| Management and Admin                   | 319                | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 319            | 0              |
| Finance Costs                          | 1,941              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 1              | 0                | 0               | 1,942          | 2,017          |
| IT & Systems                           | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -              | -                | -               | 0              | 2,723          |
| Legal Costs                            | -                  | -                | -              | -                | -                                   | -              | -                | -               | 0              | 0              |
| Printing & Photocopier                 | 7,270              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 7,270          | 4,236          |
| Salaries - Cmnty Ctr Mgmt              | 18,554             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 18,554         | 16,892         |
| Salaries - Parish Admin                | 15,848             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 15,848         | 15,265         |
| Salaries - Tax & Pensions              | 10,033             | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 10,033         | 8,262          |
| Telephones                             | 2,124              | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0                                   | 0              | 0                | 0               | 2,124          | 2,454          |
| <b>Total Management and Admin</b>      | <b>56,090</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>                            | <b>1</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>56,090</b>  | <b>51,849</b>  |
| <b>Purchases</b>                       | <b>-</b>           | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>                            | <b>1</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>56,090</b>  | <b>51,849</b>  |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>              | <b>214,282</b>     | <b>15,451</b>    | <b>624</b>     | <b>76,851</b>    | <b>1,340</b>                        | <b>677</b>     | <b>9,025</b>     | <b>4,775</b>    | <b>323,024</b> | <b>177,573</b> |

## Notes to the Accounts

**Note 3** The PCC gratefully acknowledges Andrew Keat's generous £10,000 legacy, which has been designated towards the restoration of the reredos (£5000) and the organ fund (£5000)

**Note 4** An appropriately qualified member of the PCC undertook the management of the Parish's investment property during the year, including negotiating a new lease with the tenants, and managing significant refurbishment and repairs, at a discount to standard commercial rates, for which they were paid a total of £1363.

### Notes on the Reredos Restoration Project:

**Note 5** The £20K deficit on the reredos funds (D - Reredos, R - Reredos) refers only to 2023, with the shortfall covered by funds received in previous years

**Note 6** The £91,681 spent on restoring the reredos was offset by a VAT-reclaim / LPWS grant of £9,084

**Note 7** The fundraising concert held in October 2023 raised £1K in total, despite the income and expenditure being spread on several lines.

### Note 8 Net Current Assets - Reserves

The PCC has a policy to maintain Free Reserves of at least 3 months normal expenditure.

|                                                         |               | Weeks spend |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Normal Expenditure                                      | 214,000       | 52          |
| 3 months expenditure Free Reserves requirement          | 54,000        | 13          |
| The total <u>General Fund</u> current reserves stand at | <u>91,250</u> | 22          |
| Remaining Free reserves                                 | <u>37,250</u> | 9           |

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul's Wimbledon Park (charity no: 1142917).**

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

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

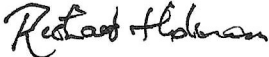
I report in respect of my examination of the Parish's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 Parish 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.

Signed: 

Name: Richard Holman FCA

Relevant professional qualification / membership of professional bodies: Chartered Accountant

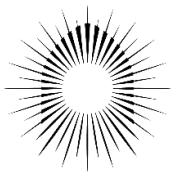
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Date: 12 May 2024

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# Accounts

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**ST PAUL'S  
WIMBLEDON  
PARKSIDE**

***2022 REPORT & ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
OF ST PAUL'S WIMBLEDON PARKSIDE***



*Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023 of the  
**Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul's Wimbledon Park**  
London SW19  
Presented on the 21st May 2023  
Reporting period 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022*

***Registered Charity 1142917***

## MINISTRY REPORT

The year 2022 continued to show significant progress toward a 'new normal' in the offering of ministry and mission at St Paul's. We have been able to provide Sunday morning and evening services in a mixed mode of in-person and online, allowing people to choose what best suits their needs. While attendance in church has seen a slow increase over the year, numbers of online worshippers have often been significant. Further to that, all-age services on first Sundays afternoons have seen encouraging developments.

Our priorities lie in the areas of: Nurture, Outreach, Welcome and the Environment. This report focusses on the first and second, while other reports will focus on the latter two.

**Nurture:** The year has been both joyful and challenging in many ways. Our year began in sadness with the death of a beloved and longstanding member of St Paul's, a former Churchwarden who gave so much to this community. It was no surprise when the church was filled to near capacity at his funeral in February. Later in the year, a very large memorial took place in church, as we gave thanks for the life of another important figure at St Paul's, who had done great work for the community through the Parkside Project at St Paul's.

In the midst of those sorrows we rejoiced at the celebration of three of our members coming forward for adult baptism, confirmation and *Reception into the Communion* of the Church of England at Southwark Cathedral. Five additional baptisms took place during the year for which we give thanks, two of which were grandchildren of our Area Bishop and friend, the Right Reverend Dr Richard Cheetham and his wife Felicity.

We said our fond farewells to Bishop Richard and Felicity at his final service which took place at St Paul's in the Autumn. We had been blessed with twenty years of their support and presence as parishioners and leaders in the Church, each in their own right.

Other special services this year included Compline, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services during Holy Week, Easter celebrations, Blessing of the Animals service and Choral Evensong services to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June and Creationtide in September, followed by a special memorial service for Her Majesty the Queen as well as an All Soul's Memorial service in the Autumn, Lessons and Carols service, Christingle service in Advent and a Crib service at Christmas. A week before Christmas we rejoiced at the wedding of two of St Paul's newest members.

We owe our warm thanks to St Paul's music director, Kevin Jones and members of the choir, who made great efforts to provide beautiful and moving music that greatly enhanced our worship at these special services and every Sunday Eucharist. We give thanks too for our readers and intercessors organized by Eve Speare.

Sunday evening prayer has been largely offered by laity, so we give thanks for the ministry of Margaret Brown, David and Deirdre Gooderson, Eve Speare and of course, our wonderful Lay Reader, Norman Allen who has also preached once monthly at our Sunday morning Eucharists and, when required, assisted with the Service of the Word.

Our Youth and Children's ministry has developed in various ways including the growth of Messy Church which is our all-age Sunday afternoon service, the development of a new approach to school ministry to St Cecilia's called 'Worship in the Community' and occasional sessions of Junior Church on Sunday mornings. We continue to actively seek solutions to grow our Youth and Children's ministry and outreach and we expect to see tangible developments in those important areas in the coming year.

Other nurture/teaching events took place throughout the year and included Lent and Advent courses, joint study courses with the

Wimbledon Synagogue as well as baptism and wedding preparation courses.

**Outreach:** St Paul's outreach has continued to grow.

Tea & Toys has returned to St Paul's and this has been an important space for parents and carers and their children to meet.

St Paul's Pantry has continued to provide support for more than 30 families in our community on a bi-monthly basis. We are grateful for the leadership of Juliet Childs, Michellie Brown, Angela Ireland and for the many capable volunteers for this important part of our outreach to the community.

St Paul's Community Centre continues to play a vital role in our service to the wider community, offering a weekly Lunch Club, Warm Space and a venue to gather, learn and support one another. We are grateful for the efforts our Community Centre manager, Sam Egan, in all that happens at the Centre.

Annual events: St Paul's Open Day in September showcased many of the activities of the church and Community Centre. It was well attended and much appreciated voiced by those who came. The popular Christmas Fair in November also saw a good number of people from the wider community. It was a successful fundraiser for St Paul's and offered the community a positive experience of the church and Community Centre.

Our annual Christmas caroling once again raised significant funds for Glass Door while bringing good cheer to people at Southfields station and local residents.

St Paul's has continued to maintain an Open Church for private prayer, access to listeners and for pastoral support. With the generous help of several volunteers, including Doreen and John

Hewitt, Terry and Kay Woolgar, Gill and Shirley Thompson, Margaret Brown, Norman and Lois Allen, Julia and Stuart Raeburn, the doors of the church continued to be open four mornings and an afternoon during the week and a warm atmosphere of welcome has been acknowledged and appreciated by members of the congregation and passers-by.

St Paul's website has continued further development along with the facilities provided by its platform Churchdesk. It is an important outward-facing communication tool for St Paul's which brings significant traffic to our Community Centre and church. In that work, our Parish Administrator, Guy Booth plays an essential and central role, which is much appreciated. We continue to have a presence on Facebook, which will be linked to our website with updates to the church diary. Our social media is a work-in-progress and requires additional assistance to bring that to what it could – and needs - to be.

**The most important thing to be said about the ministry and mission of St Paul's is that many people are involved in carrying it out, far beyond the ministry team.** At St Paul's we are blessed with many highly talented and generous individuals who wholeheartedly engage in sharing the love of God in daily life and through the work of the church and Community Centre. A special mention goes to our outgoing Treasurer who has been a great support in so many ways. He has done a brilliant job these past two years and the PCC and I are enormously grateful. Special thanks also to our wonderful PCC Secretary Margaret Brown who will be stepping down at the APCM. She has continued to provide support and help in various ways, well beyond the remit of her role. I am grateful too for our SPA Joan Endean who concluded her 20+ years in the role at the end of 2022. She has been a great help and support with all things pastoral.

Thanks also go to the many other members of our congregation who offer their time and talent for the ministry and mission of St Paul's. **I offer my heartfelt appreciation and deepest thanks to you all !**

*Revd Susan Bolen, Vicar*

## **CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT 2022 (including PCC Business and Fabric Report)**

Church Services had almost returned to normal by June 2022. The congregation showed slight increases in attendance throughout the year and the average attendance at the weekly Eucharist is around 45. These services continue to be livestreamed on YouTube and the service is regularly watched by all those who cannot attend for whatever reason. It is also viewed overseas.

The church is open during the week for visitors and for private reflection and prayer and although the numbers are small it is appreciated by those who do come in. The church held two Choral Evensongs for Candlemass and Creation and organised both Lent and Advent courses, which were open to all. In March the church was open for several weeks at midday for prayers offered for Ukraine.

June provided an opportunity for the church to offer a Service of Thanksgiving as our part in Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee Celebrations and this was followed by Afternoon Tea. Sadly, a few months later following the death of the Queen, we were holding a Service of Thanksgiving for her long life. The church was able to offer the facility of being able to view the funeral on a large screen TV in church. This was much appreciated by all who attended.

We celebrated a successful Open Day in September and once again celebrated 'Creationtide' in church with the display board showing a variety of artwork by members of the congregation depicting the seven days of creation.

In October the Bishop of Kingston retired and celebrated his final Sunday at St Paul's (his Parish Church). Following a collection from the congregation and a donation from the church we were able to send a donation of £733.75 to the Fircroft Trust.

In November we once again held our Christmas Fair. This was well attended by members of the community and managed to raise £2,600. Our sincere thanks to all those members of the congregation who willingly turned up and helped on the day.

We met with the Area Dean for the annual inspection of the church, and all appears to be going well.

St Paul's also continues with its work within the local community, providing Tea and Toys on a Tuesday morning and Messy Church on the first Sunday of the month at 4.00pm. Both offer different activities with play for Tea and Toys and more organized activities for Messy Church.

There are also occasional meetings between the local synagogue and mosque. St Cecelia's Secondary School holds termly visits to the church by House Groups. St Paul's Pantry continues to serve those in need on the first and third Thursday of every month. Students from this school also help with St Paul's Pantry on a regular basis.

The churchwardens responded to the planning application (AELTC) for the Wimbledon Park Golf Club by posting an objection to the scheme.

*Terry Woolgar and Gill Thompson*

#### **The Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

The PCC continued to meet approximately monthly, almost always via Zoom, although in other respects 2022 represented a return to normality after Covid.

The work of the Fabric, Finance and Community Centre Management Committees is described elsewhere.

One new member, Michael Bower, was elected to the PCC at the APCM In May 2022, and Ann Parkin was re-elected for a second term. Margaret Brown ceased to be an ex-officio member at the end of her term as Churchwarden and was replaced by her successor, Gill Thompson, but she agreed to be co-opted for a year to assist the hand-over, continuing to act as secretary until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in 2023. The PCC proposal to limit the normal period of service for elected members to two 3-year terms was approved at the 2022 APCM.

The two new projects agreed and supported by the PCC during 2022 were:

- a) to employ a part-time youth worker
- b) to plan for the restoration of the reredos.

Funding was successfully obtained for both of these to enable them to go ahead. The youth-worker post was advertised In Summer 2022 but there were no suitable applications, so after seeking advice the arrangements for running the youth work were reviewed.

The PCC also supported the application for a Curate, and agreed the funding for suitable accommodation.

*Margaret Brown, Secretary to the PCC*

### **Fabric Report 2022**

In January with thanks to Alan Endean and Mike Lowe the hinge on the right-hand inner church door was repaired and the door rehung.

In November it was discovered that one or two of the woodblocks in the church floor had risen – this will continue to be monitored. The faculty for the restoration of the reredos was submitted in May and was approved for the work to commence in January 2023.

In May the windows in the Community Centre were replaced by Castle Windows. In August we discovered a major leak in the Community Centre from a pipe under the floor. Fortunately, it was possible to isolate the leak until a repair could be carried out. Cowleys were able to call in the person who helped to install the system and they managed to locate the leak without having to pull up any of the floor. The pipes have been rerun and with a new pump the system is now working.

*Terry Woolgar and Gill Thompson*

### **READER'S REPORT**

I am grateful to continue to be granted Permission to Officiate (PTO), with generous support from the Vicar and the congregation, - no-one has complained!

2022 was a busy Year *up front*: conducting twenty services, including three Holy Communions by Extension (twice at St Paul's and once at St Cecilia's School), a funeral, as well as delivering twenty-five sermons.

*Norman Allen, Reader*

### **READERS AND INTERCESSORS**

We are fortunate to have a dedicated band of Readers and Intercessors and very much appreciate their contributions to our services. Unfortunately, during the year for various reasons we lost a few of the members and it would therefore be great if some others from the congregation would join us, particularly Intercessors. Do therefore let us know if you would like to join us.

*Eve Speare*

### **MUSIC**

More-or-less back to normal now following the Covid hiatus, but we have settled into a new pattern for musical contributions to the service. The choir now lead the hymn singing at the front of the church, necessary for positioning the mics for live streaming, with

most singers sitting facing the congregation in front of the rood screen. This practical arrangement looks better on screen and seems to be preferred by many in choir and congregation. However others prefer choir to be seated in the choir stalls so we try to compromise by often using mixed seating arrangements and using choir stalls alone for special services.

With a greater weekly commitment, choir numbers each week tend to be very variable – sometimes up to 20 singers, other times as low as 3 or 4. With many members of the congregation now wishing to sing as much as possible to make up for opportunities lost as a result of Covid restrictions, we have dropped a sung Gospel Alleluia to reintroduce a Gospel Hymn, and to avoid making services too long, limited special choir anthems and settings to an occasional Communion anthem – though choir has more opportunities to sing at Choral Evensong which is now scheduled more frequently than in the past.

This year saw the sad start to war in Ukraine. Many musical organisations in the UK have made a point of celebrating Ukrainian music in solidarity. At St Paul's we have sung a number of traditional Kievan chants from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and uncovered a wonderful trove of music both traditional and by leading composers from the past, previously barely known in this country. The choir has risen to the challenge of singing in Ukrainian with admirable aplomb!

The organ has generally been working well, but one of the most used notes on the 'Positive' manual (the lowest 'third' manual), the middle 'A', is no longer sounding which makes the Positive almost unusable much of the time unless playing in keys with 5 sharps, 4 flats or more! Kevin can generally work around it but it's a frustrating limitation for visiting organists accompanying external choirs and ensembles that expect to use it as part of their booking. The company responsible for maintenance and repair have recommended an overhaul of the Positive which is starting to wear

out. The other manuals (Swell and Great) are in good working order following major upgrades and repairs a few years ago.

Once again, many thanks to John for his tireless commitment helping to copy music and organise the choir music library, to Ann for dealing with music licence reporting and copyright, to Susan, Norman and Churchwardens for their support, and to members of the congregation and visitors who have made a point of thanking and complementing St Paul's musicians for our contribution to services.

*Kevin Jones*

### **SERVERS REPORT**

2022 was another year of doing things slightly differently due to the virus we are all trying to forget. Due to people moving we have lost a few of our team and this means the members now find themselves on duty two or three Sundays a month. Therefore the most important thing looking forward is to find more members of the congregation who would enjoy joining the group.

To all those who have been part of the team my gratitude for all you have done during 2022.

*Chris Jones*

### **SIDESPEOPLE**

This year we have had a small team of people who have worked with the Church Wardens to ensure the church is ready for Sunday Services as well as special events. We are most likely to be seen at the door welcoming people to the 10:00 am Parish communion on Sunday mornings. During this last year we have also been there to welcome visitors to a Wedding Blessing, memorial services and sadly some funerals. Shortly we are looking to re instate the pre-Covid rota for Sunday mornings which hopefully would give the congregation a wider variety of faces to greet them week by week.

*Doreen Hewitt*

## **YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

2022 has been a year of exciting development in the area of youth and children's ministry. Fundraising and grants have enabled us to look for solutions including paid youth work. We had hoped to hire a part-time youth worker however we were unsuccessful in our initial search. A new approach has been taken which will involve the engagement of an agency and occasional hours provided by experienced individuals known to St Paul's, assisted further by our wonderful volunteers. We look forward to further developments in the coming year which will enable us to expand both the nurturing of St Paul's young people as well as our outreach to youth and children in our community.

This past year saw Messy Church go from strength to strength. We are thankful for the enthusiastic leadership of Marc Stoneham, Deirdre Gooderson, Kana Jones, Caroline Wehrle and for occasional help from Michael Bower and William Fairbarns. A new development has been the provision of a creative 'Worship in the Community' service for St Cecilia's C of E Senior School. For that we are thankful for the assistance of Margaret Brown, Terry Woolgar, Doreen Hewitt, Michellie Brown and, of course, Hazel.

Tea & Toys has returned to St Paul's on Tuesday mornings. It has been a well appreciated group for preschool-aged children and their parents/carers. Sadly we said goodbye to Katie, Zachary and Lucy as they moved their family home to Winchester. As we await a new Tea & Toys leader to arise, Doreen Hewitt has assisted with welcome and refreshments and we are thankful for her help and presence.

We continue to actively seek solutions to grow our Youth and Children's ministry and outreach and we expect to see new and exciting developments in this important area in the coming year.

*Revd Susan*

## **TEA & TOYS**

Children and adults attending Tea and Toys enjoyed plenty of play and song time. Thanks to Mum Juliana for stepping in to help out during Katie's 'maternity leave' in early 2022. Katie returned with little Lucy in tow, and a steady regular group attended until the start of the summer break, when many 'graduated' on to preschool, or moved away from the area.

*Katie Gilbert*

## **SOUTHWARK PASTORAL AUXILIARY (SPA)**

I am a Pastoral Auxiliary for St Paul's Church and I started training 23 years ago. Most of my work in the parish has been getting alongside people, mostly elderly, and those in need, listening, and being an advocate with social services where necessary plus home visiting. My family and I actually joined the church with William Allberry as our Vicar. We were all made very welcome.

I am also a member of our Parochial Church Council (PCC). As part of a team, I usually take Home-Communion to those who cannot get to church.

Once a year I attend Southwark Cathedral to renew my ministry to work as a Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary (SPA) in the Diocese of Southwark. I am also expected to attend quiet days and further training where appropriate. I have a spiritual advisor to guide me as well. I attend staff meetings and, as I am a member of the staff team, I also have to be up-to-date on Safeguarding training.

I value very much being part of the brilliant Ministry Team here with Susan leading us. I have so enjoyed my church family who have poured love and prayers over Alan and myself, particularly while we have been going through several health issues.

After a lot of thought and prayer, and because I cannot give as much time to my SPA ministry as I would like to (and if I do something I do

like to do it well), I have decided to retire in January 2023 after over 21 years of working in the Parish. I still intend to come to church and help where I can.

I have known some wonderful people in the time that I have been at St. Paul's Church, many sadly have passed on. The tradition of 'welcoming new people' is one that drew me to join. I am in awe of what some people contribute, many in the background, to the life of our church, and delighted to see that the reredos is being restored after many years of Elizabeth's hard work.

It is still my strong belief that God is showing all of us here at St Paul's Church the way forward: to offer help in whatever way we can, to all who live in our Parish and are connected with our church and Community Centre, and in the future, and with Susan's leadership together with Norman and the staff team, it will grow and flourish.

*Joan Endean, Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary*

#### **ST PAUL'S ANGELS PROJECT**

I am still co-ordinating Angels with those in need including initial calls/text or emails which Susan passes on to me. The need has dried up thank the Lord, but there are still two 'Angels' helping in the Parish. Due to some health issues, I decided to step down from this role in January 2023.

Most importantly, if you know of someone in need, or would like to help in any way, do feel free to contact Rev. Susan.

*Joan Endean, Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary*

#### **ST PAUL'S PANTRY**

The Pantry has continued to open its doors on the first and third Thursdays of the month, and in 2022 we started opening on fifth Thursdays as well.

The Pantry offers a range of foods in tins and packets, purchased by a small band of volunteers, as well as fresh foods (meat, fruit and vegetables) which are supplied by City Harvest, and bread and pastries from Rosie's bakery. The organisation of stocks was considerably improved during the year by Chris Ward taking this aspect over, carrying out stock checking and preparing shopping lists and bespoke order forms for the visitors for each opening.

The number of visitors coming to the Pantry went up from the 20's to around 40 during 2022 as people grew more and more concerned about rising prices and energy bills.

We are fortunate to have a group of around 25 enthusiastic and hard-working volunteers who help at the Pantry on a rota basis (although some choose to help at every Pantry opening). These have included two St Cecilia's sixth-formers who not only come to help as often as they can, but who carried out a fundraising activity at the school before Christmas, raising £420 for the Pantry. Many of the volunteers are not members of St Paul's congregation but live in the local area.

The Pantry team was pleased to welcome the Mayor of Wandsworth, Councillor Jeremy Ambache, in November. He listened to the concerns of Pantry visitors, and the volunteers were able to explain to him how the Pantry functions and to give details of the growing number of visitors.

The Pantry relies on donations (financial donations in particular) in order to replenish its stocks, so these are always welcome, as are offers of help.

*Juliet Childs*

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

This year the Patronal Festival was moved from January to June. On 5<sup>th</sup> June we had a Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea enjoyed by all, although in the hall due to the weather. On 26<sup>th</sup> June we had our

Patronal Festival Bring and Share Lunch which was enjoyed by those who came, with an abundance of food. On the 25<sup>th</sup> September we had our Church Open Day where we all come together to welcome those in our Parish with food, cakes, bouncy castle, children's games – more cake and ice-cream! On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October there was a bring-and-share Harvest lunch. On the 16<sup>th</sup> October Bishop Richard retired and we had coffee and cake to celebrate. We will miss Felicity as well as Bishop Richard. Both have contributed and enriched the life of our church over the years they have been with us.

Many others have stood in for me, organising social events during the year due to commitments and ill health on my part. I am really, really, grateful for all who work and contribute so much to make events such as this work in order that everyone enjoys themselves. My thanks go to Doreen and John H, Christine B, Gill and Shirley T. Margaret B and to all those who constantly volunteer to wash up and clear away – too many to name - you are all truly wonderful.

I have decided to step down in January due to ill health and other commitments but hope that someone will co-ordinate future events.

*Joan Endean*

#### **COMMUNICATIONS GROUP**

Three editions of Parkside Post were produced during the year, for Easter, Creationtide, and Advent/Christmas.

In each edition we seek to provide information about services and other events happening at St Paul's, and to include an item of general interest as well as a couple of 'fun' items such as a children's colouring page and a recipe. The aim is to present St Paul's as a welcoming place for all and to encourage people through its doors.

One or two advertisers took space in each edition, helping to defray the costs of printing, which rose considerably in 2022.

3000 copies of Parkside Post are printed, of which most are sorted and 'bagged' by Doreen Hewitt into delivery rounds, while the rest are distributed to local shops and businesses, the Community Centre and the Library, with the aim of reaching as many people as possible. We are grateful to our band of deliverers, some of whom have been doing this for many years. More deliverers would be very welcome.

Posters and PVC outdoor banners were designed and produced for events and services by several contributors including Revd Susan and the Parish Administrator. Especially noteworthy were designs for the Platinum Jubilee Tea Party and a poster in memory of the late Queen. Guy Booth designed a masthead for use on Parkside Post.

*Juliet Childs*

#### **THE PEW SHEET**

The pew sheet is provided weekly as a hand-out at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service, and is available online, with back editions, at <https://www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk/page/11/pew-sheets>.

The first page of the pew sheet, which is prepared by Kevin Jones, lists the music, readings and hymns, including a brief 'headline' summary of each reading, taken from the Royal School of Church Music *Sunday by Sunday* publication.

Ann Parkin coordinates the Notices section, which provides information on church events and other matters of interest to the church community. In 2022, these included our Lent, Creationtide and Advent programmes and their associated group discussion sessions. Joint Interfaith events of interest to the congregation, arranged by the Council for Christians and Jews and through Christian-Jewish Joint Study Sessions, were also noted.

In addition, the Notices section contained information on church/community activities such as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, hedge-planting activities for the church garden and the Christmas Fair. It alerted the congregation to local Community Charity outreaches, particularly over the Christmas period, and provided updates on the needs of the St Paul's Church Pantry over the year.

The pew sheet is an important means of communicating church and community activities, feeding back thanks to our many, highly valued volunteers, sharing special occasions and creating a strong community bond.

*Kevin Jones and Ann Parkin*

#### **DIGITAL REPORT**

Churchdesk, our online church management system, continued to be a vital resource for delivering communications, holding contact information, managing church and Community Centre bookings and organising the church calendar. It is also the digital platform for our website [www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk), allowing us to create and publish content, deliver news stories, publicise events and services, and send e-Newsletters with links to the content on the website. It is a powerful tool for reaching an audience not only around the parish, but globally in an increasingly connected world.

Creating and updating the website content (including images, text, pages, links and document uploads), editing e-Newsletters, as well as the church calendar maintenance is undertaken by the Parish Administrator. It requires constant attention to keep the website up to date. Developing the site further is especially challenging given the limits on available time, conflicting demands and the need to focus. Nevertheless, the homepage, images and the most important sections have all generally been relevant and topical throughout the year, reflecting the changing seasons, events, services and opportunities at St Paul's, as well as important developments in the

wider world. In 2022, the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee and related events at St Paul's were given a high profile on the homepage; and not long thereafter, sadly, her death was also marked by a fitting photographic tribute. Earlier in the year, a banner in support of Ukraine and calling for peace following the Russian invasion was featured prominently on the homepage.

News blogs were published on a range of subjects including the retirement of Rt Revd Dr Richard Cheetham; Margaret Brown's stepping down as Churchwarden; appointment of Dr Rosemarie Mallett as Bishop of Croydon; Brighter Living Fair at the Community Centre; and special services at St Paul's. The three editions of Parkside Post were all posted in PDF format in the 'News' section on the website for viewing or download; and the Diocese of Southwark magazine, 'The Bridge', was also regularly made available. Concerts and events at St Paul's were promoted via the link cards on the homepage (with links to landing pages and tickets) and under 'What's On' in the top menu bar. Often the organisers' own promotional flyers were adapted for the website using 'Canva'. Our services of Choral Evensong and seasonal services were also promoted on the homepage.

The pew sheet was posted as a PDF each week under 'Worship'/'Pew Sheet' in the top menu bar, and under 'Pew Sheets' in the footer menu of the homepage. Seasonal Orders of Service and orders for special services – Lent, Easter, Creationtide, Harvest, All Souls, Remembrance, Advent, Christmas – were posted on the website as PDF files under 'Worship' / 'Orders of Service'. Sermons from our Reader, Norman Allen, were also regularly uploaded under 'Worship'/'Sermons', although there is currently a backlog and some catching up to do!

The archive of photography continued to grow and is a key resource for populating the website. The homepage photo gallery has been

further refined. When using large 'road block' banners, the scrolling gallery was suspended to enhance the impact of the banner.

The Parish Administrator became more adept at creating campaign fundraising pages to link to e-Newsletters and embed links in web pages, allowing contributors the opportunity to donate via credit card online. £531 was raised via the website in 2022. There is potential to grow this.

We broadcast 7 e-Newsletters in 2022, a substantial reduction in output on the previous year (19 sent). This is attributable mainly to a change of priorities for the Parish Administrator role following the end of the Covid restrictions, as live events and services in church returned. Subjects for e-Newsletters were: *Lent Course: The Room Where It Happens* (5th March 2022); *Holy Week & Easter at St Paul's* (10th April 2022); *Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)* (6th May 2022); *Service of Thanksgiving for Her Majesty The Queen* (16th September 2022); *Saturday is Open Day* (23rd September 2022); *Harvest Sunday at St Paul's* (30th September 2022); *Advent Services at St Paul's* (25th November 2022). We sent no text messages in 2022 whereas during the pandemic, when church was closed, texts had been used to remind our congregation about online services.

Open rates for all e-Newsletters in 2022 averaged 59% , click through rates 10% and unsubscribes 2%, which broadly mirrors the previous year's performance but for a larger list of subscribers. Open rates and click-through rates are slightly lower than might be expected, which perhaps reflects the varying levels of digital engagement among the core audience.

Communications about services and parish business generated the most engagement: *Holy Week & Easter at St Paul's* (58% open/15% click through); *Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)* (65% open/13% click-through). However, sometimes the message on the e-Newsletter is sufficient to inform the recipient without clicking

through. For example *Lent Course: The Room Where It Happens* and *Saturday is Open Day!* generated 64% and 63% open rates - similar to APCM at 65% - but with lower click rates (9% and 6% respectively).

Contacts subscribed to the e-Newsletter at the end of 2022 were over 300, up by over 20% on 2021. The total list of contacts on our database is 339.

*Guy Booth, Parish Administrator*

## **IT & TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS**

The following technical projects were progressed during 2022:

- The sound system in the church was improved substantially by the purchase of new microphones. In particular the new lapel microphone for the Vicar has made a huge improvement to the quality of the sound heard in the nave of the church. The microphone actually arrived at the start of 2023, but this was the final part of the delivery of a programme of enhancement in 2022.
- The Wi-Fi provision was enhanced and extended, to provide access throughout the church and the centre.
- Three new computers were purchased and set up: one each for the Parish Administrator (Guy) and the Centre Manager (Sam), and one for the sound desk.
- The project to upgrade light bulbs to LED was completed. The final installation, completed in 2022, was the replacement of the high-up halogen flood lights by LED flood lights. Also, the lighting in the porch and the area just inside the church there was upgraded to provide a more welcoming view as seen through the door from outside. As far as we know, all bulbs in the church and centre are now LED. Please say if anyone knows any that were missed!

- The temperature in the church was monitored continuously from November 2021 to March 2022, which enabled us to do an analysis of the thermal properties of the building and heating system. This was reported to the PCC, with recommendations for optimal management of the heating in the future; it is hoped that this will enable energy savings without significant reduction of the temperature during events in the church. Follow-on actions are in process.
- The automatic lighting outside the external door to the vestry was upgraded.

*Sebastiaan Boelen and Mike Lowe*

#### **FLOWER GROUP**

This year, as ever, the group has worked hard to provide flowers throughout the year for Sunday services. We have also had a number of special events working with families to ensure their requirements are met and that the flowers compliment the occasion. During the year we also celebrated Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and, subsequently, her death with suitable tributes.

With a thought to sustainability , although the flower foam we use does bio-degrade we are looking to use less wherever possible and now small arrangements are often foam free. Work still is needed to find a suitable replacement for the large pedestal arrangements but we are always open to having a go at something new.

As always, thanks to those who provided garden greenery again this year, the team for your continued giving of time, talent and materials, and the congregation for your encouragement and support.

*Doreen Hewitt*

### **COFFEE ROTA**

We were pleased to return to 'normal' after the pandemic, welcoming congregation members new and long-standing, into the coffee lounge for refreshments after our Sunday morning services.

We went back up to eight pairs of volunteers in 2022 which is much more sustainable, so thank you to all our current volunteers. More are always welcome!

*Juliet Childs*

### **ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER REPORT**

The Electoral Roll of St Paul's Church now stands at 96. Very sadly, we have lost some of our faithful members this year, but some new people have joined. If you consider yourself a part of St. Paul's Church, and have been worshipping with us for three months, and are not yet on the Electoral Roll do please fill in a yellow form at the back of the church and give it to a Churchwarden or me. When you are on the Church Electoral Roll it allows you to vote in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), also to be on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to have a say in the running of our church. Do please consider it.

*Joan Endean*

### **PARISH SAFEGUARDING**

In June 2022 the PCC reviewed and agreed St Paul's Safeguarding policies for children and vulnerable adults. St Paul's church follows Southwark Diocesan safeguarding policies.

During 2022, I did a leadership course in Safeguarding (face to face as restrictions had lifted), spread over 3 months. Training is recommended by the Southwark Diocese, including basic awareness and foundation, and also raising awareness of domestic abuse. All these courses are available online. The Southwark Diocese recommends training for the following groups: parish workers with children and young people, e.g. Sunday School, youth clubs and Messy church, Tea and Toys leaders and volunteers. Also parish

workers with adults, e.g. home visiting, lunch club and drop-ins, as well as PCC members and people who hold positions of trust, e.g. welcomers and servers.

Face to face proof of identity checks are being carried out as part of the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). DBS is now renewable after 3 years and not 5 years.

Having now completed the training, I am ready to ensure all aspects of Safeguarding within the parish will be brought up to date.

In June 2022, I officially took over the role of St Paul's Safeguarding Officer. Ann parkin is on standby if I need her assistance.

*Claire Neate, Parish Safeguarding Officer*

#### **MONEY BANKING**

I bank most of the money given to the church in either cash or cheque form on a regular basis. Although banking (at a bank) has become more difficult with many banks closing and cash no longer counted at the desk, I am happy to continue with this task and the church is always pleased to accept donations in cash or by cheque.

*Gill Thompson*

#### **FRIDAY MORNING GROUP**

It has been a privilege to engage in the life of St Paul's and to attend the regular Friday morning study group, when the ladies share their lively insights into the Christian life.

*Norman Allen*

#### **JEAN GARLING FUND**

Sadly, there is nothing to report this year as no one has applied for help with training. Hopefully with new projects planned we will be able to offer some financial support within the bounds of the fund again this next year.

*Doreen Hewitt*

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

We are a group of people who have agreed to pray regularly for anyone who is ill or is in any form of need. Anyone can ask to be added to the list for themselves or for someone they are concerned about. Please contact any of the following: Daphne Foster, Sue Chick, Christine Brown, Bette Waller, Joan Endean, Rosemary Booth, Susie Leyland, Eve Speare, Rev Susan Bolen.

*Daphne Foster*

### **CHURCH BIRTHDAY CARD SCHEME**

This continues with a birthday card given on behalf of all at St Paul's to anyone who is happy to have their birthday recognised in this way. Anyone is welcome to join, just let Daphne know. Adults do not have to declare their age but it is useful to have children's age so an appropriate card can be chosen.

*Daphne Foster*

### **MISSION GIVING**

Since 2018, St Paul's has not allocated a sum for mission (charitable) giving. In 2018 our budget for this, based very broadly on 10% of annual regular giving, was £4,700 (the same amount as in 2017). In 2018, Heinz retired and we were facing the need both to employ a Parish Administrator and to pay off loans made to the church for the new guttering and roof works undertaken in 2016-17. There was consequently a deficit in the church accounts and we did not feel we could allocate funds to mission giving in 2019.

Although the church has now repaid the roof loans (or these were converted into donations), we have still not felt able to reinstate our charitable (mission) giving. It should however be noted that we have continued to raise significant sums for Christian Aid and Glass Door (see Margaret Brown's report on Charity Collections below).

*Elizabeth Simon*

### **CHARITY COLLECTIONS**

Following previous trends of giving, and forced changes during the Covid period, we limited our **Christian Aid Week** effort to distributing envelopes to about 20 of the Parkside Post rounds, acting as a collection point, and collecting among our own congregation. Nevertheless from congregation and other contributions, we were able to bank £3,772. (With Gift-Aid the total would be £4,469). We know many others contributed online and through other routes.

In December, our **Carol Singers** had a very positive reception on two nights, and raised £137 at the tube station and £357 in the Gardens area, making a total of £520 for Glass Door, supporting London's homeless.

*Margaret Brown*

### **THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

After having to cancel the local World Day of Prayer service in 2021 for Covid-related reasons, it was good to start again this year, with a service on 4th March at Barnabas', Southfields conducted by Revd Joy Boyce. The service was contributed by the churches of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, on the topic 'I know the plan I have for you'. We are again grateful to Kevin for providing musical accompaniment.

*Margaret Brown*

### **CHURCH BOOKINGS**

Church bookings for concerts and recitals resumed a more normal pattern and regularity in 2022. Fulham & Hammersmith Choral Society (FHCS) returned on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, their first visit to St Paul's in the two years since the cancellation of their concert on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 marked, without us fully realizing it at the time, the start of the pandemic and the Covid restrictions. This year they performed *Ein deutsches Requiem* by Brahms and Five Mystical Songs by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

On 21<sup>st</sup> May, Putney Choral Society (PCS) gave a sublime rendition of Haydn's *Creation*. Then on 18<sup>th</sup> June we hosted Wimbledon Symphony Orchestra (WSO), directed by Edmund Whitehead with violin soloist Charlotte Saluste-Bridoux, for a varied summer concert of 'Proms Classics' including works by Sibelius, Mendelssohn, Elgar, Ethel Smyth and Walton. Kana Jones led her wonderful young piano students for their annual concert at the end of the month.

We were delighted to finally host again the Carol Concerts of Putney High School on 8<sup>th</sup> December (two concerts by Years 4/5 and Years 6/7), followed by The Study Preparatory School, Wimbledon on 9<sup>th</sup> December. The events were well attended by families and the festive joy and energy of the children, so missed during Advent the previous two years, lit up the church again.

Putney Choral Society (PCS) with new musical director Jamie Powe returned on 10<sup>th</sup> December for a moving performance of Gabriel Faure's *Requiem* and six other short pieces under the title 'Before the Close of Day'. And on 17<sup>th</sup> December, Wimbledon Choral Society (WCS) drew large audiences for their much-loved matinee and evening Christmas concerts, performed for the first time since 2019.

During the year we had eight church bookings from Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra (SYO), plus a displacement from the Community Centre to allow for our Patronal Lunch.

Total revenue from church bookings during 2022 was £ 4,954.

*Guy Booth, Parish Administrator*

#### **NOTES FROM THE VERGER**

Verger duties at special services, funerals and memorial services were generally undertaken by Churchwardens, members of the staff team, and our very conscientious sidespeople, all offering their time whenever required. Concerts and church hires were facilitated by

the Parish Administrator, including opening / closing church and ensuring the re-positioning of furniture for Sunday service after concerts. Thanks to Chris Wright for his occasional support and direction of volunteers. Also thanks to Revd Susan and family for handing over and receiving church keys at the Vicarage for rehearsals in church.

*Guy Booth, Parish Administrator*

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Church Cleaning takes place on Tuesday morning between 10.30 – 12.00 noon. We continue to carry out the following tasks:

- Sweeping, kex mopping and vacuuming the floor
- Dusting pews, choir stalls etc
- Vacuuming the carpets and pew runners
- Cleaning brass and silver
- Removing out of date material from tables and noticeboards inside the church

We continue to monitor the moth infection, although it is much reduced there is still evidence of moths around and we will continue to place moth traps in vulnerable places.

The vestry has become a bit of a 'dumping place' for everything that no one else wants. Surfaces, including the floor and the altar frontal chest are littered with papers, banners, boxes, and other 'stuff' that has been there for weeks/months and this makes it difficult to dust and vacuum. It also makes it very difficult to get at the altar frontals when needed.

The children's area presents a cleaning problem, as due to toys etc covering the floor it is almost impossible for vacuuming or sweeping to take place. A suggestion would be to invest in some toy boxes so they can be sorted and lifted on to the pews leaving space for sweeping and dusting around the area.

I should like to thank Terry and Kay Woolgar, Doreen and John Hewitt and Gill Thompson for their commitment and support each week, extra help is always welcome by the team, even if only on a casual basis.

*Shirley Thompson*

### **ST PAUL'S COMMUNITY CENTRE**

We are very pleased to say that the Centre has really picked up in 2022 and has a great warm atmosphere. We continued to get good feedback from those who hire the Centre, whether it's a regular group or a one-off booking. We remained very popular with children's parties with many commenting on such a lovely large space and garden and many people re-booking for the following year.

We had a varied number of groups attending St Paul's Community Centre and a few new groups starting which is a good sign. Lunch club and bingo continues to be very important and valuable to those attending from the local community. Not only offering a home cooked lunch but companionship, friendship and keeping the mind active is so very important. Bingo continues to be a regular part of our fundraising, raising £886 in 2022. Many people continue to donate prizes, so thank you.

In August, Sam organised a fish and chip lunch with entertainment, and a bingo session with sandwiches and cakes, as Lunch Club took its well-earned summer break.

In October we were successful in getting funding as part of the Wellbeing Week in Wandsworth, receiving £250. Sam organised a fun afternoon with activities from a quiz to Pilates, large inflatable skittles, dominoes and bingo, which was enjoyed by all those that attended. In December Sam arranged for Brian our regular entertainer to come and do his music and dancing spot after lunch which as always is enjoyed by all that attend.

Maintenance included the replacement of the windows in the Community Centre and a new flue for the boiler. We then discovered we had a leak from some of the old original pipework that ran underground into the manhole cover in the back storeroom. This resulted in some of the pipework having to be re-run externally instead of underground and a new pump for the boiler.

Following this work, we then had to have our annual service on both Community Centre and church. Cowleys agreed to do this work at no cost, a saving of £1,020.

Sadly, we saw Stacey our weekend cleaner leave in April as she moved out of the area. In November we managed to find a husband and wife team who took on the position as a job share but unfortunately this didn't work out due to their other job commitments. Siobhan Egan and Sam are currently covering the weekend cleaning until we can find someone to take this on. We would like to thank them both for their commitment.

We would like to thank Alan and Jenny for their continued help and support with our maintenance. It really is appreciated!

The Committee continues to meet on a regular basis. At the end of 2022 it was decided to reduce the number of meetings to four a year. The membership continues to be stable, but we currently have a vacancy for one of the user groups. Sam is speaking to user group leaders to encourage one of the groups to join the committee. Attendance at the meetings is good. We have regular updates on maintenance, user groups and bookings.

*Sam Egan and Gill Thompson*

## **LUNCH CLUB**

Lunch Club is coming up to its 23<sup>rd</sup> year and continues to run regularly on a Tuesday. Our numbers average 20 – 22 members each week.

Our two cooks Janice O'Connor and Mary Novis work each week assisted by Chris Ward (who is also a team leader). We also have three volunteers Eve Speare, Margaret McManus and Raymonda. A grant received from the Co-op Community Fund in November was very welcome and will help towards the running costs and training.

Thank you to Sam Egan who not only collects the money each week, but also collects members, delivers meals to their home if they are unable to attend, and generally keeps an 'eye' on all of them with phone calls etc. At the end of lunch Sam runs a bingo session which is very much appreciated by everyone. Also, a thank you to Chris Wright for organising a carol singing session after the Christmas Lunch.

We are still in need of more people to head up a team, this involves choosing a recipe, doing the shopping (for which you are reimbursed) and supervising the cooks and volunteers. We currently have three team leaders who work on a three-week cycle. The Lunch Club is very much appreciated by the elderly members of the community and leads to a very happy Tuesday for all the participants. Please consider whether you would be able to help on a regular or ad hoc basis.

*Shirley Thompson*

#### **ST PAUL'S PCC - TREASURER'S REPORT 2022**

St Pauls finances remained strong in 2022. Our income covered more than our expenditure, and we were able to build up our cash reserves to £128,700, almost £90,000 above our required £40,500 (three-month expenditure) contingency reserves. The new windows in the community centre were completed in 2022 and we were able to increase our Parish Support Fund contributions to the mission of the wider church.

Despite this, we face challenges going forward. Regular donations have fallen since 2021 and we face higher costs over the next few years, especially to heat the church and Community Centre. We would therefore encourage everyone to continue in the generosity they showed St Paul's over the last few years, as this allows to better serve our community.

There was a generous response to our fundraising campaigns for both the reredos and the pantry. These have allowed the pantry to continue its valuable work, and for the restoration work on the high altar reredos to start. The PCC also agreed that a further £10,000 of David Leyland's legacy should be used towards the reredos works.

We were fortunate recipients of several grants in 2022: £10,000 from the Wimbledon Foundation Community Fund towards youth work, £2,700 from the NINDS trust for a new projector, £500 from the deanery for welcome folders, and £1,400 from the church commissioners towards our heating costs.

We are particularly grateful to the late Elizabeth Burgess who bequeathed £25,115 to St Pauls.

As I hand over the role of Treasurer to Sylvia Mpawulo, I am grateful to everyone who volunteers their time on finances at St Pauls. I'd especially like to thank Sylvia Mpawulo, Amanda Gould, Helen Lewis, Philip Warner, Gill Thompson, William Fairbarns and Mike Lowe for their help with finances and the finance committee, and to Richard Holman for examining our accounts.

*Mark Gilbert, Treasurer*

## APPENDIX: ST PAUL'S PCC ACCOUNTS 2021

### St Paul's Church, Wimbledon Park Charity Commission Ref 1142917

#### (Income & Expenditure) For the year ended 31 December 2022

|                                    | Notes | Unrestricted Funds |             | Designated Funds |                  | Restricted Funds |            |             |                                     |   | Total (2022) | Total (2021) |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|
|                                    |       | Church - PCC       | £           | D - Reredos Fund | D - Jean Garling | R - Organ        | R - Pantry | R - Reredos | R - Wimbledon Foundation Youth Work | £ | £            | £            |
| Income                             |       |                    |             |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   |              |              |
| Total Donated Income               |       |                    | 8,697.87    |                  |                  |                  | 3,860.00   | 100.00      |                                     |   | 12,657.87    | 29,768.27    |
| Total Donated Income (Regular)     |       |                    | 57,459.33   |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   | 57,459.33    | 61,932.90    |
| Total Fund Raising Income          |       |                    | 4,036.16    |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   | 4,036.16     | 13,905.51    |
| Total Grants Received              |       |                    | 3,937.50    |                  |                  |                  |            |             | 10,000.00                           |   | 13,937.50    | 17,728.17    |
| Total Income from Activities       |       |                    | 60,035.80   |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   | 60,035.80    | 38,188.09    |
| Total Income from Investments      |       |                    | 26,400.00   |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   | 26,400.00    | 26,439.03    |
| Income Tax Recovered (Gift Aid)    |       |                    | 13,791.31   |                  |                  |                  | 705.00     | 100.00      |                                     |   | 14,596.31    | 18,482.38    |
| Total Other Incoming Resources     |       |                    | 25,114.62   |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   | 25,114.62    | 2,931.00     |
| Total Other Voluntary Income       | 8     |                    |             |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   |              | 10,000.00    |
| Sales of Product (Traidcraft Cash) |       |                    | (250.00)    |                  |                  |                  | 2,134.50   | 1,360.00    |                                     |   | 3,244.50     | 119.00       |
| Total Special Appeals Income       |       |                    | 199,222.59  |                  |                  |                  | 6,699.50   | 1,560.00    | 10,000.00                           |   | 217,482.09   | 5,125.00     |
| Total Income                       | 1     |                    |             |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   |              | 224,619.35   |
| Expenditures                       |       |                    |             |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   |              |              |
| Total Activities                   |       |                    | 51,952.77   |                  |                  | 312.02           | 1,451.69   |             |                                     |   | 53,716.48    | 46,050.52    |
| Total Costs of Generating Funds    |       |                    | 2,157.34    |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   | 2,157.34     | 13,838.29    |
| Total Major Repairs                |       |                    | 14,850.00   |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   | 14,850.00    | 14,926.88    |
| Total Management and Admin         |       |                    | 51,849.01   |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   | 51,849.01    | 43,680.45    |
| Parish Support Fund                |       |                    | 55,000.00   |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   | 55,000.00    | 50,000.00    |
| Total Expenditures                 | 2     |                    |             |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   |              | 168,496.14   |
| Net Operating Income               |       |                    | 23,413.47   |                  |                  | (312.02)         | 5,247.81   | 1,560.00    | 10,000.00                           |   | 39,909.26    | 56,123.21    |
| Other Expenditures                 |       |                    |             |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   |              |              |
| Between Funds Transfers            |       |                    | (10,000.00) | 10,000.00        |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   |              |              |
| Gains on asset revaluation         |       |                    | 722.01      |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   | 722.01       | 1,514.18     |
| Losses on asset revaluation        |       |                    |             |                  | (177.80)         |                  |            |             |                                     |   | (177.80)     |              |
| Reconciliation Discrepancies       |       |                    |             |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   |              |              |
| Net Income/(Expenditure)           | 3     |                    |             |                  |                  |                  |            |             |                                     |   |              | 57,637.39    |

**St Paul's Church, Wimbledon Park**  
Charity Commission Ref 1142917

**(Balance Sheet)**

As at 31 December 2022

**Notes**

**Fixed Assets**

Investment Assets - 90 Augustus Rd  
Investment Assets - CAF UK Equivty B

**Current Assets**

Debtors  
Dr - Accrued Income  
Dr - Landlord Float  
Dr - Prepaid Expenses  
Total Cash at bank and in hand

**Current Liabilities**

Cr - Accrued Expenses  
Cr - Deposits Held  
Cr - Prepaid Income  
Cr - Weddings & Funerals - Diocese  
Loans from Congregation

**Falling Due Within One Year**

**Net Current Assets**

**Net Assets**

Retained Earnings  
Surplus/(Deficit)

**Net Funds**

| Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds |  |                       |  |                |  | Restricted Funds |  |                  |  |                                     |  | Total (2022) |
|--------------------|------------------|--|-----------------------|--|----------------|--|------------------|--|------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|--------------|
|                    | D - Reredos Fund |  | D - Jean Garling Fund |  | R - Organ Fund |  | R - Pantry Fund  |  | R - Reredos Fund |  | R - Wimbledon Foundation Youth Work |  | Total (2022) |
| Church - PCC       | £                |  | £                     |  | £              |  | £                |  | £                |  | £                                   |  | £            |
|                    | 157,137.37       |  | 5,222.43              |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 157,137.37   |
|                    | 157,137.37       |  | 5,222.43              |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 5,222.43     |
|                    | 157,137.37       |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 162,359.80   |
|                    | 1,624.00         |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 1,624.00     |
|                    | 4,279.06         |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 4,279.06     |
|                    | 447.17           |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 447.17       |
|                    | 131,998.98       |  | 20,000.00             |  | 2,584.05       |  | 671.66           |  | 5,773.11         |  | 10,000.00                           |  | 177,792.86   |
|                    | 138,349.21       |  | 20,000.00             |  | 2,584.05       |  | 671.66           |  | 5,773.11         |  | 10,000.00                           |  | 184,143.09   |
|                    | 5,431.27         |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 5,431.27     |
|                    | 2,538.46         |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 2,538.46     |
|                    | 1,700.00         |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 1,700.00     |
|                    | 1.00             |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 1.00         |
|                    | 9,670.73         |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 9,670.73     |
|                    | 128,678.48       |  | 20,000.00             |  | 2,584.05       |  | 671.66           |  | 5,773.11         |  | 10,000.00                           |  | 174,472.36   |
|                    | 285,815.85       |  | 20,000.00             |  | 7,806.48       |  | 671.66           |  | 5,773.11         |  | 10,000.00                           |  | 336,832.16   |
|                    | 271,674.37       |  | 10,000.00             |  | 7,984.28       |  | 983.68           |  | 531.30           |  | 5,095.61                            |  | 296,378.69   |
|                    | 14,135.48        |  | 10,000.00             |  | (177.80)       |  | (312.02)         |  | 5,247.81         |  | 10,000.00                           |  | 40,453.47    |
|                    | 285,809.85       |  | 20,000.00             |  | 7,806.48       |  | 671.66           |  | 5,779.11         |  | 10,000.00                           |  | 336,832.16   |
|                    | 157,137.37       |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 157,137.37   |
|                    | 5,400.23         |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 5,400.23     |
|                    | 162,537.60       |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 162,537.60   |
|                    | 402.50           |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 402.50       |
|                    | 15,200.26        |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 15,200.26    |
|                    | 966.53           |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 966.53       |
|                    | 129,007.11       |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 129,007.11   |
|                    | 145,576.40       |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 145,576.40   |
|                    | 7,156.85         |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 7,156.85     |
|                    | 2,538.46         |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 2,538.46     |
|                    | 1,440.00         |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 1,440.00     |
|                    | 600.00           |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 600.00       |
|                    | 11,735.31        |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 11,735.31    |
|                    | 133,841.09       |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 133,841.09   |
|                    | 296,378.69       |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 296,378.69   |
|                    | 238,741.30       |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 238,741.30   |
|                    | 57,637.39        |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 57,637.39    |
|                    | 296,378.69       |  |                       |  |                |  |                  |  |                  |  |                                     |  | 296,378.69   |

**Notes to the Accounts**  
**Note 1 - Details of Income**  
**For the year ending 31 Dec 2022**

|                                        | Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds |                 |                  |                       | Total (2022)      | Total (2021)      |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                        | Church - PCC       | D - Reredos Fund | R - Organ Fund   | R - Pantry Fund | R - Reredos Fund | R - Youth Work (WFCF) | Total (2022)      | Total (2021)      |
| Non-Recurring Donations                |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       |                   |                   |
| Other Giving                           | 3,542.87           |                  |                  | 2,040.00        |                  |                       | 5,582.87          | 7,772.27          |
| Other Giving (Gift Aid)                | 5,155.00           |                  |                  | 1,820.00        | 100.00           |                       | 7,075.00          | 21,996.00         |
| <b>Total Non-Recurring Donations</b>   | <b>8,697.87</b>    |                  |                  | <b>3,860.00</b> | <b>100.00</b>    |                       | <b>12,657.87</b>  | <b>29,768.27</b>  |
| Donated Income (Regular)               |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       |                   |                   |
| Regular Giving (Gift Aid Envs)         | 40.00              |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | 40.00             | 320.00            |
| Regular Giving (Gift Aid SO's)         | 23,129.08          |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | 23,129.08         | 34,483.90         |
| Regular Giving (Other)                 | 9,667.85           |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | 9,667.85          | 9,079.00          |
| Regular Giving (Parish Giving Scheme)  | 24,622.40          |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | 24,622.40         | 18,050.00         |
| <b>Total Donated Income (Regular)</b>  | <b>57,459.33</b>   |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | <b>57,459.33</b>  | <b>61,932.90</b>  |
| Fund Raising Income                    |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       |                   |                   |
| Fund Raising - Church                  | 2,708.16           |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | 2,708.16          | 13,419.51         |
| Fund Raising - Cmnty Ctr               | 1,328.00           |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | 1,328.00          | 486.00            |
| <b>Total Fund Raising Income</b>       | <b>4,036.16</b>    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | <b>4,036.16</b>   | <b>13,905.51</b>  |
| Grants Received                        |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       |                   |                   |
| Grants - HMRC (Furlough)               |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       |                   | 4,807.17          |
| Grants - Lottery Fund                  |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       |                   | 10,200.00         |
| Grants - NINDS                         | 2,700.00           |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | 2,700.00          | 1,500.00          |
| Grants - Other                         | 1,237.50           |                  |                  |                 |                  | 10,000.00             | 11,237.50         | 981.00            |
| Grants - VAT                           |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       |                   | 240.00            |
| <b>Total Grants Received</b>           | <b>3,937.50</b>    |                  |                  |                 |                  | <b>10,000.00</b>      | <b>13,937.50</b>  | <b>17,728.17</b>  |
| Income from Activities                 |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       |                   |                   |
| Contributions to Activities            | 72.00              |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | 72.00             | 48.00             |
| Hire of Church                         | 4,264.00           |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | 4,264.00          | 5,171.50          |
| Hire of Community Centre               | 55,319.80          |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | 55,319.80         | 32,620.59         |
| Weddings & Funerals - Church           | 380.00             |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | 380.00            | 348.00            |
| <b>Total Income from Activities</b>    | <b>60,035.80</b>   |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | <b>60,035.80</b>  | <b>38,188.09</b>  |
| Income from Investments                |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       |                   |                   |
| Interest and Dividends                 |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       |                   | 39.03             |
| Rent from 90 Augustus Rd               | 26,400.00          |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | 26,400.00         | 26,400.00         |
| <b>Total Income from Investments</b>   | <b>26,400.00</b>   |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | <b>26,400.00</b>  | <b>26,439.03</b>  |
| <b>Income Tax Recovered (Gift Aid)</b> | <b>13,791.31</b>   |                  |                  | <b>705.00</b>   | <b>100.00</b>    |                       | <b>14,596.31</b>  | <b>18,482.38</b>  |
| Other Incoming Resources               |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       |                   | 85.00             |
| Insurance Claims                       |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       |                   | 2,846.00          |
| <b>Total Other Incoming Resources</b>  |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       |                   | <b>2,931.00</b>   |
| Other Voluntary Income                 |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       |                   |                   |
| Legacy                                 | 25,114.62          |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | 25,114.62         | 10,000.00         |
| <b>Total Other Voluntary Income</b>    | <b>25,114.62</b>   |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | <b>25,114.62</b>  | <b>10,000.00</b>  |
| Sales of Product Income                |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       |                   | 119.00            |
| Special Appeals Income                 |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       |                   |                   |
| Special Appeals (Leaving Gifts)        | (250.00)           |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       | (250.00)          |                   |
| Special Appeals (Other)                |                    |                  |                  |                 |                  |                       |                   | 5,000.00          |
| Special Appeals (Pantry)               |                    |                  |                  | 2,134.50        |                  |                       | 2,134.50          | 125.00            |
| Special Appeals (Reredos)              |                    |                  |                  |                 | 1,360.00         |                       | 1,360.00          |                   |
| <b>Total Special Appeals Income</b>    | <b>(250.00)</b>    |                  |                  | <b>2,134.50</b> | <b>1,360.00</b>  |                       | <b>3,244.50</b>   | <b>5,125.00</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                    | <b>199,222.59</b>  |                  |                  | <b>6,699.50</b> | <b>1,560.00</b>  | <b>10,000.00</b>      | <b>217,482.09</b> | <b>224,619.35</b> |

**Notes to the Accounts**  
**Note 2 - Details of Expenditure**  
**For the year ending 31 Dec 2022**

|                                        | Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds |                 |             |                       | Total (2022)      | Total (2021)      |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                        | Church - PCC       | D - Fabric Fund  | R - Organ Fund   | R - Pantry Fund | R - Reredos | R - Youth Work (WFCF) | Total (2022)      | Total (2021)      |
| <b>Activities</b>                      |                    |                  |                  |                 |             |                       |                   |                   |
| Clergy Expenses                        | 82.42              |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 82.42             | 121.20            |
| Group Activity Expenses                | 250.00             |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 250.00            | 250.00            |
| Heat (Gas)                             | 1,814.09           |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 1,814.09          | 3,682.40          |
| Insurance                              | 10,366.73          |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 10,366.73         | 9,942.41          |
| Light (Electricity)                    | 4,359.59           |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 4,359.59          | 3,246.62          |
| Maintenance & Cleaning - Church        | 1,541.27           |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 1,541.27          | 1,851.33          |
| Maintenance & Cleaning - Cmnty Ctr     | 16,879.83          |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 16,879.83         | 11,272.12         |
| Music (Organist / Choir Master)        | 7,090.00           |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 7,090.00          | 6,373.28          |
| Music (Other)                          | 696.58             |                  | 312.02           |                 |             |                       | 1,008.60          | 483.18            |
| Pantry costs                           |                    |                  |                  | 1,451.69        |             |                       | 1,451.69          | 2,334.25          |
| Running Expenses                       | 1,297.28           |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 1,297.28          | 460.97            |
| Salaries - Cleaners                    | 7,185.78           |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 7,185.78          | 5,921.66          |
| Water                                  | 330.20             |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 330.20            | 111.10            |
| <b>Total Activities</b>                | <b>51,893.77</b>   |                  | <b>312.02</b>    | <b>1,451.69</b> |             |                       | <b>53,657.48</b>  | <b>46,050.52</b>  |
| Cost of sales                          | 59.00              |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 59.00             |                   |
| <b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>       |                    |                  |                  |                 |             |                       |                   |                   |
| Costs of 90 Augustus Rd                | 2,157.34           |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 2,157.34          | 9,061.90          |
| Costs of Fund Raising                  |                    |                  |                  |                 |             |                       |                   | 4,776.39          |
| <b>Total Costs of Generating Funds</b> | <b>2,157.34</b>    |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | <b>2,157.34</b>   | <b>13,838.29</b>  |
| <b>Major Repairs</b>                   |                    |                  |                  |                 |             |                       |                   | 2,070.00          |
| Major Repairs - Flooring               |                    |                  |                  |                 |             |                       |                   | 3,083.40          |
| Major Repairs - Notice Boards          |                    |                  |                  |                 |             |                       |                   | 1,600.00          |
| Major Repairs - Organ                  |                    |                  |                  |                 |             |                       |                   | 3,723.48          |
| Major Repairs - Windows                | 14,850.00          |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 14,850.00         | 4,450.00          |
| <b>Total Major Repairs</b>             | <b>14,850.00</b>   |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | <b>14,850.00</b>  | <b>14,926.88</b>  |
| <b>Management and Admin</b>            |                    |                  |                  |                 |             |                       |                   |                   |
| Finance Costs                          | 2,016.83           |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 2,016.83          | 2,016.67          |
| IT & Systems                           | 2,723.40           |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 2,723.40          | 67.58             |
| Printing & Photocopier                 | 4,235.62           |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 4,235.62          | 2,635.57          |
| Salaries - Cmnty Ctr Mgmt              | 16,891.90          |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 16,891.90         | 14,652.87         |
| Salaries - Parish Admin                | 15,265.49          |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 15,265.49         | 15,488.90         |
| Salaries - Tax & Pensions              | 8,261.61           |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 8,261.61          | 5,834.78          |
| Telephones                             | 2,454.16           |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | 2,454.16          | 2,984.08          |
| <b>Total Management and Admin</b>      | <b>51,849.01</b>   |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | <b>51,849.01</b>  | <b>43,680.45</b>  |
| <b>Parish Support Fund</b>             | <b>55,000.00</b>   |                  |                  |                 |             |                       | <b>55,000.00</b>  | <b>50,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>              | <b>175,809.12</b>  |                  | <b>312.02</b>    | <b>1,451.69</b> |             |                       | <b>177,572.83</b> | <b>168,496.14</b> |

## Notes to the Accounts

### Note 3 Between Funds Transfers represent

|                                                                                 |               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Transfer from General Fund to Fabric Fund<br>designated for Reredos from Legacy | 10,000        |
| Transfers from General Fund                                                     | 10,000        |
| <b>Net Balance Transfer from General Fund</b>                                   | <b>10,000</b> |

- Note 4** There are two separate funds to pay for the reredos restoration works: (1) Designated, and (2) Restricted. The Restricted fund is gifts given solely for the Reredos works, while the Designated fund is money from David Leyland's legacy which the PCC has designated for the purposes of reredos restoration. There are also two separate restricted youth work funds: (1) "R - Wimbledon Foundation Youth Work", and (2) "R - Youth Work". This is because the Wimbledon Foundation Youth Work grant is restricted to specific projects, while the restricted funds under the "R - Youth Work" heading can be used for any work with young people at St Pauls.

| <b>Note 5</b> | <b>Current Debtors (Monies owed to us)</b> | <b>2022</b>  | <b>2021</b>   | <b>Movement</b> |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
|               | Income tax recovered on Gift Aid           | 2,805        | 14,057        |                 |
|               | Prepaid Gas                                | 1,474        | 0             |                 |
|               | Prepaid Music Licences                     | 441          | 373           |                 |
|               | Church Lettings                            | 1,624        | 0             |                 |
|               | Historic England Grant for windows         | 0            | 533           |                 |
|               | Other debtors                              | 0            | (264)         |                 |
|               |                                            | <b>6,344</b> | <b>14,699</b> | <b>(8,355)</b>  |

| <b>Note 6</b> | <b>Current Creditors (Monies we owe)</b> | <b>2022</b>  | <b>2021</b>  | <b>Movement</b> |
|---------------|------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
|               | Tenants Deposits                         | 2,538        | 2,538        |                 |
|               | Fees & Salaries Due                      | 2,203        | 2,990        |                 |
|               | Audio Visual Costs                       | 2,817        | 2,817        |                 |
|               | Utilities                                | 389          | 0            |                 |
|               | Prepaid Fuel Grant                       | 4 700        | 0            |                 |
|               | Prepaid Lettings Fees                    | 1,000        | 0            |                 |
|               | Roof Fund Loans due                      | 0            | 600          |                 |
|               | Other Creditors                          |              | (1,638)      |                 |
|               |                                          | <b>9,647</b> | <b>7,307</b> | <b>2,340</b>    |

### Note 7 Net Current Assets - Reserves

The PCC has a policy to maintain Free Reserves of at least 3 months normal expenditure.

Since consolidating the Community Centre and PPC General Fund,

|                                                                               |                | Weeks spend |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Normal Expenditure                                                            | 162,000        | 52          |
| 3 months expenditure Free Reserves requirement                                | 40,500         | 13          |
| <b>The total General Fund current reserves (excluding investment stand at</b> | <b>128,672</b> | <b>41</b>   |
| <b>Remaining Free reserves above 3 month requirement</b>                      | <b>88,172</b>  | <b>28</b>   |

### Note 8 Legacy

The PCC is especially grateful to the late Ms Elizabeth Burgess who left a legacy of £25,114 to St Pauls

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul's Wimbledon Park (charity no: 1142917).**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Parish'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.

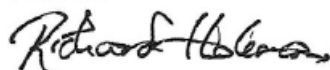
**Independent examiner's statement**

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 Parish 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.

Signed:



Name:

Richard Holman FCA

Relevant professional qualification / membership of professional bodies: Chartered Accountant

Address:

11 Genoa Avenue, Putney, London SW15 6DY

Date

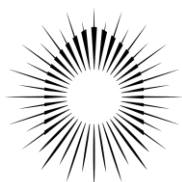
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# Accounts

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**ST PAUL'S**  
WIMBLEDON  
PARKSIDE

**2021 REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH  
COUNCIL OF ST PAUL'S CHURCH,  
WIMBLEDON PARKSIDE**



*Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022 of the*  
***Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul's Wimbledon Park***  
*London SW19*  
*Presented on the 8th May 2022*  
*Reporting period 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021*  
  
***Registered Charity 1142917***

## MINISTRY REPORT

The year 2021 saw a slow but appreciable improvement over 2020 in our ability to provide ministry and outreach to our community in the midst of the Covid19 pandemic. As Covid case numbers alternatively rose and fell, many of our activities and meetings took place online. However we were able to hold services in a mixed mode of in-person and online, allowing people to choose what best suited their needs.

The pandemic has given us both reasons to lament and good reasons to rejoice. It was pleasing that, despite the real challenges of the year, we have been able to continue to offer ministry and mission in a meaningful way. We took the opportunity to reflect further on our shared identity as a church, to refine our vision and mission. We also developed our branding including a new logo and official St Paul's colours, providing continuity and consistency, enabling our community to readily recognize St Paul's in all our communications.

We have focused our efforts towards realising St Paul's new vision:

to be a growing community  
where God is found  
in the beauty and joy of our worship,  
the warmth of our welcome,  
the breadth of our outreach  
and our love for our neighbour.

Our priorities therefore lie in the areas of: Nurture, Outreach, Welcome and the Environment. This report focusses on the first and second, while other reports will focus on the latter two.

**Nurture:** This has been a pastorally challenging year in many ways, for our congregation, as well as the wider parish. Our year began with sadness with the death of our eldest member of St Paul's in January. Several other members of St Paul's Lunch Club also died in the course of the pandemic, which caused issues in the communal

grieving process as people were unable to gather. Once restrictions lifted in the summer, we were able to hold a memorial service in church to remember them, followed by lunch in the Community Centre. At last this brought some comfort to the community. Later in the year, two very large funerals took place in church as we said our fond farewells to two important figures in our community, one of which was a beloved longstanding member, a former churchwarden of St Paul's.

Early in the year we were blessed with the celebration of our Patronal Festival presided by the Right Reverend Christopher, Bishop of Southwark, supported by his chaplain, the Reverend Alun Ford.

With the arrival of spring, and thanks to Julia Raeburn, we were able to support four Duke of Edinburgh award students from the local community. Their work included Parkside Post deliveries, sanitization of the Tea & Toys equipment and significant gardening work in the area near the vestry. The sessions with the students concluded with a barbecue in the Vicarage garden.

By the summer, with Covid cases reduced, larger numbers were allowed to congregate outdoors. This enabled St Paul's and Holy Trinity Roehampton to 'Beat the Bounds' through Wimbledon Common which concluded with a picnic. Its popularity has encouraged us to make it an annual event!

Late summer saw baptisms return to St Paul's, though most were outside of the main service due to local case numbers.

Special services this year included Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services during Holy Week, Easter Sunrise service, Blessing of the Animals service and Choral Evensong during Creationtide, All Soul's Memorial service in the autumn, Lessons & Carols service, Christingle service in Advent and a Crib service at Christmas. We owe special thanks to St Paul's Music Director, Kevin Jones and members of the

choir, who made great efforts to provide wonderful music that greatly enhanced our worship at these special services and every Sunday Eucharist.

Sunday evening prayer has been largely offered by laity, so we give thanks for the ministry of our church warden, Margaret Brown, David and Deirdre Gooderson, Eve Speare and of course, our incomparable Lay Reader, Norman Allen, who has also preached at the third Sunday morning Eucharist.

Our children's ministry has struggled to continue to offer Junior Church at the main Sunday service since the pandemic began due to limited availability of staff and volunteers and the sporadic attendance of families. We have however managed to continue with Messy Church, with some disruption while case numbers were high. We are thankful for Marc Stoneham, Jana Bruwer, Deirdre Gooderson and Kana Jones for enabling Messy Church to grow during this challenging time. It has become quite evident to many of us that a Youth & Children's worker is essential if we wish to grow this important area.

Other nurture/teaching took place throughout the year and included: a Lent course based on John-Francis Friendship's *The Mystery of Faith*; an Advent mini-course on 'Saints in the Windows' by Margaret Brown and Norman Allen; the Church of England course on sexuality, relationships and marriage *Living in Love and Faith* co-led by the Reverend Daniel Trott, team vicar of All Saints' Putney, the Reverend Steve Melliush vicar of St Michael's and myself; and baptism and confirmation preparations.

**Outreach:** St Paul's outreach has taken many forms and has included Tea & Toys, a group for preschool-aged children and their parents/carers. We are thankful for Katie and Mark Gilbert for organizing and running Tea & Toys (online then in church), each Tuesday during term time.

St Paul's Angels' much appreciated work has decreased since the end of lockdown, while the Pantry has continued to provide support for more than 20 families in our community. We are grateful for our Angel and Pantry volunteers, and their primary organisers Joan Endean and Helen Lowe, respectively. Helen championed the Pantry initiative as it transitioned from the vicarage to the church, organised the way in which it operates and has now handed it over to a small group of leaders who coordinate its tasks and volunteers. We are thankful to Helen for all her hard work in setting up this important part of our outreach.

St Paul's outreach included events throughout the year. Our Community Centre continues to play a vital role in our service to the wider community, offering a weekly Lunch Club and a venue to gather, learn and support one another. St Paul's Open Day in September showcased many of the activities of the church and Community Centre. It was well attended and appreciated by those who came. This was also the launch date of St Paul's successful art exhibition and fundraiser 'The HeArt of Wimbledon Parkside', organised and coordinated by local artist Sarah Ollerenshaw and featuring the work of many other local artists. We are grateful to Sarah, the artists and all who attended and supported the exhibition including our MP Fleur Anderson and our local councilor Angela Ireland. The event also provided the opportunity for people unfamiliar with St Paul's to experience the beauty of the church.

The annual Christmas Fair in November also saw a good number of people from the wider community, though fewer than previous years. Despite this, it was a successful fundraiser for St Paul's and offered the community a good experience of the church and Community Centre.

Our annual Christmas caroling raised significant funds for Glass Door while bringing good cheer to people at Southfields station and local residents.

**Welcome:** St Paul's has continued to maintain an open church for private prayer, access to listeners, and for pastoral support. With the generous help of several volunteers, including Doreen and John Hewitt, Terry and Kay Woolgar, Gill and Shirley Thompson, Margaret Brown, Norman and Lois Allen, Julia and Stuart Raeburn, the doors of the church were open four mornings, an afternoon and an evening during the week and a warm atmosphere of welcome has been appreciated by members of the congregation and passers-by.

St Paul's has continued to develop the website and the facilities provided by its platform Churchdesk. Our Parish Administrator, Guy Booth, plays a vital and central role in that work which is much appreciated.

We continue to have a presence on Facebook, which will be linked to our website with updates to the church diary. Our social media is a work in progress and requires additional assistance to bring that to what it could be.

**Environment:** This is an important topic which we have begun to explore, including the desire to become part of the Eco-church programme, strongly supported by our Diocese. We look forward to further exploration of and developments in this area.

Finally, the most important thing to be said about the ministry of St Paul's is that many people are involved in carrying it out, far beyond the ministry team. The role of the priest is not only to enable others to encounter God for themselves; it is to enable the ministry and mission of the church, undertaken by the people. At St Paul's we are blessed with many highly talented and generous individuals who wholeheartedly engage in sharing the love of God in daily life and through the work of the church and Community Centre. A special mention of our wonderful Churchwardens, and most notably Margaret Brown who will be stepping down at the APCM. She has been a stable support and enormous help in my first years in post. I

am very grateful for her presence and for all she has done in her time as Churchwarden. I am grateful too for the ministry and staff teams: Churchwarden Terry Woolgar, lay reader Norman Allen, Music Director Kevin Jones, SPA Joan Endean, Parish Administrator Guy Booth, Community Centre Manager Sam Egan and the many other members of our congregation who offer their time and talent for the ministry and mission of St Paul's. I offer my heartfelt appreciation and deepest thanks to you all!

*Revd Susan Bolen, Vicar*

## **CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT (including PCC Business and Fabric Report)**

2021 was the second year of the Covid pandemic, but at least, unlike 2020, the work of the church was able to continue throughout. Although congregations and bookings were understandably smaller than at the start of 2020, they continued to grow gradually as more people had vaccinations, and as death rates and case numbers fell from their peak in January. By July we felt safe enough to go ahead with a memorial service with over 120 people attending, although as new Covid variants came into play and case numbers rose again, we were still having to constantly adapt. We continued throughout to require the congregation to wear masks and to sign in, and to queue to receive Communion in one kind only, but at least in the summer we were given permission to sing through masks!

Thanks to Sebastiaan and other helpers, livestreaming our two Sunday services from the church, and morning and evening services from the Vicarage, has continued and looks likely to be a permanent feature; our audio-visual systems have been gradually upgraded to improve broadcast quality. Other fabric issues are covered in the separate report.

These developments have as usual depended on immense commitment from a limited number of people, to whom we are very

grateful. It is good to see some newcomers contributing, but we have recently lost some key members of the congregation who either moved away or into care or sadly died, though not from Covid. We hope to see more people get involved with our many services and activities.

*Margaret adds:* I wanted to briefly reflect on my 6 years as Churchwarden at St Paul's. It has been quite a challenging period, with an interregnum in the middle and a pandemic at the end. I have enjoyed working closely in turn with Heinz, then Nicky and now Susan, all brilliant leaders but with rather different styles! I was greatly helped by Nicky's proposal to appoint for the first time at St Paul's, a Parish Administrator. It has always been interesting, sometimes exciting, occasionally inspiring, and often quite time-consuming. But what has always made it worthwhile are the wonderful people at St Paul's, co-wardens, staff and congregation, who have given me such great support and friendship. I am confident that my successor will find the same.

*Margaret Brown & Terry Woolgar, Churchwardens*

### **The Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

The PCC continued to meet monthly via Zoom. In September we uniquely came together on a warm and sunny evening in the Vicarage garden kindly hosted by Susan, but had to finish the business with damp papers under umbrellas when a thunderstorm broke!

The work of the Fabric, Finance and Community Centre Management Committees are described elsewhere, but thanks to the Communications Committee and especially to Guy, we were able to get the new website and branding approved and implemented. A vision statement and our membership of the Parish Giving Scheme were both agreed in time to launch our 'Bridging the Gap and Moving Forward' financial appeal on March 21<sup>st</sup> and in the Easter Parkside

Post. The aim was to first balance our budget and then accumulate funds towards the employment of a youth worker and making the church building and grounds more attractive for visitors. Several funding bids were submitted by members of the PCC, a few of which were happily successful.

The APCM in 2020 was back on schedule in April but due to prevailing Covid regulations, took place again by Zoom. Sarah Peart was thanked for her service on the PCC and two new members were elected, William Fairbarns and Mark Gilbert (both had previously been co-opted as members during 2020). Kana Jones, Jo Mulaki, Elizabeth Simon and Philip Warner were all re-elected for a 3-year term.

We have continued to try to steer the church forward, through some rather choppy waters!

*Margaret Brown, Secretary to the PCC*

### **Fabric Report**

There have been no major repairs or improvements to the church fabric during 2021, but there have been a number of more minor but still very important items requiring attention. We are especially grateful to several members of our congregation and other friends who have kindly devoted their time and expertise in assisting with these. In particular:

- Alan and Jennie Bryant and Sebastiaan Boelen completed a lot of work on connecting and rewiring for internet, audio and lighting.
- Mike and Helen Lowe updated our lighting, explored some improvements and maintained the system.
- Norman Allen, Mike, Helen, John Hewitt and others cleared out decades of accumulated mess in the boiler room and garden shed, and organised safe ladder storage.
- Julia Raeburn together with Gill and Shirley Thompson, Philip Warner, and others including a group of local school students

on Duke of Edinburgh awards organised by Julia, cleared up and replanted parts of our back garden so it is looking much more attractive, and can be used for social events.

- Alan Endean and Norman repaired the church bell.
- John has helped with many small-scale repairs.

Our only new item was a pair of smart noticeboards outside the main church door, funded by the Ninds Trust. There are plans for more work on church signboards.

Our specialist organ repairer had to make two visits to correct faults. We also had to repair one of the organ blower motors. The organ is now in reasonable condition, but he warned that the console needs either a complete overhaul or replacement, which is likely to be a considerable expense in future years.

Following leaks, repairs were needed to roof flashing, and the Community Centre roof and gutters were cleared of debris. Our insurer, Ecclesiastical, sent an inspector on a 5-yearly visit on 6<sup>th</sup> April to check the state and safety of our building. A detailed report suggested only one urgent requirement (the clearing of flammable material in the boiler room, now carried out). We are working our way through a list of minor recommendations, thanks to Terry Woolgar and Mike.

Looking forward, Elizabeth Simon completed a significant amount of research and consultations on our reredos and rood screen, prior to drawing up with a specialist architect a schedule for expert estimates for conserving, re-gilding and restoration. These were obtained and the required permissions are being sought. The work will mainly be funded by a generous legacy from David Leyland, a grant from the Kempe Trust and donations to which members of the congregation and community will have an opportunity to contribute.

*Margaret Brown & Terry Woolgar, Churchwardens*

## **READER REPORT**

I have enjoyed the challenges of another busy year as a lay minister. Younger members are encouraged to consider readership; to serve the Church and to further their discipleship.

The statistics of my ministry in 2021 are as follows:

- Services, meditations, and studies led: 15
- Sermons delivered: 25 (grateful for feedback & challenges)
- Pastoral visits: 50.
- Funerals: 1.

Thank you for your support.

*Norman Allen, Reader*

## **READERS AND INTERCESSORS**

During the last year the members on our rota have continued faithfully and their contribution to our services is very much appreciated. As, for various reasons, a few former members have had to withdraw it would be great to have some more volunteers, particularly intercessors. If you are interested, please let us know.

*Eve Speare*

## **MUSIC**

Another year when Covid restrictions have largely dictated how music and singing is organised at St Paul's. For most of the year the congregation was unable to join in, and we have been very grateful for the commitment and loyalty of choir members who have led from the front every week. Although most have escaped serious illness, on occasions a number of our singers have had to stay at home having tested positive or with household members testing positive, including our Music Director. We are grateful that Julia Raeburn and Jamie Crook have been able to step in to hold the fort from time to time.

As restrictions relaxed towards the end of the year were able to add more singers and singing into the service, more verses to hymns, and greater use of the organ to accompany hymns.

This year we were pleased to welcome our wonderful guest organist Jason Edge to accompany our Harvest and Advent Evensong services to whom we express our grateful thanks.

Once again, many thanks to members of the congregation and visitors who have made a point of complimenting St Paul's musicians for our contribution to services.

*Kevin Jones, Director of Music*

## **COMMUNICATIONS GROUP**

The Communications Group met several times during 2021; Margaret Brown stepped down from the Group and we welcomed Terry Woolgar to take her place (joining Reverend Susan, Guy Booth and Juliet Childs). We held some meetings via Zoom to approve new branding options for St Paul's, including colours, which had been presented by Perry Rowe, our branding consultant. We were pleased to hear that the new St Paul's logo was approved by the PCC early in the year. We also held meetings to discuss Parkside Post, use of the smart new outside noticeboards and other forms of communication such as the email newsletters.

Three editions of Parkside Post were produced and distributed widely within the Parish, but there remains a need for new deliverers. Banners were produced to hang in front of the church to advertise key services such as at Easter and Christmas.

*Juliet Childs*

## **DIGITAL REPORT**

The St Paul's website ([www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk)) was maintained on our Churchdesk online management system by Guy Booth, Parish Administrator. This required constant attention to keep information up-to-date and to produce engaging content including text, links and images reflecting the many facets of life at St Paul's. The regular cycle of events during the year was, with a few exceptions, updated on a timely basis despite short lead times and competing demands.

Content was produced to promote St Paul's Open Day, Creationtide and the Arts Festival, HeART of Wimbledon Parkside, the Christmas Fair, the Nativity Festival, and Advent events including the lecture-recital of Holman Hunt's *'The Hireling Shepherd'* with Music Director Kevin Jones. Choral recitals and concerts by our main amateur societies were given a high profile on the home page and promoted to our contacts via links in email newsletters, using materials provided by the organisers. Posters and flyers for our own events, often produced by Revd Susan, were adapted as PNG files for use on the website where possible, so as to achieve consistency between online and offline communications.

Seasonal Orders of Service, the weekly pew sheet and sermons (when available) were published in the appropriate sections of the site. The three editions of Parkside Post were published in PDF format and linked to our email newsletters. New pages were created for the Vision & Financial Appeal Spring 2021 and the 'Giving to St Paul's' section was improved to allow us to accept one-off donations by credit card via the website. A 'What's On' section was added to the top menu. The 'News' section was updated with parish, Diocese and other relevant news.

The rolling montage of images at the top of the homepage was curated to better reflect the passing seasons and a balance of internal and external images of church life. We were gifted several high-quality images of the church interior by professional photographer Geoff Brandwood for which we are grateful.

We are becoming more comfortable at working accurately with our brand elements and better able to reproduce the St Paul's brand effectively in both online and print. Revd Susan and Guy are both now signed up to 'Canva', an online design application which allows us to create, edit and share promotional materials including designs for flyers, posters and banners. Credit to our Vicar for identifying this useful resource.

Email newsletters were a major part of our external communications. Our contact database grew to over 250 during 2021 which represents over 70% growth since 2020, albeit from a modest base. At the same time, attrition and unsubscribe rates have increased slightly, but our audience has grown and without much effort to acquire contacts.

We broadcast 19 email newsletters in 2021 on a variety of topics and themes as follows: 'Arrangements for Worship' (9 January); 'St Paul's Patronal Festival' (22 January); 'Our Vision & Financial Appeal Spring 2021' (26 March); 'Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021' (22 April); 'You're Invited!' (5 June); 'Upcoming Events at St Paul's' (23 July); 'Living in Love & Faith (LiLF)' x 4 (30 July, 11 September x 2, 13 September); 'Art, music, dance, food and fun for all ages - Open Day' (24 September); 'Creationtide events at St Paul's' (1 October); 'HeART of Wimbledon Parkside' (6 October); 'All Souls Service' (30 October); 'St Paul's Christmas Fair' (18 November); 'St Paul's Nativity Festival' (3 December); 'Advent weekend of special events ahead' (10 December); 'Service of Lessons and Carols' (17 December); 'A very Happy Christmas from all at St Pauls' (24 December).

We sent 9 text messages to contacts with mobile phone numbers, usually as tactical reminders for worship, courses and events.

Open rates for our email newsletters averaged 56% in 2021; click-thru rates were sometimes below expectations (5-10%). Generally, there seems to be a reluctance within our contact group to click on linked text. However, some topics generated a higher click rate than normal e.g. 'St Paul's Patronal Festival' (16%); 'Our Vision & Financial Appeal' (23%); 'Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021' (13%); 'All Souls Service' Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November' (12%). Communications about worship and parish business generated more clicks than those about events, although content and timing affect the performance of email newsletters as well as the topic.

*Guy Booth, Parish Administrator*

## **SOUTHWARK PASTORAL AUXILIARY (SPA)**

I am a Pastoral Auxiliary for St Paul's Church and I started training 22 years ago. Most of my work in the Parish has been getting alongside people, mostly elderly, and those in need, listening, and being an advocate with social services where necessary. I am also a member on our Parochial Church Council (PCC).

It is my privilege to administer communion, and I, as part of a team, usually take Home-Communion to those who cannot get to church.

Once a year I attend Southwark Cathedral to renew my ministry to work as a Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary in the Diocese of Southwark. I am also expected to attend quiet days and further training where appropriate (and no virus restrictions). I have a spiritual advisor to guide me as well. I attend staff meetings, and as I am a member of the staff team, I also have to be up to date on safeguarding training.

2021 continued the same as the previous year, but the gradual relaxing of restrictions made visiting and attending church easier towards the end of the year.

I value very much being part of the brilliant ministry team here with Susan leading us. It has been particularly challenging keeping up with the weekly Church of England and HM Government guidelines to keep everyone safe. During this busy time, we continued with Zoom meetings and on-line services. But at last things have eased and we can go back to church, cautiously with masks.

It is my belief that God is showing all of us here at St Paul's Church the way forward, to offer help in whatever way we can, to all who live in our parish, and are connected with our church and Community Centre, and in the future.

*Joan Endean, Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary*

## **ST PAUL'S ANGELS PROJECT**

I am still co-ordinating Angels for those in need, including responding to initial calls/text or emails which Susan passes on to me. The need for Angels has dwindled since restrictions lifted, but we are still helping people when necessary, going out in all weathers to help people in need. Many of the Angels who offered help have gone back to work, or are helping with the Pantry now, and my thanks go to all of them.

Most importantly, if you know of someone in need, or would like to help in any way, do feel free to contact me.

*Joan Endean, Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary*

## **ST PAUL'S PANTRY**

The Pantry continues to open on the first and third Thursday of the month. During 2021 we had an average of 10 attendances each week, ranging from 5-20, with a core group of 4-5 attending each week. This represents close to 270 households over the year (roughly 500 adults and 260 children). We usually do 2-3 deliveries a week too. The number of households visiting and being supported by the Pantry is now rising considerably.

We receive donations from City Harvest, a food redistribution charity, bread from Rosie's Bakery and best before dates from Co-op. Fresh leftovers are taken to Wimbledon Dons at the end of the evening. We have grocery donations from local schools, Ahmyddian women's group and individuals. Donations are supplemented with shopping using the monetary donations.

The Pantry is organised by church members Juliet Childs, Deirdre Gooderson, Helen Lowe and Michellie Brown with volunteers from church and the community. Revd Susan and Joan Endean also support the coordination and administration. Having done a wonderful job of setting up the Pantry in 2020 and being the main

organiser for well over a year, Helen Lowe has stepped back from the Pantry for a time.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers and supports the Pantry in any way by volunteering, donating and encouraging.

*Juliet Childs and Helen Lowe*

## **DEANERY SYNOD 2021**

Our first Wandsworth Deanery Synod meeting took place via Zoom on Tuesday 9th February 2021. It was a well-organised meeting where representatives of 10 parishes and 13 churches shared and learnt together. The main agenda item was 'preparing for a post-pandemic Church'. Deanery representatives from each parish reflected on a downside and an upside of being church during the Covid 19 pandemic.

Care for the environment is a core commitment of the Deanery and we also discussed our 'Environment Day' on Saturday 12th June, which was open to all church members in the Deanery to explore next steps together.

The election of three lay and three clergy representatives from Wandsworth Deanery to Diocesan Synod from among the members of the Deanery Synod took place early in the summer.

We had two webinars providing an overview of the Diocesan Synod and its agenda for the 2021-2024 triennium. These were also an opportunity for potential members to ask any questions of the Diocesan Secretary and lay Chair.

Our first Deanery Synod meeting in person took place at Holy Trinity Roehampton with Revd Joshua Rey.

We are still looking for two more members to join the Deanery Synod as I am currently the only elected member for St Paul's.

*Jana Bruwer*

## **PARISH SAFEGUARDING**

In March 2021, the PCC reviewed and agreed St Paul's safeguarding policies for children and vulnerable adults. St Paul's Church follows Southwark Diocesan safeguarding policies.

During 2021, all safeguarding training continued to be carried out remotely, with Basic Awareness and Foundation training courses available as e-learning modules and a Leadership training course offered over Zoom. The Southwark Diocese recommends safeguarding training for the following groups: parish workers with children and young people, e.g. Sunday School, youth clubs, Messy Church leaders; parish workers with adults, e.g. home visiting, lunch clubs and drop-ins; PCC members; and persons who hold positions of trust, for instance welcomers, servers. In 2021, the e-learning Basic Awareness and Foundation training courses were successfully completed by a number of members of these groups in St Paul's.

As the lockdown restrictions were eased, face-to-face proof of identity checks began to be carried out as part of the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) certification for volunteers whose certificates had expired (five years post-issue) and new volunteers for the church and community groups.

In September 2021, Ann Parkin resigned from the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer for personal reasons, and the PCC is currently engaged in appointing a new Safeguarding Officer.

*Ann Parkin, Parish Safeguarding Officer  
(January - September 2021)*

## **SERVERS**

2021 was a second unusual year for all of us due to a certain virus but when the situation improved the servers were able to return to the job we all love. It has also been very nice to welcome new servers who have been a great asset while many of us were unable to serve as often as we would like.

If anyone reading this would like to join us, please see myself or Revd Susan and we will welcome you with open arms.

*Chris Jones*

## **SIDESPEOPLE**

The normal rota was not resumed with the return to services in church in September. Many of the volunteers have other responsibilities on Sunday mornings or still preferred to watch online from the safety of their own homes.

This year, once again, the Churchwardens have been responsible for preparing the church for Sunday worship and for welcoming members of the congregation at the door. They have been helped by any of the original sidespeople available on the day.

*Doreen Hewitt*

## **TEA & TOYS**

We were delighted to be able to restart Tea and Toys playgroup in June 2021 following the lifting of Covid restrictions. It was a joy to see young children playing together again, and clearly fulfilled a need.

We started off with small numbers for the first few sessions, then quickly gathered momentum as word spread to around 10-15 children and their parents or carers attending most weeks.

We continue to run every Tuesday in term time 9.30 am - 10.30 am, playing with the toys then finishing with a lovely short singalong!

*Katie Gilbert*

## **YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT**

St Paul's Youth and Children's Ministry is an essential and integral part of what we do as a church. Indeed, as a church whose vision is focused on growth, it is vital to our future. According to the Church of England's report 'From Anecdote to Evidence': 'growth [in churches] is found where there is a high ratio of children to adults. Churches which offer programmes for children and teenagers are more likely to grow'. Significant attention has been therefore placed on families and young people.

Messy Church was successfully launched during, and in spite of, the pandemic and enjoyed a relatively strong start last year. For those unfamiliar with Messy Church, it is a form of pioneering church primarily aimed at people who may not attend church otherwise. It is not only for children, but for all ages. It includes a bible story, crafts, games, music and, very importantly, food! It takes place on the first Sunday of the month in the afternoon. In 2021, we welcomed as many as 30+ people of all ages on a given Sunday.

Junior Church which normally provides children with age-appropriate lessons and activities during the main 10:00 am service, however, did not take place in 2021. This is both understandable and lamentable. It is essential that we have provisions for children and young people during the main service. Some families from Messy Church and Tea & Toys have looked for children's ministry on a Sunday morning and been sadly disappointed. That said, our Youth and Children's ministry team has diminished for various reasons, including the pandemic, families leaving the area, and volunteers simply moving on to other activities. The remaining small but faithful team has focused its energies on Messy Church. Clearly, additional resources are needed to see a return of a Sunday morning programme.

The hiring of a Youth and Children's worker is part of our vision, and we hope to see a successful appointment in 2022!

*Revd Susan Bolen, Vicar*

## **FLOWER GROUP**

The whole team managed to keep fresh flowers in church throughout the year in keeping with the Church's calendar, with the exception Lent and Advent when flowers are missing. Whilst 'doing' the church flowers is a privilege, festivals are always special and this year we were able to have a small team working for all of our big occasions.

During the year we worked on a large memorial service and the funeral of Elizabeth Burgess. Both families were very appreciative of our efforts.

I am personally very grateful, as always, to those members of the congregation who strip their gardens of greenery throughout the year and for the continued encouragement and support received.

*Doreen Hewitt*

## **COFFEE ROTA**

Our customary practice of meeting after the Sunday service to enjoy a hot drink and a biscuit together was put on hold for a large part of 2021 due to the Covid pandemic.

We were pleased to start up again in July, albeit with a reduced team of just six pairs of volunteers (supplemented with help from Amanda Gould and others on occasion).

We had to stop again in November due to the Omicron variant being prevalent in our Parish and could not serve coffee for the rest of the year.

*Juliet Childs*

## **THE PEW SHEET**

During 2021, the pew sheet continued to be produced in a four-page format, with all editions available on the website. Printed copies are provided at the 10:00 am Sunday service and the congregation is

encouraged to take their copy with them for reference.

The first page of the pew sheet continues to list music, readings and hymns in the order in which they appear in the service. Ann usually prepares a template sent to Kevin who fills in hymn, music & reading details that includes a brief 'headline' summary of each reading taken from the Royal School of Church Music's *Sunday by Sunday* publication. Kevin then passes the draft back to Ann to add additional notices and service details.

The Notices section of the pew sheet provided information about future church services and events, such as the Lent, Thy Kingdom Come, Creationtide and Advent programmes and associated discussion sessions. Links were available during the periods when these were taking place over Zoom. In addition, notices were included for wider Church of England sessions and discussion groups, including those with local parishes, as well as joint interfaith events, including several held by the Council for Christians and Jews.

As centres reopened after the lockdown, the Notices section contained information and updates on church/community activities such as the Summer Garden Party, Christmas Fair and Nativity Fair, also detailing the range of activities happening during the innovative St Paul's Creation and the Arts Festival. It highlighted the music events coming back into the church and those happening locally that were of interest to the congregation.

The pew sheet continues to play an important role in reaching out to the congregation for help in the organisation of church activities, informing on the success of our initiatives and thanking everyone who volunteers to help make these so successful. It also gives us the opportunity to share special occasions such as births and birthdays and create a strong community bond.

*Kevin Jones and Ann Parkin*

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

Cleaning takes place on Tuesday morning between 10:30 am – 12:00 noon. We have managed to continue during and throughout the pandemic. Our tasks include:

- Sweeping, kex mopping and vacuuming the floor
- Dusting and sanitising the pews, choir stalls etc.
- Cleaning brass and silver
- Removing out of date material from tables and notice board

The choir stalls were almost cleared of music and other materials.

The moth infestation continues to be monitored and new traps have been purchased and put in place. It is important that we do everything to protect the carpets, vestments and altar frontals.

The vestry is once again becoming very ‘cluttered’ and has become a dumping ground for almost everything. As far as possible we need to keep the top of the altar frontal chest clear as this makes it easier when changing the altar frontals.

I should like to thank Terry and Kay Woolgar, Doreen and John Hewitt, and Gill Thompson for their continued commitment and support each week. Anyone able to give help on a Tuesday will always be welcomed.

*Shirley Thompson*

## **ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER REPORT**

The Electoral Roll of St Paul’s Church currently stands at 94.

Very sadly, we have lost some of our faithful members this year, but some new people have joined. If you consider yourself a part of St. Paul’s Church, have been worshipping with us for three months, and are not yet on the Electoral Roll, please fill in a yellow form at the back of the church and give it to a Churchwarden or to me. Being on the Church Electoral Roll allows you to vote at the Annual Parochial

Church Meeting (APCM) and to serve on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) which oversees the running of our church. Please consider it.

*Joan Endean*

### **CHURCH GROUPS**

These mutual support groups ceased to be active due to reduced need following the end of Covid restrictions in 2021.

*Katie Gilbert*

### **MONEY BANKING**

I took over responsibility for most of the banking of the church money in 2021. It is collected from the donation box at the back of the church and from the safe. It is banked on a regular basis. I am happy to accept cheques or cash for banking at any time.

*Gill Thompson*

### **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

The Bible Study Group which used to meet on Tuesday mornings has now merged with the Friday Morning Group.

*Sue Chick*

### **TUESDAY HOMEGROUP**

The Tuesday homegroup ran for most of 2021 on Tuesday evenings. Up to ten of us met online and enjoyed deep discussion alternating with sessions where everyone brought pieces of music to listen to and share with the group. It was wonderful for everyone to get to know each other and share fellowship over the course of the year, particularly in the first half of the year when Covid restrictions were in place. The group took a break in September while the *Living in Love and Faith* course ran and finished off the year enjoying some Advent and Christmas music.

*Mark Gilbert*

## **FRIDAY MORNING GROUP**

During 2021 the Friday Group (6-10 regulars), met mostly on Zoom to read and discuss Delia Smith's book 'Journey into God', her vision of faith, and to pray for mutual concerns.

*Norman Allen*

## **PRAYER CHAIN**

We are a group of people who have agreed to pray regularly for anyone who is ill or in any form of need. Anyone can ask for people to be added to the list. Please contact any of the following: Daphne Foster, Sue Chick, Christine Brown, Bette Waller, Joan Endean, Rosemary Booth, Susie Leyland, Eve Speare, Revd Susan Bolan.

*Daphne Foster*

## **THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The strict regulations in place for Covid in the early months of 2021 meant that it was not possible to organise or hold a service this year.

*Margaret Brown*

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

This has been an on/off year for the Social Committee since, due to the virus, we were very cautious about gathering.

We managed to have our St Paul's Open Day in September with everyone working hard to make this a successful and happy occasion, and also a Christmas Fair where 'Santa's helpers' were very busy organising and catering for the event. There was also a beautiful Nativity Festival organised by Doreen Hewitt. My special thanks go to Doreen for all her hard work and support during this year.

We are a very small group, to call ourselves a committee is slightly ambiguous. We don't usually have formal meetings, but we know who to call on when help is needed. If you feel you would like to help

at any time, do please contact me – no offer refused! I would also welcome ideas for events we can do that you would enjoy coming to.

*Joan Endean*

### **CHURCH BIRTHDAY CARD SCHEME**

This continues with a birthday card given on behalf of all at St Paul's to anyone who is happy to have their birthday recognised in this way. Anyone is welcome to join. Don't be shy. Do let Daphne know if you would like to receive a card on your birthday. Adults do not have to declare their age, but it is helpful to have the age of children so that, where possible, an appropriate card can be chosen.

*Daphne Foster*

### **HAND BELL TEAM**

Nothing to report as once again we haven't got the bells out again this year. We need to re-enthuse ourselves and hope new people will come forward. If you feel this is for you, please let me know.

*Joan Endean*

### **JEAN GARLING FUND**

We have received no applications to the fund this year. We are hopeful that with the lifting of Covid restrictions we will be able to support members of the congregation hoping to continue their spiritual development and /or training as set out in the original objectives of the fund.

Sadly, this last year saw the death of Elizabeth Burgess one of our founder 'trustees'. We will be ever grateful for her leadership over the last twenty years and she will be sadly missed.

*"Trustees" Revd Susan Bolen, Doreen Hewitt,  
Isabel Heycock, Philip Warner*

## **CHARITY COLLECTIONS**

Due to the Covid situation, there was no street collection for Christian Aid Week in May. We managed to distribute envelopes to 19 of the rounds but only tried to collect in one or two; for the remainder, we left details of different ways to contribute.

Nevertheless, from congregational and other contributions we were able to bank £3,827, of which £3,500 was gift-aided, which was a very positive result in the circumstances.

In December, our carol singers collected £607 for Glass Door (for London homeless) over two nights.

*Margaret Brown*

## **CHURCH BOOKINGS**

Government restrictions affecting performances by amateur choirs and orchestras, with various modifications to guidelines, continued until 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021. As a consequence, there were no public events in the first half of the year and Wimbledon Symphony Orchestra (WSO) had to cancel their spring concert booked for 20<sup>th</sup> March.

We were pleased to welcome Putney Choral Society (PCS) at the end of May for carefully managed private rehearsals and a livestreamed concert without audience. On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Platinum Choral & Choristers put on the first concert in church since February 2020. This was permitted under the guidelines which by then allowed professional adult singers to perform, and the event took place before a limited admission, socially distanced and masked audience.

We benefitted from additional bookings for church on Sunday afternoons between January and June from Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra (SYO), who needed the additional space to run socially distanced rehearsals (permitted under the rules because of SYO's educational status). Thanks to Joanna Thomas for cheerfully and reliably providing Covid cleaning support to enable these sessions to go ahead safely between the main service and Sunday prayers.

Things felt to be returning to normal when Wimbledon Symphony Orchestra (WSO) performed their annual Macmillan charity concert at St Paul's on 27<sup>th</sup> November. We welcomed Putney Choral (PCS) back to St Paul's for two weekday rehearsals and a sublime performance of Handel's *Messiah* on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

However, by then the omicron variant was lurking in our midst and we had already taken cancellations for school carol concerts from Putney High School and The Study Prep. As infections and case numbers climbed again, we regretfully accepted the cancellation of Wimbledon Choral Society (WCS) for their double bill Christmas Concert, scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> December. Christmas not quite as normal then, but at least we had hosted *Messiah* the week before!

Total revenue from church bookings earned during 2021 was £4,316.50, more than double the previous year owing to a determination to do what we could, safely, and within the guidelines.

*Guy Booth, Parish Administrator*

## **NOTES FROM THE VERGER**

Another quiet year for the vergers team owing to the impact of Covid restrictions on church bookings. The few main weekend concerts were supported by the Parish Administrator. Special thanks to Revd Susan and family for facilitating Putney Choral Society (PCS) rehearsals in church during the week and for delivering / receiving keys at odd hours at the Vicarage.

Special services, funerals and memorials were supported by our Churchwardens, the staff team and our wonderful sidespeople willingly, efficiently and without having to ask.

*Guy Booth*

## **ST PAUL'S COMMUNITY CENTRE**

We came a long way towards a return to normality during 2021. Following a change in the Government guidelines, playgroup and AA were able to restart in January. Other groups gradually came back from April onwards. For some it took a lot longer. The multiple sclerosis group did not return in 2021.

In October, Sam applied successfully for funding to 'Brighter Living' to support getting people back together, receiving a grant of £250. This was used to arrange a fish and chip lunch with entertainment.

Of the main two fundraising initiatives, bingo continued to be enjoyed by all those that attended Lunch Club, raising £431 between May and December 2021; the Community Café had to stop due to Covid 19 restrictions and did not restart in 2021, but hopefully will come back.

A big thank you to Alan and Jenny for their hard work and support during the year. We would be lost without their continued help. One of their latest projects was helping Sebastiaan to set up the new Wi Fi and phone lines in both Centre and church.

The Community Centre Management Committee continued to meet on a regular basis during 2021 via Zoom but did also manage one or two face to face meetings. Attendance at the meetings has been good. Two of our user group members left the committee during the year due to work commitments having moved to new employment.

We wish to record our thanks to the UK Government for the furlough scheme which enabled us to support and retain our wonderful staff during the pandemic when the Community Centre was closed.

*Sam Egan (Community Centre Manager) and Gill Thompson*

## **LUNCH CLUB**

We were very fortunate to receive donations that enabled us to provide meals and support to the members of Lunch Club at home when we were unable to operate during the Covid restrictions. This helped so many people and gave them the confidence to come back when Lunch Club was finally able to restart on Tuesday 25th May.

Over the year, numbers increased to 20-22 each week, and we welcomed many new people.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021 we arranged a community memorial service and lunch to remember those dear friends whom we lost during the lockdowns. Susan offered a lovely service in church. After lunch, a musical entertainer came along to cheer us up with some of our favourite tunes. We also invited a member of the staff from COOK in Southfields to meet those people for whom the meals they kindly donated during lockdown had meant so much. We presented them with a card and gift to show our appreciation.

A grant received from the Co-op Community Fund in 2021 allowed us to purchase 24 place settings of new cutlery, recently complemented with 6 tablecloths for the large tables.

Our two cooks Janice O'Connor and Mary Novis worked each week, ably assisted by Chris Ward (who also acts as one of our team leaders) and our volunteers Eve Speare and Margaret McManus. We were sorry to lose Mahmoodah Masood in September when she enrolled on a course, which will hopefully lead to full time employment. A huge thank you to all Mahmoodah has contributed to the Lunch Club over the last few years. We are a small team and would welcome new volunteers. We need at least one new team leader, ideally two, to work on a rota basis to decide on the menu and do the shopping (for which you will be reimbursed).

Thank you to everyone who helps with the Lunch Club and especially Sam Egan for collecting the money, receiving and making phone calls and keeping in touch with members, which she continued to do throughout lockdown as well as delivering meals donated by COOK. Also, a big thank you to Sam for organising and running bingo each week, which is appreciated by all the members.

*Shirley Thompson*

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB**

This group has been unable to meet in 2021 and indeed has not done so since the beginning of the first lockdown. With all members being vulnerable, it seemed wisest to wait until the local situation became more stable before coming together again.

*Doreen Hewitt*

### **ST PAUL'S PCC – TREASURER'S REPORT 2021**

2021 was a buoyant year for St Paul's finances, thanks largely to our community's generosity and to a quicker than expected resumption of Community Centre activities after the 2021 lockdown.

We ran an impressive operating surplus of £59,000 in 2021. This was driven in part by an increase in one off donations in response to the 'Bridging the Gap and Moving Forward' appeal, by Community Centre income returning to pre-Covid levels in the second half of 2021, but also by a reduction in PSF contributions to the Diocese due to Covid uncertainty.

This left us in a position to comfortably repay the roof loans, leaving us with £134,000 in net assets at the end of the year. From this we expect to pay a balance of around £16,000 for the replacement Community Centre windows, leaving us with almost £80,000 above the required £40,000 contingency reserves.

This puts us in a strong position to engage in projects to move forward positively and better serve our community, such as youth work, and restoring the fabric of the church (e.g. the reredos).

We were fortunate recipients of several grants in 2021: £10,200 from the Culture Recovery Fund to help with the reopening of the Community Centre, £1,500 from the NINDs Trust to re-finish the Community Centre floor, and £500 from Sainsburys towards the Pantry.

Notable fund-raising events included September's Art Auction which raised £5,000 towards youth work, and the much-missed Christmas Fair returned and raised £3,000 for St Pauls.

We note with particular gratitude the sum of £10,000 bequeathed by Jeanne Lacau (who died in 2018).

Finances at St Pauls are a real team effort, and I'd especially like to thank Amanda Gould, Helen Lowis, Philip Warner, Gill Thompson and Mike Lowe for their help with finances and the finance committee, and to Richard Holman for examining our accounts.

*Mark Gilbert, Treasurer*

## APPENDIX: ST PAUL'S PCC ACCOUNTS 2021

St Paul's Church, Wimbledon Park  
Charity Commission Ref 1142917

(Income & Expenditure)  
For the year ended 31 December 2021

|                                                 | Notes | Restricted Funds   |                  |                 |                       |                |                |               | 2021           | 2020            |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                                                 |       | Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds | D - Fabric Fund | D - Jean Garling Fund | R - Organ Fund | R - Youth Work | R - Reredos   | R - CRF Grant  | R - Pantry Fund |
| <b>Income</b>                                   |       | £                  | £                | £               | £                     | £              | £              | £             | £              | £               |
| Total Donated Income (Non-recurring)            |       | 28,507             | 0                | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0              | 960           | 0              | 0               |
| Total Donated Income (Recurring)                |       | 61,933             | 0                | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0              | 0               |
| Income Tax Recovered (Gift Aid)                 |       | 18,324             | 0                | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0              | 240           | 0              | 5               |
| Total Fund Raising Income                       |       | 4,034              | 0                | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 9,872          | 0             | 0              | 0               |
| Total Income from Activities                    |       | 40,547             | 0                | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0              | 0               |
| Total Income from Investments                   |       | 26,400             | 0                | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0              | 0               |
| Total Grants Received                           |       | 6,538              | 0                | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0              | 240           | 10,200         | 500             |
| Total Other Voluntary Income                    | 8     | 10,000             | 0                | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0              | 0               |
| Total Special Appeals Income                    |       | 5,000              | 0                | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0              | 125             |
| Total Other Incoming Resources                  |       | 2,931              | 0                | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0              | 0               |
| Sales of Product Income                         |       | 119                | 0                | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0              | 0               |
| <b>Total Income</b>                             | 1     | <b>204,332</b>     | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>              | <b>9,872</b>   | <b>1,440</b>   | <b>10,200</b> | <b>630</b>     | <b>226,474</b>  |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                              |       |                    |                  |                 |                       |                |                |               |                |                 |
| Total Activities                                |       | 37,258             | 0                | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0              | 6,091         | 2,334          | 45,683          |
| Total Costs of Generating Funds                 |       | 9,062              | 0                | 0               | 0                     | 4,776          | 0              | 0             | 0              | 13,838          |
| Parish Support Fund                             |       | 50,000             | 0                | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0              | 50,000          |
| Total Major Repairs                             |       | 9,763              | 0                | 0               | 3,723                 | 0              | 1,440          | 0             | 0              | 14,927          |
| Total Management and Admin                      |       | 39,571             | 0                | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0              | 4,109         | 0              | 43,680          |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>                        | 2     | <b>145,654</b>     | <b>0</b>         | <b>3,723</b>    | <b>4,776</b>          | <b>1,440</b>   | <b>10,200</b>  | <b>2,334</b>  | <b>168,128</b> | <b>166,701</b>  |
| <b>Net Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>        |       | <b>58,678</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>(3,723)</b>        | <b>5,096</b>   | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>(1,704)</b> | <b>24,108</b>   |
| <b>Other Expenses</b>                           |       |                    |                  |                 |                       |                |                |               |                |                 |
| Gains on asset revaluation                      |       | 0                  | 0                | (1,514)         | 0                     | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0              | 0               |
| Losses on asset revaluation                     |       | -                  | -                | -               | -                     | -              | -              | -             | -              | 525             |
| <b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) before Transfers</b> |       | <b>58,678</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>1,514</b>    | <b>(3,723)</b>        | <b>5,096</b>   | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>(1,704)</b> | <b>23,583</b>   |
| Between Funds Transfers                         | 3     | (33,300)           | 33,300           | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0              | (0)             |
| <b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>                  |       | <b>25,378</b>      | <b>33,300</b>    | <b>1,514</b>    | <b>(3,723)</b>        | <b>5,096</b>   | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>(1,704)</b> | <b>23,583</b>   |

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## Notes to the Accounts

### Note 1 - Details of Income For the year ended 31 December 2021

#### Income

|                                         | Unrestricted Funds |              |                |               |                 | Restricted Funds |  |  |  |  | 2021           | 2020           |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|----------------|----------------|
|                                         | Church - PCC       | R - Reredos  | R - Youth Work | R - CRF Grant | R - Pantry Fund |                  |  |  |  |  | Total          | Total          |
|                                         | £                  | £            | £              | £             | £               |                  |  |  |  |  | £              | £              |
| <i>Church Collections (cash)</i>        | 202                | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 202            | 776            |
| <i>Goodbox Donations</i>                | 521                | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 521            | 277            |
| <i>Other Giving</i>                     | 6,549              | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 6,549          | 3,378          |
| <i>Other Giving (Gift Aid)</i>          | 21,235             | 960          | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 22,195         | 7,260          |
| <b>Total Donated Income</b>             | <b>28,507</b>      | <b>960</b>   | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>        |                  |  |  |  |  | <b>29,467</b>  | <b>11,691</b>  |
| <i>Regular Giving (Gift Aid Envs)</i>   | 320                | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 320            | 3,440          |
| <i>Regular Giving (Gift Aid SO's)</i>   | 34,484             | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 34,484         | 46,049         |
| <i>Regular Giving (PGS)</i>             | 18,050             | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 18,050         | 0              |
| <i>Regular Giving (Other)</i>           | 9,079              | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 9,079          | 9,264          |
| <b>Total Donated Income (Regular)</b>   | <b>61,933</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>        |                  |  |  |  |  | <b>61,933</b>  | <b>58,753</b>  |
| <b>Income Tax Recovered (Gift Aid)</b>  | <b>18,324</b>      | <b>240</b>   | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>5</b>        |                  |  |  |  |  | <b>18,569</b>  | <b>14,803</b>  |
| <i>Fund Raising - Church</i>            | 3,548              | 0            | 9,872          | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 13,420         | 315            |
| <i>Fund Raising - Cmnty Ctr</i>         | 486                | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 486            | 811            |
| <i>Sunday Coffee</i>                    | -                  | -            | -              | -             | -               |                  |  |  |  |  | 0              | 244            |
| <b>Total Fund Raising Income</b>        | <b>4,034</b>       | <b>0</b>     | <b>9,872</b>   | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>        |                  |  |  |  |  | <b>13,906</b>  | <b>1,370</b>   |
| <i>Hire of Church</i>                   | 7,530              | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 7,530          | 1,855          |
| <i>Hire of Community Centre</i>         | 32,621             | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 32,621         | 24,241         |
| <i>Contributions to Activities</i>      | 48                 | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 48             | 172            |
| <i>Weddings &amp; Funerals - Church</i> | 348                | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 348            | 0              |
| <b>Total Income from Activities</b>     | <b>40,547</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>        |                  |  |  |  |  | <b>40,547</b>  | <b>26,268</b>  |
| <i>Interest and Dividends</i>           | 0                  | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 0              | 96             |
| <i>Rent from 90 Augustus Rd</i>         | 26,400             | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 26,400         | 26,400         |
| <b>Total Income from Investments</b>    | <b>26,400</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>        |                  |  |  |  |  | <b>26,400</b>  | <b>26,496</b>  |
| <i>Grants - DCMS (VAT Refund)</i>       | -                  | -            | -              | -             | -               |                  |  |  |  |  | 0              | 2,148          |
| <i>Grants - HMRC (Furlough)</i>         | 4,807              | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 4,807          | 7,765          |
| <i>Grants - NINDS</i>                   | 1,500              | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 1,500          | 2,500          |
| <i>Grants - Lottery Fund</i>            | 0                  | 0            | 0              | 10,200        | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 10,200         | 0              |
| <i>Grants - VAT</i>                     | 0                  | 240          | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 240            | 0              |
| <i>Grants - Other</i>                   | 231                | 0            | 0              | 0             | 500             |                  |  |  |  |  | 731            | 1,033          |
| <b>Total Grants Received</b>            | <b>6,538</b>       | <b>240</b>   | <b>0</b>       | <b>10,200</b> | <b>500</b>      |                  |  |  |  |  | <b>17,478</b>  | <b>13,446</b>  |
| <i>Insurance Claims</i>                 | 2,846              | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 2,846          | 0              |
| <i>Other Incoming Resources</i>         | 85                 | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 85             | 0              |
| <b>Total Other Incoming Resources</b>   | <b>2,931</b>       | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>        |                  |  |  |  |  | <b>2,931</b>   | <b>0</b>       |
| <i>Legacy</i>                           | 10,000             | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 10,000         | 20,000         |
| <b>Total Other Voluntary Income</b>     | <b>10,000</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>        |                  |  |  |  |  | <b>10,000</b>  | <b>20,000</b>  |
| <i>Special Appeals (AudioVisual)</i>    | -                  | -            | -              | -             | -               |                  |  |  |  |  | 0              | 4,277          |
| <i>Special Appeals (Covid)</i>          | -                  | -            | -              | -             | -               |                  |  |  |  |  | 0              | 4,500          |
| <i>Special Appeals (Pantry)</i>         | 0                  | 0            | 0              | 0             | 125             |                  |  |  |  |  | 125            | 0              |
| <i>Special Appeals (Other)</i>          | 5,000              | 0            | 0              | 0             | 0               |                  |  |  |  |  | 5,000          | 0              |
| <b>Total Special Appeals Income</b>     | <b>5,000</b>       | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>125</b>      |                  |  |  |  |  | <b>5,125</b>   | <b>8,777</b>   |
| <b>Sales of Product Income</b>          | <b>119</b>         | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>        |                  |  |  |  |  | <b>119</b>     | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>Total Income</b>                     | <b>204,332</b>     | <b>1,440</b> | <b>9,872</b>   | <b>10,200</b> | <b>630</b>      |                  |  |  |  |  | <b>226,474</b> | <b>181,604</b> |

## Notes to the Accounts

### Note 2 - Details of Expenditure For the year ended 31 December 2021

#### Expenditure

|                                                |                |              |              |              |               |              |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| <i>Clergy Expenses</i>                         | 121            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0            |
| <i>Group Activity Expenses</i>                 | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0            |
| <i>Heat (Gas)</i>                              | 2,083          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1,600         | 0            |
| <i>Insurance</i>                               | 9,133          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 809           | 0            |
| <i>Light (Electricity)</i>                     | 2,897          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 350           | 0            |
| <i>Maintenance &amp; Cleaning - Church</i>     | 1,851          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0            |
| <i>Maintenance &amp; Cleaning - Cmmtty Ctr</i> | 8,576          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 2,578         | 0            |
| <i>Music (Organist / Choir Master)</i>         | 6,373          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0            |
| <i>Music (Other)</i>                           | 483            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0            |
| <i>Pantry costs</i>                            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 2,334        |
| <i>Running Expenses</i>                        | 461            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0            |
| <i>Salaries - Cleaners</i>                     | 5,205          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 717           | 0            |
| <i>Water</i>                                   | 74             | 0            | 0            | 0            | 37            | 0            |
| <b>Total Activities</b>                        | <b>37,258</b>  | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>6,091</b>  | <b>2,334</b> |
| <i>Costs of 90 Augustus Rd</i>                 | 9,062          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0            |
| <i>Costs of Fund Raising</i>                   | 0              | 0            | 4,776        | 0            | 0             | 0            |
| <b>Total Costs of Generating Funds</b>         | <b>9,062</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>4,776</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     |
| <b>Parish Support Fund</b>                     | <b>50,000</b>  | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     |
| <i>Grants (Missionary Giving)</i>              | -              | -            | -            | -            | -             | -            |
| <i>Grants (Other)</i>                          | -              | -            | -            | -            | -             | -            |
| <b>Total Grants</b>                            | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     |
| <i>Major Repairs</i>                           | 630            | 1,440        | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0            |
| <i>Major Repairs - Organ</i>                   | 0              | 0            | 0            | 3,723        | 0             | 0            |
| <i>Major Repairs - Flooring</i>                | 3,083          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0            |
| <i>Major Repairs - Windows</i>                 | 4,450          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0            |
| <i>Major Works - AudioVisual</i>               | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0            |
| <i>Major Repairs - Notice Boards</i>           | 1,600          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0            |
| <b>Total Major Repairs</b>                     | <b>9,763</b>   | <b>1,440</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>3,723</b> | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     |
| <i>Management and Admin</i>                    | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0            |
| <i>Finance Costs</i>                           | 1,718          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 299           | 0            |
| <i>IT &amp; Systems</i>                        | 68             | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0            |
| <i>Printing &amp; Photocopier</i>              | 2,428          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 208           | 0            |
| <i>Salaries - Cmmtty Ctr Mgmt</i>              | 12,142         | 0            | 0            | 0            | 2,511         | 0            |
| <i>Salaries - Parish Admin</i>                 | 15,489         | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0            |
| <i>Salaries - Tax &amp; Pensions</i>           | 4,936          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 899           | 0            |
| <i>Telephones</i>                              | 2,792          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 192           | 0            |
| <b>Total Management and Admin</b>              | <b>39,571</b>  | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>4,109</b>  | <b>0</b>     |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                      | <b>145,654</b> | <b>1,440</b> | <b>4,776</b> | <b>3,723</b> | <b>10,200</b> | <b>2,334</b> |

| Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds |                |                |               |                 | 2021           | 2020           |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Church - PCC       | R - Reredos      | R - Youth Work | R - Organ Fund | R - CRF Grant | R - Pantry Fund | Total          | Total          |
| £                  |                  |                | £              | £             | £               | £              | £              |
| 121                | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0               | 121            | 0              |
| 0                  | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0               | 0              | 0              |
| 2,083              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 1,600         | 0               | 3,682          | 3,382          |
| 9,133              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 809           | 0               | 9,942          | 11,173         |
| 2,897              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 350           | 0               | 3,247          | 3,018          |
| 1,851              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0               | 1,851          | 3,357          |
| 8,576              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 2,578         | 0               | 11,154         | 6,266          |
| 6,373              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0               | 6,373          | 6,400          |
| 483                | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0               | 483            | 661            |
| 0                  | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0             | 2,334           | 2,334          | 0              |
| 461                | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0               | 461            | 1,246          |
| 5,205              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 717           | 0               | 5,922          | 6,898          |
| 74                 | 0                | 0              | 0              | 37            | 0               | 111            | 206            |
| <b>37,258</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       | <b>6,091</b>  | <b>2,334</b>    | <b>45,683</b>  | <b>42,607</b>  |
| 9,062              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0               | 9,062          | 7,322          |
| 0                  | 0                | 4,776          | 0              | 0             | 0               | 4,776          | 0              |
| <b>9,062</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>4,776</b>   | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>        | <b>13,838</b>  | <b>7,322</b>   |
| <b>50,000</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>        | <b>50,000</b>  | <b>60,000</b>  |
| -                  | -                | -              | -              | -             | -               | 0              | 0              |
| -                  | -                | -              | -              | -             | -               | 0              | 0              |
| <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       |
| 630                | 1,440            | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0               | 2,070          | 0              |
| 0                  | 0                | 0              | 3,723          | 0             | 0               | 3,723          | 3,804          |
| 3,083              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0               | 3,083          | 0              |
| 4,450              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0               | 4,450          | 2,989          |
| 0                  | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0               | 0              | 3,011          |
| 1,600              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0               | 1,600          | 0              |
| <b>9,763</b>       | <b>1,440</b>     | <b>0</b>       | <b>3,723</b>   | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>        | <b>14,927</b>  | <b>9,804</b>   |
| 0                  | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0               | 0              | 0              |
| 1,718              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 299           | 0               | 2,017          | 1,775          |
| 68                 | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0               | 68             | 493            |
| 2,428              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 208           | 0               | 2,636          | 2,950          |
| 12,142             | 0                | 0              | 0              | 2,511         | 0               | 14,653         | 14,308         |
| 15,489             | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0               | 15,489         | 14,315         |
| 4,936              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 899           | 0               | 5,835          | 4,728          |
| 2,792              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 192           | 0               | 2,984          | 1,943          |
| <b>39,571</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       | <b>4,109</b>  | <b>0</b>        | <b>43,680</b>  | <b>40,512</b>  |
| <b>145,654</b>     | <b>1,440</b>     | <b>4,776</b>   | <b>3,723</b>   | <b>10,200</b> | <b>2,334</b>    | <b>168,128</b> | <b>160,244</b> |

## Notes to the Accounts

### Note 3 Between Funds Transfers represent

|                                           |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Transfer from General Fund to Fabric Fund |          |
| to repay Roof Loans                       | 33,000   |
| Transfers from General Fund               | 33,000   |
| Net Balance Transfer to General Fund      | (33,000) |

### Note 4 Current Debtors (Monies owed to us)

|                                    | 2021          | 2020          | Movement     |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Income tax recovered on Gift Aid   | 13,970        | 8,521         |              |
| Church Lettings                    | 1,393         | 0             |              |
| Lettings Management Fee            | 901           | 0             |              |
| LPW VAT Reclaim                    | 240           | 0             |              |
| Overpayment to Stationery Supplier | 66            | 0             |              |
| Prepaid Electricity                | 0             | 1,543         |              |
| Prepaid Music Licences             | 0             | 373           |              |
| Historic England Grant for windows | 0             | 533           |              |
| Other debtors                      | 0             | 370           |              |
|                                    | <b>16,569</b> | <b>11,340</b> | <b>5,229</b> |

### Note 5 Current Creditors (Monies we owe)

|                               | 2021          | 2020          | Movement        |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Tenants Deposits              | 2,538         | 2,538         |                 |
| Fees & Salaries Due           | 2,990         | 1,300         |                 |
| Audio Visual Costs            | 2,817         | 2,817         |                 |
| Utilities                     | 1,350         | 0             |                 |
| Fees to Diocese               | 1,241         | 0             |                 |
| NINDS Grant (paid in advance) | 0             | 0             |                 |
| Roof Fund Loans due           | 600           | 33,300        |                 |
| Other Creditors               | 0             | 0             |                 |
|                               | <b>11,536</b> | <b>39,956</b> | <b>(28,419)</b> |

NB The remaining Roof Fund Loans are now Current Creditors due in 2021

### Note 6 Net Current Assets - Reserves

The PCC has a policy to maintain Free Reserves of at least 3 months normal expenditure.

Since consolidating the Community Centre and PPC General Fund, Weeks spend

Normal Expenditure 146,000 52

3 months expenditure Free Reserves requirement 37,000 13

The total General Fund current reserves stand at 114,823 41

#### We have the following Commitments within these reserves

Roof Fund Loans still due 600

Community Centre Windows 16,400

Audio Visual equipment 1,265

**Total Commitments 18,265**

**Remaining Free reserves 96,558 34**

### Note 7 Loans from the congregation for Roof Repairs

|                                     | 2021       |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Loans at the start of the year      | 33,300     |
| Loans converted to gifts            | 0          |
| Repayments in 2020 via General Fund | 32,700     |
| <b>Loans Outstanding</b>            | <b>600</b> |

The remaining loans are due for repayment

### Note 8 Legacy

The PCC is especially grateful to the late Mrs Jeanne Lacau for leaving a legacy of £10,000 to St Pauls

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul's Wimbledon Park (charity no: 1142917).**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Parish'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 Parish 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.

Signed: 

Name: Richard Holman FCA

Relevant professional qualification / membership of professional bodies: Chartered Accountant

Address: 11 Genoa Avenue, Putney, London SW15 6DY

Date 13 April 22

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# Accounts

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**ST PAUL'S**  
WIMBLEDON  
PARKSIDE

**2020 REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH  
COUNCIL OF ST PAUL'S CHURCH,  
WIMBLEDON PARKSIDE**

*Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021 of the  
**Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul's Wimbledon Park**  
London SW19  
Presented on the 25th April 2021  
Reporting period 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020*

**Registered Charity 1142917**

## MINISTRY REPORT

To say that 2020 was a memorable year for everyone is a great understatement. The discernment process begun during 2019 was greatly informed, at times invigorated and at others hampered, by the challenges of the pandemic. Our prayers and reflections have culminated in a strategy of prioritizing and forming new PCC committees around the areas of: Nurture, Outreach, Welcome and the Environment.

**Nurture:** The first lockdown saw churches shut, even to clergy. A considerable amount of urgent close collaboration and creativity were required to enable a continuity of worship services and community support. It meant that services including Holy Week and Easter were celebrated and broadcast from a combination of the vicarage and the home of our Music Director, Kevin Jones and his talented family. In the autumn, thanks to the generous donations of time (from Sebastiaan Boelen, Alan and Jenny Bryant, Bob Essert) and funding from the Diocese and several members of our congregation, we were able to install a high-quality pan-tilt-zoom camera and other audio/video equipment which enable us to broadcast services to people at home. It has meant that we have been able to create and maintain a sense of community with our congregation as well as people who live far away. And during an unprecedented and unexpected year of isolation and, at times, closed buildings, we have been able to worship TOGETHER.

In addition, some members of the congregation and wider community have benefitted greatly from the generosity and considerable IT skills of Mike Lowe who made it possible for them to access worship services, 'Coffee in the Lounge' over Zoom and other means of connecting with far away family and friends. Katie Gilbert, with the support of Joan Endean, helped St Paul's to form 'ring round' groups based on location, in order to provide emotional and material support where needed. Our new Tuesday house group, led by Mark Gilbert, and the collaboratively led Friday house group were

able to meet online and continue to explore various areas of faith. These and other efforts have enabled the congregation to be well supported and connected during these very difficult times.

Our children's ministry has managed to provide two new offerings in 2020: Tea and Toys and Messy Church. We are thankful to Katie, Mark and Zachary Gilbert for continuing Tea and Toys online, and Marc Stoneham, Jana Bruwer, Sarah Peart and Deirdre Gooderson for enabling Messy Church to get off to a strong start at Christmas.

Sunday evening prayer has been largely offered by laity, so we give thanks for the ministry of our church warden, Margaret Brown, David and Deirdre Gooderson and of course, our incomparable Lay Reader, Norman Allen, who also preaches at the third Sunday morning Eucharist.

**Outreach:** In the midst of the tragedies and sadness brought on by the pandemic, we have also experienced a depth of connection to one another and a significant increase in activity. The growing sense of community and care has been something to behold!

St Paul's Covid Angels began to offer assistance within the community, from shopping and other errands to listening to people in the community who have struggled to cope with the isolation of lockdown and shielding. Coordinated by St Paul's Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary (SPA), Joan Endean, the Coronavirus Angels have come from a combination of the congregation and close contacts, St Paul's Community Centre as well as the wider community.

St Paul's Pantry began. Meanwhile, during the first lockdown in March, fresh bread, doughnuts and other food began to appear regularly on the vicarage doorstep. They were delivered to and greatly enjoyed by both members of the congregation and wider community. With time and considerable generosity, St Paul's

Pantry was opened on 1<sup>st</sup> October, under the excellent leadership of Helen Lowe and several other volunteers from the church and wider community. This continues to grow from strength to strength and has involved collaboration with our Ahmadiyya friends and local schools.

On a sad note, funeral services have been held for a number of people in our community. We have said farewell to our good friends Patricia Goddard, Joanie Pollecutt, Rosemary Hosking, Margaret Richardson and Gwen Pilgrim, who will be sorely missed. Particularly difficult is that we have not been able to celebrate their lives in the usual way. We plan, therefore, to hold a memorial service in their memory as soon as we are able to do so.

Our Community Centre (CC) has been operating on a low capacity and at one point was shut altogether. Despite that, thanks to the generosity of our CC manager Samantha Egan, St Paul's has been able to maintain contact with members of Lunch Club, delivering meals and occasionally presiding over a game of bingo! Together with Gill Thompson, Sam has managed the difficulties of the pandemic and lockdown with great aplomb!

**Welcome:** Once the initial lockdown was lifted, St Paul's prioritized maintaining an open church for private prayer and access to listeners, and for pastoral support. With the generous help of several volunteers, including Doreen and John Hewitt, Terry and Kay Woolgar, Gill and Shirley Thompson, Margaret Brown, Norman and Lois Allen and Elizabeth and Richard Simon, the doors of the church were open three mornings and an afternoon during the week and a warm atmosphere of welcome has been enjoyed by members of the congregation and passers-by. The importance of the ministry of presence cannot be underestimated, as people in our community have expressed appreciation for open doors and for simply being there.

Realising that the first contact most people have with churches is through their websites, St Paul's has established a new, more user friendly and informative website which sits on our ChurchDesk platform installed in 2019. Our Parish Administrator, Guy Booth, has accomplished this important development, and that work is much appreciated. We also have a presence on Facebook, which will be linked to our website with updates to the church diary.

**Environment:** This is an important topic which we have begun to explore, including the desire to become part of the Eco-church programme, strongly supported by our Diocese. We look forward to further exploration of and developments in this area.

**Thanks:** I am grateful for the ministry offered by Revd Dr Nicky von Fraunhofer who served her title curacy plus a year as Assistant Priest at St Paul's. She felt that she needed to step away from parish ministry at the start of the pandemic. Nicky has been a wonderful colleague and friend and will be greatly missed by all of us at St Paul's. I would also like to make a special mention of thanks to our staff team, who have been extraordinarily generous and supportive during this challenging year: churchwardens Margaret Brown, Bob Essert (till October) and Terry Woolgar (since October), our Music Director Kevin Jones (with much support from Kana, Tally and Sam), our SPA Joan Endean, Lay Reader Norman Allen and our Parish Administrator Guy Booth. The role of the priest is not only to enable others to encounter God for themselves; it is to enable the ministry and mission of the whole church, undertaken by the people. At St Paul's we are blessed with many highly talented and generous individuals who wholeheartedly engage in sharing the love of God in daily life. I offer my heartfelt appreciation and thanks to you all.

*Revd Susan Bolen, Vicar*

## **CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT**

### **(including PCC Business and Fabric Report)**

#### **Covid Effects**

2020 was probably one of the strangest years ever in the life of St Paul's. After a normal start to the year, it became clear in January that there was a new virus circulating in Wuhan, China, and, by early March, that there were already many cases of Covid in the UK. After a government announcement on 16<sup>th</sup> March advising people not to travel, there was a minimal congregation for Mothering Sunday on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, and on the following day a further announcement gave effect to an immediate national lockdown to try to prevent further spread.

As part of this lockdown, churches and all other places of worship would be locked up completely with no access even for incumbents. Luckily, Revd Susan had considerable technical assistance from her husband Sebastiaan (and virtually from Bob Essert) who was able to purchase and set up the necessary equipment and open a YouTube channel to broadcast services from home. With help from Mike Lowe and others, members of the congregation were able to view services from home and to join in virtual 'coffee meetings' after Sunday morning services using Zoom. It was soon clear that the move online was very successful; the numbers joining services online were at least comparable with, and sometimes very much in excess of, our normal attendance.

Meanwhile the Community Centre was closed, with staff furloughed, and other church activities either were able to move online (discussion groups, Tea and Toys) or were cancelled. The series of Sunday evening Lent lectures on 'Faith and Ferment' was eventually completed in Advent, this time with simultaneous livestreaming. This culminated with Kevin's lecture-recital on Holman Hunt's portrait 'The Light of the World' which attracted over 240 online viewings.

In the early days of lockdown it was clear that many people who were shielding at home would need help, and we are grateful to Katie Gilbert and Joan Endean who were able to launch St Paul's Angels, organising a group of volunteers to provide any necessary support locally. Later Helen and other helpers set up St Paul's Pantry, to distribute food provided by volunteers and local charity suppliers to people who needed it.

In the event this total closure lasted until 6<sup>th</sup> May, meaning that no services were held in church over the Easter period, and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), due to be held in April, was postponed until October. From 7<sup>th</sup> May, incumbents were given access to churches only for purposes of recording services behind locked doors, with minimal support for music. From then until September Sunday Eucharist services were recorded in church, initially with only Kevin and his family providing music and Revd Susan officiating and her family supporting with technical services and readings. These were edited to include other readers and singers recorded separately, with gradually one or two other contributors coming into the church. Morning and evening services continued to be livestreamed from the vicarage. Carefully controlled access to churches for private prayer was granted from 5<sup>th</sup> June, following strict rules and risk assessments.

We are grateful to those who were willing to come to sit in the church to allow it to be opened for four 2-hour sessions each week as part of a move towards 'Open Church'. With slight changes to the opening hours, we were able to continue this throughout 2020 (and beyond). It has clearly been appreciated by those who have ventured inside, offering a means to talk with the 'sitters' and enquire further if seeking contact with the Vicar, for example. We hope to expand the hours if more 'sitters' volunteer.

On 28<sup>th</sup> July we held our first funeral since March, with a technical limit of 30, socially distanced attendees. Although public services

were allowed to commence in August, we decided to continue for a while with YouTube recordings to allow staff some time off. We started livestreaming in church, using our newly upgraded technical facilities, from 6<sup>th</sup> September, and our first public Holy Communion service was on 13<sup>th</sup> September. This was the pattern which continued until the end of the year, with the Jones family and between 1 and 3 additional singers providing the choir and reverting to our normal rotas for readers and intercessors. Since there were still Covid cases around, growing in number through the autumn, with changing government guidelines, physical congregations were small, varying in size between 5 and 30, with many preferring to continue to watch online.

There was a greater attendance in church and online in December. On 20<sup>th</sup> December, the Bishop of Kingston visited for the Induction and Collation of Revd Susan as the Vicar of St Paul's. (Previously she was appointed as Priest-in-Charge, which meant that she had fewer rights, including no tenure of the vicarage.) Due to a liberal interpretation of the rules, we were able to extend the small choir for this occasion, for the carol service that evening (250 online viewings) and Midnight Holy Communion.

Throughout the year our website, newly launched in December, and *Parkside Post*, were able to communicate what was going on to the Parish and other contacts. Particular thanks to Guy and Juliet respectively. It has also been encouraging to find that passers-by both notice and comment appreciatively about the attractive and informative posters which have featured on the external fences both in Augustus and Inner Park Roads.

We have been particularly grateful to those who have been generous in reacting to our appeal at the end of April with additional donations to the church which allowed us to purchase high grade technical equipment to enhance our audio-visual quality, to run the Pantry,

and to meet continuing expenses so as to keep the church activity going during this difficult period.

### **The Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

#### **Staff and volunteers**

The changes due to Covid, with continual changes of the context and rules, put a great load on staff and volunteers to adapt, revise plans, and keep things going. Revd Susan has borne a lot of this load, with support from Norman, Joan, Mark and Katie, and on occasion also from William Allberry. We owe a great deal to Kevin and his family who had no break all year and had considerable extra work yet managed to keep up the amazingly high musical standards, and to our technical team of Sebastiaan, Bob, Alan and Jenny. And there are also so many other volunteers who have quietly stepped in and done what was needed, and often more, without fuss.

We were sad that the closure of the Community Centre affected the roles of Sam and Siobhan but were grateful for the government help which meant we could put them on furlough. We are grateful to Sam and others for continuing to support the Lunch Club members.

We were sad to hear that Nicky von Fraunhofer, our non-stipendiary Assistant Priest, had decided to resign. She had been shielding and dealing with an additional load in her daily work due to everything going online and had decided that there were ways of serving the Diocese which she was better able to perform in these new circumstances. A celebratory farewell is planned when the rules allow.

#### **Fabric issues**

When the church was opened up in early May to allow the recording of services from the church, a lump of stone about 15cm in diameter was found to have fallen from the apex of the West Window onto the font steps, and partially splintered. The west end of the church was cordoned off in case of further falls and estimates for repair were

gathered. Thanks to a recommendation from our architect, an excellent firm of stonemasons, Stone Edge Conservation, was chosen and the repair was carried out during August, efficiently and with care using matching Clipsham stone. Fixing the scaffolding was tricky as it was necessary to avoid and to protect the font immediately beneath the window.

Some leaks were also found on re-opening and were fixed by minor repairs to the flower sink, vestry, and roof.

The church bell also ceased working during the first lockdown. The bell and frame seem to be sound, so it appears to be the bell rope that no longer connects with the mechanism. We have plans to put this right.

The new humidifier was fitted to the organ and some final adjustments made, completing its overhaul starting in 2019. Finally, in late December we were made aware of a government-funded Cultural Recovery programme for organisations with listed buildings expecting to re-open, and decided to put in a bid, but the work for this was done during 2021.

*Margaret Brown & Terry Woolgar, Churchwardens*

### **The Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

The PCC continued to meet monthly, but via Zoom after its last face-to-face meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March. Attendance was then close to 100% at each meeting. The subcommittee structure has been generally effective in that much of the initial discussion and exploration takes place in subcommittees with final approval, or amendments, after presentation of proposals to the full PCC. Not all subcommittees are working fully yet, but gradually the membership (including some from outside the PCC) and programmes have been taking shape.

The work of the fabric committee is described in the preceding section, and that of the finance committee and Community Centre management committee elsewhere, but the communications committee made decisions about the website, *Parkside Post*, signage and branding.

Much of the PCC time has been taken up in the changes caused by Covid, but we have also continued to refine the vision statement.

As noted, the APCM in 2020 was delayed until 11<sup>th</sup> October, and eventually took place by Zoom. This meant that Bob Essert's tenure as churchwarden was extended beyond his 6-year maximum, and we are grateful for his agreement to continue until October, especially given other pressures. Terry Woolgar was voted in to replace him. Philip Warner decided to resign as Treasurer after serving in this role for more than 15 years, although he agreed to continue as a PCC member. Both Philip and Bob were thanked for their many years of valuable service in their respective roles at St Paul's. Mark Gilbert kindly agreed to take over as Treasurer, with assistance from Helen Lowis, Gill Thompson and Mike Lowe. Gill was elected to the PCC vacancy, Doreen Hewitt was re-elected, and Mark and William Fairbarns were co-opted as additional members.

*Margaret Brown, Secretary to the PCC*

## **READER REPORT**

My ministry in 2020 has comprised 12 Sermons at Eucharist services, and leading 10 Evening Prayers.

*Norman Allen, Reader*

## **READERS AND INTERCESSORS**

We are blessed with a dedicated team of readers and intercessors and their contribution to our worship is much appreciated. We are short of intercessors and would welcome others to join us.

*Eve Speare*

## MUSIC

What a year! Once we went into full lockdown Kevin was able to draw on the musical talents of his own family household, and dust off rusty technical skills dormant since distant university days to prepare recordings and music videos each week which Sebastiaan edited into the final service videos to go out to the congregation on YouTube. It meant a huge amount of additional work, and we are very grateful for the extraordinary contribution made by Sebastiaan and Bob in sorting out the significant technical challenges. We joined a trend for 'resting' choirs to contribute to a digitally mixed chorus and are grateful to those who contributed to our virtual choir singing Tallis' much-loved anthem "*If ye love me*", psalm responses and additional solos from our wonderful team of cantors, that involved many hours of painstaking audio 'surgery' to achieve a decent result.

Thanks also to the contributors who provided inspirational artwork to accompany some of the end-of-service music for the YouTube videos – a great way to link up with and celebrate the wider creative talents of the St Paul's community.

When the first steps to opening church buildings permitted only officiating clergy and Music Director to enter, we thought it reasonable to interpret the instruction to include other members of our respective family 'bubbles' and are very grateful for their long-suffering contribution and support.

There are no copyright restrictions on music used in live public worship, but for recording, broadcast or live stream it's a different matter. At first, alert to potential complications, we restricted ourselves to older, traditional hymns that were well out of copyright (though it is surprising to realize that several authors and composers of supposedly 'older' hymns died quite recently, with work remaining in copyright for a further 70 years.) We now have licenses allowing us to use most copyrighted worship material, though it doesn't cover contemporary secular or concert works which I am no longer able to

include (a disappointment to some, but a relief to others, no doubt!). Nevertheless, we continue to receive spurious copyright claims because of over-zealous automated bots. When challenged and a human becomes involved the claims are always dropped, but it is a tiresome distraction. Copyright is a burdensome minefield, and I am very grateful for the assistance of Susan, Sebastiaan, and especially Guy in dealing with the time-consuming bureaucracy.

Once a limited number of singers were permitted in church, we found ourselves burdened with another set of constantly changing regulations and guidance. (One instruction read that “*numbers or people* should be kept as small as possible” - presumably a misprint for “numbers of people” which if taken literally would suggest limiting singers to those under, say, 5’4”!) Ploughing through scores of pages of guidance on the government website, analyzed and interpreted on websites of the Church of England, Royal School of Church Music and the ISM (Incorporated Society of Musicians – the main professional body for church musicians) with changes, sometimes unannounced, almost weekly, there is a distinction between actions that ‘must’ be taken, which risk breaking the law, and actions that ‘should’ be taken, which we are expected to follow by church authorities and ignored at our peril.

In a way, St Paul’s is blessed with an ‘embarrassment of riches’ with one of the largest church choirs in the area. Indeed, earlier in the year Kevin had been asked to direct a Celebratory Eucharist led by the Archbishop of Canterbury in Roehampton, part of a major international Church of England conference where St Paul’s Choir were invited to form the backbone of participating singers. Sadly, it has had to be postponed because of the Covid lockdown.

As well as keeping the number of singers to a minimum we were also told that following government advice not to leave home, the more vulnerable and over 70’s should not be participating. We were a little more liberal in interpreting the guidelines suggesting that over 80’s

should take a break until the situation eases and are very grateful for the patience and understanding of those affected. As Covid began to spread internationally, and the gravity of its effects became apparent, there were some notorious and tragic incidents of the virus spreading rapidly between members of amateur choirs in the US, leaving many seriously ill and causing many deaths. In the more hazardous indoor environment where masks are removed and potentially dangerous aerosols are more widely dispersed, we have tried hard to protect the health and well-being of St Paul's Choir, and have been grateful for the tireless energy and commitment that Susan and Margaret have put into preparing the seating, measuring layout, cleaning surfaces, providing hand-sanitizer, limiting exposure etc. and gently encouraging compliance. When one of our choir members sadly went down with Covid, the fact that the rest of us escaped unscathed is a tribute to their efficient oversight.

With only a few singers permitted for services on a rotating basis, Kevin has had to both sing and direct from the piano meaning that the organ has generally been used only for voluntaries before and at the end of the service, apart from the major Christmas services where exceptionally a few more singers were allowed to participate seated in the choir stalls. Also, advised to keep services shorter, and mindful of the fact that the congregation is not permitted to join in, we have reduced the number of hymns and number of verses sung.

With many local churches remaining closed to congregations, offering services only online, or with very limited participation; some with no music at all, others following official guidelines more closely using only organ music or a single cantor, St Paul's has been something of a rarity in maintaining home-grown music provision with the faithful support of its wonderful, patiently longsuffering choir members to whom we extend our deepest gratitude.

*Kevin Jones, Director of Music*

## COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

The Communications Group met regularly during 2020. Chris Jones and Margaret Brown stood down and we thank them for their valuable contributions. We also thank Joan Endean for her work in this area in the past. We welcomed Terry Woolgar to the group.

Revd Susan engaged Perry Rowe to assist us in developing branding for St Paul's, including a new logo and a colour scheme. Perry was inspired by the shape of the doorway and the haloes of the saints in the stained-glass windows. We considered the colours used in the interior decoration of the church, and also the presence of nature around us. At the end of 2020, the logo and colour scheme were due to go forward to the PCC for approval.

Content and layout for the new St Paul's website

[www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk) was created by Guy Booth, Parish Administrator, using the ChurchDesk platform. The website went live in December 2020 with subsequent refinements to colour and design to reflect progress with the St Paul's brand project.

Digital communications to our community were especially important during the lockdowns. Using the functionality of ChurchDesk, we broadcast 20 newsletter campaigns and 20 text messages to our contacts (which grew to over 140) during the year. The first newsletter on 29th March announced access to pre-recorded services from the vicarage on our new YouTube channel and provided links. Thereafter regular newsletters informed our audience about online recorded services for Holy Week (7<sup>th</sup> April); a Covid financial appeal (6<sup>th</sup> May); opening of the church for private prayer (19<sup>th</sup> June); plans for re-starting services (18<sup>th</sup> July); controlled access to church services in September (9<sup>th</sup> August); our first livestreamed service from church with a congregation (11<sup>th</sup> September); notice of APCM via Zoom (4<sup>th</sup> October); special services including All Souls (21<sup>st</sup> October), Remembrance (6<sup>th</sup> November), Advent and Christmas services (4<sup>th</sup> December), and other key topics. Texts were used

tactically, often as reminders. Open rates for newsletters averaged just over 60%, which is good. Click-through rates varied depending on the subject. We normally expect 15-20% click-through although some newsletters have achieved much more (up to 39%).

Revd Susan arranged for banners to be produced to promote special services and our outreach programmes.

Two editions of *Parkside Post* were produced (Easter; Advent/Christmas) with the aims of incorporating content to appeal to a wide variety of readers, and of spreading the word about our outreach activities such as St Paul's Angels and St Paul's Pantry. Unfortunately, however, there were delivery problems with both editions, with the first because of Covid restrictions, and with the second because the company engaged to carry out the delivery had difficulty in fulfilling its commitments. Digital versions of *Parkside Post* were published on the website and promoted in newsletters. We will revert to using volunteers to deliver *Parkside Post* in 2021.

*Juliet Childs / Guy Booth*

### **SOUTHWARK PASTORAL AUXILIARY (SPA)**

I am a Pastoral Auxiliary for St Paul's Church and I started training 21 years ago. Most of my work in the Parish has been getting alongside people, mostly elderly, and those in need, and being an advocate with social services where necessary. I am also a member on our Parochial Church Council (PCC). It is my privilege to administer communion, and I, as part of a team, usually take home-communion to those who cannot get to church. Unfortunately, this had to be suspended because of the pandemic.

Once a year I attend Southwark Cathedral to renew my ministry to work as a SPA in the Diocese of Southwark. I am also expected to attend quiet days and further training where appropriate and have a

spiritual advisor to guide me. As a member of the staff team I also have to be up-to-date on safeguarding training.

This year has been very strange, being unable to see people and keeping them, and myself, safe has been a challenge. At the beginning of lockdown, from our church database I set up geographical list areas of our congregation so that they could offer support to each other, which could take the form of a simple phone call or to find out if anyone had special needs which we could help with. Katie Gilbert took over the administration of this, and did a wonderful job of contacting people to see that they were willing to be a part of their group and also sending out necessary news and messages from the church to the groups throughout the year. It has played a big part in keeping us all informed in the early pandemic lockdown, and she has my grateful thanks for taking on this project.

I then set up and organised the Coronavirus Angels Project working from home (see separate report). I have also been part of the valuable team which runs St. Paul's Pantry, although again, because I developed health issues, it was necessary for me to work from home.

I value very much being part of the brilliant ministry team here with Revd Susan leading us. It has been particularly challenging keeping up with the guidelines to ensure everyone is safe. We have become used to using new technology and Zoom is now a 'normal' way of meeting. The online services have been such a blessing to me and others who are housebound and we have to thank Sebastiaan and Bob, and Mike who has helped the less tech-savvy to connect online.

It is my belief that God is showing all of us here at St Paul's Church the way forward, to offer help in whatever way we can to all who live in our parish and are connected with our church and Community Centre at this very stressful time.

*Joan Endean, Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary*

## **ST PAUL'S ANGELS PROJECT (formally known as Coronavirus Angels)**

When lockdown happened in March, we realised that there was a need to co-ordinate people who had offered help with those who needed help. Revd Susan and I collaborated on making a poster, and then we needed to publicise what was happening. I also got helpful advice from a project already set up in St. Mary's, Battersea, and from Wandsworth Council. I created forms and safe guidelines to set the project up and applied for a grant from Wandsworth Council to fund items that we needed. We were awarded £500.

We had 2,000 leaflets printed by Yellow Print to go into flats in our Parish into each door whenever possible. These were delivered by Wandsworth Volunteers, and through them I had further offers of help. Claudia and her family did an excellent job of identifying the blocks of flats and Amanda co-ordinated the rounds and gave out the leaflets from her home. The funding for the printing came out of the grant from Wandsworth Council.

All of this was quite an intense process because Revd Susan was getting phone calls from people self-isolating, and it needed to be set up as quickly and as safely as possible. Angels started just after Easter. We have 19 Angels signed up excluding Revd Susan and me. They have completed forms and have been sent a self-distancing guidance letter, and in some cases a priority shopping voucher.

I am co-ordinating Angels with those in need via Revd Susan who takes the initial calls/text or emails. I am also keeping the records and paperwork which go with the project.

Some Angels are providing vital listening services, which is an important task if people need a friendly ear. One kind Angel made lots of cloth masks for our congregation to use and keep.

To date we have co-ordinated over 30 tasks done by various Angels. Some tasks are repeated, such as shopping or weekly phone calls,

and some are one-off and on demand. We were supporting one family in need with food deliveries. This was paid for by a donation for this purpose plus other food which Revd Susan had been given. The response from all the Angels I have contacted by phone to do a task has been wonderful. They have gone out in all weathers to help someone in need, and I am so grateful to all of them.

Out of this project grew the need for St. Paul's Pantry run by Helen, which a number of our Angels support and help with. We are asking for food donations to be left at the back of church. This food goes into the Pantry and individual requests are co-ordinated through them unless there is an emergency. The people of St. Paul's have been very kind in giving money to the Angels project which has now been transferred to the Pantry to purchase supplies.

Most importantly, if you know of someone in need, or would like to help in any way, do feel free to contact me.

*Joan Endean, Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary*

## **ST PAUL'S PANTRY**

St Pauls Pantry was initiated because of an arising need in the community. We opened in October 2020, thanks in particular to advice, practical help and support from Revd Susan, Deidre Gooderson, Joan Endean and Juliet Childs. The Pantry is open at the church on every first and third Thursday evening in the month for 1.5 hours. It has been well received in the community, attendance has grown during this time and it is manned by volunteers both from the church and the wider community. Fresh food is provided by Co- Op, Rosies' Bakery and City Harvest. Thank you to those who collect and receive food from these donors. Many thanks also to those who have donated food, money and time.

*Helen Lowe*

## **DEANERY SYNOD 2020**

Wandsworth Deanery covers 10 parishes with 13 churches. St Paul's Deanery Synod representatives are all the clergy plus three lay members, elected by St Paul's AGM for a three-year term. Since last year's APCM I have been the only elected member – we do need two more. Normally, the Deanery Synod meets three times a year and tries to visit all our deanery churches in rotation.

The year 2020 started normally when we met at St Michael's Southfields on 12th February and each church reported how we had engaged in 2019 with one of our three Deanery Mission matters - GlassDoor, EcoChurch and Discipleship: what was the impact and importance of the activity to our mission, what difference did it make? Mrs Elizabeth Simon represented St Paul's Parkside and shared our experiences, positive and negative, in thorough and helpful reflection, as did other members of Synod. On behalf of Synod, we thanked those members who would not be standing for re-election to Deanery Synod at their April APCMs. This included St Paul's members, Joan Endean and Elizabeth Simon, who had given many committed years of service.

Among subjects being planned for the next Synod meeting were Eco church day and the International Anglican Conference service in our borough. However, by Easter 2020 we all faced lockdown with churches closed and APCMs postponed. Our new Deanery Synod cycle took place by Zoom meeting where information was shared about the pandemic. At the Zoom meeting on 18th November 2020 we learned about the GRA:CE project, three years of extensive research across the country exploring the relationship between social action, discipleship and church growth (a partnership between Theos, Church Urban Fund and the Church of England). The author, Hannah Rich, gave a great talk on "Growing good; Growth, Social action and Discipleship in the Church of England" and we had good conversations in break out groups. We had reports and notices on Covid-19 and churches in the pandemic.

*Jana Bruwer*

## **PARISH SAFEGUARDING**

In March 2021, the PCC reviewed and agreed St Paul's safeguarding policies for children and vulnerable adults. These are published on St Paul's website under Our Church / Safeguarding in the top menu.

As a result of the pandemic, there have been some changes this year to the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) process, and to Diocesan Safeguarding Training Courses. The DBS is currently allowing proof of identity checks to be carried out using video calls and scanned documents, although this situation is likely to change as restrictions are eased. In terms of training, all safeguarding training is currently being carried out remotely, with Basic Awareness and Foundation Training courses available as e-learning modules and a Leadership Training course currently offered over Zoom. The Southwark Diocese has indicated that only e-learning courses will be offered for Basic Awareness and Foundation Training in the foreseeable future. For this reason, we will not be able to hold the internal Foundation Training Course that was planned for the PCC and relevant members of the congregation, as was mentioned in last year's AGM Report.

The Diocese recommends that safeguarding training should be delivered to the following groups: parish workers with children and young people, e.g. Sunday School, youth clubs, Messy Church leaders; parish workers with adults, e.g. home visiting, luncheon clubs and drop-ins; PCC members; those who hold positions of trust, for instance welcomers, servers. Now that our church and Community Centre group meetings are beginning to start up again, we will be contacting those involved in these teams to arrange proof of identify checks for people needing new or updated DBS numbers. We will also be identifying on-going requirements for safeguarding training, directing individuals to the most suitable training sessions, and keeping a record of safeguarding training and development.

*Ann Parkin, Parish Safeguarding Officer*

## **SERVERS**

We resumed public services as soon as possible in September after the first lockdown, however many team members including me were isolating and unable to serve. Please see me or Revd Susan if you would like to join us. Training will be given, and we try to make the job an enjoyable one!

*Chris Jones*

## **SIDESPEOPLE**

Sides person's duties came to an end at the beginning of the first lockdown in March. Before then procedures had changed to take account of new recommendations on money handling and collections. When public services resumed, our churchwardens oversaw these duties with help from any of the team in church on the day if needed.

*Doreen Hewitt*

## **TEA & TOYS**

Tea and Toys playgroup began in February 2020 on a Tuesday morning with six wonderful sessions attended by many local parents, carers, childminders, and of course the 0-5s! We organised a space at the back of the church, acquired lots of toys second-hand thanks to the efforts of Joan Endean and others, set up a rota of volunteers and put a banner outside. Each week we opened our doors at 9.30 am and for an hour the children played while the adults socialised over tea and coffee. A singing and story session on the mat wrapped up the session. It was lovely to see some faces familiar to St Paul's, and to welcome many new ones too.

Sadly, by late March we were no-longer able to run in-person sessions due to Covid-19. In April I began to record weekly song and story time videos for the St Paul's YouTube channel – early topics included 'Bears' and 'Trees' – to continue the outreach to this age group. From September these have been livestreams on Monday

mornings from church, using the church's excellent audio-visual technology, to give more of a feel of being together at the same time.

We hope to welcome everyone back to church as soon as we can! My heartfelt thanks go to Revd Susan, Joan Endean, Deirdre Gooderson and the many people that helped me to set up, run a session and clear away, and to Sebastiaan Boelen for his continued support with the livestreams. I could not have done it without you all.

*Katie Gilbert*

## **YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT**

Our ministry to young people has undergone some reshaping. In prior years, Junior Church was offered on a fortnightly basis and numbers have declined as our young people matured and moved on. The number of leaders has also declined for various reasons and this needs to be addressed as we move forward.

Junior Church: Owing to the pandemic, Junior Church was unable to meet on Sunday mornings once restrictions were put in place. This gave us an opportunity to rethink our approach to mission and strategy with hope that 2021 will bring new life to our work. Our plan going forward is to offer Junior Church every Sunday.

Messy Church: is a new endeavour for St Paul's. Messy Church is a way of being church for families and others. It is for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

We led our first session of Messy Church on 6<sup>th</sup> December with an Advent theme and it was well enjoyed and well attended. Our plan is to hold sessions on the first Sunday of the month at 4:30pm in church. We are grateful for your prayers as we embark on this new ministry.

*Revd Susan Bolen, Vicar*

## **FLOWER GROUP**

We began as usual decorating for St Paul's Tide; little did we know it would be the last occasion we could decorate our church for months.

At Easter, an arrangement of silk flowers was used and once the church was opened again, they were moved into church. When lockdown was lifted, we continued to use silk thanks to the generosity of the congregation who donated many of the flowers. However beautiful our artificial flowers were, it was lovely to have real flowers back at Harvest Time, and we have continued with the real thing since October. A change saw foliage and berries in church during Advent which were a welcoming and cheerful presence.

As usual, I am extremely grateful to all who have plundered their gardens regularly for greenery, those who donated artificial flowers so that we were able to change the silk arrangement, and to our florist for all her generosity, help and advice.

Looking ahead we cannot wait to get the whole team together again and return to a rota so we can all do what we enjoy, arranging flowers in our beautiful building to enhance our weekly services.

*Doreen Hewitt*

## **COFFEE ROTA**

At the start of 2020 members of the St Paul's family enjoyed getting together for a chat, a hot drink and a biscuit after the Sunday service, enabled by our band of volunteers. Sadly, this had to stop in early March when the Church was closed. Thanks are due to Revd Susan, who quickly made it possible for many of us to meet on Zoom for 'Coffee in the Lounge' on a weekly basis, so that we could continue to experience the fellowship which helps to make St Paul's so special.

*Juliet Childs*

## THE PEW SHEET

After the initial lockdown period in Spring 2020 and the closure of St Paul's Church, the pew sheet continued online-only on St. Paul's website. In the autumn, it returned to its four-page printed format.

The first page of the pew sheet continues to list music, readings, and hymns in the order in which they appear in the service. Ann usually prepares a template sent to Kevin who fills in hymn, music & reading details that include a brief 'headline' summary of each reading taken from the RSCM *Sunday by Sunday* publication. Kevin then passes the draft back to Ann to add additional notices and service details.

The Notices section expanded considerably while being produced online-only. This additional space helped us to keep the community informed of local activities and aware of support available; we also provided links to prayer and worship. These offerings extended to links to online services from Southwark Cathedral and a phone line, the *Daily Hope*, with worship and prayers, which during the summer months also provided a 'Holiday at Home' experience. As well as being a focal document for links to our Advent and Lent discussion group Zoom sessions, the pew sheet directed people to other Zoom events, including several held by the Council for Christians and Jews.

The pew sheet gave details of the many Zoom meeting groups set up within the congregation, with links for easy access. We were also able to support the broader community, for example with our notices requesting scrubs for local hospitals and supplies for prison inmates during the most difficult days of the pandemic. The Notices section enabled us to send thanks to local traders who provided goods and to the helpers who delivered them. It also conveyed greetings and messages from members of the congregation who have moved away and was a platform to share good wishes and congratulations on special occasions such as births, birthdays and anniversaries.

*Kevin Jones and Ann Parkin*

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

During the pandemic, church cleaning continued whenever possible on a Tuesday morning:

- Sweeping and kex mopping the floor
- Vacuuming the carpets
- Dusting and sanitising the pews and choir stalls
- Tidying tables and sorting out of date literature
- Cleaning brass and silver

Having cleared the choir stalls last year, boxes of music are being stored until a more suitable home can be found for them.

Although the moth infestation was dealt with last year, we need to keep an eye on the carpets, furnishings and vestments. We need to purchase moth traps and replace existing ones as a precaution. The vestry is almost free of unnecessary 'stuff' but we should consider better storage for the tea, sugar and biscuits etc.

I should like to thank Terry and Kay Woolgar, Doreen and John Hewitt and Gill Thompson for their hard work and commitment each week.

*Shirley Thompson*

## **ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER REPORT**

The Electoral Roll of St Paul's Church now stands at 91.

Very sadly, we have lost some of our faithful members this year but some new people have joined. If you consider yourself a part of St. Paul's Church, have been worshipping with us for three months and are not yet on the Electoral Roll, please contact me for a form. Being on the Electoral Roll allows you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and to join the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to have a say in the running of our church. Please consider it.

*Joan Endean*

## **CHURCH GROUPS**

I took on the administration of the St Paul's 'Small Groups' following the start of the first lockdown in March 2020. It was something that needed to be arranged quickly to ensure that people felt supported and in contact when the usual networks were changing rapidly. We contacted everybody and asked if they would like to take part, and formed about 7 groups, each with a designated 'leader' to contact the 5-8 households in their group, disseminating information and making sure everyone was ok. Each group member had the contact details of the others in the group. In this way we could minimise the chances of anyone falling through the net, creating a system to provide support where it was needed. Throughout the spring, the groups kept in regular contact, and distribution of bread and baked goods when they were donated to the vicarage allowed us to make sure those we delivered to were coping. In the summer, as things opened up, the need for the groups lessened and contact was less regular. We reprised the groups for the November lockdown.

*Katie Gilbert*

## **MONEY BANKING**

The banking of the church money is now in a state of change. While the church was closed there were no collections to bank and since re-opening there has not been much to pay in. Amanda and Eve have now left the rota. Daphne & Sue are not able to continue.

*Sue Chick*

## **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

We meet every Tuesday at 9.30 am after morning prayer at Daphne & Sue's flat. We are a small group, maximum 6 usually but open to all. We use a version of the *Lectio Divina*, from the Benedictine tradition. One person reads the Gospel while we listen to it, then we have a few minutes to think about the reading and anything that stands out for us. We take it in turns to say which word or phrase

has stood out for us. We then have the reading again from a different Bible version, usually the *Message*. This is followed by a further time of silence as we think about it further. There is then a time to share our thoughts and discuss things that have come to mind. The group was mothballed during the pandemic and lockdowns. We plan to restart when we can meet face to face.

*Sue Chick*

### **TUESDAY HOME GROUP**

The Tuesday evening home group started meeting in April 2020 and has met every few weeks throughout the year over Zoom. Highlights have included discussions about prayer, poetry and art and our now regular online music evenings where we share favourite pieces of music, either on a religious or seasonal theme, or just uplifting favourites. We have had great conversations and some very enjoyable evenings. We hope we can meet in person during 2021!

*Mark Gilbert*

### **FRIDAY MORNING GROUP**

The first half of 2020 was interrupted by lockdown. Since restarting, our fortnightly Zoom meetings have been attended by up to a dozen.

*Norman Allen*

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

We are a group of people who pray regularly for people in need. We are currently updating the list of those who wish to be prayed for. Anyone can ask for people to be added to the list. Please contact any of the following: Daphne Foster, Sue Chick, Amber Bonham Carter, Christine Brown, Bette Waller, Joan Endean, Rosemary Booth, Susie Leyland, Elizabeth Burgess, Eve Speare, Revd Susan Bolan.

*Daphne Foster*

## **THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The 2020 World Day of Prayer, organised by women, was held on 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm at St Luke's Church, Wimbledon Park. The service was based on ideas from the Christian women of Zimbabwe on the theme of 'Rise; take up your mat and walk'. It was one of the best recent services, was conducted by one of the female staff at St Luke's, and included an interview with someone living in Zimbabwe. The congregation was a little smaller than usual, probably because concerns were beginning about coronavirus, but several local churches were represented. Thanks to Kevin for playing and to everyone who helped with the service and refreshments. The group was not able to meet after this to plan the 2021 service.

*Margaret Brown*

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Due to the pandemic all social gatherings were suspended from March 2020. We managed to have a bring-and-share lunch in January for our Patronal Festival in 2020, and thank you again to all who helped and contributed in any way.

The Social Committee is a very small group. We do not usually have formal meetings, but we know who to call on when help is needed.

Looking ahead we hope to have a party and an open day. If you feel you would like to help at any time do contact me, no offer refused! I would also welcome ideas for events that you would enjoy.

*Joan Endean*

## **AWKWARD SQUAD**

The Awkward Squad did not meet in 2020.

*Norman Allen*

## **CHURCH BIRTHDAY CARD SCHEME**

This continues with a birthday card given on behalf of all at St Paul's to anyone who is happy to have their birthday recognised. Do let Daphne know if you would like to receive a card on your birthday. Adults do not have to declare their age, but it is helpful to have the age of children so that an appropriate card can be chosen. Thank you to those who help with the distribution of cards. We have tried to continue the deliveries during lockdown but inevitably some have had to be posted.

*Daphne Foster*

## **HAND BELL TEAM**

There was no activity with the bells this year once again. We need to re-enthuse ourselves and hope new people will come forward.

*Joan Endean*

## **MISSION GIVING 2019**

Like many churches, St Paul's has had a longstanding practice of making a number of annual donations from our budget to support charities. A subcommittee of the PCC recommends to the full PCC the donations to be made and, as part of this process, we have often sought suggestions from the congregation. In recent years, the committee has followed a policy that, this being our church's collective giving, a sizeable proportion should go to support the spread of the Gospel and practical welfare work abroad by Christian mission societies (including the Mother's Union); with most of the remainder we should support campaigning and welfare work in this country which has a specific Christian ethos, including charities with a national or local focus (local being London, Southwark Diocese or Wandsworth). We also believed it right to set aside a sum to support clergy in sickness or old age. In 2018 we gave £4,700 for mission.

Owing to the deficit in the church accounts since 2018, caused not least by the need to repay loans made to fund the 2016/17 roof

works, the PCC felt unable to authorise any payments for mission giving in 2019 and 2020. It seems likely that no gifts will be possible in 2021, for the same reason. However, the PCC is determined to reinstate mission giving as a priority as soon as possible.

*Elizabeth Simon*

### **JEAN GARLING FUND**

We have not made any grants this last year. Although there were some initial expressions of interest, no applications were received. We look forward to renewed interest when life becomes more conducive to training and spiritual development.

This year did however see Nicky von Fraunhofer leaving St Pauls and therefore resigning from the 'Trustees'. In line with our original objectives of having a member of clergy as one of the trustees, Revd Susan has agreed to fill the gap for the time being. The remainder of the trustees remain the same as before: Elizabeth Burgess, Doreen Hewitt, Isobel Heycock and Philip Warner.

*"Trustees" Elizabeth Burgess, Revd Susan Bolen,  
Doreen Hewitt, Isobel Heycock, Philip Warner*

### **CHARITY COLLECTIONS**

Because of the lockdowns we were sadly not able to organise the usual collections for Christian Aid Week and Glass Door. People were asked to give directly to these charities via their websites instead.

*Margaret Brown*

### **CHURCH BOOKINGS**

We began 2020 with a full calendar of forward church bookings for rehearsals, concerts and recitals, and a new Table of Fees. However, Covid-19 struck and our first concert of 2020 by Wimbledon Choral

Society on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February would prove to be our last public event outside worship for the rest of the year.

The first lockdown in March meant that Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra (SYO), our most regular client, had to cancel their bookings in church in April and May. When restrictions on educational activities eased, we enabled Stoneleigh to return to church on Sundays in September and October by implementing a rigorous cleaning regime after the main service. Stoneleigh required the church more frequently than usual at this time since the number of students able to rehearse in the Community Centre was limited by the logistics of social distancing. However, rehearsals had to cease once again during the November lockdown and, following a further easing of restrictions, Stoneleigh's last session in church was on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

We were pleased to be able to host Putney Choral Society (PCS) with three two-hour Monday evening rehearsals in October and a one-hour rehearsal in December (before and after the second lockdown), followed by a half-day session for a livestreamed concert on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

A special thank you to Joanna Thomas for providing a cheerful, efficient, and thorough cleaning service to the church, Community Centre, and our clients, thus ensuring these activities could go ahead safely between lockdowns.

The total invoiced for bookings in 2020 was just below £2,000.

*Guy Booth, Parish Administrator*

## **ST PAUL'S COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Community Centre had to close its doors from 23<sup>rd</sup> March due to Covid-19 although many groups cancelled the week before. On the 17<sup>th</sup> March it was agreed to put the Centre Manager and our cleaner on furlough. The Premises Manager returned to work on 20<sup>th</sup> July on

part time furlough (10 hours) to open the centre, organise the maintenance work and to get the centre Covid-secure. This meant we had to clear the corridors of furniture, install hand sanitisers, put up appropriate signs and floor markings etc. We would like to thank Alan and Jenny Bryant for their work in helping us to achieve this.

Some groups were able to return at the end of August. Ballet came in to do their exams and in September groups started to come back. Playgroup, dog training, table tennis, yoga, Stoneleigh, AA and Lunch Club all returned during September. We also had a socially distanced fish and chip lunch in the main hall with a game of bingo to reintroduce Lunch Club, raising £273.

Unfortunately, we then had the second lockdown and groups gradually stopped once again. We again reduced the Centre Manager's hours to 7 with the rest of her time on furlough. Our cleaner has remained on full furlough throughout the various lockdowns. Playgroup and AA on Sunday were able to continue their groups, and this has meant we have had some income.

The Centre Manager agreed to carry out the cleaning after playgroup each day and the weekend cleaning is covered by temporary staff. The Centre Manager has been checking on the centre on a regular basis, dealing with phone calls and answering queries. During lockdown, the Centre Manager has also kept in touch with members of the Lunch Club and helped with the delivery of meals to the members. Our thanks to her for doing this important voluntary work.

We have a few groups still in credit like MS, Stoneleigh, Rugby Tots, and some of the concerts that were cancelled. This will be carried forward into next year when they re- book.

During the various lockdowns, the management committee met monthly via Zoom, except in November when we were able to meet in the Centre. The attendance at all meetings has been good.

This year the management committee agreed to integrate the Community Centre finances with the church accounts. This meant that there was a transfer of money from our current account and our reserves to the church accounts. The management committee also discussed the replacement of the community centre windows and obtained several quotes for the work. This is still on-going.

*Sam Egan (Centre Manager) and Gill Thompson*

## **LUNCH CLUB**

The Lunch Club was meeting regularly on a Tuesday until the pandemic forced a lockdown. Our last meeting was on 10<sup>th</sup> March. We re-opened with a one-off fish & chip lunch on 28<sup>th</sup> August. This gave everyone the opportunity to meet before re-opening on a regular basis on 29<sup>th</sup> September. Allowing for social distancing, we were able to accommodate up to 14, all wearing masks and seated at individual tables. This worked well and everyone was pleased to be back to meet and catch up with friends. Sadly, this came to an end and our last meeting was on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

During the first lockdown 'Cook' in Southfields provided us with 30 meals a week which Sam, with the help of Dave and Amanda, delivered to the members. Subsequently 'Cook' offered a 30% discount and initially Lunch Club members offered to pay but then various members of the congregation donated money towards the meals. Sam delivered them with the help of Amanda. We would like to thank 'Cook' for their support. Sam makes sure news is passed on between members either by phone or when delivering the meals.

At the beginning of the year, we received a grant from the Co-op of £1,846.92p. The Lunch Club had been selected as one of their nominated charities so that each time someone shopped and named us as their preferred charity, we received a percentage. A big thank you to everyone who shopped there during the year.

We are still looking for volunteers, including a team leader to replace Caroline Keat. Our two cooks Janice O'Connor and Mary Novis will hopefully return once we reopen. We are expecting numbers to be down to start with as we are sorry to report that Phyllis Jessop, Gwen Pilgrim and Breda Kavanagh (past and present members) have all died this year and one other member has been transferred to a nursing home. They will be sadly missed.

*Shirley Thompson*

### **FRIDAY CLUB**

The New Year started with Lesley Hazel having joined us with lots of new ideas. Although the numbers of attendees were decreasing, we had a couple of people joining us for a taster session and were hopeful they would be back. However, this was not to be, as due to the ages and the vulnerability of our members this was one of the first groups to close.

Fortunately, our last meeting was a really fun time, with lots of laughter and happy voices. Taking place on the Friday before Shrove Tuesday, the ladies made pancake batter, which I cooked while everyone else tried their hand at some word searches and a Lenten quiz. Pancakes were served, waitress style, by our youngest grandchildren who happened to be staying with us for half term. As we finished the children were invited to come again next holiday.

Sadly, since then we have lost members and others who have been shielding are frailer than they were. When it is safe to do so, we would like to reopen and look forward to welcoming new members.

*Doreen Hewitt*

## **ST PAUL'S PCC – TREASURER'S REPORT 2020**

Despite 2020's unique challenges, St Pauls' finances are fairly stable. Both regular giving and one-off donations increased compared to 2019, there were very strong responses to the appeals for the Pantry, for AV equipment and to the Covid appeal, and we were beneficiaries of David Leyland's generous legacy.

Unfortunately, income from church and community centre hire took a big hit from the pandemic, with this revenue falling by around £30,000 (compared to 2019). Expenditure was lower for a couple of reasons: some costs were lower due to the periods of closure, and the PCC chose to reduce our contribution to the diocese (Parish Support Fund).

This leaves us with £104,000 in the bank, but this includes £40,000 contingency reserves, £33,000 owed to parishioners for roof fund loans due to be repaid the coming year, £20,000 from David Leyland's legacy (of which £10,000 is committed to works on the reredos, and the other £10,000 for large projects) and £15,000 committed to community centre window works. Overall, our position is fairly good, but we will need to increase our income to avoid having to draw on our reserves, or to be able to engage in new activities or expenditure.

As incoming Treasurer, I would like to thank our outgoing Treasurer, Philip Warner, for his hard work over the past few years; Richard Holman for agreeing to become our external examiner for our accounts (and for examining this year's account); and in particular, I would really like to thank everyone who generously supported St Pauls in 2020.

*Mark Gilbert, Treasurer*

## APPENDIX: ST PAUL'S PCC ACCOUNTS 2020

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul's Wimbledon Park (charity no: 1142917).**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

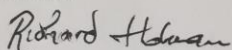
I report in respect of my examination of the Parish's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### **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 Parish 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.

Signed: 

Name: Richard Holman FCA

Relevant professional qualification / membership of professional bodies: Chartered Accountant

Address: 11 Genoa Avenue, Putney, London SW15 6DY

Date: 6 March 21

(Income & Expenditure)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

|                                                 | Notes    | Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds  |                 |                    |                 |                       |                  |                | Restricted Funds | 2020           | 2019            |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                                                 |          | Church - PCC       | D - Community Ctr | D - Fabric Fund | D - Little Kittens | D - Friday Club | D - Jean Garling Fund | R - Audio Visual | R - Organ Fund | R - Pantry Fund  | Total          | Total           |
|                                                 |          | £                  | £                 | £               | £                  | £               | £                     | £                | £              | £                | £              | £               |
| <b>Income</b>                                   |          |                    |                   |                 |                    |                 |                       |                  |                |                  |                |                 |
| Total Donated Income                            |          | 9,691              | 0                 | 2,000           | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 11,691         | 9,901           |
| Total Donated Income (Regular)                  |          | 58,753             | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 58,753         | 51,960          |
| Income Tax Recovered (Gift Aid)                 |          | 14,803             | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 190              | 14,994         | 13,991          |
| Total Fund Raising Income                       |          | 1,370              | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 1,370          | 5,506           |
| Total Income from Activities                    |          | 26,780             | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 26,780         | 59,494          |
| Total Income from Investments                   |          | 26,475             | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 21             | 0                | 26,496         | 15,833          |
| Total Grants Received                           |          | 11,796             | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 1,650          | 0                | 13,446         | 9,744           |
| Total Other Voluntary Income                    |          | 20,000             | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 20,000         | 0               |
| Total Special Appeals Income                    |          | 8,777              | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 5,500            | 0              | 3,002            | 17,278         | 1,000           |
| <b>Total Income</b>                             | <b>1</b> | <b>178,446</b>     | <b>0</b>          | <b>2,000</b>    | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>              | <b>5,500</b>     | <b>1,671</b>   | <b>3,192</b>     | <b>190,809</b> | <b>167,429</b>  |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                              |          |                    |                   |                 |                    |                 |                       |                  |                |                  |                |                 |
| Total Activities                                |          | 42,607             | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 957              | 43,563         | 48,099          |
| Total Costs of Generating Funds                 |          | 7,322              | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 7,322          | 8,714           |
| Parish Support Fund                             |          | 60,000             | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 60,000         | 62,000          |
| Total Grants Given                              |          | -                  | -                 | -               | -                  | -               | -                     | -                | -              | -                | 0              | 3,326           |
| Total Major Repairs                             |          | 6,000              | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 5,500            | 3,804          | 0                | 15,304         | 17,359          |
| Total Management and Admin                      |          | 40,512             | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 40,512         | 47,469          |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>                        | <b>2</b> | <b>156,440</b>     | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>              | <b>5,500</b>     | <b>3,804</b>   | <b>957</b>       | <b>166,701</b> | <b>186,967</b>  |
| <b>Net Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>        |          | <b>22,005</b>      | <b>0</b>          | <b>2,000</b>    | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>(2,133)</b> | <b>2,236</b>     | <b>24,108</b>  | <b>(19,539)</b> |
| <b>Other Expenses</b>                           |          |                    |                   |                 |                    |                 |                       |                  |                |                  |                |                 |
| Gains on asset revaluation                      |          | 0                  | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 525                   | 0                | 0              | 0                | 525            | 0               |
| Losses on asset revaluation                     |          | 0                  | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              | 361             |
| <b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) before Transfers</b> |          | <b>22,005</b>      | <b>0</b>          | <b>2,000</b>    | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>        | <b>(525)</b>          | <b>0</b>         | <b>(2,133)</b> | <b>2,236</b>     | <b>23,583</b>  | <b>(19,899)</b> |
| Between Funds Transfers                         | <b>3</b> | 50,976             | (62,406)          | 12,800          | (867)              | (503)           | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | (0)            | 0               |
| <b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>                  |          | <b>72,981</b>      | <b>(62,406)</b>   | <b>14,800</b>   | <b>(867)</b>       | <b>(503)</b>    | <b>(525)</b>          | <b>0</b>         | <b>(2,133)</b> | <b>2,236</b>     | <b>23,583</b>  | <b>(19,899)</b> |

St Paul's Church, Wimbledon Park  
Charity Commission Ref 1142917

(Balance Sheet)  
As at 31 December 2020

Fixed Assets  
Investment Assets - 90 Augustus Rd  
Investment Assets - CAF UK Equity B

Current Assets

Debtors  
Dr - Accrued Income  
Dr - Landlord Float  
Dr - Prepaid Expenses  
Total Cash at bank and in hand

Current Liabilities

Cr - Accrued Expenses  
Cr - Deposits Held  
Cr - Prepaid Income  
Cr - Weddings & Funerals - Diocese  
Inter-Account Transfers  
Loans from Congregation

Falling Due Within One Year

Net Current Assets

Loans from Congregation

Net Assets

Retained Earnings  
Surplus/(Deficit)

Net Funds

Notes

| Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds  |                 |                    |                 |                       |                |                 | Restricted Funds | 2020           | 2019           |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Church - PCC       | D - Community Ctr | D - Fabric Fund | D - Little Kittens | D - Friday Club | D - Jean Garling Fund | R - Organ Fund | R - Pantry Fund |                  | Total          | Total          |
| 157,137            | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0               | 157,137          | 157,137        | 157,137        |
| 0                  | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 3,886                 | 0              | 0               | 3,886            | 4,411          | 4,411          |
| <b>157,137</b>     | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>        | <b>3,886</b>          | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>        | <b>161,023</b>   | <b>161,548</b> | <b>161,548</b> |
| -                  | -                 | -               | -                  | -               | -                     | -              | -               | 0                | 1,412          | 1,412          |
| 9,054              | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0               | 9,054            | 3,931          | 3,931          |
| 200                | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0               | 200              | 200            | 200            |
| 2,086              | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0               | 2,086            | 2,680          | 2,680          |
| 84,828             | 0                 | 10,000          | 0                  | 0               | 2,584                 | 4,707          | 2,236           | 104,355          | 89,839         | 89,839         |
| <b>96,168</b>      | <b>0</b>          | <b>10,000</b>   | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>        | <b>2,584</b>          | <b>4,707</b>   | <b>2,236</b>    | <b>115,695</b>   | <b>98,063</b>  | <b>98,063</b>  |
| 4,117              | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0               | 4,117            | 2,825          | 2,825          |
| 2,538              | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0               | 2,538            | 2,738          | 2,738          |
| -                  | -                 | -               | -                  | -               | -                     | -              | -               | 0                | 2,500          | 2,500          |
| -                  | -                 | -               | -                  | -               | -                     | -              | -               | 0                | 268            | 268            |
| -                  | -                 | -               | -                  | -               | -                     | -              | -               | 0                | 0              | 0              |
| 0                  | 0                 | 33,300          | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0              | 0               | 33,300           | 0              | 0              |
| <b>6,656</b>       | <b>0</b>          | <b>33,300</b>   | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>        | <b>39,956</b>    | <b>8,331</b>   | <b>8,331</b>   |
| <b>89,512</b>      | <b>0</b>          | <b>(23,300)</b> | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>        | <b>2,584</b>          | <b>4,707</b>   | <b>2,236</b>    | <b>75,739</b>    | <b>89,731</b>  | <b>89,731</b>  |
|                    |                   |                 |                    |                 |                       |                |                 | 0                | 38,100         | 38,100         |
| <b>246,650</b>     | <b>0</b>          | <b>(23,300)</b> | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>        | <b>6,470</b>          | <b>4,707</b>   | <b>2,236</b>    | <b>236,762</b>   | <b>213,180</b> | <b>213,180</b> |
| 173,669            | 62,406            | (38,100)        | 867                | 503             | 6,995                 | 6,840          | 0               | 213,180          | 233,079        | 233,079        |
| 72,981             | (62,406)          | 14,800          | (867)              | (503)           | (525)                 | (2,133)        | 2,236           | 23,583           | (19,899)       | (19,899)       |
| <b>246,650</b>     | <b>0</b>          | <b>(23,300)</b> | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>        | <b>6,470</b>          | <b>4,707</b>   | <b>2,236</b>    | <b>236,762</b>   | <b>213,180</b> | <b>213,180</b> |

St Paul's Church, Wimbledon Park  
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Statement of Cash Flows  
For the year ended 31 December 2020

Net Surplus / (Deficit) before Transfers

Between Funds Transfers

Net Surplus / (Deficit)

Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of assets  
Interest and dividends

Non cash and financing items

Operating cash before working capital changes

Current Debtors  
Current Liabilities

Movements in Working Capital

Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

Capital Additions  
Capital Disposals

Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities

Loans  
Interest and dividends

Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing

Net cash inflow/(outflow)

Opening Cash

Closing Cash

Notes

| Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds  |                 |                    |                 |                       |                  |                | Restricted Funds | 2020            | 2019            |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Church - PCC       | D - Community Ctr | D - Fabric Fund | D - Little Kittens | D - Friday Club | R - Jean Garling Fund | R - Audio Visual | R - Organ Fund | R - Pantry Fund  | Total           | Total           |
| 22,005             | 0                 | 2,000           | 0                  | 0               | (525)                 | 0                | (2,133)        | 2,236            | 23,583          | 23,583          |
| 50,976             | (62,406)          | 12,800          | (867)              | (503)           | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | (0)             | (0)             |
| <b>72,981</b>      | <b>(62,406)</b>   | <b>14,800</b>   | <b>(867)</b>       | <b>(503)</b>    | <b>(525)</b>          | <b>0</b>         | <b>(2,133)</b> | <b>2,236</b>     | <b>23,583</b>   | <b>23,583</b>   |
| (75)               | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 525                   | 0                | 0              | 0                | 525             | 525             |
| (75)               | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | (21)           | 0                | (96)            | (96)            |
| <b>72,906</b>      | <b>(62,406)</b>   | <b>14,800</b>   | <b>(867)</b>       | <b>(503)</b>    | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>(2,154)</b> | <b>2,236</b>     | <b>24,012</b>   | <b>24,012</b>   |
| (3,117)            | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | (3,117)         | (3,117)         |
| (1,386)            | (200)             | 33,300          | 0                  | (90)            | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 31,624          | 31,624          |
| <b>(4,503)</b>     | <b>(200)</b>      | <b>33,300</b>   | <b>0</b>           | <b>(90)</b>     | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>28,507</b>   | <b>28,507</b>   |
| <b>68,403</b>      | <b>(62,606)</b>   | <b>48,100</b>   | <b>(867)</b>       | <b>(593)</b>    | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>(2,154)</b> | <b>2,236</b>     | <b>52,519</b>   | <b>52,519</b>   |
| 0                  | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 0               |
| 0                  | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0               | 0               |
| <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>        |
| 0                  | 0                 | (38,100)        | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0                | (38,100)        | (38,100)        |
| 75                 | 0                 | 0               | 0                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 21             | 0                | 96              | 96              |
| <b>75</b>          | <b>0</b>          | <b>(38,100)</b> | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>21</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>(38,004)</b> | <b>(38,004)</b> |
| <b>68,478</b>      | <b>(62,606)</b>   | <b>10,000</b>   | <b>(867)</b>       | <b>(593)</b>    | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>(2,133)</b> | <b>2,236</b>     | <b>14,515</b>   | <b>14,515</b>   |
| <b>16,350</b>      | <b>62,606</b>     | <b>0</b>        | <b>867</b>         | <b>593</b>      | <b>2,584</b>          | <b>0</b>         | <b>6,840</b>   | <b>0</b>         | <b>89,839</b>   | <b>89,839</b>   |
| <b>84,828</b>      | <b>0</b>          | <b>10,000</b>   | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>        | <b>2,584</b>          | <b>0</b>         | <b>4,707</b>   | <b>2,236</b>     | <b>104,355</b>  | <b>104,355</b>  |

## Notes to the Accounts

### Note 1 - Details of Income

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### Income

Church Collections (cash)

Goodbox Donations

Other Giving

Other Giving (Gift Aid)

**Total Donated Income**

Regular Giving (Gift Aid Envs)

Regular Giving (Gift Aid SO's)

Regular Giving (Other)

**Total Donated Income (Regular)**

**Income Tax Recovered (Gift Aid)**

Fund Raising - Church

Fund Raising - Cmnty Ctr

Sunday Coffee

**Total Fund Raising Income**

Hire of Church

Hire of Community Centre

Contributions to Activities

Weddings & Funerals fees

**Total Income from Activities**

Interest and Dividends

Rent from 90 Augustus Rd

**Total Income from Investments**

Grants - DCMS (VAT Refund)

Grants - HMRC (Furlough)

Grants - NINDS

Grants - Other

**Total Grants Received**

Legacy

**Total Other Voluntary Income**

Special Appeals (AudioVisual)

Special Appeals (Covid)

Special Appeals (Pantry)

Special Appeals (War Memorial)

**Total Special Appeals Income**

**Total Income**

| Unrestricted Funds                     | Designated Funds |                       |                  | Restricted Funds |                 |              | 2020           | 2019           |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Church - PCC                           | D - Fabric Fund  | D - Jean Garling Fund | R - Audio Visual | R - Organ Fund   | R - Pantry Fund |              | Total          | Total          |
| £                                      | £                | £                     | £                | £                | £               |              | £              | £              |
| Church Collections (cash)              | 776              | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 776            | 3,407          |
| Goodbox Donations                      | 277              | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 277            | 23             |
| Other Giving                           | 3,378            | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 3,378          | 250            |
| Other Giving (Gift Aid)                | 5,260            | 2,000                 | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 7,260          | 6,220          |
| <b>Total Donated Income</b>            | <b>9,691</b>     | <b>2,000</b>          | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>     | <b>11,691</b>  | <b>9,901</b>   |
| Regular Giving (Gift Aid Envs)         | 3,440            | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 3,440          | 8,361          |
| Regular Giving (Gift Aid SO's)         | 46,049           | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 46,049         | 40,338         |
| Regular Giving (Other)                 | 9,264            | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 9,264          | 3,261          |
| <b>Total Donated Income (Regular)</b>  | <b>58,753</b>    | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>     | <b>58,753</b>  | <b>51,960</b>  |
| <b>Income Tax Recovered (Gift Aid)</b> | <b>14,803</b>    | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>190</b>   | <b>14,994</b>  | <b>13,991</b>  |
| Fund Raising - Church                  | 315              | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 315            | 2,966          |
| Fund Raising - Cmnty Ctr               | 811              | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 811            | 1,889          |
| Sunday Coffee                          | 244              | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 244            | 650            |
| <b>Total Fund Raising Income</b>       | <b>16,173</b>    | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>     | <b>1,370</b>   | <b>5,506</b>   |
| Hire of Church                         | 1,855            | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 1,855          | 5,782          |
| Hire of Community Centre               | 24,241           | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 24,241         | 51,955         |
| Contributions to Activities            | 172              | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 172            | 366            |
| Weddings & Funerals fees               | 512              | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 512            | 1,391          |
| <b>Total Income from Activities</b>    | <b>26,780</b>    | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>     | <b>26,780</b>  | <b>59,494</b>  |
| Interest and Dividends                 | 75               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 21              | 0            | 96             | 283            |
| Rent from 90 Augustus Rd               | 26,400           | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 26,400         | 15,550         |
| <b>Total Income from Investments</b>   | <b>26,475</b>    | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>         | <b>21</b>       | <b>0</b>     | <b>26,496</b>  | <b>15,833</b>  |
| Grants - DCMS (VAT Refund)             | 498              | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 1,650           | 0            | 2,148          | 0              |
| Grants - HMRC (Furlough)               | 7,765            | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 7,765          | 0              |
| Grants - NINDS                         | 2,500            | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 2,500          | 0              |
| Grants - Other                         | 1,033            | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 1,033          | 9,744          |
| <b>Total Grants Received</b>           | <b>11,796</b>    | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>         | <b>1,650</b>    | <b>0</b>     | <b>13,446</b>  | <b>9,744</b>   |
| Legacy                                 | 20,000           | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 20,000         | 0              |
| <b>Total Other Voluntary Income</b>    | <b>20,000</b>    | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>     | <b>20,000</b>  | <b>0</b>       |
| Special Appeals (AudioVisual)          | 4,277            | 0                     | 0                | 5,500            | 0               | 0            | 9,777          | 0              |
| Special Appeals (Covid)                | 4,500            | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 0            | 4,500          | 0              |
| Special Appeals (Pantry)               | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0               | 3,002        | 3,002          | 0              |
| Special Appeals (War Memorial)         | -                | -                     | -                | -                | -               | -            | 0              | 1,000          |
| <b>Total Special Appeals Income</b>    | <b>8,777</b>     | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>5,500</b>     | <b>0</b>        | <b>3,002</b> | <b>17,278</b>  | <b>1,000</b>   |
| <b>Total Income</b>                    | <b>178,446</b>   | <b>2,000</b>          | <b>0</b>         | <b>5,500</b>     | <b>1,671</b>    | <b>3,192</b> | <b>190,809</b> | <b>167,429</b> |

## Notes to the Accounts

### Note 2 - Details of Expenditure For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### Expenditure

|                                        | Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds      |                  |                |                 | 2020           | 2019           |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                        | Church - PCC       | D - Fabric Fund  | D - Jean Garling Fund | R - Audio Visual | R - Organ Fund | R - Pantry Fund | Total          | Total          |
|                                        | £                  | £                | £                     | £                | £              | £               | £              | £              |
| Clergy Expenses                        | -                  | -                | -                     | -                | -              | -               | 0              | 47             |
| Group Activity Expenses                | 0                  | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 0              | 773            |
| Heat (Gas)                             | 3,382              | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 3,382          | 3,101          |
| Insurance                              | 11,173             | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 11,173         | 10,324         |
| Light (Electricity)                    | 3,018              | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 3,018          | 3,880          |
| Maintenance & Cleaning - Church        | 3,357              | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 3,357          | 6,229          |
| Maintenance & Cleaning - Cmnty Ctr     | 6,266              | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 6,266          | 8,301          |
| Music (Organist / Choir Master)        | 6,400              | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 6,400          | 7,275          |
| Music (Other)                          | 661                | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 661            | 1,177          |
| Pantry costs                           | 0                  | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 957             | 957            | 0              |
| Running Expenses                       | 1,246              | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 1,246          | 810            |
| Salaries - Cleaners                    | 6,898              | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 6,898          | 6,046          |
| Water                                  | 206                | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 206            | 137            |
| <b>Total Activities</b>                | <b>42,607</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>957</b>      | <b>43,563</b>  | <b>48,099</b>  |
| Costs of 90 Augustus Rd                | 7,322              | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 7,322          | 8,714          |
| Costs of Fund Raising                  | -                  | -                | -                     | -                | -              | -               | 0              | 0              |
| <b>Total Costs of Generating Funds</b> | <b>7,322</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>        | <b>7,322</b>   | <b>8,714</b>   |
| <b>Parish Support Fund</b>             | <b>60,000</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>        | <b>60,000</b>  | <b>62,000</b>  |
| Grants (Missionary Giving)             | -                  | -                | -                     | -                | -              | -               | 0              | 0              |
| Grants (Other)                         | -                  | -                | -                     | -                | -              | -               | 0              | 3,326          |
| <b>Total Grants</b>                    | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>       | <b>3,326</b>   |
| Major Repairs - Organ                  | 0                  | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 3,804          | 0               | 3,804          | 12,517         |
| Major Repairs - Boiler                 | -                  | -                | -                     | -                | -              | -               | 0              | 4,426          |
| Major Repairs - Windows                | 2,989              | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 2,989          | 0              |
| Major Works - AudioVisual              | 3,011              | 0                | 0                     | 5,500            | 0              | 0               | 8,511          | 0              |
| Major Repairs - War Memorial           | -                  | -                | -                     | -                | -              | -               | 0              | 417            |
| <b>Total Major Repairs</b>             | <b>6,000</b>       | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>              | <b>5,500</b>     | <b>3,804</b>   | <b>0</b>        | <b>15,304</b>  | <b>17,359</b>  |
| Finance Costs                          | 1,775              | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 1,775          | 1,863          |
| IT & Systems                           | 493                | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 493            | 3,230          |
| Legal Costs                            | -                  | -                | -                     | -                | -              | -               | 0              | 768            |
| Printing & Photocopier                 | 2,950              | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 2,950          | 2,885          |
| Salaries - Cmnty Ctr Mgmt              | 14,308             | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 14,308         | 17,382         |
| Salaries - Parish Admin                | 14,315             | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 14,315         | 12,941         |
| Salaries - Tax & Pensions              | 4,728              | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 4,728          | 6,158          |
| Telephones                             | 1,943              | 0                | 0                     | 0                | 0              | 0               | 1,943          | 2,242          |
| <b>Total Management and Admin</b>      | <b>40,512</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>        | <b>40,512</b>  | <b>47,469</b>  |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>              | <b>156,440</b>     | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>              | <b>5,500</b>     | <b>3,804</b>   | <b>957</b>      | <b>166,701</b> | <b>186,967</b> |

## Notes to the Accounts

### Note 3 Between Funds Transfers represent

|                                             |               |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|
| The consolidation into the General Fund of  |               |
| Community Centre Fund                       | 62,406        |
| Friday Club                                 | 867           |
| Little Kittens Fund                         | 503           |
| <b>Total Transfers to General Fund</b>      | <b>63,776</b> |
| Transfer from General Fund to Fabric Fund   |               |
| designated for Reredos from Legacy          | 10,000        |
| to repay Roof Loans                         | 2,800         |
| <b>Transfers from General Fund</b>          | <b>12,800</b> |
| <b>Net Balance Transfer to General Fund</b> | <b>50,976</b> |

### Note 4 Current Debtors (Monies owed to us)

|                                    | 2020          | 2019         | Movement     |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Income tax recovered on Gift Aid   | 8,521         | 3,685        |              |
| Prepaid Insurance                  | 0             | 2,680        |              |
| Prepaid Electricity                | 1,543         | 0            |              |
| Prepaid Music Licences             | 373           | 0            |              |
| Church Lettings                    | 0             | 1,412        |              |
| Historic England Grant for windows | 533           | 0            |              |
| Other debtors                      | 370           | 446          |              |
|                                    | <b>11,340</b> | <b>8,223</b> | <b>3,117</b> |

### Note 5 Current Creditors (Monies we owe)

|                               | 2020          | 2019         | Movement      |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Tenants Deposits              | 2,538         | 2,538        |               |
| Fees & Salaries Due           | 1,300         | 2,090        |               |
| Audio Visual Costs            | 2,817         | 0            |               |
| Utilities                     | 0             | 735          |               |
| Fees to Diocese               | 0             | 268          |               |
| NINDS Grant (paid in advance) | 0             | 2,500        |               |
| Roof Fund Loans due           | 33,300        | 0            |               |
| Other Creditors               | 0             | 200          |               |
|                               | <b>39,956</b> | <b>8,331</b> | <b>31,624</b> |

NB The remaining Roof Fund Loans are now Current Creditors due in 2021

### Note 6 Net Current Assets - Reserves

The PCC has a policy to maintain Free Reserves of at least 3 months normal expenditure. Since consolidating the Community Centre and PPC General Fund, Weeks spend

|                                                       |               |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Normal Expenditure                                    | 156,000       | 52        |
| <b>3 months expenditure Free Reserves requirement</b> | <b>39,000</b> | <b>13</b> |

**The total General Fund current reserves stand at** **89,512** **30**

#### We have the following Commitments within these reserves

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Roof Fund Loans still due      | 33,300        |
| Community Centre Windows       | 16,400        |
| Refurbishment of Notice Boards | 2,500         |
| Audio Visual equipment         | 1,265         |
| <b>Total Commitments</b>       | <b>53,465</b> |

**Remaining Free reserves** **36,047** **12**

This represents 12 weeks or just under the 3 months of normal expenditure that our reserves policy requires. We shall therefore have to review our plans of how to generate sufficient surpluses to replenish the reserves

### Note 7 Loans from the congregation for Roof Repairs

|                                     | 2020          |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Loans at the start of the year      | 38,100        |
| Loans converted to gifts            | 2,000         |
| Repayments in 2020 via General Fund | 2,800         |
| <b>Loans Outstanding</b>            | <b>33,300</b> |

The remaining loans are due for repayment in the Autumn of 2021