

**ST PAUL'S
WIMBLEDON
PARKSIDE**

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



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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 5th June we had a Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea enjoyed by all, although in the hall due to the weather. On 26th June we had our

Patronal Festival Bring and Share Lunch which was enjoyed by those who came, with an abundance of food. On the 25th 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 2nd October there was a bring-and-share Harvest lunch. On the 16th 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, 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 2nd April, their first visit to St Paul's in the two years since the cancellation of their concert on 4th 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 21st May, Putney Choral Society (PCS) gave a sublime rendition of Haydn's *Creation*. Then on 18th 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 8th December (two concerts by Years 4/5 and Years 6/7), followed by The Study Preparatory School, Wimbledon on 9th 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 10th 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 17th 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 23rd 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 Fairbairns 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)				
Church - PCC		D - Reredos Fund		D - Jean Garling Fund		R - Organ Fund		R - Pantry Fund		R - Reredos Fund		R - Wimbledon Foundation Youth Work		Total (2022)
£		£		£		£		£		£		£		£
157,137.37				5,222.43										157,137.37
157,137.37				5,222.43										5,222.43
														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		1,560.00		10,000.00		177,792.86
138,349.21		20,000.00		2,584.05		671.66		5,773.11		1,560.00		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		1,560.00		10,000.00		174,472.36
285,815.85		20,000.00		7,806.48		671.66		5,773.11		1,560.00		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		1,560.00		10,000.00		40,453.47
285,809.85		20,000.00		7,806.48		671.66		5,779.11		1,560.00		10,000.00		336,832.16

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
Total Non-Recurring Donations	8,697.87			3,860.00	100.00		12,657.87	29,768.27
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
Total Donated Income (Regular)	57,459.33						57,459.33	61,932.90
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
Total Fund Raising Income	4,036.16						4,036.16	13,905.51
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
Total Grants Received	3,937.50					10,000.00	13,937.50	17,728.17
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
Total Income from Activities	60,035.80						60,035.80	38,188.09
Income from Investments								
Interest and Dividends								39.03
Rent from 90 Augustus Rd	26,400.00						26,400.00	26,400.00
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
Other Incoming Resources								85.00
Insurance Claims								2,846.00
Total Other Incoming Resources								2,931.00
Other Voluntary Income								
Legacy	25,114.62						25,114.62	10,000.00
Total Other Voluntary Income	25,114.62						25,114.62	10,000.00
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	
Total Special Appeals Income	(250.00)			2,134.50	1,360.00		3,244.50	5,125.00
TOTAL INCOME	199,222.59			6,699.50	1,560.00	10,000.00	217,482.09	224,619.35

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)
Activities								
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
Total Activities	51,893.77		312.02	1,451.69			53,657.48	46,050.52
Cost of sales	59.00						59.00	
Costs of Generating Funds								
Costs of 90 Augustus Rd	2,157.34						2,157.34	9,061.90
Costs of Fund Raising								4,776.39
Total Costs of Generating Funds	2,157.34						2,157.34	13,838.29
Major Repairs								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
Total Major Repairs	14,850.00						14,850.00	14,926.88
Management and Admin								
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
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	175,809.12		312.02	1,451.69			177,572.83	168,496.14

Notes to the Accounts

Note 3 Between Funds Transfers represent

Transfer from General Fund to Fabric Fund designated for Reredos from Legacy	10,000
Transfers from General Fund	10,000
Net Balance Transfer from General Fund	10,000

- 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.

Note 5	Current Debtors (Monies owed to us)	2022	2021	Movement
	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)	
		6,344	14,699	(8,355)

Note 6	Current Creditors (Monies we owe)	2022	2021	Movement
	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)	
		9,647	7,307	2,340

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
The total General Fund current reserves (excluding investment stand at	128,672	41
Remaining Free reserves above 3 month requirement	88,172	28

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.

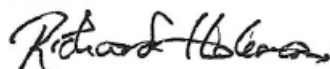
Independent examiner's statement

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

30 April 2023

