

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST FRANCIS, MONKS HILL, SELSDON

England & Wales · Charity number 1150124

Details

Other names ST FRANCIS, MONKS HILL

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: Promotion of the Christian Faith and helping and supporting the community of Monks Hill

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Croydon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£142,545	£146,673	-	-
2023-12-31	£130,746	£135,255	-	-
2022-12-31	£116,656	£119,655	-	-
2021-12-31	£268,509	£277,544	-	-
2020-12-31	£444,377	£549,747	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Peter Charles Wyatt	Chair	2012-12-09
Anne Beinomugisha		2023-05-03
Fola Oloniyo		2025-04-06
Geoffrey Okeke		2025-04-06
Jimmy Wavamunno		2018-04-29
Michael Jarrett		2025-04-06
Oluwole Adaranijo		2024-04-28
Paul Waddell		2023-05-03
Penny Goswell		2024-04-28
Richard Uregha		2023-04-30
Roger Pearson		2021-06-13
Sarah Omoreme		2022-04-24
Simon Allbut		2025-04-06
Stephanie Waddell		2020-10-18
Steve Thomas		2015-04-26

Accounts

St. Francis Church, Monks Hill



**Annual Report & Financial Statements and Statement of Public
Benefits of the PCC
for the year ended December 2024**

April 2025

Agenda for Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Opening Prayer

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

- 1. Election of Church Wardens**
- 2. Appointment of Assistant Wardens**
- 3. Thanks**

Annual General Meeting

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting**
- 3. Matters Arising**
- 4. Finance Report**
- 5. Church Wardens' Report**
- 6. Maintenance Report**
- 7. Pastoral Care Report**
- 8. Deanery Synod Report**
- 9. Children's Work Report**
- 10. Youth Work Report**
- 11. Safeguarding vulnerable children and adults report**
- 12. Churches Together Report**
- 13. Floating Shelter Report**
- 14. Overseas Mission Report**
- 15. Electoral Roll Report**
- 16. Community Work**
- 17. Food Stop Report**
- 18. Minister's Report**
- 19. Election of PCC members – instruction to new PCC members, date of meeting 3rd May**
- 20. Election of Sides people**
- 21. Election of CTSA Representatives**
- 22. Election of Deanery Synod Representative for 3 years**
- 23. Appointment of Independent Examiner**
- 24. Minister's Address**
- 25. AOB (notified ahead)**
- 26. Closing Prayer & blessing**

Appendix 1 – Report to Charities Commission on Public Benefits

Appendix 2 – Annual Accounts for 2024

Item 1: Apologies for Absence:

No apologies for absence was received.

Item 2: Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St Francis Church, held on 28th April 2024 at 12 noon in the church.

St. Francis Monks Hill APCM 2024 28th April

Wardens - Jimmy and Roger reconfirmed for the next year, Richard and Geoffrey reconfirmed as assistant wardens, all were thanked for their service.

Minutes from APCM 23rd of April 2023 accepted.

Finance highlights were shared (see attached report for details) – it was confirmed that our finances have been audited. Accounts were approved by those in attendance, and we also agreed to continue to use the same auditor.

Wardens added to their report their thanks for all those who volunteer in the church.

Maintenance report, considering building a wall in the garden to protect against damage by foxes digging. Water on the wall outside, so perhaps some of the guttering is leaking.

Pastoral care report - no questions.

Deanery Synod report - no questions.

Children's work report - no questions.

Youth work report - we are struggling to find a suitable replacement for Jonathon, and we thank him for his work as we approach his leaving day.

Safeguarding report - no questions

Churches together report - no questions

Floating shelter - no questions

Overseas mission report - we need to find out given Dima's death, if there is any specific way we can our support to Mabuba in Tajikistan.

Electoral Roll - Full revision required next year.

Community work report - no questions

Food stop report – no questions

The meeting agreed to accept the nomination of Penny to the PCC and voted to thank those who have stood down from the PCC this year.

Sides people – Geoff, Fola, Shaun, Pam, Richard, Roger, Penny were accepted.

CCSA representatives – Gayle and Ola accepted.

Deanery Synod – Stephanie and Carol remain our representatives for two more years.

Minister's report – new website coming which we should use to keep up to date, our thanks was expressed to Peter for all his hard work and vision that has got us to where we are. We have started new things recently and now is the time to foster and grow those, so they become self-sufficient. Bishop wants to hold a confirmation service in this church at the end of the year – the children year 3 up have had lessons on the sacrament in preparation for this.

21 people were in attendance

The meeting finished at 1.15pm.

Item 3: Matters Arising:

No matters arising.

Item 4: Finance Report

Financial Highlights for 2024

General Fund Deficit (£6,741.84)

- **Overall expenditure** increased by **£11,471.70** compared to 2023.
- **Parish Quota:** Increased from **£24,500** in 2023 to **£26,000** in 2024.
- Overall utility cost decreased by **£690.35**, thanks to switching energy suppliers. **£1,300** of the savings was allocated to the **Community Worker and Food Stop Funds**.
- **Cleaning costs** to general fund was **£2,682.81**.
- **Repairs, Equipment & Maintenance:** Total spending was **£11,236.13**, with major costs below:
 - Quinquennial inspection – **£1,190**
 - Electrical inspection – **£1,800**
 - Noticeboard – **£1,287.60**
 - New laptop, grass cutting, new website, and gas inspection – **£2,735**
- **Overall income decreased** by **£5,955.90** compared to 2023.
- **Tax-Efficient giving** decreased by **£5,245**. Some members left, including one who contributed **£3,000** in 2023.
- **Cash collections** dropped by **£3,66.34**.
- **Gift Aid Tax Recovery:** In 2023 the church recovered **£6,270.87** in tax refunds, but this was not received in 2024.
- **SumUp donations** decreased by **£930.29** compared to 2023.
- **One-Time Large Donation:** The church received a **£7,700 donation in 2024**, which qualifies for Gift Aid.
- **Hall Rentals:**
 - **Nursery hall hire income dropped** by **£2,120**, but a new nursery is starting soon, which should improve this.
 - **General hall hire income** increased by **£1,344** due to more bookings during the year
 - **Lighthouse hall hire income** decreased by **£1,720.86** due to fewer bookings.

This Year's Budget (2025)

- A planned surplus of **£20** for 2025.

Fund Balances (2024)

- **General Fund:** 36,214.94
- **Building Fund:** £0
- **Community Worker Fund:** £11,238.19
- **Food Stop Fund:** £22,954.86
- **Sharing Fund:** £2,556.65
- **Youth Worker Fund:** £16,826.04

Donations to Missionaries & Charities

- **Spinnaker:** £1,050
- **Priscilla:** £1,000
- **Mahbuba:** £1,000

The full set of Financial Accounts 2024 for the church are set out in Appendix 2 at the end of this Annual Report

Item 5: Churchwardens' Report

Church Wardens Annual Report 2024/2025.

We thank you all who volunteer, by giving your time and by sharing your skills ensuring that St Francis remains a special church to worship, socialise at the youth clubs and community outreach activities.

It has been another growing and productive year. The fabric maintenance matters of the church and its environs have improved, invaluable work done, carrying out grass cutting, minor repairs and maintenance jobs that do not warrant calling in the expensive professionals. Thank you to those of you involved, particularly for the work being done at the men shed and minor plumbing and fencing repairs done.

On a larger scale we successfully completed our parish quinquennial survey which takes place every five years but for unavoidable reasons hasn't been done for well over ten years. We are in the process of applying for a faculty for the painting work which we hope will be carried out in the next few months. We're proposing fresher painting for the church main hall subject to the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and the Archdeacons approval. Also, the upgrading of the church PA system has been approved by the PCC to be done when finances allow. There are also minor leakages on the church roof which need to be sorted.

Our thanks must also go to John Ruskin College for offering to building the wall to prevent Badger infestation around the south corner of the light house hall grounds. Inside the church, we have done electricity rewiring and replacement to streamline legacy wiring clutter and corrected electric surge imbalances.

Last June 2024 we had a parish inspection from the Archdeaconry / Deanery for the annual inspection. They reported very positively on St. Francis church, particularly with regards to the increase in the number of young families and communicants who now attend regularly among others. Also thankful of the leadership, management, workforce and volunteers.

This year has also seen successful youth camp, elderly and pastoral activities across all the church and the crown was becoming a parish church officially and all the entertainment activities that surrounded it (Fireworks). We hope that there should always be something for everyone at St. Francis church.

Finally, and most importantly, we can't forget those who look after the church both inside and out throughout the year, ground maintenance, the cleaners, the cloth washers etc, and those of you who contribute financially so much to the well-being of the church, servers, the intercessors and readers, the sound system operators, etc. Many of you may be unseen but your work does not go unnoticed, our grateful thanks to you all.

And most of all, thank you to Reverend Peter and Michelle Wyatt for their devotion, caring, encouragement, guidance and leadership.

Blessings and warm regards to you all.

Jimmy Wavamunno

Item 6: Fabric and Maintenance Report 2024/2025

- Fixed and repaired the wooden fencing which we had to buy new feather edging and post.
- Replaced the internet cable to the electronic notice board and put in place conduit on the west wall of church this was to protect the cables from being chewed by animals.
- Replaced the flooring to the old Dr Bike shed as the flooring was rotting away and it was unsafe this is now turned into a potting shed.
- Church electrics test was done in doing so we found that there were some problems during the test which required fuses and new sockets to be replaced.
- Church hall guttering repaired
- Vestry kitchen taps replaced this is because lack of flow in the taps
- Old church notice board on the west wall of the church removed and replaced with new notice board.
- Old notice board from front of church removed
- New notice board arrived and erected in front church.
- Installed network cable from Light House to the church to no longer use the internet from the vicarage.
- Two new sockets installed in north end of the church - this replaced three extension cables that were there.
- Installed Wi-Fi in the church hall this then gives us all round coverage.

Roger Pearson

Item 7: Pastoral Care Report

I thank God that I was able to visit few members, send emails to a few, ring a few, and send Christmas and Easter cards to members.

I am glad that was able send messages to few members who had relocated. The response has been positive. I observed that a few started coming back to church with their families, some attended the prayer and healing service, to testify to the power of God to heal and to restore. Others testify the power of God, on healing of their ongoing illness. We have one on dialysis whom we have prayed for who celebrated his 90th birthday praise God. Also, we have one person with cancer of colon, and the cancer is receding.

Another with palpitation of the heart, and their heartbeat is now gradually getting slower. We thank God also for one who has mental challenges and is who has now agreed to seek medical help. May his healing be permanent in Jesus. I also visited people in their home and hospice and prayed with them. I thank God for His healing power on me and family. I thank God for an old member who had now started to come to Church and experienced power of God to forgive and restore. We thank God for journey mercies and breakthroughs at work.

Olu Akitoye

Item 8: Deanery Synod Report

There are four Deanery meetings each year, chaired by Rev Debbie Forman, the Area Dean. After the business meetings there are talks which are open to everyone, one guest speaker we had this year was Joseph Vambe from Christian Aid. These meetings are intended to provide ways to share time together, to develop ideas and to support each other in all that we do, practically and prayerfully.

They include feedback notes from the most recent Diocesan Synod and General Synod meetings. We now have 2 lay and 2 clergy on Diocesan Synod from our Deanery, both clergy in question being new to our Deanery. For your diaries - please support the annual Deanery Pilgrimage on Saturday June 21st, 2025.

Item 9: Children's Work Coordinator's Report (Splash and Bubbles 2024/2025)

We have 2 Sunday school groups for 11 and under. Splash is for school years 3 to 6. Bubbles is for children up to school year 2 and therefore the most challenging as there is a big differential in abilities in all areas between a 2-year-old and a 7-year-old.

We use the Urban Saints material 'Energise' to teach the children. In the 12 months since the last AGM as well as teaching around the church calendar (Christmas, lent, Easter etc) we have taught about the life of Jesus, Holy Communion, Christian character (God made me to...), handling our emotions e.g. what does the Bible say about being anxious and the parables of Jesus.

Every Sunday we aim to have fun together, to pray together, to learn about our God and to be a friend of Jesus.

Many thanks to the Sunday school team. Some of the teams have had to stand down for a while due to ill health and work commitments. We urgently need more Sunday school leaders and helpers so please pray about this and if you feel God prompting you, please talk to me!

Michelle Wyatt

Item 10: Youth Work Report - Youth Action for Monks Hill 2023

In the heart of Croydon, South London, the Youth Action for Monks Hill project is illuminating the path for young people during challenging times. Amid rising living costs, youth disengagement, and knife crime, this initiative has become a lifeline, offering free, accessible programs that empower and inspire. Driven by faith, community, and collective action, the project has grown steadily, fostering hope and transformation in a community often overlooked.

Four key initiatives form the backbone of the project:

1. VIBE (Visionaries Inspiring Bold Endeavours) Youth Club – A weekly safe space for 11–16-year-olds, fostering friendship, mentorship, and leadership Thursdays 6:30pm-8pm.
2. Monks Hill Football Academy – Encouraging teamwork and health through grassroots sports, diverting youth from antisocial behaviour (Sunday 2:30pm – 4pm, School years 5-9).
3. Food for Body and Soul – Addressing physical and emotional needs with wholesome meals, discussions, and Bible study (Fortnightly Friday 6 – 8pm).
4. 1-to-1 Mentoring – Providing personalized support, helping young people overcome challenges and thrive.

The impact is profound: strengthened community ties, reduced antisocial behaviour, and empowered youth stepping into leadership roles. With support from volunteers, funders, and the community, the project continues to expand, offering hope and opportunity to the next generation. As we look forward to 2025, plans include mental health workshops, career readiness programs, and exciting events like the KICK football tournament and summer camp.

Youth Action for Monks Hill is more than a project—it's a movement, shaping lives and building a brighter future for South London.

Together, we're proving that faith, dedication, and unity can change the world, one young person at a time.

Michael Jarrett

Item 11: Safeguarding Vulnerable Children and Adults Report

St Francis parish church we work and endeavour to ensure the highest standard of Safeguarding practices are in place in order to create as safe community space as possible in our parish church community.

During 2024 all members of the Church expected to hold Leadership level Safeguarding training completed this Vicar, Churchwardens and Parish Safeguarding Officer. All copy certificates are held by the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Members of the PCC, management and volunteers completed the Basic and Foundation Courses for Safeguarding. All volunteer roles must have a role description and a volunteer agreement and follow 'safer recruitment' requirements, and this will be rolled out over 2025.

We held the annual 'Safeguarding Sunday' to raise wider awareness across our church as part of creating a safer community and particularly on modern day slavery and grooming. Indeed, we have safeguarding information and contacts on all our notice boards, websites and other social media outlets.

We are grateful all St. Francis parish church workers and volunteers. They all have a firm commitment to a safe culture and one way they show this is in their willingness to undertake the appropriate training in which they have been helpful, quick and responsive.

This year we have over ten volunteers who have successfully completed the Basic Awareness and Foundation Level training, three who have successfully completed the Domestic Abuse safeguarding training and two who have completed the Leadership course and others ongoing.

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

We are continuing to use the national Safeguarding Dashboard, and we are finding it very helpful for tracking our progress, helping with reports, and identifying areas to work on.

There was one formal safeguarding issue in 2024. We are grateful to Reverend Peter Wyatt and the church Diocesan Safeguarding advisors who are always helpful with all queries and guidance required.

Jimmy Wavamunno, Parish Safeguarding officer.

Item 12: Churches Together Selsdon and Addington (CTSA) Report 2024/2025

All the Churches Together united services this year were well attended and spirit lifting occasions. Good Friday with a Walk of Witness following the Cross through Selsdon, is always the biggest of our events, along with services for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity and now also Pentecost.

Lent courses offer the opportunity to mix and discuss with Christians from other denominations and this year is looking at the life and character of King David. Seasonal family rambles offer the opportunity to walk, chat and share lunch together.

On the Saturday before Christmas, we sing Christmas Carols for the community at Sainsbury's.

Gayle Costello

Item 13: Floating Shelter for the Homeless Report 2024/2025

As with previous years working together with Holly and co at Jubilee church we made sandwiches and delivered them with other items to Nightwatch every Wednesday evening in November and December. This year we also did this in the first 6 weeks of 2025 as the church who previously did this could no longer do so.

A big thank you to Stan, Val, Paul H and Karen in particular for helping with this. If you are able to help, make sandwiches, provide items for the packed lunches or pick up and deliver please let me know.

Michelle Wyatt

Item 14: Overseas Mission Report

Currently we support two overseas Missions, and also Spinnaker locally: -

1. **Dima and Mahbuba** are ministering to children in Tajikistan, a west-Asian country relating to Russia. Their ministry seems to be highly successful – almost entirely towards children, who will of course be ‘tomorrow’s Church.’

In the UK they are part of **Scripture Union**.

Like many missionaries they are not good communicators but are in closer touch with Margaret Mowll.

2. **Spinnaker Trust** is a Christian charity that supports primary schools in London and the Southeast by delivering Collective Worship, Religious Education (RE) lessons, and school clubs. They help children engage with Christian beliefs and values while supporting schools in promoting Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural (SMSC) development.

Spinnaker also provides training and resources for schools and collaborates with local churches to enhance faith-based education

3. **OMF International** (The Former China Inland Mission) serves throughout East Asia. It was pushed out of China around 1952 when Communism took over but is now re-opening to foreign Christian teachers.

Via OMF we support Miss **Priscilla Ng**, a UK-born Chinese lady missionary. She has been invited by several churches in China, also in university and college Christian Unions, to teach the Bible and Christian living among students. A couple of years ago, Peter Wyatt and I visited her in Hang Chao, to see her at work, and in a Sunday ‘senior youth’ gathering. She sends us colourful newsletters every couple of months – with lots of interesting items to read!

Our Missionary support therefore amounts to at least £3000/year. Some of our neighbouring churches wonder how we ‘spare’ such a sum – especially when we have been building *The Light House*. *But God knows more about our funding than we do!* He has not let us down!

David Huntley

Item 15: Electoral Roll Report

Every six years the electoral roll is restarted from scratch and all those eligible, who wish to be on St Francis roll and vote at the APCM need to fill in a form and sign it.

This ensures that those who have moved away, died or left the church are removed, and the roll is accurate. New members are added and can be updated every year. 2025 is such a year and having completed this process we now have 75 members on the electoral roll.

Gay Costello

Item 16: Community Work Report

Our place of welcome coffee morning has had a reshuffle and moved later in the day to become a community lunch; this has made it more accessible to lots of people that struggled with the early mornings for lots of reasons.

We are seeing an average of twenty-two people a week, this adds up to around thirty-five different people a month. We open from 11am for people to come in for a drink and to catch up with others, enjoy one of the activities we are offering that week, this could be anything from board games, jewellery making right through to game of pool.

The lunch club has become popular with people often bring along friends and neighbours and has become a real community where people laugh together, cry together and form real friendships. Every week we offer a full hot cooked dinner this can be a cottage pie, a Greek feast, a curry, and everything in between. We have cooked and served veg from our gardening project, made apple crumbles with apples from the vicarage garden and even had a local catering company come along and lay on a Jamaican spread.

We are engaging with our local safer neighbourhood policing teams, and they pop in at lunch time regularly which has helped build a trust with the local police breaking down some of those them and us barriers we see in Croydon. It's been fantastic to see the community engagement grow allowing people to seek support when needed and a face they can turn to if something grows wrong.

The Gardening Project:

Volunteers, food stop members, community members and staff have come together building the raised beds, planting and nursing the plants and taking time out each day to weed and water them.

The excitement was crazy when our first stem of broccoli was ready and that everyone wanted to eat it!! We have grown carrots, courgettes, onions, broccoli onions to name just a few. We have been able to cook and serve some of these in our community lunches and place some in the food stop for people to take home and share with their families.

Community Events:

Over the last year we have run regular community events from Christmas lunch, BBQs children's event, right through to an evening watching the England football final.

As always these have been extremely popular with over three hundred people attending this event over the year. These are a wonderful way to connect with the local community and reminds people from the local area that we are here and working for them.

Men's Shed:

Our Men's Shed is a dedicated, friendly, and welcoming meeting place where men come together to undertake a variety of mutually agreed activities. These activities can include making and mending things, building home and garden items, repairing electronics, and creating ornaments and artwork. We have seen a real mix of people from every walk of life, this has ranged from students that have struggled in mainstream school, those of working age with health issues that have been unable to return to work and those that have retired. We have seen a marked improvement in the mental health of those attending with some even beginning to engage in some of our other projects.

One to One Work/Outreach:

Over the last year we have continued to give support on a one-to-one basis, this has been across various needs and situations. Some of the most regular support given is to do with benefits, this could be applying and filling out forms, helping with tribunals or dealing with sanctions.

We have also helped people with housing needs, immigration, domestic violence and dealing with social services.

I have kept this information brief on here due to the nature of the support given.

Sam Pearson

Item 17: Food Stop Report

Food Stop runs every Friday morning but there is a lot more to it than that!

Every Tuesday evening fresh food is collected from Waitrose. Every other Wednesday ambient food is collected from Purley food hub, sorted and put in the shop or storage. Every Thursday morning food is delivered by the Felix Project to Field way where we collect it and bring it back to the Light House to sort.

Finally, we then go shopping to buy whatever we haven't got for the next day. A big thank you to everyone who helps with that.

The Food Stop is more than a place where you can get a lot of food for £4. Usually, we have second hand clothes and other items available. Once a month you can get a free haircut, and the local tenancy officer comes on the last Friday in the month. Our local councillor and police also regularly visit us.

You can usually have a game of pool. There is always a free help yourself breakfast, tea and coffee. Sam is excellent at helping people with benefits advice. People get to know one another and support each other. It is a place where we seek to show God's love to those around us.

We have seen lives transformed here. This year one woman who had not worked for some time due to anxiety now is working, one man used to come every week to help feed his family but now comes about twice a month and brings bread to share with others. Someone who is an alcoholic has now been to rehab, has a new home, is doing voluntary work and you can physically see the difference in him.

If you have food, toiletries or domestic products that you will never use and are in date please donate them to us. If you have 'more month than money' please put your pride in your pocket and come along or ask Michelle, Sam or Roger for more information.

Michelle Wyatt

Item 18: Minister's Report

The beginning of the year was overshadowed by the loss of my dad, Rev Colin Wyatt on Christmas day, and it took me quite a long time to recover. I much helped by the support of St Francis church, especially at his memorial service.

Attendance at church has remained steady in 2024, and we look forward to further increases, although we must never be complacent. Worship and outreach have been strong throughout the year.

The biggest highlight was becoming our own parish on 5th November 2024, with Archdeacon Greg Prior. It was an unforgettable evening, with standing room only in the church and many more people outside. We followed the service with food and fireworks. Overall, around 250 people attended, which was staggering.

Highlights: There were many highlights in 2024, including:

- i Becoming our own parish in November
- i Opening the Men's Shed in February, which has had a significant impact
- i Continuing and developing Praise Worship services
- i Continuing Youth services and welcoming our new youth worker Michael Jarrett who has settled in well
- i Youth camp
- i Vegetable garden

Mission Action Planning: These are our vision areas, and I include a highlight for each one.

- Working together – I am very grateful for the ongoing support in many areas which has taken the load off me. I am confident that during the sabbatical, the church will function smoothly.
- A Church full of people – we have retained recent members and welcomed some faces to church
- Finding healing – we have continued our healing services every term and offer prayer ministry at the end of every service, where we have seen some important 'matches' to prophetic words given out. We are also excited that the young people continue to lead youth services where we offer healing ministry.
- Praising God –Thank you to Paul Waddell (and his guest musicians), and the Harding family for ably leading the musical side of worship, including Eliana on keys. Also thank you to Deborah who has said goodbye after nine years, and to Joel who fills in when he can. Also grateful to Richard and Ben on drums. We have been fortunate to have the services of Michael Sackey on occasions. We would welcome more talent, especially as Joel and Ben are mostly away at uni – particularly keyboard and a bass player would be fantastic! Also, we said goodbye to Deborah after nine years of serving at St Francis.
- Transforming lives in the community – this has maintained its impact with 40 families now attending the Food Stop every week, and the community lunch is flourishing with 25-30 attending. I always say we now have two "flocks" – the church and the community, and we try to support both in practical, spiritual, and emotional ways. I am pleased to say that a number from the Food Stop

now attend church regularly. More volunteers are always appreciated, both to offer support and do practical jobs.

- We have also begun two new projects – Men's shed and a Vegetable Garden. The Men's shed had a big impact on several individuals and the Vegetable Garden was a joy to everyone who watched food grow before our eyes.

Other Areas: Cadets

I continue to do "padre's hour" at 66 squadron Air Training Corps, Mitcham Rd, encouraging spiritual interest amongst the cadets, mostly online. We are grateful for their support at various events.

Thanks:

Thank you to Jimmy and Roger our wardens; to all on the PCC, especially those stepping down this year; all who run the Kids Hour who work incredibly hard to teach our children; to Michael, and the youth; prayers, readers, wardens and musicians and social committee; house group leaders and helpers; sound and PA and not forgetting maintenance of the premises! I would also like to thank Olu and Steve our readers.

Finally thank to Sam for all the lunches and events, and Roger for being proactive in maintaining our increasing facilities and all they do for our church and community; and to Jimmy for keeping the grass in trim.

Peter Wyatt

Appendix 1: Public Benefits Report for 2024 to the Charity Commission ST FRANCIS CHURCH, MONKS HILL



We are a church and provide to the local community all the Christian services and events set out in the attached annual report which we believe are in themselves a public benefit in promoting a strong and healthy community on the Monks Hill estate where we are located. For the purpose of reporting on general public benefits to the charity commission we would specifically highlight the following items: -

- Running a Food Stop which helps feed those in need and enables them to access relevant council services.
- We provide youth services to the estate including a mentoring programme for young people, running a youth club, and providing with Kick London a regular programme of football for children on the estate. We have also formed a band and given young people experience with playing the keyboard, brass instruments, drums, acoustic and electric bass guitar. We believe this provision of youth services by our church is of public benefit in helping young people and giving them positive things to do. We believe this Youth work is of public benefit.
- Our premises are used for weekly community lunch which promote a sense of community and help combat loneliness. Both uses are of clear public benefit.
- We host two sessions of Kumon after school classes.
- Our premises can be (and are) hired by the public for parties and other special occasions and we believe such a use of our premises is of public benefit in promoting a strong sense of community feeling.
- The Monks Hill Community Association carries out activities based at our church such as quizzes and craft events. Our premises are also used for big community events like a Fireworks party and a Christmas Event, and we believe these bigger community events are of public benefit in promoting a strong sense of community on Monks Hill.

We opened in 2021 a new church hall cum community centre which provides far better facilities for community events and services to the Monks Hill community and so we expect the list of public benefits provided by the church to increase over time. We use our website and Facebook to promote the services we provide to Monks Hill to generate a strong sense of community on the Monks Hill estate.

Appendix 2: Annual Accounts for 2024 Parochial Church Council of St Francis Church, Monks Hill
Year Ended 31st December 2024



Incumbent

The Revd. Peter Wyatt

Registered Charity Number: 1150124

Bankers

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Independent Examiner

Chaweevan Williams

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Agreed and signed on 6th April 2025 by

Minister in Charge:
Revd. Peter Wyatt

Churchwardens:
Jimmy Wavamunno

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ST FRANCIS CHURCH
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds	-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income	26,856.90	2,585.00	-	29,441.90	44,595.00
Activities for generating funds	1,405.34	13,464.17	-	14,869.51	7,743.21
Investment income	2,886.53	-	-	2,886.53	1,849.67
Incoming resources from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other incoming resources	18,100.90	77,246.09	-	95,346.99	76,903.35
Total income	49,249.67	93,295.26	-	142,544.93	131,091.23
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	-	13,540.84	-	13,540.84	14,984.93
Cost of generating voluntary income	47,455.89	10,658.39	-	58,114.28	55,612.67
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	35.00	-	-	35.00	395.98
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3,050.00	3,704.18	-	6,754.18	10,553.63
Governance costs	70.00	-	-	70.00	600.00
Other resources used	5,380.62	62,778.43	-	68,159.05	53,107.62
Total expenditure	55,991.51	90,681.84	-	146,673.35	135,254.83
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(6,741.84)	2,613.42	-	(4,128.42)	(4,163.60)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(6,741.84)	2,613.42	-	(4,128.42)	(4,163.60)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	42,956.78	49,929.54	-	92,886.32	97,049.92
Total funds carried forward	36,214.94	52,542.96	-	88,757.90	92,886.32

ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Current assets			
	Z05: Accounts Receivable	-	-
	Z06: CAF Cash Account	3,523.84	2,835.57
	Z07: CAF Bank Gold	61,408.01	67,855.42
	Z08: CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	21,981.82	20,873.87
	Z09: Community Account	-	-
	Z10: Business Saver Account	-	-
	Z11: Petty Cash	30.00	30.00
	Z12: Melton Mowbray Building Society	1,108.25	1,105.48
	Z13: Natwest Account	521.05	1.05
	Total Current assets	88,572.97	92,701.39
Liabilities			
	Z04: Accounts Payable	(184.93)	(184.93)
	Total Liabilities	(184.93)	(184.93)
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	88,757.90	92,886.32
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	(8,292.02)	40,218.19
	Z01: Starting balances	88,757.90	52,668.13
	Total Reserves	80,465.88	92,886.32

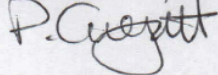
Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	36,214.94	42,956.78
Restricted	52,542.96	49,929.54
Total	88,757.90	92,886.32

Agreed and signed on 6th April 2025 by

Minister in Charge:

Rev. Peter Wyatt



Churchwardens:

Jimmy Wavamunno



ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
0101 - Cash collection	697.04	-	-	-	697.04	1,063.38
0102 - Tax Efficient Planned Giving	21,267.00	-	380.00	-	21,647.00	27,132.00
0103 - Other Planned Giving	645.00	-	220.00	-	865.00	1,118.00
0104 - Tax Recovered Through Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-	6,016.76
0106 - All Non Recurring Giving Non GA	157.00	-	-	-	157.00	5,568.20
0107 - All Other Recurring Giving Non GA	12.00	-	-	-	12.00	-
0108 - All Other Recurring Gift Aided Yellow En	120.00	-	-	-	120.00	575.90
0116 - All Non Recurring Gift Aided Yellow Enve	2,040.00	-	-	-	2,040.00	541.00
0117 - PCC Fees	796.39	-	-	-	796.39	527.00
0119 - Sumup Donations	1,122.47	-	-	-	1,122.47	2,052.76
0121 - Mens Shed Income	-	-	1,985.00	-	1,985.00	-
0110 - Fund Raising	1,405.34	-	666.66	-	2,072.00	913.55
0111 - Fund Raising Just Giving	-	-	-	-	-	50.00
0118 - FoodStop Sales	-	-	12,797.51	-	12,797.51	6,779.66
0109 - Interest	2,886.53	-	-	-	2,886.53	1,849.67
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	31,148.77	-	16,049.17	-	47,197.94	54,187.88
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other incoming resources						
0105 - Recurring Grants	-	-	57,527.00	-	57,527.00	44,121.00
0112 - Hall Hire General	1,100.00	-	-	-	1,100.00	(244.00)
0113 - Hall Hire- Nursery	480.00	-	-	-	480.00	2,600.00
0114 - Other Income	8,045.00	-	-	-	8,045.00	579.56
0115 - Non Recurring Grants	-	-	19,719.09	-	19,719.09	19,850.00
0120 - Hall Hire - The Lighthouse	8,475.90	-	-	-	8,475.90	9,996.79
Other incoming resources Totals	18,100.90	-	77,246.09	-	95,346.99	76,903.35
Incoming resources Grand totals	49,249.67	-	93,295.26	-	142,544.93	131,091.23

ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Resources used						
Cost of generating funds						
0203 - Parish Quota	26,000.00	-	-	-	26,000.00	24,500.03
0207 - Utilities	1,575.76	-	5,287.91	-	6,863.67	5,586.11
0208 - Staff Expenses	832.62	-	176.22	-	1,008.84	904.31
0209 - Youth & Children's Work	525.39	-	-	-	525.39	437.70
0210 - Building Fund Expenses	-	-	2,368.08	-	2,368.08	1,196.61
0212 - Mission & Evangelism	524.30	-	563.65	-	1,087.95	2,313.69
0213 - Minor Repairs, Maintenance & Equipment	11,236.13	-	80.00	-	11,316.13	11,213.16
0214 - Major Repairs & Redecoration to Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
0215 - Major Repairs to Hall/Other PCC Property	-	-	-	-	-	-
0216 - Printing, Postage, Stationery	383.00	-	684.00	-	1,067.00	1,028.72
0217 - Sundry Expenses	789.64	-	-	-	789.64	1,022.38
0218 - Cleaning	2,682.81	-	217.51	-	2,900.32	2,920.36
0219 - Services expenditure	1,267.55	-	-	-	1,267.55	3,703.94
0220 - Insurance	1,638.69	-	-	-	1,638.69	-
0224 - Waste Collection	-	-	1,281.02	-	1,281.02	785.66
0201 - Cost of Generating Funds	35.00	-	-	-	35.00	395.98
0204 - Fund Raising Activities Building Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
0221 - Food Stop Expenditure	-	-	13,540.84	-	13,540.84	14,984.93
Cost of generating funds Totals	47,490.89	-	24,199.23	-	71,690.12	70,993.58
Charitable activities						
0202 - Overseas Mission & Relief	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
0205 - Uk Mission & Relief	1,050.00	-	11.90	-	1,061.90	1,000.00
0225 - Men's Shed Expenditure	-	-	3,232.16	-	3,232.16	7,553.63
0229 - Raised Beds	-	-	460.12	-	460.12	-
Charitable activities Totals	3,050.00	-	3,704.18	-	6,754.18	10,553.63
Governance costs						
0223 - Governance Cost	70.00	-	-	-	70.00	600.00
Governance costs Totals	70.00	-	-	-	70.00	600.00
Other resources used						
0211 - Youth Worker Salary	-	-	23,793.83	-	23,793.83	24,317.44
0222 - Community Worker Salary	-	-	26,803.46	-	26,803.46	25,105.26
0226 - Youth Expenditure	277.90	-	5,729.47	-	6,007.37	629.68
0227 - Community Expenditure	422.72	-	4,611.67	-	5,034.39	396.25
0228 - Finance & Admin Salary	4,680.00	-	1,840.00	-	6,520.00	2,658.99
Other resources used Totals	5,380.62	-	62,778.43	-	68,159.05	53,107.62
Resources used Grand totals	55,991.51	-	90,681.84	-	146,673.35	135,254.83

ST FRANCIS CHURCH
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
Buildfund - Building fund	1,184.04	-	2,368.08	-	-	-	(1,184.04)
CHall - Community Hall Organiser	4,945.75	47,022.00	40,729.56	-	-	-	11,238.19
Drbike - Dr Bike	0.38	-	-	-	-	-	0.38
Mfund - Mission Fund	150.23	-	-	-	-	-	150.23
Munion - Mothers Union	0.65	-	-	-	-	-	0.65
RA - Residents - Food stop	20,552.70	19,887.51	17,485.35	-	-	-	22,954.86
Shfund - Sharing Fund	3,132.20	-	575.55	-	-	-	2,556.65
YWork - Youth Worker	19,963.59	26,385.75	29,523.30	-	-	-	16,826.04
General - General fund	42,956.78	49,249.67	55,991.51	-	-	-	36,214.94
Totals	92,886.32	142,544.93	146,673.35	-	-	-	88,757.90

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST FRANCIS, SELSDON

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Francis Church

I report to the PCC on my examination of the Financial Statements of St Francis Church for the year ended 31st of December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the PCC 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 St Francis 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 PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:



Chaweevan Williams FCCA
Verdant Accountants Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
20-22 Wenlock Road,
London N1 7GU

Date: 21 April 2025

Accounts

St. Francis Church, Monks Hill



**Annual Report & Financial Statements and Statement of Public Benefits of the PCC
for the year ended December 2023**

April, 2024

Agenda for Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Opening Prayer

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

- 1. Election of Church Wardens**
- 2. Appointment of Assistant Wardens**
- 3. Thanks**

Annual General Meeting

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting**
- 3. Matters Arising**
- 4. Finance Report**
- 5. Church Wardens' Report**
- 6. Maintenance Report**
- 7. Pastoral Care Report**
- 8. Deanery Synod Report**
- 9. Children's Work Report**
- 10. Youth Work Report**
- 11. Safeguarding vulnerable children and adults report**
- 12. Churches Together Report**
- 13. Floating Shelter Report**
- 14. Overseas Mission Report**
- 15. Electoral Roll Report**
- 16. Community Work**
- 17. Food Stop Report**
- 18. Minister's Report**
- 19. Election of PCC members – instruction to new PCC members, date of meeting 3rd May**
- 20. Election of Sides people**
- 21. Election of CTSA Representatives**
- 22. Election of Deanery Synod Representative for 3 years**
- 23. Appointment of Independent Examiner**
- 24. Minister's Address**
- 25. AOB (notified ahead)**
- 26. Closing Prayer & blessing**

Appendix 1 – Report to Charities Commission on Public Benefits

Appendix 2 – Annual Accounts for 2023

Item 2: Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St Francis Church, held on 23rd April 2023 at 12 noon in the church.

Twenty people attended in person and two online.

Opening Prayer

Rev Peter Wyatt opened the meeting in prayer.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Election of Wardens and assistant Wardens

Peter expressed our gratitude to Yemi Oseni for serving as Warden for 6 years. David Huntley is handing over his fabric responsibilities and Peter expressed our gratitude to him for his many years of service in this area. Both Jimmy Wavamunno and Roger Pearson were elected as our Wardens. Geoff Okeke, Steph Waddell & Richard Uregha have been appointed as assistant Wardens.

Annual General Meeting

Apologies for absence

None mentioned.

Minutes of last year's meeting

Approved and accepted.

Matters arising

None.

Finance report.

The headline was that there was a surplus on general fund of £6412.51. Around 6K was made from hall hire. Our diocesan quota was paid in full. Sarah Burne is stepping down as Treasurer and we thank her for her service and Sarah Omoreme-Richard will take over from her with our thanks. The accounts were approved by the meeting.

Churchwarden's report – no questions raised.
Fabric committee report – no questions raised.
Social Committee – no questions raised.
Pastoral care report – no questions raised.
Deanery Synod report – no questions raised.
Children's work report – no questions raised.
Youthwork report – no questions raised.
Safeguarding report – no questions raised.
Churches Together report – no questions raised.
Floating Shelter for the Homeless report – no questions raised.
Overseas Mission report – no questions raised.
Electoral Roll report – no questions raised.
Community work report – no questions raised.
Food Stop report – no questions raised.
Minister's report – no questions raised.

Election of PCC members

5 people have put their name forward – Gayle Costello, Anne Beinomugisha, Alex Kubeyinje, Ola Quadri & Richard Uregha, and they were accepted.

Election of Sides people

Lincoln Smith, Melva McIntosh, Sam Pearson, Anne Beinomugisha, Jimmy Wavamunno, Roger Pearson, Morgan Pearson, Shaun Lightman, Pamela Joseph, Moriam Oseni, Fola Oloniyo – they were accepted.
Margaret Mowll has come off this duty as she finds it hard to stand.

Election of CTSA representative

Olu Akitoye & Gay Costello – they were accepted.

Election of Deanery Synod Representatives

Stephanie Waddell & Carol Edwards - they were accepted.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

We agreed to appoint to independent examiner, Mrs Chaweevan Williams of Verdant Accountants.

Minister Address & Questions

We are pleased to welcome new members. Thanks to volunteers from other churches for their help at the Food Stop.

We are putting in a new 5-year bid to the National Lottery – we have got through the first and second round so are waiting for it to go to the panel for a yes – we should hear by the middle of May and Peter asked us to pray for this.

Record number of baptisms and some of them have become regular attendees. It seems attendance has finally recovered post pandemic as the numbers are equivalent to before the pandemic. Aim for the next year is for the two "flocks" (Sunday and weekday) to become one. Lunches have been a tactic used to bring the two communities together. There were no questions.

AOB - Geoffrey suggested that could return to having some services concentrated on worship.

Michelle expressed her thanks to Carol Edwards for the work she does behind the scenes. New PCC members must do the online safeguarding training and a DBS check. Peter has decided that if PCC members miss 3 meetings in a row without a reasonable excuse, they are considered to have resigned. Steve expressed his thanks to Peter Wyatt.

AOB

Prayer

The meeting closed with the grace at 1.07pm

Item 4: Finance Report

Financial Highlights for 2023

General Fund Surplus £10,340.76

- One off expenditure of Admin and Finance Laptop and Phones £747.99
- One off expenditure of speakers & streaming PC £1,071
- Received a legacy donation of £5,000 in 2 lots (£3,000 & £2,000), PCC agreed £3,500 should go to Youth work and £1,500 to Men's Shed
- Utilities we received a credit of £119 when we switched to smartest energy. Foodstop & Community Worker Fund pay collectively £3,320 toward utilities cost. Utility costs to general fund was £2,266.
- No major repairs or redecoration to Church in 2023
- Cleaning costs of £136 are allocated to Foodstop & Community Fund collectively. General fund was £2,785.
- Mission & Evangelism cost decreased by (£439) compared to 2022.
- No change in quota, however we have increased our quota by £1500 for 2024.
- Overall expenditure increased by £6,559 compared to 2022.
- Increase in standing orders tax efficient giving of £3,330 compared to 2022, some members left the church, however new members were more than the ones that left causing an increase 2023.
- Light House Hall hire was an increase of £2,199 compared to 2022.
- Afterschool hall hire was an increase of £500 compared to 2022.
- Sum up donations was an increase of £1,419 compared to 2022.
- Overall income increased by £10,487 compared to 2022. (donation of £5000)

National Lottery Community Fund - £23,481

- Introduction of New Admin and Finance Person
- Men's Shed program
- Cooking classes

Donation to Missionaries & Charities

- £1,000 CCAT
- £1,000 Priscilla
- £1,000 Mahbuba

The full set of Financial Accounts 2023 for the church are set out in Appendix 2 at the end of this Annual Report

Item 5: Churchwardens' Report

We have a positive vibrant and growing Church with an excellent employed team and a strong and supportive congregation and tireless volunteers!

We are doing great things to enact our faith and mission, such as:
Excellent prayer groups, deliverance prayers, bereavement prayers, marriages, baptisms, cafe church, home visiting and one to one support from Reverend Peter Wyatt, Carol Edwards, Michelle Wyatt, and the pastoral team.

There are ongoing improvements through most notably the bicycle shade, Men shade, garden beds and other refurbishment improvements.

Collectively we are doing great things, we have a new and exciting website in the making and live streaming services which need to be simplified especially replacing our legacy mixing console with a new updated digital mixing console to make it easy for volunteers and church members to run and in line with the latest technologies.

The PCC have agreed that we will consider and deliver a programme to reduce especially energy costs, review the efficiency of how we use and heat buildings, and continue to seek resources and improvements, carbon efficiency in line the wider church carbon footprint and net zero mission.

We will also carefully review all that we do and ensure that energy costs and associated expenditures are focussed on activities and services which are core to our Mission and have clear benefits.

We have made such unbelievable progress over a few years and continue to be committed to make a statement to the community and help prepare us for continuing to show strong service.

It is clear that collectively we are doing better. We will look to campaign and offer support on how to sign up or increase contributions through regular gift aid donations, through the collection box, PDQ machine or when watching on-line and the website.

Reminders in our notice boards and on website about the challenges we face, and that any contribution will greatly help and appreciated.

Thanking all volunteers and well wishes who spare valuable time and skill to help with the day to running of the church, food stop, community outreach centre and youth groups.

When people pray coincidences happen! Keep praying everyone. It is hugely moving for the PCC and the management team to know we are being prayed for during what extremely difficult cost of living times and challenging social and economic times are.

Jimmy Wavamunno

Item 6: Maintenance Report

The last 12 months has not seen any major work done at St Francis, but that does not mean we haven't been busy with the usual upkeep that needs to be done regularly.

We have spent time cutting the grass, trimming bushes and plants around the site. We have had large groups of volunteers in who cleared the site for the mans shed and removed some hedges.

We also laid the electrics for the men's shed by digging a trench across the back garden.

This year has seen us tackle some blocked drains, blocked toilets, showers and sinks in both the church and the Light House.

We also had the guttering cleared as well as all the down pipe drainage.
As always, a huge thanks to all the helping hands over the last year

Roger Pearson

Item 7: Pastoral Care Report

I thank God that despite my bus fall inside the moving bus and the after mat and various challenges I went through God granted me the favour to be able write the report. As inactive member of Churches Together and several courses and get togethers when it is held in the daytime as I find meetings during the evening or night very challenging, even Mother Union meetings. Thank God there are others who have the same challenges.

I visited some of our members and some have gone to rest with the Lord. I called on Elma at the home, Newton at home, Mr Aston in hospital, Cissy Blake in hospital although she did not recognise me. I spoke to Roger and asked him to pass my message to Stella before she went to rest with the Lord.

I rang Eileen but met her absence before Roy went to rest with the Lord. Have since spoken to her several times. I rang Ruth visited her in hospital and rang David several times. I called on Geoffrey's wife when she lost her mother in Nigeria.

I paid Dorothy Luck several visits and called on her at home. I attended Pam White's funeral and two other members funerals. I attended the various Bible course led with Churches Together led by Fr Younis at St John Church Selsdon - 5 weeks in October 2023 on the review of the Bible and 5 weeks in February 2025. I prayed with some members as well as carrying out my duties as lay minister - leading, preaching, prayers, and prayer and healing service. I'm a volunteer welcomer at Southwark Cathedral, Voluntary Chaplain at St Evalina at St Thomas Hospital. I am a Mothers Union member.

Olu Akitoye

Item 8: Deanery Synod Report

There are four Deanery meetings each year, chaired by Rev Debbie Forman, the Area Dean. After the business meetings there are talks which are open to everyone. These meetings are intended to provide ways to share time together, to develop ideas and to support each other in all that we do.

They include feedback notes from the most recent Diocesan Synod and General Synod meetings, which this year included the continuation of the Living in Love and Faith process; a move towards independent safeguarding in the Church of England; and with particular interest to us at St. Francis – a commitment to focus more effort and money on estates ministry.

At the last Deanery meeting, we had Carol Coslett from the diocese talking about Lay Ministry, which Bishop Christopher has said he wants to increase, make younger and more diverse. There are taster sessions on zoom for those who are interested in exploring that run every other month.

Item 9: Children's Work Coordinator's Report

Last year I thanked God for an increase in the number of children we have. The numbers have increased again! So, praise the Lord again with me! It was rather tricky to run a group for all ages 11 and under but we now have 2 groups again.

Bubbles (school year 2 and under) and Splash (school years 3-6). We would not have been able to do this without Sarah B, Sophia, Channel, Fola and Temi offering to help. So, a big thank you to them and to Jemimah, Daisy, Anne, Sharon, and Steve for their continued support.

We could do with some more people on our team, to lead, help with the groups and to give one to one support for some children. So, if you think this is up your street or want a challenge please talk to me. We also would really appreciate help clearing up and putting the chairs away after church.

We mainly use Urban Saints Energise to teach the children. We have this year taught a series on Christian commitments (e.g. worship, evangelism, giving), identity as children of God and we have nearly finished a series on the Life of Jesus. We also do one off teaching sessions related to the calendar year e.g. Mother's Day and Pentecost. Sometimes we give the children 'take home' sheets. We hope you parents enjoy doing these with the children.

Every Sunday we aim to have fun, to pray, to learn about and get to know Jesus better – just like adult church really!

Michelle Wyatt

Item 10: Youth Work Report - Youth Action for Monks Hill 2023

Our Youth Action for Monks Hill project continues to provide free and accessible activities and support for young people on Monks Hill. Our three main activities continue to be:

- Monks Hill Youth Club – 6.30-8pm on Thursday evenings for 11–16-year-olds
- Monks Hill Football Academy – 2.30-4pm on Sunday afternoons for school years 5-9
- Mentoring – 3 students are mentored in Quest Academy each week.

Monks Hill Youth Club is firmly re-established in its new home at The Light House and remains popular among the regular attendees. It is currently in a season of change, with new volunteers on the staff team, older members nearing the age limit, and newer younger faces joining; but has maintained a consistent base of fun and safety for all the young people who attend. Cooking and crafts continue to be popular, particularly among the regular attendees, as is the table tennis table; and we have expanded our offering with new games/resources, and more off-site trips, including a highlight trip to Flip Out Croydon.

Monks Hill Football Academy is in the healthiest state it has ever been, with average attendance at a record high, and a large number of them there every single week! We have continued to offer matches and competitions on a more regular basis, with the annual Kick London tournament again a highlight. We have also begun to introduce some off-site trips too, such as bowling and mini-golf, and have really begun to have significant relationships with parents/carers too. Mentoring continues to offer a valuable 1-2-1 support for young people, and allows for intimate and personal support to be given.

The young people really benefit from having a safe space to talk with an adult they trust, and really appreciate having their voices heard, with the last 12 months having included a wide and diverse range of need and support. Moving forward we expect both groups to continue to adapt and grow and hope to secure more funding to maintain our offering, and to successfully appoint a new Youth Worker upon Jonathon's departure.

At Church, there is a similar feeling of change and new life! Despite seeing a significant portion of young people leave as they have entered into adulthood; average attendance is incredibly healthy! Whilst there has been a new dynamic as the group adjusts to lots of different faces, there have been some great moments of Spiritual growth along the way.

Summer Camp was again a hugely popular event and saw us take 18 young people with us, another record for the third year in a row! The young people enjoyed a great week of games, sports, activities, and fellowship, as well as worship, talks, seminars, and prayers. There was a real presence of the Holy Spirit among the place throughout the week, and it was clearly felt by our young people there! Off the back of the camp, we have seen the exciting development of the young people led Healing Service, taking place on a Sunday evening on a termly basis. This has been an incredible experience to witness, with the hope that this will only continue to grow in the future as the young people become more confident.

Food for Body and Soul is now a very different looking group, with most previous members having now moved on. The group functions on a much smaller scale but has quickly established a close-knit relationship. We have continued to mix up between cooking/games and off-site events, whilst continuing to allow for deep discussions.

We have continued to stay in contact with all those who have left and moved on to university and offer them support in the next venture and meet up with them when they are back in the area. And for those who have stayed in the area, we have now formed a new Young Adult Group which meets on a monthly basis for fellowship, prayers together, and general support and encouragement, with a hope that this will evolve into something much bigger in the future!

A huge thank you to all those who support the work.

Jonathon Canning

Item 11: Safeguarding Vulnerable Children and Adults Report

At St Francis church, our culture has always been that the safety and well-being of all people, especially children and vulnerable adults, is taken seriously. This year we have continued to hold ourselves to that high standard and to prioritise safeguarding 'Due Regard', confidentiality and data protection.

Jemimah Burns who was overseeing our DBS applications and clearance process decided to step down from this roll. We are very grateful for Jemimah's hard work and commitment to this role and all the time she gave to it. We are fortunate that the Diocese accepted Jimmy Wavamunno to take on this role and fully facilitated me alongside my role as Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Also, this year, we are going to put a notice board in church, website, and online output, with names, contacts, and links to help the congregation identify the team if they need to talk to us about any issues.

We continue to follow correct "Promoting a Safer Church" procedure and policy so that all people are recruited to teams and roles using the official 'Safer Recruitment' procedures. This year we have obtained over 10 enhanced new DBS reports and certificates.

We are grateful for people who volunteer on our various teams, community outreach groups, youth groups, church, and PCC. They all have a firm commitment to a safe culture and one way they show this is in their willingness to undertake the appropriate training in which they have been helpful, quick and responsive.

This year we have 5 people who have successfully completed Safeguarding leadership training, over 10 people for the Basic Safeguarding Awareness C0 and C1, Foundation Level online training, three who have successfully completed the Domestic Abuse safeguarding training.

We are continuing to use the national Safeguarding Dashboard and we are finding it very helpful for tracking our progress, helping with reports, and identifying areas to work on.

There were no formal safeguarding incidents in 2023. We are grateful to the Diocesan Safeguarding advisors who are always helpful with all queries we have and guidance we require.

Jimmy Wavamunno, Parish Safeguarding officer.

Item 12: Churches Together Selsdon and Addington (CTSA) Report

Churches Together Selsdon and Addington (CTSA) Report Churches Together exists to witness to Christian unity in Selsdon and Addington, through combined activities including key events such as United services on Good Friday with a Walk of Witness following the Cross through Selsdon, in the week of Prayer for Christian Unity and recently also for Pentecost.

Lent courses offer the opportunity to mix and discuss with Christians from other denominations and this year explored Discipleship. Everyone is welcome on our family rambles in each season except winter, which offer the opportunity to walk, chat and share lunch together.

In September the Quiet morning is an opportunity to take a break for a mini retreat.

At Christmas, we sing Christmas Carols for the community at Sainsbury's.

Gayle Costello

Item 13: Floating Shelter for the Homeless Report

Together with Jubilee church we made sandwiches which we delivered with other items to Night watch every Wednesday evening in November and December.

A big thank you to Stan, Val, and Karen in particular for helping with this. CCFS will have an AGM in May – this is likely to be the last one. A floating shelter has not actually been provided since COVID.

If you are able to help, make sandwiches, provide items for the packed lunches, or pick up and deliver please let me know.

Michelle Wyatt

Item 14: Overseas Mission Report

Currently we support two overseas Missions, and also CCAT locally: -

1. Dima and Mahbuba are ministering to children in Tajikistan, a west-Asian country relating to Russia. Sadly, Dima passed away in 2023, leaving Mahbuba in charge of the work. In the UK they are part of Scripture Union.

2. Croydon Co-operation Against Trafficking (CCAT).

This organisation helps the police and other agencies (including several churches) to help young girls forced into prostitution, to extract themselves from gangs and be rehabilitated - and helped to find jobs in homes or with 'safe' employers. Many other Croydon churches help CCAT financially and welcome the girls to worship and to join 'safe' social activities.

3. OMF International

Via OMF we support Miss Priscilla Ng, a UK-born Chinese who is located in a major city in the Far East. She teaches English to local students at a university and runs an English Corner where she is able to share her faith.

Our Missionary support therefore amounts to at least £3000/year.

David Huntley

Item 15: Electoral Roll Report

The roll has 10 additions and 14 deletions, so the total on the roll stands at 72.

Gay Costello

Item 16: Community Work Report

Community lunch

The community lunch has been up and running since September 2023 this replaced the old coffee/breakfast morning. This has been a fantastic addition to the community work at St Francis bringing in lots of new faces and really joining the church community and the local community together.

We have eaten foods from around the world, trying foods that we don't usually eat, and I think most of it has been successful!

In the first 7 months of running we have seen sixty-three different people, some of those becoming regulars and building strong friendships within the group, we average twenty-seven people a month with at least twenty-two of those attending weekly.

Over the last year we have had multiple whole church/community lunches such as the Christmas lunch these are very well attended, and I hope that we can continue these in the next 12 months.

Men's Shed

This launched successfully on February 17th, 2024. We have had twenty-seven people engage with the project since its launch with seventeen of those attending multiple sessions. The men's shed has been busy building our raised beds for the gardening project as I'm sure many of you have spotted. These have now been planted by members of the food stop and I am excited to taste the first veg grown here at St Francis.

Volunteers

Over the last year we have been lucky to have so many volunteers, our regular volunteers that without our projects could not run right through to large groups of volunteers from a Croydon based business. These volunteers have allowed us to do jobs that we do not have time for on a day-to-day basis such as deep cleaning and date checking the Food stop, sorting out the lofts and clearing out garages.

Outreach work

I continue to support people on a one-to-one basis away from the groups as well as within the normal group setting, this work can be varied from week to week. Sometimes it's just a chat with somebody who is struggling or help with forms and appointments.

Hall hire

After a long break in hall hires, we are not taking bookings again but in shorter hours, now that the weather is improving, we are beginning to get more frequent bookings and we are heading into the busy period for hall hires.

Sam Pearson

Item 17: Food Stop Report

For those who don't know:

Food Stop started in October 2019. 'Food stop' is like a food bank but we ask for £4 towards the cost of the food and members receive over £20 food and a non-food item such as shampoo or washing up liquid.

People choose what they have, rather than being given a standard bag of food. Everyone can have fruit, veg and some meat/veggie alternative and dairy as well as ambient food.

The shop is open every Friday morning until 12.30 pm and on Thursdays we organise the shop, buy any food that is needed and deliver to people who cannot come to the shop due to mental or physical health reasons. Every week we collect some fresh food from Waitrose and Coop.

Every other Wednesday we collect tinned and dried food from Purley Food hub. So, you can see it takes up a lot of man hours.

Our food stop is open to anyone locally who has 'more month than money' so if that is you, please put your pride in your pocket and come along to the food stop. And if you have food, toiletries or domestic products in your home which you are never going to use but are in date we can probably find a home for them! We have been given food and monetary support by many individuals and groups, (Purley Food Hub in particular) for which we are very grateful.

Our local councillor, police, tenancy officer visit us regularly and once a month our members can get a free haircut from Haleh.

We usually have second hand clothes and sometimes household items available. There is always a free simple help yourself breakfast, lovely tea, and coffee and usually you can play a game of pool.

The lowest number of households we have supported since last AGM was 32 and the most was 54. We average about 44 households. Some households are very large and some small so if you times 44 by 4 you will get some idea of how many individuals, we support each week. We seek to be friendly and supportive, showing the love of Christ to those around us.

Michelle Wyatt

Item 18: Minister's Report

Attendance at church has grown in 2023, and we look forward to further increases, although we must never be complacent. Financially we have met all our obligations and continue to grow our offer. Our God is faithful, and we came through this year with optimism and vision for the future.

Highlights: There were many highlights in 2023, including:

- Growing congregation
- Growing community work – being awarded £223k for 5 years to secure our community work
- Praise Worship service, African style in November 2023
- Celebrations of the Kings Coronation
- Starting new Sunday school class
- Summer camp with the youth
- Youth services

Mission Action Planning

These are our vision areas and I include a highlight for each one:

- Working together – we are very grateful to have some more admin support. Sarah Richard has taken over as treasurer and now does the notices, APCM reports and church directory as well. Penny Goswell is now doing Easy worship, the website, and social media. All of these are helping immensely.
- A Church full of people – numbers are one the up with new families joining us in 2023.
- Finding healing – we have continued our healing services every term and offer prayer ministry at the end of every service, where we have seen some important 'matches' to prophetic words given out. We are also excited that the young people have led two youth services where we offered healing ministry.
- Praising God –Thank you to Paul Waddell, and the Harding family for ably leading the musical side of worship – and we were pleased to welcome Elaena on the keyboard. Also thank you to Joel and Deborah who continue to excel at the keyboard, with Richard and Ben on drums. We have been fortunate to have the services of Michael Sackey on occasions. We would welcome more talent, especially as Joel and Ben are mostly away at uni – particularly keyboard and a bass player would be fantastic!

- Transforming lives in the community – this has maintained its impact with 50 families now attending the Food Stop every week, and the community lunch is a new innovation with 15-35 attending. I always say we now have two “flocks” – the church and the community, and we try to support both in practical, spiritual, and emotional ways. I am pleased to say that more than 15 from the Food Stop now attend church, at least occasionally. More volunteers are always appreciated, both to offer support and do practical jobs. We have also begun two new projects – Men’s shed and a Vegetable Garden.

Other Areas

Cadets

I continue to do “padre’s hour” at 66 squadron Air Training Corps, Mitcham Rd, encouraging spiritual interest amongst the cadets, mostly online. We are grateful for their support at various events.

Thanks

Thank you to Jimmy and Roger our wardens; to all on the PCC, especially those stepping down this year; all who run the Kids Hour who work incredibly hard to teach our children; to Jonathon, and the youth; to our pianist Deborah; the coffee morning; prayers, readers, wardens and musicians and social committee; house group leaders and helpers; sound and PA and not forgetting maintenance of the premises!

I would also like to thank Olu and Steve our readers, and our clergy David for his great help and support in the time I’ve been here. Finally thank to Sam for all the lunches and events, and Roger for being proactive in maintaining our increasing facilities and all they do for our church and community; and to Paul Conde and Jimmy for keeping the grass in trim.

Peter Wyatt

ST FRANCIS CHURCH, MONKS HILL



We are a church and provide to the local community all the Christian services and events set out in the attached annual report which we believe are in themselves a public benefit in promoting a strong and healthy community on the Monks Hill estate where we are located. For the purpose of reporting on general public benefits to the charity commission we would specifically highlight the following items: -

- Running a Food Stop which helps feed those in need and enables them to access relevant council services.
- We provide youth services to the estate including a mentoring programme for young people, running a youth club, and providing with Kick London a regular programme of football for children on the estate. We have also formed a band and given young people experience with playing the keyboard, brass instruments, drums, acoustic and electric bass guitar. We believe this provision of youth services by our church is of public benefit in helping young people and giving them positive things to do. We believe this Youth work is of public benefit.
- Our premises are used for weekly community lunch which promote a sense of community and help combat loneliness. Both uses are of clear public benefit.
- We host four sessions of Pilates per week.
- Our premises can be (and are) hired by the public for parties and other special occasions and we believe such a use of our premises is of public benefit in promoting a strong sense of community feeling.
- The Monks Hill Community Association carries out activities based at our church such as quizzes and craft events. Our premises are also used for big community events like a Kings Coronation party and a Christmas Event, and we believe these bigger community events are of public benefit in promoting a strong sense of community on Monks Hill.

We opened in 2021 a new church hall cum community centre which provides far better facilities for community events and services to the Monks Hill community and so we expect the list of public benefits provided by the church to increase over time. We use our website and Facebook to promote the services we provide to Monks Hill to generate a strong sense of community on the Monks Hill estate.

ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Current assets			
	Z05: Accounts Receivable	-	£6,485.21
	Z06: CAF Cash Account	£2,490.57	£7,170.14
	Z07: CAF Bank Gold	£67,855.42	£59,313.12
	Z08: CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	£20,873.87	£20,225.65
	Z09: Community Account	-	-
	Z10: Business Saver Account	-	-
	Z11: Petty Cash	£30.00	£30.00
	Z12: Melton Mowbray Building Society	£1,105.48	£1,102.71
	Z13: Natwest Account	£1.05	£4,298.71
	Total Current assets	£92,356.39	£98,625.54
Liabilities			
	Z04: Accounts Payable	(£184.93)	£1,575.62
	Total Liabilities	(£184.93)	£1,575.62
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	£92,541.32	£97,049.92
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	(£4,508.60)	£44,381.79
	Z01: Starting balances	£97,049.92	£52,668.13
	Total Reserves	£92,541.32	£97,049.92

Represented by Funds		
General (Unrestricted)	£42,611.78	£32,271.02
Restricted	£49,929.54	£64,778.90
Total	£92,541.32	£97,049.92

ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
0101 - Cash collection	£1,063.38	-	-	£1,063.38	£287.59
0102 - Tax Efficient Planned Giving	£26,512.00	-	£620.00	£27,132.00	£24,142.00
0103 - Other Planned Giving	£698.00	-	£420.00	£1,118.00	£725.00
0104 - Tax Recovered Through Gift Aid	£6,016.76	-	-	£6,016.76	£6,485.21
0106 - All <u>Non Recurring</u> Giving Non GA	£1,723.20	-	£3,845.00	£5,568.20	£1,870.06
0107 - All Other Recurring Giving <u>Non GA</u>	-	-	-	-	£167.00
0108 - All Other Recurring Gift Aided Yellow Enve	£575.90	-	-	£575.90	£1,240.01
0116 - All <u>Non Recurring</u> Gift Aided Yellow Enve	£41.00	-	£500.00	£541.00	£200.00
0117 - PCC Fees	£527.00	-	-	£527.00	£127.00
0119 - <u>Sumup</u> Donations	£2,052.76	-	-	£2,052.76	£633.68
0121 - <u>Mens</u> Shed Income	-	-	-	-	-
0110 - Fund Raising	£913.55	-	-	£913.55	£574.45
0111 - Fund Raising Just Giving	-	-	£50.00	£50.00	£35.44
0118 - <u>FoodStop</u> Sales	-	-	£6,779.66	£6,779.66	£3,101.21
0109 - Interest	£1,849.67	-	-	£1,849.67	£559.84
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	£41,973.22	-	£12,214.66	£54,187.88	£40,148.49
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	-	-	-	-	-
Other incoming resources					
0105 - Recurring Grants	-	-	£44,121.00	£44,121.00	£30,604.77
0112 - Hall Hire General	(£244.00)	-	-	(£244.00)	£200.00
0113 - Hall Hire- Nursery	£2,600.00	-	-	£2,600.00	£2,100.00
0114 - Other Income	£579.56	-	-	£579.56	-
0115 - <u>Non Recurring</u> Grants	£100.00	-	£19,750.00	£19,850.00	£35,949.53
0120 - Hall Hire - The Lighthouse	£9,851.79	-	(£200.00)	£9,651.79	£7,653.24
Other incoming resources Totals	£12,887.35	-	£63,671.00	£76,558.35	£76,507.54
Incoming resources Grand totals	£54,860.57	-	£75,885.66	£130,746.23	£116,656.03

ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023



	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds					
0203 - Parish Quota	£24,500.03	-	-	£24,500.03	£24,000.00
0207 - Utilities	£2,266.11	-	£3,320.00	£5,586.11	£6,329.39
0208 - Staff Expenses	£670.11	-	£234.20	£904.31	£593.15
0209 - Youth & Childrens Work	£437.70	-	-	£437.70	£429.67
0210 - Building Fund Expenses	-	-	£1,196.61	£1,196.61	£12,425.52
0211 - Youth Worker Salary	-	-	£24,317.44	£24,317.44	£22,058.51
0212 - Mission & Evangelism	£701.89	-	£1,611.80	£2,313.69	£1,748.41
0213 - Minor Repairs Maintenance & Equipment	£3,758.77	-	£7,454.39	£11,213.16	£8,990.82
					Total
	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
0214 - Major Repairs & Redecoration to Church	-	-	-	-	-
0215 - Major Repairs to Hall/Other PCC Property	-	-	-	-	-
0216 - Printing, Postage, Stationery	£207.92	-	£820.80	£1,028.72	£890.40
0217 - Sundry Expenses	£995.39	-	£26.99	£1,022.38	£436.50
0218 - Cleaning	£2,784.61	-	£135.75	£2,920.36	£2,876.63
0219 - Services expenditure	£3,703.94	-	-	£3,703.94	£646.13
0220 - Insurance	-	-	-	-	£2,261.75
0222 - Community Worker Salary	£232.02	-	£24,873.24	£25,105.26	£22,709.62
0224 - Waste Collection	£265.34	-	£520.32	£785.66	-
0201 - Cost of Generating Funds	£395.98	-	-	£395.98	(£544.13)
0204 - Fund Raising Activities Building Fund	-	-	-	-	-
0221 - Food/Shop Expenditure	-	-	£14,984.93	£14,984.93	£10,302.78
0226 - Youth Worker Expenditure	-	-	£629.68	£629.68	-
0227 - Community Worker Expenditure	-	-	£396.25	£396.25	-
0228 - Finance & Admin Salary	-	-	£2,658.99	£2,658.99	-
Cost of generating funds Totals	£40,919.81	-	£83,181.39	£124,101.20	£116,155.15
Charitable activities					
0202 - Overseas Mission & Relief	£2,000.00	-	-	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
0205 - Uk Mission & Relief	£1,000.00	-	-	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Charitable activities Totals	£3,000.00	-	-	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
Governance costs					
0223 - Governance Cost	£600.00	-	-	£600.00	£500.00
Governance costs Totals	£600.00	-	-	£600.00	£500.00
Other resources used					
0225 - Men's Shed Expenditure	-	-	£7,553.63	£7,553.63	-
Other resources used Totals	-	-	£7,553.63	£7,553.63	-
Resources used Grand totals	£44,519.81	-	£90,735.02	£135,254.83	£119,655.15

ST FRANCIS CHURCH
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
Buildfund - Building fund	£6,464.65	£50.00	£5,330.61	-	-	-	£1,184.04
CHall - Community/Hall Organiser	£10,735.43	£35,781.00	£41,570.68	-	-	-	£4,945.75
Drbike - Dr Bike	£0.38	-	-	-	-	-	£0.38
Mund - Mssion Fund	£150.23	-	-	-	-	-	£150.23
Muninon - Mothers Union	£0.65	-	-	-	-	-	£0.65
RA- Residents - Food stop	£20,782.85	£17,044.66	£17,274.81	-	-	-	£20,552.70
Shfund - Sharing Fund	£4,484.00	£260.00	£1,611.80	-	-	-	£3,132.20
YWork - Youth Worker	£22,160.71	£22,750.00	£24,947.12	-	-	-	£19,963.59
General - General fund	£32,271.02	£54,860.57	£44,519.81	-	-	-	£42,611.78
Totals	£97,049.92	£130,746.23	£135,254.83	-	-	-	£92,541.32

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST FRANCIS, SELSDON

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Francis Church

I report to the PCC on my examination of the Financial Statements of St Francis Church for the year ended 31st of December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the PCC 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 St Francis 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

Where the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants.

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 PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.
3. the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulation 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of 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: Chaweevan Williams FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
Verdant Accountants Ltd
167 Clarence Avenue
New Malden
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Date:

Accounts

St. Francis Church, Monks Hill



**Annual Report & Financial Statements and Statement of Public Benefits of the
PCC
for the year ended December, 2022**

April, 2023

St Francis Church, Monks Hill

Agenda for Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Opening Prayer

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

- 1. Election of Church Wardens**
- 2. Appointment of Assistant Wardens**
- 3. Thanks**

Annual General Meeting

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting**
- 3. Matters Arising**
- 4. Finance Report**
- 5. Church Wardens' Report**
- 6. Fabric Report**
- 7. Social Report**
- 8. Pastoral Care Report**
- 9. Deanery Synod Report**
- 10. Children's Work Report**
- 11. Youth Work Report**
- 12. Safeguarding vulnerable children and adults report**
- 13. Churches Together Report**
- 14. Floating Shelter Report**
- 15. Overseas Mission Report**
- 16. Electoral Roll Report**
- 17. Community Work**
- 18. Food Stop Report**
- 19. Minister's Report**
- 20. Election of PCC members – instruction to new PCC members, date of meeting 3rd May**
- 21. Election of Sides people**
- 22. Election of CTSA Representatives**
- 23. Election of Deanery Synod Representative for 3 years**
- 24. Appointment of Independent Examiner**
- 25. Minister's Address**
- 26. AOB (notified ahead)**
- 27. Closing Prayer & blessing**

Appendix 1 – Report to Charities Commission on Public Benefits

Appendix 2 – Annual Accounts for 2022

Item 2: Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St Francis Church, held on 24th April 2022 at 12noon in the church.

There were a total of 17 people attending, with 15 people present in church and two people present by zoom.

The Meeting opened in prayer by Rev Peter.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Item1. Election of Church Wardens

Jimmy Wavamunno and Yemi Oseni were unanimously appointed as Church Wardens.

Item 2. Appointment of Assistant Wardens

Geoff Okeke was unanimously appointed as Assistant Church Warden assisted by Steph Waddell, and Roger Pearson. They were unanimously appointed. Peter thanked them.

Annual General Meeting

Item 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Paul & Steph Wardell, Geoff Okeke, Yemi Oseni and Sarah Burne.

Item 2. Minutes of previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The minutes of last year's meeting were unanimously approved subject to the correction of deleting Sam Pearson as Assistant Warden and correcting of typo to "is" instead of "in" under David's question on the Finance Report.

Item3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from last year's minutes.

Item 4. Finance Report (see attached)

Sarah Burne Church Treasurer was unable to attend.

The Report was taken as read but Rev Peter highlighted that in spite of a difficult financial year the congregation had reduced the predicted deficit to only £81. Also, it was reported the Lighthouse is now contributing important rental revenue. However, the Lighthouse also increases church expenditure particularly energy costs which are going up.

After discussion it was agreed that in September, the PCC should review the rental charge for hiring out the Lighthouse.

The Annual Accounts for 2021 were approved unanimously.

Item 5. Church Wardens Reports (see attached)

The report was taken as read. There were no questions.

Item 6. Fabric Report (see attached)

David Huntley gave a summary of the report. There were no questions.

Item 7. Social Report (see attached)

The report was taken as read. There were no questions.

Item 8. Pastoral Care Report (see attached)

The report was taken as read. There were no questions.

Item 9. Deanery Synod Report (see attached)

The report was taken as read. There were no questions.

Item 10. Children's Work Coordinator Report (see attached)

The report was taken as read. There were no questions.

Item 11. Youth Work Report – Youth Action for Monks Hill 2022 (see attached)

The report was taken as read. There were no questions.

Item 12. Safeguarding Vulnerable Children and Adults Report(see attached)

The report was taken as read. There were no questions.

Item 13. Churches Together Selsdon and Addington (CTSA) Report (see attached)

The report was taken as read. There were no questions.

Item 14. Floating Shelter for the Homeless Report

See Community Report Item 17.

Item 15. Overseas Mission Report (see attached)

The report was taken as read. There were no questions.

Item 16. Electoral Roll Report

With a late addition corrected at the meeting, the total on the roll now stands at 69, 5 more than last year.

Item 17. Community Work Report Report (see attached)

The report was taken as read. There were no questions.

Item 18. Food Stop Report (see attached)

The report was taken as read. There were no questions.

Item 19. Ministers Report (see attached)

The report was taken as read. There were no questions.

Item 20. Election of PCC members

There was one vacancy and one candidate Sarah Omoreme-Richard who had been proposed by Steve Thomas and seconded by Paul Waddell. Sarah was unanimously elected.

Item 21. Election of Sides People

The following current Sides People were re-elected: Margaret Mowll, Lincoln Smith, Melva McIntosh, Sam Pearson, Anne Beinomugisha, Jimmy Wavamunno as well as new ones – Morgan Pearson, Shaun Lightman, Pamela Joseph and Moriam Oseni.

Item 22. Election of CTSA Representative

Gay Costello and Olu Akitoye were unanimously re- elected.

Item 23. Election of Deanery Synod Representative for 3 years

Gay Costello was unanimously re-elected.

Item 24. Appointment of Independent Examiner

The independent examiner was to be decided between Sarah Burne and Peter Wyatt.

Item 25. Ministers Address and Questions

Peter gave particular thanks to Carol Edwards and Olu Akitoye for their pastoral work and he spoke of the treasure and reward in relationships.

Peter thanked Jemimah Barnes for her work as church Safeguarding Officer and announced she is standing down and Jimmy Wavamunno has now taken over.

Peter requested help with administration which he said takes up a lot of his time. During discussion it was suggested that perhaps Jonathon Canning's hours could be extended to help with this, if the budget allowed. This had been previously discussed and suggested at a recent PCC meeting but tight church finances had prevented it. It was agreed that this should be again considered.

Peter also requested a clear up team after church meals in the Lighthouse to prevent those preparing food having to clear up as well.

Peter also requested volunteers to help transport elderly people to church.

Peter thanked everyone for their hard work over the past year.

Olu Akitoye thanked Peter for all the work he had carried out over the year. Olu also emphasised the problems of young black children and youths who do not know their ancestral background and highlighted the Church of England black history month that is taking place in the autumn.

Item 26. AOB

There was no other business.

Item 27. Prayer

The meeting was closed in prayer at 1pm

Item 4: Finance Report

Financial Highlights for 2022

General Fund Surplus £6,412.51

- Utilities we received a credit of £4,211.11 for paying incorrect tax rate of 20% instead of 5% covering the period 2019 to 2022. Foodstop & Community Worker Fund pay collectively £4,800 toward utilities cost. Utility costs to general fund was £1,529.39
- No major repairs or redecoration to Church in 2022
- Cleaning costs of £2,218 are allocated to Foodstop & Community Fund
- Mission & Evangelism cost increased by £612 compared to 2021 due to increase in events and costs associated with Café Church
- Increase in insurance costs of £874 compared to 2021
- No change in quota, however we have increased our quota by £500 for 2023
- Overall expenditure decreased by £4,861 compared to 2021
- Increase in standing orders tax efficient giving of £717, however due to members of congregation moving out of area we will see a decrease of (£2,880) in 2023
- Light House Hall hire was an increase of £5,598 compared to 2021
- Afterschool hall hire was a decrease of (£1,150) compared to 2021 and no payments have been received since July 2022
- Sum up donations was a decrease of £103 compared to 2021
- Overall income increased by £1,633 compared to 2021

Donation to Missionaries & Charities

- £1,000 CCAT
- £1,000 Priscilla
- £1,000 Mahbuba

The full set of Financial Accounts 2022 for the church are set out in Appendix 2 at the end of this Annual Report

Item 5: Churchwardens' Report

Services to crafts and story time for children, prayer meetings, PCC meetings and home groups/ bible study groups, Café Church are running as normal service.

Numbers at the Sunday Church have started to increase which is encouraging.

We are continuing to live stream out worship service every Sunday at 10:30am. People can join us at church safely now. I must thank everyone who work behind the scenes and do so much for the church.

The church continues to be used as a Polling Station and the staff were again remarking on the beauty of the building and its very calm ambiance.

The Light House Hall has been heavily used by many different groups with a prospect of good financial gain. The heating bills are still high in this current financial crisis, and we have made small changes by switching off the main lights in the Church Hall during services only when needed if it seems dark then few lights will be switch on.

Thank you for your support.

Item 6: Fabric Committee Report

This report finds me handing over the fabric and building matters to a well-placed and able person – a great pleasure to work with!

Over the past 12 months, our thinking and action has of course been focusing on the building and equipping The Light House, though the church building still has its own need for fabric etc care.

The history of The Light House started with a long-term sense of need of extra space, coming to completion in early Autumn 2021. It has been rented out in the community, but also provides a welcome on Wed & Fri mornings, as well as for Church functions and lunches.

Some acoustic work has reduced the serious echo, but it remains rather ‘live’ due to the many opposite parallel surfaces. Ideally, these need some further acoustic treatment to absorb echo, especially at certain frequencies. The easiest way of doing this is to make panels ‘stood off the wall’ at about 12 cm. Acoustic tiles made of perforated soft fibreboard are even more effective; these can be ‘own-make’ or bought ‘ready to mount’-- and may be mounted flat on the wall.

The former Dr Bike shed has yet to be relocated. But now that we have willing hands to construct things and fixtures, one suggestion is to make the Dr Bike shed into a workshop; with bench tools that have been offered. Exceptionally we have received excellent electrical help at professional level – from a qualified friend.

The various construction etc work has called for documentation, i.e. architectural drawings etc. The originals of the St Francis Church cannot be found, though the architect’s sketches have been located in Lambeth Palace Library.

The structural drawings for The Light House, have been placed in the Palace Library, (our Wardens also hold a copy). The architectural “as-built” drawings of the Light House are apparently still en-route to us via the architect; when it comes, we can complete the archival requirement for the new building.

The ‘Next Bus Times’ electronically listed on the notice board at the stop, and also in the entrance to The Light House, are much appreciated, especially now that the 359-bus service is less regular and less frequent, but still running to time-table. Many of our Wed and Fri guests use this bus service, as well as a few on a Sunday. Another time of next bus panel in the church = might be appreciated on Sundays?

I’m stepping down now! David Huntley.

Maintenance Report

Over the last 12 months the church has seen some larger work done including the new bin shed and bike stand.

The smaller but just as important jobs that have been done this year have been covered by a few helping hands which are always appreciated. These jobs include some of the following and many more: installing new speakers, changing all the light bulbs in the church, changing the leaking taps in one of the church toilets, fixing doors/ Windows in the light house, new shelving in the light house, cutting pack of the bushes around the church and starting a new path between the vicarage and the small hall.

Over the next 12 months we will be looking to complete this path as well as insulating the food stop garage and looking to paint the inside of the church as the paint work is looking very tired now.

As always if anyone see’s anything that needs a repair or would like to get involved in any of the hands-on work please feel free to talk to me at any point.

Roger Pearson.

David Huntley/Roger Pearson

Item 7: Social Committee Report

See Community Report

Item 8: Pastoral Care Report

I thank God that I was able to visit few members, send emails to a few, ring a few, and send Christmas and Easter cards to members.

I am glad that was able send messages to few members who had relocated. The response has been positive. I observed that a few started coming back to church with their families, some attended the prayer and healing service, to testify to the power of God to heal and to restore. Others testify the power of God, on healing of their ongoing illness. We have one on dialysis whom we have prayed for who celebrated his 90th birthday praise God. Also, we have one person with cancer of colon, and the cancer is receding.

Another with palpitation of the heart, and their heartbeat is now gradually getting slower. We thank God also for one who has mental challenges and is who has now agreed to seek medical help. May his healing be permanent in Jesus. I also visited people in their home and hospice and prayed with them. I thank God for His healing power on me and family. I thank God for an old member who had now started to come to Church and experienced power of God to forgive and restore. We thank God for journey mercies and breakthroughs at work.

Olu Akitoye

Item 9: Deanery Synod Report

There are four Deanery meetings each year, chaired by Rev Debbie Forman the Area Dean. After the business meetings there are talks which are open to everyone. These meetings are intended to provide ways to share time together, to develop ideas and to support each other in all that we do. They include feedback notes from the most recent Diocesan Synod and General Synod meetings.

On 21st February 2022 the topic was, 'The direction and mission of the deanery over the next three years with discussion and 'the opportunity to dream dreams and to think outside the box'. Wednesday 8 June - Nelly Misenga, Southwark Development Officer. Discussion topic – Southwark Together. Monday 17 October, Speaker - Deputy Director of Discipleship and Lay Ministry. Presentation from Dr Michael Brockett, the interim lay ministry advisor. Michael spoke about the variety of affirmed, commissioned, and licensed lay ministries and the training pathways.

There was also a Deanery Pilgrimage in June, walking between all the 14 churches and pausing to pray in each one and a Deanery social in November.

Gay Costello

Item 10: Children's Work Coordinator's Report

This report is just for Splash (11 years and under) – see Jon's report for youth.

It has been wonderful to see the Splash group grow in number. We still vary in numbers from 3 or 4 to 12 children with ages ranging from 2 to 11 years. We meet in the Light House foyer area. We mainly use Urban Saints material (previously Crusaders) which has material that covers this broad age range. From April to June 22, we finished our Life of Jesus series. Since then, we have looked at famous bible characters interjected by teachings related to our church and secular calendar for example teaching about God's love for us on the Sunday after Valentines Day. On the weekend of the King's coronation, we will of course be learning about the King of kings! Each Sunday as leaders we aim to teach one main truth about our Lord and our faith, to pray together and have fun together. We usually have some games and/or craft activity.

This year we have said a sad goodbye to Sarah Springett who has been an adult helper for many years and to Susan who has been a Splash leader for even more years. Thank you both for your faithful and very much appreciated service. If anyone would like to help with Splash, then please let me know.

Michelle Wyatt

Item 11: Youth Work Report - Youth Action for Monks Hill 2022

Our Youth Action for Monks Hill project continues to provide free and accessible activities and support for young people on Monks Hill. Our three main activities continue to be:

- Monks Hill Youth Club – 6.30-8pm on Thursday evenings for 11–16-year-olds
- Monks Hill Football Academy – 2.30-4pm on Sunday afternoons for school years 5-9
- Mentoring – 3 students are mentored in Quest Academy each week.

Monks Hill Youth Club continues to be popular, with regular attendees ever present each week. We did unfortunately lose access to the Sports Centre, which has seen a reduction in average attendance. We now meet at The Light House and have enjoyed taking advantage of the new cooking facilities there and continue to provide a stable offering to our young people. Monks Hill Football Academy also continues to do well, despite again losing the use of the Sports Centre, and a few older players leaving us due to their age. We enjoyed a huge day out at the annual Kick London tournament, taking 3 teams to the event (the most we have ever produced from our academy!), and have significantly increased the number of matches/fixtures we have competed in this year as a result. Mentoring continues to offer a valuable 1-2-1 support for young people and allows for intimate and personal support to be given. The young people really benefit from having a safe space to talk with an adult they trust, and really appreciate having their voices heard. Moving forward we expect both groups to grow again, and hope to secure more funding to maintain the services of our new Youth Worker.

At Church, our Sunday School has seen a big increase in numbers, and there is a new life among the group! Whilst we expect to lose a significant portion of young people next year as they enter adulthood, there have been some great moments of spiritual growth and unity among the group, including Youth Services, where the young people take charge of the service. We continue to implement a combination of Bible studies, topical discussions, prayers, testimonies and time in the Holy Spirit in the sessions. Food for Body and Soul has been thriving over the last year and is currently displaying its highest numbers ever! As well as the popular cooking/games and discussion format, we have also started introducing off-site socials this year, which has proven very popular, and has helped make the group even more tight knit! Again though, we expect to lose a significant portion of young people next year as they enter adulthood. Our summer camp was hugely popular and is easily one of the best things we have done for the young people in my time! The young people enjoyed a great week of games, sports, activities and fellowship, as well as worship, talks, seminars and prayers. We took the largest group we have ever taken from St Francis and anticipate next year we will take even more! Newly launched this year, we completed our first Youth Alpha course, which went very well, and proved significant for those who attended for the full duration. We also ran our first 'Young Men' fellowship events where the older teenagers and young men of the Church and local community, came together for a football match, before a short talk together on Faith.

A huge thank you to all those who support the work.

Jonathon Canning

Item12: Safeguarding Vulnerable Children and Adults Report

Safeguarding vulnerable children and adults at St. Francis church. Selsdon.

The past year has been a difficult one but with all its challenges, we have not had any major concerns regarding safeguarding.

As a church we believe that it is just unacceptable for a child, young person or adult to experience any form of abuse and recognise the responsibility to safeguard and protect the welfare of all by commitment to practises that protects them. Together with the incumbent have developed and actioned safeguarding development plan that has promoting a safer church as its core theme to all media communications, promotions and marketing. All

members of PCC, employees and volunteers have been actively encouraged take relevant safeguarding courses, certification and DBS checks where necessary or relevant.

Safeguarding is an item on every PCC and leadership meetings to make sure we actively discuss and deal with any issues that are arising if any.

The Diocese offers ongoing safeguarding training and there are basic and leadership courses online that anyone in the church is welcome.

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofepotal.org/>

The church has a copy of the Diocese safeguarding policy and practice available.

<https://Southwark.anglican.org/safeguarding/diocesan-policies-and-procedures>

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility therefore if you should have any concerns regarding the welfare or safety of a child or vulnerable adult, please do not hesitate to speak to Reverend Peter or myself.

Jimmy Wavamunno, Parish Safeguarding officer.

Item 13: Churches Together Selsdon and Addington (CTSA) Report

Clergy and lay representatives meet four times each year to discuss, share our experience locally and beyond and to plan joint activities which witness to our Christian unity. We hold annual services for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January and on Good Friday, with a Walk of Witness following the Cross through Selsdon. This year we also had a third combined service for Pentecost. We arrange three family rambles, one in each season except winter, to walk, chat and share lunch together, everyone welcome. Our ecumenical Lent courses offer the opportunity to mix and discuss with Christians from other denominations and this year was called 'Face to Face' and was based on the story of Jacob and Esau and examined issues around reconciliation, applying these ideas to our churches and lives today. In September our Quiet morning was blessed with warm sunshine and was a welcome mini retreat from busy lives. On a Saturday before Christmas, we sang Christmas Carols for the community at Sainsbury's as usual and were glad to be able to do so inside again. Events are always advertised by Peter and included in the notices, and everyone is welcome.

Gayle Costello

Item 14: Floating Shelter for the Homeless Report

We continued to make sandwiches for the homeless every Wednesday night during November and December which got taken to and distributed at Queen's gardens in Croydon. Thank you to all those involved. It seems unlikely that the floating shelter will resume in its current form, but there are other ideas which are being investigated, which will support homeless people in a different way.

Michelle Wyatt

Item 15: Overseas Mission Report

Currently we support two overseas Missions, and also CCAT locally: -

1. **Dima and Mahbuba** are ministering to children in Tajikistan, a west-Asian country relating to Russia. Their ministry seems to be highly successful – almost entirely towards children, who will of course be 'tomorrow's Church.'

In the UK they are part of **Scripture Union**.

Like many missionaries they are not good communicators, but are in closer touch with Margaret Mowll.

2. Croydon Co-operation Against Trafficking (CCAT).

This organisation helps the police and other agencies (including several churches) to help young girls forced into prostitution, to extract themselves from gangs and be rehabilitated - and helped to find jobs in homes or with 'safe' employers. Many other Croydon churches help CCAT financially and welcome the girls to worship and to join 'safe' social activities.

3. OMF International (The Former China Inland Mission) serves throughout East Asia. It was pushed out of China around 1952 when Communism took over but is now re-opening to foreign Christian teachers.

Via OMF we support Miss **Priscilla Ng**, a UK-born Chinese lady missionary. She has been invited by several churches in China, also in university and college Christian Unions, to teach the Bible and Christian living among students. A couple of years ago, Peter Wyatt and I visited her in Hang Chao, to see her at work, and in a Sunday 'senior youth' gathering. She sends us colourful newsletters every couple of months – with lots of interesting items to read!

Our Missionary support therefore amounts to at least £3000/year. Some of our neighbouring churches wonder how we 'spare' such a sum – especially when we have been building *The Light House*.

But God knows more about our funding than we do! He has not let us down!

David Huntley

Item 16: Electoral Roll Report

The roll has increased from 68, with 9 additions and 1 deletion, so the total on the roll stands at 76.

Gay Costello

Item 17: Community Work Report

This update is meant to be about the community yet this year it feels that the report is less about them and us, and more about how the church the community are becoming one. Over the last 12 months I feel that combined events have allowed for an open warm relationship to develop. We have shared meals as one, it's been fantastic to see community members at the harvest lunch and church members at the Christmas lunch.

We have run multiple events over the 12 months, at least one children's event in every school holiday, 3 shared lunches, a very well attended celebration of the Queen's Jubilee and sadly a smaller but just and meaningful day to mark Her Majesty's passing. These have all been well attended by both church members and community members alike, I look forward to more of this growth in the coming year.

A Place of Welcome

The Wednesday coffee morning has had some highs and lows over the last 12 months, but we have continued to keep the average attendance at 19 a week. We have shared foods from around the world and have even had two work experience children cook for us. At the end of the summer term in 2022 we stepped away from the normal breakfast and shared a 3-course meal which was well received and something we would look to do again this year. We enjoy the regular church members coming along and sharing their time and experiences with us.

One to one work

This has continued to be a task that takes up a lot of time and led me to look into lots of subjects that I have not always been familiar with. We have tackled subjects such as benefit support, immigration, housing right through to domestic violence and many other things along the way.

Hall hire

The hall hire has had some really busy times but also some very quiet times, but I believe this has been a reflection on the troubled times we are living in at the moments. We have been blessed with some amazing people using our hall and some that have led us on a learning curve. We have faced these challenges and grown along the way.

Over the last 12 months the Light House has really grown into what is truly becoming the hub of Monks hill, and we hope with the support of the lottery we can continue to develop and grow in whatever direction the community needs it to be.

Sam Pearson

Item 18: Food Stop Report

For those who don't know:

Food Stop started in October 2019. 'Food stop' is like a food bank but we ask for £3.50 towards the cost of the food and members receive over £20 food and a non-food item such as shampoo or washing up liquid. People choose what they have, rather than being given a standard bag of food. Everyone can have fruit, veg and some meat/veggie alternative and dairy as well as ambient food. The shop is open every Friday morning until 12.30 pm and on Thursdays we organise the shop, buy any food that is needed and deliver to people who cannot come to the shop for COVID or other health reasons. Our food stop is open to anyone locally who has 'more month than money' so if that is you, please come along to the food stop. And if you have food, toiletries or domestic products in your home which you are never going to use but are in date we can probably find a home for them! We have been given food and monetary support by many individuals and groups, (Purley Food Hub in particular) for which we are very grateful.

From March 22 to March 23 the numbers of people who have come to food stop (or been delivered to) has increased from 33 households coming at least twice a month to 55 households. Another way of putting it is from 32 members using the service each week to 42. The quantity and quality of food received from Fareshare/Phoenix Project, Waitrose and Coop has decreased over this time as the supermarkets etc are producing less waste, because of the general shortages throughout this year that we all know about and because people have less surplus to give from.

We now have more volunteers who help on a Monday, Thursday, and Friday – a big thank you -you know who you are!! Our volunteer hairdresser continues to cut hair for free once every 4 to 6 weeks. We have an employment adviser coming most weeks and approximately once a month council officers come to support residents with housing and other issues.

We have helped people with a variety of issues from threatened eviction to filling forms in. We have accompanied people to hospital, prayed with people, cuddled babies while the parent does their shop and (some would say most importantly) played pool! We have laughed and cried with one another. Please continue to pray and support us as we seek 'God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven' and to quote from one of my favourite hymns: We seek your kingdom throughout every sphere We long for heaven's demonstration here Jesus your light shines bright for all to see Transform, revive, and heal society.

Michelle Wyatt

Item 19: Minister's Report

Attendance at church has grown in 2022, and we look forward to further increases, although we must never be complacent. Financially we have met all our obligations and continue to grow our offer. Our God is faithful, and we came through this year with optimism and vision for the future.

Highlights

There were many highlights in 2022, including:

- An Alpha course attended by 10 people
- Growing congregation
- Growing community work
- Summer camp with the youth
- Our sixtieth anniversary in October 2022, presided over by our new Bishop Rosemarie, with many past vicars and members in attendance. What a wonderful day!

Mission Action Planning

These are our vision areas and I include a highlight for each one.

- Working together – we have increased our number of volunteers who serve the church and community. We have approximately 50 volunteers who do at least 2 hours a month – well done. More help is needed on the increasing admin side, if you have those skills!
- A Church full of people – numbers are one the up with new families joining us in 2022.
- Finding healing – we have continued our healing services every term and offer prayer ministry at the end of every service, where we have seen some important ‘matches’ to prophetic words given out.
- Praising God – we were so pleased to welcome the Harding family with their musical skills and they are now leading the singing every month, and their ministry is much appreciated. Also thank you to Joel and Deborah who continue to excel at the keyboard, along with Paul who leads, and Richard on drums. We would welcome more talent, especially as Joel and Ben are heading to uni this Autumn – particularly drums, keyboard and a bass player would be fantastic!
- Transforming lives in the community – this has gone from strength to strength with 50 families now attending the Food Stop every week, and 15-20 at the coffee morning. I always say we now have two “flocks” – the church and the community, and we try to support both in practical, spiritual, and emotional ways. I am pleased to say that around 12 from the Food Stop now attend church. More volunteers are always appreciated, both to offer support and do practical jobs. We have some exciting new projects we are proposing – Men’s shed and a Vegetable Garden.

Other Areas

Cadets

I continue to do “padre’s hour” at 66 squadron Air Training Corps, Mitcham Rd, encouraging spiritual interest amongst the cadets, mostly online. We are grateful for their support at various events.

Thanks

A very special thanks to David Huntley who is stepping from his duties this year. He has worked tirelessly for the church over many years. Also, to Yemi stepping down as churchwarden after 6 years. Thank you for all your service. Also, thanks to Jimmy our warden; to all on the PCC, especially those stepping down this year; all who run the Kids Hour who work incredibly hard to teach our children; to Jonathon, and the youth; to our pianist Deborah; the coffee morning; prayers, readers, wardens and musicians and social committee; housegroup leaders and helpers; sound and PA and not forgetting maintenance of the premises! I would also like to thank Olu and Steve our readers, and our clergy David for his great help and support in the time I’ve been here. Finally thank to Sam for all the lunches and events, and Roger for being proactive in maintaining our increasing facilities and all they do for our church and community.

Peter Wyatt

Appendix 1: Public Benefits Report for 2023 to the Charity Commission

ST FRANCIS CHURCH, MONKS HILL



We are a church and provide to the local community all the Christian services and events set out in the attached annual report which we believe are in themselves a public benefit in promoting a strong and healthy community on the Monks Hill estate where we are located. For the purpose of reporting on general public benefits to the charity commission we would specifically highlight the following items: -

- Running a Food Stop which helps feed those in need and enables them to access relevant council services
- We provide youth services to the estate including a mentoring programme for young people, running a youth club and providing with Kick London a regular programme of football for children on the estate. We have also formed a band and given young people experience with playing the keyboard, brass instruments, drums, acoustic and electric bass guitar. We believe this provision of youth services by our church is of public benefit in helping young people and giving them positive things to do. We believe this Youth work is of public benefit.
- Our premises are used for weekly coffee meetings which promote a sense of community and help combat loneliness. Both uses are of clear public benefit.
- We host four sessions of Pilates per week.
- Our premises were used as a polling station for elections in May 2022. We believe such use of our premises will continue and is of public benefit.
- Our premises can be (and are) hired by the public for parties and other special occasions and we believe such a use of our premises is of public benefit in promoting a strong sense of community feeling.
- The Monks Hill Community Association carries out activities based at our church such as quizzes and craft events. Our premises are also used for big community events like a Queens Jubilee party and a Christmas Event, and we believe these bigger community events are of public benefit in promoting a strong sense of community on Monks Hill.

We opened in 2021 a new church hall cum community centre which provides far better facilities for community events and services to the Monks Hill community and so we expect the list of public benefits provided by the church to increase over time. We use our website and Facebook to promote the services we provide to Monks Hill to generate a strong sense of community on the Monks Hill estate.

Appendix 2: Annual Accounts for 2021
Parochial Church Council of St Francis Church, Monks Hill
Year Ended 31st December 2021

Incumbent

The Revd. Peter Wyatt

Registered Charity Number: 1150124

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Agreed and Signed on

2023 by

Revd. Peter Wyatt Minister in Charge

Churchwardens

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ST FRANCIS CHURCH
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds	-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income	33,257.55	2,620.00	-	35,877.55	51,881.53
Activities for generating funds	603.10	3,108.00	-	3,711.10	5,585.60
Investment income	559.84	-	-	559.84	17.37
Incoming resources from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other incoming resources	9,953.24	66,554.30	-	76,507.54	211,627.38
Total income	44,373.73	72,282.30	-	116,656.03	269,111.88
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	-	10,302.78	-	10,302.78	2,186.04
Cost of generating voluntary income	35,505.35	70,891.15	-	106,396.50	271,860.19
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	(544.13)	-	-	(544.13)	544.13
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	3,000.00
Governance costs	-	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Other resources used	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	37,961.22	81,693.93	-	119,655.15	278,090.36
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	6,412.51	(9,411.63)	-	(2,999.12)	(8,978.48)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	6,412.51	(9,411.63)	-	(2,999.12)	(8,978.48)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	25,858.51	74,190.53	-	100,049.04	109,027.52
Total funds carried forward	32,271.02	64,778.90	-	97,049.92	100,049.04

ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Current assets		
Z05: Accounts Receivable	6,485.21	1,370.48
Z06: CAF Cash Account	7,170.14	4,688.63
Z07: CAF Bank Gold	59,313.12	73,455.57
Z08: CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	20,225.65	19,963.09
Z09: Community Account	-	-
Z10: Business Saver Account	-	-
Z11: Petty Cash	30.00	30.00
Z12: Melton Mowbray Building Society	1,102.71	1,084.47
Z13: Natwest Account	4,298.71	-
Total Current assets	98,625.54	100,592.24
Liabilities		
Z04: Accounts Payable	1,575.62	543.20
Total Liabilities	1,575.62	543.20
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	97,049.92	100,049.04
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	(2,999.12)	(8,978.48)
Z01: Starting balances	100,049.04	109,027.52
Total Reserves	97,049.92	100,049.04

Represented by Funds		
General (Unrestricted)	32,271.02	25,858.51
Restricted	64,778.90	74,190.53
Total	97,049.92	100,049.04

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Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
0101 - Cash collection	287.59	-	-	287.59	393.47
0102 - Tax Efficient Planned Giving	23,182.00	-	960.00	24,142.00	24,645.00
0103 - Other Planned Giving	525.00	-	200.00	725.00	1,185.00
0104 - Tax Recovered Through Gift Aid	6,485.21	-	-	6,485.21	7,287.08
0106 - All Non Recurring Giving Non GA	670.06	-	1,200.00	1,870.06	13,107.60
0107 - All Other Recurring Giving Non GA	107.00	-	60.00	167.00	160.00
0108 - All Other Recurring Gift Aided Yellow En	1,240.01	-	-	1,240.01	1,701.00
0116 - All Non Recurring Gift Aided Yellow Enve	-	-	200.00	200.00	2,665.92
0117 - PCC Fees	127.00	-	-	127.00	-
0119 - Sumup Donations	633.68	-	-	633.68	736.46
0110 - Fund Raising	574.45	-	-	574.45	1,954.71
0111 - Fund Raising Just Giving	28.65	-	6.79	35.44	297.48
0118 - FoodStop Sales	-	-	3,101.21	3,101.21	3,333.41
0109 - Interest	559.84	-	-	559.84	17.37
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	34,420.49	-	5,728.00	40,148.49	57,484.50
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	-	-	-	-	-
Other incoming resources					
0105 - Recurring Grants	-	-	30,604.77	30,604.77	76,892.77
0112 - Hall Hire General	200.00	-	-	200.00	475.00
0113 - Hall Hire- Nursery	2,100.00	-	-	2,100.00	3,250.00
0114 - Other Income	-	-	-	-	55.00
0115 - Non Recurring Grants	-	-	35,949.53	35,949.53	128,899.61
0120 - Hall Hire - The Lighthouse	7,653.24	-	-	7,653.24	2,055.00
Other incoming resources Totals	9,953.24	-	66,554.30	76,507.54	211,627.38
Incoming resources Grand totals	44,373.73	-	72,282.30	116,656.03	269,111.88

ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
				This year	Last year
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds					
0203 - Parish Quota	24,000.00 -	-		24,000.00	24,000.00
0207 - Utilities	1,529.39 -		4,800.00	6,329.39	5,390.84
0208 - Staff Expenses	508 -		85.15	593.15	323.73
0209 - Youth & Childrens Work	401.51 -		28.16	429.67	252
0210 - Building Fund Expenses	-	-	12,425.52	12,425.52	184,377.90
0211 - Youth Worker Salary & Expenses	-	-	22,058.51	22,058.51	19,187.41
0212 - Mission & Evangelism	1,141.09 -		607.32	1,748.41	529.09
Equipment	3,916.07 -		5,074.75	8,990.82	13,743.20
0214 - Major Repairs & Redecoration to Church	-	-	-	-	2,500.00
0215 - Major Repairs to Hall/Other PCC Property	-	-	-	-	-
0216 - Printing, Postage, Stationery	355.51 -		534.89	890.4	291.01
0217 - Sundry Expenses	386 -		50.5	436.5	961.44
0218 - Cleaning	659.9 -		2,216.73	2,876.63	1,607.05
0219 - Services expenditure	646.13 -	-		646.13	562.75
0220 - Insurance	1,961.75 -		300	2,261.75	1,338.44
0222 - Community Worker Salary	-	-	22,709.62	22,709.62	16,795.33
0201 - Cost of Generating Funds	-544.13 -	-		-544.13	544.13
0204 - Fund Raising Activities Building Fund	-	-	-	-	-
0221 - FoodStop Expenditure	-	-	10,302.78	10,302.78	2,186.04
Cost of generating funds Totals	34,961.22 -		81,193.93	116,155.15	274,590.36
Charitable activities					
0202 - Overseas Mission & Relief	2,000.00 -	-		2,000.00	2,000.00
0205 - Uk Mission & Relief	1,000.00 -	-		1,000.00	1,000.00
Charitable activities Totals	3,000.00 -	-		3,000.00	3,000.00
Governance costs					
0223 - Governance Cost	-	-	500	500	500
Governance costs Totals	-	-	500	500	500
Other resources used					
Other resources used Totals	-	-	-	-	-
Resources used Grand totals	37,961.22 -		81,693.93	119,655.15	278,090.36

ST FRANCIS CHURCH
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
Buildfund - Building fund	18,986.86	6.79	12,529.00	-	-	-	6,464.65
CHall - Community Hall Organiser	16,090.83	25,000.00	30,355.40	-	-	-	10,735.43
Drbike - Dr Bike	0.38	-	-	-	-	-	0.38
Mfund - Mission Fund	150.23	-	-	-	-	-	150.23
Muninon - Mothers Union	0.65	-	-	-	-	-	0.65
RA - Residents - Food stop	8,949.95	27,242.81	15,409.91	-	-	-	20,782.85
Shfund - Sharing Fund	4,284.00	800.00	600.00	-	-	-	4,484.00
YWork - Youth Worker	25,727.63	19,232.70	22,799.62	-	-	-	22,160.71
General - General fund	25,858.51	44,373.73	37,961.22	-	-	-	32,271.02
Totals	100,049.04	116,656.03	119,655.15	-	-	-	97,049.92

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST FRANCIS, SELSDON

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Francis Church

I report to the PCC on my examination of the Financial Statements of St Francis Church for the year ended 31st of December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the PCC 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 St Francis 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

Where the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants.

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 PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.
3. the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulation 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of 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.



Chaweevan Williams FCCA

Chartered Certified Accountant
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Date: 15 May 2023

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Accounts

St. Francis Church, Monks Hill



**Annual Report & Financial Statements and Statement of Public
Benefits of the PCC
for the year ended December, 2021**

April, 2022

St Francis Church, Monks Hill

Agenda for Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Opening Prayer

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

- 1. Election of Church Wardens**
- 2. Appointment of Assistant Wardens**
- 3. Thanks**

Annual General Meeting

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting**
- 3. Matters Arising**
- 4. Finance Report**
- 5. Church Wardens' Report**
- 6. Fabric Report**
- 7. Social Report**
- 8. Pastoral Care Report**
- 9. Deanery Synod Report**
- 10. Children's Work Report**
- 11. Youth Work Report**
- 12. Safeguarding vulnerable children and adults report**
- 13. Churches Together Report**
- 14. Floating Shelter Report**
- 15. Overseas Mission Report**
- 16. Electoral Roll Report**
- 17. Community Work**
- 18. Food Stop Report**
- 19. Minister's Report**
- 20. Election of PCC members**
- 21. Election of Sides people**
- 22. Election of CTSA Representatives**
- 23. Election of Deanery Synod Representative for 3 years**
- 24. Appointment of Independent Examiner**
- 25. Minister's Address**
- 26. AOB (notified ahead)**
- 27. Closing Prayer & blessing**

Appendix 1 – Report to Charities Commission on Public Benefits

Appendix 2 – Annual Accounts for 2021

Item 2: Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 30th April, 2021

There were 22 people present in Church.

The meeting opened with a prayer by Rev Peter.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Election of Church Wardens

Jimmy Wavamunno and Yemi Oseni were unanimously appointed as Church Wardens.

2. Appointment of Assistant Wardens

Geoff Okeke was unanimously appointed as Assistant Church Warden. Peter also asked who else would assist. We also have Steph Waddell, Roger Pearson and Sam Pearson. They were unanimously appointed. Peter thanked them.

3. Commissioning of Wardens

4. Thanks

Peter thanked all who serve as wardens and assistant wardens.

Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The minutes of last year's meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from last year.

4. Finance Report

Sarah Burne the Church treasurer gave the finance report. The yearend financial situation ended up with a small surplus.

Peter put a letter out everyone and we had a great response. People generously supplied extra money.

However, due to Covid, the collection went down. The hall hire was down this year which resulted in no income.

£6,000 Deficit

£700 replacing the boiler.

David asked in the hall on separate meters. Heating was discussed.

Peter thanked Sarah for all her hard work

Geoff wanted to know the relationship between the building fund and the maintenance fund. This was discussed.

5. Reports

Peter thanked Erica for doing the report.

Yemi thanked everyone for following Covid restrictions.

All the reports about Church activities are included in the APCM report which people are asked to read.

Peter thanked Jemimah for her hard work.

14. Electoral Roll Report

4 people have been added so the Electoral Roll now stands at 64.

15. Election of PCC Members

Roger Pearson was unanimously elected to the PCC.

16. Election of Sidespeople

All current accepted: Charles Akitoye, Robert Ley, Margaret Mowll, Lincoln Smith, David Forsyth, Melva McIntosh, Sam Pearson, Anne Beinomugisha, Jimmy Wavamunno and James Buckle were unanimously elected as sides people.

17. Election of CTSA Representatives

Gay Costello and Olu Akitoye were are happy to carry on.

18. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives

Gay Costello was unanimously elected to carry on as Deanery Synod representative.

Peter thanked all those who had written the reports.

19. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Mike was unanimously elected.

20. Minister's Address and Questions

Peter spoke about how this was an unprecedented year for the church. There has been pluses and losses. - A lot of church members came back today.

We have gained an online presence- abroad too.

The streaming of the church has been successful. Paul, Sam, Blake, Morgan, Sarah and Yemi were thanked for being the technical team. Doing this has been worth it but please encourage people to comment on Facebook too.

Prayer meetings/house group – 7 people attend every week.

We returned to church on Easter Sunday and between 30 – 50 individuals attended and this included children.

We have been in touch with the elderly.

When the building opens up, we will open up a Junior's Sunday school.

We are not doing too bad with the amount of people coming to church. However, it's disappointing that it is not full but we are trying.

There's a big issue with the flooring in the new building- worried more will peel off

There will be lots of new activities once the building is complete.

Peter introduced the idea of “Two Feet” – church and community aspects of our ministry.

The PCC needs to maintain and keep the “Two Feet” together.

Peter thanked everyone for their hard work and asked for their feedback.

Geoff thanked Peter for the report! He also said we as members of the church need to support Peter more - what can we do to free Peter a bit?

Michelle suggested to join us in prayer, this is currently online to support. It is really important.

Jemimah said that Peter should let people know in advance if people are stepping down.

21. AOB The PCC will meet on Tuesday 13th of July 2021.

The meeting ended at 12:55pm.

Item 4: Finance Report

Financial Highlights for 2021

Deficit of funds (£81)

- Tax efficient giving has increased in 2021 by £750 compared to 2020, however we have sadly lost a member of the congregation who contributed £75 per month.
- Cash collection has decreased by £442 to £393. Cash Collection in 2019 was £3,739
- Donated income and tax recovered has decreased by £3,279, however if you add hall hire, interest and fundraising, overall income has increased by £1,233 compared to 2020.
- Peter sent letters in July to the congregation to notify them of the financial situation which was heading towards a deficit of around £7k
- Nursery ceased trading and a new after school club started in May called Widz Kids, overall Nursery hall hire increased by £2,050.
- General hall hire has decreased by £210
- Lighthouse hall opened for hire in September and to date has an income of £2,055
- Transfer of expenses from General Fund to Community Worker fund for utilities, printing and cleaner for Lighthouse.
- Utility expenditure overall funds has increased by £1,280(meters were read in December) – *£1,800 has been allocated to Community Worker and Foodstop Funds
- Quota no change in 2021
- Cleaning expenditure has increased £357 due to the Lighthouse, however the extra costs have been allocated to the Community Worker Fund
- There was unexpected expenditure of £2,760 for a new boiler, electrics £900, scaffolding and painting the church tower £2,500
- Overall expenditure has increased by £2,574 compared to 2020
- The running of the Lighthouse will increase expenditure, the utilities are run from the church meters and allocated at a set fee of £150 per month to the Community Fund and £100 per month to Foodstop.
- Next year's budget is set as a deficit of (£175)

General Fund £25,856

Building Fund £18,986

- Grants received £155,680
- Donations £10,550
- Retention payment to be paid in 2022 £12,020

Community Worker Fund £16,090

- Recurring Grants £25,000
- Non Recurring Grant £1,000

Foodstop Fund £8,949

- Donations £6,059
- Pilates Fundraising £1,544 (note some of the fundraising is included in donations as can be gift aided)
- Non Recurring Grants £2,533
- Recurring Grants £2,400 (£400 per month)

Youth Worker Fund £25,727

- Non recurring Grants £19,178

Sharing Fund £4,284

Fundraising General Fund £1,611

- Xmas Fayre raised £1,389 – less expenses
- Harvest Lunch £110
- Amazon £12
- Sale of chairs £100

Donation to Missionaries & Charities

- £1,000 CCAT
- £1,000 Priscilla
- £1,000 Mahbuba

The full set of Financial Accounts 2021 for the church are set out in Appendix 2 at the end of this Annual Report

Item 5: Churchwardens' Report

Since the lockdown for Covid-19, the church service has been streaming live to Facebook from the Vicarage hosting virtual groups and sharing content digitally via Facebook and zoom.

As you know, Plan B has ended and as of Thursday 27th January, all restrictions have been lifted. This means that from now on we are not required to wear a face covering, including in communal areas. The government suggests, however, that the continue to wear one in crowded and indoor spaces where you may encounter people you do not normally meet.

While you're no longer legally required to self-isolate if you have COVID-19, you should try to stay at home and away from others to avoid passing on the virus.

Services to crafts and story time for children, prayer meetings, PCC meetings and home groups/ bible study groups, Café Church are all back to normal service.

We are continuing to live stream out worship service every Sunday at 10:30am. People can join us at church safely now!

People are encouraged to respect other attendees and those working who may wish to adopt a more cautious approach." Regular use of hand sanitiser and or hand washing is also still recommended.

Face coverings are no longer mandatory in any setting but are recommended in enclosed or crowded places, particularly where you encounter people you don't normally meet.

Singing, and choirs and worship groups can perform without legal limitations.

However, some activities can also increase the risk of catching or passing on coronavirus. This happens where people are doing activities which generate more particles as they breathe heavily, such as singing or raising their voices. The risk is greatest where these activities take place when people are in close contact with others indoors, particularly in poorly ventilated spaces. In these situations where there is a higher risk of catching or passing on the virus, we have been advised additional precautions such as wearing of face coverings should be considered.

Precautions to reduce transmission of the virus can include improving ventilation, using a larger space, reducing the number of participants, shortening the duration of activity and wearing face coverings.

You can still join us online at [www.Facebook.com/StFrancisMonksHill](https://www.facebook.com/StFrancisMonksHill). Do like our page- it makes it easier to access.

Yemi Oseni

Item 6: Fabric Committee Report

For the past year, the construction of our new Community Hall: **'The Lighthouse'** has dominated our thinking. After an initial delay to the start of construction, occasioned by a legal issue observed in the Diocesan Office, our builder has completed an ideal hall-complex, within budget AND now in regular use.

Considerable earthworks and drainage have been necessary. Both former cabins have been disposed of, but the Bike Shed and the 'garage' remain usable and in situ.

The **Church upper windows** have received a repaint on their wooden frames, and a complete renewal of the wooden windowsills. The **roof** has been inspected and some tiles re-fixed or replaced.

Illumination of the Cross on the outdoor side of the west wall is in a temporary form, pending **renewal of the whole font porch** - on which the floodlight sits - however the porch is in poor condition.

The Belfry has received some much appreciated - but overdue – coat of paint.

Throughout the buildings, we have appreciated the assistance of the Pearson family, be it in catering, security, carpentry, and audio-visuals. We are valuing Roger's woodwork etc on, for example, security gating of the rear field and elsewhere. Also sharing artistry and professional skills with us, have been Messrs Lincoln Smith and Paul Conde.

A few small jobs on the **Lighthouse** still await a finalisation. In particular the **acoustics which** are very 'live', due to the large areas of opposite parallel hard surfaces. A professional acoustician has prescribed suitable

surface materials, on which his quote to supply -and possibly to affix, is expected.

The **Lighthouse** has been numbered '107 Broadcombe'. A letterbox and number have been placed on the fence – the gates of which are locked 'outside of hours'. Mail for the **Church** will still go to the Vicarage in Tedder Road.

To accommodate more stores, another garage-type shed has been installed on the spare land downhill from the St Francis bus stop.

David Huntley.

Maintenance Report for 2021

Guttering

The church guttering was cleared from moss and other debris.

Fencing and gate

We reused the metal fencing and gate from the front of the churchyard and moved to the back of the Lighthouse wall to the old shed and the gate was fitted with a combination lock. Wooden gate was built between church hall and the Lighthouse which added more security for children when they use the garden.

Window sills

The church windows sills were in bad shape so that they have been replaced.

Pathway

A new pathway was fitted between the foodstop garage to the front of church this enable us to use a trolley back & forth without getting stuck and getting muddy when ground was wet.

Baby changing

A new baby changing was fitted in disabled toilet in the Lighthouse.

New handle

New handles were fitted on the front door of the Lighthouse on both sides of the door which enable us to operate the front door more easily and not worrying if you left the keys in the building.

Camera

A camera was fitted to the front of the church which was used for live streaming. It was facing the concrete cross now facing the front gate.

Roger Pearson March 2022

David Huntley/Roger Pearson

Item 7: Social Committee Report

The social committee organised the Christmas Fayre this year and raised £1200! It was well attended, and people enjoyed looking around the new building. Santa was a big hit and all the stalls did well. Thank you to Susan and Sarah for organising. We had some wonderful lunches in the new hall including the Harvest Lunch in October, Pizza with Priscilla, the Christmas lunch, Jonathon's surprise celebration to name a few. All were well attended by church and community, and we hope to carry on regular lunches as a feature of our social programme. Thank you to Sam and her team.

Peter Wyatt

Item 8: Pastoral Care Report

Mathew 25 v 31-40: For I was hungry you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger you invited me in, I needed clothes' you clothed me, I was sick you and you looked after me, I and you came to me was in prison you came to me.

2021-2022 has been a challenging year despite the decline in Pandemic attack. I was only able to pay a visit to those in residential homes and the housebound a couple of times. Sometimes it was hard to make contact. I rang those who had been in hospital when they came out, sent emails and cards to a member and she kindly responded with post cards from Scotland and several email replies. She is quite current with all our Church activities. She invited me to her house, but that was the week in which I fell ill. She heard about it in the Church notices and she sent me an email to get well. I sent Christmas as well as Easter cards to various church members who are isolated or have moved away. I received favourable replies from some of them.

May our Risen Lord and Saviour use us for His service.

Olu Akitoye

Item 9: Deanery Synod Report

Deanery meetings resumed in person from November 2021, chaired by Rev Debbie Forman the Area Dean. These were held on 3rd November 2021 and 21st February 2022, after the business meetings there are talks which are open to everyone. On Wednesday 3rd November 2021 the talk was by Nicola Thomas and entitled, 'Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation.' On 21st February 2022 the topic was, 'The direction and mission of the deanery over the next three years' with discussion and 'the opportunity to dream dreams and to think outside the box'

Gay Costello

Item 10: Children's Work Coordinator's Report

Splash report (Under 11s)

It has been lovely to be back to normal doing Sunday school. Our numbers are small, but we now regularly have 4 or 5 children each week, sometimes more. We meet in the foyer of the Light House where we can sit for the teaching time on the comfortable sofa and bean bags and then move to table and chairs for a craft activity. We also sometimes use the kitchen for a cooking activity. We have fun together learning about Jesus. Every session includes teaching one main point about our faith, prayer and a fun activity. A big thank you to Susan, Chloe, Anne, Jemimah and Sharon for faithfully being there for our children.

Under Sam's leadership we have also been running a children's activity every half term from light to lego parties. These have all been hard work but good fun. We are always in need of more helpers so if you are able to help on the day or in the prep and organisation beforehand, please see Sam or myself.

We have had some children just turn up when we have been doing our band practice on a Friday evening, so this has organically grown into a couple of girls coming and singing and having a go on the drums and the piano. From little acorns mighty oaks have grown!

Michelle Wyatt

Item 11: Youth Work Report - Youth Action for Monks Hill 2022

Our Youth Action for Monks Hill project continues to provide free and accessible activities and support for young people on Monks Hill. We have seen a big bounce back this year since coming out of the lockdown, with both the youth club and football academy seeing the highest attendances ever under my time!

This year has seen us return to Monks Hill Sports Centre for both activities, which has defiantly served as a big boost to both. We have taken full advantage of the additional facilities, broadening our offerings of in-session activities and drills. We have also upgraded some of our games consoles and have secured a deal with the Sports Centre where they now supply us with a table-tennis table each week for free!

At football academy, we have now evolved to the point where we no longer use a Coach from our partners Kick London but are now able to run sessions fully independently with the Youth Worker (qualified coach) leading, and a regular team of volunteers supporting. Whilst we were sad to lose our long-standing coach, the change has worked out well for the academy.

We hope to secure more funding to maintain the services of our new Youth Worker. Our three main activities continue to be:

- Monks Hill Youth Club – 6.30-8pm on Thursday evenings for 11-16 year olds
- Monks Hill Football Academy – 2.30-4pm on Sunday afternoons for school years 5-9
- Mentoring – 3 students are mentored in Quest Academy each week.

Youth Club is well attended and there remains a very good dynamic at the club. Since September, the Youth Club has grown week on week, with average attendance as high as nearly 25 at one point! Things have calmed somewhat since that peak. September saw us welcome back a large number of our old members but has also seen a big influx of new young people. So much so that there has been a slight shift in what was previously considered the 'core' group.

The football academy each week continues to give young people an opportunity to develop their football skills and compete in occasional matches. This group has seen a huge increase this season, which has been very encouraging! Average attendance has more than doubled since last season and has definitely been helped by moving to the Sports Centre, having the same coach every week, and being out of lockdown.

The young people who have been mentored from the Quest Academy have presented a number of complex issues, both in school and outside of it, and it remains a real pleasure and a privilege to support them through these. This year has seen a slight adjustment of ages, with a shift towards mentoring older students now happening. There has been a lot to unpick after the stop-start nature and lack of certainty brought about by the last couple of years, and the mentoring feels more valuable for the young people now than ever. Above all it has shown that all mentored pupils have really benefitted from having a safe space to talk with an adult they trust, and really appreciate having their voices heard, and being able to vent a lot of the frustrations and emotions that have been brewing over the pandemic.

A huge thank you to all those who support the work.

Jonathon Canning

Item 12: Safeguarding Vulnerable Children and Adults Report

Safeguarding vulnerable children and adults in our church is Paramount to us.

As a church we believe that it is Unacceptable for a child, young person or adult to experience any form of abuse and recognises our responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all by commitment to practice that protects them.

There has been one safeguarding issue over the past year and the incident was dealt with effectively with advice from the Dioceses.

The Diocese Safeguarding policy (A Safe Church) on procedures and guidelines for safeguarding is available on the Diocese website. <https://Southwark.anglican.org/safeguarding/diocesan-policies-and-procedures>.

The policy covers lots of areas including recruitment of volunteers, risk assessment of activities, complaints, whistle blowing, how to report any concerns, responding to domestic abuse and electronic communication with children and young people and use of photos of children and young people.

The Diocese offers Safeguarding training and there is a basic online safeguarding course that anyone in the church is welcome to complete. <https://safeguardingtraining.cofepotal.org>

As I have served for some time as the churches safeguarding officer, I am stepping down and handing over to Jimmy. Also Peter and Steve Thomas have completed the Leadership in Safeguarding C2 course.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility therefore if you have any concerns regarding the welfare or safety of a child or vulnerable adult, please do not hesitate to speak Jimmy or Peter.

Jemimah Barnes-Lawson

Item 13: Churches Together Selsdon and Addington (CTSA) Report

Happily, physical meetings in person resumed in July 2021 and both our combined services have been held 'live' in 2022. Our annual services are for the Week of Christian Unity in January and on Good Friday, with a Walk of Witness following the cross through Selsdon.

Our ecumenical Lent courses offer the opportunity to mix and discuss with Christians from other denominations and this year was very special because it was written by our very own Peter Wyatt, ably abetted by Michelle. It was based on the award-winning film 'Of Gods and Men' a true story about a small group of monks facing danger in the war in Algeria and raised many questions about witness, humility and how we relate to each other and our community.

Last year we did manage all three seasonal Family Rambles, unfortunately the weather was not so kind to all of them. However, our Quiet morning in September was blessed with warm sunshine and was a welcome mini-retreat from busy lives. On the Saturday before Christmas, we sang Christmas Carols for the community at Sainsbury's as usual but this time, outside rather than in. Thankfully in mild dry weather. Everyone at St Francis is invited to all the varied events and activities that we are involved with alongside other churches. Events are always advertised by Peter and included in the notices.

Gay Costello

Item 14: Floating Shelter for the Homeless Report

See Community Work report.

Item 15: Overseas Mission Report

St Francis Church supports three missionary causes in prayer and to the tune of £1000 each per annum.

1, Scripture Union Children's Ministry in Tajikistan, (Dima & Mahbuba).

These missionaries are encouraging children in their area to understand the Bible and enjoy wide-ranging fellowship, be it with simple carpentry, recreational/educational activities, and home life.

Mahbuba's husband, Dima, suffers from poor health, but in a former Russian country he enjoys the Moscow equivalent of our NHS, and this brings the drugs he needs into an affordable range. Pray that children will be allowed by their parents to attend the activities – some do not allow!

They have access to a sizeable building and compound and can attract children with a swimming pool and games area. Pray the children will come to know the love of Jesus.

2, OMF International

(The former China Inland Mission, now serving across East Asia.) .

Our Missionary, Priscilla Ng, has been teaching in a University in China where Peter Wyatt and I have visited her. She is a highly qualified in English language & literature, and such teachers are in high demand in China. Covid sent most foreigners out of China. But just recently Colleges there have again been allowed visas for foreign teachers.

An invitation with all the necessary paperwork has been granted for Priscilla to return in person (as distinct from teaching on-line from here) and as I write, she has her visa etc., and a flight booked in May. Pray that in this new situation students will see Christ in Priscilla!

3. CCAT (Croydon Campaign Against Trafficking)

This is a local 'mission' helping young people, especially girls – often from overseas – who may get forced into prostitution or other sexual activity. But young men are often forced into modern day sweated labour (MDS) or even drug involvement. The police welcome CCAT's presence, and much of CCAT's costs and expenses are given by Croydon churches. For obvious reasons it is not possible to say much on specific cases.

David Huntley

Item 16: Electoral Roll Report

Four names were added in 2022 and there were no deletions, so the total on the roll stands at 68.

Gay Costello

Item 17: Community Work Report

A Place of Welcome

Our place of welcome is a safe space that gives opportunity for those in our community chance to meet new people. We meet on a Wednesday morning for two hours. During this time, we lay on a free healthy brunch and use the time to catch up with those that are struggling alongside activities such as jewellery making. Over the last year we have had over 50 people attend of which an average of 12 come every week. We have had some fantastic success of friendships being made that has helped end isolation for some of our members.

When surveyed 97% of people said that the place of welcome made them feel like they were now a part of the community.

Also 100% said that it helped them to feel less isolated.

The Floating Shelter

Due to covid-19 restrictions we were unable to run our floating shelter this year but managed to support the homeless in over ways - this included working with a charity called Night Watch to supply packed lunches to on average 40 people a week. This allowed us to use community volunteers that could not usually get involved in the floating shelter including some that were shielding due to covid 19. The

feedback we got from the volunteers said that it made them feel helpful and gave them some routine in what was an exceedingly difficult and lonely time for them. We also got involved in making hot meals, for the charity No Second Night Out, once a week throughout November and December.

Never Alone

We have also just started a new project called Never Alone. We have secured some funding that has allowed us to purchase 20 tablets so that we can run an online network for those that are house bound for a variety of reasons. With a weekly organised meeting with quizzes and games so people can get to know one and other. then the tablets will be set up so they can video call each other throughout the week.

Social Media

We have also launched two Facebook pages one with the Food Stop and one for the Monks Hill community association with allows us to reach the community in their own homes. We are looking at setting up a web page and a Facebook page for the new community centre to go live just before the official opening to keep those around us updated.

Newsletter

I have also produced our first termly newsletter which has been delivered to every household on Monks Hill.

Sam Pearson

Item 18: Food Stop Report

Food stop started in October 2019 – so when COVID came along we were ready! For those of you who do not know 'Food stop' is like a food bank but we ask for £3.50 towards the cost of the food and members receive over £20 food and a non-food item such as shampoo or washing up liquid. People choose what they have, rather than being given a standard bag of food. Everyone can have fruit, veg and some meat/veggie alternative and dairy as well as ambient food.

The shop is open every Friday morning until 12.30 pm and on Thursdays we organise the shop, buy any food that is needed and deliver to people who cannot come to the shop for COVID or other health reasons.

For most of 2021 everyone had a 10-minute time slot (with no refreshments) and waited in the church before going into 'the tin can' (as I called it) for their shop. In September we moved into the Light House and when Boris allowed, we moved back to having a free help yourself breakfast and a more casual approach to when people come.

And we have finally had our inspection and got a 5-star rating!

We have had some really great conversations and have seen the building up of a community helping each other. An Alpha course is currently taking place on Wednesday lunchtimes, and we now have a hairdresser coming to give free dry cuts once a month.

We have been given food and monetary support by many individuals and groups, (Purley Food Hub in particular) for which we are very grateful. As we are entering another period of hardship, we expect the food stop to be in more demand.

Our food stop is open to anyone locally who has 'more month than money' so if that is you please come along to the food stop. And if you have food, toiletries or domestic products in your home which you are never going to use but are in date we can probably find a home for them!

Michelle Wyatt

Item 19: Minister's Report

The year 2021 was a continuation of 2020 pandemic. We had a further lockdown in January which meant our services went online again until Easter. Even when we resumed in church we still weren't allowed to sing in church until August! So, we sang outside every week and got to enjoy the open air feel and even had positive comments from the neighbours. On 1st August we resumed a more normal church with singing back, notwithstanding various local COVID isolations and outbreaks.

Despite all this 2021 was a year of celebrations – the Wyatt family's 10-year anniversary at St Francis, Sam and Roger's wedding, and the wonderful harvest lunch to name a few. It was so good to see both the church and community joining together. A big thank you to Sam for her hard work in getting these off the ground.

Attendance at church had shrunk a fair amount and 2021 was a year of rebuilding, although further setbacks came to put us back to square one at times. Financially we have met all our obligations and continue to grow our offer. Our God is faithful, and we came through this year with optimism and vision for the future.

Highlights

There were many highlights in 2021, including:

- The completion and opening of the Light House on 2nd October by the Bishop of Croydon and the Mayor - what a miracle that we have achieved this goal! The building has been a huge blessing already to the church and to the community.
- A successful move of our activities into the Light House which continue to flourish and create many contacts with many people in the community, some with great needs. Approximately 50 people come into the building every week.
- A fantastic Light Party event leading to more kids coming to Sunday school
- Numbers in church slowly creeping up but with some setbacks
- A great carol service with Soul Symphony choir and almost 100 in attendance
- The development of our Two Feet strategy which places emphasis on the church and community aspects of our work supporting each other.

Mission Action Planning

These are our vision areas and I include a highlight for each one.

- Working together –we have increased our number of volunteers who serve the church and community. We have approximately 50 volunteers who do at least 2 hours a month – well done. More help is needed on the increasing admin side, if you have those skills!
- A Church full of people – numbers crept up in 2022, with signs of renewed interest from local people, but still to be translated into disciples
- Finding healing – we relaunched our healing service in October and it was great to have regular prayer ministry too on Sunday.
- Praising God – we were so happy to be able to sing in church as a congregation once again for the latter half of the year, and we are grateful to Joel who has excelled at the piano nearly every week, with Paul W, Deborah, Richard and Morgan. Richard has added to our worship as a regular drummer.
- Transforming lives in the community – our vision is really coming to pass, with people being referred to the food stop on a weekly basis and increasing attendance at our coffee morning. I am so proud of what we have achieved in the community and the profile it is bringing us. It is also bringing a number of people with significant emotional, spiritual and physical needs. Can you help be a listening

ear to those who need someone to talk to? Or perhaps you could drive a car to pick people up once a week?

Youth Worker

Jonathon has done amazing work with the youth and I believe we are starting to see all the hard work bear fruit in terms of stronger engagement with all our activities and a stable group of youngsters attending church and Body and Soul, as well as the youth club and football.

Other Areas

Cadets

I continue to do "padre's hour" at 66 squadron Air Training Corps, Mitcham Rd, encouraging spiritual interest amongst the cadets, mostly online. We are grateful for their support at various events.

Thanks

A special thanks to Jimmy and Yemi, our wardens; to all on the PCC, especially those stepping down this year; all who run the Kids Hour who work incredibly hard to teach our children; to Jonathon, and the youth; to our guest pianist Deborah; the coffee morning; prayers, readers, wardens and musicians and social committee; housegroup leaders and helpers; sound and PA and not forgetting maintenance of the premises! I would also like to thank Olu and Steve our readers, and our clergy David for his great help and support in the time I've been here. Finally thank to Sam for all the lunches and events, and Roger for being proactive in maintaining our increasing facilities.

Peter Wyatt

Appendix 1: Public Benefits Report for 2022 to the Charity Commission

ST FRANCIS CHURCH, MONKS HILL



We are a church and provide to the local community all the Christian services and events set out in the attached annual report which we believe are in themselves a public benefit in promoting a strong and healthy community on the Monks Hill estate where we are located. For the purpose of reporting on general public benefits to the charity commission we would specifically highlight the following items: -

- Running a Food Stop which helps feed those in need and enables them to access relevant council services
- We provide youth services to the estate including a mentoring programme for young people, running a youth club and providing with Kick London a regular programme of football for children on the estate. We have also formed a band and given young people experience with playing the keyboard, brass instruments, drums, acoustic and electric bass guitar. We believe this provision of youth services by our church is of public benefit in helping young people and giving them positive things to do. We believe this Youth work is of public benefit.
- Our premises are used for weekly coffee meetings which promote a sense of community and help combat loneliness. Both uses are of clear public benefit.
- We run low cost fitness class, which is of clear benefit to the public, and host four sessions of Pilates per week.
- Our premises were used as a polling station for elections in May 2021. We believe such use of our premises will continue and is of public benefit.
- Our premises can be (and are) hired by the public for parties and other special occasions and we believe such a use of our premises is of public benefit in promoting a strong sense of community feeling.
- The Monks Hill Community Association carries out activities based at our church such as quizzes and craft events. Our premises are also used for big community events like a fireworks party and a Christmas Fayre, and we believe these bigger community events are of public benefit in promoting a strong sense of community on Monks Hill.

We opened in 2021 a new church hall cum community centre which provides far better facilities for community events and services to the Monks Hill community and so we expect the list of public benefits provided by the church to increase over time. We use our website and Facebook to promote the services we provide to Monks Hill to generate a strong sense of community on the Monks Hill estate.

Appendix 2: Annual Accounts for 2021
Parochial Church Council of St Francis Church, Monks Hill
Year Ended 31st December 2021

Incumbent

The Revd. Peter Wyatt

Registered Charity Number: 1150124

Bankers

CAF Bank

25 Kings Hill Avenue

West Malling

ME19 4JQ

Church of England Deposit Fund

Queen Victoria Street

London

EC4N 4TR

Independent Examiner

Chaweewan Williams

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Agreed and Signed on 2022 by

Revd. Peter Wyatt Minister in Charge

Jimmy and/or Yemi Oseni
Churchwardens

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ST FRANCIS CHURCH - 1150124
Balance sheet (Church of England)
As at: 31 December 2021

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
	£	£
Current assets		
Debtors	1,370	705
Cash at bank and in hand	99,221	109,507
	<u>100,592</u>	<u>110,212</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	543	1,184
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>100,049</u>	<u>109,027</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>100,049</u>	<u>109,027</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>100,049</u>	<u>109,027</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	25,858	25,939
Restricted		
Restricted - Building fund	18,986	36,945
Restricted - Community Hall Organiser	16,090	9,335
Restricted - Dr Bike	0	0
Restricted - Mission Fund	150	150
Restricted - Mothers Union	0	0
Restricted - Residents - Food stop	8,949	6,634
Restricted - Sharing Fund	4,284	4,284
Restricted - Youth Worker	25,727	25,736
Funds of the church	<u>100,049</u>	<u>109,027</u>

ST FRANCIS CHURCH - 1150124

**Statement of income and expenditure
01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021**

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2021	Total 2020
Incoming resources						
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>						
Voluntary income						
0101 - Cash collection	393	—	—	—	393	835
0102 - Tax Efficient Planned Giving	22,465	—	2,180	—	24,645	28,320
0103 - Other Planned Giving	1,185	—	—	—	1,185	1,170
0104 - Tax Recovered Through Gift Aid	7,287	—	—	—	7,287	11,392
0106 - All Non Recurring Giving Non GA	287	—	12,819	—	13,107	5,796
0107 - All Other Recurring Giving Non GA	—	—	160	—	160	—
0108 - All Other Recurring Gift Aided Yellow En	1,701	—	—	—	1,701	2,055
0116 - All Non Recurring Gift Aided Yellow Enve	1,215	—	1,450	—	2,665	520
0117 - PCC Fees	—	—	—	—	—	—
0119 - Sumup Donations	736	—	—	—	736	67
Voluntary income Sub-totals	35,271	—	16,609	—	51,881	50,157
Activities for generating funds						
0110 - Fund Raising	1,610	—	344	—	1,954	33
0111 - Fund Raising Just Giving	6	—	291	—	297	—
0118 - FoodStop Sales	—	—	3,333	—	3,333	3,362
Activities for generating funds Sub-totals	1,616	—	3,968	—	5,585	3,395
Investment income						
0109 - Interest	17	—	—	—	17	284
Investment income Sub-totals	17	—	—	—	17	284
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds Totals</i>	36,906	—	20,578	—	57,484	53,837
Other incoming resources						
0105 - Recurring Grants	—	—	76,892	—	76,892	—
0112 - Hall Hire General	475	—	—	—	475	685
0113 - Hall Hire- Nursery	3,250	—	—	—	3,250	1,200
0114 - Other Income	55	—	—	—	55	752
0115 - Non Recurring Grants	—	—	128,899	—	128,899	387,903
0120 - Hall Hire - The Lighthouse	2,055	—	—	—	2,055	—
Other incoming resources	5,835	—	205,792	—	211,627	390,540
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Incoming resources Grand totals	42,741	—	226,370	—	269,111	444,377

ST FRANCIS CHURCH - 1150124
Statement of income and expenditure
01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2021	Total 2020
Resources used						
Cost of generating funds						
0221 - FoodStop Expenditure	—	—	2,186	—	2,186	4,506
Cost of generating funds Sub-totals	—	—	2,186	—	2,186	4,506
Cost of generating voluntary income						
0203 - Parish Quota	24,000	—	—	—	24,000	24,000
0207 - Utilities	3,590	—	1,800	—	5,390	4,110
0208 - Staff Expenses	323	—	—	—	323	6,475
0209 - Youth & Childrens Work	252	—	—	—	252	249
0210 - Building Fund Expenses	—	—	184,377	—	184,377	477,114
0211 - Youth Worker Salary & Expenses	—	—	19,187	—	19,187	19,381
0212 - Mission & Evangelism	529	—	—	—	529	867
0213 - Minor Repairs,Maintenance & Equipment	4,583	—	9,159	—	13,743	4,333
0214 - Major Repairs & Redecoration to Church	2,500	—	—	—	2,500	—
0215 - Major Repairs to Hall/Other PCC Property	—	—	—	—	—	3,020
0216 - Printing, Postage, Stationery	(38)	—	329	—	291	114
0217 - Sundry Expenses	661	—	300	—	961	374
0218 - Cleaning	1,225	—	381	—	1,607	1,249
0219 - Services expenditure	562	—	—	—	562	499
0220 - Insurance	1,087	—	250	—	1,338	349
0222 - Community Worker Salary	—	—	16,795	—	16,795	—
Cost of generating voluntary income Sub-totals	39,278	—	232,581	—	271,860	542,141
0201 - Cost of Generating Funds	544	—	—	—	544	—
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs Sub-totals	544	—	—	—	544	—
Cost of generating funds Charitable activities	39,822	—	234,767	—	274,590	546,647
0202 - Overseas Mission & Relief	2,000	—	—	—	2,000	2,000
0205 - Uk Mission & Relief	1,000	—	—	—	1,000	1,100
Charitable activities Sub-totals	3,000	—	—	—	3,000	3,100
Charitable activities Totals	3,000	—	—	—	3,000	3,100
Governance costs						
0223 - Governance Cost	—	—	500	—	500	—
Governance costs Totals	—	—	500	—	500	—
Resources used Grand totals	42,822	—	235,267	—	278,090	549,747

ST FRANCIS CHURCH - 1150124

Fund movement summary

Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Fund	Fund balances	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains and	Fund balances
Buildfund - Building fund	36,945	166,522	184,480	—	—	18,986
CHall - Community Hall Organiser	9,335	26,000	19,245	—	—	16,090
Drbike - Dr Bike	0	—	—	—	—	0
Mfund - Mission Fund	150	—	—	—	—	150
Muninon - Mothers Union	0	—	—	—	—	0
RA - Residents - Food stop	6,634	14,670	12,354	—	—	8,949
Shfund - Sharing Fund	4,284	—	—	—	—	4,284
YWork - Youth Worker	25,736	19,178	19,187	—	—	25,727
General - General fund	25,939	42,741	42,822	—	—	25,858
Totals	109,027	269,111	278,090	—	—	100,049

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST FRANCIS, SELSDON

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2021

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Francis Church

I report to the PCC on my examination of the Financial Statements of St Francis Church for the year ended 31st of December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the PCC 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 St Francis 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

Where the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a registered member of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

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 PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: Chaweevan Williams FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
Verdant Accountants Ltd
167 Clarence Avenue
New Malden
Surrey KT3 3TX

Date:

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St. Francis Church, Monks Hill



**Annual Report & Financial Statements and Statement of Public
Benefits of the PCC
for the year ended December, 2020**

June, 2021

St Francis Church, Monks Hill

Agenda for Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Opening Prayer

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Election of Church Wardens
2. Appointment of Assistant Wardens
3. Thanks

Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Finance Report
5. Church Wardens' Report
6. Fabric Report & Security Round up
7. Deanery Synod Report
8. Children's Work Report
9. Youth Work Report
10. Safeguarding vulnerable children and adults report
11. Churches Together Report
12. Food Stop Report
13. Overseas Mission Report
14. Electoral Roll Report
15. Community Work Report
16. Election of PCC members
17. Election of Sides people
18. Election of CTSA Representatives
19. Election of Deanery Synod Representative for 3 years
20. Appointment of Independent Examiner
21. Minister's Address
22. AOB (notified ahead)
23. Closing Prayer & blessing

Appendix 1 – Report to Charities Commission on Public Benefits

Appendix 2 – Annual Accounts for 2020

Item 2: Minutes of previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 18th October 2020

There were 15 people present in Church and 3 on Zoom.

The meeting opened with a prayer

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Election of Church Wardens

Jimmy Wavamunno and Yemi Oseni were unanimously appointed as Church Wardens.

2. Appointment of Assistant Wardens

Geoff Okeke was unanimously appointed as Assistant Church Warden.

3. Commissioning of Wardens

Peter commissioned the wardens and assistant warden using the words sent by the diocese as there cannot be a commissioning service this year.

4. Thanks

Peter thanked all who serve as wardens and assistant wardens.

Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

2. Minutes of previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The minutes of last year's meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Finance Report

Sarah Burne the Church treasurer gave the finance report. The Church ended last year with a surplus however, £3000 was spent on refurbishing the hall and entrance which together with the loss of nursery income will probably mean we have a deficit this year. We decreased the quota we pay by £2000 last year and will, probably, hold it at the same level this year to take account of this. There were no questions about the Church finances and the accounts were approved unanimously.

5. Reports

All the reports about Church activities are included in the APCM report which people are asked to read.

14. Electoral Roll Report

4 people have been removed and 2 added so the Electoral Roll now stands at 60.

15. Election of PCC Members

Paul Conde, Michelle Wyatt, Jonathon Canning, Pam Joseph, Geoff Okeke and Steph Waddell were unanimously elected to the PCC.

16. Election of Sidespeople

Charles Akitoye, Robert Ley, Margaret Mowll, Lincoln Smith, David Forsyth, Melva McIntosh, Sam Pearson, Anne Beinomugisha, Jimmy Wavamunno and James Buckle were unanimously elected as sides people.

17. Election of CTSA Representatives

Gay Costello and Olu Akitoye were unanimously elected as CTSA representatives

18. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives

Gay Costello was unanimously elected as Deanery Synod representative.

Peter thanked all those who had written the reports and contributed to the work within them.

19. Appointment of Independent Examiner

No independent examiner was appointed as because of the money involved with the building project we may need a full audit next year.

20. Minister's Address and Questions

Peter spoke about what we were waiting for last year, the start of the building project, a new youth worker and the start of the food stop. All these prayers have been answered and are going well. The Lord has provided. Peter talked about the harvest in Matthew 6 verses 37 and 38 and the need for more workers and how these workers may be us. God will finish the work he has started. Peter is encouraged by 6 new PCC members. During the pandemic the Church has had to find new ways of working and will, probably, never be the same again. We need to find ways to engage those who are watching online. St Francis is known for being a small, happy, Church and Peter is happy with that. God is providing new musicians and we are being asked to work with many agencies. We are being the light on the hill. Some things are completed, there is always more to do, we need to work and pray hard. Peter asked the congregation to be kind and considerate to one another, be measured in what we say to one another and allow for the stress of the pandemic. We need a new PCC secretary and electoral roll officer. Peter thanked all who work on behalf of the Church, especially Sarah who has had a lot extra to do this year. There were no questions for Peter. Steve Thomas thanked Peter for all his work.

21. AOB The PCC will meet on Tuesday 3rd November at 8.00pm in person and on Zoom.

The meeting closed with prayer at 12.20pm.

Item 4: Finance Report

Financial Highlights for 2020

Surplus of general funds of **£1,260**, answer to prayers as we were heading for approximate **£6k deficit**

- Accounting method changed from Receipts and Payments to Accruals and Prepayments due to the building of the new hall which increased our income to over the 250,000 threshold.
- General Funds -Tax efficient giving is a decrease of £252 compared to 2019, however compared to budget it was an increase of £2,215, as we had expected in 2020 a significant reduced income due to members moving out of the area.
- Cash collection is a decrease of £2,594 compared to 2019. Peter sent a letter to congregation during lockdown requesting members to donate on-line and to reevaluate their giving, as we were heading for a £6k deficit. Received one-off donations of £4,319 and increased on-line giving.
- General Funds - Tax recovered increased by £2,441 compared to 2019, however tax recovered in 2021 will be approximately £2k lower compared to 2020.
- Utility expenditure has increased by £799, meters were reconciled and accrual of £1,000 was added to 2020 accounts to cover electricity costs for Foodstop and the new hall (building project).
- Hall hire nursery 'Fountains of Life' we received income from Sep to Dec of £1,200, however we cannot rely on income, as nurse has no children to date.
- General hall hire has decreased by £162 compared to 2019, which you would expect due to COVID-19. However, we would expect hall hire to increase significantly when our new hall is available for hire July 2021
- Quota - requested a decrease of £2k in Quota for 2020 to take into account no nursery income and two members leaving the area who contributed to 10% of our overall income in 2019. To be reviewed
- Hall and entrance refurbishment expenditure of £3,020
- Expenditure has decreased by £251 compared to 2019, live streaming equipment was purchased for on-line services.
- General Funds - Overall income has decreased by £2,435 compared to 2019
- No fundraising in 2020
- No change in Sharing Fund £4,284 and Mission Fund £150

Building Fund £36,945

- Grants of £343,087 were received In 2020
- Tax recovered of £3,254 in 2020
- Expenditure £477,614

Foodstop £6,634

- Grants £8,400
- Donations £2,247
- Sum-up & Cash £3,362
- Expenditure £9,338

Donation to Missionaries & Charities

- £1,000 CCAT
- £1,000 Priscilla
- £1,000 Mahbuba
- £100 Contact

Youth Worker £25,736

- Grants £23,916 (Including furlough grants)

Community Hall Organiser 2020 £9,335

Grants £12,500

- Donations £5,800
- Expenditure £19,381

Expenditure £3,164

The full set of Financial Accounts 2019 for the church are set out in Appendix 2 at the end of this Annual Report

Item 5: Churchwardens' Report

Since the lockdown for Covid-19, the church service has been streaming live to Facebook from the Vicarage hosting virtual groups and sharing content digitally via Facebook and zoom.

Services to crafts and story time for children, prayer meetings, PCC meetings and home groups/ bible study groups, the invitation is offered to tune into from home and join with a community of people sharing the gospel.

We are continuing to live stream out worship service every Sunday at 10am. People can join us at church safely now! We have distanced seats, hand sanitizer and washing and of course face masks are required; apart from those who are exempt. Or join us online at www.facebook.com/StFrancisMonksHill Do like our page- it makes it easier to access.

Yemi Oseni

Item 6: Fabric Committee Report

During the last two decades there have been **several break-ins, or attempts**, mainly at the 'Crittall' steel-framed windows looking out on to the field, plus one attempt on the Bike Shed. Thieves have cut or broken the glass enough to reach in and try to release the window catch. A few have achieved access. Losses have included a computer. Damage (vandalism) includes that suffered by the processional cross - which has defied expert attempts to re-straighten the top part.

Internally, most **doors** are now lockable; and both of the main entrance doors and the lobby doors have had key changes. We have a **key-cabinet** with restricted access, and a **key register** was kindly updated by the Wardens, recently by Stephanie Waddell, now by Jimmy Wavamunno. The **New Hall** will have a master-key system, and a proper key cabinet is ready to be fitted.

Realising that the 'Crittall' windows are the most vulnerable security points, we have recently fitted ¹ locking devices to each steel window frame, though at a cost of about £20 each, including the keys. No simpler lock seems to be available. Nevertheless, Hall-users do not always bother to 'lock' the windows after use. This could be a problem as the warm weather approaches and more windows are opened. The double **door between the church and the lobby** becomes of greater security importance, because the Video streaming equipment, though light in weight – is high in value!

¹ With the invaluable help & patience of Roger Pearson! Each steel window frame has to be drilled and threaded!

David Huntley

Item 7: Deanery Synod Report

Deanery meetings have continued on Zoom, chaired by Rev Debbie Forman the Area Dean. These were held on 12th October, when, after the business meeting, Moira Astin, the Archdeacon of Reigate gave a talk entitled, 'How Christianity came to Britain' and 24th February 2021, when the speaker was Jay Colwell, Canon Missioner and Mission Director. He spoke with slides on 'Missional ways of working during and after Covid19 – no experts only practitioners. These talks are open to all.

Two items of note have come down from Diocesan Synod, first regarding racial justice, there is a statement that it is not enough to be anti-racist but need to be pro-active in opposing racism. Also the acronym BAME will no longer be used, instead it will be replaced by UKME which is UK Minority Ethnic. Also, a new initiative called 'Living in Love and Faith' about identity, sexuality, marriage and relationships. There is a course and there are videos and live discussion on the website <https://lfl.churchofengland.org>. Everyone is asked to take part both at parish and deanery level and report back by November 2021 regarding six principles:

- Acknowledge prejudice
- Speak to silence
- Address ignorance
- Cast out fear
- admit hypocrisy
- pay attention to power

Gay Costello

Item 8: Children's Work Coordinator's Report

We had Sunday school. We stopped Sunday school. We had splash group in the vestry and youth in the hall. We stopped Sunday school. We currently have Splash on line and youth in person. Needless to say we have had a changing and disruptive time but our amazing team have been fantastic especially Jemimah, Sharon, Chloe and Susan who have not been able to meet us in church as they have sacrificially served us all by doing Splash online which has been good but not without its technical issues. I cannot thank them enough.

Michelle Wyatt

Item 9: Youth Work Report - Youth Action for Monks Hill 2016

Our Youth Action for Monks Hill project continues to provide free and accessible activities and support for young people on Monks Hill, and this has continued despite various lockdowns and restrictions that have been enforced throughout the last year. Our experience shows that there is a major desire amongst young people to keep meeting each other even in lockdown, and that we have been creative in making this happen, such as moving to an online platform during the peak of the lockdown. We have found that maintaining contact during these periods has been really key in cementing relationships and offering support, and doing this has certainly made it easier to return to face-to-face contact, despite the stop-start nature of the last year. This is set to continue, hopefully returning 'to normal' as the government roadmap continues, and assuming we are able to secure funding to maintain the services of our new Youth Worker.

Our three main activities continue to be:

- Monks Hill Youth Club – 6.30-8pm on Thursday evenings for 11-16 year olds
- Monks Hill Football Academy – 2.30-4pm on Sunday afternoons for school years 5-9
- Mentoring – 3 students are mentored in Quest Academy each week.

Youth Club is well attended and there is a very good dynamic at the club. This group was in such a good way prior to this Lockdown, that we decided to try meeting in an online format. Needless to say, it was not as popular as Youth Club, but we did manage to see several different young people during that time, with a small core group attending every week. Since reopening, the Youth Club has hit the ground running, with a large number of our regular members returning, and others waiting to return after June 21st. The football academy each week continues to give young people an opportunity to develop their football skills, and compete in occasional matches, and we are grateful to Kick London who continue to provide us with a qualified coach to ensure our coaching standards are high. This group had really suffered in the Lockdowns, but is now in an encouraging, and much better place now that we have restarted! The young people who have been mentored from the Quest Academy have presented a number of complex issues, both in school and outside of it, and it

has been a real pleasure and a privilege to support them through these. Again, this has been very difficult for the young people with the stop/start nature of the last year. However, this has made the mentoring even more valuable for the young people. It has really helped them that mentoring, if nothing else, has been a constant for them in their school lives, and all mentored pupils have really benefitted from having a safe space to talk with an adult they trust.

A huge thank you to all those who support the work.

Jonathon Canning

Item 10: Safeguarding Vulnerable Children and Adults Report

Safeguarding vulnerable children and adults at St. Francis church.

The past year has been a difficult one but with all its challenges, we have not had any concerns regarding safeguarding.

As a church we believe that it is just unacceptable for a child, young person or adult to experience any form of abuse and recognise put responsibility to safeguard and welfare all by commitment to practise that protects them.

The Diocese offers safeguarding training and there's a basic course online that anyone in the church is welcome to complete. <https://safeguardingtraining.cofepotal.org/>

The church has a copy of the Diocese safeguarding policy and it is also available on their website. <https://Southwark.anglican.org/safeguarding/diocesan-policies-and-procedures>

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility therefore if you should have any concerns regarding the welfare or safety of a child or vulnerable adult, please do not hesitate to speak to Peter or myself.

Jemimah Lawson Barnes

Item 11: Churches Together Selsdon and Addington (CTSA) Report

At the AGM in November, Peter Wyatt stood down as chair, having completed his term of office, and handed over to Trevor Neil, minister at Selsdon Baptist Church. Meetings have continued as scheduled during the pandemic but held on Zoom rather than in person but if all continues well, we plan to hold a physical meeting in July.

There was a very successful online United Service on 20th December, still available on YouTube and another in January for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and on Good Friday. Although again this year our Walk of Witness had to be cancelled, it was replaced by Stations of the Cross videos from each church, linked to QR codes and available online.

The very enjoyable and stimulating, ecumenical Lent course this year was based on 'Bridging the Gaps' by our own Trevor and raised important questions about church dynamics and how we relate to each other and our community.

The first Family Ramble of the year will be a shorter, local, Sunday afternoon on 27th June so do join in.

Gay Costello

Item 12: Food Stop Report

Food stop is like a food bank but members can come every week, choose their own food which includes meat, veg and dairy products. Members pay £3.50 Fareshare who we get most of our food from have nationally joined forces with the Felix Trust so we now get our food from them. During the pandemic time the government has paid Fareshare etc, to supply charities with food so we haven't been having to pay

towards the food costs – that is going to change and we will be paying again. Hopefully the £3.50 per week will cover this like before. As well as providing cheap food we are also using food that otherwise would go to waste just because it is short dated, more has been produced than needed for the supermarket or it's past it's best.

Since starting we have served 114 households. We currently serve between 31 and 38 households per week. We have an appointment system every Friday and home deliver to those who are having to self-isolate/unwell every Thursday. Anyone living on Monks hill, Forestdale or Selsdon or who is a church member with 'more month than money' is able to join. We don't ask for proof of financial difficulty we take it on trust. Some people have been members since we started in October 2019 and some have come for just a short time to tide them over. We have had some good conversations and developed friendships. We have heard some lovely stories of how coming to food stop has meant that money is available to clear debts, pay the gas bill or have a family treat which wouldn't otherwise have happened. We have also heard some very sad stories.... We rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.

As well as providing food we receive supplies from the hygiene bank of face and body and household cleaning products.

A big thank you to everyone who has donated products or donated financially to us. We always have a 'drop box' at church which you can put donated products in. And a great big thank you to the Pearson family, Wendy, Steve and Natalie for helping us and to CVA, Waitrose and our local Co-op for their kind donations.

We are looking forward to being in the new building and being able to have a 'help yourself breakfast' again.

Please pray for us as we seek to show God's love to those we meet. Pray for wisdom in what we say and do. Pray for God's kingdom to come. For lives and situations to be gloriously transformed. Pray that we will be able to have a counselling service available in the new hall.

Thanks

Michelle Wyatt

Item 13: Overseas Mission Report

Dima and Mahbuba serve with **Scripture Union** in Tajikistan, where they are pioneering a well-received ministry among local children – who love to join their activities. These include games and swimming, as well as teaching and circulating Scriptures in the local languages.

Margaret Mowll reports:

Dima's health has been poor, but after a visit to Moscow, he was able to enrol in the equivalent of our NHS, and is receiving vital medication by mail.

The only other 'Christian Window' in that republic, are the nightly broadcasts from Transworld Radio.

On their visits to UK, Mahbuba has shown us pictures of the children's accommodation, the cabins and buildings, and the enthusiastic gatherings of the youth and children.

The government remains in the style of Russia. Today Tajikistan is a semi-autonomous, but a very secular, communist-leaning 'republic'. Mahbuba also works with women's groups and is able to use the US embassy to meet people without running into problems with the State.

Priscilla Ng is supported by **OMF** (the former *China Inland Mission*), which is now serving across East Asia). She has served two full terms in sizeable East-Asian university cities, with excellent and encouraging response among the student world. She has a warm invitation to return to teach in a different College, and a work-permit is available; but during the current pandemic, visas are not being granted by that country. *She is currently ministering daily, via the WWW*; and encouraging East Asian students (using their own language) in their faith.

Croydon Community against Trafficking. Activities in 2020-21

In normal times Modern Day Slavery (**MDS**) is very much a hidden crime and during the pandemic even more victims went undiscovered and could not be helped due to Croydon Council's declared bankruptcy.

So CCAT is using social media and links, ensuring the authorities did not forget the need to deal with MDS issues. The CCAT composes announcements so that potential victims may seek help via their mobile phones. The CCAT Intelligence Gathering team made searches & two East European females were assisted and given safety through the Salvation Army.

Post-pandemic, CCAT plan to:

- Monitor Child Trafficking Guardian scheme.
- Continue campaigning that the law treats victims of MDS as innocent victims rather than potential criminals
- Develop the CCAT pioneering *Spot the Signs* communications in order that members of the public can identify potential MDS victims in their neighborhoods.
- Conduct independent research into the MDS position to assist CCAT plan further activities as the borough emerges from the pandemic restrictions.

Peter Cox, Trustee CCAT.

27th April 2021

David Huntley

Item 14: Electoral Roll Report

Since last report on 10/10/2020, 4 names have been added and nil removed. Therefore the total on the roll stands at 64.

Gayle Costello

Item 15: Community Work Report

A place of welcome: 12 attendees weekly.

Our place of welcome is a safe space that gives opportunity for those in our community chance to meet new people. We meet on a Wednesday morning for two hours. During this time, we lay on a free healthy brunch and use the time to catch up with those that are struggling alongside activities such as jewellery making. Over the last year we have had over 50 people attend of which an average of 12 come every week. We have had some fantastic success of friendships being made that has helped end isolation for some of our members.

When surveyed 97% of people said that the place of welcome made them feel like they were now a part of the community.

Also 100% said that it helped them to feel less isolated.

The floating shelter.

Due to covid-19 restrictions we were unable to run our floating shelter this year but managed to support the homeless in over ways - this included working with a charity called Night Watch to supply packed lunches to on average 40 people a week. This allowed us to use community volunteers that could not usually get involved in the floating shelter including some that were shielding due to covid 19. The feedback we got from the volunteers said that it made them feel helpful and gave them some routine in what was an exceedingly difficult and lonely time for them.

We also got involved in making hot meals, for the charity No second Night Out, once a week throughout November and December.

We have also just started a new project called Never Alone. We have secured some funding that has allowed us to purchase 20 tablets so that we can run an online network for those that are house bound

for a variety of reasons. With a weekly organised meeting with quizzes and games so people can get to know one and other. then the tablets will be set up so they can video call each other throughout the week.

We have also launched two Facebook pages one with the Foodstop and one for the Monkshill community association with allows us to reach the community in their own homes. We are looking at setting up a web page and a Facebook page for the new community centre to go live just before the official opening to keep those around us updated.

I have also produced our first termly newsletter which has been delivered to every household on Monkshill.

Sam Pearson

Item 17: Election of sides people

Proposed: Margaret Mowll, Sam Pearson, Roger Pearson, James Buckle, Rob Ley, Anne B, Jimmy W, David Forsyth

Item 21: Minister's Address St Francis – A Light on the Hill

It felt like 2020 was the year of the pandemic! We missed our Mother's day service in March and didn't resume in church till the end of July. Then we had two further periods of lockdown - in November and from January to March 2021. It has been a year of extreme turmoil for everyone and not least St Francis. On the plus point we have learnt to do live streaming, initially from the vicarage and then from the church, and a massive thank you to the Pearson family for their constant help and expertise throughout this period. This has allowed us to gain a small online following – some from all over the world. On the minus side, some members have suffered a decline in physical and mental health during lockdown and others are still cautious about meeting people in person. It has also affected our youth and children's work greatly and we are still working out how to bounce back from that.

Highlights

There were many highlights in 2020, including:

- starting the building project on June 23rd 2020, which is due to open on 3rd July 2021.
- An explosion of demand for our Food Stop with around 40 active members, representing well over a 100 people being fed every week. In all our surveys members express a great appreciation for the support and friendliness. Thank you to all the volunteers who help every week.
- Live streaming our services which we will continue in the future

Many events were cancelled, though we still managed to do a Christmas carol service (including singing in the rain and a Midnight communion.

Numbers are down significantly post pandemic, but we believe God is faithful and will draw new members to us to strengthen our community of faith.

Mission Action Planning

These are our vision areas and I include a highlight for each one.

- **Working together** – we are grateful to all the volunteers who have supported the mission of the church over the year – whether it is the food stop, streaming, youth work, rota duties, kids work. We have an amazing team of people who work hard together to make it all happen. More help is needed on the admin side, if you have those skills!

- **A Church full of people** – numbers have taken a dip during the pandemic, but we are seeing signs of a rebound with more interest from local families, especially from the Food Stop.
- **Finding healing** – we have kept prayers going through Zoom meetings, but we really miss our prayer ministry and healing services which have been suspended in the pandemic.
- **Praising God** – we are so sad not to be able to sing in church as a congregation, but we are grateful to Joel who has excelled at the piano nearly every week, with Paul W, Deborah, Morgan and Chi-Chi.
- **Transforming lives in the community** –We have moved forward in this area through the Food Stop and the Place of Welcome coffee morning, and we know we are making an impact here on people's lives. One lady said before she met us she was lonely, now she has a family at St Francis. Thank you so much to Sam Pearson for her enormous efforts to get these community activities working well. Our vision is to become a "Hub" for the community – the first-place people will turn to for practical, emotional and spiritual help and support and it's happening.

Other Areas

Real People Real Lives

Youth Worker

Jonathon has done amazing work with the youth and I believe we are starting to see all the hard work bear fruit in terms of stronger engagement with all our activities and a stable group of youngsters attending church and Body and Soul.

Building Project

Despite the pandemic, the building is nearly finished and ready to open in July. We are so grateful for all the support from our funders, and from Peter Chapman our project manager. Pray we have all the money to equip it and make it work.

Cadets and John Ruskin

I continue to do "padre's hour" at 66 squadron Air Training Corps, Mitcham Rd, encouraging spiritual interest amongst the cadets, mostly online. We are grateful for their support at various events.

Thanks

A special thanks to Jimmy and Yemi, our wardens; to all on the PCC, especially those stepping down this year; all who run the Kids Hour who work incredibly hard to teach our children; to Jonathon, and the youth; to our guest pianist Deborah; the coffee morning; prayers, readers, wardens and musicians and social committee; house group leaders and helpers; sound and PA and not forgetting maintenance of the premises! I would also like to thank Olu and Steve our readers, and our clergy David for his great help and support in the time I've been here.

Peter, Minister in charge.

Appendix 1: Public Benefits Report for 2020 to the Charity Commission

ST FRANCIS CHURCH, MONKS HILL



We are a church and provide to the local community all the Christian services and events set out in the attached annual report which we believe are in themselves a public benefit in promoting a strong and healthy community on the Monks Hill estate where we are located. For the purpose of reporting on general public benefits to the charity commission we would specifically highlight the following items: -

- Running a Food Stop which helps feed those in need and enables them to access relevant council services
- We provide youth services to the estate including a mentoring programme for young people, running a youth club and providing with Kick London a regular programme of football for children on the estate. We have also formed a band and given young people experience with playing the keyboard, brass instruments, drums, acoustic and electric bass guitar. We believe this provision of youth services by our church is of public benefit in helping young people and giving them positive things to do. We believe this Youth work is of public benefit.
- Our premises are used for weekly coffee meetings which promote a sense of community and help combat loneliness Both uses are of clear public benefit.
- Our premises were used as a polling station for elections in May 2020. We believe such use of our premises will continue and is of public benefit.
- Our premises can be (and are) hired by the public for parties and other special occasions and we believe such a use of our premises is of public benefit in promoting a strong sense of community feeling.
- The Monks Hill Community Association carries out activities based at our church such as quizzes and craft events. Our premises are also used for big community events like a fireworks party and a Christmas Fayre, and we believe these bigger community events are of public benefit in promoting a strong sense of community on Monks Hill.

We are in the process of building a new church hall cum community centre which will provide far better facilities for community events and services to the Monks Hill community and so we expect the list of public benefits provided by the church to increase over time. We use our website and Facebook to promote the services we provide to Monks Hill to generate a strong sense of community on the Monks Hill estate.

Appendix 2: Annual Accounts for 2020
Parochial Church Council of St Francis Church, Monks Hill
Year Ended 31st December 2020

Incumbent

The Revd. Peter Wyatt

Registered Charity Number: 1150124

Bankers

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Independent Examiner

Chaweevan Williams, FCCA

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Agreed and Signed on 2021 by

Revd. Peter Wyatt Minister in Charge

Jimmy and/or Yemi Oseni
Churchwardens

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ST FRANCIS CHURCH - 1150124

**Balance sheet (Church of England)
As at: 31 December 2020**

	As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019
	£	£
Current assets		
Debtors	705	—
Cash at bank and in hand	109,507	214,397
	<u>110,212</u>	<u>214,397</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	1,184	—
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>109,027</u>	<u>214,397</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>109,027</u>	<u>214,397</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>109,027</u>	<u>214,397</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	25,939	24,679
Restricted		
Restricted - Building fund	36,945	168,093
Restricted - Community Hall Organiser	9,335	—
Restricted - Dr Bike	0	0
Restricted - Mission Fund	150	150
Restricted - Mothers Union	0	0
Restricted - Residents - Food stop	6,634	1,787
Restricted - Sharing Fund	4,284	4,284
Restricted - Youth Worker	25,736	15,401
Funds of the church	<u>109,027</u>	<u>214,397</u>

ST FRANCIS CHURCH - 1150124

Statement of Income and Payments
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2020	Total 2019
<i>Income from generated funds</i>						
Voluntary income						
0101 - Cash collection	835	—	—	—	835	3,739
0102 - Tax Efficient Planned Giving	21,715	—	6,605	—	28,320	40,767
0103 - Other Planned Giving	1,170	—	—	—	1,170	780
0104 - Tax Recovered Through Gift Aid	8,138	—	3,254	—	11,392	20,497
0106 - All Non Recurring Giving Non GA	4,319	—	1,477	—	5,796	911
0107 - All Other Recurring Giving Non GA	—	—	—	—	—	5
0108 - All Other Recurring Gift Aided Yellow En	2,055	—	—	—	2,055	2,357
0116 - All Non Recurring Gift Aided Yellow Enve	250	—	270	—	520	5,620
0117 - PCC Fees	—	—	—	—	—	108
0119 - Sumup Donations	67	—	—	—	67	—
Voluntary income Sub-totals	38,550	—	11,606	—	50,157	74,786
Activities for generating funds						
0110 - Fund Raising	33	—	—	—	33	2,611
0111 - Fund Raising Just Giving	—	—	—	—	—	1
0118 - FoodStop Sales	—	—	3,362	—	3,362	—
Activities for generating funds Sub-totals	33	—	3,362	—	3,395	2,613
Investment income						
0109 - Interest	284	—	—	—	284	348
Investment income Sub-totals	284	—	—	—	284	348
Income from generated funds Totals	38,868	—	14,968	—	53,837	77,748
<i>Other Income</i>						
Other Income						
0105 - Recurring Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
0112 - Hall Hire General	685	—	—	—	685	847
0113 - Hall Hire- Nursery	1,200	—	—	—	1,200	1,300
0114 - Other Income	755	—	(3)	—	752	474
0115 - Non Recurring Grants	—	—	387,903	—	387,903	30,499
Other Income Sub-totals	2,640	—	387,900	—	390,540	33,120
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2020	2019
Other Income Totals	2,640	—	387,900	—	390,540	33,120
Income Grand totals	41,508	—	402,868	—	444,377	110,869

Payments					2020	2019
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>						
Cost of generating funds						
0221 - FoodStop Expenditure	—	—	4,506	—	4,506	—
Cost of generating funds Sub-totals	—	—	4,506	—	4,506	—
<i>Cost of generating voluntary income</i>						
0203 - Parish Quota	24,000	—	—	—	24,000	26,000
0207 - Utilities	3,110	—	1,000	—	4,110	2,311
0208 - Staff Expenses	393	—	6,082	—	6,475	515
0209 - Youth & Childrens Work	249	—	—	—	249	240
0210 - Building Fund Expenses	—	—	477,114	—	477,114	20,207
0211 - Youth Worker Salary & Expenses	—	—	19,381	—	19,381	16,694
0212 - Mission & Evangelism	454	—	412	—	867	1,324
0213 - Minor Repairs, Maintenance & Equipment	3,431	—	901	—	4,333	4,642
0214 - Major Repairs & Redecoration to Church	—	—	—	—	—	1,189
0215 - Major Repairs to Hall/Other PCC Property	3,020	—	—	—	3,020	—
0216 - Printing, Postage, Stationery	114	—	—	—	114	595
0217 - Sundry Expenses	374	—	—	—	374	1,226
0218 - Cleaning	1,249	—	—	—	1,249	871
0219 - Services expenditure	499	—	—	—	499	598
0220 - Insurance	349	—	—	—	349	1,072
0222 - Community Worker Salary	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cost of generating voluntary income Sub-totals	37,248	—	504,892	—	542,141	77,488
<i>Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs</i>						
0201 - Cost of Generating Funds	—	—	—	—	—	—
0204 - Fund Raising Activities Building Fund	—	—	—	—	—	638
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs Sub-totals	—	—	—	—	—	638
<i>Cost of generating funds Totals</i>	37,248	—	509,399	—	546,647	78,127
	Unrestricted	Designated	Rastricted	Endowment	2020	2019
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Charitable activities						
0202 - Overseas Mission & Relief	2,000	—	—	—	2,000	2,000
0205 - Uk Mission & Relief	1,000	—	100	—	1,100	1,000
Charitable activities Sub-totals	3,000	—	100	—	3,100	3,000
<i>Charitable activities Totals</i>	3,000	—	100	—	3,100	3,000
Payments	40,248	—	509,499	—	549,747	81,127
Grand totals						

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Fund movement summary

Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Fund	Fund balances	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains and	Fund balances
Buildfund - Building fund	168,093	346,466	477,614	—	—	36,945
CHall - Community Hall Organiser	—	12,500	3,164	—	—	9,335
Drbike - Dr Bike	0	—	—	—	—	0
Mfund - Mission Fund	150	—	—	—	—	150
Muninon - Mothers Union	0	—	—	—	—	0
RA - Residents - Food stop	1,787	14,186	9,338	—	—	6,634
Shfund - Sharing Fund	4,284	—	—	—	—	4,284
YWork - Youth Worker	15,401	29,716	19,381	—	—	25,736
General - General fund	24,679	41,508	40,248	—	—	25,939
Totals	214,397	444,377	549,747	—	—	109,027

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST FRANCIS, SELSDON
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Francis Church

I report to the PCC on my examination of the Financial Statements of St Francis Church for the year ended 31st of December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the PCC 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 St Francis 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 PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Independent examiner: Chaweevan Williams, FCCA, Verdant Accountants Ltd, verdant.uk.com

Signed:



Name: Chaweevan Williams

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address:

Date:

Churchwarden:

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Date:

X 16th May 2021 X