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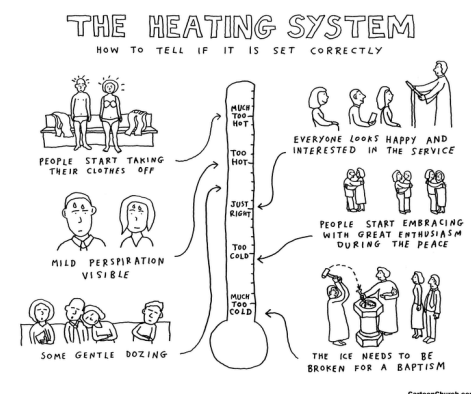
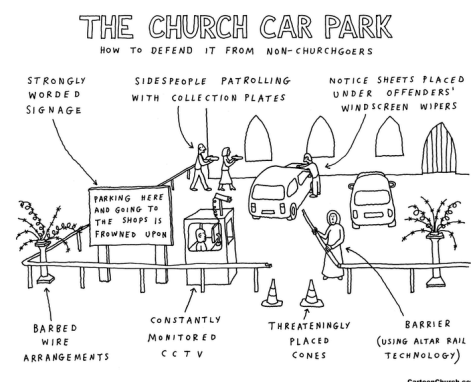
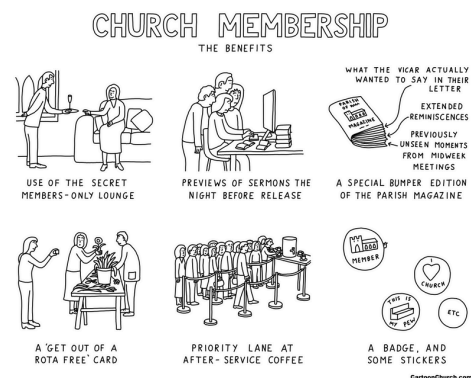
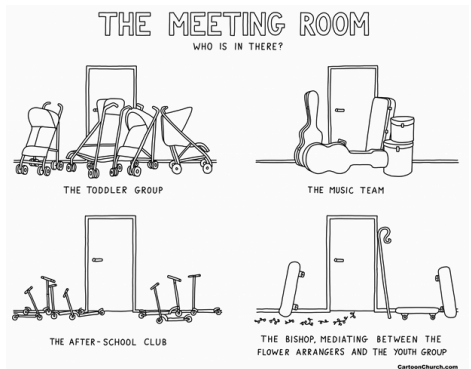
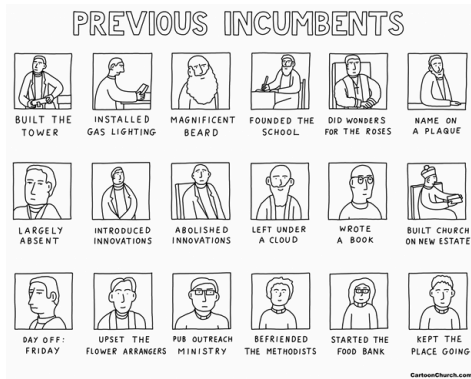
2023 ANNUAL REPORT



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

28 APRIL 2024

This is the annual report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St. Barnabas' Church, Clapham Common for 2023. It was collectively written and contains a review of the year, the statement on the responsibilities of the PCC, a treasurer's report and a summary of the church accounts. A full set of accounts with the description of the accounting policies and the independent examiner's report on the church accounts is available separately.



One thing that started up during the first COVID lockdown was the production of *The Commoner*. The very first issue ran the headline *Church for all - wherever you are* and it was circulated on 24 March 2020. The front page stated its aim as finding ‘new ways of keeping in touch and different ways of keeping the faith’, and it concluded with this hopeful sounding sign-off: ‘Social distancing doesn't have to prevent spiritual community. St Barnabas can continue to be what it always was too: a church for all, wherever you are.’

Four years on (give or take a fortnight at the time of writing) *The Commoner* may not appear quite as regularly as it did in the early days, and we are no longer obliged to do the whole social distancing thing as were were back then (where’s a Phew! emoji when you need one, Canva?) but six times a year it is still doing its thing: reporting back on recent events and highlighting whatever is coming up next. Whether dropping into your inbox or delivered through your letterbox, if you are in receipt of *The Commoner* it is because our aim with every issue is the same as it always was: to be a church for all, wherever you are.

So last year, *The Commoner* was very much about the 125th anniversary (with the exception of the one in March which was about... er...joining the Electoral Roll). January’s issue started the year by introducing the 125th Anniversary which would include new external signage as shared the following month. June reported back that to start our *125 Days of Celebration* we had raised £4000 to plant 800 trees in Tanzania, and also previewed our *Windrush 75 Service & Celebration* on Sunday 2nd July. After the summer break, October extended the invitation to come to the joint birthday party of the building and its current incumbent (that would be me) whilst also summing up a whole host of other activities that had taken place, too: music concerts, park-running, local history talks and tours, outdoor summer services and the launch of the *125 Legacy Fund*. You’ll find more reminders of all of this in the report that follows, along with an overview of church life in all its fullness as well. And if you find it has something of a familiar ring about it, well maybe that’s because you were there - or maybe because you read about it in *The Commoner*. You see what I mean? Church for all - wherever you are. And if you are reading this, that means including you.

Richard Taylor

1898-2023 ST BARNABAS' 125

1898-2023
125 YEARS OF CHURCH

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CHURCH FOR ALL INCLUDING YOU

125 DAYS OF
CELEBRATION

11 JUNE - 15 OCTOBER 2023

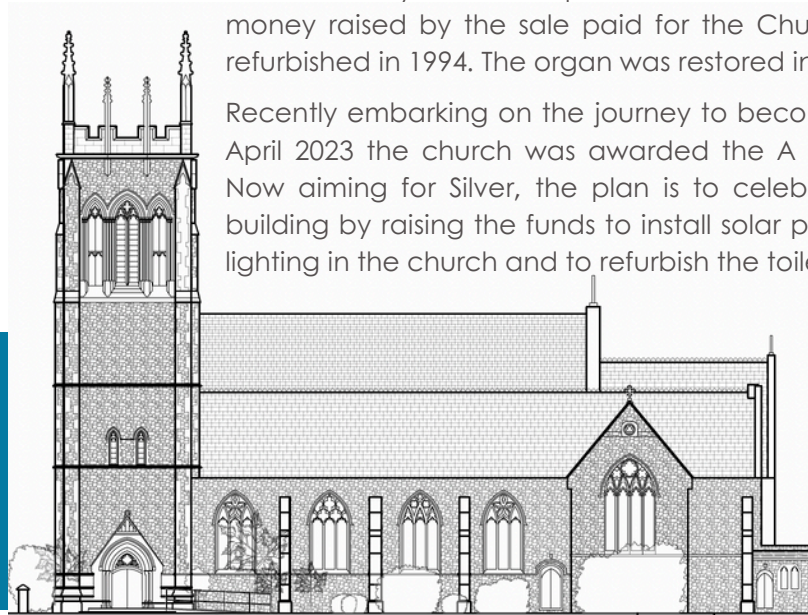
A BRIEF HISTORY

The story of the Church is closely linked to that of The Shrubbery next door. One of the grand houses on the edge of Clapham Common, The Shrubbery was built in the 1790s and enlarged in the 1840s. As London expanded it became part of the built-up area and, in 1885, was sold to the Vicar of Battersea and used as a school.

The parish was formed in 1895. There was already a building in Rush Hill Road (St Matthew's, opened in 1877 and not finally abandoned until 1941) but it was felt that something more substantial was needed. St Barnabas' was built in the grounds of The Shrubbery and opened in 1898. It is one of some twenty churches built by William Bassett-Smith (1830-1901) and is in the fourteenth-century Decorated Gothic style. The reredos of the Last Supper was carved in Caen stone by a local sculptor, Thomas Rudge, and is contemporary with the Church.

The Shrubbery served as parish halls until it was sold in 1986. The money raised by the sale paid for the Church to be completely refurbished in 1994. The organ was restored in 1997.

Recently embarking on the journey to become an Eco Church, in April 2023 the church was awarded the A Rocha Bronze award. Now aiming for Silver, the plan is to celebrate 125 years of our building by raising the funds to install solar panels on the roof, LED lighting in the church and to refurbish the toilets.



THE 125 LEGACY

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF OUR HISTORY IS NOT JUST ABOUT LOOKING BACKWARDS.

GRATEFUL FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAS BROUGHT US TO THIS POINT AND THANKFUL FOR THE BLESSINGS OF EVERYTHING WE HAVE INHERITED HERE, WE ARE RESPONDING WITH THREE PROJECTS WHICH WE HOPE WILL LEAVE A LEGACY FOR THE ST BARNABAS CHURCH OF THE FUTURE.

DEEPENING OUR COMMITMENT TO BEING AN ECO CHURCH, WE HOPE THAT INSTALLING SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF, FITTING LED LIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH AND REFURBISHING THE TOILETS, WILL EQUIP ST BARNABAS TO CONTINUE BEING AN EFFECTIVE CHURCH MANY YEARS FROM NOW.

THIS IS OUR 125 LEGACY AND OUR FUNDRAISING TARGET TO COMPLETE THESE PROJECTS IS - GUESS WHAT - £125,000 WHICH WE PLAN TO RAISE THROUGH A MIXTURE OF GIFT DAYS, FUNDRAISING, GRANTS AND RESERVES. YOU CAN DONATE ANYTIME USING THE QR CODE BELOW HERE AND USING THE REFERENCE 125.

The year 2023 marked the 125th anniversary of the consecration of the parish of St Barnabas for which 125 days of celebration were planned. These are extracts from the flyer that was produced for the anniversary. It outlines not only the celebratory events but also the vision behind them: celebrating St Barnabas' history, heritage and people.

The celebrations started with a *Gift Day* on 11 June, St Barnabas' day. All the giving on that day were raised to support GoMAD with their goal to plant 25,000 trees in Tanzania, to help farmers become self sufficient. This project was chosen both for the difference it made to local farmers and for its ecological impact. Not only did we raise enough to plant 800 trees but we also chose to start gifting a tree to every child being baptised in St Barnabas.



125 DAYS OF CELEBRATION



11 JUNE GIFT DAY

The celebrations were kicked off with a gift day for GoMAD Tanzania and the attendance of Archdeacon John Kiddle who blessed the new wooden doors recently installed.



24 JUNE RECITAL

Celebrating the wonderful music of St Barnabas, Director of Music Sarah Hughes, treated us to a delightful organ recital, for the pleasure of all who attended.



01 JULY CLAPHAM COMMON PARK RUN

Our aim to run 125kms with a team of 25 was more than met with 30 turning up to run together the 5km course and raise money for St Barnabas' 125.



02 JULY WINDRUSH SERVICE

Honouring our strong ties with the Windrush generation we held a service that included stories from west-indian members and was followed by a Caribbean buffet and exhibition.



23 & 30 JULY OUTDOOR SERVICES

The two outdoor services included joining the national 'Butterfly count' and a guided 'tree' walk on Clapham Common, linking our faith to God's creation.



08 SEPTEMBER EVENING CONCERT

In September, we were delighted to welcome the London City Brass for a great evening of musical entertainment, raising money both for St Barnabas and for the band.

125 DAYS OF CELEBRATION



23 SEPTEMBER GUIDED HISTORY TOUR

Stephen King, tour guide and historian, took us on a guided tour of the parish, learning how St Barnabas came to exist and the stories of well-known figures of the time.



30 SEP TALK

Local historian Jeanne Rathbone came to speak about Isabelle Gilmore, sister of William Norris and from Elspeth Rd/Northside who established the female diaconate in the CoE.

30 SEPTEMBER OPEN ARCHIVES

Open afternoon to browse through the archives of St Barnabas, discovering its history through pictures, architectural plans and monthly newsletters.



14 OCTOBER JOINT PARTY

As the period of celebrations came to its last week-end, we celebrated St Barnabas' anniversary and the current Vicar's birthday with music, quiz and friends.

125 LEGACY FUND

15 OCTOBER GIFT DAY

Bishop Martin Gainsborough joined us to close the period of celebration and officially open the 125 legacy fund, raising funds to continue a lasting legacy through 3 projects.

SOLAR PANELS
ON THE ROOF



£60K

REWIRING &
LED LIGHTING
IN CHURCH



£40K

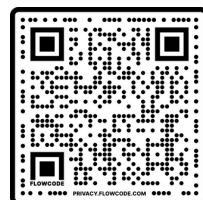
REFURBING
THE TOILETS



£25K

THE 125 LEGACY FUND

Thank you to all of you who took part in our 125 days of celebrations, whether by organising the events, joining in the festivities, or donating. At the end of the year, the fund, which also includes legacy payments from the estates of Zephaniah Richards and Rosemary Goodfellow has so far raised £45,000. To donate go to our website or click on the QR code.



WARDEN'S REPORT

Not long after becoming church warden, Pat shared with me a (rather fat-looking) handbook that she had acquired while her sister, Cicely, was in the role. She explained that she had bought it with the hope it might shed some light on what the responsibilities of the post were, but it hadn't!

I admit that the very existence of such books, along with my limited knowledge of ecclesiastical law, and general panic in the face of any kind of rota, made me question whether it was a job for me. We have a fine legacy of excellent churchwardens at St Barnabas and the prospect of stepping into their shoes felt more than a little daunting. Fortunately, Richard and Ann were quick to reassure me that because the role can be so varied, there would be plenty of room for me to do it in my own way. So, safe in the knowledge that Mike would handle the building (phew) and Sandrine the organisation (not my strongest suit), I agreed to give it a go.

It has been a varied year, beginning with the Archbishop's Visitation service back in June where Mike and I were formally admitted to office. I found the service highly enjoyable and remember looking around the church and being heartened by the diversity of those signing up. It seemed Richard and Ann had been right, there really wasn't one type of person or one way of doing it!

It has been an exciting year at St Barnabas and it was wonderful to be part of the team during the 125 days of celebration. Helping to plan Windrush Sunday and the joint birthday party stand out as particular highlights for me. I have also loved getting to know our brilliant staff team better. It has been a real privilege to be part of the weekly staff meetings and to contribute to the life of St Barnabas in that way.

As a newbie to the role, I have appreciated the wisdom and encouragement of Yvonne and Hopey (two of the aforementioned excellent churchwardens) and the experience and kindness of many other longstanding members of our congregation. I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to get to know members of my church family in new and deeper ways. Sharing life over a coffee or community lunch and welcoming new faces at the door on a Sunday have provided some of the best moments. I don't know if such activities are explicitly mentioned in the church warden's handbook, but I like to think that's ok.

Joanna Burdett

THE TEAMSHEET

Writing about a church's team sheet extends well beyond writing about those on the pay roll and must include the roll of volunteers that support in one way or other St Barnabas' mission. With its outreach projects, St Barnabas shines in the community thanks to its volunteers who, with their enthusiasm, engagement and willingness to serve, run various groups (such as Barney's, Places of Welcome, Glass Door nightshelter) and projects (Eco-church, Community Gardening to name a few). Volunteers also play a fundamental role on Sundays, whether by serving directly during the service or before and after. So to all of you who contribute to the fullness of St Barnabas' life, thank you.

Just as Joanna expresses her gratitude at joining the team as warden, we want to reciprocate our gratitude to her stepping in so gracefully into the role. Her contributions to the weekly staff meetings, fresh perspectives and encouragements are very much appreciated. Mike continues as Fabric's warden and we are very grateful for his lead and experience with the three 125 projects. Thank you to you both for your continued service and support.

Anna's spell with us is sadly coming to an end as she wraps up her training with us and moves on for her curacy, which means we will be saying our good-byes to her and Jim in a couple of months. We will very much miss you both and wish you the best. There is no other change to a team that enjoys working, serving and praying together, with Sosy looking after the church's finance, Sarah leading our worship music, myself trying to pull it altogether and of course our clergy: Ann with her continued ministry and support and Richard who leads the church and the team to make St Barnabas what it is!

Sandrine Simmons

ORDINAND'S REPORT

I've continued to enjoy being an ordinand at St Barnabas during this last year, being part of the community here. It has continued to be a busy period for me, juggling work, studies and church - which has meant at times that I've felt I've not really been able to give as much as I would like to St Barnabas activities or have time to get to know the congregation in the way someone full time could.

My training during the year has included modules on Doctrine, the Bible in Context, Sacramental Theology and Inter Faith Relations, as well as a placement at Goldsmith's University to observe the chaplaincy work there. It's been enlightening and challenging. It's involved weekends away, and a residential week in Derbyshire, assignments and Tuesday evening's during term time. Through my time at St Barnabas, I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to gain experience at a church that follows liturgy more than I've been used to.

We will sadly be moving on in the summer - with more details coming soon! When I look back on my time at St Barnabas, I'll remember a supportive community with many great people and a church that tries to include all the congregation in its worship and activities, encouraging them to grow. It's also the church that has great coffee! We will look forward to keeping in touch as best we can and popping back from time to time.

Anna Mills

FABRICS' REPORT

2023 was a year of preparation, inspired by our 125th anniversary and a collective desire to create a lasting legacy for future generations. We are currently progressing with three pivotal projects: lighting, solar panels, and toilet upgrades.

The design phase for revamping our church lighting is complete. This project will replace the 40-year-old wiring and introduce energy-efficient LED spotlights. We anticipate completing this project by the Remembrance Day service in November.

Chris has been spearheading the installation of solar panels on our roof. These panels will not only reduce our electricity bills but also bolster St Barnabas' reputation as an Eco-Church. We have completed the technical roof survey, selected the solar panel specifications, and finalised cost estimates.

Our toilet facilities, frequented by many including Glass Door guests and Barney's parents with babies, are also due for an upgrade. We've started gathering quotes to refurbish these facilities, which are in dire need of repair. With community support, we are confident we can secure the necessary funds to transform this vision into reality.

However, the total project costs have risen from the initial £125k budget to an estimated £140k. We'll need to engage in fervent prayer, pursue grant applications, and rely on the community's generous donations to the 125 fund. Timing the projects and raising the money will keep us busy through 2024 and on into 2025.

On a brighter note, the quinquennial review of 2023 brought few unexpected maintenance issues. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the fabric team—Chris, Glynn, Jim, Rod, Richard, and Sandrine. Their unwavering dedication and handy troubleshooting have been invaluable in maintaining our cherished church.

Mike Burton

LETTINGS

St Barnabas continues to be a popular venue for the community. The Claris Hall, Ascension Hall and Choir Vestry host activities for children (music classes, karate and ballet), adults (ballet and embroidery) and 4 different support groups to help with different addictions. Since 2023 we also have a new subsidised exercise activity class for the 70+ and the Windrush room hosts a new monthly support group. St Barnabas is also a venue of choice for the NCT antenatal classes, which take place at various times during the year, as well as for birthday parties. After many years welcoming babies and toddlers, we said goodbye to Tin Pan Annie in December. We wish her the best in her new ventures and charitable activities.

We were also delighted to host 2 major events in 2023, welcoming back Care for the Family for *An Evening with Rob Parsons* and Citizens' Health Organising Assembly which each saw c. 200 people.

Overall we raised more than £76,000 through lettings in 2023 but more importantly we are hosting more support groups and subsidised activities than previously, and we open our venues to the community more regularly, with Mondays & Wednesday mornings for families & toddlers, Tuesdays for the elderly, Thursday morning as a Place of Welcome and Thursday lunch for the community lunch.

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY



PLACES OF WELCOME

Opening our doors to the community, we hold a Place of Welcome, every Thursday morning, offering a welcoming space where to meet, chat and enjoy a coffee. Part of a network, we aim to offer a friendly environment to anyone in the community.



COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Every fortnight on a Thursday, our volunteers prepare and serve a *church made* lunch, with soup, bread and cheese to anyone wishing to join us. It is a great opportunity to chat together, sometimes meet someone new and share food together.



GLASSDOOR NIGHTSHELTER

Continuing our partnership with Glassdoor, St Barnabas is part of the Wandsworth circuit, a group of 7 churches, opening once a week our venues to host c. 35 guests, offering them a hot meal and a safe and warm space to spend the night. The 2023 winter night shelter welcomed 461 guests.



BARNEYS PARENTS, BABIES & TODDLER GROUP

Running every Monday and Wednesday mornings during term time, Barney's continues to attract many parents, grandparents and aunties looking for a welcoming and supporting toddler group, where they can meet others and chat in a safe and nurturing environment for their little ones.



SUBSIDISED CLASSES FOR THE 70+

Partnering with Enable, we welcome an active lifestyle class, *Keep on Moving* once a week. The class is aimed at the 70+ and offers a chance to work on movements to improve balance and flexibility. Opening in January 2023, it has grown in popularity with members from the church and from the community.

SUPPORT GROUPS

We are pleased to lend our venues to 4 different support groups a week for those tackling addictions. The increasing number of groups and members is a testimony of the need for venues such as ours, let at a charitable rate, which enables its members to step on the road of recovery.



OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR MISSION PARTNERS

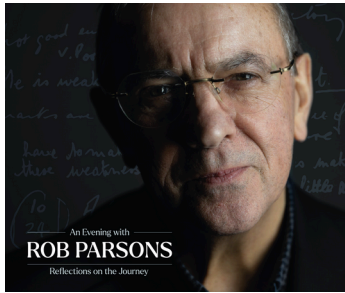


GLASS DOOR HOMELESS CHARITY

Partnering with churches and community centres, Glass Door helps those facing homelessness with professional support and winter night shelters. Their annual *Sleepout* is a major fundraiser attended by members of St Barnabas. Here, Phoebe Taylor explains why she takes part: *In the autumn we participated in the Glassdoor 2023 Sleepout. We arrived and set up our sleeping bags and put down cardboard on the floor to make us more comfortable and keep us warm.*

We were a team of 4 young people. I enjoy doing it every year because it's an eye-opening experience in which you think about things you might not have realised about rough sleeping; for example, the bright street lights (which were on all night!). We raised c. £2,000 for Glassdoor, so they can run the night shelter during the winter. I hope to be able to do it again this year!

Phoebe Taylor



CARE FOR THE FAMILY

Care for the Family supports family life in 3 key areas, marriage, parenting and bereavement with a range of support including courses, family breaks and events. We are delighted to support and partner with Care for the Family in diverse ways, including hosting events: *In November St Barnabas hosted another Care for the Family's event, An Evening with Rob Parsons. As a regular worshipper at St Barnabas and a member of staff at Care for the Family, it is always a real pleasure for*

me when these two wonderful organisations come together. The event road team from Care for the Family took over the church and set it up in their own preferred style, and we then welcomed over 100 people in the evening, which was a chance to hear from the charity's founder, Rob Parsons, who shared inspiring and often amusing stories from his life, as well as messages of hope from the many challenges he has overcome along the way. The Care for the Family team always love bringing events to St Barnabas, and always comment on the warm welcome and hospitality they receive. This time Rob and Robin, Care for the Family's CEO, were particularly touched by the church's thoughtful gift of two holding crosses. This came at a poignant time for Robin, who gave one of these to his mother, who at the time was in a hospice. We learnt later that she has been buried with her St Barnabas holding cross, while Robin retains the other one. Such a touching reminder of how the little things we do for others can mean so very much. Thank you St Barnabas for your ongoing support of Care for the Family, it is really appreciated, not just by me but by all the team!

Kate Duroux



CITIZENS

St Barnabas is a member of Wandsworth Citizens which is part of the broader Citizens UK an alliance of over 500 religious institutions, schools, charities, universities and more who come together to create change, develop leadership and relationships to build more resilient communities that tackle injustice together. St Barnabas works with other institutions in the area to take on issues that affect the people of Wandsworth and hosted the most recent Health

Assembly that saw 300 people from across the Southwest come together including senior leaders in the NHS, leaders of local councils and local people. They won commitments from key decision makers around:

- Work and Wages
- Young People and Mental Health
- Housing and Mental Health
- Isolation and Loneliness

This would not have been possible without St Barnabas and Wandsworth Citizens. This partnership is an important one and we hope to see many more of the St Barnabas community involved. If you want to know more please reach out to our Community Organiser claire.arkwright@citizensuk.org

Claire Arkwright

FINANCE

The celebration of St Barnabas' 125th Anniversary brought not only a sense of joy and unity but also a significant increase in income. Many of our regular givers have also given donations to mark this special anniversary.

At the beginning of the year our aim was to raise £125K to fund 3 projects: solar panels on the roof; rewiring & LED lighting in church and refurbishing the toilets. So far, we have raised around £15,000 ourselves and hope to achieve our total in 2024-25 through a mixture of giving, fundraising and grants.

Our total income in 2023 amounted to £203,030 representing a 22% increase from the previous year. This mainly includes donations as well as income from letting out the church's facilities. The regular donations amounted to £67,586. An extra thank you to our Gift Aid donors as we claimed £15,952 in tax rebate from HMRC. The interest earned from our CCLA saving account was £3,914, and as a result the total amount held in the deposit account has increased to £88,849; this is in addition to the income from charitable activities. The church experienced a slight decrease in letting income (10% compared to previous year) and totalled £74,608.

The total expenditure for the year was £160,464. As always, the largest component of our expenditure was the Parish Support Fund and last year, we contributed to Southwark Diocese our pledge of £72,025. A significant portion of our administrative cost is dedicated to paying the staff salaries, utilities and insurance.

The 5% of unrestricted donations received goes to Mission Giving. Last year the PCC allocated £4000 for our annual mission giving and given equally to:

Deanery Schools
A Rocha
Glass Door
Wandsworth Prison Welfare
Home Start Wandsworth

We were also very blessed to receive a legacy of £30,000 from Margaret Goodfellow.

Finally, we would like to thank all of you who have contributed to our financial success and shared in our mission. Your support is invaluable, and together we look forward to the journey ahead.

Sosy Cholakian

ACCREDITATIONS



LIVING WAGE EMPLOYER

We are pleased to announce that we are a *Living Wage* employer. The *Living Wage* commitment sees everyone working at St Barnabas, regardless of whether they are direct employees or third-party contracted staff receive at least the minimum living wage (currently £13.15/ hour) which is higher than the statutory minimum for over 23s (currently £12/hour).



ECO CHURCH BRONZE AWARD

We are proud to have achieved in 2023 the Eco Church *Bronze Award* which recognises the steps we have taken to be an Eco church. The litter picks (transforming our community), outdoor services (embedding creation care in worship), or reviewing our energy consumption are all examples of actions that have led to the accreditation. Thank you to the Eco Church committee which continue to work to now achieve the Silver award.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2023	Total 2022
Income						
Income and Endowments						
Income from Charitable Activities	4,858				4,858	3,333
Income from Donations and Legacies	67,586	50,462			118,048	79,525
Income from Other Trading Activities	74,608	1,603			76,211	82,677
Investment Income	3,914				3,914	639
Total Income	150,966	52,064			203,030	166,174
Expenses						
Expenditure						
Charitable Activities	151,783	7,976			159,759	156,126
Expenditure on Raising Funds	115	590			705	283
Total Expenses	151,898	8,566			160,464	156,409
Net Recourse Movement	(933)	43,498			42,566	9,765
Net movement in Funds	554	42,012			42,566	9,765
Total Funds Brought Forward	100,455	11,712			112,167	102,398
Total Funds Carried Forward	101,009	53,722			154,734	112,167

Balance Sheet

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets		
Fixtures & Fittings	1,117	2,096
Other Assets	2,527	-
Current Assets		
Debtors		
Hirers Account Receivable	581	-
Account Receivable	6,849	4,079
Cash at Bank and in Hand		
CAF Bank Current Account	59,244	54,980
CAF Donate	100	-
CCLA(CBF) Deposit Account	88,849	13,865
CCLA(COIF) Deposit Account	-	42,328
Cash /Undeposited Receipts	1,417	-
Goodbox	283	-
Soldo Prepaid Card	-	728
Creditors		
Account Payable	-4,633	-2,909
Other Creditors	-1,600	-3,000
Net Assets	154,734	112,167
 Funds & Resevers		
Unrestricted Funds	101,009	100,455
Restricted Funds	-	-
Designnated Fund	53,722	11,712
Funds Provided	154,734	112,167

BATTERSEA DEANERY

Battersea Deanery Synod had plans to meet three times last year, in March, July and October, but some inclement summer weather meant that the intended garden party at St Mary's never took place. Prior to this, the Synod meeting in March (at St George's) took the form of a service of welcome for our new Area Bishop, Rt Rev Martin Gainsborough, whilst in October (at The Ascension), the meeting focussed on the *Nine Elms Arts Ministry* led by Rev Betsy Blatchley.

Meanwhile, November saw the appointment of a new Area Dean with our former curate, Rev Ian Luke-Macauley taking on the role.

Richard Taylor

PASTORAL OFFICES

There were a total of ten baptisms, including one adult baptism, three weddings and five funerals.

We alternate Holy Communion services with Morning Worship and we hold a monthly family service. In addition, there is a monthly BCP Communion service and a Taize Communion service. Our services are live-streamed on our *YouTube* channel

ELECTORAL ROLL

After revision, there are 124 members on the Electoral Roll at the time of the 2023 APCM.

STAFF

There were no changes in the staff team in 2023. There are three part time staff, Sandrine Simmons, Church Manager, Sarah Hughes, Director of Music and Sosy Cholakian, Finance Co-ordinator.

SAFEGUARDING

St Barnabas adheres to the Diocesan guidance A Safe Church when it comes to protecting vulnerable groups within the church environment. Using the Diocesan Annual Safeguarding Review, the Vicar, churchwardens and parish safeguarding officers (Sarita Rampat and Sandrine Simmons) systematically check procedures and then the PCC as a whole re-affirms its commitment to safeguarding children, vulnerable adults and those at risk of domestic abuse. Measures include carrying out DBS checks on groups' leaders, pastoral team members, PCC members and ensuring hirers agree to observe the church's safeguarding policies. Policies of our practice and for responding to concerns can be found on the notice board and copies of the manual are available for reference at the back of the worship area, in the office, and online from our website and the Diocesan website.

The church is located on the north side of Clapham Common at the corner of Lavender Gardens.

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St Barnabas' Church, Charity Number: 1151362

THE LENT COURSE - *Borders & Belonging*

[...] I thought it was an interesting title; I read the preface, beautifully written by Padraig O Tuama, and found myself reflecting on what it means to belong, and wondering 'where do I belong'? [At the meetings] we read a chapter of Ruth, and then discussed how Ruth's story relates to us today; we looked at our thoughts and perceptions around borders and belonging in the current migrant crisis. It is a real pleasure spending time reflecting with, and getting to know other members of St Barnabas, most of whom I have only known by sight. [...] I will miss the Lent course when it finishes; but through attending this course I found the answer to my question: I belong at St Barnabas!

Wendy Hewitt (Extract from the Commoner)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC Trustees share responsibility for promoting the whole mission of the Church, its financial accountability, safeguarding users, the maintenance, preservation and insurance of the fabric of the Grade II listed building.

They met 8 times in 2024. Joanna Burdett joined Mike Burton as wardens, with responsibility for overseeing Sunday mornings and fabrics respectively.

**St Barnabas Church
Clapham Common**

**End of Year Financial Statements
31st December 2023**

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2023	Total 2022
Income						
Income and Endowments						
Income from Charitable Activities	4,858				4,858	3,333
Income from Donations and Legacies	67,586	50,462			118,048	79,525
Income from Other Trading Activities	74,608	1,603			76,211	82,677
Investment Income	3,914				3,914	639
Total Income	150,966	52,064			203,030	166,174
Expenses						
Expenditure						
Charitable Activities	151,783	7,976			159,759	156,126
Expenditure on Raising Funds	115	590			705	283
Total Expenses	151,898	8,566			160,464	156,409
Net Recourse Movement	(933)	43,498			42,566	9,765
Net movement in Funds	554	42,012			42,566	9,765
Total Funds Brought Forward	100,455	11,712			112,167	102,398
Total Funds Carried Forward	101,009	53,722			154,734	112,167

Balance Sheet

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets		
Fixtures & Fittings	1,117	2,096
Other Assets	2,527	-
Current Assets		
Debtors		
Hirers Account Receivable	581	-
Account Receivable	6,849	4,079
Cash at Bank and in Hand		
CAF Bank Current Account	59,244	54,980
CAF Donate	100	-
CCLA(CBF) Deposit Account	88,849	13,865
CCLA(COIF) Deposit Account	-	42,328
Cash /Undeposited Receipts	1,417	-
Goodbox	283	-
Soldo Prepaid Card	-	728
Creditors		
Account Payable	-4,633	-2,909
Other Creditors	-1,600	-3,000
Net Assets	154,734	112,167
Funds & Resevers		
Unrestricted Funds	101,009	100,455
Restricted Funds	-	-
Designnated Fund	53,722	11,712
Funds Provided	154,734	112,167

Asset and Liabilities

	Net Amount 2023	Net Amount 2022
Assets		
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets		
Fixtures & Fittings		
Chair Trolley	494	504
Chair Trolley Depreciation	-126	-11
	368	494
Table Trolley	453	518
Table Trolley Depreciation	-129	-65
	324	453
Dishwasher	852	1,277
Dishwasher Depreciation	-425	-425
	427	852
Other Assets		
Notice Board	2,474	-
Notice Board Depreciation	-247	-
	2,227	
Vicar's Float	300	300
	300	300
Fixed Assets	2,910	2,096
Current Assets		
Debtors		
Hirers Account Receivable	581	-
Account Receivable	6,849	4,079
	7,430	4,079
Cash at Bank and in Hand		
CAF Bank Current Account	59,244	54,980
CAF Donate	100	-
CCLA(CBF) Deposit Account	88,849	13,865
CCLA(COIF) Deposit Account	-	42,328
Cash /Undeposited Receipts	1,417	-
Goodbox	283	-
Soldo Prepaid Card	-	728
	149,893	111,901
Current Assets	157,323	115,980
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Account Payable	-4,633	-2,909
Other Creditors	-1,600	-3,000
Current Liabilities	-6,233	-5,909
Grant Total	154,734	112,167

Fund Balances

Fund	Brought Forward	Transfers	Income	Expenses	Balance
125 Anniversary	-	2,033	44,423	-726	45,730
125 Tree	-	755	3,548	-4,303	-
Barney's	112	128	1,358	-	1,598
Battersea Welcome Refugees	4,146	-	-	-1,775	2,371
Battersea/RT Area Dean	13	-	-	-	13
Flowers	108	-	200	-158	150
General Fund	100,455	1,487	150,965	-151,898	101,009
Nightshelter	1,766	8	220	-169	1,825
Organ	167	-	-	-	167
Seniors	192	48	2,315	-685	1,871
Stone/Fabric	5,207	-4,457	-	-750	-
Unrestricted total	100,455	1,487	150,966	-151,898	101,009
Designated total	11,711	-1,487	52,064	-8,566	53,722
Total	112,167	-	203,030	-160,464	154,734

Income and Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2023	Total 2022
Income and Endowments						
Income from Charitable Activities						
Baptism certificate Fees	17				17	
Fees for weddings & funerals						3,333
Banns fee	1,125				1,125	
Funeral Fees	1,879				1,879	
Wedding Fees	1,836				1,836	
Total Income from Charitable Activities	4,858				4,858	3,333
Income from Donations and Legacies						
CAF Donate	9,308	3,314			12,622	11,805
Gift Aid Claimed	15,540	412			15,952	10,459
Gift Aid Donations - Envelopes	1,783	319			2,102	3,569
Goodbox Donations	1,938	913			2,851	
Legacies		30,500			30,500	
Loose Plate Collections	2,548	568			3,116	2,498
Non Gift Aid Donations - Bank	1,000	20			1,020	1,100
Non-recurring one-off grants		2,190			2,190	1,630
One off Gift Aid Donations		9,771			9,771	
Other Donations/Contributions	246	965			1,211	8,503
Barneys		939			939	
Garden Collection	182				182	
Seniors		315			315	
Regular Gift Aid Donations - Bank	30,298				30,298	32,685
Regular Giving Envelopes	4,743	234			4,977	5,200
Recurring grant						2,078
Total Income from Donations and Legacies	67,586	50,462			118,048	79,525
Income from Other Trading Activities						
Church Hall Letting Income	56,515				56,515	59,747
Church Hall Letting Income (Support Group)	8,420				8,420	12,383
Income From Fund-raising Events						
Crosses		1,004			1,004	
125 Park Run		385			385	
125 Raffle		214			214	
Income From Parking Space	9,673				9,673	10,545
Total Income from Other Trading Activities	74,608	1,603			76,211	82,677
Investment Income						
Interest Received	3,914				3,914	639
Total Investment Income	3,914				3,914	639
Total Income and Endowments	150,966	52,064			203,030	166,174

Income and Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2023	Total 2022
Expenditure						
Charitable Activities						
125 Trees		4,303			4,303	
Battersea Welcome Refugees		1,377			1,377	6,043
BWR Finance Coordinator		398			398	840
Books & resources for congregation	228				228	
Charity Management & Administration						
Administration & Compliance	939				939	1,557
Bank Charges	85				85	-
Depreciation	927				927	501
Children & Youth	184				184	434
Church Flowers		158			158	391
Church Running Costs						
Annual Church Maintenance	2,283				2,283	959
Church Cleaning Fees	5,250				5,250	5,256
Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies	1,133				1,133	585
Church Electricity	5,573				5,573	3,251
Church Gas	9,156				9,156	6,971
Church Insurance	3,848				3,848	3,595
Church Telecoms	492				492	522
Church Water & Sewage	55				55	456
Church repairs & maintenance	2,879	750			3,629	13,061
IT & Software/Computer Expenses	484				484	373
Organists Fees	1,171				1,171	598
Printing & Stationary	886	136			1,022	915
Refreshments						587
Church Hospitality	778				778	
Sunday Refreshment	563				563	
Staffing						
Church Manager's Salary	13,648				13,648	13,217
Director of Music Salary	6,310				6,310	6,121
Employees NI & Pension contribution	1,913				1,913	2,056
Finance Co-Ordinator Salary	6,708				6,708	6,816
Clergy & Staff Expenses						
Clergy & Staff Refreshments	427				427	221
Staff Travel Costs	98				98	75
Cost of Entertainment	200				200	
Cost of Services						
Church requisites	316				316	
Organ / Piano Tuning & Repair	962				962	565
Provision of services/Worship resources	1,241				1,241	1,538

Income and Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2023	Total 2022
Curate Costs	781				781	5,665
Diocesan Quota (Parish Support Fund)	72,025				72,025	67,000
Diocesan Returns To SLCF	984				984	990
Gardening Fees	2,077				2,077	1,534
Gift	218				218	290
Mission Giving	4,075				4,075	
Giving to Missionary Societies	297				297	225
Giving to Secular Charities	752				752	476
Mission Expenses	83				83	
Night shelter		169			169	
Pastoral	237				237	416
Senior Activities Cost		363			363	314
Place of Welcome		322			322	
Vicarage Hospitality	97				97	1,355
Working expenses of incumbent	1,419				1,419	338
Total Charitable Activities	151,783	7,976			159,759	156,126
Expenditure on Raising Funds						
Costs of Fund-raising						
Costs of stewardship campaign	115	590			705	283
Total Expenditure on Raising Funds	115	590			705	283
Total Expenditure	151,898	8,566			160,464	156,409
Operating Profit/(Loss)	(933)	43,499			42,566	9,765
Total Other Income/(Expenses)						
Net Profit/(Loss)	(933)	43,499			42,566	9,765



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

St Barnabas Church, Clapham Common

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1151362

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

14/04/2024

Name:

Douglas Pearson

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

n/a
