



The Parish Church of St Barnabas, Southfields

Annual Report 2023

Sunday, 4th June 2023



St Barnabas Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Ian Tattum, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church and the Church Hall complex adjacent to the Church.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to sustaining the liberal catholic tradition and ethos of the parish and maintaining a pattern of services rooted in Eucharistic worship, but in an open way which welcomes as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the church community at St Barnabas. The PCC reviews our services regularly. When planning our activities for the year, we have sought to follow the principles in the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Liturgy and prayer; learning about the Christian faith; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus Christ.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Through opening the church up to the community by sharing our facilities with as many groups as possible as a sign of the Kingdom of God.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Barnabas and the adjacent halls.

Achievements and Performance:

Worship and Prayer

During 2022 we sustained our pattern of a 9am said Common Worship Eucharist followed by a 10.30am Choral Eucharist. In the summer we introduced a monthly service at 9.30am,



particularly designed for families with young children. We now have a monthly choral compline and occasional evensong.

Our Sunday School started again on two Sundays each month.

We conducted 14 baptisms; 2 funeral services were held at St Barnabas and 5 were conducted elsewhere.

Rev'd Ian undergoes the solemn and dignified
procedure of vesting for Compline.

We continue to benefit from the ministry of Joy Boyce, who continues to help us regularly now that she is no longer licensed to the parish but has permission to officiate. Other people in the congregation have also helped with leading worship during the year.

Greg Skidmore, Director of Music, has continued to help us with choral music and has developed a programme of regular services of compline. Sandy May is now our lead organist, and he is ably supported by Robert Stewart and others.

Deanery Synod

Only one member of the PCC sits on the Deanery Synod at the moment, and we are very conscious that we need more representation. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. During the year there was plenty of deanery-wide cooperation on Mission, especially focussing on EcoChurch and Living in Love and Faith. Our vicar, Ian Tattm, stepped down as Area Dean in November.

The Church

There are still regular concerts held in the church, including by the Tailleferre Ensemble.

In the summer we held a day-long 'Performathon': 12 hours of music and spoken word.



The Church Garden

This continues to be maintained by a small team Martin Whittaker has taken over, so that it continues to provide a space for leisure and a haven for wild life. It was used by the wider community for the annual Southfields Harvest event in the autumn and is now being used regularly as an outside space by one of our new hall users working with young children.

The Church Halls

During the week throughout 2022 most of our established groups returned, and some new ones joined us. We continue to give reduced rates for community groups and charities. Regular and new hall and church users include: Southfields Ballet, National Child Birth Trust, Cygnet Players, Little Kickers, Monkey Music, Osteopathy Pilates, Southfields Grid Residents

Association, Southfields Sings, Minijam, Tiny Tunes, Perform, Sing and Sign, and Hestia. Church members ran drop-in events weekly for senior citizens, and we supported the Council's warm space initiative during the winter. We seek to maintain all our facilities in a good state of repair so that they can be a long-term community asset.

Our Church Office

This has been run superbly by Claire Fox, who, after many years' service has had to step down. She is supported by Krista Ovist, in a voluntary capacity.

Pastoral care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age.

Reverend Ian Tattum takes communion at home to those who request it, and some lay members of the church do regular home visiting to the housebound. Ian keeps in touch with those who are housebound or have been isolating with regular



Cakes and quizzes at Monday Club

newsletters and phone calls. The Monday Club for senior citizens operated whenever it was safe to do so, sometimes using the church garden.

Mission and Evangelism

We supported a number of charities and have a strong presence in the community through active participation in community life and a vibrant website and use of Twitter and Facebook.

We have supported Wandsworth and Earlsfield Foodbanks, The Ace of Clubs, Ibba Girls' School in South Sudan and Christian Aid. This year we were proud to be able to host Glass-Door project again after restrictions had been lifted. The vicar, Ian Tattum, continued as Chair of Governors at Riversdale School, but remained a member of the Independent Advisory Committee to the

Metropolitan Police in Wandsworth. From the autumn of 2022 he has been co-chair of the Cost of Living Commission set up by Wandsworth Council.



Rev'd Ian co-chairs the first meeting of the Wandsworth Cost of Living Commission

Ecumenical Relationships

There are good links with Whitelands and Southlands Colleges in Roehampton, and links have been restored with four neighbouring churches since the Covid restrictions were lifted.

PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DEC 2022

St Barnabas Church Southfields
Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 Unrestricted funds	2022 Restricted and designate d funds	Total	2021
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Planned giving	27,126		27,126	29,106
Income tax recoverable	9,476		9,476	6,535
Collections	2,469		2,469	1,528
Donations	10,787	7,000	17,787	7,865
Total giving	49,858	7,000	56,858	45,034

Grants			-	4,150
Fund raising	5,996		5,996	1,859
Banns			-	814
Fees	984		984	1,415
Hall lettings	44,875		44,875	39,647
Interest received	147		147	35
Sundry receipts	-		-	-
Other income	52,002	-	52,002	47,920
Total incoming resources	101,860	7,000	108,860	92,954
Expenditure				
Home mission	(288)		(288)	(761)
Diocesan assessment	(47,500)		(47,500)	(45,000)
Utilities	(6,272)		(6,272)	(8,122)
Insurance	(5,873)		(5,873)	(5,531)
Music and organist	(7,452)		(7,452)	(4,395)
Church Sundries	(1,750)		(1,750)	(809)
Hall cleaning	(4,836)		(4,836)	(2,352)
Hall administration	(9,270)		(9,270)	(9,586)
Office and stationery	(833)		(833)	(990)
Communications	(953)		(953)	(602)
IT	(842)		(842)	(1,035)
Building/major equipment repairs and maintenance	(6,293)		(6,293)	(14,214)
Church mission and donations	(2,327)		(2,327)	(696)
Total resources expended	(94,489)	-	(94,489)	(94,093)
Surplus/ (deficit) of income over expenditure	7,371	7,000	14,371	(1,139)
Funds brought forward	6,265	28,620	34,886	36,025
Transfers	5,498	(5,498)	-	-
Funds carried forward	19,134	30,122	49,257	34,886

St Barnabas Church Southfields

Balance Sheet

At 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Current assets					
Amounts due to PCC	2				
Income tax recoverable		8,363		7,155	
Church hall debtors		-		1,747	
Other debtors/accrued income/prepayments		-		-	
			8,363		8,902
CCLA deposits	3				
CCLA Building Project		346		342	

CCLA - Altar Fund		3		3
CCLA - Capital and Building Fund		11,000		10,858
			11,349	11,203
Cash at bank				
Main account	4	3,873		4,582
Church Hall Account		8,878		2,826
SFDS account		12,743		3,169
			25,494	10,577
Fixed assets			6,621	6,372
Total current assets			51,827	37,054
Creditors amounts due from PCC within one year			(2,571)	(2,169)
Creditors		(1,600)		(1,500)
Accrued expenses		(971)		(669)
Total net assets			49,256	34,885
Represented by				
Designated funds				
Fabric fund	5		17,506	19,006
Ninds Trust Fund	5		3,003	1,225
Total designated funds			20,509	20,231
Restricted funds				
Hall garden fund	5		2,056	-
Piano/organ fund	5		2,860	5,555
Area Dean funding	5		-	2,834
Total restricted funds			4,916	8,389
General fund			23,833	6,265
Total equity			49,258	34,885

St Barnabas Church
Southfields
Year ended 31 December 2022
Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with the Statement of Recommended Practice issued by the Charity Commissioners and under the historical cost convention

Funds

The PCC's reserves have been divided into restricted or designated funds, where income has arisen with restrictions as to its uses and an unrestricted general fund available for the general purposes

of the PCC.

Income tax recoverable

Income tax recoverable on covenanted or gift aid donations is recognised when claimable.

Note 2 Amounts due to PCC

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	8,363	7,155
Church hall debtors	0	1,747
	8,363	8,902

Income tax recoverable represents unclaimed gift aid of £8,363 for 2022.

Note 3 CCLA Deposit Accounts

The cash held in CCLA deposit accounts is available for PCC's general use.

Note 4 Cash at bank	2022	2021
	£	£
Main account	3,873	4,582
Church Hall Account	8,878	2,826
SFDS account	12,743	3,169
	25,494	10,577

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Barnabas the membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar, churchwardens, the reader, our honorary curate and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and participate fully in the life of the parish.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

Vicar's Report—Rev'd Ian Tattum

You might be tired of me reminding everyone that St Barnabas was given his nickname 'Son of Encouragement' because of his generosity with money and with himself. But he was one of those unflashy characters who sought to build bridges between people and make God known by the entirety of his life, not just by what he proclaimed. And I still believe that his character is a good one to imitate, as we are a church that bears his name.

There is no escaping the fact that, like other churches, and indeed most people, we are still living in the shadow of Covid, along with the extra challenges brought by the Cost-of-Living Crisis. Most church communities have fewer resources in terms of money, people, and energy.

But there are signs that the Holy Spirit is not only upholding us, but is nudging us in new ways to be a church in this place.

Most Mondays I drop into the Monday Club, where around twenty older citizens are given the chance to get out, be in company, and chat. Thanks to Peter Jackson and Margaret Brett, they also get a mental work out, and better cakes than any local bakery can provide. It is a place of laughter and friendship.

During the year since the halls and church fully opened up again, we are again a community hub. For those who come here only on Sundays, it is hard to imagine all the activity going on here during the week: from ballet to Pilates classes, to singing groups, drama groups and health recovery duties – people from one to eighty.

This coming week we are hosting a theatrical extravaganza by Cygnet Players, followed two weeks later by our Performathon. Our Director of Music, Greg Skidmore, and his partner, Rebecca Lea – assisted by Krista Ovist, Katie Ault, and Dominic Knollys – have created a special space where musicians and writers can meet and encourage each other. The unifying thread running through this event is church choral music, which for many involved is an explicitly religious or spiritual experience. Greg's development of choral

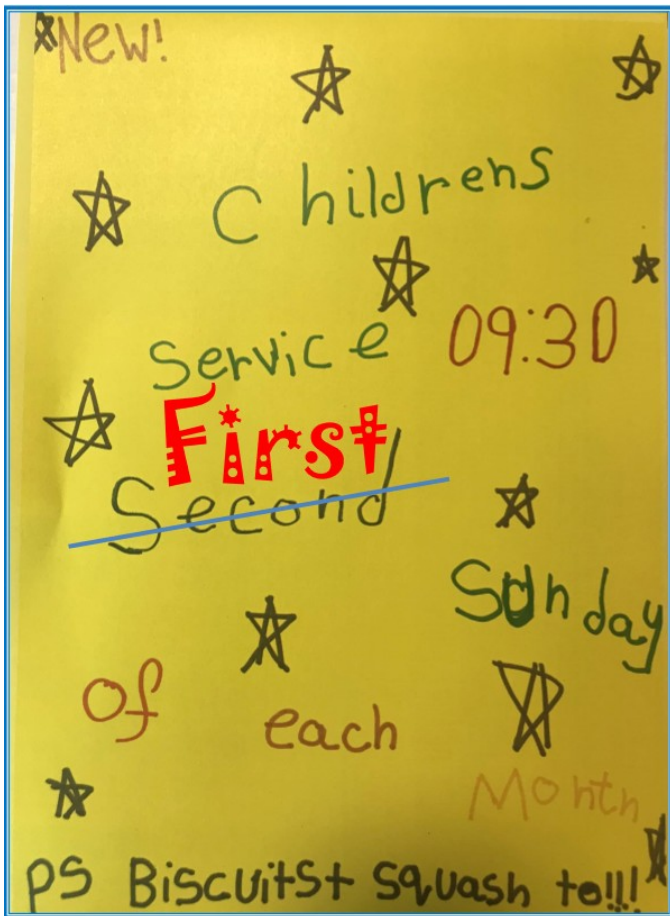


'When am I on?!'

Young performers eagerly check the Performathon schedule.

music, particularly around compline, has been one of the most positive additions to church life recently.

I also must mention the popularity of the new children's/family service on the first Sunday of the month. Not having a name has not put people off. This only started last summer, but now has a core group of about 20 adults and 15 children, with quite a few less frequent attenders.



This might seem unlikely, but due to these two innovations, church attendance is close to where it was before Covid. It is encouraging to note that, of the fourteen families who had children baptised last year, half are now regular or very regular attenders of the church.

All years have their mixture of good news and bad news, and Claire Fox having to stand down as Parish Administrator has been a blow for all of us. We are immensely grateful to her, not only for her kindness, efficiency and hard work but also because she has been the first person who has had to deal with the complex tasks needed for smooth running of the office and the halls.

Joy has battled on too, continuing to help out on Sundays and giving sage

advice, and I am delighted that Ruth has been able to help lead services from time to time. Daniel Eshun, who was with us again this morning, will hopefully continue to come to us with fresh perspectives from time to time.

And after a gap of a few years we have just had two members of the church, Mary Dunlop and April Marquick, confirmed by the Bishop of Southwark.

And thanks are due too to all who have served on the PCC in the last year, and in some cases far longer, particularly Andy Hansen and Helen Hotten who have been church wardens during very difficult years.

Deanery Synod Secretary's Report for APCMs—Rev'd Ruth Lampard

Our meetings began with our Summer Social at St Paul's Parkside: this was the first real chance to meet socially since Covid restrictions were introduced. Pam Davies stood down as Treasurer at this meeting and was thanked for her long service in that role to Synod. We had time to meet and talk about how things have been over a delicious meal, and were joined by

our MP Fleur Anderson who talked about her faith and development work and thanked Deanery Churches for all our contributions to community life in Wandsworth.

In November we met at St Andrews, Earlsfield, and Johnny Sertin gave us insight into his work in supporting and encouraging Pioneer Ministry, particularly within CMS (Church Missionary

Society). This was the last meeting for Revd Ian Tattum as Area Dean, and Archdeacon John Kiddle joined us to Commission Rev'd John Whittaker as our new Area Dean, and welcomed Rev'd Susan Bolen as Assistant Area Dean.



Bishop Rob Gillion joined us in February at St Barnabas, Southfields and talked about Arts in Mission - and very warmly of the vital need for welcoming, distinctive, creative and story-rich churches. This was the last meeting for a number of members of Deanery Synod, as some will not be standing for re-election, and their service is much appreciated. Among them is our Lay Chair, Gemma Duncan, and John Whittaker led

S Bishop Gillion, 'Bishop of the Arts', admires the St Barnabas triptych by member Katie Ault.

tion and commitment as Lay Chair.

Deanery Synod Representatives provide a crucial link between their parishes and the Deanery. Representatives serve a term of three years, with elections being held this year for the new Triennium. Please find below a leaflet which details the role of a Deanery Synod Representative, and how you can stand for election

<https://southwark.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Deanery-Synod-Reps-Elections-leaflet-2023-F.pdf>

Bishop Christopher has particularly commended PCCs to identify candidates of UK Minority Ethnic/Global Majority heritage for election. Diocesan Synod also encourages PCCs to consider using their powers to set limits on the number of consecutive terms lay members may serve on Deanery Synod. Our parish can elect 3 representatives this year.

PCC Secretary's Report—Caroline Jopp

The PCC met 6 times this year as follows:

Tuesday 24th January
Wednesday 9th February
Tuesday 22nd March

Tuesday 5th July (with the APCM in between)

Tuesday 20th September

Tuesday 22nd November

The PCC agreed that a Children's Service should take place on the second Sunday of the month, running for 20 minutes from 9:30am, followed by the regular 10:30am service. This was trialled on 8th May, 2022 and has proved extremely popular since its inception. It was subsequently agreed by the PCC that the Children's Service be moved to the first Sunday of the month from September 2022, and this remains the permanent new slot. The feedback has been so positive, and the timing of it allows the children to go on to their sporting commitments later in the day.

We continue to look for a healthy schedule of welcomers each week as well as volunteers to help with counting and coffee after the service. All new volunteers will be gratefully accepted to take the pressure off the small number who currently help out in this way, please.

The cash machine/card reader has now replaced the baskets for collection, but we would still very much prefer regular giving as an option. The card reader can also be used for paying for coffee, although we do accept cash too!

We still regularly discuss the idea of an Open Church, but there are issues of security and manning, of course, and the PCC has pledged to continue to look for ways to have the church open to the public as often as possible.

We were sorry to lose Nicole Lee as our Treasurer in September and are so grateful for her help and support for so long. Helen Hotten is now stepping in to take on the role following the APCM.

There will be a change of PCC members following the next APCM. Helen Hotten (Churchwarden) is going to become Treasurer, Andy Hansen (Churchwarden) is moving and stepping down, as is Caroline Jopp, Secretary.

We are delighted that Greg Skidmore is now officially our Musical Director/choir master.

We also now have a volunteer gardener for the church garden.

We are ever grateful to the wonderful Claire Fox, who will be leaving us soon and also so thankful that we have had so much input from Krista Ovist who is so generous with giving up her time for free to help out. Aside from the weekly pew sheet, she has done great work on our website.

Churchwarden Report—Helen Hotten

I have just reviewed my notes from our PCC meetings during 2022, and this was clearly the year of recovery. In the early months we were still discussing masks in church and reporting low attendance. We wondered if we could introduce coffee after the service. We hoped that we might be able

to have baptisms during the service. Our regular hall users had not returned, and our income was reduced.

During the course of the year we have seen an almost full recovery. Our halls are now back in full use. Our church attendance numbers are at pre-Covid levels, and we have seen new families join us. We are delighted to welcome families for baptisms during our services. In addition to this, we have started Sunday School, introduced our new Children's Service, and reinstated coffee after the service. We have also continued with our Compline service, which has provided a quiet contemplative space for our congregation.

In addition, we were able to welcome back guests for our night shelter during the winter months. This is such an important aspect of our community work, and thanks to Jennie for organising this project.

Some of the changes brought in by Covid have stayed with us. We have many of our meetings by Zoom. Our congregants have a choice for receiving communion between common cup and intinction.

There are two problematic areas for us. Our regular giving has not recovered. We no longer take a collection during the service, and other methods for donating to the church are not working optimally! Ideally, we would increase our giving by direct debit. This is a particular problem due to the increase in heating costs. The second problem is that we do not have as many volunteers as we need. Throughout 2022 attendance improved, which is very good news. However, we now need more Welcomers, Sunday School teachers, volunteers to prepare coffee after the service, occasional gardeners, help with IT...to name just a few!

Thanks as ever to Ian for all that he does for our church community. Sadly for Ian, his 2 church wardens have other commitments and cannot provide the support we would like. Ian takes on the burden of all this extra work. However, there are also a small number of people who volunteer their help, quietly supporting the work of our church by serving on the PCC, fundraising, gardening, arranging the flowers, serving at the altar, working with our children, helping with the night shelter, organising activities for the elderly, and so on. We also have had the calm and competent presence of Claire, and we are so sorry to see her leave.

I will be stepping down as Church Warden after 6 years but look forward to being part of our thriving church community and working as Treasurer.

Glass Door Homeless Shelter Report—Jennie Allen

We were relieved to be able to welcome homeless people to St Barnabas again in December as part of the Wandsworth circuit of shelters organised by the charity Glass Door. Every Friday evening for 16 weeks, volunteers

from St Barnabas and the wider community cooked and served a hot three-course meal to an average of 20 guests. They then bedded down for the night in our halls supported by Glass Door staff. This year Glass Door reported it has been more difficult than ever to find suitable homes for guests to move on to, reflecting the national housing crisis. In 2023 we anticipate numbers of guests will be back to the pre-pandemic level of 30-35. Anyone who would like to join the volunteers (cooking can be done at home or on site, servers are needed from 6.30 to 9.30pm c. 3 times a season) should contact Jennie via email jennieallen@virginmedia.com.

Communications Report—Krista Ovist

Since the last APCM, our communications methods have remained very stable. While Rev'd Ian continues to manage our Facebook and Twitter content, I continue to produce our weekly pew sheet and keep the website up-to-date.

That said, we are poised to migrate very soon from our present WordPress website to a product called Church Desk. This change is necessary because our present platform has been facilitated by Rev'd Ian's brother, Christopher Tattum. In anticipation of Ian's retirement next year, it has seemed wise to initiate a new system in order to have it up and running before the interregnum. It will take an initial period of data input to get the new system fully functional, but it promises to afford new features, such as an interactive space for rota organizing. To see an example of a website run by Church Desk, take a look at what this widely used and recommended platform is doing for St Paul's Wimbledon Parkside at <https://www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk/>

Electoral Roll Officer's Report—Krista Ovist

We have just completed the fourth revision of the Electoral Roll since the 2019 total renewal. Notice of this revision, which began on 6 May 2023 and closed on 20 May 2023, was posted on the Noticeboard page of the website and on the bulletin board inside the Merton Road entrance to the church. Notice was also given in the pew sheets for 7 and 14 May 2023. Printed applications and a submission folder are always available in church on the Welcome Table.

As of this APCM, the Electoral Roll stands at 104 (down by 8 from last year's 112), 76 of whom are resident in the parish and 28 of whom live outside the parish. The decrease reflects 19 departures from the Roll owing to moves or inactivity by registrants resident outside the parish limits, partially offset by 11 new applications.

A names-only version of the revised Roll is displayed on the bulletin board inside the Merton Road entrance to the church. The results of official revisions will be published annually until the next total renewal in 2025, but applications are welcome at any time.

Safeguarding Report—Suzanne Ross and Peter Jackson

We are glad to report that it has been a quiet time following Covid. St Barnabas continues to follow the Safeguarding policies of the Southwark Diocese, which can be found at <https://southwark.anglican.org/safeguarding/>

We recently updated the notice board and the website re the change of the lead for Safeguarding for Southwark from Kate Singleton to Pamela Chisholm. All contact numbers are on our website and on the Safeguarding board in the entrance hall of the church.

Notice of the updated requirement for safeguarding training was recently sent to all members of the PCC and those who work with children and vulnerable adults. It is our own responsibility to ensure we are updated. There is a clear grid on the diocesan Safeguarding webpages to help you identify what you need to do. Many of these courses can now be booked and done online.

Prior to Covid, an annual audit was done to assess the standards of safeguarding in each church. We have contacted Southwark Diocese to establish if this is to continue and to check if Disclosure and Disbarring clearance is recommended for three or five years.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time with any concerns or queries.

Administrative Information:

St Barnabas Church is located at 146 Lavenham Road, SW18 5EP. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Church Office, 146 Lavenham Road, Southfields, London SW18 5EP.

Registered Charity Number: 1163989

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2019 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio Members:

Incumbant: Revd Ian Tattum (Chairman)

Churchwardens:

Helen Hotten (from April 2017)

Andy Hansen (from April 2019)

Treasurer: Nicole Lee (July 2019)

PCC Secretary: Caroline Jopp

Deanery Synod Reps (lay):

Krista Ovist (from April 2019)

Elected members:

Iain Dunlop (April 2019)

Caroline Jopp (PCC Secretary) (April 2019)

Suzanne Ross (Safeguarding) (April 2018)

Jennie Allen (2021)

Kate Winter (2021)

Co-opted members:

Revd Joy Boyce (May 2018)

Floyd Easton (2021)

Approved by the PCC on **28 May 2023** and signed on their behalf by
Revd Ian Tattum (PCC Chairman)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'I. S. Tattum'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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The St Barnabas Triptych © Katie Ault 2012

Easter Egg Hunt in the church garden, 2022

