

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF S. JOHN
CHRYSOSTOM WITH S. ANDREW PECKHAM**

**REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022**

Charity Number: 1165288

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF S. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM WITH S. ANDREW, PECKHAM**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022**

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Parish Church Council at
31st December 2022**

Revd Dr Emmanuel Adeloye - chair
Mrs Patricia Williams
Mrs Delorine Green
Mrs Maria Gabriel
Mrs Ethel Adu-Offeh
Mrs Elaine Taylor
Trevor Drayton
Ms Althea Smith
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Miss Linda Smith
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Percy Oguery
Musu Theresa Dyfan
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Donna Mortley
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Sami Adeola
Winifred Jordan
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Rosemary Hill
Althea Smith

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st December 2022. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

TRUSTEES

The trustees named on page 1 have served throughout the year. Appointment of trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the charity. The Board of Trustees is authorised to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing trustee. New trustees undergo an orientation day to brief them on: their legal obligations under charity law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the governing document and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. During the induction day they meet key employees and other trustees.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council is formed under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 and Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended and is currently regulated by Church Representation Rules Schedule 3 of the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended

OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY

The charity has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES - continued

RISK REVIEW

The trustees conduct periodic reviews of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems and procedures to manage those risks identified are implemented so as to minimise any potential impact on the charity should any of those risks materialise.

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees consider the current level of reserves is sufficient to cover eventualities as they arise.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity are promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Please see page 13 - Report of Chair of PCC

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES – continued

Financial Review

Total income in the year was £87,152 (2021 £75,848) and total expenditure £63,411 (2021 £54,939). The charity has sufficient funds to meet its ongoing obligations.

Parochial Church Council's Responsibilities

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Parochial Church Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the church's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements the Parochial Church Council is required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- (b) observe the method and principles in the Charities SORP
- (c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (d) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business; and
- (e) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Parochial Church Council has overall responsibility for ensuring that the church has appropriate systems of control, financial or otherwise. They are also responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, they are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on

Revd Dr Emmanuel Adeloje – Chair of PCC

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE PCC

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements;
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act,

have not been met or

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner:

David Barber

David Barber, Jubilee House, 10 Moat Sole, Sandwich, Kent CT13 9AU

Date: 28th July 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES – YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2022 £	2021 £
Voluntary income	2	25,455	0	0	25,455	22,922
Church activities	3	0	0	0	0	0
Activities for generating funds	4	0	0	0	0	0
Investment income	5	28,926	0	0	28,926	38,550
Other incoming resources	6	32,771	0	0	32,771	14,376
TOTAL		87,152	0	0	87,152	75,848

RESOURCES EXPENDED	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2022 £	2021 £
Fundraising trading costs	7	0	0	0	0	0
Church activities	8	61,901	0	0	61,901	52,231
Governance costs	9	1,510	0	0	1,510	2,708
TOTAL		63,411	0	0	63,411	54,939
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		23,741	0	0	23,741	20,909
Gain (Loss) on revaluation of investments	17	0	0	(25,648)	(25,648)	33,071
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		23,741	0	(25,648)	(1,907)	53,980
Transfer of funds	19	0	0	0	0	0
Brought forward from previous year		397,123	4,200	224,407	625,730	571,750
Total funds carried forward		420,864	4,200	198,759	623,823	625,730

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	1,175	0
Investments	12	540,723	571,911
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		541,898	571,911
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	6,397	4,141
Cash at bank and in hand	14	77,998	51,188
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		84,395	55,329
CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year:			
Creditors	15	2,470	1,510
TOTAL CREDITORS		2,470	1,510
NET CURRENT ASSETS		81,925	53,819
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		623,823	625,730
FUNDS	16		
General unrestricted		420,864	430,194
Restricted funds		4,200	4,200
Endowment funds		198,759	191,336
		623,823	625,730

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28th July 2023

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council by:

Revd Dr Emmanuel Adeloje – Chair of PCC

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31st DECEMBER 2022

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FUNDS

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. (These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC).

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of Church Groups that own an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

INCOME

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when made.

Amounts receivable under covenant are recognised only when honoured by the covenanter.

Income tax recoverable on covenanted or Gift Aided donations is recognised when claimable.

Grants and legacies are accounted for as soon as the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Funds raised by the fete and similar events are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from letting of Church premises is accounted for when earned.

Parochial fees of the PCC for weddings, funerals etc are accounted for when received.

Investment income

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due. Tax recoverable on such income is accrued for on the same basis.

APPLICATION OF RESOURCES

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

The Diocesan quota is accounted for when payable and quota unpaid at 31st December 2022 is shown as a creditor on the Balance Sheet.

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FIXED ASSETS

Consecrated land and buildings and movable Church furnishings.

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by section 10(2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable Church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable Church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement is written off.

Tangible assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided so as to write off the cost of an asset, less any estimated residual value, over the useful life of that asset as follows:

Office equipment 20% straight line method; Church renovations 0%

CURRENT ASSETS

Amounts owing to the PCC in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for amounts that may prove unrecoverable.

2 Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Planned giving	14,254	0	0	14,254	15,802
Tax recoverable	6,397	0	0	6,397	0
Grants and gifts	0	0	0	0	0
Collections	4,804	0	0	4,804	6,649
Donations and appeals	0	0	0	0	471
	25,455	0	0	25,455	22,922

3 Activities for generating funds

Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

4 Church activities

Other	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

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5 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Investment property income	28,926	0	0	28,926	38,550
	28,926	0	0	28,926	38,550

6 Other incoming resources

Legacy and grants	4,750	0	0	4,750	2,530
Interest received	0	0	0	0	79
Other	28,021	0	0	28,021	7,626
	32,771	0	0	32,771	14,376

7 Fund raising expenses

Cost of events	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

8 Church activities

Giving	3,900	0	0	3,900	3,389
Contribution to Diocese	25,000	0	0	25,000	25,000
Repairs and maintenance	1,684	0	0	1,684	4,452
Insurance	4,443	0	0	4,443	3,976
Gas, electricity, water	6,662	0	0	6,662	3,096
Telephone	475	0	0	475	364
Printing, post, stationery	0	0	0	0	0
Staff wages	6,299	0	0	6,299	5,192
Waste disposal	0	0	0	0	1,125
Depreciation	294	0	0	294	318
Church music	4,477	0	0	4,477	1,964
Bank charges	0	0	0	0	0
Other costs	8,667	0	0	8,667	2,355
	61,901	0	0	61,901	52,231

9 Governance costs

Independent examiner's fees	550	0	0	550	550
Accountancy fees	960	0	0	960	2,158
	1,510	0	0	1,510	2,708

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10 Staff costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Wages and salaries	6,299	6,299	5,192
	<u>6,299</u>	<u>6,299</u>	<u>5,192</u>

10A Related Party Transactions.

Any amounts paid to PCC Members or to the Incumbent during the year are in reimbursement of expenses incurred solely on activities related to the Parish.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Church renovations £	Office equipment £	Total £
<u>Cost</u>			
At 1 st January 2022	0	5,105	5,105
Additions	0	1,468	1,468
At 31 st December 2022	<u>0</u>	<u>6,573</u>	<u>6,573</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>			
At 1 st January 2022	0	5,105	5,105
Charge in the year	0	293	293
At 31 st December 2022	<u>0</u>	<u>5,398</u>	<u>5,398</u>
<u>Net book value</u>			
At 31 st December 2022	<u>0</u>	<u>1,175</u>	<u>1,175</u>
At 31 st December 2021	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

12 Investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Property Springall Street	380,576	0	0	380,576	380,576
Bruce McMurray Memorial Fund	0	0	160,147	160,147	191,335
	<u>380,576</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>160,147</u>	<u>540,723</u>	<u>571,911</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
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13 Debtors

Recoverable Gift Aid	6,397			6,397	4,141
	6,397	0	0	6,397	4,141

14 Cash at bank and in hand

PCC Bank Account	25,028	4,200	0	29,228	15,359
Restoration Account	11,862	0	0	11,862	5,125
CCLA Account	2,787		0	2,787	2,750
BM current account					
CBF T1169 137002465D	34,121	0	0	34,121	27,954
	73,798	4,200	0	77,998	51,188

15 Creditors (due within one year)

Short term loan	0	0	0	0	0
Accruals	2,470	0	0	2,470	1,510
	2,470	0	0	2,470	1,510

16 Analysis of net assets by fund

Fixed assets	1,175	0	0	1,175	0
Investments	349,388	0	191,335	540,723	571,911
Cash at bank	73,798	4,200	0	77,998	51,188
Debtors – gift aid	6,397	0	0	6,397	4,141
Creditors	-2,470	0	0	-2,470	-1,510
	428,288	4,200	191,335	623,823	625,730

17 net gains (losses) on investments

Bruce McMurray Fund	0	0	(25,648)	(25,648)	33,071
	0	0	(25,648)	(25,648)	33,071

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18 Transfer of Funds

There were no transfers of funds in the year. The balance of Endowment Funds carried forward at 31st December 2022 relates to the Bruce McMurray Fund.

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**ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, PECKHAM, LONDON.
2022 ANNUAL PARISH REPORT.**

**REPORT ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM WITH
ST ANDREW PECKHAM**

At the 2022 Annual Parochial Church Meeting that took place at St John's Church on 29th May 2022 the Electoral Roll Officer Linda Smith reported that there were 131 people on the Electoral Roll.

Since that date and up until 7th May 2023 there have been 3 additions to the Roll and 2 deletions. Sadly those deletions were members of St John's who had died.

As at 7th May 2023 there are 132 people on the Electoral Roll.

**REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC AND ACTIVITIES
OF THE PARISH.**

The Parish Church Council co-operated with the Incumbent, The Rev. Dr Emmanuel Adeboye in promoting and furthering the whole mission of the Church (evangelism, pastoral, ecumenical and social) in the said Ecclesiastical Parish.

The PCC held her statutory meetings four times in 2022. It received and reviewed reports, monitored performance of the Church and took decisions for its wellbeing and growth.

The Standing committee held her meetings in-between that of the PCC, when necessary and made recommended to the PCC and carried out PCC's decisions.

The PCC carried out necessary repairs and maintenance of its buildings and facilities.

The PCC was prudent in her expenses and was able to have some surplus as can be seen from our audited account.

The PCC increased her Parish Support Fund to the Diocese from £25K pa to £27k pa in the year. The PCC met our Diocesan pledge for the year and other financial obligations.

Our worship.

During the year, Sunday and Weekday Eucharist were held regularly. Rt. Rev. Dr. Karowei Dorgu presided and preached at the 30th Ordination anniversary of our Vicar. Rev. Delorine Green preached and presided at our 2022 Patronal anniversary. Bishop Precious Omuku presided and preached at the 2022 Easter Sunday, Venerable Jonathan of Southwark and other Licensed Priests were invited to preach and or celebrate. Among them were Fr. Tim Pike, Fr. Malcolm Torry. The Rev. Marie John, our Lay reader, Mrs. Rosemary Hill and Rachael Akintaro (head of the Altar servers) were of great assistance in our Eucharist worship. Daily Morning and Evening Prayer were held regularly and so were other seasonal celebrations.

Other services: Our Annual Patronal Anniversary service, annual Harvest, Christmas Carol were held. Fathers' Day and Mothering Sunday were celebrated in a big way with gifts for Fathers and for Mothers. Lent meditation in person and via zoom was held in the year. Special Requiem Mass was held for the soul of her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Baptism: Ten candidates were baptised during the year. They included four adults and six children.

Confirmation: Eleven candidates went through catechesis leading to their receiving the Sacrament of confirmation administered by Bishop Karowei Dorgu. Nine were confirmed at St. Philip and St. Marks, Avondale. Two at Southwark Cathedral.

Engagement with the Wider Church. We took part in the Annual Churches in Peckham Good Friday Rally. We equally had an ecumenical New Year Midnight service.

Social Activities. We continued to collect and send food items to the needy via PECAN and Southwark Food bank. Our special days and services were followed by play activities, drinks, food and cake reception.

SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLES.

The Church Council has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to the House of Bishop's guidance on Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The PCC and this Church is further committed to and abides by the safeguarding policy, principles and example of the Church of England as shown here:

The Church of England will:

- Promote a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruit and support all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults within the Church
- Respond promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Care pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons
- Care pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Respond to those that may pose a present risk to others

CHARITIES

As part of her social responsibilities, the Church continued her support of Charity Groups with donations to Mercy Ships, Barnabas Fund and Church Urban Fund during the year.

CHURCH HALL.

The PCC makes the Church Hall available for public use and rental. Currently, the Hall is being used by Egba cultural Group and by Big 'N' Day Nursery & preschool. It is also available for any local group.

FINANCIAL /TREASURER'S REPORT. (See the audited paper).

REPORT ON FABRIC, GOODS, ORNAMENTS AND BUILDINGS OF THE PARISH CHURCH.

The Area Dean, Rev. Sandra Schloss, carried out relevant inspections. The Church appointed a new Church's Architect Mrs. Sue Kent of Howard Fairbairn LTD. All our fabrics, ornaments, buildings were kept in good conditions and necessary repairs and maintenance works were carried out.

The Church obtained a Faculty from the Diocese and installed a Public Address System to enhance worship.

The two flats on the premises were well maintained. They continued to be let out via Dexters Estate Agent. The Church pays a monthly fee for their services. The rent received from the flats brings in a much-needed income to St John's.

Our building and the arrangements of fabrics and ornament are done to enhance safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

The PCC is determined to continue to further the work of mission and evangelism more vigorously in the years ahead. We will also engage with our community in mission of service through worship, educational support to the local community. We continue to make the Church a place of welcome to all.

REPORT ON THE CAMBERWELL DEANERY SYNOD 2022.

The Camberwell Deanery Synod met on four occasions in 2022.

The meeting on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 took place at St George's Church Camberwell. The main item at the meeting was a lecture/presentation by Susan Patterson, Lucy Russell and Edward from Street Doctors: who provide practical training for young people who encounter knife crime. They respond to violence by equipping the young people with the skills to save lives: e.g. what to do if someone has been stabbed, what to do if someone has been knocked unconscious. The presentation was followed by discussion and questions.

The meeting on Wednesday 8th June 2022 took place at St John's Church. The main item for discussion was Lay Ministry: what does this mean for us?

The meeting on Wednesday 28th September 2022 took place at St Antony with St Silas Church Nunhead. The main item for discussion was Church schools – what do they offer, why does it matter, how can we support them? Fiona Foreman from Southwark Diocesan Board of Education gave a presentation followed by discussion and questions.

The meeting on Wednesday 23rd November 2022 took place at Christ Church Old Kent Road. The main item for discussion was Building Better Belonging for Southwark. Winnie Obese-Bempong and Nick Smart of Safe Families for

Children gave a Presentation, followed by discussion and questions. Nick and Winnie introduced the charity Safe Families (SF). Nick explained that the charity had recently started work in our area, alongside Southwark Council. SF was a Christian charity, which worked with churches to provide support to vulnerable families. Southwark Council had commissioned SF to work with 50 families over next year: this would need church partnership. SF was relatively newly arrived in London – now working with 4 boroughs.

80% of families they've worked with have not gone back into the care system. The aim is not only to deal with immediate issues, but to look 'upstream' and find out why families are heading into difficulty.

OTHER REPORTS.

Our Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association: The Group continues to grow. The Children attended the 2022 Brigade's Fun Day at the Brigade's Headquarters in Felden, England. The children are taught Christian tenets in their fourth nightly meeting and prayer session. The Group and their leaders presented the Nativity play at Christmas. It is hoped the Group will continue to attract young people in the Community to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church through varied programmes that are welcoming, active, and fun. The Brigade organisations runs on Christian Ethos and enables Christian followership in words, thoughts, and deeds.

Note:

- *The report on the Electoral Roll was given by Linda Smith, The Electoral Roll Officer.*
- *The report on the proceeding of the PCC and Parish Activities including safeguarding was given by Timi Igali, the PCC Secretary.*
- *The report on the finance of the PCC for 2022 was given by Betty-Ann Stultz, the Treasurer.*
- *The report on Fabrics and Ornament, Building was given by the Wardens: Betty-Ann and James Olanipekun.*
- *The report on the Camberwell Deanery Synod was given by Linda Smith, Deanery Synod Representative.*
- *Other reports: The report on Brigade was given by Temi Adeloye, The Brigade Captain.*

VICAR'S ADDRESS FOR 2023 APCM.

Welcome: I warmly welcome you all. Thanks be to God for his safe keeping of every one of us through the year.

Appreciation: I thank the Wardens, Ms. Betty-Ann Stultz and Mr. James Olanipekun, the Standing Committee Members, and PCC members for their work and for the smooth running of the affairs of our Church in this past year. I thank all office holders in this Church and every one of you for the great work which you do, your participation in the life of this Church and for all your various contributions to the glory of God. We thank all who assist in our services in various capacities as readers, intercessors, Altar servers, as stewards, those

at the media instrument, the organist those who work behind the scenes in cleaning the Church vicinity, preparing this place for worship and those who tidy up things after services. God bless you all.

A big thank you to all who donated items such as Communion elements, toiletries, Office duplicating papers, ink and many other things anonymously for the use of the Church. You have helped us greatly in managing our resources. Thank you for your prayers, goodwill and support. I thank my wife, Mrs. Temitope Adeloje and my children Christina and Emmanuel for their unflinching encouragement, prayers and support in the ministry and work of the Church.

Celebrations: We had our Patronal Anniversary, Annual harvest celebrations and other Church feasts. They are occasions of fellowship and donations to the needy via PECAN and Southwark Food Bank.

Joys: I congratulate and rejoice with those who celebrated one thing or the other in the year under review.

Commiseration: We commiserate with all who lost loved ones in the year. We remember Patricia Williams and Tracy Lebreton and pray that the souls of the departed may rest in peace and rise in glory.

Finances: Thanks be to God who sustained the Church through the times. The financial report gives a fuller picture of the financial state of the Church. We still covet your financial help for the work of the Church.

Services: Our 9:00 am and 10:30am services continue to wax stronger. Be encouraged to attend our services and programmes (9:30am Morning and 6:00pm Evening prayers, 10:30am Thursday Eucharist).

Priorities for the future.

1. **Financial obligations:** We appeal for more generous financial giving by members to help the Church meet her external and internal obligations. We want to encourage us to consider tithing (It is Biblical. Malachi 3:10-11). Please see the Wardens on how to Gift-Aid your donations.
2. **Donations:** We welcome and encourage donations of material things such as toiletries, detergents, duplicating papers, Bin liners, Sweeps and Dust parkers, Disposable and other things useful and needed by the Church.
3. **Volunteers.:** We equally ask us to joyfully volunteer ourselves for the various work of the Church.
4. **Sunday School:** We still struggle here. We appeal for volunteers to teach the word of God at a level spiritually beneficial to them. It is a task that we must not neglect.
5. **Brigades:** The report on the Brigade shows prospect. Do encourage those in your neighbourhood to let their children join for their spiritual growth.
6. **Pending physical projects:**
 - i). Any one able to help with contacts and help from the Council for one or

two direction posts along the High Street should please speak to the Vicar and or Wardens.

ii). A projector and CCTV projects for the Church are still pending because of financial constraints.

7. **Spirituality:** In the Church, we learn and help one another to walk with Christ. Attendance at worship on Sunday and fellowship/ prayer meetings are helpful ways to grow spiritually. Get involved in Church activities. Be a worker and not a spectator in the Church.
8. **Conclusion.** Thank you all for your prayers, goodwill, support and contributions to the work and progress of this Church. God bless you.

The Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Adeloye.
Vicar and Chair of PCC.