

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

**REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024**

Charity Number: 1165288

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024**

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Parish Church Council at
31st December 2024**

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Betty-Ann Stultz Lay/Deputy chair
James Olanipekun
Linda Smith
Victor Onipede
Sami Adeola
Cecilia Olawale
Sharon Gabriel
Rebecca Akintaro
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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 2024. 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 £99,921 (2023 £87,544) and total expenditure £82,531 (2023 £70,837). 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 15th December 2025

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 2024, 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: 15/12/2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES – YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2024 £	2023 £
Voluntary income	2	33,599	0	0	33,599	32,331
Church activities	3	0	0	0	0	0
Activities for generating funds	4	578	0	0	578	0
Investment income	5	52,524	0	0	52,524	54,784
Other incoming resources	6	13,220	0	0	13,220	429
TOTAL		99,921	0	0	99,921	87,544

RESOURCES EXPENDED	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2024 £	2023 £
Fundraising trading costs	7	0	0	0	0	0
Church activities	8	79,075	0	0	79,075	69,327
Governance costs	9	3,456	0	0	3,456	1,510
		0				
TOTAL		82,531	0	0	82,531	70,837
Gain (Loss) on revaluation of investments	17	0	0	4,842	4,842	18,336
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		17,390	0	4,842	22,232	35,043
Prior year adjustment			0	0	0	27,349
Transfer of funds	19	0	0	0	0	0
Brought forward from previous year		470,480	4,200	211,535	686,215	623,823
Total funds carried forward		487,870	4,200	216,377	708,447	686,214

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	1,807	1,807
Investments	12	596,952	592,111
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		598,759	593,918
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	0	4,914
Cash at bank and in hand	14	111,488	88,893
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		111,488	93,807
CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year:			
Creditors	15	1,800	1,510
TOTAL CREDITORS		1,800	1,510
NET CURRENT ASSETS		109,688	92,297
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		708,447	686,215
FUNDS	16		
General unrestricted		487,870	470,480
Restricted funds		4,200	4,200
Endowment funds		216,377	211,535
		708,447	686,215

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council by:

Revd Dr Emmanuel Adeloye – Chair of PCC

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM WITH ST ANDREW, PECKHAM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31st DECEMBER 2024

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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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31st DECEMBER 2024 - continued

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 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Planned giving	9,454	0	0	9,454	14,363
Tax recoverable	0	0	0	0	4,914
Grants and gifts	843	0	0	843	1,300
Collections	22,292	0	0	22,292	6,327
Donations and appeals	1,010	0	0	1,010	5,427
	<u>33,599</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>33,599</u>	<u>32,331</u>

3 Activities for generating funds

Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

4 Church activities

Banns	54	0	0	54	0
Funerals	524	0	0	524	0
	<u>578</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>578</u>	<u>0</u>

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5 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Investment property income	52,524	0	0	52,524	54,784
	52,524	0	0	52,524	54,784

6 Other incoming resources

Legacy and grants	0	0	0	0	429
Other	3,220	0	0	3,220	0
Heating project	10,000	0	0	10,000	0
	13,220	,0	0	13,220	429

7 Fund raising expenses

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

8 Church activities

Giving	2,000	0	0	2,000	3,600
Contribution to Diocese	27,000	0	0	27,000	27,000
Repairs and maintenance	9,953	0	0	9,953	1,422
Insurance	4,368	0	0	4,368	4,692
Gas, electricity, water	16,454	0	0	16,454	13,075
Telephone	617	0	0	617	588
Staff wages	8,084	0	0	7,408	5,853
Waste disposal	1,899	0	0	1,898	1,637
Depreciation	3902	0	0	3,902	361
Church music	347	0	0	347	2,393
Bank charges	22	0	0	22	22
Other costs	4,429	0	0	4,429	8,684
	79,075	0	0	79,075	69,327

9 Governance costs

Independent examiner's fees	550	0	0	550	550
Accountancy fees	2,906	0	0	2,906	960
	3,456	0	0	3,456	1,510

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10 Staff costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Wages and salaries	7,408	7,408	5,853
	<u>7,408</u>	<u>7,408</u>	<u>5,853</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 2024	0	7,566	7,566
Additions	0	3,902	3,902
At 31 st December 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>11,468</u>	<u>11,468</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>			
At 1 st January 2024	0	5,759	5,759
Charge in the year	0	3,902	3,902
At 31 st December 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>9,661</u>	<u>9,661</u>
<u>Net book value</u>			
At 31 st December 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>1,807</u>	<u>1,807</u>
At 31 st December 2023	<u>0</u>	<u>1,807</u>	<u>1,807</u>

12 Investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Property Springall Street	380,576	0	0	380,576	380,576
Bruce McMurray Memorial Fund	0	0	216,376	216,376	211,535
	<u>380,576</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>216,376</u>	<u>596,952</u>	<u>592,111</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
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13 Debtors

Recoverable Gift Aid	0	0	0	0	4,914
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14 Cash at bank and in hand

PCC Bank Account	34,659	4,200	0	38,859	40,208
Restoration Account	20,061	0	0	20,061	4,208
CCLA Account	3,029	0	0	3,029	2,876
BM current account	49,539	0	0	49,539	0
CBF T1169 137002465D	0	0	0	0	41,601
	107,288	4,200	0	111,487	77,998

15 Creditors (due within one year)

Accruals	1,800	0	0	1,800	1,510
	1,800	0	0	1,800	1,510

16 Analysis of net assets by fund

Fixed assets	1,807	0	0	1,807	1,807
Investments	380,576	0	216,576	596,952	592,111
Cash at bank	107,288	4,200	0	111,488	88,893
Debtors – gift aid	0	0	0	0	4,914
Creditors	-1,510	0	0	-1,800	-1,510
	488,161	4,200	216,576	708,447	686,215

17 net gains (losses) on investments

Bruce McMurray Fund	0	0	4,842	4,842	18,336
	0	0	4,842	4,842	18,336

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18 Transfer of Funds

There was a transfer of funds of (£10,000) in the year for the Church Heating Project to the currents. The balance of Endowment Funds carried forward at 31st December 2024 relates to the Bruce McMurray Fund.

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**ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, PECKHAM, LONDON.
2024 ANNUAL PARISH REPORT.**

**REPORT ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM WITH
ST ANDREW PECKHAM FOR THE 2025 APCM**

At the 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meeting that took place at St John's Church on 26th May 2024 the Electoral Roll Officer Linda Smith reported that there were 138 people on the Electoral Roll.

This year a new Electoral Roll has been produced whereby everyone has been removed from the old Electoral Roll and a new Electoral Roll has been formed. For the last five years the Electoral Roll contained names of previous members who had moved away, or who no longer attended St John's Church. Those people's names could not be removed until this year when the new Electoral Roll was formed.

As at 8th May 2025 the figure on the new Electoral Roll stands at 65. People can be added to the new Electoral Roll but not until after the APCM.

**PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC AND
ACTIVITIES OF THE PARISH TO THE 2025 APCM.**

The Parochial Church Council of St John Chrysostom with St Andrew Church Peckham meets every three months, usually in the months of March, June, September and December. In between PCC Meetings, the Standing Committee holds meetings to discuss matters that need to be discussed urgently.

At the PCC meetings that have taken place since last year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting some of the subjects that the PCC have discussed include:

(1) The Lightning Conductor

The Lightning Conductor was inspected in April 2025 by PTSG Electrical Services. They have recommended that work will need to be carried out. This work is ongoing.

(2) St John's Church Youth Group

St John's Church Youth Group meets regularly and holds events. The Members are a great support to each other.

(3) St John's Sunday School

St John's Sunday School regularly meets on Sunday mornings during the first half of the Eucharist Service. They join the rest of the Congregation during the Communion.

(4) Repairs at St John's Church

Various repairs have needed to be carried out, e.g. leaks and mould in the Sacristy. Some of the repairs have been done. Others are ongoing.

(5) Big'N'All Nursery

Big'N'All Nursery have a full Nursery. A decision was made to increase their rent as utility and other costs to the church had risen. Repair work needs to be carried out to the doors leading out to the Nursery garden. A burglary took place in the Nursery over the weekend of 3rd to 5th May. Various items belonging to the Nursery Managers were stolen, and damage was done to windows and doors.

(6) Flats 8 and 9 Springall Street

An increase in rents took place in 2024. The tenant in Flat 9 moved out and a new tenant moved in. The tenant in Flat 8 has not yet commenced to pay the increase in rent. This subject is ongoing.

(7) Charities Supported by St John's Church

In 2024 new Charities to be supported by St John's Church for three years were selected by the PCC Members. They were Doctors without Borders, Welcare, Tearfund and Intervene. At certain times of the year Congregation members are asked if they would like to bring items of food to church that will be donated to the local Food Bank.

(8) 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'All Day Nursery & Preschool. It is also available for any local group.

(9) Information on Various Events

The PCC discussed various events that are due to take place. This includes the Harvest Thanksgiving and The Patronal Anniversary.

(10) Safeguarding

St John's Church complies with Church of England Safeguarding principles and guidelines.

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

(11) Parish Support Fund

St John's Church is fully up to date with payments to the Parish Support Fund and owes nothing to the Fund.

(12) Church Heating

The old Church gas boiler has been removed. We have started the process of installing a new boiler for the Church. Fr Emmanuel has been in contact with the various organisations that deal with all aspects of this process. We appeal for your support in donations towards the project. This subject is ongoing.

(13) Community Health Check

The PCC approved the use of the Narthex for a weekly Community Health Check (free) led by medical personnel who are members of the Church. This is a service to the Community.

(14) The Vicar's Sabbatical

Fr Emmanuel went on three months' Sabbatical Leave in the Summer of 2024. Arrangements were made for while he was away. This included opening the Church on Sunday mornings for the Eucharist Service, preparing the weekly Pew sheet, arranging cover to preside and preach at the Sunday morning Eucharist Services.

Members of the PCC & Trustees of the Church as of May 2025 were: Revd. Dr. Emmanuel Adeloje (Vicar & Chair of PCC). Mrs. Betty-Ann (Warden, Treasurer & Deputy Chair of PCC). Mr. James Olanipekun (Warden), Ms. Linda Smith (PCC Secretary, Electoral Roll Officer & Deanery Representative), Mrs Cecilia Olawale (Deanery Representative, Deputy Warden), Dr. Victor Onipede (Deputy Warden), Sharon Gabriel (Parish Safeguarding Officer), Althea Smith (SPA), Elizabeth Onipede, Adeola Sami, Idowu Abimbola, Rebecca Akintaro.

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

REPORT ON FABRIC, GOODS, ORNAMENTS AND BUILDINGS OF THE PARISH CHURCH FOR THE YEAR 2024

INSPECTION: Statutory inspection of the fabrics of the Church were carried out by the Archdeacon Jonthan Sedgwick on the 13th of April 2024 with James and Betty-Ann.

The PCC took necessary steps in the preceding year under review to keep all our goods, fabrics, ornaments and building in good shape. All other fabrics, ornaments, buildings were kept in good conditions and necessary repairs and maintenance works were carried out. Special thanks were extended for the increase in the parish pledge for the year 2024, also compliments on the new health checks initiative and our work on our mission action plan.

HEATING SYSTEM: Our heating system broke down last year. The Church is working hard to install a new heating system. As a result, we could not use the main Church for worship especially during the cold seasons. Currently, we are looking forward to installing Electric heaters which looks cost effective and favoured by the Diocese in line with reducing our carbon footprints. Experts are being consulted to help look at what we need to do. We will need your financial support for the project to be accomplished. Three quotations have been sourced for the Heating Project.

REPAIRS: Various repair works were carried out during the year under review. These included the leaking flat roof of the Chapel area, the Vestry and the toilet areas. Electrical repairs were also carried out in many parts of the church building and the adjacent Hall.

FIRE ESTNGUISHERS: These were routinely serviced during the year.

GAS BOILERS: Our Gas boilers currently serving the Chapel, entrance, and Narthex areas of the Church would be due for service next year.

ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONAND FIRE ALARM SYSTEM: The electrical inspection of our building was carried out during the year under review. The fire Alarm system was equally serviced to keep it up to date.

RENTED APARTMENTS: The two flats on the premises were well maintained. They are still let out via Dexters Estate Agent, for which a fee is charged.

PIPE ORGAN: Currently, the Church do not have an organist. However, the Pipe Organ is maintained and serviced to keep it in order. There is planning to recruit an organist soon.

ALTAR SERVER'S ROBE: By God's grace, we have several youngsters who assist in our worship as Altar servers. Their robes will need to be replaced as the current ones are getting worn out.

CHURCH BUILDING FACIAL BOARD: The effect of weather elements continues to take its toll on the wall facing the road. The Church might need to repaint / repolish it to keep its original look, befitting and to make it look attractive.

LEGIONELLE INSPECTION: Legionella Inspection was requested by the Nurse. We are in the process of booking an appointment and as such waiting for a call back from the Legionella Control Association.

REPORT ON THE CAMBERWELL DEANERY SYNOD 2024 – 2025

At the Annual Parish Church Meeting held on 21st May 2023 Cecilia Olawale, Althea Smith and Linda Smith were elected as St John's Church Representatives to the Camberwell Deanery Synod for the following three years.

Since the 2024 APCM the Camberwell Deanery Synod has met on the following occasions:

The meeting held on Wednesday 18th July 2024 took place at St George's Church Newent Close. The main item for discussion at the meeting was Christians Against Poverty – supporting our community in Peckham and Camberwell. Three members of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) attended the meeting and told Members about the work of Christians Against Poverty in helping to support people in Peckham and Camberwell.

On Thursday 12th September 2024 the Reverend Dean Pusey was inducted and installed as Vicar of St Mary Magdalene Church Peckham by the Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark. Fr Dean had in the past worked as a Youth Worker in Peckham.

On Saturday 14th September 2024 an Open Churches/Visiting Event took place. All Churches in the Deanery opened for a fixed period during the day. Members of the public were invited to visit, and also it provided an opportunity for Deanery Synod members to visit one another's churches. At St John's Church the Community Clinic was taking place so visitors were able to have free health checks if they wished to.

The meeting on Wednesday 19th September 2024 took place at St Mary Magdalene Church, St Mary's Road. The main item for discussion was Christian Aid. Joseph Vambe, Church Engagement Officer South London attended the meeting and told Members about the work of Christian Aid.

The meeting on Tuesday 12th November 2024 took place at St Luke's Church Chandler Way. The main item for discussion at the meeting was the work of Pecan, a local Community Centre that helps local people with advice on

employment support, Women's Service, Southwark Foodbank, Peckham Pantry. Pecan organises social events and various Courses including Poetry writing. Peter Edwards, the then CEO of Pecan attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the work of Pecan. Peter has since resigned.

On Wednesday 22nd January 2025 a Deanery Meal took place at a local Restaurant.

The meeting on Thursday 13th March 2025 took place at All Saints Church Blenheim Grove. The main item for discussion at the meeting was Safeguarding. Members agreed that it would be useful to share information on current progress in their churches and to consider any issues they might wish to refer to the Diocese.

OTHER REPORTS.

2024 / 2025 YOUTH WORK AND OLDER ADULTS WORK

We are grateful to God for His mercies on us all, especially for helping us with our Youths and Older People programmes.

Youth Group:

To God's glory, we are seeing increased evidence of young people interested in actively engage and take up church roles and participate in activities. At least 90% of our young people are in Church Altar Servers Group. Praise The Lord!

Special activities were tailored to foster Youths' positively bonding together, increase skills and a commitment to be examples of Christian believers.

We endeavour to hold a special activity once monthly. We have had Bible studies, games, cooking, and group travel to South end on Sea in the year under review.

Sunday School:

In the year under review, the Sunday school was started. It is both for young children, teenagers, young people and anyone still young at heart!

We hold diverse activities for the group on Sundays- Bible study, Art, Music, Games, Quiz and Exam!

The Sunday School Group and the Youth Group Youth Group have consecutively presented The Nativity play in December.

The teachers were all DBS Checked. We are very grateful to them, and to all others who support the teachers in Youth Ministry.

Older Adults' Ministry:

The Church continues to demonstrate commitment to older people's welfare, towards enabling safeguarding and minimising social isolation.

- 2024 Senior Citizens Christmas party sponsored by Southwark Community on 12/12/2024
- 2025 Mothers' Day Celebration Outing on 28th/ 29th March, 2025
- 55+ England National Day Celebration 2025 sponsored by Southwark charities on 26/04/2025

Thank you. we continue to solicit for your prayers and continued support.

THE CLINICAL HEALTH CHECK GROUP.

The Clinical Health Check Group was a year old on February 3rd, 2025. We are grateful to the Church who gave us a free venue to offer walk-in free clinical services in the community. In the year under review, we have attended to over one hundred and fifty people in the walk-in Centre. We have also extended our services to schools, embassies, to other churches and other charity organizations in the community. We are grateful to individuals and organizations for their support. We are grateful to our Vicar and all clinic staff for their compassion for delivering free services to the community: List of Clinic staff: Mrs. Temi Adeloye, Mrs. Genevive Irono, Mrs. Elizabeth Onipede, Mr. James Olanipekun, Mrs. Princess Olanipekun, Mrs. Adeola Sami, Mrs. Rebecca Akintaro, Mrs. Clara Igbokwe, Mrs. Precious Oladejo, Mrs. Elizabeth Idowu.

VICAR'S ADDRESS FOR 2025 APCM.

WELCOME: We warmly welcome you and thank you for your attendance at this our annual meeting taking place today. We praise God and give him thanks for keeping us safe since our last APM and APCM.

Appreciation: We want to appreciate you all for your participation in the corporate life of our Church and for your various contributions to the all-round growth of our Church. On your behalf, let me thank all PCC members: Mrs. Betty-Ann (Warden, Treasurer & Deputy Chair of PCC). Mr. James Olanipekun (Warden), Ms. Linda Smith (PCC Secretary, Electoral Roll Officer & Deanery Representative), Mrs. Cecilia Olawale (Deanery Representative, Deputy Warden), Dr. Victor Onipede (Deputy Warden), Mrs. Sharon Gabriel (Parish Safeguarding Officer), Mrs. Althea Smith (Deanery Representative, SPA), Mrs. Elizabeth Onipede, Mrs. Adeola Sami, Mr. Idowu Abimbola and Mrs. Rebecca Akintaro. I thank the Standing Committee, the Wardens, Mrs. Betty-Ann Stultz and Mr. James Olanipekun, the PCC Secretary, Ms. Linda Smith, for the valuable roles they play and the work they do on behalf of the Church. God bless you all. We are grateful to our dedicated team of Sunday School Teachers. They are Mrs. Temi Adeloye, Mrs. Elizabeth Onipede, Mrs. Saron Gabriel and Mrs. Princess Olanipekun. We also thank our Youth Group Leaders: Mrs. Temi Adeloye, Mrs. Elizabeth Onipede, Mrs. Adeola Sami, Mr. James Olanipekun, Mrs. Rebecca Akintaro, Mrs. Precious Oladejo, Mrs. Princess Olanipekun, Mrs. Elizabeth Idowu. The Church is grateful to our paid staff, Mrs. Ana Baena, Carlos Vega-Polido and Mr. Rock Zinsou for their work. We thank all volunteer cleaners, other volunteers in the kitchen and other aspects of the Church. God bless you all.

The Church is very grateful to all who donated various items such as printing papers, printing ink, toiletries and kitchen items for Church use. The Church is grateful to you for various food items donated to the needy via the Church. May God replenish you. I am grateful to my wife, Mrs. Temitope Adeloye and my

children Christina and Emmanuel for their unflinching support in the vineyard. God bless you all.

1. **CELEBRATIONS:** For the second year in running, we have had Harvest chairpersons who had helped to raise funds for the Church. We thank our 2024 Harvest Chairpersons: Mrs. Olatunji and Mrs. Marian Banjo. May God bless you. Our Patronal anniversary was also celebrated. We hope to celebrate this in a bigger way next year when the dedication of the Church building will be 60 years.
2. **JOYS:** We rejoice and congratulate those who celebrated joyful milestone in their life in the year. May God grant all of them many happy returns of the celebrations.
3. **COMMISERATION:** We commiserate with all who lost loved ones in the year. We recall the passing into glory of Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins and Mrs. Dorcas Ayodele. May the souls of the departed rest in peace and rise in glory.
4. **FINANCES:** The financial report which had been given speaks for itself. We thank God for his provision and for helping us to meet our needs as a Church. We thank you all for your financial support for the upkeep of the Church. The Church relies on your generous giving for her mission work, her internal and external financial obligations. We appeal to you for more commitment in your financial giving. Please, consider giving through tithing, endowments, and regular donations. May God bless you as you give to his honour.
5. **OUR WORSHIP.** During the year, our statutory services: Sunday Eucharist, Weekday Eucharist Morning prayer, Evening Prayer and Prayer Fellowship Meeting were held regularly. We are grateful to Rev. Marie John who covers for the Vicar when necessary. We had guest preachers in the year, among whom were Archdeacon Jonathan Sedgwick, Fr. Malcolm Torry, Rev. Canon Michael Rawson, Rev. Canon Roxanne Eversley and Rev. Moses Shonga. Rachael Akintaro (head of the Altar servers) and her team of Altar servers have been of great assistance in our Eucharist worship.
6. **YOUTHS AND CHILDREN:** We thank God for the young ones in our Church and for their active participation in it. We urge you all to invite your children to be part of the life of our Church.
7. **BAPTISM:** Two children were baptised during the year.
8. **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.
9. **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.** We continued our tradition of sending food items to the needy via PECAN. We continued to support some Charity organizations with financial donations. A weekly Community Health Check (free) led by medical personnel who are members of the Church takes place in our Church. We continue to make the Church a place of welcome.
10. **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.** Our special days, such as Patronal Anniversary were followed by social gathering activities, drinks, food.
11. **VOCATION ADVISER IN THE DIOCESE.** Your Vicar continues his work as Vocation Adviser in Southwark Diocese.

12. CHAPLAINCY AT KING'S COLLEGE: Your Vicar was recently appointed as Honorary Chaplain at King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London.

13. PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE.

a. Volunteers.: Volunteer for various work of the Church. See the Vicar and wardens for possible areas in which you can help in the work of the Church.

b. Pending physical projects:

i). Heating system: This remains a priority, and work is being done on this.

ii. Video Projector. This was approved at our last year's meeting.

15. SPIRITUALITY: We want to continue to encourage all of us in deepening our spiritual life and faith in Jesus Christ through active participation in services and fellowship. Let us be part of our various spiritual programmes for our spiritual growth. I urge us to arm ourselves with a copy of the Bible and to read it constantly.

16. VICAR'S SABBATICAL LEAVE: Your Vicar had a successful Sabbatical leave mid-last year. I thank all those who held forth during my absence.

17. CONCLUSION. Thank you all for our partnership in the Gospel and for your support, contributions and prayers for the growth of this Church.

God bless you.