

Parochial Church Council of St Andrew Stoke Newington



Annual Report and Accounts year ended 31 December 2021

Legal and Administrative Information for the year ended 31 December 2021

PCC Name:	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Andrew, Stoke Newington
Other Operating Names:	St Andrew's N16 St Andrew, Bethune Road
Status:	The church is a constituent parish of the Anglican Diocese of London.
Operating and Correspondence Address:	106 Bethune Road London N16 5DU
Chair:	Rev'd Charis Enga
Churchwarden(s):	Naomi Lee (sick leave in September 2021) Ivan Jones (elected in October 2021)
Elected members PCC	John Fletcher (Treasurer and Deanery Synod rep) Ivan James Keisha Nembhard Renee Nembhard-Andrade (co-opted in October 2021)
Charity Registration	1169368
Bankers:	HSBC Bank plc National Westminster Bank Plc CCLA Investment Management Ltd
Independent Examiner	Data Developments (UK) Ltd

Annual Report of the PCC For the year ended 31 December 2021

The Parochial Church Council (the "PCC") of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Andrew, Stoke Newington presents its report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Parochial Church Council Objectives

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest-in-Charge, The Rev'd Charis Enga, in:

- promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical;
- considering and discussing matters concerning the Church of England or any other matters of religious or public interest;
- making known, and putting into effect, any provision made by Diocesan or Deanery Synod, but without prejudice to the powers of the PCC in any matter;
- raising such matters as the PCC considers appropriate with Deanery or Diocesan Synod; and
- managing the church property and environs in the parish.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2006.

Governance

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It is constituted and governed by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended) and the Church Representation Rules 2006.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. St Andrew's benefits the public by way of regular worship that is open to all, the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation, pastoral work, teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups, and promoting the whole mission of the church through its assistance to older people, parents and children, and others in the parish.

St Andrew's encourages community use of the premises and continues to welcome Hackney walking tours who come to enjoy the magnificent murals and stained glass within the church. St Andrew's provides visitors to the church with a free leaflet which introduces them to the stained glass and murals. A more detailed guide is also available should visitors require more information. The cost of both these publications was met by the National Lottery Heritage Fund in 2015. A Children's Guide was created and produced in 2018 as a result of the National Lottery Heritage Fund support in 2018. St Andrew's also engages with the wider community by way of the new website standrewsn16.org which launched in 2019, "A Church Near You" website, a public Facebook page and Church Twitter and Instagram profiles, which together provide up-to-date information about the church and opening times.

The church building is open on Sundays with 'Open Church' when anyone can come to enjoy the space, peace, beauty and heritage. A chalkboard pavement sign, along with regularly updated adverts on the external railings publicising upcoming events and opening times, continue to increase the number of passers-by who drop-in and raise the visibility of the church in the local area.

Activities

It was a hard start to the year but despite the adversity, many good things happened and signs of growth and new shoots in spiritual depth, growing fellowship, new community connections, new worshippers and growing confidence in emerging leaders.

Worship

The year began in another lockdown and worship in the building did not resume until Palm Sunday 2021. Numbers were small and yet we began to see a few new faces who began worshipping with us. Over the summer term we used our Organising for Growth training in helping us reflect on our stories of faith and share our stories of life and faith with one another during the sermon slot.

In the summer Keisha Nembhard was appointed as a church-based community organiser (employed by The Centre for Theology and Community) with a remit to work with local families to start a new worshipping community and to continue to work for justice in the local area. Through one-to-one conversations she gathered local parents and discovered a common need for a Sunday afternoon All Age service and she facilitated meetings to empower these parents (who did not attend St Andrew's before) to begin leading this service together.

We also saw an increase of attendance of new worshippers at our morning service due to the community-based work we were doing as part of Organising for Growth.

We were delighted to have Bishop Joanne visiting for confirmations in October and a jubilant atmosphere in the congregation.

Our Christmas services were lower in number than previous years due to many people staying away because of a new variant in covid but it was lovely to welcome back Morris Choir and see new local people attend too.

Electoral Roll

In 2021 the electoral roll remained at 28 (2020: 28).

Community

There were many new connections made with the wider local community during 2021. The year began with a big online celebration of the success of the Campaign to Relocate Sandford Court Covid Test Centre which brought together people from across many faiths (including Charedi families) and none to give thanks for the success of working together for justice and peace. From this event, a group of local people decided to continue to work together to start other local community events to make our part of Stamford Hill a better place to live.

This new group that emerged decided to put on a summer celebration in Allens Gardens (a local park) and despite many cancellations and set-backs due to covid, a successful event was held in September 2021. This brought together lots of local people with music, food, games, sports, treasure hunt etc. It was all put on without any funding and purely through donations. The new group Stamford Hill Unites gathered stories and ideas from local people of how to improve the area. New people started coming to church as a result of this event. New friendships were forged.

A second event was held in November to celebrate a Festival of Light for the start of Channukah and Advent that was in St Andrew's church and the Oak Tree Centre opposite. It included mulled wine, cake, children's activities, dreidel playing, a treasure hunt and music. Many people felt it was a great way to see how community and church can work together for community cohesion and to combat isolation. We had a wonderful community lunch (the first in nearly 2 years) at our Patronal Festival which was also on the day of the Festival of Light and we loved welcoming new faces from people who have joined our church community as a result of our community engagement.

St Andrew's joined Citizens UK during 2021 and became a member of Hackney and Islington Citizens and people from St Andrew's congregation joined campaign teams to work with other institutions in listening campaigns to see what areas working for improving people's lives in our area.

The new nursery in our halls began in September 2021 and we loved welcoming and getting to know the new staff.

We also had school visits from Woodberry Down Primary School from 90 children during December 2021 and shared our stories of hope and transformation.

And we loved hosting a community Sing Mozart's Requiem event with Hackney Singers in October.

Building and Fabric

The PCC takes seriously its responsibility to ensure the church building is a safe environment and in this regard uses health and safety specialists, Precision Safety, to carry out annual safety inspections of the church.

A faculty was granted to put up fencing to secure the nursery garden area and to have temporary green foliage obscuring visibility of children playing from the road around the railings.

Financial Review

The total receipts for the year ended 31 December 2021 were £38,981 (2020: £15,553). The total payments for the year ended 31 December 2021 were £28,631 (2020: £15,194). The increase in receipts was due to new income from the new nursery using the church halls. This enabled an increase in payments to £5000 for Common Fund in 2021.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible) and enough funds in the general fund bank account in order to meet immediate liabilities and manage cash flow. At present this level is thought to be a figure of £5,000. The PCC appreciates that it is not always possible to reach this figure but it is the aim of St Andrew's to work towards this.

Diocesan Commitment to St Andrew's

The Diocese of London recognises the missional importance of this parish and is fully committed to supporting its future. This is shown through the resources the Diocese is investing in St Andrew's, including providing a permanent Priest-in-Charge, through devoting diocesan-level resource and skills, and also with financial assistance through accepting minimal payments towards Common Fund for the Diocese and by grants and long-term interest-free loans.

Statement of PCC Members' Responsibilities

The PCC members are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

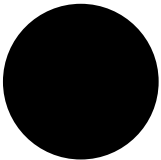
Charity law and Church regulations require the PCC members to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of its income and expenditure for the financial year.

In doing so, the PCC members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- follow applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the PCC will continue in operation.

The PCC members are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the PCC to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 22 May 2022 and signed on its behalf by



Rev'd Charis Enga
Priest-in-Charge of St Andrew, Stoke Newington and Chair of the Parochial Church Council

Independent Examiner's report

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. 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 these 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 for 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 material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Date: 17th June 2022

Signed



Stephen Hendy

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	12,169	—	—	12,169	—
Income from charitable activities	406	—	—	406	—
Other trading activities	26,405	—	—	26,405	—
Investments	1	—	—	1	—
Total income	38,982	—	—	38,982	—
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	76	—	—	76	—
Expenditure on charitable activities	28,553	—	—	28,553	—
Total expenditure	28,630	—	—	28,630	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	10,351	—	—	10,351	—
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	5	—	5	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(5)	—	—	(5)	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	10,346	5	—	10,351	—
Total funds brought forward	(12,767)	9,196	—	(3,571)	(3,571)
Total funds carried forward	(2,420)	9,201	—	6,780	(3,571)
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	(2,420)	—	—	(2,420)	(12,767)
Restricted					
Restoration Fund	—	9,201	—	9,201	9,196

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	34,675	21,607
	34,675	21,607
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	17,394	25,178
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Net current assets less current liabilities	17,280	(3,571)
Total assets less current liabilities	17,280	(3,571)
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	10,500	—
	10,500	—
Total net assets less liabilities	6,780	(3,571)
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	(2,420)	(12,767)
Restricted		
Nursery Deposit	—	—
Restoration Fund	9,201	9,196
Agency collection	—	—
Funds of the church	6,780	(3,571)

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Nursery - Nursery Deposit						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Nursery	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restoratin - Restoration Fund						
Restricted	9,196	—	—	5	—	9,201
Sub-total for Restoratin	9,196	—	—	5	—	9,201
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	(12,767)	38,982	28,630	(5)	—	(2,420)
Sub-total for General	(12,767)	38,982	28,630	(5)	—	(2,420)
Grand total	(3,571)	38,982	28,630	—	—	6,780

Analysis of income and expenditure

		Total				
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
PGS Giving	5,814	—	—	—	5,814	—
Loose plate collections	3,221	—	—	—	3,221	—
Donations appeals etc	828	—	—	—	828	—
Tax recovered on PGS giving	1,304	—	—	—	1,304	—
Recurring grants	500	—	—	—	500	—
Non-recurring one-off grants	500	—	—	—	500	—
Total	12,169	—	—	—	12,169	—
Income from charitable activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	406	—	—	—	406	—
Total	406	—	—	—	406	—
Other trading activities						
Fundraising	5	—	—	—	5	—
Church hall lettings - Nursery	26,250	—	—	—	26,250	—
Church hall lettings - fund raising	150	—	—	—	150	—
Total	26,405	—	—	—	26,405	—
Investments						
Bank and building society interest	1	—	—	—	1	—
Total	1	—	—	—	1	—
INCOME TOTAL	38,982	—	—	—	38,982	—
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Costs of stewardship campaign	76	—	—	—	76	—
Total	76	—	—	—	76	—
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Common Fund	5,000	—	—	—	5,000	—
Parish training and mission	203	—	—	—	203	—
Church running - insurance	5,497	—	—	—	5,497	—
Organist Fee	1,970	—	—	—	1,970	—
Church maintenance	4,151	—	—	—	4,151	—
Upkeep of services	242	—	—	—	242	—
Administration	1,755	—	—	—	1,755	—
Bookkeeping Fees	2,374	—	—	—	2,374	—
Visiting speakers / locums	200	—	—	—	200	—
Church running - gas	267	—	—	—	267	—
Church running - water	29	—	—	—	29	—
Precision Safety	2,181	—	—	—	2,181	—
Premises- Electricity	752	—	—	—	752	—
Premises - Gas	1,986	—	—	—	1,986	—
Governance costs examination/audit fee	1,940	—	—	—	1,940	—
Total	28,553	—	—	—	28,553	—
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	28,630	—	—	—	28,630	—
GRAND TOTAL	10,351	—	—	—	10,351	—