

**Part 1 - Annual report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended.
31st December 2022**

Aims and Purposes

Our mission statement is:

“To be the visible presence of God’s love in Jesus by deepening our relationship with God, each other and our community”

Objectives and Activities

The Church of the Ascension PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Revd. Jacqueline Shalloe, 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 and Halls and the whole church site.

Achievements and Performance

Electoral Roll and Church Attendance

The electoral roll stands 75 During the review 14 names were removed and 5 names added

The average weekly attendance, counted during October, was 25 adults, and 4 under 17s, but this number is particularly low due to Coronavirus and the loss and moving away but numbers. increased with special services.

Brent Deanery Synod

**Our PCC representatives are Ms Nicola Kent. three meetings were attended.
which focused on a discussion for our 2030 vision.**

Ecumenical Relationships - Churches Together

Revd Jacqueline Shalloe is our representative till a new member takes over.

PCC Secretary's Report

We thank you Lord for your vision and achievements you have enabled us to fulfil in one year with the guidance of your spirit and as a church working together with the guidance of our Vicar the Revd Jacqueline Shalloe.

Her determination and faith has given the church more confidence in Christ to be forward thinking and significant improvements have been made including outreach within our local parish/community. A positive start for the year, when the Vicar visited the Ark Academy school and took part in collective worship with a group of 600 pupils and their teachers. Our Vicar is committed, together we do outreach work within our local community as well as to be on target for our 2030 vision. The Vicar introduced us to the idea of using contactless then as a PCC we voted and now we have a contactless machine, this means that the donation given by contactless goes straight to our bank.

The Memory

(Dementia) Café was launched in February 2022 and is held every Friday where our Vicar and Church members and our actively supporting people from parish and beyond, who have been impacted with this illness and their cares. This has been well received by the attendees. We also have worked in partnership with Brent Council who have been able to assist with the delivery of the Café by bringing young people to support this group.

Another new Vision that has been launched and running successfully at our Church is a Parents and toddler group called Daniels Den, which takes place every Thursday, where families are welcomed and enjoy networking with others who are similar circumstances and can take comfort of attending in the presents of our Lord so far we have had 80 families this year visiting and we have prayed with them and also had a Christmas service with nativity where Sheila for the first time had an opportunity to be Mary.

There was also discussions with the CPS surrounding a Community Payback Scheme, where people who are on probation could assist in the upkeep of the general grounds and also any refurbishment that needed to be undertaken, however the consideration was how this may impact on the hall hires, and also there was no one in the Church to supervise them while on the premises unfortunately for that reason the Idea was dismissed by the PCC.

On the 31 January, distressingly 1/3 of the Youth Centre ceiling fell down. Thanks be to God there were no injuries. The money had to come from our reserve. We received three quotes and it was decided by the PCC to remove the whole suspended ceiling and just have the original ceiling lined with Insulated Plaster Board and all new LED lights fitted. This came to a cost of £22,000. The contractor was Sullivan Builders and the funds came out of Church reserves. The work was completed to a high standard and the Youth Centre re-opened in April after Easter.

In March, on Psalm Sunday, there was a procession where we received enough donations that we could hire a donkey and had a service of 'From Darkness to light', which took place on Easter Saturday.

The PCC discussed the plans for the Platinum Jubilee weekend, where it was proposed that we could hold a street fair and on the Sunday a street party. Mary-Ann, Irene and the social committee offered to co-ordinate

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this event which included activities for children, a raffle, stall and a barbeque. This was another success...

At the pcc meeting on the 22nd May it was noted that the electoral roll increased by 5 which now totalled 75 members. The financial review was completed thanks to Anne Bignell and Mary-Ann. The conclusion was that our income had reduced to £6019 due to the COVID pandemic, however the treasures predictions were for improvement, with the majority coming from Hall renting and parishioner contributions.

Suggestions for new PCC members were, nominated, proposed and seconded. Special congratulations were given to Daniella and David who are our young people to be elected members of the PCC for a long time and were elected for one year. Tracey King was received as our new Church Warden and thanks were given to our previous wardens Irene Stubbs and Nicola Kent. In July Irene Stubbs stood for one year again as a Churchwarden to give the Church time to find a Church warden for 2023 and help and train Tracey King in her new Role. Nicola offered to be Tracey's kings assistant and has helped in many areas and mainly with setting the heating for the church and the hall hires which is a time-consuming task and the PCC is grateful for her support and dedication.

One new committee was created in July 2022. This is the social committee and a part from the mission committee other committees were put on the pause by the PCC Chair as it didn't make sense to have the same people on the PCC as the committees. It was suggested by the chair that as we are a small PCC all items and Jobs can be decided by all on the PCC and voted on to save time. Churchwardens can always ask for help where needed.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and in September, Nicola Kent, our Safeguarding lead: raised the concern that no one members should be left on the premises alone and provided a comprehensive report in this regard and informed all PCC members to undertake training . The Safeguarding training is available on the Church of England on-line portal. As a PCC we have also been advised to approve two policies to continue to be a safe Church, this has been done.

This building is an oasis of God's grace in this community, and as disciples of Jesus we want everyone to feel welcome to drink from Jesus the river of life. We are a blessing to others and in blessing others we are blessed.

So as you read these reports look for the words BLESSING, WORSHIP, GROWTH, FAITH and ask who is all this centred around? I hope your response will be the same as mine - Jesus, the source of everything. Be assured of his word "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) So let us live by faith not by sight.

The chair of the PCC would like to express her thanks to the churchwarden the PCC and all members of the parish community who have worked with her for a better community and future it has been a fruitful year of our Lord and glory goes to him.

The Revd Jaqueline Shalloe PCC Secretary Antoinnette Morgan

Administrative Information

The Church of Ascension is situated in the Avenue, Wembley Park (HA9 9QL). It is part of the Diocese of London we are a church of England. The correspondence address is the Vicarage, 319 Preston Road, Harrow, HA3 0QQ.

PCC members who have served 1st January 2022

EX. Officio Members

Incumbent The Revd Jacqueline Shalloe
(Chair)

Wardens:

Tracey King
Irene Stubbs

Deanery Synod Representative (2)

Nicola Kent
Tim Woolford

Architect:

Karen Butti MA, Grad Dipl Cons (9AA).
RIBA, AABC Director, Thomas Ford and
Partners, 177 Kirkdale, London, SE26 4QH

PCC members elected

Mary-Ann Chukwuenyem- Treasurer
Anne Bignell- Treasurer and bookkeeper

Daniella Egbuche
David Chukwuenyem
Sheila Coules
Anthea Revans
Antoinette Morgan- PCC Secretary
Egbuche and David Chukwuenyem.

Members have been elected for one year.

Independent Financial Examiner

The Revd David Green
Gowers Plus Limited,
The Old School House,
Bridge Road,
Hunton Bridge,
Kings Langley
Hert WD4 8SZ

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At the Ascension the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (Chair), Churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members with the chairman 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.

The PCC met six times during the year with an average level of attendance of 70%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include pastoral care, and, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Churchwardens Report on the fabric

On February the 7th we had our 5 yearly Quinquennial Inspection. The flat roof over the meeting room, vestry, and office had been inspected as part of the Quinquennial survey by our architect Karen Butt. She reported that water was getting in under the felt and the guttering runaway needed enlarging so that the water would drain away more quickly and would not sit on the flat roof and seep through to the walls. Walls and ceiling are damaged in these areas.

She reported different areas which needed attention to have the fabric in order, the PCC has started to work through the list and we are waiting for different quotes to decide the best company to take on the task.

This has been done.

A radiator leak in the Lady Chapel was repaired.

All boilers in the Church and Halls were serviced by Dumphy's at a cost of £517.00 + vat.

Guttering cleaned out in the Church, Halls and Vicarage.

Annual Lighting Conductor test completed.

Pest Control Regular visits from the Brent Pest Control.

Lighting Bulbs were replaced in Church by Pulse Electrics.

PAT testing in Church, Parish Hall and Youth Centre have been completed.

Fire equipment/extinguishers maintained in all buildings.

The Organ was tuned.

We would like to thank Paul Davies who plays on occasion and for replacing the bulbs on the organ. Ian and Paul oversaw the tuning and repairing of the organ.

Youth Centre

New ceiling has been put up and decorated.

PARISH HALL

All Lights were replaced in the Parish Hall by Pulse Electrics at a cost of £1,400. This also included new bulbs in Church.

The bathroom, kitchen and entrance hall tiles a deep clean and both halls are kept clean. Please if you see anything which needs doing do not hesitate to tell your churchwardens. Church, God knows you by

The Services

Our Vicar continue to leader our services and has introduced new liturgy from the modern and new liturgy book.

We work with the sacristan and responsible in Church for changing the altar frontals; the hymn numbers on the 3 boards; Setting up the altar with wine and breads in readiness for the Holy Eucharist on Sundays & Wednesday mornings and extra services at Christmas, Holy Week and Easter also changing the Septalight above the altar; checking/replacing the candles on the altar. Also doing the Church Rota covering:- Readers; Intercessors; Altar Assistants; Sidespersons and Coffee makers on Sunday mornings.

SERVERS

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We have had Seven servers this year

Chalice

This year We had seven altar assistants covering the Eucharist services

READERS

We have had fifteen church members who read regularly either at the 10am Sunday Holy Eucharist Services and mid-week services including Holy Week, Easter and Christmas services. They are
We warmly welcomed two new people who have joined the rota.

INTERCESSORS

Over the last year we had five intercessors covering the 10am Sunday sung Holy Eucharist services and additional week-day services including Christmas, Holy Week and Easter.

SIDESPERSIONS

We have had five Church members over the last year who dutifully welcome members and new visitors as part of their sides persons duty including arranging the collection on Sunday

Holy Cloth.

And last but not least a big thank you goes to Patricia for always taking and wash and iron all the holy communion Cloths immaculately clean, Thank you for your humility and service.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH

On the third Wednesday every month following the 10am morning service and coffee.
At about 12noon we go off to the Preston pub for lunch with good company and interesting chat. There are usually a good number of regular diners; we are always on the outlook for new diners
You are most welcome to join us.

FOOD BANK

The Food Bank each month continues to be well supported by our Ascension Church members and we know they are very grateful to everyone who has given such generous contributions over the past years. In the Autumn last year due to closure of the Food Bank at Christ Church with St. Laurence, Brondesbury NW6.. we now take any Food Bank items to Lyndsey Park Baptist Church, The Mall
Following our contribution in December to Foodbank located at Lyndsey Park Baptist Church

Prayer of St. Francis.

Lord make me an instument of your peace,
Where there is hatred let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon,Where there is doubt, faith:
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,and where there is darkness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console:
to be understood as to understand,to be loved, as to love:
for it is in giving that we receive,it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Tracey King and Irene Stubbs- Churchwardens.

Irene and Tracey King (churchwardens)

Safeguarding report

Policies and practice The Priest and PCCs of the church of Ascension continue to meet the requirement to have due regard to guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults to be a safe Church. Whilst safeguarding is a standing agenda item at each PCC meeting, the incumbent and the safeguarding office are considering how its profile may be raised in the future to ensure safeguarding continues to be promoted effectively, whilst maintaining a proportional balance with other important parish business. All safeguarding policies were updated and approved at the PCC meeting. They are all in line with the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance and meet statutory requirements whilst remaining relevant to our context. The next reviews will be in January 2023.

Guidance.

DBS certificates are required by members of the Church who work with children and ideally members of the PCC. I would like to progress the process of obtaining a DBS, so that holders are proactive in getting their DBS renewed. During this process, it is vital to give our DBS Checker, documents for checking. If your DBS is checked elsewhere, your certificate will not qualify for the role you do at the Ascension you need to obtain our the church of England DBS for the role you do.

During the year, we dealt with a security breach when the doors of the Church were found wide open, the Church empty and nothing disturbed. With the incident reported to the Police as a potential break in, the key barrel of the Church door was changed immediately. We took the decision to limit the number of key holders. No further keys will be cut.

It was voted on the PCC that no one at any time should go to the alone Church, and that a rota should be in place to be with the incumbent when she goes to pray.

Nicola Kent – Parish Safeguarding Officer

Deanery Synod Report

I have attended with some members from the church this meetings:

St Cuthbert the theme was on racial Justice and

was led by the Revd Wilson Gill with discussion groups and looking at ways we can be more welcoming to everyone, and finding ways to work together. Jacqueline Revd Trevor's wife sang a song she has put together and Revd Trevor closing in prayer.

St Andrews Sudbury Welcomed by the Vicar Greville Thomas and the Archdeacon spoke about the 2030 vision and how the money is spent to support God's work in the church of England

St Catherine's church

The meeting was opened by the Area Dean, Fr Andrew Teather who introduced the speaker for the evening Alison Tsang who is the head of Compassionate Communities which is part of the Diocese of London.

The Compassionate Communities initiative is dedicated to supporting churches in the Diocese of London, with being confident to reach out to the needs of the community. As Alison says "we don't grow in faith unless we put into action."

Examples of looking outward were explored among those present, ideas which came up included:

Mental Health: Dementia Cafes,

Isolation: Chat Cafes

Debt: People are living with 0% contracts now ... help via getting help with benefits.

Poor housing: Providing homeless men with take aways, the Food bank was mentioned.

Keeping young people safe: Youth club.

the environment: Planting trees, avoiding the use of paper cups / plates etc.

Homeless: Support people in hotels

Alison also spoke about an initiative where a homeless person is hosted for a specified time, this is with the aim of enabling the homeless person to obtain an address & bank account, which in turn enables them to obtain work.

Keeping people safe – training is available via Diocese (Safeguarding Training).

(Many of the above are interlinked).

To enable Churches to expand looking outward, training is available via Diocese, we are glad to see that some of these initiatives are already happening in our church, for example the memory café and mothers and toddlers and myself and the Vicar have been on training for mental health first aid course, to equip our Church.

Tuesday, 8th November. The synod was hosted by our church on a much needed topic

Children and Youth Work in the Post Pandemic Church

After the major changes brought about by lockdowns and the Pandemic, *how do we reach out again to the children and young people in our communities?*

How do we encourage those who have become used to their own company, or fearful of mixing with others?

Our speaker for the evening was from the **London Diocese Children and Youth Ministry Support Team**, and helped us to think through the challenges churches face, and how we all need not to fear but work hard together to grow younger as our 2030 vision, we are happy to see that our Church has grown younger through our evangelism through Mothers and toddlers we have younger parents and their children filling in that much needed gap

I have attended all the meetings with the support of our Vicar Thursday 10th March.

Monday 7th June, Tuesday 8th November thanks to Carole Bevis-Smith our Synod secretary and the Brent team, for organising the much needed training every is always welcome to attend these meeting.

Nicola Kent

The Children's Society

The Children's Society supports children and young people who are facing problems.

The Children's Society also campaign to ask the Government to change policies and laws to make life better for young people in the UK.

Specially trained Project Workers help children and young people who are facing dangers like:

- Being victims or in danger of sexual exploitation
- Drug and alcohol problems
- Mental health issues
- Being a carer for someone
- Leaving care
- Running away from home or care

The Children's Society – Donations from The Church of the Ascension

Although we have not held a Box Opening and Coffee Morning since 2019 due to the Pandemic, I am very pleased to report that I received some house boxes from our box holders and some additional donations and was able to send the sum of £700.00 to the Children's Society in December 2022.

The Christingle Service held just before Christmas 2022, also raised the sum of £130. There were some new people there who had seen the service advertised on the Children's Society website "Find a Christingle Service Near you".

Thank you also for your support in purchasing Christmas cards in aid of the Children's Society.

The sum of £258 was raised and all the cards were sold. Many thanks.

If anyone would like to have a collection box in their home, please let me know.

Also, if anyone has a box that is getting full, please let me know and I would be very happy to count the money and send to the Children's Society.

Thank you very much for your continued support towards The Children's Society.

It is great news that we have raised over £1000.00 in 2022. Thank you.

Hilary Prevost

St Luke's Hospice

St Luke's Hospice helps people in Brent and Harrow to have the best possible quality of life, despite living with serious illnesses which are no longer curable.

All their services are completely free of charge.

As St Luke's receives only around 30% of their funding from the NHS, the rest is raised from the generosity of organisations and people in the local community through donations and fundraising alongside the dedication of volunteers. People can support the work of the hospice by making donations, taking part in events, playing the hospice lottery or shopping or volunteering in their 18 charity shops.

St Luke's are grateful that due to local support they are able to continue their vital care to patients and families.

It is now several years since any members of the Church of The Ascension took part in the Midnight Walk. However, the date for this year's walk is Friday 16 th June – details can be found at www.stlukes-hospice.org/midnightwalk or I can find out more details nearer the time, if there might be a few people who would be interested in taking part and raising some sponsorship for this worthwhile cause.

Thank you for your continued support to St Luke's Hospice.

Hilary Prevost

Treasurers' Report

Reserves Policy

It is the PCC's policy to maintain reserves to cover anticipated future expenses incurred in running the parish and maintaining its structures. This applies to all three buildings and grounds of the church. It is our policy to invest our funds' balances, where this is possible, with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England (CFB).

As of 31 December 2022, total reserves held in various funds were £25,290. These figures include income from the trust fund, net of withdrawals, (shown on note 3 (notes page 16-7) of £13,561 held at CFB.

Financial Review

As expected, and outlooked in my 2021 report, 2022 has shown some improvements with some sense of normality returning in the active use of the church halls, resulting in increased incomes. Introduction of the Memory café, the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and return of the Winter fair activities during the period all helped to bolster further our receipts in the year. However, these receipts improvement, compounded by the fact that we did not have the benefit of receipt of the gift tax relief monies earned in the year, were not enough to cover the resources used to run the church as an ordinary activity in the year and was not nearly enough to return common fund contributions to anywhere near the pre-COVID levels. That said we will continue to take steps, to grow our congregation and expand our outreach in the community, to try and ensure 2023 is a better year for COTA, even as we battle the energy crisis and its monumental costs increases (full brunt expected in the 4 th quarter of the year) as well as general cost of living challenges.

Examining the accounts attached on page 16-1, Receipts and Payments Summary, total income for the year stands at £76,371 (2021, £60,096) an increase of some £16,275 year on year. This large increase, when compared to last year, is explained by increases in Halls let income £13,882; Jubilee and Winter fair receipts £1,980; Memory Café receipts £936; Other giving £263; Other Church receipts £700 (mainly from funeral and other services); and receipts from Investments £1,714, netted by drops in Missions -£263; Regular giving -£2,850 (though main driver for this was the absence of gift aid tax relief in 2022, 2021 was £3,845); and Other receipts -£87.

Breaking this down further and focusing on the "Unrestricted" column of the accounts, the total income under this column, at £60,065 (202, £43,886), is an increase of some £16,179 year on year. This increase in income is driven by Halls letting income, pages 16-4 and 16-5, which at a combined £39,344 (2021 £25,462) is £13,882 better than last year (itself driven by Parish Hall and Youth Centre lets increases of £12,979 and £903, respectively) and reduction in Church

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Receipts, page 16-2, which at £20,721 (2021, £18,724) is some -£1,997 worse than last year. This reduction in Church Receipts is further explained, as noted in the above paragraph, by a year-on-year decrease in Regular giving totalling -£2,850 and increase in Other giving and receipts of £853.

As with prior years, our reliance on Halls letting income to meet the day-to-day running cost of the Parish continues. Unfortunately, for 2022, fuelled by the COVID-19 impact on all activities further expanding this gap, income from lets was insufficient to fund the Parish expenditure in full. This is clear by examining the “Unrestricted” column on page 16-1 of the accounts where the total combined income from Church and Halls sits at £60,065 compared to total expenditure, on the same basis, of £64,911 (2021, £57,642) representing a total loss for the year of -£4,846.

However, it must be noted that the reduction in costs year on year was solely due to COTA not maintaining its common fund contributions at the regular, and 2020, levels of £54,000 – had this not been the case then the total excess of income over expenditure in 2022 would have been -£33,846!!

Further, to clarify the reserves, and capital assets, included in the following financial statements, the PCC has a Trust Fund with monies invested in a Unit Trust with M&G Charifund under a Deed of Trust with the Diocesan Board as Custodian Trustees.

The current figures (in summary) are: -

Market Value at 27.04.1988 31.12.2021 31.12.2022

Chari fund Units (15,985.00) £80,000.00 £248,758.57
£234,902.77

Deposit Account at CBF £4,973.00 £7,339.94 £14,173.54

Plus income from Charifund £11,828.91
£13,267.56

Plus interest £4.69 £120.03

Less grant to PCC -£5,000 -£14,000

Balance held on deposit £14,173.54 £13,561.13

Total values £262,932.11 £248,463.90

Investments in Unit trusts are subject to Stock market movements and can go down as well as up. This year, unfortunately, the capital value of our Chari fund units has decreased by -£13,859 when compared to 2021. This represents a capital erosion of some -5.6%, which is testament to the challenging economic climate impacted by various elements not least the Russian/Ukrainian war. However, £13,388 of income (and interest) was generated in the year, adding to the balance of income held on deposit at the beginning of the year. An income withdrawal totalling -£14,000 was also made during the year to meet COTA liabilities, mainly related to funding the common fund, that were otherwise not able to be met from “free” cash due to low income from ordinary activities.

Church Hall buildings valuation

Current Charity commission instructions require that we annotate our accounts with Church Halls buildings valuation. As such the PCC maintain the revised valuation of the Church Halls, in 2021, by EIG Insurance of £2,960,000 (2020, the Hall buildings’ valuation was set at

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£1,747,011). These valuations are set out on page 16-6, Assets & Liabilities, and note 2, Notes page 16-7, on the attached financial statements.

The year ahead – 2023

The PCC is hoping that 2023 will present a better future for the Church and its finances, where we continue to grow our congregation, contribute more to our common fund, and achieve normality where hirers return to pre-COVID-19 activity levels, and more, and disruptive church fundraising activities is leveraged.

As we continue to challenge ourselves to return to a vibrant financial posture, we should temper our outlook with a little bit of caution and expect that 2023, although we should see improvements against 2022 from a Receipts perspective, would still not return Church and Halls activities, and income, to the levels seen in 2019!

However, delivering a 2020 financial receipts results level should be a minimum, and reachable, target.

Given our dependency on Halls letting income, and the challenges we face in this space with our regular lets, and energy costs increase impact to our accounts, we must turn our attention to other areas to manage and maximise our net income. We must continue our efforts to improve the volume of our one-off lets, explore avenues to drive more income from “Church” activities, and accelerate other fund-raising efforts. We must, in addition, continue to perform a forensic review of our cost base and execute efficiencies where and when we can such that we streamline, align, and/or match normal costs, wherever this is achievable, to changing revenue profiles, and contain our net cash outflow.

Further, we as parishioners should again stretch ourselves this year when filling up planned giving envelopes, gift aid all our donations, and regular giving, wherever possible, and continue to execute measures that improve our financial position, and posture, through 2023 and beyond. We should continue our commitment to review stewardship on an annual basis.

Mary-Ann Chukwuenyem – Treasurer

The following accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

These accounts were presented and approved by a meeting of the PCC convened on April 2023, and signed on their behalf by

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The Rev. Jacqueline Shalloe (Chair)

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, WEMBLEY PARK

Independent examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council of the Church of the Ascension Wembley Park

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 16-16.7

Respective responsibilities of Parochial Church Council and examiner

The members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC considers 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 needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 you as trustees concerning any 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:

1. 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
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Revd David M Green FCA
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Date: 21st April 2023

Church Receipts

Note No	UNRESTRICTED	DESIGNATED	RESTRICTED	2022	2021
	£		£	£	£
Voluntary receipts - regular giving					
	10,942			10,942	10,177
	245			245	1,058
	2,017			2,017	974
	-			-	3,845
	-			-	-
	13,204			13,204	16,054
Other voluntary receipts					
	2,817	21		2,838	2,180
	-			-	395
	-			-	-
	2,817	21	-	2,838	2,575
Receipts from Church activities					
	-			-	-
	899			899	199
	899	-	-	899	199
Receipts from activities for generating funds					
	732			732	-
	1,248			1,248	-
	-			-	-
	-			-	-
	1,980	-	-	1,980	-
Receipts from investments					

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-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-

Other receipts

			-	
			-	
			-	
Donation for Palm Sunday donkey		90	90	
Refund of sequestration expenses	1,821		1,821	
Tax on garden maintenance donations	B -		-	113
Donation for garden plants		8	8	
Donations for church boiler replacement	-			1,750
Garden donation from Brent	-	1,000	1,000	1,830
Donation for Bursera and Veil	-	447	447	
Donation for Lectern Fall	B 215	215	215	
Donation for Altar Frontal	B -	25	25	
			-	
			-	
	<u>1,821</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,785</u>	<u>3,606</u>
				<u>3,693</u>
Total Church receipts for year	<u>£ 20,721</u>	<u>£ 21</u>	<u>£ 1,785</u>	<u>£ 22,527</u>
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Less Church payments for year	(£ 44,159)	(£ 3,021)	(488)	(52,442)
Surplus/deficit for year	<u>(£ 23,438)</u>	<u>(£ 3,000)</u>	<u>£ 1,297</u>	<u>(£ 29,921)</u>
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Church Payments

	UNRESTRICTED Notes	£	DESIGNATED	RESTRICTED £	2022 £	2021 £
Church Payments						
Cost of generating voluntary income						
Stewardship envelopes		74	-	-	74	65
Stewardship campaign printing		-	-	-	-	-
74			-	-	74	65
Fund raising & trading costs						
Magazine and publicity		1,073	-	-	1,073	746
Fund raising costs		-	-	-	-	-
1,073			-	-	1,073	746
Church activities						
Ministry costs						
Diocesan Quota / contribution		25,000	-	-	25,000	20,004
Clergy expenses		921	-	-	921	548
25,921			-	-	25,921	20,552
Upkeep of Church						
Gas		1,713	-	-	1,713	1,653
Electricity		876	-	-	876	587
Insurance		4,588	-	-	4,588	4,249
Organists fees		4,130	-	-	4,130	1,540
11,307			-	-	11,307	8,029
Maintenance						
Organ & piano tuning		540	-	-	540	-
Routine maintenance & repairs		1,739	-	-	1,739	2,310
2,279			-	-	2,279	2,310
Training costs						
Young Church and Youth		-	-	-	-	-
Training		-	-	-	-	-
Confirmation		115	-	-	115	15
115			-	-	115	15
Governance costs						
Administration		1,279	-	-	1,279	2,568
1,279			-	-	1,279	2,568
Other Payments						
Upkeep of services		1,127	21	352	1,500	960
Upkeep of grounds, general		840	-	105	945	595
General outreach		144	-	-	144	466
Advertisement in the Church Times		-	-	-	-	777
Sequestration expenses		-	-	-	-	1,378
Expenditure of donated flower money		-	-	31	31	-
Refund of loan		-	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
2,111			3,021	488	5,620	7,176
Total general Church payments for year		£ 44,159	£ 3,021	£ 488	£ 47,668	£ 41,461
Major repairs						
Replacement of church boiler		-	-	-	-	10,981
Total major Church payments		-	-	-	-	10,981
Total Church payments for year		£ 44,159	£ 3,021	£ 488	£ 47,668	£ 52,442

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Parish Hall Account

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Lettings - regular	14,064		6,281	
Letting - short term	6,164		668	
Donation for roof repair			300	
		20,228		7,249
		<u>£ 20,228</u>		<u>£ 7,249</u>
Total receipts				
Payments				
Electricity	866		644	
Gas	1,716		1,795	
Cleaner	3,033		1,866	
Administration	1,743			
Water	30		130	
Cleaning materials	316		53	
Performing Rights Society	41		40	
Insurance	1,159		1,074	
Plumbing & boiler service	360		250	
Pest control	302		824	
General maintenance			90	
Wiring & appliance testing			300	
Waste collection	1,534		1,498	
Other supplies			7	
Solar lights			88	
Roof repair			300	
Letting valuation advice	1,260			
		12,360		8,959
Replacement lighting	1,440	1,440		
Total payments		<u>£ 13,800</u>		<u>£ 8,959</u>
Excess of receipts over payments		<u>£ 6,428</u>		<u>(£ 1,710)</u>

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Youth Centre Account

	2022		2021
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Lettings - regular	18,926		18,213
Lettings - short term	190		
		19,116	13,678
Total receipts		<u><u>£ 19,116</u></u>	<u><u>£ 18,213</u></u>
Payments			
Electricity	428		629
Gas	1,144		1,197
Cleaner	1,066		890
Administration	1,175		
Water	20		87
Cleaning materials	78		35
Pest control	202		550
Plumbing repairs & Boiler Service	320		230
Insurance	624		578
Wireing and appliance testing			262
General repairs	5		60
Waste collection	1,023		999
Other supplies			5
Solar lights	27		
Letting evaluation advice	840		
		6,952	5,522
Ceiling repair		20,140	
Total payments		<u><u>£ 27,092</u></u>	<u><u>£ 5,522</u></u>
Excess of receipts over payments		<u><u>(£ 7,976)</u></u>	<u><u>£ 12,691</u></u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

				2022		2021
	Notes	UNRESTRICTED	DESIGNATED	RESTRICTED		<i>restated</i>
		£	£	£	£	£
Assets:						
Investments	1		234,903		234,903	248,759
Fixed Asset - Halls - as per EIG Insurance valuation	2			2,960,000	2,960,000	2,960,000
Bank Accounts	3	(10,185)	36,623	14,684	41,122	53,718
				£ 3,236,025	£ 3,262,477	
Represented by:						
Restricted Funds	3			14,684	14,684	20,318
Designated Funds	1 & 3		271,526		271,526	287,498
Fixed Asset - Halls - as per EIG Insurance valuation	2			2,960,000	2,960,000	2,960,000
Unrestricted Funds	3	(10,185)			(10,185)	(5,339)
					£ 3,236,025	£ 3,262,477
Liabilities						
Diocesan Loan					2,500	5,500
Hall hirers						1,753

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Notes to the Accounts

Note 1 - Investments Opening Introduction of Gains Closing at valuation Halls as an Asset Book Value

£ £ £ £

Designated Funds - see note C below

Trust Fund - Non Permanent Endowment - - - - Capital (holding 15985 units) 248,759 - (£ 13,856)
234,903

£ 248,759 - (£ 13,856) £ 234,903

Note 2 - Fixed Asset

Halls- as per EIG Insurance valuation 2021 - £ 2,960,000 £ 2,960,000

Note 3 - Bank Accounts Opening Receipts & Transfers Closing Balances Expenditure Balances
(restated)

£ £ £ £

Restricted Funds

Missions Fund (held in Current A/c) 406 (406) - Retentions Funds (held in Current A/c) 4,472 2,232
7,422 14,126 Bequests & Donations Fund 7,948 32 (7,422) 558 £ 12,826 £ 1,858 £ 0 £ 14,684

Designated Funds

Designated Funds (held in Current A/c) 8,453 (23,140) 26,578 11,891 Trust Fund - (held at CBF*)
14,174 13,387 (14,000) 13,561 Fabric Fund 5,620 73 5,693 COTA Deposit Fund 43 3,235 3,278
Bequests & Donations Fund 12,578 (12,578) - Parish Hall Reserve (held at CBF*) 217 3 - 220
Youth Centre Reserve (held at CBF*) 1,954 26 - 1,980 £ 46,231 (£ 9,608) £ 0 £ 36,623

Unrestricted Funds

Church funds (held in Current and CBF A/c) (£ 5,339) (£ 4,846) (£ 10,185)

*CBF=Central Board of Finance of C of E

Total Bank Balances £ 53,718 (£ 12,596) - £ 41,122 Note A - Missions breakdown 2021

2022

Unrestricted Restricted Total Rec'd Total

£ £ £ £

Opening balance - 406 406 406 Income - 0 534 Gift tax recovered - 0 79 Expenditure - - - - Christian
Aid (406) (406) - London Diocesan Fund Lent Appeal - 0 (185) Water Aid - 0 (428) Balance (liability)
carried forward £ 0 £ 0 £ 0 £ 406

Unrestricted Restricted Total Rec'd Total

Note B - Gift Aid - tax received breakdown 2022 2021 Planned giving - 3,845 Donations 508

Missions - 79 Total received £ 4,432

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