

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST KINGSTON VALE

England & Wales - Charity number 1171550

Details

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| Other names | THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST KINGSTON VALE |
| Status | Registered |
| Legal form | Other |
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Activities

Objects: "PROMOTING IN THE PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH, PASTORAL, EVANGELISTIC, SOCIAL, AND ECUMENICAL."

Activities: Religious activities

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kingston Upon Thames
- Richmond Upon Thames
- Wandsworth

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-12-31 | £73,972 | £90,927 | - | - |
| 2024-12-31 | £84,333 | £85,198 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £95,328 | £99,842 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £94,502 | £83,280 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £65,843 | £47,279 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £68,730 | £49,776 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------|
| Rev Amanda Ruth Beck | Chair | 2005-09-20 |
| ANDREW John TEKLE-CADMAN | | 2020-10-12 |
| Angelo Capanna | | 2025-05-11 |
| BEVERLEY MORLEY-BROWN | | 2020-10-12 |
| Jayne Thomas | | 2025-05-11 |
| Katherine Shelley | | 2025-05-11 |
| Lilian Joseph | | 2025-05-11 |
| Malcolm Robert Kaye | | 2024-05-05 |
| RUTH DERINA RUOCCO BROWN | | 2019-04-11 |
| Victoria Capanna | | 2022-04-07 |

Accounts

Annual Report for St John the Baptist Kingston and Putney Vale 2025

AGM meeting April 26th at 10.30 am 2026



Annual General Meeting

Sunday 26th April 10.30 am

In the Chair: Team Vicar: Rev Amanda Beck

Vestry Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 2025

Ruth Ruocco Brown is currently church warden.

Election of two Churchwardens for the year

Note: Any adult resident in the Parish or anyone who is on the Church's Electoral Roll is entitled to vote in the election of Churchwardens.

Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 2025

Amendment for accuracy, agreement and signing of the minutes

Annual Report: to be received and to be approved

Matters arising from the Annual Report

Election of up to three members of the Laity to serve on the Parochial Council for the year PCC

Currently on PCC

Amanda Beck team vicar,

Andrew Cadman, deanery synod representative.

Has a place and will be up for election in 2027

- i **Malcolm Kaye**
- ii **Beverly Morley-Brown**
- iii **Jayne Thomas**

Has a place and will be up for election in 2028

- i. **Lilian Joseph**
- ii **Angela Wallace**
- iii **Vicky Cappana**

3 Vacancies for places until 2029

Our thanks go to Christina Renner-Thomas, who has come to the end of her term.

Appointment of Sidespeople Ravina Toma-Younis, Martin Hirst, Valona Renner Thomas, Bill Trimble, Cheong Wong, Andrew Bignold, Garry Conn, Angela Wallace Paul Greenwood, Angelo Cappana

Appointment of Independent Examiner Nigel Wain has said he is willing to be reappointed.

Appointment of altar servers to administer the chalice currently Beverly Morley-Brown, Malcolm Kaye, and Ruth Ruocco Brown.

Appointment of Trustees to the Village Hall currently Andrew Bignold, Ruth Ruocco Brown, Beverly Morley-Brown and Amanda Beck

Reflecting on the future of St John's

St John the Baptist Church by Team Vicar Rev Mandy Beck

Something truly exciting happened in 2025: alongside our regular worship and community activities, we launched Wellspring.

For many years, we have longed to reach out to our neighbours and share the love and blessing that Jesus promises for all people. Yet this could often feel like just words. While we have invited people to large events such as summer fayres and firework displays, we began to ask what it really means to offer love and blessing in a more personal and lasting way. As Isaiah says, “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.” Wellspring has been our response to that calling.

Wellspring is a fresh expression of church, building new relationships and forming a growing community. It seeks to bring life in all its fullness, caring for the whole person—body, mind, and spirit. Since its launch in October, more than 50 people have joined. Activities include exercise classes and walks, alongside social gatherings and opportunities for reflection and prayer.

One participant shared that coming to Wellspring has started them on a journey towards having more good days than bad. Because it is local, they found the courage to leave their home and take part—something that had previously felt out of reach.

Wellspring has been made possible by a dedicated team, the commitment of its members, and the faithful prayers of many within the church. Keeping groups small has enabled meaningful relationships to grow, and it feels as though we are discovering new strength together.

Making our hall available has had financial implications, as outlined in the finance report, and we are now working to address the resulting deficit.

Wellspring represents St John the Baptist stepping out in faith and discovering where God is leading us. It is both exciting and, at times, a little daunting, but it is a joy to share this journey together.

In the coming year, we hope to double Wellspring membership, increase diversity, and see Wellspring make a difference in many more lives.

Thank you for your continued generosity—in your time, talents, and giving—which makes the work of St John the Baptist possible. A Special thank you to Ruth Ruocco Brown our church warden. In a world often marked by challenge and despair, we are helping to create hope, trusting that with God all things are possible.

Kingston Team Ministry Report 2025 by Rev Joe Moffatt, Team Rector

The Kingston Team Ministry is a group of three parishes: St John the Evangelist, Kingston (in Spring Grove); St John the Baptist, Kingston Vale (in Robin Hood Lane) and All Saints Kingston (in the Ancient Market Place).

An important aspect of our team ministry is the mutual support that the clergy provide for each other. We meet up for an hour every week to discuss our work and pray for each other. We also provide holiday cover and pulpit swaps. We were delighted to see the clergy team expand with the licensing of Rev Sylvie Collins-Mayo as an Associate Priest in March and Rev Michael Stokes as Pioneer Curate in June. We look forward to Michael’s priesting on July 4th 2026.

Another significant joint activity is the Lent Course that we do together in mixed groups, with each church hosting sessions at different times of the week. Our theme for 2025 was ‘Speaking of God’ and we reflected on a superb series of sermons by chaplains who

all worked in challenging settings. We will repeat the format in 2026, focussing on 'Thorny Passages of the Bible'.

A notable development in 2025 was the running of a Growing Leaders course. Nine participants from our churches were commissioned at the end of the year, having met together every month as a group and also with individual mentors. They are now all exploring future lay leadership roles within our churches. This is a great encouragement. In 2025 we also introduced a joint annual service for Ascension Day. St John the Baptist hosted an outdoor communion in their wonderful church garden, culminating in the release of helium balloons, carrying our prayers heavenward. In 2026 we will gather at All Saints on May 14th.

There is also a joint Parish Weekend Retreat which is planned for June 5-7, 2026, at Storrington Priory in the Sussex Downs. This is an opportunity to build friendships across our three churches as well as enjoy time in prayer and relaxation.

I'd like to celebrate the launch of an exciting new initiative at St John the Baptist, Kingston Vale, called Wellspring. Rev Mandy Beck, the Team Vicar, writes:

'Wellspring is a community which aims to bring life in all its fullness to its members and the community in which it is set, caring for the whole person- body, mind and spirit. Since its launch in October, more than 50 people have joined. To care for our bodies, we offer exercise classes, walks and nutrition talks. For mental wellbeing, we host social activities such as games nights, film nights and community lunches. For spiritual development, we gather for meditations in nature, poetry by the fireside and times of mindfulness and reflection.

'Finally, I'd like to celebrate the launch of Wellspring with everyone involved in this exciting initiative at St John the Baptist. I look forward to seeing it evolve and flourish.'

Treasurers report 2025 Statement by Vicky Capanna (Treasurer) & Figures compiled by Mel Brandy (Bookkeeper)

As of 31/12/2025, there is £65,498 in our Co-op bank account. For the ninth consecutive year, we have been successful—and very fortunate—to receive a grant from Kingston Vale Trust. In 2025, the grant totalled £20,752 and enabled us to host several community events, helping to bring people together and strengthen our community.

Our total income for 2025 was £73,971, while expenditure amounted to £89,149.

Unrestricted funds stood at £47,604, with restricted funds at £26,368.

Tax relief received through Gift Aid under the Parish Giving Scheme totalled £3,264 for the year. Income from hall lettings increased by £607—many thanks to Sue for her continued hard work in this area. Even with the costs of running events, we have remained committed to supporting our regular charities.

DESIGNATED PAYMENTS 2025

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY 482.97

BISHOPS LENT APPEAL 533.00

MIND 180.50

TOTAL £1,196.47

Over the past year, we have shared many wonderful moments together, with a wide range of events including live entertainment, summer fairs, and community lunches.

These have been made possible through the support of grants from KVT, BEWELL, and others.

In October, we were also delighted to launch Wellspring, which is off to a very promising start and we hope will provide vital funds for St John the Baptist going forward.

Despite the incredible efforts of so many, our Co-op bank account funds have decreased from £81,933 to £65,498 a reduction of £16,435, and our end-of-year accounts show a deficit of £11,485.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has generously donated to St John the Baptist, helping us to keep our church running. A special thank you to Sue for her hard work managing hall bookings and events. Thank you also to everyone who gives their time to help maintain the church and grounds, saving valuable resources, and to those who carefully look after cash donations. Our sincere thanks to Shirley for taking on the role of Gift Aid Secretary and for her continued efforts in reclaiming Gift Aid. And thank you to everyone involved in planning and launching Wellspring. Finally, to everyone who contributes whether through donations, volunteering, or support in any form, big or small please know that your efforts are noticed, deeply appreciated, and essential to the future of St John the Baptist.

Thank you all.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A FULL COPY OF THE ACCOUNTS, PLEASE PICK ONE UP FROM THE OFFICE.

Gift Aid by Shirley Price

We currently have 15 church members signed up to support the church financially through the Parish Giving Scheme. This organisation processes on our behalf the regular giving of those members by claiming back 'their gift aid' on our behalf. This saves the church a lot of additional work and the payments to the church are received on a monthly basis. For further information: contact 0333 002 1271 or <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/kingston-vale-st-john-sjtb-london>

I should like to take this opportunity to thank both Gary Conn and Cheong Wong for their work over past years in claiming gift aid through the envelope giving programme and general donations. In September I was made aware of the financial situation of the church and investigated how we could make an additional claim to HMRC for small donations. By improving our record keeping we are now able to claim for cash donations under £30, these include donations using;

- The SumUp Machine at the back of the Church and made by card.
- Cash placed on the offering plate
- As well as through the Blue Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the church which can be used for regular cash/cheque giving if preferred.

For donations above £30 the church can only claim back gift aid (which amounts to £1 for every £4 given) if a Gift Aid Declaration Form has been completed. Copies are available from the church office. As we look at the current financial situation of St John's please consider ways in which you might be able to increase your support for the ongoing ministry of the church.

Church Warden by Ruth Ruocco Brown

2025 had an auspicious start with a visit from Bishop Christopher on 13th January. We spent a very enjoyable evening with him including prayers, a meal kindly cooked by Steve and conversations with many from our worshipping community. It was good to meet and share with him before he retires in August.

We also had a visit from Bishop Martin, Bishop of Kingston, who attended a Sunday morning service. This is one occasion where the church wardens carry their ceremonial wands. Traditionally the wardens can use their wands to tap the shoulder of any member of the congregation who falls asleep during the sermon. Fortunately, this did not seem to be necessary!

In the Autumn of 2025, the PCC again successfully applied for a grant of £15,000 from the Kingston Vale Trust. We thank the trust for their grant which helps to fund the newsletter, outreach events and much more.

Many of our church activities are detailed under other reports. However, I would especially like to highlight the launch of Wellspring in October. This exciting new initiative has so much to offer. I have enjoyed poetry by the fireside in the vicarage, quizzes and board games, stunning walks in Richmond Park and trying to improve my fitness with circuit training, just to mention a few of the activities that are taking place. Over the past year more people have been joining our worshipping community. This is exciting to see and I hope that newcomers, whether visitors, or those hoping to put down roots, will feel welcomed.

As a churchwarden, something that I have come to appreciate more and more is the amount of work done by our small, but dedicated worshipping community. Many of these jobs are quite mundane and are carried out quietly, behind the scenes. But, without this support the church would not continue. Thank you all!

For much of the past year I have been the only church warden and would very much appreciate a fellow warden to join me. The key role of church wardens of course is to support Mandy, our vicar. She works tirelessly, both in the church and in her various roles in the wider community. Her witness is inspirational – Thank you Mandy!

Parish Safeguarding Officer's Report by Ruth Ruocco Brown

The PSO's role is to ensure that we, as a church, are looking after children and vulnerable adults, to the best of our ability, complying with the requirements of the Diocese. About a year ago St Johns, along with other churches, completed a full safeguarding audit. More recently, the Diocese introduced a system called Parish Safeguarding Dashboards. New policies and procedures are making churches safer, but they have also brought a significant increase in the amount of administration for safeguarding officers. The concept of Safeguarding Dashboards is to address this challenge by making safeguarding administration simpler for everyone.

Many of those who have roles within the church must complete safeguarding training. This is free and some is available face to face, as well as via Zoom. The shorter courses are accessed online through the Diocesan website. However, we have supported those who had difficulty managing online training.

Another important part of the PSO's role is to ensure that DBS checks are done when needed. The church offers a range of activities for all ages and DBS checks are necessary for those involved with children's activities and in some other positions.

These are usually straightforward and the form is completed online. However, in 2025 a data breach occurred involving Access Personal Checking Services (APCS) Ltd – the provider the Diocese used for DBS checks. For this reason, the Diocese stopped carrying out DBS checks using APCS. This has meant that we, as a church, have not been able to process non-urgent checks. Now the Diocese has found a new company to run DBS checks, called thirtyone:eight. We have registered with thirtyone:eight and will begin to resume routine checks.

Information on safeguarding can be found on our church website and on the Diocese of Southwark website: <https://www.southwark.anglican.org>

Various posters with useful information are displayed in our church buildings. If you are interested in training or have any queries or concerns, please feel free to speak to me, Vicky or Mandy.

Electoral Roll of St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale by Shirley Price

We started the year with 67 persons on the roll, during the year 3 members moved out of the area, and sadly 3 members

Ben Ibeson, Roland Peach, and Anthony Wilkins passed away.

We were delighted to welcome the following:

Angelo Capanna, Misheli Jayawardena, Angela Wallace, Sara Udugampolage, and Cristian Udugampolage into the church. At the end of 2025 we had 66 people on the roll.

Premises by Sue Richardson

General maintenance has been carried out during 2025 and has included:

Clearance of gutters, Leak in church roof located and fixed, Hedges have been lowered
Burst pipe behind cabin fixed and lagged, new gate into garden replaced the old one was beyond repair, Fire extinguishers refixed to wall, Curtain track temporary fix
Benches in garden oiled, Hole in stained glass window repaired, Damp areas in church treated, Broken slats in ramp repaired, new microwave purchased and fitted
Unfortunately due to finances more major maintenance items are on hold, and these include:

Missing hedge to be replaced with new hedge or fence, Tarmac paths to be repaired and realigned, Decoration of halls, Carpets to be deep cleaned, new tables to be purchased
Uneven floor in hall to be rectified, Sound system in church requires replacing, New curtain track

If anyone would like to sponsor any of the above projects, please speak to Mandy.

Wellspring by Pete Pattertson

Wellspring is a community which aims to bring life in all its fullness to its members and the community in which it is set, caring for the whole person body, mind and spirit. Wellspring was successfully launched in October 2025. The launch was to promote the fundamental driving ethos that Wellspring cares for the whole person, the mind, physical wellbeing and spirituality. The launch party was great fun, with live music, food, even the chance to practice some circus skills, and our volunteers were on hand to explain to the public what Wellspring is about and the various activities on offer.

What was particularly heartening was the interest from neighbours who otherwise have not had contact with the Church.

In the six months that have followed the launch, the Wellspring community has grown well. Despite the inevitable initial hesitance for some to become involved in a completely new venture, Wellspring is already becoming established, and we now have a base of 54 members. The list of regular activities is impressive, and it includes community lunches, games nights, film nights, table tennis, community walks, a book exchange, afternoon teas, poetry evenings by the fire, a fitness class, yoga, a breathing and stretching class, mindfulness and meditation events. There is also access to massage, facials and nutritional advice, and personal fitness check-ins.

Membership fees for Wellspring are very modest, at £10 a month (or concessionary rate), £1 for children and currently all the activities are run by volunteers. In the coming year, Wellspring wants to build on its membership significantly so that more activities can be offered. By providing a greater range of activities Wellspring will ensure the needs of more community members can be met. As the parish does not have an already established community other than the Church, it is a challenge to involve the wider neighbourhood. It is therefore important that current members share their experiences with others in the community and encourage their involvement with Wellspring. In the initial planning for Wellspring, the building of a teaching pool was considered. However, in further consultation with the proposed partner, this proved unviable. In the next year other initiatives will be explored by the Wellspring committee, with the purpose of promoting life in all its fullness, caring for the whole person, mind, body and spirit.

Monday Afternoon Club by Ruth Ruocco Brown

We meet in the church hall at 1.30pm for tea/coffee and cake, followed by an activity from 2- 3pm. The club is now part of Wellspring so sessions are free to members and those who are attending for the first time. Sessions cost £5 for non-members.

Once a month and every week during Lent we have had a community lunch before the club session which has been enjoyed by many members.

We regularly have quizzes and games. Sometimes we get creative and try our hands at crafts. Over the last year we have made Christmas tree decorations using clay and Easter decorations using wood. We also have occasional talks and musical entertainment. In June we were visited by Rachel from the Community Special Care Dentistry Team who gave us advice on looking after our teeth. In the coming months I am planning some trips out, watch this space!

There are currently about fifteen regular members, however we always look forward to welcoming new faces. If you would like to join us or make enquiries on behalf of someone else, please do get in touch with me. I am also very interested in hearing from anyone who is happy to give a talk or lead an activity for the club.

I would like to thank Remo who has been helping me to run the sessions and also the club members for their ongoing support, humour and simply for being such a super group!

Orchard Church – Children’s Work Annual Report by Vicky Capanna

Orchard Church is a children’s church at St John the Baptist, now running for just over four years. Over the past year, we have adapted the way Orchard Church operates in response to volunteer availability and the changing needs of the children who attend. We meet every Sunday from 10:30 to 11:30 am, either in the Andrew Wing of the church or, when possible, outdoors in the garden and grounds.

Each week includes crafts and activities, with a strong focus on being as environmentally friendly as possible. Orchard Church is open to children aged 5 and above. We have a small core group who attend regularly, alongside others who join us when they can.

Our refreshed play area features a monthly Bible-themed focus, such as Noah’s Ark, Esther, Jonah and the Whale, and Daniel in the Lions’ Den.

Sessions vary week to week: sometimes we join the main church service with a dedicated children’s activity, and other times we run separate sessions based on Bible stories, themed activities, or videos linked to the current theme.

We have been looking for a new name for Orchard church to reflect its new direction. We also have a Youth Council for older children and, in 2025, attended YMIC youth events.

Toddle Along (Under 5s Group) Toddle Along, our group for children under 5, ran successfully until the summer holidays with strong attendance. However, following the summer break, attendance declined significantly. As a result, the difficult decision was made to pause the group for the foreseeable future. We will review this in the future to assess whether there is renewed need. Local enquiries suggest that there is currently low uptake for under-5 provision in the area.

Music at St John the Baptist by Kate Goode

Music plays a big part in our worship at St John’s with two services a month being led in a more open style where the service starts with songs being sung back-to-back in a more contemporary way, often accompanied with guitars. As the melodies are based on the pentatonic scale, and with repeating choruses, they are straightforward for the whole congregation to learn and join in quickly.

More traditional hymns are also sung so that the whole community is represented. On other Sundays, the service follows a more traditional format with well-known hymns and a few lesser-known ones, again to appeal to all tastes and with music supporting the liturgy. Small group singing is also organised for post Communion to support prayer. All our welcome to join in the Music Group and it is led by Joseph with his beautiful tenor voice and members range from teenagers to more mature adults.

We are supported by a core group of magnificent organ players as well who are able to accompany both on the organ or on the piano and we are fortunate to enjoy their playing at the end of the service too. As well as the regular services, the Music Group support other services such as Christenings and Weddings as well as specific Christmas Services such as the Nine Lessons, at Easter and even Halloween. The aim is to be inclusive for all to enjoy.

Gardens and Grounds of St John the Baptist by Beverley Morley Brown

During 2025 we the garden team, have done our best to keep the beautiful grounds of St John's under control.

There are lots of people to thank but most of all Bill Trimble for caring for the lawns. Bill has cut, cleared and seeded, where needed, all the lawns surrounding the Church and the Jubilee/Orchard garden. The latter is really hard work. He has also, with some help from Joseph, kept the surrounding holly hedges pruned and trimmed. If lawns and hedges are under control, the gardens look and feel fit for use and it is lovely to see children running and playing in the Orchard and folk sitting on the benches in the sun. Tony Wilkins, who died last year, who created the Orchard Garden from a wilderness, would be so happy to see it this spring.

The rest of us gardeners have been working for an hour or so once a month, after the Sunday service, in an attempt to prune and weed the gardens and keep them under control. We can, no longer afford to pay a gardener, so we need all the help possible to keep our lovely inherited gardens and grounds open, free and beautiful for the whole community to use and enjoy.

Thank you to all who have given time and effort and we look forward to more sessions and eventually to the repainting of the car park lines now the weather has improved.

Outreach Report by Sue Richardson

2025 commenced with a Tom Jones Tribute, which had been postponed from 2024. Our Tom Jones Tribute was recovering from a hip operation.

Quiz Night, always popular and well supported.

Maundy Thursday meal, a three-course meal held in the church, a regular event.

Sunrise Service, this small group enjoyed this rather special event in Richmond Park.

Easter Day, a special day in the church calendar, made even more special by the arrival of a donkey in the procession.

Summer Fayre, our annual event in our beautiful garden, new for 2025 was the Youth Drumming band from Chiswick School. A great event for all the community.

Rod Stewart Tribute, enjoyed by all who attended, and went on later than expected.

Harvest Lunch followed the Harvest Festival where donations were collected for the local food bank.

Halloween Event light in the dar was fun for all the children and adults who attended.

Laser Lights, a new event this year, as we hadn't been able to hold our regular Fireworks display, not as well attended as hoped but everyone who did attend thought the lights were fantastic.

Christmas Afternoon Tea, becoming a regular event, we welcomed members of the community to join together for afternoon tea served at their table, entertainment from a Tribute Frank Sinatra.

Children's Christmas Tea Party Although planned as a Traditional Children's party with Tea and Games, had to be cancelled due to lack of uptake.

Christmas Services, included our live Nativity service with a real donkey, and the Crib in the garden. A very special 9 lessons service, with a wonderful choir that was enjoyed by everyone. Midnight Mass was well attended as well as the Christmas Day service.

Bible Group by Shirley Price

Every Wednesday evening throughout the year a small group of 4-5 people have joined together to continue reading through The Bible, using a variety of different versions we started the year in the book of Exodus and finished with 2 Chronicles.

Following the lives of Moses and the deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt, The Ten Commandments, the building of the Tabernacle and the lives of Ruth, Samuel Saul, David & Solomon to name but a few. We are not especially studying each chapter , however there is an opportunity to share a thought or raise a question.

Charity number 1171550

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, KINGSTON AND PUTNEY VALE

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended

31st DECEMBER 2025

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St John the Baptist Church Kingston and Putney Vale

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on the accompanying pages, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Respective responsibilities of PCC and the independent examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements 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(5b)) of the 2011 Act)
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council.

An examination includes a review of the financial records and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements 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 matters have 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; and
- To prepare financial statements which accord with the financial records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met

(2) to which attention should be drawn, in my opinion, to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Nigel Waine

Independent Examiner

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2025

| | Notes | 2025 | | 2024 | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>FIXED ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Investments | 4 | 41,143 | | | 39,366 |
| Office Equipment - cost | | 678 | | | |
| Office Equipment - acc depreciation | | <u>(168)</u> | | | |
| | | | 41,653 | | |
| <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Debtors | 5 | - | | 376 | |
| Cash at bank | | <u>65,499</u> | | <u>81,934</u> | |
| | | 65,499 | | 82,310 | |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within 1 year | 6 | <u>2,926</u> | | <u>2,272</u> | |
| <u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | 62,573 | | 80,038 |
| | | | <hr/> | | <hr/> |
| <u>NET ASSETS</u> | | | £104,226 | | £119,404 |
| | | | <hr/> <hr/> | | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Represented by: | | | | | |
| <u>FUNDS</u> | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | | | 99,538 | | 114,373 |
| Restricted | | | 4,688 | | 5,031 |
| | | | <hr/> | | <hr/> |
| | | | £104,226 | | £119,404 |
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

The Revd A Beck (Chairman)

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY for the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2025

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | TOTALS £ | 2024 Total Funds £ |
|---|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>INCOME</u> | | | | | |
| Regular giving | 7 | 17,714 | 0 | 17,714 | 22,830 |
| Grants & donations | 8 | 9,680 | 25,851 | 35,531 | 41,489 |
| Activities for generating funds | 9 | 16,990 | 517 | 17,507 | 16,122 |
| Receipts from church activities | 10 | 1,558 | 0 | 1,558 | 2,293 |
| Investment income | 11 | 1,662 | 0 | 1,662 | 1,599 |
| | | <u>47,604</u> | <u>26,368</u> | <u>73,972</u> | <u>84,333</u> |
| <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Church activities:</u> | | | | | |
| Diocesan parish share | | 25,353 | | 25,353 | 24,378 |
| Other payments | 12 | 38,863 | 26,711 | 65,574 | 60,820 |
| | | <u>64,216</u> | <u>26,711</u> | <u>90,927</u> | <u>85,198</u> |
| | | <u>(16,612)</u> | <u>(343)</u> | <u>(16,955)</u> | <u>(865)</u> |
| Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments | 2 | 1,777 | | 1,777 | 928 |
| | | <u>(14,835)</u> | <u>(343)</u> | <u>(15,178)</u> | <u>63</u> |
| Add funds at 31st December 2024 | | 114,373 | 5,031 | 119,404 | 119,341 |
| | | <u>£99,538</u> | <u>£4,688</u> | <u>£104,226</u> | <u>£119,404</u> |
| <u>FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER 2025</u> | 3 | | | | |

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025

1(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('The Regulations') together with applicable accounting standards of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investments, which are shown at market value.

1(b) Non-monetary assets

- a) Church furnishings and fittings are held by the church wardens on special trust.
- b) Church hall furniture, fittings and equipment. Office equipment depreciated over 4 years
- c) The Andrew's wing.

2 Unrealised gains (losses) on investments

The amount of £1,777 shown on the SOFA represents the capital appreciation in the year ended 31st December 2025 between the investment cost and the unrealised market value.

3 Designation of funds

- (a) Restricted funds arise from donations, grants and legacies received for specified purposes.
- (b) Unrestricted funds are held available for the ordinary purposes of the PCC.

| 4 Investments | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| 1027.56 Central Board of Finance shares: cost | 5,826 | 5,826 |
| 1059.94 M&G income units: cost | 15,500 | 15,500 |
| Unrealised gains on investments | <u>19,817</u> | <u>18,040</u> |
| | <u>£41,143</u> | <u>£39,366</u> |
| 5 Debtors | | |
| Hall hire (payment in advance) | 0 | 0 |
| Other debtors | <u>0</u> | <u>376</u> |
| | <u>£0</u> | <u>£ 376</u> |
| 6 Amounts falling due within 1 year | | |
| Accruals | 0 | 0 |
| Creditors for goods and services | 2,559 | 1,754 |
| Other creditors | <u>367</u> | <u>518</u> |
| | <u>£2,926</u> | <u>£ 2,272</u> |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025

| | 2025 | | 2024 | |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ |
| 7 Giving | | | | |
| Envelopes | 844 | | 1,381 | |
| Standing orders | 96 | | 96 | |
| Parish Giving Scheme | 13,509 | | 16,580 | |
| Donations under gift aid | 0 | | 0 | |
| Tax relief (gift aid) | 3,265 | | 4,773 | |
| | <u>£17,714</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£22,830</u> | <u>£0</u> |
| 8 Grants & donations | | | | |
| Unrestricted donations | 9,680 | | 19,739 | |
| Restricted grants | | 25,851 | | 21,750 |
| | <u>£9,680</u> | <u>£25,851</u> | <u>£19,739</u> | <u>£21,750</u> |
| 9 Activities for generating funds | | | | |
| Andrew's lets | 264 | | 102 | |
| Hall lets | 10,779 | | 10,171 | |
| Car parking | 802 | | 855 | |
| Other | | | 816 | |
| KVT | | 517 | 622 | |
| Community and fund raising events | 5,145 | | 3,556 | |
| | <u>£16,990</u> | <u>£517</u> | <u>£16,122</u> | <u>£0</u> |
| 10 Receipts from church activities | | | | |
| Fees | 1,558 | | 2,293 | |
| | <u>£1,558</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£2,293</u> | <u>£0</u> |
| 11 Investment income | | | | |
| CBF deposit fund interest | 660 | | 645 | |
| CBF investment fund(M&G) | 1,002 | | 954 | |
| | <u>£1,662</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£1,599</u> | <u>£0</u> |
| <u>TOTAL INCOME</u> | <u>£47,604</u> | <u>£26,368</u> | <u>£62,583</u> | <u>£21,750</u> |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025

| | 2025 | | 2024 | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ |
| 12 Payments | | | | |
| <i>Projects</i> | | | | |
| Hall major repairs | 2,268 | | 2,532 | |
| Church major repairs | 4,641 | 3,497 | 6,329 | |
| | <u>£6,909</u> | <u>£3,497</u> | <u>£8,861</u> | <u>£0</u> |
| <i>Ministry</i> | | | | |
| Administration support | 7,660 | 517 | 7,862 | |
| Choir & organ | 3,260 | | 3,702 | |
| Fees | 730 | | 1,944 | |
| | <u>£11,650</u> | <u>£517</u> | <u>£13,508</u> | <u>£0</u> |
| <i>Parish outreach</i> | | | | |
| Office costs | 2,929 | 501 | 2,050 | |
| Office equipment depreciation | 168 | | | |
| Fundraising event costs | 0 | 7,636 | 5,519 | |
| Expenses | 45 | 123 | 893 | |
| Magazine publicity | 0 | 1,642 | 1,752 | |
| Church activity | 169 | 198 | 2,424 | |
| Miscellaneous | 40 | | 0 | |
| Children's work | 0 | 5,970 | 5,767 | |
| | <u>£3,351</u> | <u>£16,070</u> | <u>£18,405</u> | <u>£0</u> |
| <i>Church running costs</i> | | | | |
| Cleaning | 3,089 | 425 | 2,909 | |
| Insurance | 3,301 | | 3,123 | |
| Utilities | 3,986 | | 2,023 | |
| | <u>£10,376</u> | <u>£425</u> | <u>£8,055</u> | |
| <i>Independent examiner's fee</i> | <u>0</u> | | <u>0</u> | |
| <i>Restricted fund expenses KVT (part of other categories in prior years)</i> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>(15,122)</u> | <u>15,122</u> |
| <i>Well spring expenses</i> | <u>0</u> | <u>6,202</u> | <u>71</u> | <u>2,219</u> |
| <i>Hall running costs</i> | | | | |
| Rubbish/Cleaning | 0 | | 359 | |
| Hall security | 0 | | 109 | |
| Insurance | 1,146 | | 1,023 | |
| Utilities | 2,431 | | 5,115 | |
| Legal/bookkeeping Fees | 3,000 | | 3,095 | |
| | <u>£6,577</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£9,701</u> | <u>£0</u> |
| <u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u> | <u>£38,863</u> | <u>£26,711</u> | <u>£43,479</u> | <u>£17,341</u> |

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St John the Baptist Church Kingston and Putney Vale

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on the accompanying pages, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Respective responsibilities of PCC and the independent examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements 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(5b)) of the 2011 Act)
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council.

An examination includes a review of the financial records and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements 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 matters have 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; and
- To prepare financial statements which accord with the financial records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met

(2) to which attention should be drawn, in my opinion, to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Nigel Waine

Independent Examiner

Accounts

2025 AGM – will be held on 1st May here are the reports for 2024

Reflecting on the life of St John the Baptist Church in 2024, I am profoundly aware of God's presence guiding us through each season

I must begin by giving thanks for Moon Ki Kwon. He served God wholeheartedly, and we at St John's were blessed to have him as a member of our fellowship, a churchwarden, and a prayer warrior. Following his sudden passing, our church family came together in grief, supporting his loved ones and one another. It was a time when we wept together, held in God's loving arms.

Amid the sorrow, 2024 also brought moments of great joy and celebration. Several members of our congregation deepened their journey of faith, including adults exploring Christianity for the first time or reconnecting with a faith they had known in childhood. It was a blessing to baptise and confirm members of our church family, witnessing God's work in each of our lives as we walk this journey of faith together, learning from and supporting one another.

Our beautiful church continues to be a special place for weddings, and among the joyful celebrations last year was the marriage of my own son, David, who grew up in this church, to his university sweetheart, Emily. Another cherished moment was the wedding of Neomi, who has led our worship in music—and at times even in dance in the orchard—to Stephen. Their celebration in that same garden, made all the more beautiful by beautiful people and wonderful Korean food, it was a true blessing.

Just as we marked the seasons in the lives of our church family, we also embraced the rhythm of the church year. Easter was especially meaningful, as we celebrated the season of resurrection. For the first time, we marked our patronal festival with 24 hours of prayer, beginning with a fire at midnight. Our summer fair was the largest in living memory, drawing many to a joyful day of celebration and welcoming them back the following day to enjoy a birds of prey display. Harvest lunch was such a success that a group of university students felt inspired to host their own bring-and-share meal. Christmas was exceptional, with a fun children's play at the crib service, beautiful singing at our Nine Lessons and Carols service, and well-attended midnight and Christmas morning services.

While these significant events shape our church year, I also want to acknowledge the quieter, yet equally important, rhythms of our community—the week-by-week gathering, caring, and serving that sustain us.

There have been some beautiful changes in this last year to our worship and worship space, this has included the wonderful upgrade of the children's area. The inclusion of a band screen and new music leaders. The welcome at regular services, including filter coffee at the back. Thank you to those who have suggested, enabled and supported these changes.

We continue to find ways to care for those beyond our fellowship, by collecting for the food bank, offering a space for many groups to meet from AA to compassionate friends. We are looking in the years ahead at how we might further serve. We hope to develop Wellspring a community which aims to bring life in all it's fullness to it's members and the community in

which it is set. Caring for the whole person body mind and spirit. Keep your ears peeled for more information and how you can become involved.

I hardly know where to begin or end with my gratitude. St John's would not be the wonderful family of God that it is without each and every one of you.

To those with official roles—warden, reader, administrator, safeguarding officer, children's worker—thank you. To all who care, pray, sing, and worship—thank you. To those who created the play area and those who now play in it, to those who serve coffee and those who enjoy it, to those who give their money, time, and talents to help our church thrive—thank you. Each person who steps into this place and contributes in any way is a vital part of our community. We truly need God and one another to make St John's the welcoming, spiritually nurturing, healing, and connected place that it is.

Thank you for showing up in whatever ways you can, for giving of yourself to this community. Each time you do, we are blessed. Never underestimate your significance in shaping the life of this church. May we continue to grow together in faith, love, and service in the year ahead.

Treasurers Report 2024

As at 31/12/2024, there is £81,933 in our Co-op bank account.

For the 8th year running, we have been successful, and indeed very fortunate, in obtaining a grant from Kingston Vale Trust. It has meant that we were able to host a few of our community's events; to try and bring our community closer. 2024's KVT grant was £15,516

Our 2024's income was £84,333, and expenditure was £85,198. Our unrestricted funds amounted to £65,721, and restricted funds are £18,612.

Tax relief on Gift Aid, for 2024, came to £4,773 parish giving scheme.

Hall lets are down by £19,558 due to no nursery.

| DESIGNATED PAYMENTS | 2024 £ |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| CHILDREN'S SOCIETY | 141.48 |
| CHRISTIAN AID | 115.00 |
| BISHOPS LENT APPEAL | 345.00 |
| TOTAL | £601.48 |

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to St John the Baptist to enable us to keep the church going.

Thank you Sue for working so hard with our hall bookings and events.

Thank you to those who give their time to keep the church and grounds in good order and subsequently.

Thank you to those who look after our cash donations and our books.

Everyone who donates funds or time however big or small in the many different ways you do you are all noticed and are greatly appreciated, and so important for the future of St John the Baptist a big Thank you to you all.

Victoria Capanna

Church Wardens

At our last AGM I found myself returning to the role of Church Warden about seven years from when I previously passed on my wand! (In case you were not already aware, the church wardens each have a ceremonial wand. These can be used to break up disturbances and keep the peace during services. Apparently, we can also use them to tap the shoulder of any member of the congregation who falls asleep during the sermon. Fortunately, this doesn't seem to happen too frequently, so we usually just bring them out when the bishop visits. More about that in next year's report.)

Ki Moon was re – elected and I was looking forward to the privilege of working alongside him. But that time was cut short when he passed on suddenly in October. The church was shaken and bereft. It was such a difficult time, and yet I think that despite the sorrow and incomprehension, love and care shone through. Ki Moon's legacy will live on and we can find inspiration from his life and faith.

Then, Kevin generously stepped up and volunteered to be interim church warden. His offer was very gratefully accepted! Thank you, Kevin!

In the Autumn of 2024, the PCC again successfully applied for a grant of £15, 000 from the Kingston Vale Trust. We would like to thank the trust for their grant which helps to fund the newsletter, outreach events and much more.

Many of our church activities are detailed under other reports. However I would especially like to highlight Wellspring, a new holistic initiative which has begun to be developed over the past year. This new project will offer many resources for the community, including exercise classes, social events and we hope, a swimming pool!

Over the past months more people have been joining our worshipping community. This is exciting to see and I hope that newcomers, whether visitors, or those hoping to put down roots, will feel welcomed.

As a church warden something that I have come to appreciate more and more is the amount of work done by our small, but dedicated worshipping community. Many of these jobs are quite mundane and are carried out quietly, behind the scenes. But, without this support the church would not continue. Thank you all!

Our key role as church wardens of course is to support Mandy, our vicar. She works tirelessly, both in the church and in her various roles in the wider community. Her witness is outstanding and we appreciate her devotion – Thank you Mandy!

Ruth Ruocco Brown

Electoral Roll

At the end of the year we have 67 members on the roll, we have added new members during the year but note that sadly our church warden Ki Moon Kwon passed away last year.

Shirley Price

The Choir: A Year of Transition and Joyful Song

The past year has seen continuation and expansion in the role of music within our church, blending tradition with modern engagement to enrich our worship. As part of this shift, our regular services continue to follow a traditional organ-led hymn format, with the choir offering their voices in full on the third Sunday of each month at the 10:30 am Family Service.

Fresh and diverse musical expressions across our gatherings have seen a more contemporary approach on the first Sunday of each month. Words of more modern and often described as charismatic hymns are now projected onto a screen, encouraging broader participation, with musical leadership provided by Joseph and John (often on his guitar), supported beautifully by Yerang on the keyboard. The expansion of this team has been a blessing, as Holly and Laura have joined in to lend their voices and enthusiasm. We also warmly welcome other new members to the choir, Sara and Angela, who have already made a valuable contribution to our musical family.

Special gratitude goes to Joseph for his unwavering commitment—faithfully donning his robes and singing often solo in the choir stalls every Sunday he is in attendance. His dedication has been an inspiration to all, ensuring that the tradition of choral music remains a cherished part of our services. He was recently appointed director of music.

A highlight of the year was our flagship event, the Nine Lessons and Carols service, a magnificent evening of worship and celebration. This year under the capable leadership of Alan, our choir delivered a performance we can all be proud of. We were blessed with the presence of visiting choristers Sophie, Tom, and Matteo, and, for the first time, welcomed Kate and Paul, whose voices enriched the occasion.

Beyond our regular services, the choir had the privilege of providing music for a number of weddings of church members over the summer. These joyful occasions allowed us to share our love of music in a way that complemented the sacred beauty of marriage, and we were honoured to be part of such special moments in the lives of our congregation.

As we move forward, we celebrate the blend of tradition and innovation that has defined our music ministry this year. Whether through the solemn beauty of hymnody, the vibrancy of contemporary worship, or the unity found in special services and celebrations, our choir remains committed to glorifying God through song. We extend our thanks to all who contribute their time, voices, and talent, ensuring that music continues to be a cornerstone of our worship experience.

Christina Renner Thomas

Orchard Church

Orchard church is an outdoor church group for children at St John the Baptist which is now been going for just over 4 years it has a strong ethos of being closer to nature and in turn being closer to God.

Orchard church meets every Sunday for 1 hour from 10.30 till 11.30 am in the St John's Jubilee gardens/orchard amongst our beautiful veteran apple trees we also make fantastic use of the log cabin as a central meeting point and when the weather is not so friendly we retreat to the Andrews wing.

We do crafts and activities every week that we try to keep everything as environmentally friendly and natural as possible.

The children are 3 years up to teenage and we have group that attend regularly and a few others that attend when they can. During 2024 the group has grown a lot bigger.

To enhance our outdoor space we created a secret garden space last year where we can tell stories and do activities we have used this area for story telling and have many more ideas for the year to come.

We have a wonderful group of 3 regular volunteers all fully DBS checked that take turns in supporting myself to run Orchard church and we hope in the year ahead a few others that will join us to make Orchard Church even better. I would like to thank everyone that has helped and shown support during 2024.

New to this year we have now refreshed the play area and we theme is each month we also now have some new themed resources for the play area many knitted and crocheted by members and friends of our church. I would like to say a big Thank you to Ye Rang , Valona and a friend of mine Ann for you great efforts and beautiful creations.

We also held a 3 day summer holiday club called Noah's Super Hero's that encouraged looking after our environment /world using Noah's Ark as the theme this event was well attended.

Last year we formed a youth council and youth events we have had a film night and Halloween event and we have future plans for a Junior bake off and a football and pizza party.

I would like to say a big Thank you to a few of our youth members James, Holly and Alex for representing the Church so well at our recent visit from Bishop Christopher.

2024 has been a great year hopefully in 2025 Orchard church and other children activities will continue to grow we are still in need of volunteers longer periods or even if its only occasional short periods your help would be very much appreciated please get in touch to discuss.

Vicky Capanna

St John the Baptist Garden

In spite of the change in weather patterns our beautiful Jubilee/Orchard garden and the Church lawns and hedges and gardens are under control, just.

Our wonderful, loyal, long term paid gardener is now having a successful career in the Police and we have not been able to afford another so have depended on volunteers.

So, enormous thanks to Bill for committing to time each week to mow the lawns and when impossibly wet to prune the holly hedges. The latter no mean task as the hedge between the Church and Orchard was almost out of control.

Also to thank Joseph and Steve for bringing electrical pruners and to all volunteers who stay to work hard for an hour or so after the Sunday service. We try to have at least four of these sessions a year.

Also to anyone, I might not see, who comes at other times to help.

We are so fortunate to have our garden space so we must look after it well and use it well and try to keep it fit for purpose.

Thank you again to all who have helped and, please, if anyone has any other ideas about arranging help we would be delighted to hear,

Last year the garden was used for wedding receptions, easter extravaganza, summer fair and birds of prey display. As well as many young children as a place to play.

Beverley Morley Brown

Monday Afternoon Club

We meet in the church hall at 1.30pm for tea/coffee and cake, followed by an activity from 2-3pm. The first session for new attendees is free. However, the usual charge is £3 per session. We regularly have quizzes and games. Sometimes we get creative and have a go at crafts. Last Christmas we made decorations using dried fruits and spices. We also have occasional talks and musical entertainment.

In the Summer we visited The Chelsea Physic Garden. It was one of the hottest afternoons of the year so, on arrival, we headed straight to the café for some cool refreshments. Once revived, we had a look around the garden and some of us joined a fascinating tour led by a very knowledgeable volunteer. The poisonous plants seemed to spark particular interest!

There are currently about fifteen regular members, however we always look forward to welcoming new faces. If you would like to join us or make enquiries on behalf of someone else, please do get in touch with me. I would also be very interested in hearing from anyone who would like to give a talk or lead an activity for the club.

I would like to give a big Thank You to Remo who helped me run the sessions, until he started a supported internship in October. My thanks also to the club members for their ongoing support, humour and for just being such a lovely group!

Ruth Ruocco Brown

Toddle Along

Toddle Along had previously been running at St John's but had come to a stop.

I took over the responsibility of Running Toddle Along and on Monday 9th September 2024 relaunched toddle Along we are still early days but the group is steadily growing and often have around 8 children and there adults.

We have a range of toys available and always have some sort craft activities which often gets fun and messy with paints and glitter.

Toddle Along is a Happy and Growing group and I look forward to the year ahead.

Vicky Capanna

Bible Group

In September 2023 a small group in the church started to meet on a Wednesday evening (from 7-8pm) to read the Bible. Some of us had been given a Bible when we first started Secondary school others had gone to Sunday school where they had heard some of the stories contained in the Bible. But few of us could remember when we had last read the Bible through from cover to cover. Using a few different versions of the Bible including some on the Bible App (available for Smart phone users) we started with the New Testament and are currently reading the Old Testament. We are not especially studying each chapter, however there is opportunity to share a thought and or raise a question.

The Bible is made up of 66 Books and has two sections

The Old Testament contains 39 Books. Covering Law (5 books) History (12 Books) Poetry (5 Books) and Prophecy (5 books covering the Major Prophets) (12 Books cover the Minor Prophets)

The New Testament contains 27 Books. Biography (4 Books) History (1 Book) The Epistles (Pauls Letters 13 Books) (Other letters 8 books) and Prophecy (1 Book)

Shirley Price

Parish Safeguarding Officer's Report

The importance of safeguarding has been emphasised as further incidents of historical abuse within the Church of England and the failure to deal with it effectively or ethically, became national news in November.

On a positive note, in November, we also marked Safeguarding Sunday. The theme and focus for 2024 was - "Let's talk about it" - to encourage churches to talk about how communities can work together to prevent abuse and create a world where every child and adult can feel and be safe.

It is vital that lessons are learned from the past and the Diocese has been keeping us updated with safeguarding information and resources. In 2025 churches are being asked to complete a full safeguarding audit.

The PSO's role is to ensure that we, as a church, are looking after children and vulnerable adults, to the best of our ability, complying with the requirements of the Diocese. Many of those who have roles within the church must complete safeguarding training. This is free and some is available face to face, as well as via Zoom. The shorter courses are accessed online through the diocesan website. However, we have supported those who had difficulty managing online training.

Another important part of the PSO's role is to ensure that DBS checks are done when needed. The church offers a range of activities for all ages and DBS checks are necessary for those involved with children's activities and in some other positions. These are usually straightforward, and the form is completed online.

Information on safeguarding can be found on our church website and on the Diocese of Southwark website: <https://www.southwark.anglican.org>

Various posters with useful information are displayed in our church buildings. If you are interested in training or have any queries or concerns, please feel free to speak to me, Vicky or Mandy.

Ruth Ruocco Brown

Book Club

A group of us meet to talk about books, ones we are reading and most importantly the one chosen for discussion. We decide amongst ourselves what to read each month or so and the discussions are always lively and interesting with lots of different opinions. Our ages range from great grandmothers to young mums. The only rules are to read the chosen book, or attempt to, and to listen to one

another's opinions!

Beverley Morley-Brown

Flowers in Church

Times have changed since I helped with the flower arranging. This stopped with COVID. We used to do large beautiful formal flower arrangements, which took quite a lot of time, thought and patience. Sadly, our team is much smaller now.

Flower arranging is a way of brightening the church and thank God for his creations, of all the beautiful flowers in the world, which gives happiness and joy to people. In Lent, there are no flowers. The church looks sombre. We are reminded of Jesus' path to the cross and his suffering and sacrifice for us.

We are very grateful to Marysia and Hazel; for their hard work, generosity and diligence for keeping the church beautiful and reminding us of God's love.

A very special thank you, to Sue for helping at sacred festivals and special occasions with her brilliant ideas and creativity, Beverley helps at Christmas with organizing a magnificent Christmas tree and decorations.

If anyone would like to help, I'm sure the team would be very pleased and willing to help or advise.

Astrid Stockel

Property Report

This last year has been a difficult one for the maintenance of the St John's property, the property committee were aware that there were many jobs to be done, but with limited cash, the committee had prioritised.

The committee were extremely sorry to lose Ki Moon, who had been a tower of support in getting jobs done along with Joseph, and would like to take this opportunity to thank Moon and Joseph for undertaking many of the smaller jobs around the church.

Property committee decided to cancel our contract with Cleanovation Cleaning company and employ our cleaner directly.

Car Park lines were organised by Beverley, and carried out by Bill Trimble with thanks.

St Johns were unable to replace the Tarmac in front of the church due to costs, but Moon and Joseph were able to Cold Tar the worst of the cracks.

Angelo Capanna came on board as part of the Property Committee and undertook numerous tasks, coat hooks, light bulb replacements, handles on toilet doors, Advisory frames hung and benches repaired in the garden.

The creeping floor covering in the extra toilet in the church hall was replaced.

I have not been involved with the Property committee for very long, would like to thank Angelo for his help in getting me up to speed.

Kevin Jenkins

Outreach Report

Many of our Community events would not happen without the generous grant received from Kingston Vale Trust. Although we do not automatically assume that we will receive the grant we are very hopeful and thankful when we do.

Our first meeting in 2024, was a reflection on our last events of 2023 which included: Country & Western Tribute Band, great success, Light in the Dark looked amazing with a new Fire act and our own Laser Tag (thanks to Ruth of organising).

Our Christmas services were enjoyed by many no doubt helped along by mulled wine and mince pies.

Our first event of 2024, was the Lent Lunches, organised by a small group of people with delicious home made soup, bread & cheese, with contributions going to the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

A very successful QUIZ, enjoyed by all who attended.

Our normal Easter events, Maundy Thursday meal; held in church well attended, as was the Children's Easter activities, Movie for older children and our Easter Extravaganza service.

Our Sunrise Services was attended by a brave but small group who were well wrapped up for this special event in Richmond Park.

We were back in Richmond Park for a walk organised by Beverley, we are so lucky to have this green space so nearby, and for Beverley to organise us.

Our Summer Fayre, a brilliant community event, Linda Herring and her family assisted by running the Tea Room and the BBQ, our sincere thanks. Music provided by, unfortunately due to a communication on the part of St Johns the Raptors were unable to attend but came along on the Sunday following the service when a large group of people attended. Tombola run by friends of friends proved a success as it was a prize every time, and the sideshow Poo in the Loo was very popular with young people.

Unfortunately, our Tom Jones Tribute had to be cancelled as Tom was hospitalised due to a hip operation.

Another successful Quiz was held in September, followed by an Old Tyme Music Hall hosted by an amazing Tom Carridine, definitely to be recommended.

Harvest Festival provided many food boxes for Roehampton Food Bank, and a bring and share lunch enjoyed by everyone. This lunch prompted the young people to hold their own Harvest lunch.

Our annual Christmas Tea Room with 'Frank Sinatra' to serenade us was very enjoyable with members of the community attending.

Light in the Dark event did not have as many people attending as previous years, and we may look again at fireworks or lasers for 2025.

Nine Lessons and Carols was magnificent with a wonderful choir made up of congregation and friends from the community.

Crib Service was lovely with lots of young people and a very good play was acted out, this year Mandy held a Midnight service as so many people had requested after last years' cancellation.

2024 very busy year for our Church and Community events and we hope that 2025 will be even better, but desperately require volunteers, 'more hands make light work' I believe.

Outreach Committee

Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod consists of four meetings per year held on a cycle of roughly every three months. The meetings are currently chaired by the Dean, Reverend Adam Rylett of St. Paul's Kingston, and

circulate around churches within the Deanery, a new church being designated as host for each meeting.

After opening prayers led by the chair and reading of the last meetings minutes, the usual format is for a welcome and introduction by the hosting church and a summary of the history, life, goals and mission of the church.

There is generally a talk and presentation on a theme of common interest to the parishes within the Deanery and a discussion of how this may relate to each of the parishes and their own experiences. (For instance, in recent months we have had talks on youth ministry and a visit by the Reverend Charlie Lamont from Southwark Diocese outlining diocesan support for local efforts on evangelism). News from the diocese, for instance new guidelines, instructions or grants that may be available is also communicated. Towards the end of the meeting is a short talk by one of the representatives of each of the churches present on news and updates from their church.

There are also efforts going forward to better integrate Diocesan Synod meetings, with hitherto have been held relatively independently of each other. A start on this process was made at the last Deanery Synod meeting where the Diocesan representatives from the Deanery each gave a short summary of their experience from their first diocesan meeting of the new triennium.

Finally meetings then close with prayer led by the chair.

Andrew Cadman

Wellspring

Wellspring, a community which aims to bring to life in all its fullness to its members and the community in which it is set. Caring for the whole person; Body, Mind, and Spirit.

Wellspring is a subcommittee (working party) of the church. It was formed in the autumn of 2024, to achieve the ambitions of the church in reaching out to the community and welcoming them into the church and all of the activities of wellspring that bring the community together, for the benefit of that community.

The objectives of Wellspring are twofold: the establishment of a membership organisation, and the provision of a small indoor swimming pool, which will eventually be available to wellspring members for use as part of their membership.

Wellspring is a not-for-profit concept, with funds used to maintain the church hall and equipment, and running costs for the classes and events that are currently and prospectively taking place. Any surplus in funds will be used to provide and facilitate further classes and activities to support the Wellspring ethos.

The provision of the pool will be established through a partnership between Wellspring and Swimway Ltd, a private company providing swimming lessons. Swimway will pay all of the costs of the building and will pay 50% of the costs of the various reports required as part of the planning application. Wellspring, to show good will in the project and the partnership, will pay the other 50%, and this has been generously granted by the Kingston Vale Trust. Pre-Planning permission has been sought and granted, and we are currently at the stage of compiling the various reports to be presented as part of the planning application. Once the pool is built and operational, Swimway will pay a small, agreed ground rent, which will increase year on year over 15 years (the period of our contractual agreement). This will allow Swimway to recover the costs of the building of the pool over that period and will generate a small increasing income for Wellspring.

The working party are currently meeting monthly, with a lot of work being conducted outside of meetings. This is a very ambitious project which is both challenging the knowledge and experience of

the working party members, but at the same time bringing a group of people together, who are learning and progressing together, for the benefit of the community, and in keeping with the wellspring Ethos.

A launch date for Wellspring has yet to be set, but it is hoped that this will be during 2025.

Mark Callis

Chair Wellspring

Charity number 1171550

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, KINGSTON AND PUTNEY VALE

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended

31st DECEMBER 2024

Charity number 1171550

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Respective responsibilities of PCC and the independent examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council.

An examination includes a review of the financial records and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements 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 matters have come to my attention:

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 - o To prepare financial statements which accord with the financial records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met
- (2) to which attention should be drawn, in my opinion, to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Nigel Waine

Independent Examiner

St Church, Kingston and Putney Vale

Charity Number: 1171550

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY for the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2024

| | Notes | | 2023 |
|---------------------------------|-------|---|------|
| <u>INCOME</u> | | Investment income | 11 |
| Regular giving | 7 | <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | |
| Grants & donations | 8 | <u>Church activities:</u> Diocesan parish share | |
| Activities for generating funds | 9 | Other payments | 12 |
| Receipts from church activities | 10 | | |

John the Baptist

| | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|--------|--------------|--------|---------|---------|
| <u>Surplus I (deficit)</u> | | | 61,961 | 22,372 | 84,333 | 95,328 |
| Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments | | | 2 | | | |
| Add funds at 31st December 2023 | | | 24,378 | | 24,378 | 23,600 |
| | | | 43,479 | 17,341 | 60,820 | 76,242 |
| <u>FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024</u> | | | 67,857 | 17,341 | 85,198 | 99,842 |
| Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | TOTALS | <u>Total</u> | | | |
| | | | Funds | | | |
| | | | (5,896) | 5,031 | (865) | (4,514) |
| £ | | | | | | |
| | | | 928 | | 928 | 1,631 |
| 22,830 | | 22,830 | 26,200 | | | (2,883) |
| 19,739 | 21,750 | 41,489 | 24,811 | | | 122,224 |
| 15,500 | 622 | 16,122 | (4,968) | 5,031 | 63 | |
| 2,293 | | 2,293 | 37,583 | o | 119,341 | |
| | | | 5,193 | | | El |
| | | | | | | 19,341 |
| 1,599 | | 1,599 | 1,541 | | El | |
| | | | El 14,373 | 25,031 | 19,404 | |

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

2023

38,438

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85 901

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3 280

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E1 19,341

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER
2024

| | Notes | 2024 |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| <u>FIXED ASSETS</u> | | |
| Investments | 4 | 39,366 |
| <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | |
| Debtors | 5 | 376 |
| Cash at bank | | <u>81 934</u> |
| | | 82,310 |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | | |
| Amounts fallina due within 1 year | 6 | <u>2 272</u> |

John the Baptist

NET CURRENT ASSETS 80,038

NET ASSETS E1 19,404

E1 19,404

Represented by:

FUNDS

Unrestricted 114,373

Restricted 5,031

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its
behalf by:

The Revd A Beck (Chairman)

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Charity Number: 1171550

St Church, Kingston and Putney Vale
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024

1 (a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (The Regulations') together with applicable accounting standards of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investments, which are shown at market value.

1(b) Non-monetary assets

- a) Church furnishings and fittings are held by the church wardens on special trust.
- b) Church hall furniture, fittings and equipment.
- c) The AndreWs wing.

2 Unrealised gains (losses) on investments

The amount of E928 shown on the SOFA represents the capital appreciation in the year ended 31st December 2024 between the investment cost and the unrealised market value.

3 Designation of funds

(a) Restricted funds arise from donations, grants and legacies received for specified purposes. (b) Unrestricted funds are held available for the ordinary purposes of the PCC.

| | | | |
|----|--|----------------|----------------------------|
| 4 | Investments | 2024 | 2023 |
| | 1027.56 Central Board of Finance | | |
| | shares: cost | 5,826 | 5,826 |
| | 1059.94 M&G income units: cost | 5,500 | 15,500 |
| | Unrealised gains on investments | <u>18 040</u> | <u>17 112</u> |
| | | <u>E39 366</u> | <u>E38 438</u> |
| | Debtors | | (1,771) |
| 5 | Hall hire (payment in advance) | | |
| | Other debtors | 376 | 53 |
| | | <u>2376</u> | <u>E(1.718)</u> |
| | Amounts falling due within 1 year | | |
| 6 | Accruals | | |
| | Creditors for goods and services | 1,754 | 2,876 |
| | Other creditors | 518 | <u>404</u> |
| | | <u>E2 272</u> | <u>E 3 280</u> |
| St | Church, Kingston and Putney Vale | | Charity Number: 1171550 |

Notes to the Financial **Statements** for the year ended 31st December 2024

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted |
| | | Unrestricted Restricted |
| 7 Giving | | |
| Envelopes | 1,381 | 1,133 |
| Standing orders | 96 | 276 |
| Parish Giving Scheme | 16,580 | 14,427 |
| Donations under gift aid | | 6,999 |
| Tax relief (gift aid) | 4,773 | 3,365 |

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| John the Baptist | 22,830 | 26,200 | |
| 8 Grants & donations | | | |
| Unrestricted donations | | | |
| Restricted grants | | | |
| | 19,739 | 9,811 | 15,000 |
| 9 Activities for generating funds | E19,739 | E9,811 | E15,000 |
| AndreWs lets | | | |
| Hall lets | | | |
| Car parking | 102 | 1,005 | |
| Other | 10,171 | 29,730 | |
| | 855 | 1,086 | |
| Community and fund raising events | 816 | 950 | |
| | | 517 | |
| | 3,556 | 4,295 | |
| 10 Receipts from church activities | E15,500 | 87,583 | |
| Fees | | | |
| Church activity | | | |
| | | 2,793 | |
| 11 Investment income | 2,293 | 2,400 | |
| CBF deposit fund interest | 2,293 | E, 193 | |
| CBF investment fund(M&G) | | | |
| | 645 | 635 | |
| | 954 | 906 | |
| | E1,599 | E1,541 | |
| <u>TOTAL INCOME</u> | <u>261,961</u> | <u>\$80,328</u> | \$15,000 |
| St Church, Kingston and Putney Vale | | Charity Number: 1171550 | |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024

| | 2024 | | 2023 | |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Unrestricted | Restricted |
| 12 Payments | | | | |
| Projects | | | | |
| Hall major repairs | 2,532 | | 5,349 | |
| Church major repairs | 6,329 | | 5,141 | |

| John the Baptist | | |
|---|----------|-----------------|
| Ministry | 28,861 | 210,490 |
| Administration support | | |
| Choir & organ Fees | | |
| | 7,862 | 7,718 |
| Parish outreach | 3,702 | 4,593 |
| Office costs | 1,944 | 1,363 |
| Fundraising event costs | 213,508 | E13,674 |
| Expenses | | |
| Magazine publicity | | |
| Church activity | 2,050 | 2,370 |
| Miscellaneous | 5,519 | 5,873 |
| Children's work | 893 | 28 |
| | 1,752 | 1,685 |
| | 2,424 | 2,126 |
| Church running costs | | 192 |
| Cleaning | 5,767 | 5,635 |
| Insurance | 218,405 | E17,909 |
| Utilities | | |
| Independent examiners fee | 2,909 | 2,082 |
| | 3,123 | 3,186 |
| Restricted fund expenses KVT (part of other categories) | 2,023 | 3,264 |
| | 28,055 | 28,532 |
| Well spring expenses | | |
| Hall running costs | | |
| Rubbish/Cleaning | | |
| GoPak Staging | | |
| Hall security | (15,122) | (16,496) 16,496 |
| Insurance | | |
| Utilities | 71 | |
| Legal/bookkeeping Fees | | |
| | 359 | 14,087 |
| <u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u> | | 2,467 |
| | 109 | 230 |
| | 1,023 | 1,246 |
| | 5,115 | 3,968 |
| | 3,095 | 3,639 |
| | 29,701 | 25,637 |

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Nigel Waine

Independent Examiner

Accounts

Team Vicar



2023 was a blessed year at St John's as new families have joined the congregation and we have begun experimenting with new service styles. It has been a delight on the last Sunday of the month to have a music group playing.

Many people stepped-up into new roles, including Vicky Capanna who ran Messy Church on Putney Vale, which was another innovation in 2023. Vicky has also taken on the role of treasurer which was a great deal of work as the books were in a bad state.

This has now been resolved by Vicky with our paid bookkeeper Mel. Ki Moon Kwon has been a great churchwarden, learning the ropes alongside Beverley Morley-Brown.

For the first time on Easter Sunday, we had a play and Easter Eggstravaganza with animals to pet in our garden. This is one of the ways we have experimented sharing the joy of the Christian message with the whole community. We have also enjoyed worshipping with the choir and traditional worship on other Sundays. The 9 lessons and carols service, and crib service were great celebrations.

On a more personal note, as vicar, I took a sabbatical and quite literally walked away. Completing two pilgrimages the Camino Inglés in Spain and Kumano Kodo in Japan. This reminded me of the deep spiritual blessing of prayerful connection to God in the world He created and ancient places of worship. My thanks go to Penny Jivani, John Waddleton, Beverley Morley-Brown, Ki Moon Kwon, Christina Renner-Thomas, Lorna Ailes, Sue Richardson and many others who rose to the challenge and ran things so smoothly with the visiting presidents, especially Carole Bourne.

The relationship between the team churches has continued to grow. Lindiwe Maseko from St John the Evangelist visited Putney Vale regularly at the beginning of the year, and Joe Moffat led services and PCC meetings during my sabbatical. Lindiwe helped at St John's because I had been asked to take on the role of lead chaplain at Southwest London and St George's NHS trust (based at Springfield and Tolworth). Many of you may know that I am employed half-time by the diocese as vicar of St John's and half-time by the NHS as a mental health chaplain. During 2023 my role at the trust was to lead the interfaith team to cover the sick leave of Tuulia Castledene.

The year was not without its challenges, several people within the church have faced personal health struggles and bereavement. Marion Nevill, Pat Moses, Pru Coyne and Pete Hodges, all long-standing members of our congregation, sadly died.

Church members have taken on new roles or continued diligently in old roles, I wish to thank all those who give their skills, time, money and talents to enable our church to serve this community and be a place of worship and fellowship.

I will end on a note of blessing, as we have been blessed at St John's with wonderful people. Once more, we had many parties and events organised by a great team led by Sue Richardson, probably most notably the Coronation Party which even made it onto Slovenian TV! We found ways to reach out and care for others, including raising thousands of pounds for the Turkish Earthquake appeal.

Rev'd Amanda Beck

Team Ministry

‘Now the green blade riseth’ is a wonderful Eastertide hymn that comes to mind when thinking of the new signs of growth in all three of our churches in the Kingston Team Ministry.

Rev Lindiwe Maseko was licensed as Team Vicar of St John the Evangelist (Spring Grove) in January 2023. The joy shared at that service has continued to spread through her ministry with local schools, the Little Groovers, the Diddy Disciples and a new Sunday afternoon Junior Church. It’s the one church in the team where children sometimes outnumber adults! Meanwhile, a brilliant group of volunteers runs a very successful bar at the regular Banquet Record gigs, engaging warmly with the music fans while ensuring a good income stream for the church.

At St John the Baptist (Kingston Vale) they continue to host a wonderful programme of community events in their orchard. The highlight in 2023 was undoubtedly a fabulous Coronation Garden Party. For much of the year Rev Mandy Beck took on extra leadership responsibility at the Mental Health Trust where she works part-time. Thankfully, Lindiwe was able to offer a day a week to provide some ministerial cover, while Mandy was working an extra day at the hospital. This just shows how helpful it is to have a team ministry. Mandy then took a well-deserved sabbatical in the autumn and is now back to her normal pattern, helping St John’s in the Vale to look at some exciting plans for the future.

At All Saints we went big on the Coronation, broadcasting the national online service on the preceding Sunday and then hosting the Borough’s celebration with an amazing street procession that culminated in a packed-out church service. This was quickly followed by the Ordination Service for priests in the Kingston Episcopal Area – and the arrival of our curate, Rev Sarah Williams. Sarah has since been involved in many of our new initiatives, notably a Youth Café on Sunday afternoons and a Bereavement Café once a fortnight. In September we also started ‘Lifting Young Voices’ which is a project led by our Director of Music, David Condry. It involves him going into two primary schools (St John’s CofE and St Joseph’s RC) every week to teach class singing lessons. At the same time, he runs a Junior Choir for children aged 7-10. We hope to expand this programme to include more schools and to integrate our Junior Choir into the church community.

I’m very grateful to Mandy, Lindiwe and Sarah. It is a blessing to have a team of colleagues who enjoy meeting up with one another every week for prayer and mutual support. We’re also very grateful for the wider ministry team that includes our ordained colleagues, Rev Sandy Cragg and Rev William Allberry, and our licensed lay ministers, Isobel Robinson, Andrea Campanale and Penny Jivani.

Finally, it’s good to have a team outing every so often and I was delighted that a coach full of people from all three churches enjoyed a day out to Salisbury Cathedral in October. New friendships always emerge from days like this, and I look forward to many more.

As a way of summarising our common faith and fellowship, let me finish with the hymn that I started with: ‘Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green’

Rev’d Joe Moffatt

Church Wardens and Property Report

2023 has been an interesting year for our lovely old village church with its gardens and Orchard and Halls that are such an asset for our Parish community.

We had a strange time when Mandy was away on a well-earned sabbatical. There were challenges but she left us very well organised with all services covered by Penny and Carol. Thank you, Penny, it always felt under control.

We had many meetings with a Diocesan researcher who helped sort our priorities and set up groups to address them. So, we had plans to fulfil! We did our best but were very glad to have Mandy back to inspire us again.

Since then, with all her renewed energy and prayers and time to 'think' and make plans our services have become more varied and joyful, and our congregation has responded and increased. Thank you, Joseph, for so much music and joy.

The Quinquennial Report pointed out many areas that needed urgent attention and we have, mostly, addressed them except for the asphalt paths. This will be done as soon as possible, finances allowing.

We have lost the hire of the Hall to a nursery but have very high hopes of replacing it with a most exciting project. We hope this will encourage our community to enjoy and use our facilities all the year round, not just events and festivals and to join us in worship. If we succeed we will be able to keep going but if not we are in danger of losing our wonderful legacy left us by generations of hard work, worship and prayers.

My three years as Church Warden have come to an end, as promised.

Now I must thank all you wonderful people who have helped me so much during this time in spite of bossy voluntolding.

Mandy first for inspiration and prayers and patience and poetry and endless, endless energy and enthusiasm. It has been such a pleasure being your Church Warden.

Next Sue for all help and always willing to stop and sort out a problem. For all the extra time you spend organising our events and decorating the Church, so beautifully for the festivals. I always leave the office with a smile or laughter and feel so much happier, thank you so much. Also, to Lorna for help with IT.

To all the willing volunteers that make the services, gardens, halls and the whole of our Church community such a happy and successful place. Now that our gardener Mandi has left us to join the Police there is even more need to help. Bill has stepped in to mow and Matteo has offered but the endless rain hasn't helped. Now that it is spring/summer we need all help possible to keep the standard up.

Lastly to my fellow Church Warden Moon for taking over the tedious filling in of documents online and for all the immediate and willing help mending and repairing and for all the prayers when things seemed too difficult. He has been such a pleasure to work with and not once said I can't, or I haven't time.

I look back on the three years and most of my memories are of prayers and parties and pleasure and I look forward to supporting Moon and the next Church Warden with you all.

Beverly Morley-Brown

Electoral register 2023

Our Electoral Roll is now 65 which includes new members, unfortunately the following members of our church have passed in the last year:

Peter Hodges, Patricia Moses, Marion Nevill and Prunella Coyne

Shirley Price

Parish Safeguarding Officer's Report

Congratulations to Vicky who has completed her training and is now a Parish Safeguarding Officer. Our role is to ensure that we, as a church, are looking after children and vulnerable adults, to the best of our ability, complying with the requirements of the Diocese. Over the past year, Vicky and I have been completing relevant courses. Our current PCC members have also achieved certificates in safeguarding training. Diocesan training is free and is a requirement for those who have various roles within the church. Some training is now available face-to-face as well as via Zoom. The shorter courses are accessed online through the diocesan website.

Another important part of the PSO's role is to ensure that DBS checks are done when needed. The church offers a wide range of activities for all ages and DBS checks are necessary for those involved with children's activities and in some other positions. These are usually straightforward, and the form is completed online.

Information on safeguarding can be found on the Diocese of Southwark website:

<https://www.southwark.anglican.org>

There is also a poster displayed in the back of the church. If you are interested in training or have any queries or concerns, please feel free to speak to me, Vicky or Mandy.

Ruth Ruocco Brown

Outreach



2023 was another busy year with the Outreach team putting on lots of events for all in the Community to enjoy.

Some of the events which took place were:

A fun filled Quiz Night in March and a second one in October.

A great evening - Olde Tyme Music Hall with a Fish & Chip supper.

Easter services and events including an Easter Eggstravaganza in the Jubilee Garden with animals, a play, an Easter egg hunt, refreshments, music and games.

A Coronation Garden Party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, with lunch, music and a suitably themed quiz.

The Summer Fair was held in June and was well attended by many in the community and enjoyed by all. It raised about £1500 for the church. A huge thank you goes to all helpers and stall holders who helped to make this fair such an enjoyable day.

Harvest Bring & Share Lunch - this was well attended and the food was delicious.

In November, we were entertained with Country & Western music by a Dolly Parton Tribute act.

December and the festive season started with our Light in the Dark event held in the Jubilee Garden. The garden was beautifully decorated with lights and there was a fire act, laser tag, make a Christingle, great food and refreshments and Santa's Grotto.

The Christmas Eve Crib service was well attended and a beautiful service.

Thank you to all who have supported us during this year by organising, helping at or attending our events.

The Outreach Committee is a small group of people who plan these events and we are always looking for new events that can be enjoyed by the community and raise funds for the Church, so if you have any ideas or would like to get involved, you would be very welcome.

Look out for our future events and sign up via the link on the front page of our website (www.inthevale.org.uk) to receive emails about these events.

Lorna Ailes

Monday Afternoon Club



We meet at 1.30pm for tea/coffee and cake, followed by an activity from 2-3pm. We regularly have quizzes and games. Sometimes we get creative and have a go at crafts including making Easter decorations. Among the highlights this year were a song and dance performance from Katie Lewis with "Tap about Town", Mandy giving a presentation on her Camino pilgrimage and a visit to the Royal Hospital Chelsea. Did you know that the Chelsea

pensioners have an annual ceremony of Christmas cheeses which involves cutting a wheel of cheese with a sword. In the Summer we plan a return to Chelsea, this time to see the Physic Garden.

There are currently about fifteen regular members, however we always look forward to welcoming new faces. If you would like to join us or make enquiries on behalf of someone else, please do get in touch with me. I would also be very interested in hearing from anyone who would like to give a talk or lead an activity for the club.

We are greatly appreciative of the grant from The Kingston Vale Trust to the PCC, which helps to fund our club through the year and would like to thank the trust for their support.

Ruth Ruocco Brown

Coffee Morning

Our group gathers on Wednesday morning between 11 and 12 each week in the Andrews Wing.

We have coffee or tea and a choice of cakes. It's always a good time for a chat. Crosswords are a firm favourite and word puzzles which, as Hercule Poirot would say, keep the little grey cells alive.

Our big thanks to Penny for continuing to organise the coffee mornings which she has done for so many years.

Just pop in if you are passing by on a Wednesday morning and you will be more than welcome.

Jo Hirst

Orchard Church

Orchard church is an outdoor church group for children at St John the Baptist which is now been going for just over 3 years it has a strong ethos of being closer to nature and in turn being closer to God.



Orchard church meets every Sunday for 1 hour from 10.30 till 11.30 am in the St John's Jubilee gardens/orchard amongst our beautiful veteran apple trees we also make fantastic use of the log cabin as a central meeting point and when the weather is not so friendly we retreat to the Andrews wing.

We do crafts and activities every week that we try to keep everything as environmentally friendly and natural as possible.

The children are 3 years upwards and we have a small group that attend regularly and a few others that attend when they can. During 2023 the group has grown bigger.

To enhance our outdoor space, we created a secret garden space where we can tell stories and do activities. Thank you to all of you that helped this become real.

We have a wonderful group of 3 regular volunteers all fully DBS checked that take turns in supporting myself to run Orchard church and we hope that a there is a few others that will join us shortly. I would like to thank everyone that has helped and shown support during 2023.

As well as Orchard church we have also started with the help of Rev Lindiwe Maseko an Outreach Messy church at Newlands Hall Putney vale estate and I would also like to say Thank you to all those that have helped and supported this to take place.

We also held a 3-day summer holiday club called Eco Heros that connected looking after our environment with the Bible and was well attended.

Recently we formed a youth council, and we are in the early days of forming a youth groups.

2023 has been a great year hopefully in 2024 Orchard church and other children's activities will continue to grow we are still in need of volunteers longer periods or even if it's only occasional short periods your help would be very much appreciated, please get in touch to discuss.

Vicky Capanna

Treasurer's report for 2023

Just over a year ago I became Treasurer this wasn't an easy task as I received no handover and church affairs were in some what a muddle.

The treasurer's role was divided between Mel our accountant and me.

It has probably taken most of the past year to become reasonably comfortable in what I am doing, and I am now able to answer most questions.

Between myself, Mel and Mandy along with the finance committee I believe we have now managed to straighten most things out including unpaid bills and payroll and put budgets back in place.

This coming year and possibly next are going to be challenging with the loss of the nursery in October 2023 weekday mornings this is a huge loss to the churches income and we are exploring ways fill this gap.

I would like to thank all those who have given financially to the church which with the gift aid claimed make up an increasingly significant part of the church's income.

I would also like to thank all those who volunteer their time, effort, and skills to support the churches running.

Vicky Capanna

You have read what we have been doing.

St John's Church needs it's members, that's you to serve God and the community into the future.

Please consider joining the PCC to shape the church's future.

Might you be a churchwarden?

We welcome the whole diversity of people.

Please speak to Mandy, Bev or Moon about these roles or any other way you could be involved.

Charity number 1171550

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, KINGSTON AND PUTNEY VALE

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended

31st DECEMBER 2023

St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale

Charity Number: 1171550

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2023

| | Notes | 2023 | | 2022 | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>FIXED ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Investments | 4 | | 38,438 | | 36,807 |
| <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Debtors | 5 | (1,718) | | 0 | |
| Cash at bank | | <u>85,901</u> | | <u>90,944</u> | |
| | | 84,183 | | 90,944 | |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within 1 year | 6 | <u>3,280</u> | | <u>5,527</u> | |
| <u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| | | | 80,903 | | 85,417 |
| <u>NET ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| | | | <u>£119,341</u> | | <u>£122,224</u> |
| Represented by: | | | | | |
| <u>FUNDS</u> | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | | | 119,341 | | 120,728 |
| Restricted | | | 0 | | 1,496 |
| | | | <u>£119,341</u> | | <u>£122,224</u> |

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

The Revd A Beck (Chairman)

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale

Charity Number: 1171550

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY for the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2023

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | TOTALS £ | 2022 Total Funds £ |
|---|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| INCOME | | | | | |
| Regular giving | 7 | 26,200 | | 26,200 | 19,309 |
| Grants & donations | 8 | 9,811 | 15,000 | 24,811 | 29,106 |
| Activities for generating funds | 9 | 37,583 | | 37,583 | 39,846 |
| Receipts from church activities | 10 | 5,193 | | 5,193 | 4,726 |
| Investment income | 11 | 1,541 | | 1,541 | 1,515 |
| | | <u>80,328</u> | <u>15,000</u> | <u>95,328</u> | <u>94,502</u> |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Church activities: Diocesan parish share | | 23,600 | | 23,600 | 21,076 |
| Other payments | 12 | 59,746 | 16,496 | 76,242 | 62,204 |
| | | <u>83,346</u> | <u>16,496</u> | <u>99,842</u> | <u>83,280</u> |
| | | <u>(3,018)</u> | <u>(1,496)</u> | <u>(4,514)</u> | <u>11,222</u> |
| Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments | 2 | 1,631 | | 1,631 | (3,752) |
| | | <u>(1,387)</u> | <u>(1,496)</u> | <u>(2,883)</u> | <u>7,470</u> |
| Add funds at 31st December 2022 | | 120,728 | 1,496 | 122,224 | 114,754 |
| | | <u>£119,341</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£119,341</u> | <u>£122,224</u> |
| FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023 | 3 | | | | |

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

1(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('The Regulations') together with applicable accounting standards of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investments, which are shown at market value.

1(b) Non-monetary assets

- a) Church furnishings and fittings are held by the church wardens on special trust.
- b) Church hall furniture, fittings and equipment.
- c) The Andrew's wing.

1 (c) Taxation

No provision for taxation is included in the financial statements as the Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Kingston and Putney Vale is, as part of the Church of England, entitled to exemption from tax afforded by section 555 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

2 Unrealised gains (losses) on investments

The amount of £1,631 shown on the SOFA represents the capital appreciation in the year ended 31st December 2023 between the investment cost and the unrealised market value.

3 Designation of funds

- (a) Restricted funds arise from donations, grants and legacies received for specified purposes.
- (b) Unrestricted funds are held available for the ordinary purposes of the PCC.

| 4 Investments | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|-----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| 1027.56 Central Board of Finance shares: cost | 5,826 | 5,826 |
| 1059.94 M&G income units: cost | 5,500 | 15,500 |
| Unrealised gains on investments | <u>17,112</u> | <u>15,481</u> |
| | £38,438 | £36,807 |
| 5 Debtors | | |
| Hall hire (payment in advance) | (1,771) | 0 |
| Other debtors | <u>53</u> | 0 |
| | £(1,718) | £0 |
| 6 Amounts falling due within 1 year | | |
| Accruals | 0 | 0 |
| Creditors for goods and services | 2,876 | 4,969 |
| Other creditors | <u>404</u> | <u>558</u> |
| | £3,280 | £ 5,527 |

St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale

Charity Number: 1171550

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

| | 2023 | | 2022 | |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ |
| 7 Giving | | | | |
| Envelopes | 1,133 | | 3,442 | |
| Standing orders | 276 | | 5,132 | |
| Parish Giving Scheme | 14,427 | | 8,067 | |
| Donations under gift aid | 6,999 | | 652 | |
| Tax relief (gift aid) | 3,365 | | 2,016 | |
| | <u>£26,200</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£19,309</u> | <u>£0</u> |
| 8 Grants & donations | | | | |
| Unrestricted donations | 9,811 | | 8,820 | |
| Restricted grants | | 15,000 | | 20,286 |
| | <u>£9,811</u> | <u>£15,000</u> | <u>£8,820</u> | <u>£20,286</u> |
| 9 Activities for generating funds | | | | |
| Andrew's lets | 1,005 | | 161 | |
| Hall lets | 29,730 | | 30,955 | |
| Car parking | 1,086 | | 800 | |
| Other | 950 | | 631 | |
| KVT | 517 | | 517 | |
| Community and fund raising events | 4,295 | | 6,782 | |
| | <u>£37,583</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£39,846</u> | <u>£0</u> |
| 10 Receipts from church activities | | | | |
| Fees | 2,793 | | 626 | |
| Church activity | 2,400 | | 4,100 | |
| | <u>£5,193</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£4,726</u> | <u>£0</u> |
| 11 Investment income | | | | |
| CBF deposit fund interest | 635 | | 635 | |
| CBF investment fund | 906 | | 880 | |
| | <u>£1,541</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£1,515</u> | <u>£0</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME | £80,328 | £15,000 | £74,216 | £20,286 |

St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale

Charity Number: 1171550

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

| | 2023 | | 2022 | |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ |
| 12 Payments | | | | |
| <i>Projects</i> | | | | |
| Hall major repairs | 5,349 | | 3,196 | |
| Church major repairs | 5,141 | | 8,372 | |
| Garden | | | | |
| | <u>£10,490</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£11,568</u> | <u>£0</u> |
| <i>Ministry</i> | | | | |
| Administration support | 7,718 | | 7,328 | |
| Choir & organ | 4,593 | | 2,360 | |
| Fees | 1,363 | | 430 | |
| | <u>£13,674</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£10,118</u> | <u>£0</u> |
| <i>Parish outreach</i> | | | | |
| Office costs | 2,370 | | 2,263 | |
| Fundraising event costs | 5,873 | | 7,428 | |
| Expenses | 28 | | 214 | |
| Magazine publicity | 1,685 | | 2,603 | |
| Church activity | 2,126 | | 2,420 | |
| Miscellaneous | 192 | | 423 | |
| Children's work | 5,635 | | 5,255 | |
| | <u>£17,909</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£20,606</u> | <u>£0</u> |
| <i>Church running costs</i> | | | | |
| Cleaning | 2,082 | | 7,368 | |
| Insurance | 3,186 | | 2,821 | |
| Utilities | 3,264 | | 4,304 | |
| | <u>£8,532</u> | | <u>£14,493</u> | |
| <i>Independent examiner's fee</i> | | | | |
| | <u>0</u> | | <u>0</u> | |
| <i>Restricted fund expenses KVT (part of other categories)</i> | | | | |
| | (16,496) | 16,496 | (26,483) | 26,483 |
| <i>Hall running costs</i> | | | | |
| Rubbish/Cleaning | 14,087 | | 2,930 | |
| GoPak Staging | 2,467 | | 0 | |
| Hall security | 230 | | 552 | |
| Insurance | 1,246 | | 1,320 | |
| Utilities | 3,968 | | (50) | |
| Legal/bookkeeping Fees | 3,639 | | 667 | |
| | <u>£25,637</u> | | <u>£5,419</u> | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | <u>£59,746</u> | <u>£16,496</u> | <u>£35,721</u> | <u>£26,483</u> |

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St John the Baptist Church Kingston and Putney Vale

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on the accompanying pages, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Respective responsibilities of PCC and the independent examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements 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(5b)) of the 2011 Act)
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council.

An examination includes a review of the financial records and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements 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 matters have 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; and
- To prepare financial statements which accord with the financial records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met

(2) to which attention should be drawn, in my opinion, to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Nigel Waine

Independent Examiner

Accounts



Annual Report for St John the Baptist

Kingston Vale 2022

Vicar

In continuity with the past and our faith we have once more sought to serve Jesus in this place, through prayer and acts of loving service.

Thanks to so many wonderful volunteers, 2022 was full of great community events in which we invited our neighbours to join in all kinds of celebrations. We began the year still wearing masks and ended it with a wonderful church full of laughter and fun with everyone including the donkey crowding into church. Thank you to Sue Richardson and amazing team who put on a Jubilee Party, and a Summer Fair. For the first time Christingles moved outside for a whole light in the dark event and of course the tribute bands were back!

This year has been marked by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and our dear friend Vera Francis. In the words of the Queen "Grief is the price we pay for love." We as a Christian community give thanks for those who have gone before us into heaven and of whom we are reminded Sunday by Sunday.

In 2022 we had a new Team Rector, Joe Moffatt, and we look to a much more integrated team in the years to come. Our worship during 2022 was blessed by many bilingual services and lunches. We have become a 'be well' church and are seeking to find still more ways to create a loving community. We give thanks for our many blessings as we move into a new year.

Rev'd Amanda Beck

Team Ministry

It has been a great joy to take up the role of Team Rector for the Kingston Team Ministry since September last year. I've been largely based at All Saints where I've been appreciating the centrality of its location, the strength of its musical tradition, the long pedigree of its history and the friendliness of its café. But I've also enjoyed getting to know the parishes of St John the Evangelist in Spring Grove and St the Baptist in Kingston Vale, both of which have distinctive and valuable ministries within their local neighbourhoods. And I've been meeting inspiring people left, right and centre from all the various organisations and community groups in Kingston. I can honestly say, there has yet to be a dull day. Indeed, the Queen died on my first day in the job, and it's been something of a whirlwind ever since. But I'm slowly finding my feet and starting to feel very much at home.

This is mainly due to the wonderful welcome that I've been given. Thank you for the warmth and friendliness that my family and I have received from so many people. It's been greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank my colleagues who have been a great support since I started and who also did a sterling job in carrying the benefice through the interregnum. In particular, I'd like to thank William Allberry, who did a pretty much full-time interim-vicar job at All Saints, and the two churchwardens, John Dewhurst and Roshan Jathanna, who shouldered a huge amount of work and responsibility. I'm very aware that all three churches depend heavily on small teams of highly dedicated staff and volunteers and I'm hugely grateful for their commitment and talent.

Highlights of my time so far include the big services at All Saints, such as the Thanksgiving for the Queen and the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Carol Services; the Licensing Service for Lindiwe Maseko as Team Vicar at St John the Evangelist; and the worship at St John the Baptist led by the new Korean families. I also really enjoyed leading confirmation courses, in partnership with Lesley Charlton, my URC colleague, and seeing both young people and adults grow in their faith, their confidence and their sense of belonging.

I've found that keeping our arrangements between the three churches loose and flexible works well as we respond to different contexts, opportunities and challenges. I sense that each church is going through a transition period and needing time and space to work out their own vision and strategy for mission. But as these emerge, I look forward to identifying common themes and opportunities for closer collaboration. So when the time is right, we'll reintroduce our Team Ministry conference, bringing together our three PCC's, to consider an overall Kingston Team Vision. I hope that, in taking our time, we ensure that this is a 'bottom-up' process, rather than 'top-down'.

That is not to say that we shouldn't do as much as possible together in the meantime. I've hugely valued the weekly meetings that I have with my Team Vicar colleagues, Mandy Beck and Lindiwe Maseko, along with Andrea Campanale, our local Lay Pioneer and leader of Sacred Space Kingston. This ensures that we are regularly praying together, keeping up-to-date with news and remaining alive to new opportunities for collaboration and mission. I'm delighted that all three churches have big plans for the Coronation weekend, involving some exciting community events and celebrations. We have also booked a Kingston Team Outing to Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday October 28th. Look out for details of how to sign-up. And in the pipeline is a monthly Kingston Team Ministry e-bulletin which will help us to share news, stories and reflections between our three churches.

So I'm full of hope for the future. It feels like an exciting journey that has only just begun. Let us pray for one another, that God may guide us on that journey and deepen our faith and friendship along the way.

Joe Moffatt

Electoral register 2022

There are currently 74 on the electoral role. In the last year 1 has died, 3 have moved away and 5 have joined.

Church Wardens Report

It's been a hoot!

For two reasons this is a difficult report to write. Firstly, I haven't much to say and secondly, this is my last report as one of your Church Wardens. Conversely, the reason for this dilemma is easy to report and, I hope, it will make my decision to resign more understandable.

I haven't much to say because I haven't done much. Last May I was successful in landing my dream job of a clerk to a Livery Company in the City. 1st July saw me admitted to the post and I plunged into the frothing, foamy waters with alacrity. Having served as an Assistant Clerk some years ago I knew, or I thought I knew, what was expected of me. However, the demands of the now newish role have proved enormous and all-encompassing. This has left no time for other meetings or engagements. To master my job will take another year. In the interim I have given the minimum support to the Vicar, the PCC and our church, and so I must not 'bed-block' but step down to allow another to carry the torch higher and further. I am sorry for this. Doubly difficult as I have been involved with St John's all my life, having been christened by Canon Bartlam on Easter Sunday in 1957.

I have enjoyed the many diverse challenges in my five years as one of your wardens: climbing the spire; guiding us all through COVID; attempting to secure a more positive management course, and dealing with the finances, to name a few. It has been challenging. Luckily Beverly has been superb and a real dynamo driving projects and diligently attending to the grind of Parish administration.

Overall, we are in good shape – just. The recent visit of Robert, our Area Dean, went well and he was again impressed with our situation. By the time you read this we will have had the regular Quinquennial Inspection which will give us another opportunity to draft a strategy for our fabric maintenance and future.

But the old chestnut remains – finances. These are shaky and although we are treading water now, if a major project unexpectedly occurred – boiler failure or major roof repairs – our reserves would be wiped out.

I will close by thanking everyone for all their hard work in whatever form in maintaining our beautiful church, hall and grounds and thus spreading the word. By everyone I include all those who perform 'front of house'

and all those in the 'backroom crew' who toil away unseen and unknown but whose efforts are essential to our continuing success. You are doing brilliantly - thank you.

Andrew Bignold

2022 was a very good year for our lovely, old traditional Church of St John in the Vale. It is such a vital part of our lives and our community and only kept going by the effort and hard work and cooperation of us all.

We have a wonderful leader who continually inspires us. Whose patient understanding combined with endless wisdom and humour keep us going in the right direction. We are so fortunate to have you Mandy and thank you for it all. You inspire us!

After the terrible shock of Covid our worship has returned to the Church building in a more and more vibrant and inclusive manner. Our attendances have increased by 50 %. Mandy and Joseph and Moon and Lindiwee have worked together to innovate and make our prayers and singing and worship even more interesting and vital. Thank you all for the careful thought and hours of preparation and prayers that you give on our behalf. It is such a joy to feel and see the results.

Our community activities too have been most rewarding and almost all completely sold out. Our very mixed community of All Faiths and None has welcomed and joined in events that our very hard-working teams have put on. Thank you Sue for not only running the office but leading and organising most of the events. I am so grateful for all your help. Also Lorna for all IT help.

We are so fortunate to have the Jubilee Garden and my thanks to all who come for an hour of hard work and then a coffee and relax on the last Saturday of the month at 11am. We just about keep it fit for purpose and would welcome as many as possible to join us.

There are so many people involved in keeping our services, music, buildings, finances, brasses, flowers etc in order, so thank you all very much. We are all volunteers and all vital for St John's to continue. It is such fun working and praying and partying together. On that note I look forward to one more year as Church Warden and to encouraging others to follow me. Please think about it.

Finally thank you Andy for your 6 years of service as Church Warden, especially in organising the hiring of a new Nursery and taking all those thousands of pounds of cash to the Post Office to bank on our behalf. I certainly couldn't have done either!

Beverly Morley-Brown

Property Committee

The Property committee continue to meet on a regular basis, trying to move forward many of the tasks that need to be undertaken in our Church, Hall and Grounds which are numerous.

From Car Park lines to repairing the Loop system in church, re hanging of doors in the church hall to Car Park holes being filled. Manholes being cleared of tree roots to replanting of hedges and new signage. All have been completed during 2022.

One of our major expenses last year was the felling of two trees, a sycamore in the garden and the Yew in the front of the church, we are waiting to hear what specimens we should replace them with.

We are grateful to the Holy Dusters who have taken on the responsibility of the brass cleaning and extra dusting and cleaning in the church.

The garden team have worked extremely hard during 2022 to bring some order to the garden, a drinks shed was donated and has already been put into use. Some work is required on several benches and the stage area has been made safe.

We appreciate the help of Mandi from Sanctuary Gardens who goes beyond her regular maintenance, by offering extra help and advice. Mandi has also been very vigilant in keeping our grounds and car parks safe by making the local police aware of unwanted intruders.

Parish Safeguarding Officer's Report

I am delighted to report that Vicki has agreed to be a PSO. Our role is to ensure that we, as a church, are looking after children and vulnerable adults, to the best of our ability, complying with the requirements of the Diocese. Over the past year Vicki and I have been completing safeguarding courses including leadership training. All our current PCC members have also achieved certificates for completing safeguarding training. Diocesan training is free and is a requirement for those conducting certain roles within the church. With the easing of Covid restrictions some training is now available face to face as well as via Zoom. The shorter courses are accessed online through the diocesan website.

Another important part of the PSO's role is to ensure that DBS checks are done when needed. The church offers a wide range of activities for all ages and DBS checks are necessary for those involved with children's activities and in some other positions. These are usually straightforward, and the form is completed online.

Information on safeguarding can be found under on the Diocese of Southwark website: <https://www.southwark.anglican.org>

There is also a poster displayed in the back of the church. If you are interested in training or have any queries or concerns please feel free to speak to me, Vicki or Mandy.

Ruth Ruocco Brown

Be Well Hubs

Be Well Hubs is an initiative born out of the pandemic to support mental health and wellbeing. The project is coordinated by South London Listens, a collaboration between Citizens UK, local authorities, and the NHS Integrated Care Systems across southeast and southwest London. Faith groups, schools and community organisations can become Be Well Hubs.

A core group: Mandy, Bev, Vicki and myself decided that we would like to form a Be Well Hub here at St John's. Last year we all completed mental health champions training and attended a launch event at Kingston library, where we met other organisations who are also creating hubs.

We also had a series of talk easy meetings with members of the local community to seek their views and decide what to focus on as we plan events. Key issues discussed were isolation and the cost-of-living crisis. The past few years have affected us all and have been especially difficult for some, so forming a hub is a great opportunity to offer support and bring people together.

We have promoted our existing activities e.g., Monday Afternoon Club and Wednesday Coffee Morning and introduced new ideas. These have ranged from walks in Richmond Park to an eight-week Wellbeing Journey course, from sing together sessions to retreat days.

Outreach has been a vital part of the work of our church over the years. The Be Well Hub is a natural extension of this which we hope will benefit many.

Ruth Ruocco Brown

Outreach

We've had busy year of Outreach events and here are some of the things which took place:

The first event of the year was a Quiz Night, which is always a fun event.

Lent lunches were enjoyed by many each Monday during Lent and included homemade soup made by our kind volunteers, bread and cheese.

In June we had a party in the garden to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There was picnic food, a BBQ and we were entertained by a magician. A wonderful day of celebration before the sadness of the Queen's passing not long afterwards in September.

The Summer Fair was held in July and was well attended by our regulars and by many people from the local community. The professional musician was excellent as were the donkeys. The history exhibition was very interesting. The summer fair is a lovely event which brings our local community together. A huge thank you goes to all helpers and stall holders who helped to make this fair such an enjoyable day.

We were entertained in October by a fantastic Abba tribute band. There were many *Dancing Queen's* on the dance floor!

The firework display in November was another excellent event, so appreciated and valued by many in the community and it was another fantastic display.

In December we held a Light in the Dark event which included a show by a fire eater, and you could also visit Santa. The Jubilee Garden looked spectacular and it was a great event despite the cold weather.

The Christmas Afternoon Tea with the Frank Sinatra tribute entertainer was well attended and there was a great atmosphere at this community event which brought in a few different people.

The Crib service this year included a Christmas play, specially written for St John's. It was excellent and the same playwright is writing another play for us for Easter 2023.

Orchard Church, the outdoor forest church for children from age 3 years, held all year round, is held each Sunday, 10.30am to 11.30am in the Jubilee Garden behind the church and is enjoyed by all attending.

Coffee morning, Monday Club and Toddle Along are all being enjoyed by those attending.

Thank you to all who have supported us during 2022 by organising, helping at or attending our events.

The Outreach Committee is a small group of people who plan these events, and we are always looking for new events that can be enjoyed by the community and raise funds for the Church, so if you have any ideas or would like to get involved, you would be most welcome.

Look out for our future events and sign up via the link at the bottom of the front page of our website (www.inthevale.org.uk) to receive emails about these events.

Lorna Ailes

Music

At the start of the year, we were blessed by Joseph's singing on a regular basis. However, when Joseph left for a time, we decided to form a choir again led by Alan our Director of Music. It was agreed that we would sing once a month provided a minimum of three choristers were available. There are now about half a dozen of us in the choir, but we would happily welcome new members. We usually sing on the third Sunday in the month and practice from 9.30am before the service.

After over 16 years as Director of music at St John's Alan decided to move on. His final service was the traditional Christmas Nine lessons and carols, always a highlight of the church year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Alan for sharing his musical gifts. For playing the organ and piano so beautifully on Sundays and at other events, and for guiding the choir.

Andy Stephens has continued to be our regular organist. We appreciate his playing once a month and would also like to thank him for his dedication and talent.

An exciting new venture was to hold a joint service with the Korean Yollin Church on the last Sunday on every month with music provided by the Korean congregation. Instead of the traditional hymns and organ we sing more modern songs accompanied by guitar, keyboard, and drums. This style has encouraged some newcomers to our church and is much enjoyed by the children. The Yollin Church has now relocated to Worcester Park, but we are delighted that Joseph, Moon and their families have remained with us and continue to lead our worship in music every month. We thank them for their contribution and for breathing new life into our church.

Ruth Ruocco Brown

Monday Afternoon Club

There are currently about fifteen regular members, however we always look forward to welcoming new faces. If you would like to join us or make enquiries on behalf of someone else, please do get in touch with me. I would also be very interested in hearing from anyone who would like to give a talk or lead an activity for the club.

We meet at 1.30pm for tea/coffee and cake, followed by an activity from 2-3pm. Over the past weeks we have completed several quizzes and played games. We have also ventured out to try the tea and cake at other venues including Putney Pantry, the Richmond Park Golf Course Clubhouse and the Windmill Café on Wimbledon Common. In December, the Outreach Committee organised a Christmas afternoon tea with entertainment from Frank Sinatra tribute So Sinatra. This was well attended by the local community and much enjoyed by members.

Forthcoming events include a visit from Our Amazing Animal World. We look forward to meeting them again now that covid restrictions have eased.

We are greatly appreciative of the grant from The Kingston Vale Trust to the PCC, which will pay for some of our activities through the year and would like to thank the Trust for their support.

Ruth Ruocco Brown

Coffee Morning

Coffee morning is held every Wednesday, from 11.00am until 12 midday. This is preceded by prayers from 10.30am until 11.00am.

The coffee morning is held in the Andrews Wing. We offer coffee, tea or water and there is a choice of cakes. After a general chat, we look at a crossword puzzle.

There is a donation of £1

All are welcome

Penny Jivani

Deanery Synod

Deaneries are groups in a geographical area, churches within a Deanery working together, supporting each other.

Deanery Synods are formal meetings of a Deanery which focus on mission and ministry, providing a channel to share information. The Deanery Synod comprises of both clergy and lay members who are elected from their parishes.

Andrew Cadman a PCC member who recently volunteered to be a Deanery Synod member submitted a very interesting report from his first meeting: extract below:

Open Doors:

A very interesting presentation by Ron Cross on the persecution of Christians around the world. Some astonishing statistics.

- 1 in 7 Christians globally risk persecution
- 15 Christians are killed per day for their faith
- 2,110 Churches attacked last year

Ron Cross then went through the ten worst countries for persecuting Christians. (North Korea was the worst, the death penalty for even meeting in public). However, in most countries it was Islamism that was the cause of persecution. Evangelicals were often specifically targeted because they are seen as proselytising.

Ron's website is opendoorsuk.org and he is happy to give talks at churches within the Kingston area if any church would like to invite him.

Living in Love and Faith: the chair felt that an in-depth discussion on this item, which at the time of the meeting was due to be heard at general Synod next day, unnecessary given the subject had been debated previously and given the controversy around it. However, the Rev. Stanier did us in prayers for unity and concord within the Church.

A quick explanation was given that many options including the status quo, Same Sex Marriage, blessings or allowing conservative churches to opt out of SSM were considered but it was plain a serious schism in the church may occur so blessings were put forward as the most palatable option for all wings of the Church.

Hope in Depression: Another interesting presentation by Denise Morris of Christchurch, Kingston who lost a brother to suicide. Great response to their initiative, over 1,000 participants and many lives have started to be turned around. They liaise with health professionals including GPs, psychiatrists and nutritionists. You can find more information on a section of the Christchurch website.

Orchard Church

Orchard church is an outdoor church group for children at St John the Baptist which has now been going for just over 2 years. It has a strong ethos of being closer to nature and in turn being closer to God.

Orchard church meets every Sunday for 1 hour from 10.30 until 11.30 am in the St John's Jubilee gardens/orchard amongst our beautiful veteran apple trees. We also make fantastic use of the log cabin as a central meeting point and when the weather is not so friendly and at times, and on occasions, when weather is severe, in the Andrews wing .

We do crafts and activities every week that we try to keep everything as environmentally friendly and natural as possible,

The children are 3years upwards and we have a small group that attend regularly and a few others that attend when they can.

We have a wonderful group of 3 regular volunteers all fully DBS checked that take turns in supporting myself to run Orchard church and we hope that there are a few others who will join us shortly.

We recently created our new Orchard church Logo with the help of Lorna, and the children created a new Banner for Orchard church. We hope this will give Orchard church more of a presence and support, promoting Orchard Church.

Vicky Capanna

Treasurer's report for 2022 financial year

I wish to thank Andrew Taylor and Claudio Scott who were our volunteer treasurers in 2022, Andrew has continued to step in throughout the year. At the end of the year the PCC decided to pay a book keeper Mel Brandy who together with Nigel Waine have put these accounts together. Vicky Clark has taken on the role of treasurer going forward, with Mel Brandy as a paid book keeper. Thank you to many others this year who have helped, in supporting us to go over to digital payment systems and continued to bank cash we receive. Thank you to Sue Richardson, and many others who have stepped in and drawn attention to discrepancies. A note should also be made here to acknowledge our many creditor, some of whom waited a considerable time for payments to be made. The final account for 2022 is positive, but it should be noted that as the full accounts show at least £4,969 of 2022 payments were not paid until 2023. A number of copies of the full accounts are available to pick up.

Charity number 1171550

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, KINGSTON AND PUTNEY VALE

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended

31st DECEMBER 2022

St. John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

| | 2022 | | 2021 | |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ |
| 12 Payments | | | | |
| <i>Projects</i> | | | | |
| Hall repairs | 3,196 | | 1,492 | |
| Church repairs | 8,372 | | 773 | |
| Garden | | | 1,394 | 4,443 |
| | <u>£11,568</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£3,659</u> | <u>£4,443</u> |
| <i>Ministry</i> | | | | |
| Administration support | 7,328 | | 7,065 | |
| Organ and musician fees | 2,360 | | 2,638 | |
| Fees | 430 | | 1,012 | |
| | <u>£10,118</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£10,715</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <i>Parish outreach</i> | | | | |
| Office costs | 2,263 | | - | 1,397 |
| Fundraising event costs | 7,428 | | | |
| Expenses | 214 | | 646 | 173 |
| Magazine publicity | 2,603 | | 25 | 3,133 |
| Church activity | 2,420 | | 107 | 3,700 |
| Miscellaneous | 423 | | 20 | |
| Children's work | 5,255 | | 0 | 2,668 |
| | <u>£20,606</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>£580</u> | <u>£11,071</u> |
| <i>Donations</i> | | | | |
| | <u>0</u> | | <u>0</u> | <u>120</u> |
| <i>Church running costs</i> | | | | |
| Cleaning | 7,368 | | 739 | |
| Minor repairs | | | 895 | |
| Insurance | 2,821 | | 2,707 | |
| Utilities | 4,304 | | 537 | |
| Office | | | 63 | |
| | <u>£14,493</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£4,941</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <i>Independent examiner's fee</i> | | | | |
| | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£125</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <i>Restricted fund expenses KVT (part of other categories)</i> | (26,483) | 26,483 | | |
| <i>Hall running costs</i> | | | | |
| Rubbish/cleaning | 2,930 | | 6,151 | |
| Minor repairs | | | 1,410 | |
| Hall security | 552 | | | |
| Insurance | 1,320 | | 1,075 | |
| Utilities | (50) | | 684 | |
| Legal/bookeeping Fees | 667 | | 2,195 | |
| Other | | | 110 | |
| | <u>£5,419</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£11,625</u> | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | <u>£35,721</u> | <u>£26,483</u> | <u>£31,645</u> | <u>£15,634</u> |

St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

| | 2022 | | 2021 | |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ |
| 7 Giving | | | | |
| Envelopes and cash collections | 3,442 | | 5,487 | |
| Standing orders | 5,132 | | 9,340 | |
| Parish Giving Scheme | 8,067 | | 1,774 | |
| Donations under gift aid | 652 | | | |
| Tax relief (gift aid) | 2,016 | | 2,027 | |
| | <u>£19,309</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£18,628</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 8 Grants & donations | | | | |
| Unrestricted donations | 8,820 | | 11,736 | |
| Restricted - garden | | | | 240 |
| Restricted grants | | 20,286 | | 6,714 |
| | <u>£8,820</u> | <u>20,286</u> | <u>£11,736</u> | <u>£6,954</u> |
| 9 Activities for generating funds | | | | |
| Andrew's lets | 161 | | 90 | |
| Hall lets | 30,955 | | 20,190 | |
| Car parking | 800 | | 785 | |
| Other | 631 | | 11 | |
| KVT | 517 | | 517 | |
| Community and fundraising events | 6,782 | | - | |
| | <u>£39,846</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£21,593</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 10 Receipts from church activities | | | | |
| Fees | 626 | | 1,070 | |
| Church activity | 4,100 | | 3,320 | |
| Other including Candles | | | 342 | |
| Youth activity | | | 800 | |
| | <u>£4,726</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£5,532</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 11 Investment income | | | | |
| CBF deposit fund interest | 635 | | 5 | |
| CBF investment fund | 880 | | 611 | |
| Dividends received | | | 784 | |
| Other interest | | | 0 | |
| | <u>£1,515</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£1,400</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <u>TOTAL INCOME</u> | <u>£74,216</u> | <u>£20,286</u> | <u>£58,889</u> | <u>£6,954</u> |

St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

1(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('The Regulations') together with applicable accounting standards of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investments, which are shown at market value.

1(b) Non-monetary assets

- a) Church furnishings and fittings are held by the church wardens on special trust.
- b) Church hall furniture, fittings and equipment
- c) The Andrew's wing.

1 (c) Taxation

No provision for taxation is included in the financial statements as the Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Kingston and Putney Vale is, as part of the Church of England, entitled to exemption from tax afforded by section 555 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

2 Unrealised gains (losses) on investments

The amount of (£3,752) shown on the SOFA represents the fall in the market value of the investments in the year ended 31st December 2022

3 Designation of funds

- (a) Restricted funds arise from donations, grants and legacies received for specified purposes.
- (b) Unrestricted funds are held available for the ordinary purposes of the PCC.

4 Investments

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| 1027.56 Central Board of Finance shares: cost | 5,826 | 5,826 |
| 1059.94 M&G income units: cost | 15,500 | 15,500 |
| Unrealised gains on investments | <u>15,481</u> | <u>19,233</u> |
| | <u>£36,807</u> | <u>£40,559</u> |

5 Debtors

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Prepayments | 0 | 485 |
| Income tax on gift aid | 0 | 4,027 |
| Other debtors | <u>0</u> | <u>1,264</u> |
| | <u>£0</u> | <u>£5,776</u> |

6 Amounts falling due within 1 year

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Accruals | 0 | 996 |
| Creditors for goods and services | 4,969 | 1,586 |
| Other creditors | <u>558</u> | <u>3,586</u> |
| | <u>£5,527</u> | <u>£6,168</u> |

St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY for the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2022

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Designated funds £ | Restricted funds £ | TOTALS £ | 2021 Total £ |
|---|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <u>INCOME</u> | | | | | | |
| Regular giving | 7 | 19,309 | | | 19,309 | 18,628 |
| Grants & donations | 8 | 8,820 | | 20,286 | 29,106 | 18,690 |
| Activities for generating funds | 9 | 39,846 | | | 39,846 | 21,593 |
| Receipts from church activities | 10 | 4,726 | | | 4,726 | 5,532 |
| Investment income | 11 | 1,515 | | | 1,515 | 1,400 |
| | | <u>74,216</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>20,286</u> | <u>94,502</u> | <u>65,843</u> |
| <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | | | | | |
| Church activities: Diocesan parish share | | 21,076 | | | 21,076 | 22,476 |
| Other payments | 13 | 35,721 | | 26,483 | 62,204 | 47,279 |
| | | <u>56,797</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>26,483</u> | <u>83,280</u> | <u>69,755</u> |
| | | <u>£17,419</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>(£6,197)</u> | <u>£11,222</u> | <u>(£3,912)</u> |
| Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments | 2 | (3,752) | | | (3,752) | 5,000 |
| Realised gains/(losses) on investments | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Fund no longer required | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| | | <u>13,667</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>(£6,197)</u> | <u>7,470</u> | <u>1,088</u> |
| Add funds at 31st December 2021 | | 107,061 | 0 | 7,693 | 114,754 | 113,666 |
| | | <u>£120,728</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£1,496</u> | <u>£122,224</u> | <u>£114,754</u> |
| <u>FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022</u> | 3 | | | | | |

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2022

| | Notes | 2022 | | 2021 | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>FIXED ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| investments | 4 | | 36,807 | | 40,559 |
| <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Debtors | 5 | 0 | | 5,776 | |
| Deposit | | 0 | | 5,102 | |
| Cash at bank | | <u>90,944</u> | | <u>69,465</u> | |
| | | 90,944 | | 80,363 | |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within 1 year | 6 | <u>5,527</u> | | <u>6,168</u> | |
| <u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | 85,417 | | 74,195 |
| <u>NET ASSETS</u> | | | <u>122,224</u> | | <u>114,754</u> |
| Represented by: | | | | | |
| <u>FUNDS</u> | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | | | 120,728 | | 107,061 |
| Designated | | | 0 | | 0 |
| Restricted | | | 1,496 | | 7,693 |
| | | | <u>£122,224</u> | | <u>£114,754</u> |

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

The Revd A Beck (Chairman)

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St John the Baptist Church Kingston and Putney Vale
I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on the accompanying pages, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Respective responsibilities of PCC and the independent examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements 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(5b)) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council.

An examination includes a review of the financial records and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements 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 matters have 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; and
- To prepare financial statements which accord with the financial records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met

(2) to which attention should be drawn, in my opinion, to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Nigel Waine

Independent Examiner

7/4/23

Accounts

St Johns Annual Report 2021

2021 a year of blessings and challenges. The world and St John's continued to be buffeted by the effects of the COVID pandemic. We began the year with services seated at social distances wearing masks. In the summer we could all rejoice and sing together again in church. At Christmas due to the Omicron variant caught by many including myself, we had services of The Word in the church and outside at which Andrew Bignold, the churchwarden, stepped in to lead.

At every opportunity this year our other churchwarden, Beverly Morley-Brown, found ways to make any event into a celebration, so gardening now includes delicious pastries. The opportunity of celebrating the work Tony Wilkinson has done over the years in the garden was complete with champagne. Sue Richardson and the whole outreach team began organising events again, including storytelling and pop-up suppers.

Members of the church have really stepped forward to care for neighbours and to enable the rota and services to run. The organising and encouraging of those teams have been ably led by Penny Jivani. Our children's work this year has been a great success with the Summer Holiday Club and Halloween Orchard Church at dusk being over-subscribed. Vicky Clark, our children's worker, encouraging a whole team of leaders Sunday by Sunday.

Andrew Taylor stepped in as treasurer after Cheong Wong's many years in the role. Our finances in 2021 were not good however, with us once more making a loss. With the opening of the new nursery and the encouragement of members to join the Parish Giving Scheme, we are looking to turn this around in 2022. In 2021 we asked people what they hoped for in the community and from the church, and peoples' love of our church was clear. What also came across was an acknowledgement of the isolation and hardship many were facing. It is in the light of the resurrecting hope of Christ, we acknowledge these struggles and look to God's leading with new initiatives to meet these needs. So we have developed Orchard Church and Be Well Church. We are now much better placed to share what is happening at church with the wonderful new website created by Lorna Ailes and hosted with Andrew Cadman's help. We have been blessed by God and by one another in 2021 and look to God's leading into the future.

Rev Mandy Beck

CHURCH WARDENS

Hopefully, the alleged residents of Mount Olympus will not read this or listen in to our AGM. Why? Because we don't want them spoiling our track record in the fight against Covid. Throughout this crisis of '20-'21 our over-riding concern has been the welfare of our congregation, hence our diligent observance of Government and Diocesan guidelines and advice. Irsome at times, a nuisance often but ultimately very necessary. To our knowledge none of our church have succumbed to Covid. Yes, some have contracted it, some suffered very badly with it but none have passed as a result. We know this has been a difficult time,

but we are grateful for your assistance with all of this and our team effort has paid off. But, we ask you to please be careful as we emerge into the warm and relaxing 'post-Covid sunshine'.

Life returned to near normal in '21 and so services and our meetings resumed, much to all our relief and pleasure. By nature, we are not hermits and so the return to 'team events' has been much appreciated. Prominent in this return has been Beverly, my fellow warden, who has taken to her new role like 'a duck to water' and really led the charge with the gardens and walks etc. We are hugely thankful for her energy, enthusiasm and sense of fun.

Well, how is St John's? We are lucky that the fabric is generally good. Nothing seriously untoward has happened to consume our financial resources - we have been really lucky.

And that brings me onto our finances. Yes, I know, 'Here we go again Andy!' This is a subject that must be raised and addressed. We have an idyllic estate of church, hall and Jubilee Garden. Any major repair or restoration project would use all our financial reserves. We were very lucky with the condition of the spire just two years ago. With the rocketing price of raw materials and the scarcity of the same the pressure increases on our reserves so that if anything happened we would finish really near the breadline.

In the light of this precarious position, we are reviewing our fundraising and accounting processes to maximise income (inevitably) and to minimise the time and effort taken to manage this. We hope that the latter will free up more time for other projects especially our house-keeping efforts. We will explain the results of the review in due course.

Our church is a sanctuary from the woes of the world, a constant reassurance to all our parishioners and residents. It's condition and continuance are the result of all our efforts. So, thank you everyone: dusters, choristers, preachers, readers, donors, gardeners, musicians and lastly but by no means least, Mandy. Where would we be without her?

Well, we would be up a gumtree without Mandy. But we all also owe a huge debt of gratitude to Sue who keeps us all up to speed and focused and 'on target'. Thank you, Sue.

Andy Bignold

ELECTORAL ROLL

Our Electoral Roll at the present time is 67 members.

Music in Church

We began 2021 in lockdown, unable to worship in song, as had been the case for most of 2020. It felt as if we might never return to normality, but around Easter time, as I recall, restrictions began to be relaxed, though we were still not able to fully celebrate the festival.

As I said in my last report, I have in some ways welcomed this period of quieter reflection and felt privileged to be able to continue supplying music for worship, albeit in a different way and with a different emphasis. By mid-2021, as I recall,

we were at last back to 'normality' with congregational singing, though it has been hard to resume a regular choir on Sundays, with folk still wary about getting fully involved. I look forward to this situation improving during the course of this year.

We were greatly relieved and gladdened that the 9 Lessons and Carols service was able to happen in December. It was a very happy and special occasion and the choir, as always, rose to the occasion with aplomb and made a lovely sound, aided on this occasion by Stephanie Bodsworth, to whom we owe our thanks for her support.

As always, I would like to express my gratitude to Joseph, for his faithful support and enthusiasm in singing week by week. I know that he is greatly valued and appreciated for what he does and I enjoy working with him immensely. I trust that 2022 will see a return to more normal and regular choir activity.

Alan Worth

Parish Safeguarding Officer's Report

Marysia and I are the current PSO's. Our role is to ensure that we, as a church, are looking after children and vulnerable adults, to the best of our ability, complying with the requirements of the Diocese. As Covid restrictions have eased over the past year the church has been able to offer a variety of face to face activities for children and adults. DBS checks are necessary for those involved with children's activities and in some other roles. These are usually straightforward and are done online. Safeguarding training can be provided via the Diocesan website or Zoom. Diocesan training is free and is a requirement for those with certain roles within the church e.g. PCC members. Mandy has been completing some safeguarding training over recent weeks.

Information on safeguarding can be found under "A Safe Church" on the Diocese of Southwark website: www.southwark.anglican.org

There is also a poster displayed in the back of the church. If you are interested in training, or have any queries or concerns please feel free to speak to me, Marysia or Mandy.

Ruth Ruocco Brown

Monday Afternoon Club

2021 began with virtual contact only for Monday Afternoon Club. We had a regular online meeting for those who were able to "Zoom" and kept in touch through emails and phone calls. Fortunately in early summer, as restrictions eased, we were able to start face to face club sessions for up to six in the Andrews Wing. Initially I invited members who had not accessed the Zoom meetings. However, as the weather improved, we started to meet as a larger group in the church garden. It was good to finally see each other in person again! In September we returned to the church hall for our meetings. Sadly, since Covid some of our members have passed away or are not able to attend regularly for health reasons, but we are delighted to have welcomed some new faces to the club. If you would like to join us or make enquiries on behalf of someone else

please do get in touch with me. I would also be very interested in hearing from anyone who would like to give a talk or lead an activity for the club.

We meet at 1.30 for tea/coffee and cake, followed by an activity from 2-3pm. Over the past weeks we have completed a number of quizzes, learned how to fold napkins into waterlilies and had a Christmas party. Once again we can invite entertainers and speakers to our sessions, so we were delighted that Becky Burraway came to sing for us before she goes on maternity leave.

We are greatly appreciative of the grant from The Kingston Vale Trust to the PCC, which will pay for some of our activities through the year and would like to thank the trust for their support.

Ruth Ruocco



Brown



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Covid and finances have really put maintenance work on hold. The Premises Committee have a list of projects to be addressed in due course and only urgent work has been carried out.

The list includes: -

Church

South Wall windows bowing, Intermittent rainwater ingress in the SW corner, Woodwork by the Lady Chapel

Church Hall

Floor rippling - hallway and main hall, Redecoration, Rear Fire doors

Fences/Hedges

Holly dying, Beech hedge - annual maintenance, 'Dead' Yew Tree has revived!

Various other minor 'ailments' as and when we can address them.

The urgent work has been the clearing of and maintenance to the roof gutter of the hall (when flood water entered the building during the storms), and checking of associated electrical fixings.

Rest assured all our Statutory Policy Documents are valid and current. These include: - Insurance Policies for Church and Hall, Electric Report, PAT Report, Gas Safety, Fire Extinguishers and Lightning Conductor checks. Our next Quinquennial Review is due in April 2023.

Tony has finally retired from grounds maintenance which he performed for many years to a very high standard. We are truly grateful for all his work from the inception, layout and maintenance of the Jubilee Garden to maintenance of the grounds till last year.

Mandi continues to assist with lawn mowing and hedge trimming so we look presentable. Again, our thanks for all she does for us. In the absence of Tony,

Beverly jumped in to organise team work on the grounds and this progresses well. To all who assist Beverly, well done and thank you.

Andy Bignold

Church Gardens

My lovely team of volunteers:- Lorna, Ruth and Raymo, Myra, Mandy, Bill, Joseph, Jane and Cheong and a team of our Korean friends have managed to keep the Orchard and gardens of the Church in acceptable order. I have to admit not perfect but all have worked hard twice a month from March to November on a mid month Thursday at 4pm and the last Saturday of the month at 11am. We work without disruption for an hour and then stop and enjoy one another's company over tea, coffee, croissants, cake etc.

Most notably for the opening of services at Easter the Korean team helped clip, prune, weed, mow and it all looked cared for and loved as a result. Another notable session was the cleaning and sanding and oiling of the garden seats, also the pruning of the Andrew's wing garden with, very grateful, help from Steve.

Matteo asked to mow the Orchard for us as part of his D. Of E. 12 hours of community work. This has meant gardener Mandy can keep the holly hedges and Church lawns under control within her hours. Matteo will finish at the end of February so we will need a young person to continue, please offer or keep looking for a youngster to help, for pocket money.

Our last gardener Tony has been very helpful with the care of the seats, the line parking in the car park and with all his experience of our beautiful grounds. We also thank Sue for organising the new shed and Lorna and Mandy for demolishing the old one themselves to save paying.

The highlight of the garden year for me was to see it beautifully setup for Vicky's wedding after she had worked so hard to make Orchard Church such a success each Sunday. Also to welcome Sivi and expert team from the University and Historic Orchards to teach and help with pruning our precious old trees.

There will be a list of dates at the back of the Church near the garden plan so please come and help us keep our Grounds, for the whole community, to use and enjoy.

Beverly Moore-Brown

Outreach Committee Annual Report_ Events from 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021

It has been another busy year with the Outreach team, working within the Government COVID guidelines and restrictions, putting on events when possible for all in the Community to enjoy.

Here are some of the things which took place:

A prayer labyrinth was set up in the Jubilee Garden during Lent for people to walk and pray.

Bev led garden visits to the Isabella Plantation in Richmond Park and the gardens of Kingston Hill Place.

Orchard Church started - it is an outdoor forest church for children aged 3-11 years old held all year round. It is held each Sunday, 10.30am to 11.30am in the Jubilee Garden behind the church.

We enjoyed a BBQ on a beautifully sunny day in the Jubilee Garden to thank Tony for all his hard work in providing us with such a wonderful outdoor space. His hard work over the years is very much appreciated.

In early September, we gathered together in the Jubilee Garden to hear the local storyteller Charlotte Mooney tell the tale of Jerry Abershaw - once the most infamous highwayman in England and the man responsible for giving Robin Hood its name. Her story was accompanied by atmospheric music from the marvellous Ed Hicks on banjo.

A small group from this committee reached out to local people on the electoral roll with telephone calls or a note in the post to wish them well and invite them to visit the harvest display and join in the bring and share lunch.

The firework display was an excellent event, with a fantastic display again this year. This is a much appreciated, well attended and family friendly event for all the community to enjoy.

We enjoyed a 3 course meal together at the Pop Up Supper Club in November.

The Festive Pop Up Tearoom had a lovely atmosphere with a good community feel but coincided with the arrival of the Omicron variant so wasn't as well attended as we had hoped. There were a few stalls where you could pick up a gift or two or you could just sit and relax and enjoy a pot of tea.

Coffee morning, Monday Club and Toddle Along all started up again during the year.

More frequent newsletters were produced in 2021 in order to keep in touch with people during the pandemic.

Thank you to all who have supported us during this year by organising, helping at or attending our events.

The Outreach Committee is a small group of people who plan these events and we are always looking for new events that can be enjoyed by the community and raise funds for the Church, so if you have any ideas or would like to get involved, you would be very welcome. email: stjohns@inthevale.org.uk

A new church website has been launched. www.inthevale.org.uk Do visit it for information on services, events and happenings and there is a calendar so you can always look up a meeting date or any event there. To receive emails about events, sign up via the link at the bottom of the front page of our website.

Lorna Ailes



Church Coffee Mornings. Wednesdays. 11am - 1200

During "lock down " the Coffee Mornings were on ZOOM from January to July. One advantage of that was that we could see on screen , and chat to some friends who no longer live in the Vale. In August we resumed meeting in person in the Andrews Room.

There are usually eight "regulars" , and occasionally someone else joins us. Penny provides the Coffee (or tea !), and also yummy cake, and after a general chat and update of any news, we then do a big crossword together, which Penny also brings along.

Many thanks to Penny for running the Coffee Morning every week. ☐

Hazel Webb.

Book Club

Last year Beverly started the Book Club group which began on Zoom during the afternoon. We now meet in person during the evening once a month. So far some of the chosen books have been both novels and biographical, being set in England, Scotland, Algeria, America, Spain, Jordan and Germany. We are a small group, so if anybody who is keen on reading and would like to share and discuss in pleasant company some of their favourite books and those chosen by others, then why not come and join us? You would be most welcome.

Jo & Martin Hirst

Flowers in Church

This is not an easy report for me to write as after so many years of a lovely team of ladies who willingly gave of their time - and money - to supply beautiful flowers for the Church, we are now down to two, Hazel Webb and myself. However, on the good side Sue Richardson has a great team who now do the flowers for the main festivals, Christmas, Easter and Harvest - not just flowers

but beautiful decorations as well. We have all seen and admired the work they have put into the displays.

Also, the Korean Church has agreed to be part of the rota and they have supplied lovely arrangements for the past month. So hopefully looking to the future the Church will still look as beautiful as it deserves to.

Marysia Hewson

Orchard Church Annual report

Orchard church is an our door church group for children at St John's which is now been going for 1 year it has a strong ethos of being closer to nature and in turn being closer to God.

Orchard church meets every Sunday for 1 hour from 10.30 till 11.30 am in the St John's jubilee gardens/orchard amongst our beautiful veteran apple trees we also make fantastic use of the log cabin as a central meeting point and when the weather is not so friendly.

The children are between the ages of 3 and 12 years and we have some children that attend weekly and others that attend when available we have approx 15 children that attend at different times some weeks we have 4 in attendance others upwards of 8 children.

We have a wonderful group of 4 volunteers all fully DBS checked that take turns in supporting myself to run Orchard church.

Once a month we have also started running an early evening group from 5- 6 pm called Orchard church at dusk for 8 to 12 year olds where we can be a little more adventurous with the older children and have stories around the fire with activities more suited to older children. Themes we have explored so far are Halloween, Christmas, Astronomy all with a strong Christian connection.

Orchard at Dusk is still in its early days, and we have had between 16 and 3 children attending

Vicky Capanna



Children's Holiday workshop

During August summer 2020 we ran a 5 day jungle Holiday club which was a Bible based holiday club outdoors.

We had about 12 children and charged a small amount of £2 and places were booked by eventbrite.

The children did some fun activities every day around the Theme Jesus is our guide.

We have a wonderful group of volunteers all fully DBS checked that took turns in supporting us

Jungle Adventure takes us on a journey of discovering Jesus through the eyes of his disciples, who were called by and experienced first-hand Jesus' care, provision, and deep friendship. As children explore the disciples' adventures and explore the Bible for themselves, our prayer is that they will discover Jesus as their own guide and friend.



Vicky Capanna



Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod meets 3 times a year. We usually meet at different churches, but because of the pandemic we have been meeting on zoom. Unfortunately, due to technical issues I'm unable to hear what the others are saying.

On Tuesday 19 October 2021, Nicola Thomas, described her wide remit as Head of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation. She gave a slide presentation and showed a video from the Diocesan Youth Forum, emphasizing the need for environmental justice as part of our Christian responsibility.

The next Deanery Synod is in July

Penny Jivani

Kingston Vale Trust

Due to the COVID restrictions, the Trustees agreed that grants allocated for 2019 and 2020 could be spent on COVID related items and that any balances could be carried over when COVID restrictions were reduced and more Face to Face events were allowed to happen.

Subsequently we were able to buy in COVID supplies which included hand gel, face masks, anti bac sprays and gloves, having these supplies enabled members of the community to access the building and grounds when able to do so safely. Several events before lockdown in 2019 were able to happen due to grant money

being available. These included several in the Jubilee Garden, Music concerts, Story Telling and the Christmas Celebration with the donkeys.

The Trustee's grant also enabled cards, gifts, telephone contact, extra newsletters for keeping in contact with the community and were able to be distributed to the community, St Johns were also allowed to purchase upto date technical equipment for zooming to the community.

The Trustees were also able to offer Putney Vale Residents Association £10,000 towards a newly furnished playground.

The Trustees welcome the opportunity to offer grants to the Communities' non-profit organisations within the Parish Boundaries, which would benefit all who live in the St Johns Parish.

Trustees

TREASURER'S REPORT

2021 has been a most difficult year, for all involved, in managing the finances of our lovely old church and halls and grounds.

I must start by saying how much we have to thank Mandy, our very patient, kind Vicar and Andrew Taylor who have been tireless in presenting the accounts to the satisfaction of the Independent Examiner which she has finally accepted. In this Covid time it has been very difficult. Andrew continued to do this after standing down as our treasurer and we are so grateful, thank you.

Our receipts for 2021 were £60,801

Our payments were £73,187

Our deficit for 2021 £12,386

This deficit will be reduced once the tax relief has been agreed by the revenue and paid to our account. We must thank Gary Conn for the hours and hours he has spent sorting the envelopes and submitting this.

Andrew has pointed out that we do have much optimism for the future as the Hall is now let to a new nursery and a regular let of the Andrews Wing with a new whiteboard in place. Also, most importantly, we have joined the Contactless Giving Scheme and the Parish Giving Scheme. Contactless for all one off giving and the PGS for almost all regular giving. This will mean very little cash to be dealt with by volunteers. The PGS scheme sends a total of giving to our bank account each month, including reclaimed tax, for our treasurer to enter in the system.

In the past a volunteer has had to count, record, and take large amounts of cash to the Post Office on a Saturday morning. We must thank Andrew Bignold for doing this in the little time left after a working week. Thank you so much all volunteers who have had to look after our cash this year.

Lastly, thank you to all volunteers who have given so much time and thought to our future and if we all contribute what we can we should have a much better 2022 with Claudio Scotto our treasurer and a new system of accounting and a new Independent Examiner.

A full copy of the Financial Statement is available from the church office.

Beverly Morley-Brown

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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, KINGSTON and PUTNEY VALE

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

for the year ended

31st DECEMBER 2021

Mrs M E Bayman
Independent Examiner
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Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St John the Baptist Church Kingston and Putney Vale

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on the accompanying pages, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Respective responsibilities of PCC and the independent examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements 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 and the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council.

An examination includes a review of the financial records and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

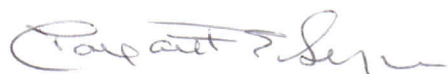
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have 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; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the financial records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 financial statements to be reached.



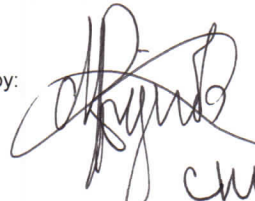
Margaret Bayman
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BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2021

| | Notes | £ | £ | 2020 | £ |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <u>FIXED ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Investments | 4 | | 40,559 | | 35,559 |
| <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Debtors | 5 | 5,776 | | 2,613 | |
| Deposit | | 5,102 | | 5,102 | |
| Cash at bank | | <u>69,485</u> | | <u>81,911</u> | |
| | | 80,363 | | 89,626 | |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within 1 year | 6 | <u>6,168</u> | | <u>11,519</u> | |
| <u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | 74,195 | | 78,107 |
| <u>NET ASSETS</u> | | | <u>£114,754</u> | | <u>£113,666</u> |
| Represented by: | | | | | |
| <u>FUNDS</u> | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | | | 107,061 | | 93,156 |
| Designated | | | 0 | | 4,137 |
| Restricted | | | 7,693 | | 16,373 |
| | | | <u>£114,754</u> | | <u>£113,666</u> |

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

 ANDREW BIGNOLD.
Church Warden
7.11.22

The Revd A Beck (Chairman)


AMANDA BECK
7.04.2022

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY for the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2021

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Designated funds £ | Restricted funds £ | TOTALS £ | 2020 Total Funds £ |
|--|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| INCOME | | | | | | |
| Regular giving | 7 | 18,628 | | | 18,628 | 18,866 |
| Grants & donations | 8 | 11,736 | | 6,954 | 18,690 | 20,942 |
| Activities for generating funds | 9 | 21,593 | | | 21,593 | 21,821 |
| Receipts from church activities | 10 | 5,532 | | | 5,532 | 5,773 |
| Investment income | 11 | 1,400 | | | 1,400 | 1,328 |
| | | <u>£58,889</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£6,954</u> | <u>£65,843</u> | <u>£68,730</u> |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | | |
| Church activities: Diocesan parish share | | 22,476 | | | 22,476 | 22,476 |
| Other payments | 13 | 31,645 | | 15,634 | 47,279 | 49,776 |
| | | <u>£54,121</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£15,634</u> | <u>£69,755</u> | <u>£72,252</u> |
| | | £4,768 | £0 | (£8,680) | (£3,912) | (£3,522) |
| Surplus / (deficit) | | | | | | |
| Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments | 2 | 5,000 | | | 5,000 | (1,741) |
| Realised gains/(losses) on investments | | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| Fund no longer required | | 4,137 | (4,137) | | 0 | 0 |
| | | <u>13,905</u> | <u>(4,137)</u> | <u>(8,680)</u> | <u>1,088</u> | <u>(5,263)</u> |
| Add funds at 31st December 2020 | | 93,156 | 4,137 | 16,373 | 113,666 | 118,929 |
| | | <u>£107,061</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£7,693</u> | <u>£114,754</u> | <u>£113,666</u> |
| FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021 | | | | | | |
| | 3 | <u>£107,061</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£7,693</u> | <u>£114,754</u> | <u>£113,666</u> |

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2021

1(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('The Regulations') together with applicable accounting standards of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investments, which are shown at market value.

1(b) Non-monetary assets

- a) Church furnishings and fittings are held by the church wardens on special trust.
- b) Church hall furniture, fittings and equipment.
- c) The Andrew's wing.

1 (c) Taxation

No provision for taxation is included in the financial statements as the Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Kingston and Putney Vale is, as part of the Church of England, entitled to exemption from tax afforded by section 555 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

2 Unrealised gains (losses) on investments

The amount of £5,000 shown on the SOFA represents the capital appreciation in the year ended 31st December 2021 between the investment cost and the unrealised market value.

3 Designation of funds

- (a) Restricted funds arise from donations, grants and legacies received for specified purposes.
- (b) Unrestricted funds are held available for the ordinary purposes of the PCC.

4 Investments

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| 1027.56 Central Board of Finance shares: cost | 5,826 | 5,826 |
| 1059.94 M&G income units: cost | 15,500 | 15,500 |
| Unrealised gains on investments | <u>19,233</u> | <u>14,233</u> |
| | <u>£40,559</u> | <u>£35,559</u> |

5 Debtors

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Prepayments | 485 | 393 |
| Income tax on gift aid | 4,027 | 2,000 |
| Other debtors | <u>1,264</u> | <u>220</u> |
| | <u>£5,776</u> | <u>£2,613</u> |

6 Amounts falling due within 1 year

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Accruals | 996 | 522 |
| Creditors for goods and services | 1,586 | 997 |
| Other creditors | <u>3,586</u> | <u>10,000</u> |
| | <u>£6,168</u> | <u>£11,519</u> |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2021

| | 2021 | | 2020 | |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ |
| 7 Giving | | | | |
| Envelopes | 5,487 | | 5,001 | |
| Standing orders | 9,340 | | 8,030 | |
| Cash offerings | 1,774 | | 1,971 | |
| Tax relief (gift aid) | 2,027 | | 3,864 | |
| | <u>£18,628</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£18,866</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 8 Grants & donations | | | | |
| Unrestricted donations | 11,736 | | 9,497 | |
| Restricted donations | | | | 620 |
| Restricted - garden | | 240 | | 720 |
| Restricted grants | | 6,714 | | 10,105 |
| | <u>£11,736</u> | <u>6,954</u> | <u>£9,497</u> | <u>£11,445</u> |
| 9 Activities for generating funds | | | | |
| Andrew's lets | 90 | | 492 | |
| Hall lets | 20,190 | | 19,826 | |
| Car parking | 785 | | 865 | |
| Sunday coffee | 11 | | 129 | |
| KVT | 517 | | 509 | |
| | <u>£21,593</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£21,821</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 10 Receipts from church activities | | | | |
| Fees | 1,070 | | 3,338 | |
| Church activity | 3,320 | | 2,321 | |
| Candles | 85 | | 114 | |
| Other | 257 | | 0 | |
| Youth activity | 800 | | 0 | |
| | <u>£5,532</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£5,773</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 11 Investment income | | | | |
| CBF deposit fund interest | 5 | | 28 | |
| CBF investment fund | 611 | | 590 | |
| Dividends received | 784 | | 710 | |
| Other interest | 0 | | 0 | |
| | <u>£1,400</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£1,328</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <u>TOTAL INCOME</u> | <u>£58,889</u> | <u>£6,954</u> | <u>£57,285</u> | <u>£11,445</u> |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2021

| | 2021 | | 2020 | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ |
| 12 Payments | | | | |
| <i>Projects</i> | | | | |
| Hall major repairs | 1,492 | | 1,476 | |
| Church major repairs | 773 | | 1,379 | 2,576 |
| Garden | 1,394 | 4,443 | 1,603 | 720 |
| Youth worker | 0 | | 2,396 | |
| | <u>£3,659</u> | <u>4,443</u> | <u>£6,854</u> | <u>£3,296</u> |
| <i>Ministry</i> | | | | |
| Administration support | 7,065 | | 6,891 | |
| Choir & organ | 2,638 | | 1,590 | |
| Fees | 1,012 | | 2,910 | |
| | <u>£10,715</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£11,391</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <i>Parish outreach</i> | | | | |
| Office costs | (218) | 1,397 | 574 | 156 |
| Expenses | 646 | 173 | 1,035 | 4 |
| Magazine publicity | 25 | 3,133 | 338 | 710 |
| Church activity | 107 | 3,700 | 405 | 3,432 |
| Miscellaneous | 20 | | 0 | |
| Children's work | 0 | 2,668 | 615 | 127 |
| | <u>£580</u> | <u>£11,071</u> | <u>£2,967</u> | <u>£4,429</u> |
| <i>Donations</i> | <u>0</u> | <u>£120</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <i>Church running costs</i> | | | | |
| Cleaning | 739 | | 1,338 | |
| Minor repairs | 895 | | 2,010 | |
| Insurance | 2,707 | | 2,696 | |
| Utilities | 537 | | 3,138 | |
| Provision of services | - | | 240 | |
| Office | 63 | | 351 | |
| | <u>£4,941</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£9,773</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <i>Independent examiner's fee</i> | <u>£125</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£125</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <i>Hall running costs</i> | | | | |
| Rubbish | 1,916 | | 1,083 | |
| Cleaning | 4,235 | | 5,623 | |
| Minor repairs | 1,410 | | 833 | |
| Insurance | 1,075 | | 1,075 | |
| Utilities | 684 | | 2,227 | |
| Legal Fees | 2,195 | | 0 | |
| Other | 110 | | 100 | |
| | <u>£11,625</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£10,941</u> | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | <u>£31,645</u> | <u>£15,634</u> | <u>£42,051</u> | <u>£7,725</u> |

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Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St John the Baptist Church Kingston and Putney Vale

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Respective responsibilities of PCC and the independent examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements 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 and the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council.

An examination includes a review of the financial records and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters.

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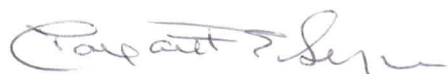
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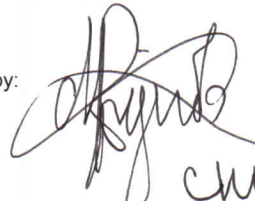
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BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2021

| | Notes | £ | £ | 2020 | £ |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <u>FIXED ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Investments | 4 | | 40,559 | | 35,559 |
| <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Debtors | 5 | 5,776 | | 2,613 | |
| Deposit | | 5,102 | | 5,102 | |
| Cash at bank | | <u>69,485</u> | | <u>81,911</u> | |
| | | 80,363 | | 89,626 | |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within 1 year | 6 | <u>6,168</u> | | <u>11,519</u> | |
| <u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | 74,195 | | 78,107 |
| <u>NET ASSETS</u> | | | <u>£114,754</u> | | <u>£113,666</u> |
| Represented by: | | | | | |
| <u>FUNDS</u> | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | | | 107,061 | | 93,156 |
| Designated | | | 0 | | 4,137 |
| Restricted | | | 7,693 | | 16,373 |
| | | | <u>£114,754</u> | | <u>£113,666</u> |

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

 ANDREW BIGNOLD.
Church Warden
7.11.22

The Revd A Beck (Chairman)


AMANDA BECK
7.04.2022

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY for the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2021

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Designated funds £ | Restricted funds £ | TOTALS £ | 2020 Total Funds £ |
|--|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| INCOME | | | | | | |
| Regular giving | 7 | 18,628 | | | 18,628 | 18,866 |
| Grants & donations | 8 | 11,736 | | 6,954 | 18,690 | 20,942 |
| Activities for generating funds | 9 | 21,593 | | | 21,593 | 21,821 |
| Receipts from church activities | 10 | 5,532 | | | 5,532 | 5,773 |
| Investment income | 11 | 1,400 | | | 1,400 | 1,328 |
| | | <u>£58,889</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£6,954</u> | <u>£65,843</u> | <u>£68,730</u> |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | | |
| Church activities: Diocesan parish share | | 22,476 | | | 22,476 | 22,476 |
| Other payments | 13 | 31,645 | | 15,634 | 47,279 | 49,776 |
| | | <u>£54,121</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£15,634</u> | <u>£69,755</u> | <u>£72,252</u> |
| | | £4,768 | £0 | (£8,680) | (£3,912) | (£3,522) |
| Surplus / (deficit) | | | | | | |
| Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments | 2 | 5,000 | | | 5,000 | (1,741) |
| Realised gains/(losses) on investments | | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| Fund no longer required | | 4,137 | (4,137) | | 0 | 0 |
| | | <u>13,905</u> | <u>(4,137)</u> | <u>(8,680)</u> | <u>1,088</u> | <u>(5,263)</u> |
| Add funds at 31st December 2020 | | 93,156 | 4,137 | 16,373 | 113,666 | 118,929 |
| | | <u>£107,061</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£7,693</u> | <u>£114,754</u> | <u>£113,666</u> |
| FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021 | | | | | | |
| | 3 | | | | | |

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2021

1(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('The Regulations') together with applicable accounting standards of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investments, which are shown at market value.

1(b) Non-monetary assets

- a) Church furnishings and fittings are held by the church wardens on special trust.
- b) Church hall furniture, fittings and equipment.
- c) The Andrew's wing.

1 (c) Taxation

No provision for taxation is included in the financial statements as the Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Kingston and Putney Vale is, as part of the Church of England, entitled to exemption from tax afforded by section 555 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

2 Unrealised gains (losses) on investments

The amount of £5,000 shown on the SOFA represents the capital appreciation in the year ended 31st December 2021 between the investment cost and the unrealised market value.

3 Designation of funds

- (a) Restricted funds arise from donations, grants and legacies received for specified purposes.
- (b) Unrestricted funds are held available for the ordinary purposes of the PCC.

4 Investments

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| 1027.56 Central Board of Finance shares: cost | 5,826 | 5,826 |
| 1059.94 M&G income units: cost | 15,500 | 15,500 |
| Unrealised gains on investments | <u>19,233</u> | <u>14,233</u> |
| | <u>£40,559</u> | <u>£35,559</u> |

5 Debtors

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Prepayments | 485 | 393 |
| Income tax on gift aid | 4,027 | 2,000 |
| Other debtors | <u>1,264</u> | <u>220</u> |
| | <u>£5,776</u> | <u>£2,613</u> |

6 Amounts falling due within 1 year

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Accruals | 996 | 522 |
| Creditors for goods and services | 1,586 | 997 |
| Other creditors | <u>3,586</u> | <u>10,000</u> |
| | <u>£6,168</u> | <u>£11,519</u> |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2021

| | 2021 | | 2020 | |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ |
| 7 Giving | | | | |
| Envelopes | 5,487 | | 5,001 | |
| Standing orders | 9,340 | | 8,030 | |
| Cash offerings | 1,774 | | 1,971 | |
| Tax relief (gift aid) | 2,027 | | 3,864 | |
| | <u>£18,628</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£18,866</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 8 Grants & donations | | | | |
| Unrestricted donations | 11,736 | | 9,497 | |
| Restricted donations | | | | 620 |
| Restricted - garden | | 240 | | 720 |
| Restricted grants | | 6,714 | | 10,105 |
| | <u>£11,736</u> | <u>6,954</u> | <u>£9,497</u> | <u>£11,445</u> |
| 9 Activities for generating funds | | | | |
| Andrew's lets | 90 | | 492 | |
| Hall lets | 20,190 | | 19,826 | |
| Car parking | 785 | | 865 | |
| Sunday coffee | 11 | | 129 | |
| KVT | 517 | | 509 | |
| | <u>£21,593</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£21,821</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 10 Receipts from church activities | | | | |
| Fees | 1,070 | | 3,338 | |
| Church activity | 3,320 | | 2,321 | |
| Candles | 85 | | 114 | |
| Other | 257 | | 0 | |
| Youth activity | 800 | | 0 | |
| | <u>£5,532</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£5,773</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 11 Investment income | | | | |
| CBF deposit fund interest | 5 | | 28 | |
| CBF investment fund | 611 | | 590 | |
| Dividends received | 784 | | 710 | |
| Other interest | 0 | | 0 | |
| | <u>£1,400</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£1,328</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <u>TOTAL INCOME</u> | <u>£58,889</u> | <u>£6,954</u> | <u>£57,285</u> | <u>£11,445</u> |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2021

| | 2021 | | 2020 | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ |
| 12 Payments | | | | |
| <i>Projects</i> | | | | |
| Hall major repairs | 1,492 | | 1,476 | |
| Church major repairs | 773 | | 1,379 | 2,576 |
| Garden | 1,394 | 4,443 | 1,603 | 720 |
| Youth worker | 0 | | 2,396 | |
| | <u>£3,659</u> | <u>4,443</u> | <u>£6,854</u> | <u>£3,296</u> |
| <i>Ministry</i> | | | | |
| Administration support | 7,065 | | 6,891 | |
| Choir & organ | 2,638 | | 1,590 | |
| Fees | 1,012 | | 2,910 | |
| | <u>£10,715</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£11,391</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <i>Parish outreach</i> | | | | |
| Office costs | (218) | 1,397 | 574 | 156 |
| Expenses | 646 | 173 | 1,035 | 4 |
| Magazine publicity | 25 | 3,133 | 338 | 710 |
| Church activity | 107 | 3,700 | 405 | 3,432 |
| Miscellaneous | 20 | | 0 | |
| Children's work | 0 | 2,668 | 615 | 127 |
| | <u>£580</u> | <u>£11,071</u> | <u>£2,967</u> | <u>£4,429</u> |
| <i>Donations</i> | <u>0</u> | <u>£120</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <i>Church running costs</i> | | | | |
| Cleaning | 739 | | 1,338 | |
| Minor repairs | 895 | | 2,010 | |
| Insurance | 2,707 | | 2,696 | |
| Utilities | 537 | | 3,138 | |
| Provision of services | - | | 240 | |
| Office | 63 | | 351 | |
| | <u>£4,941</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£9,773</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <i>Independent examiner's fee</i> | <u>£125</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£125</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <i>Hall running costs</i> | | | | |
| Rubbish | 1,916 | | 1,083 | |
| Cleaning | 4,235 | | 5,623 | |
| Minor repairs | 1,410 | | 833 | |
| Insurance | 1,075 | | 1,075 | |
| Utilities | 684 | | 2,227 | |
| Legal Fees | 2,195 | | 0 | |
| Other | 110 | | 100 | |
| | <u>£11,625</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£10,941</u> | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | <u>£31,645</u> | <u>£15,634</u> | <u>£42,051</u> | <u>£7,725</u> |

Accounts

Charity Number: 1171550

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, KINGSTON and PUTNEY VALE

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

for the year ended

31st DECEMBER 2020

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St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2020

Charity Number: 1171550

| | Notes | £ | £ | 2019 | £ | £ |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---|-----------------|
| <u>FIXED ASSETS</u> | | | | | | |
| Investments | 4 | | 35,559 | | | 37,300 |
| <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | | | | |
| Debtors | 5 | 2,613 | | 5,799 | | |
| Deposit | | 5,102 | | 5,102 | | |
| Cash at bank | | <u>81,911</u> | | <u>73,641</u> | | |
| | | 89,626 | | 84,542 | | |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within 1 year | 6 | <u>11,519</u> | | <u>2,913</u> | | |
| <u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | | | | |
| | | | 78,107 | | | 81,629 |
| <u>NET ASSETS</u> | | | | | | |
| | | | <u>£113,666</u> | | | <u>£118,929</u> |
| Represented by: | | | | | | |
| <u>FUNDS</u> | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | | | 93,156 | | | 102,139 |
| Designated | | | 4,137 | | | 4,137 |
| Restricted | | | 16,373 | | | 12,653 |
| | | | <u>£113,666</u> | | | <u>£118,929</u> |

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:



The Revd A Beck (Chairman)



Dr C Wong (Hon Treasurer)

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY for the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2020

Charity Number: 1171550

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Designated funds £ | Restricted funds £ | TOTALS £ | 2019 Total Funds £ |
|---|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>INCOME</u> | | | | | | |
| Regular giving | 7 | 18,866 | | | 18,866 | 27,162 |
| Grants & donations | 8 | 9,497 | | 11,445 | 20,942 | 30,609 |
| Activities for generating funds | 9 | 21,821 | | | 21,821 | 38,605 |
| Receipts from church activities | 10 | 5,773 | | | 5,773 | 11,896 |
| Investment income | 11 | 1,328 | | | 1,328 | 1,518 |
| | | <u>£57,285</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£11,445</u> | <u>£68,730</u> | <u>£109,790</u> |
| <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | | | | | |
| Church activities: Diocesan parish share | | 22,476 | | | 22,476 | 22,008 |
| Other payments | 13 | 42,051 | | 7,725 | 49,776 | 70,170 |
| | | <u>£64,527</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£7,725</u> | <u>£72,252</u> | <u>£92,178</u> |
| | | <u>(£7,242)</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£3,720</u> | <u>(£3,522)</u> | <u>£17,612</u> |
| Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments | 2 | (1,741) | | | (1,741) | 5,613 |
| Realised gains/(losses) on investments | | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| | | <u>(£8,983)</u> | <u>£0</u> | <u>£3,720</u> | <u>(£5,263)</u> | <u>£23,225</u> |
| Add funds at 31st December 2019 | | 102,139 | 4,137 | 12,653 | 118,929 | 95,704 |
| <u>FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020</u> | 3 | <u>£93,156</u> | <u>£4,137</u> | <u>£16,373</u> | <u>£113,666</u> | <u>£118,929</u> |

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St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale
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1(b) Non-monetary assets

- a) Church furnishings and fittings are held by the church wardens on special trust.
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No provision for taxation is included in the financial statements as the Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Kingston and Putney Vale is, as part of the Church of England, entitled to exemption from tax afforded by section 555 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

2 Unrealised gains (losses) on investments

The amount of (£1,741) shown on the SOFA represents the capital depreciation in the year ended 31st December 2020 between the investment cost and the unrealised market value.

3 Designation of funds

- (a) Restricted funds arise from donations, grants and legacies received for specified purposes.
- (b) Designated funds are those which contain monies allocated by the PCC for specified purposes.
- (c) Unrestricted funds are held available for the ordinary purposes of the PCC.

| 4 Investments | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| 1027.56 Central Board of Finance shares: cost | 5,826 | 5,826 |
| 1059.94 M&G income units: cost | 15,500 | 15,500 |
| Unrealised gains on investments | <u>14,233</u> | <u>15,974</u> |
| | <u>£35,559</u> | <u>£37,300</u> |
| | | |
| 5 Debtors | | |
| Prepayments | 393 | 812 |
| Income tax on gift aid | 2,000 | 4,987 |
| Other debtors | <u>0</u> | <u>220</u> |
| | <u>£2,613</u> | <u>£5,799</u> |
| | | |
| 6 Amounts falling due within 1 year | | |
| Accruals | 522 | 1,325 |
| Creditors for goods and services | 997 | 1,430 |
| Other creditors | <u>10,000</u> | <u>158</u> |
| | <u>£11,519</u> | <u>£2,913</u> |

St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020

| | 2020 | | 2019 | |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ |
| 7 Giving | | | | |
| Envelopes | 5,001 | | 13,194 | |
| Standing orders | 8,030 | | 7,600 | |
| Cash offerings | 1,971 | | 3,381 | |
| Tax relief (gift aid) | 3,864 | | 2,987 | |
| | <u>£18,866</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£27,162</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 8 Grants & donations | | | | |
| Unrestricted donations | 9,497 | | 5,629 | |
| Restricted donations | | 620 | | 4,092 |
| Restricted - garden | | 720 | | 820 |
| Restricted grants | | 10,105 | | 20,068 |
| | <u>£9,497</u> | <u>£11,445</u> | <u>£5,629</u> | <u>£24,980</u> |
| 9 Activities for generating funds | | | | |
| Andrew's lets | 492 | | 1,119 | |
| Hall lets | 19,826 | | 35,672 | |
| Car parking | 865 | | 590 | |
| Sunday coffee | 129 | | 722 | |
| KVT | 509 | | 502 | |
| | <u>£21,821</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£38,605</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 10 Receipts from church activities | | | | |
| Fees | 3,338 | | 3,978 | |
| Church activity | 2,321 | | 7,637 | |
| Candles | 114 | | 281 | |
| Other | 0 | | 0 | |
| Youth activity | 0 | | 0 | |
| | <u>£5,773</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£11,896</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 11 Investment income | | | | |
| CBF deposit fund interest | 28 | | 37 | |
| CBF investment fund | 590 | | 573 | |
| Dividends received | 710 | | 880 | |
| Other interest | 0 | | 28 | |
| | <u>£1,328</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£1,518</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <u>TOTAL INCOME</u> | <u>£57,285</u> | <u>£11,445</u> | <u>£84,810</u> | <u>£24,980</u> |

St. John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020

| | 2020 | | 2019 | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ |
| 12 Payments | | | | |
| <i>Projects</i> | | | | |
| Hall major repairs | 1,476 | | 0 | |
| Church major repairs | 1,379 | 2,576 | 8,258 | 775 |
| Garden | 1,603 | 720 | 1,810 | 820 |
| Youth worker | 2,396 | | 2,765 | |
| | <u>£6,854</u> | <u>3,296</u> | <u>£12,833</u> | <u>£1,595</u> |
| <i>Ministry</i> | | | | |
| Administration support | 6,891 | | 6,865 | |
| Choir & organ | 1,590 | | 2,290 | |
| Fees | 2,910 | | 2,330 | |
| | <u>£11,391</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£11,485</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <i>Parish outreach</i> | | | | |
| Office costs | 574 | 156 | 1,078 | |
| Expenses | 1,035 | 4 | 946 | |
| Magazine publicity | 338 | 710 | 1,176 | |
| Church activity | 405 | 3,432 | 3,521 | 8,416 |
| Miscellaneous | 0 | | 0 | |
| Children's work | 615 | 127 | | 1,384 |
| | <u>£2,967</u> | <u>£4,429</u> | <u>£6,721</u> | <u>£9,800</u> |
| <i>Donations</i> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>2,690</u> | <u>£932</u> |
| <i>Church running costs</i> | | | | |
| Cleaning | 1,338 | | 1,619 | |
| Minor repairs | 2,010 | | 949 | |
| Insurance | 2,696 | | 2,684 | |
| Utilities | 3,138 | | 4,653 | |
| Provision of services | 240 | | 211 | |
| Office | 351 | | 286 | |
| | <u>£9,773</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£10,402</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <i>Independent examiner's fee</i> | <u>£125</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£125</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <i>Hall running costs</i> | | | | |
| Rubbish | 1,083 | | 1,692 | |
| Cleaning | 5,623 | | 7,058 | |
| Minor repairs | 833 | | 916 | 100 |
| Insurance | 1,075 | | 1,054 | |
| Utilities | 2,227 | | 2,251 | |
| Other | 100 | | 516 | |
| | <u>£10,941</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>£13,487</u> | <u>£100</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | <u>£42,051</u> | <u>£7,725</u> | <u>£57,743</u> | <u>£12,427</u> |