

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>DESIGNATED PAYMENTS</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
CHILDREN'S SOCIETY	141.48
CHRISTIAN AID	115.00
BISHOPS LENT APPEAL	345.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£601.48</b>

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

31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024

Charity number 1171550

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 2024, 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 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:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - o To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and 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		

<u>Surplus I (deficit)</u>			2	61,961	22,372	84,333	95,328
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investrnents							
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>			3	67,857	17,341	85,198	99,842
Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTALS	Total				
			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			
15,500	622	16,122		(4,968)	5,031	63	122,224
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							19,341
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						19,404	

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

John the Baptist  
St Church, Kingston and Putney Vale

Charity Number: 1171550

2023

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER  
2024

2024

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FIXED ASSETS

Investments 4 39,366

CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors 5 376  
Cash at bank 81 934  
82,310

LIABILITIES

Amounts fallina due within 1 year 6 2 272

John the Baptist

NET CURRENT ASSETS	80,038
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NET ASSETS	£19,404
	£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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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: <small>cost</small>	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 Accruals		
6	Creditors for goods and services	1,754	2,876
	Other creditors	518	<u>404</u>
		<u>E2 272</u>	<u>E 3 280</u>
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	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted
7 Giving		Unrestricted Restricted
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	
10Receipts from church activities	E15,500	87,583	
Fees			
Church activity			
11 Investment income	2,293	2,793	
CBF deposit fund interest		2,400	
CBF investment fund(M&G)	2,293	E, 193	
	645		
	954	635	
	E1,599	906	
		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	

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	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	

## **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 2024, 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