

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST DUNSTAN WITH ST THOMAS, EAST ACTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1177614

Details

Other names	ST DUNSTAN'S PCC, EAST ACTON
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2018-03-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: The provision of regular worship and sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation open to all; pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved; teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; taking religious assemblies in schools; promoting the mission of the whole church by providing activities for senior citizens, parents, toddlers & other special needs groups.

Classification

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

Geography

- Ealing

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£200,910	£240,491	-	-
2024-12-31	£203,579	£268,522	-	-
2023-12-31	£177,856	£175,426	-	-
2022-12-31	£135,162	£112,741	-	-
2021-12-31	£129,336	£141,804	-	-
2020-12-31	£134,271	£136,396	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aimee Gilma Arias		2025-05-01
Alexander James Brown KC		2025-05-01
Alison Jane Wood		2018-04-22
Annabel Merryday Clarke		2025-05-01
CAMILLA PENELOPE CHARLOTTE SLADE VILES		2018-04-22
CARLYON DAVID SLADE VILES		2018-04-22
Eva Nabeta		2025-09-18
Georgia Ann Fernandez		2025-05-01
Grace Barbara Quansah		2025-05-01
JAMES RIDDIOUGH		2019-04-28
Joanna Elizabeth Doran		2026-05-20
Neil Yates		2023-04-26
Peter Alan Blagg		2019-04-28
Roger Charles Bowerman		2019-04-28
SUSAN BOLTON		2017-04-23
Sharon Dawn Morgans		2024-04-25

Accounts

ST DUNSTAN'S EAST ACTON

SEEK, SERVE AND SHARE OUR LORD TOGETHER

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council.

Year ending 31st December 2025



St Dunstan with St Thomas, East Acton
Friars Place Lane
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SEEK SERVE SHARE

Short Reflection from Jon

Having been invited to write a short contribution. I was glad to accept, as it provides me with one last opportunity to thank you all for your love, support and care towards Rachel, me and our children during our nineteen years with you. We were overwhelmed by your kind words and incredibly generous gift to us at our farewell – thank you.

Once again, there are so many people to thank for their commitment and work at St Dunstan's, too many to name. Rachel and I can't tell you how much I miss being with you and am always encouraged by the news I hear – what a wonderful welcoming family in the heart of East Acton. You will be a blessing to whoever comes to be your new vicar.

On a personal note, Rachel and I moved to New Milton in August and were touched by the number of people who were able to come to St Mary's for my licensing in September. We have been warmly welcomed by both the church and the local community and are enjoying getting to know the local area and the people. We've run our first Alpha, with our second starting end of May and our first adult baptism in June. Let me know if you're ever in the area, we'd love to see you.

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

Amen.

Jude 24,25

Rev. Jon Westall



Manori's Curate's Report 2025

2025 proved to be a year of many joys and blessings for us, but it was also a year of significant change and new challenges. We started the year hosting our 13th Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter in January. Jacqui did a fantastic job of organising this, together with an amazing team and provided welcome and care for our guests. As always, God blessed us through our guests more than we blessed them. We are grateful to those who joined the team, as we cannot host without the evening, overnight and morning volunteers and all help with setting up and clearing up. Alpha courses started in English and Persian in preparation for baptism on Easter Sunday.

We gathered as a church family for our Passover Meal on Maundy Thursday and then on Good Friday held a prayer walk of witness to join the other churches in Acton for an outdoor service outside St Mary's Acton. Our Easter Day service was a wonderful celebration - 8 adults were baptised, most with full immersion. One of our baptism candidates described her experience of putting her newfound trust in Jesus with these words:

'For me, knowing Jesus Christ was not just an introduction to a religion, but the beginning of a new life. I found in him a love that I had never experienced before; a love that was not based on merit, but by grace.'

During the Spring, the PCC invited 'Growing Hope' to complete an audit and offer training to help us become a more accessible church. We were given a bronze award for our present work and helpful guidance on how to improve, guidance which will be taken forward by a new team.

We marked St Dunstan's Patronal Festival with another pilgrimage to St Paul's Cathedral, stopping in St James' Park for a picnic. Carl and Manori, took a slightly different approach to the pilgrimage, arriving at St Paul's after tube and taxi. However, to be completely fair, they had raced to catch us up after taking the services at Wormwood Scrubs Prison, another ministry St Dunstan's has become involved with in recent times.

Amongst all the usual business and busy-ness of life at St Dunstan's and moments of joy, for example, baptisms (children and adults), weddings (congratulations to Yanghao and Tifa) and wedding anniversaries (well done to Mark and Lesley on their Silver Wedding anniversary), we also shared in each other's bereavement and loss including Georgie Rogers, George English, Peter Everington and Josie Heatley.

In June 2025 we received the news that Jon was leaving St Dunstan's after 19 years as Vicar. St Thomas' Day (6 July) was filled with joy and sadness as we celebrated and said farewell to Jon, Rachel and the family and thanked them for all they had done and meant to us. Jon left a flourishing, diverse and growing church, recognised in the London Diocese for its number of children - a testimony to Jon's leadership and ministry. Many children were upset when they heard he was leaving, having known him at Kidzone and Sunday Club. He left a church well prepared for God's calling for future ministry in East Acton, having overseen updating to the buildings and in administration.

We again had a good number of adults and children attending New Wine in July. We celebrated Jon's last Sunday on 10 August.

As curate I appreciate the faithfulness and hard work of the Wardens, Standing & Finance Committee, our administrator Jacqui, the Interregnum team, the PCC, the Interregnum Prayer Team and the whole St Dunstan's church family for their response to the demands of the interregnum. The Interregnum Team

proactively engaged the church community to finalise the Parish profile. All ministries and mission have continued without diminishing, and many people have taken on additional leadership responsibilities. We are also grateful to Rosanna and Esther for leading our Sunday morning Children's ministry and to Atlanta as she leads the youth work. She has restarted a Sunday evening youth social and has taken on the leadership of Kidzone. We thank our Safeguarding Officer John Everington and the wider Safeguarding Team for their hard work in implementing the London Diocese Safeguarding Dashboard to provide a safe environment for all.

Evangelising and discipling continued with the existing Bible groups on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Friday lunchtime throughout 2025. The Women's Listening Group continued to meet. In Autumn 2025 Adam and Paula started the "Bible Timeline - a story of Salvation", a 24-week Bible study course. James and Sue Riddiough started an Alpha course which supported adult baptism. Both adult and child baptisms took place throughout 2025.

The loss of Rachel from the worship team meant additional burdens were taken on at both services but especially borne by Helen and Carl at the 9am service; thanks also to Alex Coutts for his assistance. The 10.45am team of Helen, Ros, James and Richard has now been joined by Grace and John. We are grateful to all those preaching and leading at St Dunstan's especially to those new to leading. We are encouraged by all who help through reading, leading intercessions, wardening and serving refreshments. Also to all those who help with all the Sunday Children and Youth ministry, which means that services and children and youth work have all continued as normal, including the Christmas celebrations, services and events. The Christmas Fair returned in November 2025 thanks to Elise, Sophie and a committed team. In November we were blessed with a wonderful confirmation service led by Bishop Lusa who confirmed 9 adults and 2 teenagers. We are grateful to the youth band who led the worship.

Our Persian language community continued to grow; several of them were baptised on Easter Sunday. The weekly Persian language bible group continues online. We remember the death of Omid Reza Salmani in tragic circumstances in late July 2025. He was a young unassuming, gentle and loving Iranian Christian man who had been a support and friend to many. As a Church we financially supported the repatriation of Omid's body to Iran. We praise God that we raised more money than the repatriation costs; the surplus will be used to support the mission for the Persian community. Alison and I have shared leading the group and three of the group are exploring the London Diocese-led Persian language leadership training.

St Dunstan's has continued the weekly Little Acorns Toddler Group and Wormwood Scrubs Ministry, leading services on three Sundays in the year. We are grateful to Richard for his guidance and for all the team who preach, lead and play music as well as being a welcoming presence to the prison residents. Schools' ministry continued with a wider schools' ministry team after Jon's departure, to support Christmas outreach to local schools through iChurch visits and assemblies.

We continued to host *ESH (Ealing Sanctuary Hub, formerly EASE)* and have welcomed around 2,776 visits from asylum seekers and refugees through our doors. Some of the ESH guests are enquiring about the Christian faith and have become part of the church family here. We are grateful to those who have continued to be an integral part of the 62 ESH volunteer team. We also note the work of the Pain Exchange charity hosted at St Dunstan's and led by Sharon Morgans and supported by church volunteers, in their commitment to help those in our community living with chronic pain.

Rev. Manori Wellington

A few minutes with Manori – interviewed by John Everington

What made you seek ordination in the Church of England?

Thank you for asking! I have touched on this at various times but never given the full story. In short, I followed the calling of God as I tiptoed across the line from unbelief to belief. If you told me when I was baptised in 2002 that I would one day be ordained as a priest, I would have been shocked as ministry was not something I would have considered, probably influenced by being in a conservative evangelical church which did not accept the ordination of women. My calling came some years later; I had returned to London and had had children. I had changed jobs to work in a more well-known law firm when I started to get a strong and persistent sense of God calling me to serve him with my whole life. I ended up getting more involved in church whilst having small children and working as a city lawyer. But nothing I did satisfied the question God was asking of me. I was slow to see the answers until one day a couple of years later when my priest at the time asked if I had considered ordained ministry. I replied that was fanciful and definitely not. I went on to explain I had been having this weird sense of being called which is why I had ended up doing too many things in church and that I saw the calling to serve God with all my life as something I would fulfil through engaging in doing mission in some way once my children had finished university. God has a sense of humour as about 3 months' later I left the job to discern faithfully whether this was a true calling from God on my and my family's life or whether I was having a career "moment". I am sorry to say I needed a lot more affirmation from God before I was able to offer myself and us as a family to the church discernment process but thankfully God is forgiving and patient.

What were your first impressions of St Dunstan's when you first started coming in July 2023?

I remember coming in Spring 2023 to explore the curacy. My first impression then was that the people were welcoming, and this has proved to be a big part of the St Dunstan's DNA, demonstrated by people from all different backgrounds. It shines a light for Jesus - the demonstration of the welcome and love of God.

What have you most enjoyed about your time at St Dunstan's?

Getting to know the people of St Dunstan's church and being alongside them, leading and encouraging them in their faith. Since Jon left, the role of shepherding has felt different and a greater responsibility, but it has been a wonderful privilege to serve St Dunstan's.

What have been some of the challenges? How has your time at St Dunstan's changed you as a person and as a curate?

As a curate you have constant challenges of learning and growing. This is called formation, personally and in ministry. Formation changes you to become more dependent on God and more Christ-like, which can be painful, the benefits are evident in hindsight. The biggest challenge was of course in the immediate period after Jon left when people were grieving in different ways. But there has been beauty in journeying together in and through this time.

How can we as a church support you as you prepare to move on to your next role?

St Dunstan's has been a joy to me; to learn, grow and be formed for the ministry I have ahead of me. God is a God of surprises, and the placement here has been a wonderful surprise. I am praying for more of that in the time ahead. And to be able to shepherd another group of wonderful people and to remain faithful to God as a priest and in the calling He is giving for me and my family. Please join me in praying for this.

Peter Everington 1934-2025

Peter Everington, a longstanding member of St Dunstan's family, stood as a role model to many of us of what a Christian life well lived could look like. His friendships crossed all kinds of backgrounds, cultures and ages. All knew him to be a disciple of Jesus – humble, faithful and sincere – now at rest with his Lord and Saviour.

<https://www.stdunstanschurch.org.uk/peter>

Some snapshots of the year



CHURCH ACTIVITIES 2025



Worship Services

Our main services on Sunday are:

9 am – traditional communion service with choir and Sunday Club.

10.45 am – with worship band, Sunday Club and monthly communion. translation software provided.

Festivals and summer holidays – All age service at 10 am.

On Wednesdays, we hold a short said communion service at 10.30 am.

Sunday Club

We are so blessed to have so many children with us, and we are wonderfully served with many leaders and helpers. Thank you all! We have 2 age groups at the 10.45 service and there is one group at the 9 am service. We ran children's crafts events at Easter and Christmas. We are always looking for more volunteers. Please speak to Esther, Rosanna or Atlanta if you want to be involved.

New Wine

Several St Dunstan's families spent a week in the summer camping in Shepton Mallet for a wonderful celebration of God's work in our lives. Please speak to the Riddioughs or Atlanta for more information about joining us at New Wine, 28 July - 2 August 2026.

Youth work

For secondary school ages, Atlanta runs 4TL (for the Lord) during the 10.45 service three Sundays a month and youth socials at least once a month.

Home Groups

These provide a great opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and each other as we meet on a weekly basis for Bible study, prayer and fellowship at the home of the Riddioughs on Monday evenings and online Tuesday evenings Persian language. Manori also held a weekly Bible study and the women's Listening Group has also met monthly. If you'd like to learn more about home groups, speak to James Riddiough.

Courses & retreats

For parents of secondary school age, Manori ran a 6-week Parenting Course with material from Care for the Family. In October, we ran a day's 'Travelling Light' retreat at church for a chance to rest and be restored in God's presence after the busy weeks of early Autumn.

Prayer

After the Sunday services a dedicated team is available to talk and pray with anyone who might value it.

As part of our communal prayers, you can join us on Zoom at 8.30 am, Monday to Wednesday and Fridays when we loosely follow the Order for Morning Prayer. More details can be found in the weekly email newsletter.

Kidzone

This is a short, after-school church service on Fridays for primary school children and their parents. It's a great way to involve the children in church, particularly if you can't come on Sundays.



Stewardship

Thanks to Nyuk Lau for being our Stewardship Officer. As her report emphasises, we thank everyone not only for giving money but also for providing time, talents, possessions and prayers. Opportunities to get involved include:

- Cooking meals for anyone in need – from new parents to the recently bereaved, to helping with the ESH drop-in and the Night Shelter
- Giving lifts to those who can't make it to church independently
- Assisting Sunday Club leaders and helping with the children and young people
- Operating the audio-visual system on Sundays.
- The pastoral team's work – prayer and practical help for anyone in need
- Helping with mid-week church activities
- Involvement with our **Green Team** - to make our church community more sustainable and looking at the challenges of meeting Net Zero
- Joining Sunday service rotas for the music team, prayer, welcomers, readings or tea/coffee making
- Joining the PCC and becoming involved in prayer and decision making for St Dunstan's

Building hire

We hire out our wonderful building to several organisations including the Hammersmith Dog and Puppy Club, the karate club and for one-off events and parties. We thank **Jacqui** for all her work overseeing the hires and using the wonderful building we have been blessed with.

Drop-in

Every Thursday, during term time, we host ESH, a drop-in for people who are refugees or seeking asylum. The aim is to help them on their way with life in the UK. This service has grown massively over the last year so that a group of volunteers from the local community and our church now welcome well over 100 visitors each week who receive hot food, living supplies, English lessons and support. This is wholly volunteer led - so please consider how you could support this venture. Our heartfelt thanks to those of you who are involved. For more information about ESH and the struggles of those they help, follow then on X (twitter) and <https://ealing.news/news/opinion/helping-refugees-and-asylum-seekers-in-acton-and-ealing/>

The Pain Exchange

The Pain Exchange is a Christian charity started by Sharon Morgans over 10 years ago and is based at St Dunstan's. It provides holistic support for people with persistent pain through exercise, art, nutrition and sleep advice and one-to-one sessions. It has now helped over 400 local people.

Night Shelter

During the winter of 25/26, we welcomed a number of homeless people as part of a shared programme run by Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter. At St Dunstan's, our team provided a hot meal, somewhere to sleep, breakfast and, above all, companionship and friendship. Many thanks to Jacqui and her team of helpers for all their hard work - from washing dishes, preparing delicious food, braving the overnight shift and washing bed linen and towels. Good news this year as a significant number of the guests moved into accommodation after the winter.

Stewardship Report 2025

1 Chronicles 29:14 – But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You.

Thank you, Church family for investing your time, talents and faithful regular giving to St Dunstan's. Your generosity has a huge impact in changing lives, as it enables the Church to fulfil its mission to reach out to the local communities with the love of God as we seek, serve and share our Lord together.

In 2025, total giving income (including gift aid) amounted to £102,738 (a 22% increase on 2024 figure of £84,388). Donations exceeded the budget income by 15%. Praise God that the stewardship campaign in the autumn of 2024 had such a positive impact on St Dunstan's funds in 2025.

56 regular givers were responsible for 67% of the year's total giving income - £68,834. 55% of donations were given via the **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)**. It means that gift aid is automatically recovered each month, improving cash flow for the Church. If you are a regular giver and a taxpayer, please be encouraged to give via PGS, as we don't have to wait for the end of the tax year to reclaim the gift aid.

It is worth noting that in the UK, the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) allows the church to claim a 25% top up from HMRC on 'anonymous' small cash and contactless donations of £30 or less. This is another easy win for uplifting the amounts given.

Table below summarizes the types of giving.

Types of Giving	Amount – P/Y 2024	Amount - Year 2025	% of Total Giving	Number of Givers	Budget
Parish Giving Scheme	£52,054	£56,967	55%	43	
Other regular giving	£7,926	£11,867	12%	13	
Subtotal – regular giving	£59,980	£68,834	67%	56	£63,799
One-off donations	£5,739	£14,845	14%		£5,978
Plate collection	£2,328	£2,554	2%		£1,824
Total Giving (before gift aid)	£68,047	£86,233	84%		£71,601
Gift aid from PGS	£12,865	£14,244	14%		£17,362
Gift aid from other eligible donations (claimed annually) *	£3,476	£2,261	2%		
Total Giving	£84,388	£102,738	100%		£88,963

* Other eligible donations for Gift Aid are claimed annually in April, at the end of the tax year.

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/accounts-examination-trustee-information>

Nyuk Lau



Alpha

We ran three Alpha Courses in 2025, one in Farsi. If you are interested in either being confirmed or taking part in an Alpha Course that explores the basics of the Christian faith, please speak to Alison or our wardens Charlotte and Carl.

Prison Services

Richard O'Connor has been faithfully leading regular Sunday services at Wormwood Scrubs Prison with several of our congregation and of course, his trusty guitar. Richard's talents as a musician and communicator have been used to share Christ's love to people in prison. Thank you Richard and team!

Schools Works

We are thankful to our Schools Ministry Team which has supported outreach to John Perryn and Ark Byron over Christmas and Easter. The team have also made contact with East Acton Primary.

Supporting charities

We support 5 charities:

- ALMA in Mozambique. ALMA is the Diocese of London's link with the Anglican Church in Angola and Mozambique.
- The Pain Exchange - a charity run by our own Sharon Morgans, a physiotherapist, upstairs in Church. PEX seeks to support those living with persistent pain.
- A Rocha - a UK based, international conservation organisation committed to environmental action through community-based conservation projects.
- CMS - we support Heba of the Church Mission Society working in the Middle East in difficult circumstances.
- Hope 4 Kids International in Guatemala – bringing healing and justice to young girls who have been abused.

Little Acorns

The Little Acorns Toddler group continues to be a popular community service. It runs from 9.45 to 11.15 am every Friday during term time. The toddlers enjoy toys, snacks, stories and songs in the Church Hall.

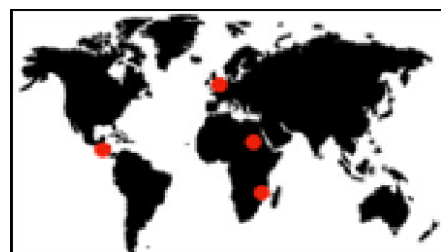
We thank our wonderful helpers for their time, energy and service.

Women's Socials

Jacqueline Perryman and her fabulous team of helpers organised a number of very enjoyable Friday Night social evenings in the Goldsmith's Room where we were able to chat and mingle and get to know each other better.

Acton Churches Together

This is an informal network of Christian Churches in Acton. Each year we sing carols and present a united witness on the Market Place before Christmas, and on Good Friday we hold a joint service in front of Morrison's. Acton's churches also work together to provide services to local people including the Night Shelter and Ealing Food Bank.



Report on Church mission and ministry during weekdays

The church, hall and other rooms are used regularly throughout the weekday for mission and ministry as well as being rented out for hires to help with finances.

The Pain Exchange, led by Sharon Morgans, is a key presence on Monday mornings with a diverse group of people finding support within the walls of St Dunstan's. We also gather as a staff team to pray together and prepare for the week ahead. On Wednesdays we hold Communion in the morning followed by refreshments and in the afternoon the church is set up for ESH in preparation for the drop in on Thursdays when over 100 people come in weekly (guests and volunteers). Little Acorns Toddler group starts off Fridays followed by the Friday Bible and lunch group. They have supported the charity Home Start (supporting families with under 5s) which comes afterwards with lunch for their guests. Friday afternoons conclude with Kidzone.

In addition, the church has been the place of hosting for several other mission and ministry events including the Winter Night Shelter, Women's Nights and Easter and Christmas Crafts and Christmas Fair.

We are grateful to Jacqui for all her efforts in hiring out and welcoming those from our community to use the buildings including for Zumba, dog clubs, karate and ballet classes and birthday and other celebrations.

Rev. Manori Wellington

FORMALITIES



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Friars Place Lane, London W3 7AW

Diocese of London, Willesden Area, Ealing Deanery

Parish 2218

Charity no: 1177614

Incumbent: Vacant
Administrator: Jacqui Roberts
Safeguarding Officer: John Everington

Parochial Church Council

The PCC comprises the Clergy, Churchwardens, Representatives of the Deanery Synod and up to 12 elected plus up to 2 co-opted members of the congregation. The job of the PCC is to co-operate with the Vicar in promoting the mission of the Church in the Parish. Those who have served on the PCC since January 2025 are:

Ex-officio: Jon Westall (Vicar and Chair, to August 2025), Manori Wellington (Curate), Sue Bolton (Deanery Synod representative), Camilla Slade Viles (Deanery Synod representative), James Riddiough (Church Warden, to May 2025), Carlyon Viles (Church Warden) and Charlotte Aldridge (Church Warden, from May 2025)

Elected: Aimee Arias (from May 2025), Peter Blagg, Roger Bowerman, Paul Bretherton (to May 2025), AJ Brown (from May 2025), Annabel Clarke (from May 2025), Deborah Everington, Helena Maitland (PCC Secretary, to May 2025), Lesley Moszoro, Eva Nabeta (to May 2025), Jacqueline Perryman, Grace Quansah (from May 2025), Alison Wood (Treasurer) and Neil Yates.

Co-opted: For the time of the Interregnum, the following were co-opted onto the PCC: James Riddiough (to act as Chair) and Eva Nabeta and John Everington (Parish Representatives).

The PCC met 6 times in 2025.

The Standing and Finance committee met 7 times in 2025. Before the interregnum those in attendance were the Vicar and the PCC chair, Jon Westall, Church Wardens Carlyon Viles and James Riddiough then Charlotte Aldridge (from May), Secretary Helena Maitland (to May), and Treasurer Alison Wood. For the duration of the Interregnum this comprised James Riddiough (Chair), Manori Wellington (Curate) and Church Wardens, Charlotte Aldridge and Carlyon Viles. This committee carries out PCC business, as directed by the PCC, in between its meetings.

The Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll stands at 153 persons. (Mark Moszoro)

Fabric Report

The church is scripturally speaking, the people who gather to worship God, but this activity can only be effective if a dedicated building is maintained for this purpose, which is also called the church.

Following the quinquennial inspection two years ago, we have had a roof and wall survey. This was done in two stages, one last year and one in early 2026. The work included minor repairs, such as replacing dislodged roofing tiles and stopping leaks. 90% of the funding has come from the diocese. A detailed report has been submitted with costings for maintenance that will go to satisfying the requirements of the original recommendations.

The completion of the boiler installation and commissioning was fully signed off when it had been working for a month last autumn. Zoned thermostat controls have been installed which means that the temperatures of individual rooms can be controlled, thereby saving energy when some rooms are not being used. This was also funded by Ealing Council's Community Climate Grant.

Thanks to a grant obtained by Atlanta from the Ealing Deanery Mission Fund, a television screen has been installed for both youth social events and other groups in the upper chapel room. Also installed was a pan-tilt-zoom camera beneath the balcony to avoid using the precariously balanced tripod. Thanks to Alison for this, which has made for improved and flexible live-streaming.

The kitchen and toilets have been repainted.

We are very grateful to Jacqui, our administrator, for arranging regular maintenance and scheduling inspections for things such as fire-extinguishers, gutter maintenance and the lightning conductor.

Many thanks are owed to our gardener Lesley for her expertise, Michael for mowing the lawn and Matthew for his tree surgery. A garden shed was erected on the north side to house lawnmowers and other tools. It was installed by volunteers from Flagtel, Chiswick, supervised by Geoffrey, who also advised which particular shed to be bought.

Continuing Paul's creative work on the church sanctuary, new chairs and altar rails have been supplied. Half a dozen chairs have arms for those who need extra support in getting up.

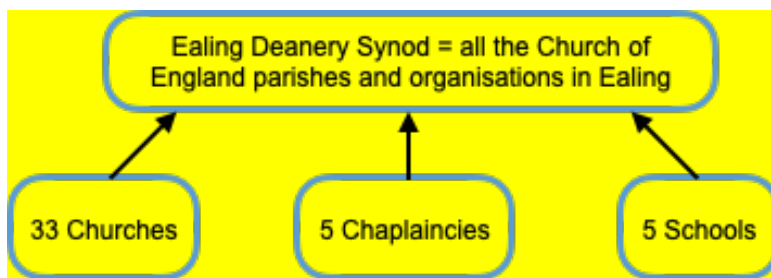
Our 45-year-old cooker has reached the end of its safe and useful life and so we have been looking at replacements with both gas hobs and electric ovens. This has been a popular choice from all kitchen users. Also, a useful shelf has been put up in the kitchen. This will mean we can continue to offer hospitality widely.

I would like to thank Charlotte, James, Alison, Manori and Jacqui on the staff for their conscientious and patient work on the upkeep of the whole church as well as all those who lend a hand for particular tasks to be done.

Carlyon Viles

Deanery Synod Report

What is the Ealing Deanery Synod?



Ealing Deanery Synod brings together representatives from all the churches in the deanery up to four times a year. The word 'synod' means 'walking together', and all our meetings are open to any church member.

Synod meetings include talks by inspiring speakers, case studies of good practice from the deanery, and formal processes such as voting on issues related to the wider Church of England. The synod also distributes the Mission Fund in the summer each year and is responsible for electing school governors to a number of schools in the Deanery area.

The first meeting for 2025 was held at St Emmanuel Church, Southall with 28 members and 4 guests. We started with general business which included Diocesan Synod representative elections - Neil Yates stood and was elected, school governors, raising awareness of Mission Fund deadline of April 30th, and a presentation from the Mothers Union which is the "best kept secret in the Church of England". It started in 1876 and will be celebrating 250 years in 2026.

The main presentation of the evening was from Angela Colman, Willesden Area Safeguarding Adviser, focusing on Safeguarding Standards. This can be found on the Ealing Deanery Webpage. Parishes were encouraged to put together an Action Plan which included points covered in the presentation.

https://ealingdeanery.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/250130_ealingsynod30jan25_minutes.pdf

In July we met at St Gabriel's, North Acton with 31 members and 12 guests. There was a Presentation of Accounts – AGM, Appointment of Independent Examiner for y.e. 28 Feb 2026 – AGM. Explanation of the Deanery Synod Treasurer to find a replacement for Margaret Cobley who will be stepping down; School Governors and Diocesan Synod representatives as well as Laity By elections – 2 are remaining.

Mission Bids for 2025 – there were 5 presentations from 13 applications and Atlanta was representing 4TL for Youth Group Resources. The Synod approved the applications, and each received £1,850.00.

In November we met at Oak Tree, Acton with 26 members and 1 guest. There was the normal business of elections for Diocesan Synod member and School Governors. The primary focus of the meeting was Project Adder – Addiction Diversion Disruption Enforcement Recovery given by PC Salma Sarwar. The Government document, From Harm to Hope is a 10-year plan to cut crime and save lives by reducing the supply and demand for drugs and delivering a high- quality treatment and recovery system and involves the Met Police working with other agencies to steer people away from a life of substance misuse. The presentation outlined 10 commitments under Project Adder to minimise the impact of drugs on London's communities and therefore the crime which takes place to fund alcohol or drug habits. For further information and contacts, please see the link: The Government document "From Harm to Hope"

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/from-harm-to-hope-a-10-year-drugs-plan-to-cut-crime-and-save-lives>

Sue Bolton & Camilla Slade Viles

Sidespeople

Our grateful thanks to those who served as sidespeople / welcomers during 2025 including Michael Arthur, Peter Blagg, Catharine Browne, Sue Bolton, Roger Bowerman, Alex Cornell, John Everington, Nyuk Lau, David Morgans, Sharon Morgans, Lesley Moszoro, Mark Moszoro, Eva Nabeta, Derek Pasquill, James Riddiough, Jacqui Roberts, Adam Shaw, Carlyon Viles, Neil Yates and Joshua Yates.

Safeguarding

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is John Everington. We encourage anyone with any questions and concerns (no matter how small or trivial) to approach John, Manori or our Children's Advocate, Esther Brown, with all matters handled in confidence.

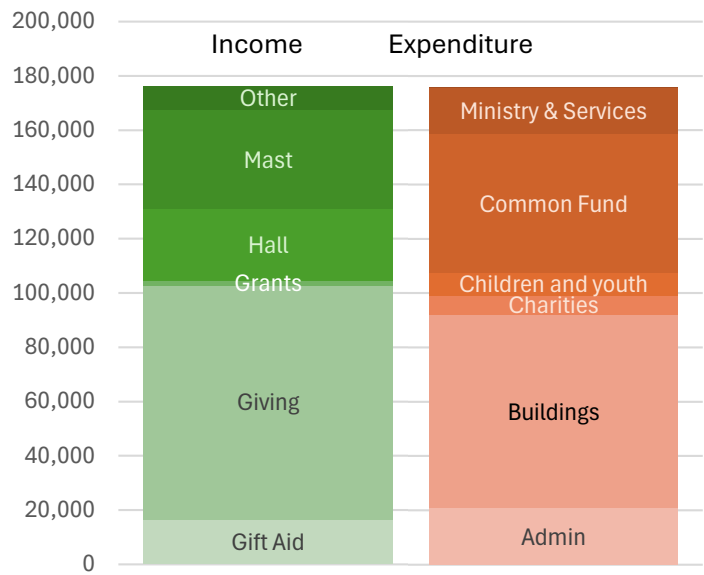
We continue to review practice in line with Diocesan guidance, with the PCC approving policies and practices related to lone working and appropriate boundaries. We are at Level 2 on the Church of England's Safeguarding Parish Dashboard and are working towards moving to Level 3, by ensuring that training, DBS requirements and risk assessments are up to date.

As PSO, John provides regular safeguarding updates at PCC meetings. Our broader safeguarding team meets on a quarterly basis and is in constant communication about safeguarding matters.

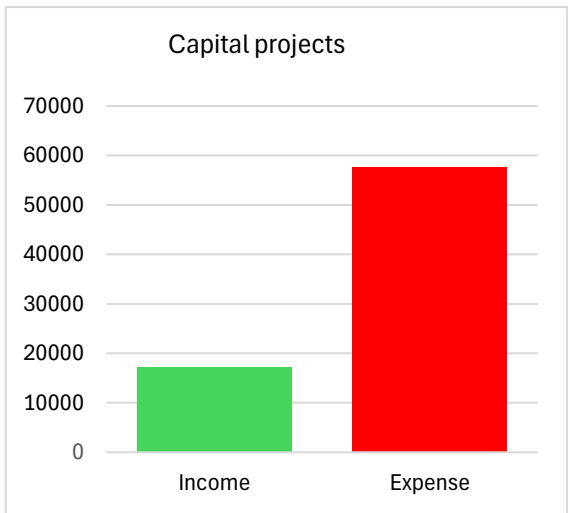
Safeguarding is the responsibility of every member of St Dunstan's. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing efforts and vigilance in this crucial area of our life together as a church family.

Finances – Overview

In 2025, our regular income and expenditure were approximately balanced, at about £176,000.



We were finishing off major projects (new boilers, renewing the interior and chairs), so we were still spending some of our legacy reserves on these. We also had 2 new projects funded by grants: heating controls for different parts of the building, and a detailed survey of the roof and exterior. Future capital projects need to be covered in this way by fundraising and grants.



Glossary

Fabric	the physical church building and contents.
Incumbent	the priest responsible for the Parish (Vicar).
Interregnum	the vacancy period between the departure of incumbent priest (vicar/rector) and the induction of another
Parish	the area in which the Church of England has given St Dunstan's responsibility.
PCC	the Parochial Church Council - people elected by the congregation to help the Vicar run the church.
Sidespeople	those who greet people on a Sunday morning, give out leaflets, guide people up to communion, and help services run smoothly.

Accounts 2025

The accounts now follow. They were independently examined by Hannah Clack of Stewardship.

St Dunstan with St Thomas East Acton

Registered Charity 1177614

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending December 31st 2025

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Donations	88,814	7,128	95,941	68,147
Gift Aid	16,505	25	16,530	16,440
Grants	1,000	13,017	14,017	0
Event Income	5,628	0	5,628	2,875
Bank Interest	7,417	0	7,417	11,880
Rental Income	57,523	0	57,523	83,056
Other Income	3,853	0	3,853	68
Legacies	0	0	0	21,112
Total receipts	180,740	20,170	200,910	203,579
Admin	3,092	0	3,092	5,819
Common Fund	51,000	0	51,000	48,510
Gifts Given	9,580	0	9,580	10,482
Major fabric investment	35,137	13,654	48,790	65,973
Ministry and event costs	28,439	2,000	30,439	16,038
Premises	82,766	2,011	84,777	111,285
Staff Costs	10,198	0	10,198	9,361
Governance Costs	1,115	0	1,115	1,053
Other Expenditure	0	1,500	1,500	0
Total payments	221,326	19,165	240,491	268,522
Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)	-40,586	1,005	-39,581	-64,944
Fund Transfers In	16,012	0	16,012	25,761
Fund Transfers Out	16,012	0	16,012	25,761
Net Movement of Cash Funds	-40,586	1,005	-39,581	-64,944
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward	193,038	255	193,293	258,236
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward	152,451	1,260	153,712	193,293

Represented by	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
General (Unrestricted)	15,691	0	15,691	36,160
Children & Youth worker (Designated)	37,942	0	37,942	37,942
Fabric (Designated)	0	0	0	26,117
Mission (Designated)	47,819	0	47,819	47,819
Refugee Housing Deposit (Designated)	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Reserve (General) (Designated)	45,000	0	45,000	39,000
Vicar's Discretionary Fund (Designated)	5,000	0	5,000	5,000
Bell Fund (Restricted)	0	130	130	130
Mission Fund (Guatemala) (Restricted)	0	0	0	0
Night Shelter (Restricted)	0	0	0	100
Sequestration (Restricted)	0	-43	-43	0
Ealing Climate Grant (Restricted)	0	0	0	0
Chairs (Restricted)	0	0	0	0
Omid (Restricted)	0	430	430	0
Roof Survey (Restricted)	0	-197	-197	0
EDF Youth (Restricted)	0	0	0	0
LCRF Refugee Support (Restricted)	0	800	800	0
Flowers (Restricted)	0	140	140	0
Heating Appeal 140th (Restricted)	0	0	0	0
Pew Bible & Lectionary Fund (Restricted)	0	0	0	25
Farewell gift (Designated)	0	0	0	0
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward	152,451	1,260	153,712	193,293

2. Statement of assets and liabilities

	Total	Prior year
CAF current account	3,517	16,149
CCLA (CBF) deposit account	148,791	176,404
GiveALittle Contactless payments	287	740
Zettle Paypal payments	21	0
Parish Giving Scheme	1,097	0
TOTAL	153,712	193,293
Accounts receivable	Total	Prior year
Grant from Deanery	0	1,000
Gift Aid April-December	3,397	1,809
CCLA interest Q4 2025	1,579	0
Mast electricity use Q4 2025	7,889	0
Hall rentals	438	0
TOTAL	13,303	2,809

Accounts payable	Total	Prior year
Unpaid expenses	0	1,200
NI and tax due Q3 2024	28	408
Independent Examination fee	960	935
Fuel used Q4 2025	5,817	0
Curate housing grant	1,000	1,000
TOTAL	7,805	3,543
Net total assets	159,209	192,559

Assets recognised but not valued:

- Fixed assets retained for Church use include the land purchased at cost in February 2011.
- Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust on behalf of the PCC.

3. Capital projects

Two large refurbishment projects began in 2024 and were completed in 2025. These were enabled to a large extent by the generous legacy of Valerie Forge in 2022.

Project	2024	2025	Total
Heating (new boilers)	13,653	27,810.60	41,464
Reordering of chancel, including refurbishing chairs	52,320	17,491.97	69,812
TOTAL	65,973	45,303	111,276

Other projects in 2025, funded by grants, were:

Project	cost	grant
Installation of thermostatic controls in different areas of the building, funded by Ealing Council's Climate Grant	8,700	8,596
A survey of the roof and exterior brickwork and masonry, as recommended in our quinquennial report, funded by a diocesan MRI grant (to be completed in 2026)	1,968	1,771
Equipment for expanding youth work, funded by the Ealing Deanery Mission Fund	1,850	1,850

4. Reserves Policy

We aim to keep 3 months projected operating costs available in reserve. In 2025, this was £39,000
This policy has been complied with throughout the year.

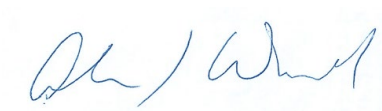
5. Notes to the Financial Statements

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

- The parish has been without an incumbent since August 2025
- The mobile mast operators reimburse us for the large amount of electricity that the equipment uses. This amounted to £21,836 during 2025.
- No remuneration was paid to any member of the PCC for their role on the PCC. All payments made to reimburse members of the PCC for expenses properly incurred have been documented

The accounts were approved by the PCC on 12th March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The signature on the left is 'James Riddiough' and the signature on the right is 'Alison Wood'.

James Riddiough, PCC Lay Chair

Alison Wood, Treasurer

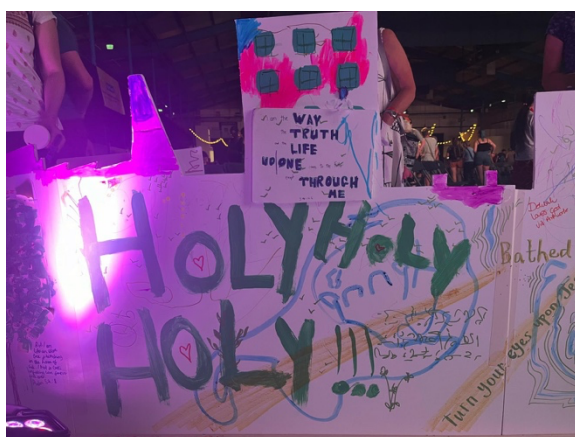
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ST DUNSTAN'S EAST ACTON

SEEK, SERVE AND SHARE OUR LORD TOGETHER

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council.

Year ending 31st December 2024



St Dunstan with St Thomas, East Acton
Friars Place Lane
London W3 7AW



SEEK SERVE SHARE

Vicar's Report 2024

January saw our twelfth year of hosting the *Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter*. Once again, Jacqui did a fantastic job of organising the team and caring for our guests. As always, God blessed us through our guests more than we blessed them.

We also hosted the work of *EASE* for another year, welcoming around 750 asylum seekers and refugees through St Dunstan's doors. Through the welcome they have received, several of our guests have wanted to know more about the Christian faith and have become very much part of the church family at St Dunstan's.

For the first time since pre-covid, Churches in Acton came together for a Good Friday 'walk of witness' along Acton High Street followed by an outdoor service in Acton Market Place, outside St Mary's. Then just over a month later about 50 of us set out on another walk, a pilgrimage to St Paul's Cathedral to mark St Dunstan's Day, perfectly timing it for Evensong.

St Thomas Patronal Festival (Sunday 7th July) was a day to remember. Manori, fresh from her ordination as a priest, baptised five adults who had attended an Alpha course, and four children. Manori then quickly dried herself, put on her robes and presided at Holy Communion for the first time. Afterwards the BBQ team laid on a great feast for us – a day filled with faith and joy.

Over the summer, services moved to the church hall to enable the reordering of the church. Paul Bretherton freely gifted us hours and hours of his creative energy in designing, presenting and overseeing the work as well as patiently answering all the PCC's questions. Before work begun, the architect appointed by London Diocese for St Dunstan's congratulated Paul on an 'exemplary' design and the *Diocesan Advisory Committee* unanimously approved the plans. In September the work finished and what an amazing transformation! Paul, you might remember, also masterminded the lighting schemes in the church and hall. So, thank you Paul for the blessing and legacy you have enabled us to give to those who will follow us at St Dunstan's.

Another significant change to St Dunstan's was not so apparent and took most of the year, the installation of new, more efficient boilers. Thank you to Adam Shaw and Neil Yates for overseeing this work. Several unexpected difficulties arose, causing heating to be patchy over the winter. However, these have now been overcome with a warmer 2025 in view.

The reordering of the church and work on the boilers were mostly financed through the legacies of past members of St Dunstan's. Part of the reason for the October stewardship, in which we were asked to

prayerfully consider our own financial giving, was to honour the legacies given to us, enable the present work of the church to continue and bless those to whom we will pass the baton.

St Dunstan's also had its five-yearly church maintenance inspection. Alongside this, the PCC commissioned an 'Energy Efficiency' report with the aim of developing a long-term maintenance plan that should help decrease our carbon footprint. On behalf of St Dunstan's, I'd like to thank our Standing and Finance Team and PCC for their work in making the changes to the church possible and for considering the legacy that we pass on to future generations.

In September, Atlanta became our first Youth Apprentice. In a short time, Atlanta has made a real difference to our youth work, enabling 4TL to meet most Sunday mornings as well as developing evening socials. Thank you to Manori, AJ, Suzi, Sam and Carl for joining the youth team and supporting our growing youth work.

Can I also take a moment to express my gratitude to Rosanna and Esther for continuing to coordinate our 9am and 1045 Sunday Club, and to all the Sunday Club leaders and helpers. Our children's work is genuinely remarkable for its size and quality. My clergy colleagues cannot believe the numbers of children who come to St Dunstan's. I'd also like to thank John Everington, Jacqui Roberts and all members of the *Safeguarding Team* as we work to provide a safe environment for all who attend St Dunstan's.

St Dunstan's was also able to increase its involvement in Wormwood Scrubs Prison. Under the guidance of Richard O Connor, a small team has started to lead Sunday morning services in the prison. Please speak to Richard or Manori if you would like to join the team one Sunday. With that in mind, I'd like to thank the musicians and choir who not only faithfully lead sung worship every Sunday but have helped with the services in the prison as well.

Indeed, there are so many people and activities (Kidzone, Toddlers, Homegroups to name a few) I'd like to reference and thank but space will not allow. I hope you will enjoy this report and maybe discover something new about St Dunstan's. Please continue to pray for God's guidance in all that we do so that like the church in Thessalonica in the Bible, God's love will ring out to our parish and beyond.

Rev Jon Westall



RE-ORDERING WORKS UNDERWAY



NEW WINE



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CHURCH ACTIVITIES 2024



Worship Services

Our main services on Sunday are:

9 am – traditional communion service with choir and Sunday Club.

10.45 am – with worship group, Sunday Club and monthly communion. Farsi translation provided.

Festivals and summer holidays – All age service at 10 am.

On Wednesdays, we hold a short said communion service at 10 am.

Sunday Club

We are so blessed to have so many children with us and we are wonderfully served with many leaders and helpers. Thank you all.

We have 2 age groups at the 10.45 am service and there is one group at the 9 am service.

We run a regular Messy Church. We are always looking for more volunteers. Please speak to Esther or Rosanna or any of the Sunday Club team if you want to be involved.

New Wine

A number of St Dunstan's families spent a week in the summer camping in Shepton Mallet for a wonderful celebration of God's work in our lives. Please speak to the Riddioughs or the Perrymans for more information about joining us at New Wine, 30 July – 4 Aug 2025.



Home Groups

These provide a great opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and each other as we meet on a weekly basis for Bible study, prayer and fellowship at the home of the Riddioughs on Monday evenings and the Morgans on Thursday evenings. 2024 saw us dive into meaty subjects in the books of Romans and Revelation. Manori also held a lunch time Listening Group.

If you'd like to learn more about home groups, speak to Jon, Manori or anyone in the PCC.

Courses & retreats

For parents of secondary school age, Manori ran a 6 week Parenting course with material from Care for the Family. In October, we ran a day's 'Travelling Light' retreat at church for a chance to rest and be restored in God's presence after the busy weeks of early Autumn.

Prayer

After the Sunday services a dedicated team are available to talk and pray with anyone who might value it.

As part of our communal prayers, you can join us on ZOOM at 8.30 am, Mondays-Thursdays when we loosely follow the Order for Morning Prayer. More detail can be found in the weekly email newsletter.

Kidzone

This is a short, after-school church service on **Mondays** for primary school children and their parents. It's a great way to involve the children in church particularly if you can't come on Sundays.

Youth work

For secondary school ages, Atlanta runs 4TL (for the Lord) during the 10.45 service and she and the team hold regular evening meet-ups.

Atlanta's Story

Helena interviewed our Youth Apprentice, Atlanta Henry, to hear about her life story.

- 1. Tell us a little about yourself and your family - where were you born and where did you grow up?** I was born in Ealing and grew up in Hanwell. I lived in Hanwell until 2019 which is when I moved to East Acton with my son, TeJay who is now 10 years old. I grew up with my Mum, Dad and 3 older brothers.



2. As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? As a child/teenager I always went back and forth wanting to either work with children or have a career in hair and beauty. When I finished high school I decided to study and work in childcare whilst being a nanny to some amazing children. In 2022 I decided I wanted a change away from children so went back and studied Beauty Therapy, however once I qualified, I quickly found myself back working with children! (clearly God was calling me to be with the children haha).

3. So how did you become a Christian? MY AMAZING

SON TEJAY! I've always believed there is a God, for as long as I can remember I've always had some great chats with God or found myself seeking comfort in him. I never went to church or grew up in a Christian family but God has always been there like a best friend who never leaves. But it was my son who started to really become very curious about Christianity and asked if we could go to church... he was only about 5 at this time. This is how we found St Dunstan's, our church family, our faith and our love for Jesus. I did an Alpha course and decided that it was time to be baptised so we were baptised together, which was the most amazing experience.

- 4. What do you do at St Dunstan's?** Currently, I am the youth apprentice, which I am so grateful for as it's such a rewarding and fun job. This means I get to teach the young people but I also learn so much through them also. I get to plan all the fun things we do and build such a lovely youth team. I have also helped lead Kidzone which is with the primary aged children after school on a Monday. whilst doing a course in youth work and theology with Ridley University.
- 5. What can we do to help you?** I cannot tell you how many times I have been asked this since starting in September and it fills me with so much gratitude and love. Honestly I can't think of anything but I know I am so well supported by everyone at St Dunstan, the London

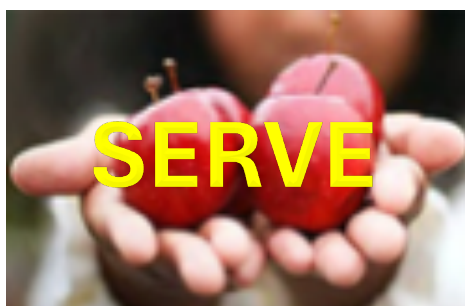


Diocese and Ridley. I honestly feel so at home at St Dunstons and so grateful to have everyone supporting me.

6. **It's Friday night after a terribly busy week, how do you spend it?** At Friday Night 5's watching TeJay play football with his sister, giving him his weekly talk on how to be a team player and not sulk and reminding him that if it's another week of sulking he won't get his weekly treat pack of football cards! Then taking them to get a takeaway before dropping his sister home. My life is kids haha, whether it be the children I work for or my own and I'm ok with that. I have an amazing son who I am so proud of and a step daughter who is absolutely incredible so between them and work I'm kept busy and never bored!
7. **Three apps on your phone you can't live without?** 1.Instagram 2.Chat GPT 3.Whatsapp. However during July the only app that matters and is worth having is obviously the NEW WINE app!!!!

THANK YOU ATLANTA!





Stewardship

Thanks to Nyuk Lau for being our Stewardship Secretary. As her report emphasises, we thank everyone not only for giving monetarily but also providing time, talents, possessions and prayers. Opportunities to get involved include:

- Cooking meals for anyone in need – from new parents to the recently bereaved, to helping with the Ease drop-in and the Night Shelter.
- Giving lifts to those who can't make it to church independently.
- Assisting Sunday Club leaders and helping with the children and young people.
- Operating the audio visual system on Sundays.
- The pastoral team's work – prayer and practical help for anyone in need.
- Helping with mid-week church activities.
- Involvement with our **Green Team** - to make our church community more sustainable and looking at the challenges of meeting Net Zero.
- Joining Sunday service rotas for the music team, prayer, sidespeople, readings or tea/coffee making.
- Joining the PCC and becoming involved in prayer and decision making for St Dunstan's.

Building hire

We hire out our wonderful building to a number of organisations including the Hammersmith Dog and Puppy Club and for one-off events and parties. We thank **Jacqui** for all her work overseeing the hires and using the wonderful building we have been blessed with.



Drop-in

Every Thursday, during term time, we host EASE, a drop-in for people who are refugees or seeking asylum. The aim is to help them on their way with life in the UK. This service has grown massively over the last year so that a group of volunteers from the local community and our church now welcome well over 100 visitors who receive hot food, living supplies, English lessons and support.

This is wholly volunteer led - so please consider how you could support this venture. And our heartfelt thanks to those of you who are involved. For more information about EASE and the struggles of those they help, follow then on X (twitter) and <https://ealing.news/news/opinion/helping-refugees-and-asylum-seekers-in-acton-and-ealing/>



Night Shelter

During the winter of 24/25, we welcomed a number of homeless people as part of a shared programme run by Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter. At St Dunstan's, our team provided a hot meal, somewhere to sleep, breakfast and, above all, companionship and friendship. Many thanks to Jacqui and her team of helpers for all their hard work - from washing dishes, preparing delicious food, braving the overnight shift and washing bed linen and towells. Good news this year as a significant number of the guests moved into accommodation after the winter.

Stewardship Report 2024

Thank you, church family - for your time, talents and faithful regular giving to St Dunstan's. You've resourced and enabled the Church to be able to fulfil its mission in reaching out to the community with the good news of Jesus.

In 2024, total giving income (including gift aid) amounted to £84,388 (a 7% reduction from 2023 figure of £90,691). We trust that the positive impact of the stewardship campaign in the autumn of 2024 should filter through in 2025. Looking ahead, it is recommended that PCC members, measure actuals against budget from time to time, that appropriate actions may be taken to meet the target budget set for the year.

58 regular givers were responsible for 71% of the year's total giving income - £59,980. 62% of donations were given via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). It meant that gift aid was automatically recovered every month, improving cash flow for the Church. If you are a regular giver and a taxpayer, please be encouraged to give via PGS, as we won't have to wait for the end of the tax year to claim the gift aid.

It is worth noting that in the UK, the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) allows the church to claim a 25% top up from HMRC on 'anonymous' small cash and contactless donations of £30 or less. This is another easy win for uplifting the amounts given.

The table below summarises the types of giving.

Types of Giving	Amount – P/Y 2023	Amount - Year 2024	% of Total Giving	Number of Givers	Budget
Parish Giving Scheme	£49,654	£52,054	62%	38	
Other regular giving	£17,092	£7,926	9%	20	
Subtotal – regular giving	£66,746	£59,980	71%	58	£64,500
One-off donations	£5,723	£5,739	7%		£4,000
Plate collection	£1,180	£2,328	3%		£1,800
Total Giving (before gift aid)	£73,649	£68,047	81%		£70,300
Gift aid from PGS	£12,348	£12,865	15%		£17,000
Gift aid from other eligible donations (claimed annually) *	£4,694	£3,476	4%		
Total Giving	£90,691	£84,388	100%		£87,300

* Other eligible donations for Gift Aid are claimed annually in April, at the end of the tax year.

Nyuk Lau



Alpha

At the beginning of the year, we ran the Alpha Course. If you are interested in either being confirmed or taking part in an Alpha Course that explores the basics of the Christian faith, please speak to our Vicar, Jon.

Prison Services

Richard O'Connor has been faithfully leading regular Sunday services at Wormwood Scrubs Prison with a number of our congregation and of course, his trusty guitar. Richard's talents as a musician and communicator have been used to share Christ's love to people in prison. Thank you Richard and team!

Schools Works

Our previous children's worker Sam helped build relationships with the local schools and we are still involved, particularly with East Acton Primary School with whom we ran a Christmas schools visit. We also made connections again with John Perryn School.

Supporting charities

We support 5 charities:

- ALMA in Mozambique. ALMA is the Diocese of London's companion link with the Anglican Church in Angola and Mozambique.
- The Pain Exchange - a charity run by our own Sharon Morgans, a physiotherapist, upstairs in Church. PEX seeks to support those living with persistent pain.
- A Rocha - a UK based, international conservation organisation committed to environmental action through community-based conservation projects.
- CMS - we support Heba of the Church Mission Society working in the Middle East in difficult circumstances.
- Hope 4 Kids International in Guatemala - committed to serving at-risk children living in impoverished environments.

Little Acorns

The Little Acorns Toddler group continues to be a popular community service and numbers are increasing after the pandemic. It runs from 9.45 to 11.15 am every Friday during term time. The toddlers enjoy toys, snacks, stories and songs in the Church Hall.

We thank our wonderful helpers for their time, energy and service.

Women's Socials

Jacqueline Perryman and her fabulous team of helpers organised a number of very enjoyable Friday Night social evenings in the Goldsmith's Room where we were able to chat and mingle and get to know each other more.

Acton Churches Together

This is an informal network of Christian Churches in Acton. Each year we sing carols and present a united witness on the Market Place before Christmas, and on Good Friday we walk together all along the High Street before holding a joint service. The network also works together to provide services to local people including the Night Shelter, Ealing Food Bank and Ealing Street Pastors.



Report on Church mission and ministry during weekdays

We gather together on Sundays in church but the church, hall and other rooms are used regularly throughout the weekday for mission and ministry as well as being rented out for hires to help with finances.

Weekly events during term time have included Kidzone on Monday afternoons which has continued to grow. The charity, the Pain Exchange, led by Sharon Morgans, one of our PCC members, is a key presence on Monday mornings with a diverse group of people finding support within the walls of St Dunstan's. A Persian language Alpha group met on Tuesday mornings during the first half of 2024 with many who did the course going on to be baptised at the St Thomas' Feast day service on 7th July. The group continued to meet on Tuesdays in church for bible study until going online in the Autumn. On Wednesdays we have morning Communion and refreshments followed by setting up for EASE the next day. On Thursdays the church hosts the EASE charity supporting some of the most vulnerable in our community. Little Acorns Toddler group has continued to be well attended on Fridays with a number of new toddler and carers coming. The Friday bible and lunch group has continued to meet and they have supported the charity Home Start (supporting families with under 5s) which comes afterwards with lunch for their guests.

In addition, the church has been the place of hosting for a number of other mission and ministry events including the Winter Night Shelter, the Women's Nights, Easter and Christmas Crafts, Monday Community lunches, a retreat day and Parentalk Course.

We are also grateful to those who host from their homes to support mission including the Mondays and Thursday evening Home Groups and the Listening Group hosts.

Rev Manori Wellington

FORMALITIES



Seek, serve and share our Lord together

Parish of St Dunstan with St Thomas, East Acton Friars
Place Lane, London W3 7AW
Diocese of London, Willesden area, Ealing Deanery,
parish 2218
Charity no: 1177614
Incumbent: Rev'd Jon Westall
Administrator: Jacqui Roberts
Child Protection Officer: John Everington

Parochial Church Council

The PCC comprises the Clergy, Churchwardens, Representatives of the Deanery Synod and up to 12 elected plus up to 2 co-opted members of the congregation. The job of the PCC is to co-operate with the Vicar in promoting the mission of the Church in the Parish. Those who have served on the PCC since January 2024 are:

ex-officio: Jon Westall (Vicar and Chair), Manori Wellington (Curate), Sue Bolton (Deanery Synod representative), Camilla Slade Viles (Deanery Synod representative), James Riddiough (church warden) and Carlyon Viles (church warden).

elected: Peter Blagg, Roger Bowerman, Paul Bretherton, Deborah Everington, Helena Maitland (PCC secretary), Sharon Morgans (from April 2024) Lesley Moszoro, Eva Nabeta, Jacqueline Perryman, Alison Wood (treasurer) and Neil Yates.

The PCC met 6 times in 2024.

The Standing and Finance committee, which met 7 times in 2024, comprises the Vicar and the PCC chair, Jon Westall, church wardens Carlyon Viles and James Riddiough, secretary Helena Maitland, treasurer Alison Wood and Peter Blagg. This committee carries out PCC business, as directed by the PCC, in between its meetings.

The Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll stands at 134 persons. (Mark Moszoro)

Fabric Report

The job of looking after the fabric of St Dunstan's is sometimes challenging, sometimes hard, but looking back on 2024, I have to say it has been unusually exciting.

The normal maintenance and safety checks on electricity, gas, water, fire extinguishers and ensuring that we are compliant and fully functioning for all users (regular and one-off) of the building are vital to demonstrate that we take care of our premises and welcome visitors. So, we need to change defunct bulbs, mend doors etc. on a regular basis. This is coordinated by Jacqui Roberts, to whom many thanks. A new dishwasher in the kitchen is a boon too!

We received the 2024 Quinquennial Report from our architect in January 2025, which details some areas of repair and maintenance that we should address in the coming year. Some of these are obvious – the damp in the Vicar's Vestry, for example – and some are less obvious like the state of the brickwork on the spire and some loose/ missing tiles on the roof. Jon has started investigating possible grants both to pay for the work and some to scope out the extent of the work that needs to be done. Over the next year, the PCC will need to work on prioritising and costing these works.

The bigger items have included the installation of new boilers and an overhaul of the heating system throughout the building. This work is still being completed, as the overhaul of the heating has thrown up a few issues regarding the settings and water levels. We are most grateful to Adam Shaw and Neil Yates among others for their time and expert advice in managing this extensive project through all its various stages.

There has also been lots of hard work on installing raised beds and a path to the North of the Church, making this area both beautiful and useful. Messy Church appreciates this work greatly!!



Most noticeably, the plan for improving the interior of the church has been carried out. The new carpet looks fantastic, and we are all trying not to tread excess dirt into it or to spill coffee onto it. The redesign has enabled better sightlines for those in the North aisle and the reshaping of the worship area means additional seating capacity is possible. The refurbishment of the chairs (completed in 2025) has given the final lift to the refurbishment plan, making the whole of the church seem warmer and more welcoming. This is the most significant upgrade that St Dunstan's has seen over the last 40 years. Grateful thanks go especially to Paul Bretherton who has brought his design skills and experience to glorify God and bless us. He has been working on this plan for a number of years, and it is a massive joy to see

this come to fruition.

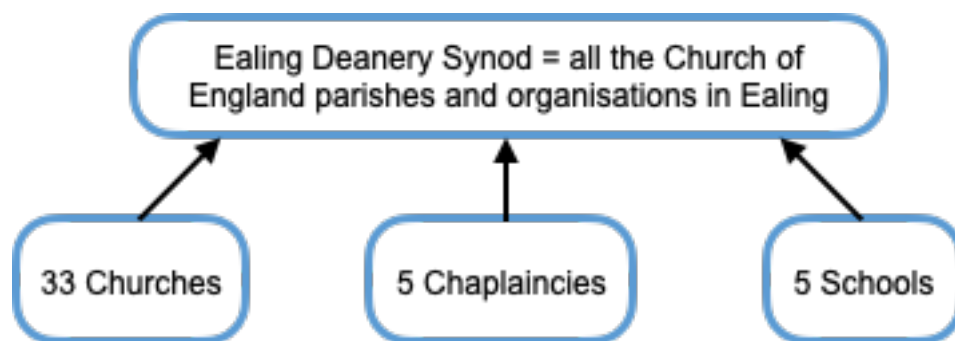
Thanks go to all who have supported Paul in the administration of the works – for keeping us on budget and to time and for helping out with moving fittings, vacuuming the carpet, cleaning up after the builders, carrying waste to the skip etc. This really has been a team effort, but you know who you are and that as Churchwardens, we thank you for participating in the care for our buildings and our life together.

James Riddiough and Carlyon Viles

Deanery Synod Report

The Ealing Deanery Synod brings together representatives from all the 33 churches in the Deanery and the meetings are open to any church member. Our PCC representatives on the Deanery Synod are Sue Bolton and Camilla Slade Viles and they attended the meetings with our Curate and Vicar.

What is the Ealing Deanery Synod?



The Ealing Deanery Synod serves as a link between the parishes within a deanery and the wider Diocesan Synod (in our case the London Diocesan Synod). It elects lay representatives to the Diocesan Synod who can then be elected on to the General Synod which is effectively the Church of England's parliament.

The churches and clergy of the deanery enjoy mutual support and benefit from working together on a number of joint projects, including praying for one another using the deanery prayer diary, a Mission Fund which is distributed by the synod each year to support projects across the deanery and which our church has benefitted from, the Winter Night Shelter and running training courses.

The Deanery Synod met 3 times in 2024, the first meeting in February was held at St Mellitus, Hanwell where the Ministry Experience Scheme was explained. It is a one year scheme designed to allow young adults (18-30s) to see what goes on behind the scenes at a Church of England parish. Jeanny Wang, who many of you will remember is a Godly Play trainer, led those present through a session of Godly Play.

The next meeting in July was held at St Barnabas, Northolt Park. Business matters such as approval of accounts, election of school governors were dealt with followed by the distribution of grants by the Ealing Deanery Mission Fund.

October's meeting took us to St Barnabas, Pitshanger. Bishop Lusa and the Archdeacon were in attendance. In this meeting, Diocesan Synod elections took place and our very own Neil Yates was duly elected.

We are grateful to be able to connect with our church family across the Diocese and to receive encouragement, ideas and inspiration from our church family across Ealing. We would also encourage any of you who have an interest in education to consider standing as a governor for one of the Church schools within the Diocese. Vacancies continually arise and for more information, see

<https://ldbs.co.uk/school-governor-and-academy-trustee-vacancies#gsc.tab=0>

(Sue Bolton, Camilla Slade Viles).

Sidespeople

Our grateful thanks to those who served as Sidespeople during 2024 including Michael Arthur, Peter Blagg, Sue Bolton, Roger Bowerman, Paul Bretherton, Alex Cornell, Nyuk Lau, David Morgans, Sharon Morgans, Lesley Moszoro, Eva Nabeta, Derek Pasquill, James Riddiough, Jacqui Roberts, Nariman Sarafan, Adam Shaw, Paula Shaw, Carlyon Viles, Neil Yates and Joshua Yates.

Safeguarding

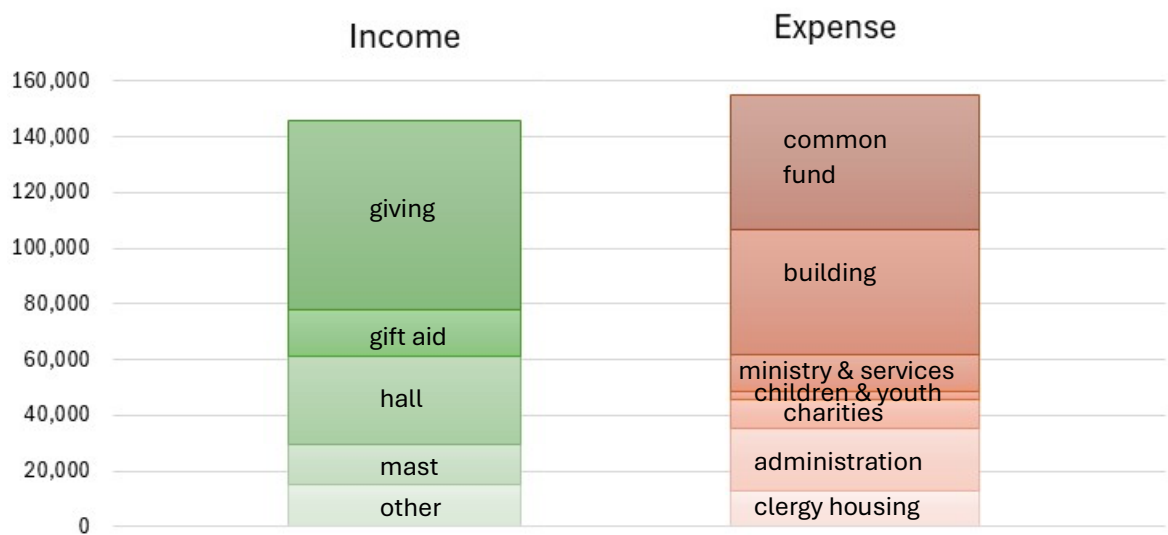
Safeguarding is part of our core faith and an integral feature of our life at St Dunstan's. St Dunstan's church has due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

We continue to review practice in line with Diocesan guidance and in particular 2024 saw each of the PCC members complete their appropriate safeguarding training via the Church of England National Safeguarding Team's online learning portal.

Our Safeguarding Officer during 2024 was John Everington and our Children's Advocate was Esther Brown.

Finances – Overview

In 2024, the regular day-to-day accounts showed a loss of about £9,000. This was less than the expected losses, and not enough to cause any problems. We will, however, need to increase our regular income to sustain our future.



We also spent £77,000 on building projects, including new heating boilers and reordering of the interior.

We were blessed with a legacy of £21,000 from Evelyn Morrison.

For more details, our accounts can be found at the end of this Report.

Glossary

Fabric	the physical church building and contents.
Incumbent	the priest responsible for the Parish (Vicar).
Parish	the area in which the Church of England has given St Dunstan's responsibility.
PCC	the Parochial Church Council - people elected by the congregation to help the Vicar run the church.
Sidespeople	those who greet people on a Sunday morning, give out leaflets, guide people up to communion, and help services run smoothly.

Accounts 2024

The accounts now follow. They were independently examined by Archie McDowall BA CA of Stewardship, 1 Lamb's Passage, London, EC1Y 8AB.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST DUNSTAN WITH ST THOMAS, EAST ACTON

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Dunstan with St Thomas, East Acton ('the charity'), for the year ended 31 December 2023 on pages 16 to 19 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Archie McDowall

Archie McDowall BA CA
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
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Date: 25 April 2025

St Dunstan with St Thomas East Acton
Registered Charity 1177614
End of Year Financial Statements
Year ending December 31st 2024

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Donations	68,047	100	68,147	74,649
Gift Aid	16,440	0	16,440	17,042
Grants	0	0	0	2,000
Event Income	2,875	0	2,875	2,220
Bank Interest	11,880	0	11,880	7,775
Rental Income	83,056	0	83,056	74,140
Other Income	68	0	68	30
Legacies	21,112	0	21,112	0
Total receipts	203,479	100	203,579	177,856
Admin	5,819	0	5,819	2,521
Common Fund	48,510	0	48,510	46,200
Gifts Given	9,886	597	10,482	20,613
Major fabric investment	65,973	0	65,973	15,443
Ministry and event costs	15,846	193	16,038	21,385
Premises	100,154	11,132	111,285	61,836
Staff Costs	9,361	0	9,361	8,938
Governance Costs	1,053	0	1,053	490
Total payments	256,601	11,921	268,522	177,426
Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)	-53,122	-11,821	-64,944	430
Fund Transfers In	25,761	0	25,761	71,569
Fund Transfers Out	25,761	0	25,761	71,569
Net Movement of Cash Funds	-53,122	-11,821	-64,944	430
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward	246,161	12,076	258,236	257,806
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward	193,038	255	193,293	258,236
Represented By				
General (Unrestricted)	36,160	0	36,160	23,669
Children & Youth (Designated)	37,942	0	37,942	37,942
Fabric (Designated)	26,117	0	26,117	82,000
Mast Electricity (Designated)	0	0	0	11,731
Mission (Designated)	47,819	0	47,819	47,819
Refugee Housing Deposit (Designated)	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Reserve (General) (Designated)	39,000	0	39,000	37,000
Vicar's Discretionary Fund (Designated)	5,000	0	5,000	5,000
Bell Fund (Restricted)	0	130	130	130
Heating Appeal 140th (Restricted)	0	0	0	11,132
Mission Fund (Guatemala) (Restricted)	0	0	0	597
Night Shelter (Restricted)	0	100	100	131

Pew Bible & Lectionary Fund (Restricted)	0	25	25	85
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2. Statement of assets and liabilities

	Total	Prior Year
CAF current account	16,149	20,657
CCLA (CBF) deposit account	176,404	237,580
GiveALittle Contactless payments	740	0
TOTAL	193,293	258,237
Accounts receivable	Total	Prior Year
Grant from Deanery	1,000	0
Gift Aid April-December	1,809	2,258
Mast electricity use	0	7,813
Hall rentals	0	2,369
TOTAL	3,549	12,440
Accounts payable	Total	Prior Year
Unpaid expenses	1,200	0
NI and tax due Q3 2024	408	385
Independent Examination fee	935	938
Curate housing grant	1,000	0
Electricity used but not billed	0	19,839
TOTAL	3,543	21,162
Net total assets	199,645	249,515

Assets recognised but not valued:

- Fixed assets retained for Church use include the land purchased at cost in February 2011.
- Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust on behalf of the PCC.

3. Major refurbishment costs

During 2024, two large refurbishment projects have been undertaken and mostly completed. Some expenditure is still to come in 2025. These were enabled to a large extent by the generous legacy of Valerie Forge in 2022.

Project	2024	2025	Total
Heating (new boilers)	13,653	27,903	41,556
Reordering of chancel	52,320	2,605	54,925
TOTAL	65,973	30,508	96,481

It is planned to continue the upgrade in 2025 by refurbishing the chairs. This will cost approximately £18,500.

4. Reserves Policy

We aim to keep 3 months operating costs available in reserve. In 2024, this was £39,000.

5. Notes to the Financial Statements

- One of the organisations hiring space in the church became insolvent during the year. They had been paying £935 per month, but we did not receive any rent from them after July, and they have now terminated their contract. We are writing off this debt.
- £11,731 was paid to us by the mobile mast operator in 2019, possibly in error. This was discussed with them at the time and has been held as a designated reserve up until the end of 2023. It has now been returned to the general fund, as there has been no attempt to reclaim it in 5 years.
- The mobile mast operators reimburse us for the large amount of electricity that the equipment uses. This amounted to £36,384 during 2024.
- In 2019, £579 was collected towards a mission trip to the Oasis project in Guatemala. Since we have not made this trip, the money was given directly to the charity.
- The gifts given to charities in 2024 also included the tithing of Evelyn Morrison's legacy from 2022
- The accounting system used in 2024 was ExpensePlus, migrating from Finance Coordinator used previously. This has resulted in some small re-categorisations in the accounts.

No remuneration was paid to any member of the PCC for their role on the PCC. All payments made to reimburse members of the PCC for expenses properly incurred have been documented. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations using the Receipts & Payments basis.

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis, and there are sufficient reserve funds to cover calculated losses.

The accounts were approved by the PCC on 13th March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev'd Jon Westall, Incumbent



Alison Wood, Treasurer

Accounts

ST DUNSTAN'S

EAST ACTON

SEEK, SERVE AND SHARE OUR LORD TOGETHER

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council.

Year ending 31st December 2023



St Dunstan with St Thomas, East Acton
Friars Place Lane
London W3 7AW



Vicar's Report 2023

Back in the day, when I was young enough to be in Sunday Club, we used to sing a song called "Count your blessings":

Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;

So, here are just some of our God-given blessings in 2023 for which I'd like to thank God (I'm sure you could add your own).

Martha and Manori: We said farewell to Martha, Rob and family in June as Martha left us to start her curacy. What a blessing they have been to us. Rob with his musical gifts and Martha helping with Alpha, Little Acorns, Friday lunchtime group, youth confirmation and youth group.

As Martha departed, so Manori arrived - St Dunstan's first curate in 17 years! What a blessing Manori has been to St Dunstan's. She has already helped start our first 'Listening Group', brought much needed skills and experience to EASE, grown the Friday lunchtime group, helped re-launch the youth work and much more besides. Please keep Martha and Manori in your prayers as they continue in their first year of their curacies.

Children and Youth: I don't know if you've noticed but there are quite a lot of children at St Dunstan's. In 2022, the average Sunday attendance of children in the Church of England was only 6 children. Last year, St Dunstan's had 50 children attending weekly. This puts us in the top 5th percentile of churches across the country.

So, can I say, a huge thank you to our Sunday Club teams for the fantastic work they do, especially to Rosanna Hill and Esther Brown for the work they do as our Sunday Club coordinators, to the Little Acorns team, the Kidzone team and to John Everington for the important work he does as our Safeguarding Officer. There is a national shortage of Children's Workers but the PCC remains committed to appointing one.

One of our ongoing challenges is keeping children in church when they begin Secondary School. However, with Manori's help and the support of parents this might be beginning to change. Please pray for our secondary school aged young people, particularly that they may stand firm and grow deeper in their faith. They really need all the help and support we can give.

Tom, Verity and Miranda: We said a final farewell to Tom and Verity (and their many wonderful children), our Church Mission Society partners for 5 years on their return to the UK, settling in Sheffield. They have been such a blessing and inspiration to us as they chose not to pursue comfort and career in this country but rather follow God's call to serve in a poorer and more turbulent part of Uganda. Meanwhile, our very own Miranda has returned to Australia to continue her work with *Youth with a Mission*. (See later on how we tithe to mission work for more information about our mission partners).

People, past and present: In 2023 we gave thanks for the lives of two individuals who had been very much part of St Dunstan's. Pat Revier, one of the longest standing members, and Rev John Morgan a previous, long-serving and much-loved vicar of St Dunstan's. It was under John's tenure that St Dunstan's was re-ordered with the vision of turning the church building into a 'home for the church family.' (We are looking to build on this legacy through the heating and reordering projects planned for 2024).

We also witnessed and celebrated the confirmation of 15 adults and teenagers on Advent Sunday. Please continue to pray for them as they begin the next stage of the Christian journey.

There are always more blessings to count and people to thank God for – the Night Shelter, Community tea, Home Groups, EASE, The Pain Exchange, Little Acorns, the increase in hall bookings (thank you Jacqui!) and, well I could go on. God has blessed St Dunstan's in so many ways.

Why not take a moment now and think about someone who blessed you in 2023 and send them a text just to say thank you.

Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings, see what God hath done.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES 2023



Worship Services

Our main services on Sunday are:

9 am – traditional communion service with choir and Sunday Club.

10.45 am – with worship group, Sunday Club and monthly communion.

Festivals and summer holidays – All age service at 10 am.

On Wednesdays, we hold a short said communion service at 10 am.

New Wine

A number of St Dunstan's families spent a week in the summer camping in Kent for a wonderful celebration of God's work in our lives. Please speak to the Riddioughs or the Perrymans for more information about joining us at New Wine in Shepton Mallet, 25-30 July 2024.



Home Groups

These provide a great opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and each other as we meet on a weekly basis for Bible study, prayer and fellowship at the home of the Riddioughs on Monday evenings and the Morgans on Thursday evenings.

Over 2023, we looked at, amongst other things, the Psalms and Hebrews and ran a paraclesis pastoral care course. We have also set up Listening Groups during the week to discover this key practice in our journey of faith. If you'd like to learn more, please speak to Manori, Jacqueline Perryman or Deborah Everington.

Sunday Club

This continues to grow and we continue our search for a children's worker.

We have 2 age groups at the 10.45 am service and there is one group at the 9 am service. Thank you to all who've volunteered to help. It's a great opportunity to join in the fun with the children and demonstrate God's love for them. Speak to Esther Brown or any of the Sunday Club team if you want to be involved.

Youth work

For secondary school ages, we ran Sunday evenings meet-ups with the odd pitch-and-putt session with Jon and Manori. We also ran a Youth Alpha course together with a youth confirmation course for 6 young people.

Kidzone

This is a short, after-school church service on **Mondays** for primary school children and their parents. It's a great way to involve the children in church particularly if you can't come on Sundays.

Prayer

After the Sunday services a dedicated team are available to talk and pray with anyone who might value it.

As part of our communal prayers, you can join us on ZOOM at 8.30 am, Mondays-Thursdays when we loosely follow the Order for Morning Prayer.

Confirmation Stories

During 2023, a number of our congregation were confirmed. We were able to hear their stories about their journey with God. Here are the testimonies of **Nicola** and **Emma**:

"I come from a family with Christian beliefs and values. I recall being bought story books from a local Christian shop, and on occasion going to Church.

In my adult life I came to a point where I had lost hope. There was a calling to go to a Church nearby. I found that the building and community gave me a sense of peace and hope. Since going to church I have experienced healing of some of what I had lost, both spiritually and physically.

Over the past 2 years my relationship with God has strengthened. The many conversations I have been part of has included completing the Alpha course and having discussions about Jesus walking alongside us.

I have experienced the peace and hope of Christ in ways I never expected to. I am now ready to declare that openly by being confirmed. "

Nicola

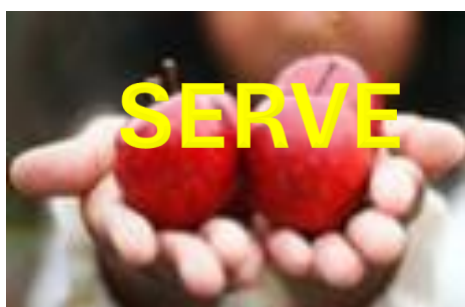
"I was baptised as a child, but I was not attending church as an adult.

I started coming to church because I was lost and looking for something. I was looking for community and love. I have found that, and it has helped me commit to God.

Throughout my life I have said I was spiritual rather religious but since coming to church my faith has become important to me. I am now ready to declare my faith in Christ openly by being confirmed. I see this as a positive step for sharing God's love in the world."

Emma





Stewardship

Thanks to Nyuk Lau for being our Stewardship Secretary. As her report overleaf emphasises, we thank everyone not only for giving monetarily but also providing time, talents, possessions and prayers. Opportunities to get involved include:

- Cooking meals for anyone in need – from new parents to the recently bereaved, to helping with Community lunches and the Ease drop-in.
- Giving lifts to those who can't make it to church independently.
- Assisting Sunday Club leaders and helping with the children and young people.
- Operating the audio visual system on Sundays.
- The pastoral team's work – prayer and practical help for anyone in need.
- Helping with mid-week church activities.
- Involvement with our **Green Team** - to make our church community more sustainable and looking at the challenges of meeting Net Zero.
- Joining Sunday service rotas for the music team, prayer, readings or tea/coffee making.
- Joining the PCC and becoming involved in prayer and decision making for St Dunstan's.

Building hire

We hire out our wonderful building to a number of organisations such as the Christian Mission Church and the Hammersmith Dog and Puppy Club and for one-off events and parties. We thank **Jacqui** for all her work overseeing the hires which have increased over the year.



Drop-in

Every Thursday, during term time, we host a drop-in for people who are refugees or seeking asylum. The aim is to help them on their way with life in the UK. This service has grown massively over the last year so that a group of volunteers from the local community and our church now welcome over 100 visitors who receive hot food, living supplies, English lessons and support.

This is wholly volunteer led - so please consider how you could support this venture. And our heartfelt thanks to those of you who are involved. For more information about Ease and the struggles of those they help, follow then on X (twitter) and <https://ealing.news/news/opinion/helping-refugees-and-asylum-seekers-in-acton-and-ealing/>



Night Shelter

During the winter of 22/23, we welcomed 10 men as part of a shared programme run by Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter. With the effect of the andemic still being felt, the charity also used a hotel to provide shelter. At St Dunstan's, our team provided a hot meal, somewhere to sleep, breakfast and, above all, companionship and friendship. Many thanks to Jacqui and her team of helpers for all their hard work - from washing dishes, preparing delicious food, braving the overnight shift and washing bed linen.



Alpha



As part of the adult confirmation classes, we ran the Alpha Course to prepare for confirmation. If you are interested in either being confirmed or taking part in an Alpha Course that explores the basics of the Christian faith, please speak to our Vicar, Jon.

Schools Works

Our previous children's worker Sam helped build relationships with the local schools and we are still involved, particularly with East Acton Primary School with whom we ran a Christmas schools visit.

Community Garden

Together with The Pain Exchange, and with the help of a grant from the Diocese, Lesley Moszoro and her team constructed raised beds in the church garden as part of a community engagement project. It's early days, but the beds have already borne a good harvest of vegetables. If anyone is interested in joining, do speak to Lesley.

Little Acorns

The Little Acorns Toddler group continues to be a popular community service and numbers are increasing after the pandemic. It runs from 9.45 to 11.15 am every Friday during term time. The toddlers enjoy toys, snacks, stories and songs in the Church Hall.

We thank our wonderful helpers for their time, energy and service.

Community Lunches

Our monthly Monday Community Lunch is run by Lesley Moszoro and her team who provide a light lunch and company in the Church Hall.



Women's Socials

Jacqueline Perryman and her fabulous team of helpers organised two very enjoyable Friday Night social evenings in the Goldsmith's Room where we were able to chat and mingle and get to know each other more.

Supporting charities

We support 5 charities:

- ALMA in Mozambique. ALMA is the Diocese of London's companion link with the Anglican Church in Angola and Mozambique.
- The Pain Exchange - a charity run by Sharon Morgans, a physiotherapist, to support those living with persistent pain.
- A Rocha - a UK based, international conservation organisation committed to environmental action through community-based conservation projects.
- CMS - now that the Clares have finished in Uganda, we continue to support the Church Mission Society.
- Hope 4 Kids International in Guatemala - committed to serving at-risk children living in impoverished environments.

Acton Churches Together

As an informal network of Christian Churches in Acton, on Good Friday, we walked together along the High Street before holding a joint service and just before Christmas, we sang carols and presented a united witness on the Market Place. The Annual Celebration was an opportunity to rejoice in all the things God has done for us in Acton. The network also work together to provide services to local people including the Night Shelter and Ealing Food Bank.



Stewardship Report 2023

Thank you St Dunstan's family - for your generous giving. Your time, talents and financial support enabled the Church to fulfil its mission of reaching out to the community with the Good News of Jesus.

In 2023, the total giving income amounted to £90,691 (a 10% increase from 2022 income - £82,152).

60 regular givers were responsible for 74% of the year's total giving income - £66,746. We appreciate that 41 of 60 regular givers gave via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). It meant that gift aid was automatically recovered through PGS every month, improving cash flow for the Church.

If you are a regular giver and a tax payer, we encourage you to give via PGS, so we won't have to wait for the tax year to end before claiming the gift aid.

It is also worth noting that we can claim gift aid on 'anonymous' plate and contactless card donations, uplifting the amount given by 25%.

The Table below summarises the types of giving.

Types of Giving	Amount - Year 2023	% of Total Giving	Number of Givers
Parish Giving Scheme	£49,654	55%	41
Other regular giving	£17,092	19%	19
Sub total – regular giving	£66,746	74%	60
One-off donations	£5,723	6%	
Plate collection	£1,180	1%	
Total Giving (before gift aid)	£73,649	81%	
Gift aid from PGS	£12,348	14%	
Gift aid from other eligible donations (claimed annually)*	£4,694	5%	
Total Giving	£90,691	100%	

* Other eligible donations for Gift Aid are claimed annually in April, at the end of the tax year.

FORMALITIES

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Parish of St Dunstan with St Thomas, East Acton Friars
Place Lane, London W3 7AW
Diocese of London, Willesden area, Ealing Deanery,
parish 2218
Charity no: 1177614
Incumbent: Rev'd Jon Westall
Administrator: Jacqui Roberts
Child Protection Officer: John Everington

Parochial Church Council

The PCC comprises the Clergy, Churchwardens, Representatives of the Deanery Synod and up to 12 elected plus up to 2 co-opted members of the congregation. The job of the PCC is to co-operate with the Vicar in promoting the mission of the Church in the Parish. Those who have served on the PCC since January 2023 are:

ex-officio: Jon Westall (Vicar and Chair), Sue Bolton (Deanery Synod representative), Camilla Slade Viles (Deanery Synod representative), James Riddiough (church warden) and Carlyon Viles (church warden).

elected: Peter Blagg, Roger Bowerman, Paul Bretherton, Deborah Everington, Martin Haenlein (to April 2023), Helena Maitland (PCC secretary), Lesley Moszoro, Eva Nabeta, Jacqueline Perryman, Alison Wood (treasurer) and Neil Yates (from April 2023).

The PCC met 6 times in 2023.

The Standing and Finance committee, which met 6 times in 2023, comprises the Vicar and the PCC chair, Jon Westall, church wardens Carlyon Viles and James Riddiough, secretary Helena Maitland, treasurer Alison Wood and Sue Bolton. This committee carries out PCC business, as directed by the PCC, in between its meetings.

The Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll stands at 151 with 16 persons added. (Mark Moszoro)

Fabric Report

We are indebted to all those who have spent time and effort in keeping the building and the grounds of the Church in good order over 2023.

2024 brings with it a Quinquennial Inspection of the Church fabric and we expect that there will be some issues arising – e.g. brickwork maintenance. We are, however, very blessed that we have resources (both financial and practical) at our disposal to be able to address these. We will report on any major issues that arise from the report. Our aim is to continue to be good stewards of all the resources we have been entrusted with.

The garden has seen a great transformation over the last year. The raised beds were installed by Lesley Moszoro and form the basis of The Pain Exchange's Community Garden, contributing to the outreach to the wider community and being a focal point for education about nutrition and a forum for sharing God's love for each one of us as we experience pain in our lives.

The North side of the Church has been a labour of love, starting with the extensive fence replacement done in 2022. There was a work morning in February to move the bushes, trees and garden waste which had been generated by the clearing of that area, into a skip. We took the opportunity of also throwing away some of the items no longer needed which had been taking refuge in the storage areas hidden away in Church. Thanks to all who took part – there was a great turn out and a fantastic sense of teamwork, despite the cold.

That area to the North of the Church has since been improved by the good offices of Ground Works, (i.e. free of charge) – we aim to use this area for both tending vegetables and for helping the children understand the wonders of God's creation in 'Muddy Church'. We are excited about how this area can be used to extend fellowship and worship for us all.

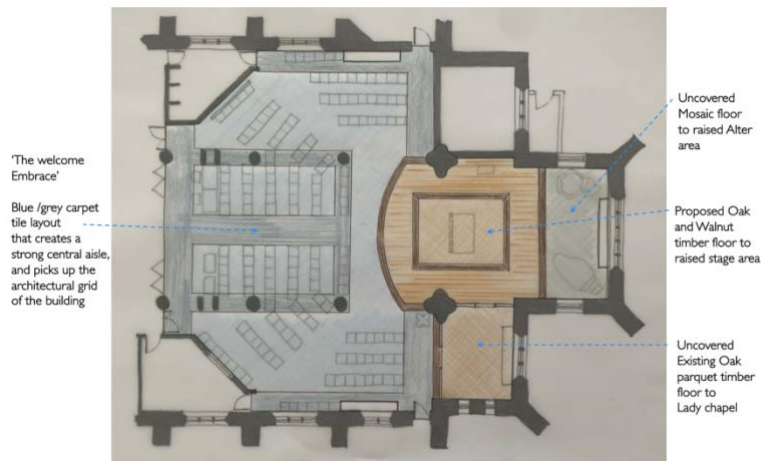


We are blessed to have a great garden for use for community events, barbecues, egg rolling at Easter etc. and for the team which works so hard to tend it on a regular basis. The railings were painted by Sohrab and Maryam.

The path leading to Friars Place Lane has been re-laid, so that it provides smoother access to church, with fewer trip hazards. This path is used regularly and therefore benefits our neighbours as well as well as making us generally more accessible.

Inside the church, work has been done in the kitchen to install a new efficient dishwasher, which allows us to be quicker in tidying up and for us to use normal plates and mugs, instead of deferring to disposable plates and cutlery. Repairs have been carried to the heating system, and boilers have been repaired and serviced. We are planning dates for the installation of new boilers, which have been approved. We have also invested in a new sound mixer to ensure that music and words can be heard inside the church as well as on the live stream.

There has been a great deal of work put in by Paul Bretherton in proposing and presenting an update to the chancel and the dais area to allow for better visibility and greater flexibility in



worship. The plans include the replacement of the carpet in the body of church and for the installation of new power and input points for musicians to improve the audio experience. These plans have been approved by the PCC and have been submitted and commented on by the Diocese. They have been explained and shared with the congregation before work starts (hopefully August 2024).

During the year, repairs have been carried out and the Vicar's Vestry turned into a modern office / meeting room, with excellent storage for the music equipment, and other items used regularly. Thanks go to those who transformed and modernised this space. Jacqui has organised and coordinated the annual maintenance of the heating and the electrics, the lightning conductor, the gutters, as well as arranging the gas certification and the annual inspection of the organ blower. We have also had to have repairs to the damaged fire doors and other locks, as well as some of the electrical fittings in the kitchen. New radiators have been installed in the ladies' toilets and new controls put on the radiators.

An additional faculty application has been submitted to allow us to display a new picture to be hung to represent the life and attributes of St Dunstan. We are still waiting to hear whether this has been approved.

We are more than mindful of our impact on the environment, whether this is with respect to the choices we make about the type of heating we choose, the amount of electricity we use, and water consumption. We have formed a Towards Net Zero group to think about how we might reduce our carbon footprint. Thanks to Neil Yates and Camilla Slade for leading on this.

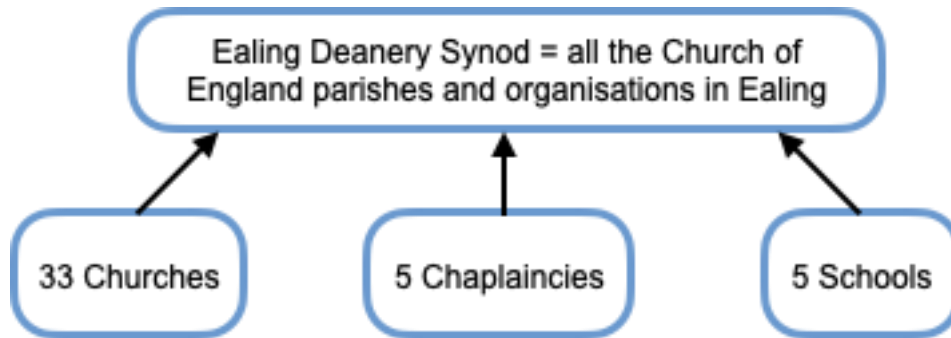
When we write all this down, it seems as though so much effort has been expended by so many to maintain and enhance the building and the grounds. This includes those who have freely given up their time to clean the church after Sunday services, on Love St Dunstan's Days or before and after special occasions. Many people have also helped tend the garden, through mowing the lawn, weeding the borders, clearing the path etc. This work makes the Church so welcoming and evidences our love for one another and our care for our surroundings. Carl and I thank you for all your hard work.

(James Riddiough and Carlyon Viles)

Deanery Synod Report

The Ealing Deanery Synod brings together representatives from all the 33 churches in the Deanery and the meetings are open to any church member. Our PCC representatives on the Deanery Synod are Sue Bolton and Camilla Slade Viles and they attended the meetings with the occasional attendance by our Vicar and Curate.

What is the Ealing Deanery Synod?



Synod meetings during 2023 provided great opportunities to worship and learn from other churches in Ealing. Besides sharing case studies of good practice and good news, formal processes such as voting on issues related to the wider Church of England were carried out together with the distribution of its Mission Fund in the summer.

The Deanery Synod met 3 times in 2023, the first meeting in February was held at our very own St Dustan's where our Vicar talked about some of the activities held at our church including Kidzone, the Asylum Seekers' Drop-in and the Pain Exchange. It was a welcome opportunity to show the other churches what we are doing and to receive encouragement and prayer. The meeting also focussed on the important role of school governors and the issue of safeguarding. We were given guidance on how to access and use the resources available on this subject.

The next meeting in July was held at St George's, Southall. Business matters such as approval of accounts, election of school governors and Synod representatives were dealt with followed by the distribution of grants by the Ealing Deanery Mission Fund.

November's meeting took us to St John's, West Ealing where Bishop Lusa joined us, together with our Archdeacon and members of the Willesden Area mission team to talk on the theme of "Speak God, we are listening". A video of Bishop Lusa's presentation can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ypwC-8-3z6Y>.

We are grateful to be able to connect with our church family across the Diocese and to receive encouragement, ideas and inspiration from our church family across Ealing. We would also encourage any of you who have an interest in education to consider standing as a governor for one of the Church schools within the Diocese. Vacancies continually arise and for more information, see <https://ldbs.co.uk/governor-vacancies/>

(Sue Bolton, Camilla Slade Viles).

Sidespeople

Our grateful thanks to those who served as Sidespeople during 2023 including Michael Arthur, Peter Blagg, Sue Bolton, Roger Bowerman, Paul Bretherton, Alex Cornell, Nyuk Lau, David Morgans, Sharon Morgans, Lesley Moszoro, Eva Nabeta, Derek Pasquill, James Riddiough, Jacqui Roberts, Nariman Sarafan, Adam Shaw, Paula Shaw, Carlyon Viles, Neil Yates and Joshua Yates.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is part of our core faith and an integral feature of our life at St Dunstan's. St Dunstan's church has due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

We continue to review practice in line with Diocesan guidance and in particular 2023 saw each of the PCC members complete their appropriate safeguarding training via the Church of England National Safeguarding Team's online learning portal.

Our Safeguarding Officer during 2023 was John Everington and our Children's Advocate was Esther Brown.

Finances – Overview

Regular income and expenditure

In 2023, we had a surplus of £23,000 in our day-to-day running costs. We have still not found a new Children's worker, so we are not paying out that salary.

Our electricity suppliers have been unable to invoice us since June, so we owe about £11,000 on fuel bills.

We are contributing a small amount to Manori's housing costs, as we have no curate's house to offer.

Capital and projects

We have invested £14,000 in projects, such as the path and installing a dishwasher. We have also made some control improvements in preparation for the heating upgrade in 2024. As is our custom with legacies, we paid out a 10% tithe on Valerie's 2022 gift (having been a PCC member herself, she would have expected this), to The Pain Exchange and Refugee Education.



For more details, our accounts can be found at the end of this Report.

Glossary

Fabric	the physical church building and contents.
Incumbent	the priest responsible for the Parish (Vicar).
Parish	the area in which the Church of England has given St Dunstan's responsibility.
PCC	the Parochial Church Council - people elected by the congregation to help the Vicar run the church.
Sidespeople	those who greet people on a Sunday morning, give out leaflets, guide people up to communion, and help services run smoothly.

Accounts 2023

The accounts now follow. They were independently examined by Matthew Reilly of Stewardship.

St Dunstan with St Thomas East Acton
Registered Charity 1177614
End of Year Financial Statements
Year ending December 31st 2023

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1. Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	91,691	2,000		93,691	222,616
Income from charitable activities	6,162	334		6,496	4,259
Other trading activities	69,864	30		69,894	39,330
Investments	7,775			7,775	2,779
Total income	175,492	2,364		177,856	268,984
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	1,946			1,946	2,205
Expenditure on charitable activities	135,377	34,788	3,315	173,480	110,536
Total expenditure	137,323	34,788	3,315	175,426	112,741
Net income - expenditure resources before transfer	36,169	-32,424	-3,315	430	156,243
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	22,907	44,537	4,125	71,569	215,276
Gross transfers between funds - out	-47,513	-19,459	-4,597	-71,569	-215,276
Net movement in funds	11,563	-7,346	-3,787	430	156,243
Total funds brought forward	12,107	229,838	15,862	257,807	101,564
Total funds carried forward	23,670	222,492	12,075	258,237	257,807
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	23,670			23,670	12,107
Designated					
Children & Youth		37,942		37,942	38,579
Fabric		82,000		82,000	78,501
Mast electricity		11,731		11,731	11,731
Mission		47,819		47,819	53,219
Refugee Housing Deposit		1,000		1,000	
Reserve (General)		37,000		37,000	34,000
Valerie Legacy Tithe					13,382
Vicar's Discretionary Fund		5,000		5,000	426
Restricted					
Bell Fund			130	130	130
Garden Club					2,000
Heating Appeal 140th			11,132	11,132	11,132
Mission Fund (Guatemala)			597	597	597
Night Shelter			131	131	354
Pew Bible & Lectionary Fund			85	85	85
Refugee drop-in					470
Sound System					1,094

2. Statement of assets and liabilities

Current assets -					
Cash at bank and in hand	General	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
CAF current account	12,883	7,643	131	20,657	8,014
CCLA (CBF) deposit account	10,787	214,849	11,944	237,580	249,793
Totals	23,670	222,492	12,075	258,237	257,807
Accounts receivable					
Mast electricity use	7,813			7,813	
Hall rentals	2,369			2,369	
Gift Aid April-December	2,258			2,258	
Totals	12,440			12,440	
Accounts payable					
Electricity used but not billed	19,839			19,839	
NI and tax due Q3 2023	385			385	
Independent Examination fee	938			938	
Totals	21,162			21,162	
Net Total Assets	14,948	222,492	12,075	249,515	257,807

Assets recognised but not valued;

- 1 Fixed assets retained for Church use include the land purchased at cost in February 2011.
- 2 Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust on behalf of the PCC.

No remuneration was paid to any member of the PCC for their rôle on the PCC. All payments made to reimburse members of the PCC for expenses properly incurred have been documented. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations using the Receipts & Payments basis.

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis, and there are sufficient reserve funds to cover calculated losses.

The accounts were approved by the PCC on 14th March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev'd Jon Westall, Incumbent



Alison Wood, Treasurer

3. Analysis of income and expenditure

INCOME	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
Donations and legacies					
Giving (bank & PGS)	63,880			63,880	55,282
Sunday giving envelopes	2,866			2,866	8,732
Sunday giving plate	1180			1,180	1,202
One-off Gift Aid gifts	3,465			3,465	1100
One-off gifts no Gift Aid	1,258	2,000		3,258	716
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	17,042			17,042	15,121
Legacies					133,822
Grants	2,000			2,000	6,641
Other income		30		30	
total	91,691	2,030		93,721	222,616
Income from charitable activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	767			767	1018
Hall hire - mission	4,900			4,900	2050
Church activities income	495	334		829	1191
total	6,162	334		6,496	4,259
Other trading activities					
Fairs and Sales	624			624	4,100
Mobile Mast	46,706			46,706	14,724
Hall hire - one-off	2,904			2,904	3,828
Hall hire - regular	19,630			19,630	16,678
total	69,864			69,864	39,330
Investments					
Bank interest	7,775			7,775	2779
total	7,775			7,775	2779
INCOME TOTAL	175,492	2,364		177,856	268,984

EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

Costs of applying for grants					
Costs of stewardship campaign					
Costs of fetes & other events	1,946			1,946	2,205
total	1,946			1,946	2,205

Expenditure on charitable activities

Giving - tithe to charities	7,000	13,382		20,382	6,000
Giving - charity donations	231			231	8
Ministry	850	6,536	221	7,607	13,278
Children and Families		971		971	2,061
Common Fund (Diocesan Quota)	46,200			46,200	46,200
Assistant staff costs	90			90	90
Salary of parish administrator	8,588			8,588	8,431
Working expenses of clergy	1,888			1,888	2,240
Clergy housing expenses	7,896			7,896	1,498
Church running - insurance	6,115			6,115	5,603

Church office - telephone	731			731	730
Church maintenance	5,738	456	6,194	5,979	
Cleaning	3,375		3,375	2,833	
Upkeep of services	7,879	1,094	8,973	6,007	
Administration	1,790		1,790	958	
Visiting speakers & clergy	260		260	201	
Church running - electricity	26,181		26,181	729	
Church running - gas	11,862		11,862	6,256	
Church running - water	213		213	152	
Governance - examination fee	490		490	480	
Fabric Investment		13,899	1,544	15,443	802
total	137,377	34,788	3,315	175,480	110,536
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	139,323	34,788	3,315	177,426	112,741
GRAND TOTAL	36,169	-32,424	-3,315	430	156,243

Notes to Financial Statements

- £11,731 was paid to us by the mobile mast operator in 2019, possibly in error. This remains in a designated reserve in case it has to be repaid in future.
- The mobile mast operators reimburse us for the large amount of electricity that the equipment uses. This amounted to £32,231 during 2023.
- Since a new power supply and meter were installed in June 2023, EDF have been unable to bill us for electricity used.
- In 2022, a very generous legacy of £133,822 was received from Valerie Forge. As usual, a 10% tithe was paid from this in 2023. It was split between the Pain Exchange and Refugee Education.
- Capital investment in the fabric of the church in 2023 included relaying the path between Vyner Road and Friars Place Lane (£7,000), installing a commercial dishwasher, and improvement to the heating controls.
- Major work on replacing the heating boilers and remodelling the chancel is expected to take place in 2024, costing up to £93,000.
- There was no Christmas Fair this year, as the team running it retired. This normally raises £4,000 - £5,000.

Accounts

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Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council Year ending 31st December 2022



Vicar's Report

At the end of 2021 a seemingly small and insignificant event took place. A couple from El Salvador came to the carol service. As people welcomed and chatted to them it became clear they were asylum seekers. Their visit planted a seed - how might St Dunstan's support this young Christian couple? Early in 2022, this seed began to grow when Rachel and I bumped (looking back, more of a God-given nudge) into Sara Nathan, local resident and co-founder of 'Homes for Refugees'. Sara asked if St Dunstan's would be willing to host a drop-in for Asylum Seekers. So, on Thursday 24th February 2022 (the same day Russia invaded Ukraine) the EASE drop-in was born.

Looking back, it is easy to see God's hand at work through EASE. Not only have we as a church had the opportunity to meet, support and be blessed by asylum-seekers from a variety of countries, we have also had the bonus of getting to know and work alongside some amazing people from our local community.



EASE has brought us into contact with a large number of remarkable people including a young Afghan couple, Sohrab and Maryam. They openly shared with the church their moving story of why they had to leave their home and their harrowing journey to England. Sohrab and Maryam have become very much part of the church family and were baptised just before Christmas.

EASE continues to do good work, bringing church and local community together. For some of us, it has also raised some difficult questions regarding the treatment of asylum seekers. We continue to



pray for our government as they seek compassionate and fair ways to treat asylum seekers, hopefully in the kind of ways we would like to be treated, if we found ourselves in their predicament.

If one seemingly small event had a profound effect on St Dunstan's, so did a much larger and obviously significant moment. On Thursday 8th September 2022, after a 70 year reign, Queen Elizabeth II died and entered glory. Earlier in the year, Lesley Moszoro and team had helped St Dunstan's celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a community tea and tree -planting in the church garden.

The tributes for the Queen that came from all around the world shared a number of themes in common. They spoke of Her Majesty's faithful service, loving respect for others and quiet but deeply held Christian faith. In a year when the UK's 10 and 11 Downing Street seemed to be fitted with revolving doors, Queen Elizabeth II's example of constancy and servant-leadership shone.

Other significant moments for St Dunstan's included a joyous confirmation service, with 13 candidates ranging from 12 to 40 years old, led by the new Bishop of Willesden, Bishop Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy .

As a church family, we continue to feel the loss of Edith Purvis and John Aldridge. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Charlotte and David and family, as well as Graham and Clive. We pray that even in the midst of grief, God will fill us with the hope He offers us through the death and resurrection of his Son.

I can only briefly mention the numerous Alpha and confirmation courses held, the home groups and new youth group, the growing numbers of children and young families at St Dunstan's and the continued search for a children and families' worker, as well as the BBQ's and Christmas Fair with surely the hardest working Santa in West London (Thanks Nigel).

On behalf of the church can I publicly thank our wardens, James and Carl, PCC secretary Helena Maitland, our treasurer (and much more), Alison Wood, our administrator Jacqui, our ordinand Martha and of course our beloved PCC for their service and encouragement over the last year.

I hope you enjoy reading the rest of the report and find yourself thanking God for all He has done and continues to do at St Dunstan's.

(Rev Jon Westall)



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Worship Services

Our main services on Sunday are:

9 am - traditional, liturgy led, communion service with choir and Sunday Club.

10.45 am - with worship group, Sunday Club and monthly communion.

Festivals and summer holidays -

All age service at 10 am.

On **Wednesdays** we hold a short said communion service

Home Groups

Bible study, prayer and fellowship at the home of the **Riddioughs** on **Monday evenings** and the **Morgans** on **Thursday evenings**.

Over 2022, we looked at, amongst other things, the books of Amos, Mark and Acts and grappled with the subject of unanswered prayer.



New Wine

A number of St Dunstan families spent a week in August camping in Peterborough for a wonderful celebration of God's work in our lives. Please speak to the Riddioughs, the Perrymans or the Pennells for more information about joining us at New Wine in 2023.

Kidzone

Short, after-school church service on **Mondays** for primary school children and their parents. It's continued to grow with new families arriving into Acton.

Thank you to **Kathleen Chapple** who has retired after 15 years of service. and to **Ros Yates** and **Atlanta Henry** for stepping in.

Sunday Club

This continues to grow and we continue our search for a children's worker after Sam's departure.

We have reverted back to 3 age groups at the 10.45 am service and there is one group at the 9 am service.

Thank you to **Esther Brown** and **Rosanna Hill** for taking up the reigns after Sam's departure. Thanks also to **Rachel Westall** and **Ros Yates** and to everyone who has volunteered.

Youth work

- Sunday evenings and pitch-and-putt sessions with Jon, Martha and Miranda.
- Youth Alpha course.
- Youth confirmation course.

Drop-in

Every Thursday, we open our doors to provide space for a drop-in for asylum seekers & refugees run by Ealing & Acton Support Enterprise (EASE), a group of volunteers from the local community and our church. Each week, up to 40 visitors receive hot food, living supplies, English lessons and support.

This is wholly volunteer led - so please consider how you could support this venture. For more information, stories and inspiration, see <https://twitter.com/EASEealing>



Stewardship

We thank Nyuk Lau for taking over the role of Stewardship Secretary. As her report overleaf emphasises, we thank everyone not only for giving monetarily but also in the provision of time, talents, possessions and prayers. Opportunities to get involved include:

- Cooking meals for anyone in need – from new parents to the recently bereaved.
- Giving lifts to those who can't make it to church independently.
- Assisting Sunday Club leaders and helping with the children and young people.
- Operating the audio visual system.
- The pastoral team's work – prayer and practical help for anyone in need.
- Helping with mid-week church activities.
- Involvement with our **Green Team** - to make our church community more sustainable.

AND MANY MORE!

Building hire

We are blessed to be able to hire out our building to a number of organisations such as the Christian Mission Church and the Hammersmith Dog and Puppy Club and for one-off events and parties. We thank **Jacqui** for all her work in managing the building hire.

Stewardship Report 2022 – Nyuk Lau

Malachi 3:10

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.”

Many thanks to everyone at St Dunstan’s - for your generous support, not only monetary but also your time and talents gifted to the church. Your generosity has a huge impact in changing lives and allows us to accomplish the mission we have serving our Lord together.

In 2022, the total giving income amounted to £82,152 (an increase from 2021 £80,676). The breakdown is summarised in the table below.

60 regular givers are responsible for 78% of the year’s total giving income - £64,014. We appreciate that 41 of 60 regular givers are giving via the **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)**. It is an efficient way of giving and improves cash flow for the Church.

If you are a tax payer, and not yet giving via PGS, we encourage you to think about signing up as the Church receives gift aid automatically through PGS every month, instead of claiming for it at the end of the tax year.

Please ask Alison Wood, Jacqui Roberts or Nyuk Lau, if you want to find out more about PGS, or indeed the different ways you may give to the Church. Flyers are available at the back of the Church.

Gift aid - For those who may not be familiar with ‘gift aid’, all it means is that if you are a tax payer, for every £1 you donate to the Church, we receive 25p on top from HMRC.

As the table shows, gift aid amounts to 18% of total income which is sizeable. Let's take advantage of this tax relief.

Please note that this analysis of donations made in the year does not include the legacy left by Valerie which is treated separately elsewhere.

Types of Giving	Amount - Year 2022	% of Total Giving	Number of Givers
Parish Giving Scheme	£46,752	57%	41
Stewardship Scheme	£1,440	2%	1
Other regular giving	£7,090	9%	11
Envelope – regular giving	£8,732	11%	7
Sub total – regular giving	£64,014	78%	60
One-off donations	£1,815	2%	
Plate collection	£1,202	1%	
Total Giving (before gift aid)	£67,031	82%	
Gift aid from PGS and Stewardship schemes	£11,623	14%	
Gift aid from other eligible donations (claimed annually)*	£3,498	4%	
Total Giving	£82,152	100%	

* Other eligible donations for Gift Aid are claimed annually in April, at the end of the tax year.

Alpha

We ran 2 Alpha groups for 16 people where we enjoyed a meal and discussed questions such as 'Is there more to life than this?' (Week 1), 'Who is Jesus?' (Week 2), 'How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?' and 'Why and how should I tell others?'



Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter

Due to Covid restrictions, guests during the winter of 21/22 were welcomed to a hotel. We helped with meal delivery to hotels rather than hosting at church. Our usual involvement started up again in the 22/23 winter season.



Little Acorns

The Little Acorns Toddler group on Friday mornings continues to be popular though numbers were slightly down from pre-pandemic. It runs from 9.45 to 11.15 am during term time with toys, snacks, stories and songs. We thank our many helpers for their energy and enthusiasm.

Community Tea

Our monthly, Monday Community Tea restarted in the latter part of the year. Rather than serving sandwiches and cake, we now provide a light lunch.

Schools Work

Our involvement with TLG (Transforming Life for Good) mentoring scheme has now come to an end but we are still involved with local schools, particularly East Acton Primary, with whom we ran a Christmas schools visit.

Supporting charities

We support 5 charities:

- ALMA in Mozambique
- The Pain Exchange
- A Rocha
- The Clare family in Uganda
- Hope for Kids in Guatemala

The last part of the report sets out the formal financial and fabric reports, a report on the Ealing Deanery Synod of which we are part, and how the church management has been structured over the year.



Seek, serve and share our Lord together

Parish of St Dunstan with St Thomas, East Acton Friars

Place Lane, London W3 7AW

Diocese of London, Willesden area, Ealing Deanery,
parish 2218

Charity no: 1177614

Incumbent: Rev'd Jon Westall

Administrator: Jacqui Roberts

Child Protection Officer: Chantelle Adams

Parochial Church Council

The PCC comprises the Clergy, Churchwardens, Representatives of the Deanery Synod and up to 12 elected plus up to 2 co-opted members of the congregation. The job of the PCC is to co-operate with the vicar in promoting the mission of the Church in the parish. Those who have served on the PCC since January 2022 are:

- ex-officio: Jon Westall (Vicar and Chair), Sue Bolton (Deanery Synod representative), Camilla Slade Viles (Deanery Synod representative), James Riddiough (church warden) and Carlyon Viles (church warden).
- elected: Peter Blagg, Roger Bowerman, Paul Bretherton, Deborah Everington, Julie Gordon (to April 2022), Martin Haenlein, Helena Maitland (PCC secretary), Lesley Moszoro, Eva Nabeta (from April 2022) Jacqueline Perryman, Alison Wood (treasurer).

The PCC met 6 times in 2022.

The Standing and Finance committee, which met 6 times in 2022, comprises the Vicar and the PCC chair, Jon Westall, church wardens Carlyon Viles and James Riddiough, secretary Helena Maitland, treasurer Alison Wood and Sue Bolton. This committee carries out PCC business, as directed by the PCC, in between its meetings.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll stands at 134 with 2 persons removed and 12 added. (Mark Moszoro)

Fabric (the church buildings)

The PCC is very grateful for all those who help to keep the Church fabric in good order. This includes those who have freely given up their time to clean the church after Sunday services, on 'Love St Dunstan's Days' or before and after special occasions. Many people have also helped tend the garden, through mowing the lawn, weeding the borders, clearing the path etc. This work makes the Church so welcoming and evidences our love for one another and our care for our surroundings. Whilst it is not right to pick out people, I'd like to thank Lesley, Mark Moszoro and Matthew for bringing their enthusiasm and expertise to these tasks.

In the course of 2022, Jacqui organised and coordinated the annual maintenance of the heating and the electrics, the lightning conductor, the gutters, and the AV equipment, as well as arranging the gas certification and the annual inspection of the organ blower. We have also had to have repairs to the damaged fire doors and other locks, as well as some of the electrical fittings in the kitchen.

Larger scale repairs involved several jobs of work on the heating system. We are actively considering options for replacing the boiler and the heating system, but are aware that this will cost a large amount of money, so we will continue to explore and evaluate the best way forward.

We also had the carpet in the Goldsmiths' Room cleaned and the hall floor polished, and storage for the Vicar's Vestry has been planned (it was installed in early 2023). Outside, we have had some trees removed and pruned.

The aforementioned Mark Moszoro spent hours repairing the fence to the North of the Church and clearing the nettles and weeds from that area. Jon has been encouraging us to continue this work throughout Lent 2023.

We are grateful that we have been blessed with such a beautiful and functional building and look forward to continuing to develop it in the coming year.

(The Churchwardens)

Deanery Synod Report

The Ealing Deanery Synod brings together representatives from all the 33 churches in the Deanery and the meetings are open to any church member. Our PCC representatives on the Deanery Synod are Sue Bolton and Camilla Slade Viles. After 2 years of meeting over Zoom, it was a pleasure to be able to finally meet in person later on in the year.

Synod meetings are a wonderful opportunity to worship and learn from other churches in Ealing Deanery. Besides sharing case studies of good practice from the Deanery, and including formal processes such as voting on issues related to the wider Church of England, the Synod also distributes the Mission Fund in the summer of each year and 2022 was no different.

The Deanery Synod met 4 times in 2022, the first meeting in January held over Zoom. One of the topics was how we can build Compassionate Communities and our own Alison Wood spoke about the role Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter (ECWNS) has to play. Alison is chair of the trustees. The other organisations we heard from were Christians Against Poverty (CAP) which works to help people out of debt and Besom. Besom is a bridge between those who want to give money, time, skills, or things to those in need.

The next meeting in July was held in person at St Mary's Hanwell. Business matters such as approval of accounts, election of school governors and Synod representatives were dealt with followed by a presentation about Pathways which is one of London's largest providers of almshouse accommodation for over 55s. It also make grants directly to churches and to the Ealing Deanery Mission Fund, and two of our grant applications were approved during the meeting (Garden Club and Muddy Church, and Asylum Seeker drop-in).

We then met in September at St Martin's West Acton and continued the theme of Compassionate Communities. We had a presentation from the Ealing Soup Kitchen and Ealing Food Bank which is the fourth busiest food bank in the UK and the busiest in London. We also heard from South Ealing Community Food Cupboard which was recently set up at St Mary's Ealing in response to the vast quantities of food which is sent to landfill. Supermarket food that is approaching its use by date is collected by charities such as the Felix Project, FareShare and City Harvest and then distributed to organisations who can make use of the food.

November's meeting took us to St John's Southall with Area Dean Rev David Neno attending. St John's run a monthly 'rewilding' worship. It's a new expression of worship held outdoors in a nature reserve. Revd Mark Poulson, who is leader of the 'Transforming Southall and Hounslow Mission Area', based at St John's, spoke about 'Transforming Mission: What place now for the Church in 21st Century London?'. He took Revelations 7 "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and

language” as his theme to encourage us to bring our multiple cultures, languages and differences together to seek the welfare of our home city.

We are grateful to be able to connect with our church family across the Diocese and to receive encouragement, ideas and inspiration from our church family across Ealing. We would also encourage any of you who have an interest in education to consider standing as a governor for one of the Church schools within the Diocese. Vacancies continually arise and for more information, see <https://ldbs.co.uk/governor-vacancies/> (Sue Bolton, Camilla Slade Viles).

Sidespeople

Our grateful thanks to those who served as Sidespeople during 2022 including Peter Blagg, Sue Bolton, Roger Bowerman, Paul Bretherton, Nyuk Lau, David Morgans, Sharon Morgans, Lesley Moszoro, Eva Nabeta, James Riddiough, Jacqui Roberts, Adam Shaw, Paula Shaw and Carlyon Slade Viles.

Safeguarding

St Dunstan’s church has due regard to House of Bishops’ guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Our Safeguarding Officer during 2022 was Chantelle Adams, and our Children’s Advocate was Esther Brown. Chantelle stepped down at the end of 2022 and we wish to thank her for carrying out this role for so many years. We welcome John Everington as our new Safeguarding Officer from January 2023.

Finances – Overview

Regular income and expenditure

In 2022, we had a surplus of £23,000. This was mainly because we could not manage to find a new Children’s worker after Sam Bailey left, even though we had budgeted for the salary. This money will be carried forward, so that we know we have funds ready as soon as we find a suitable candidate.

Energy price rises did not affect us much in 2022, as we still had contracts at lower prices. The increase will show in 2023.

Capital and projects

Valerie’s generous legacy of £134,000 has more than doubled the funds we have available for capital projects. This means we can plan ahead to renew the church heating in 2023, and make other improvements to the building, as well as looking at more mission and outreach to our community.



Glossary

Fabric the physical church building and contents.

Incumbent (Vicar) the priest responsible for the Parish.

Parish the area in which the Church of England has given St Dunstan's responsibility.

PCC the Parochial Church Council - people elected by the congregation to help the Vicar run the church.

Sidespeople those who greet people on a Sunday morning, give out leaflets, guide people up to communion, and help services run smoothly.

Wardens churchwardens, along with the Vicar, responsible for the day-to-day operation of the church.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Dunstan with St Thomas, East Acton

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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David Stephens FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
13 Newlands Road
Tunbridge Wells, Kent
TN4 9AS

9 March 2023
Dated

St Dunstan with St Thomas East Acton
Registered Charity 1177614
End of Year Financial Statements
Year ending December 31st 2022

1. Statement of Financial Activities

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2022 total funds	2021 Total funds
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	84,574		4,220	88,794	96,676
Income from charitable activities	3,619		640	4,259	1,247
Other trading activities	39,330			39,330	31,378
Investments	2,779			2,779	35
Total income	130,302		4,860	135,162	129,336
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	2,205			2,205	1,141
Expenditure on charitable activities	96,534	10,157	3,845	110,536	140,663
Total expenditure	98,739	10,157	3,845	112,741	141,804
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	31,563	(10,157)	1,015	22,421	(12,468)
Transfers					
Gross transfers into funds	570	36,007	44,877	81,454	111,948
Gross transfers out of funds	(20,130)	(17,868)	(43,456)	(81,454)	(111,948)
Legacy (exceptional item)		133,822		133,822	
Net movement in funds	12,003	141,804	2,436	156,243	(12,468)
Total funds brought forward	104	88,034	13,426	101,564	114,033
Total funds carried forward	12,107	229,838	15,862	257,807	101,565
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	12,107			12,107	104
Designated					
Children & Youth Des		38,579		38,579	
Fabric		78,501		78,501	29,303
Mast electricity		11,731		11,731	11,731
Mission		53,219		53,219	12,000
Reserve (General)		34,000		34,000	34,000
Valerie Legacy Tithe		13,382		13,382	
Vicar's Discretionary Fund		426		426	1,000
Restricted					
Bell Fund			130	130	130
Children & Youth					
Garden Club			2,000	2,000	
Heating Appeal 140th			11,132	11,132	11,132
Mission Fund (Guatemala)			597	597	597
Night Shelter			354	354	354
Pew Bible & Lectionary Fund			85	85	120
Refugee drop-in			470	470	
Sound System			1,094	1,094	1,094

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand					
CAF current account -	7,118	426	470	8,014	9,573
CCLA (CBF) deposit account -	4,989	229,412	15,392	249,793	91,992
Totals	12,107	229,838	15,862	257,807	101,565

Total assets of **£257,807** of which **£12,107** are General funds and **£245,700** are Designated or Restricted Funds. This is split between **£15,862** in Restricted Funds and **£229,838** in Designated Funds.

Assets recognised but not valued;

- 1 Fixed assets retained for Church use include the land purchased at cost in February 2011.
- 2 Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust on behalf of the PCC.

No remuneration was paid to any member of the PCC for their rôle on the PCC. All payments made to reimburse members of the PCC for expenses properly incurred have been documented. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations using the Receipts & Payments basis.

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis, and there are sufficient reserve funds to cover calculated losses.

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The accounts were approved by the PCC on 9th March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev'd Jon Westall, Incumbent



Alison Wood, Treasurer

Analysis of income and expenditure

	General	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
INCOME					
Donations and legacies					
Giving (bank & PGS)	55,282			55,282	55,224
Sunday giving envelopes	8,732			8,732	6,838
Sunday giving plate	982		220	1,202	1,802
One-off Gift Aid gifts	1,100			1,100	684
One-off gifts no Gift Aid	716			716	1,762
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	15,121			15,121	14,366
Grants	2,641		4,000	6,641	16,000
Other income					
<i>Total</i>	84,574		4,220	88,794	96,676
Income from charitable activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,018			1,018	361
Hall hire - mission	2,050			2,050	
Church activities income	551		640	1,191	886
<i>Total</i>	3,619		640	4,259	1,247
Other trading activities					
Fairs and Sales	4,100			4,100	3,504
Mobile Mast	14,724			14,724	14,300
Hall hire - one-off	3,828			3,828	2,333
Hall hire - regular	16,678			16,678	11,241
<i>Total</i>	39,330			39,330	31,378
Investments					
Bank interest	2,779			2,779	35
<i>Total</i>	2,779			2,779	35
INCOME TOTAL	130,302		4,860	135,162	129,336
Legacy		133,822		133,822	
INCOME WITH LEGACY	130,302	133,822	4,860	268,984	

	General	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
EXPENDITURE					
Raising funds					
Costs of applying for grants					
Costs of stewardship campaign					
Costs of fetes & other events	2,205			2,205	1,141
<i>Total</i>	2,205			2,205	1,141
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Giving - tithe to charities	6,000			6,000	6,000
Giving - charity donations	8			8	508
Ministry	2,174	9,355	1,749	13,277	3,752
Children and Families			2,061	2,061	26,479
Common Fund (Diocesan Quota)	46,200			46,200	46,200
Assistant staff costs	90			90	20
Salary of parish administrator	8,431			8,431	8,595
Working expenses of incumbent	2,240			2,240	1,579
Vicarage expenses	1,498			1,498	403
Church running - insurance	5,603			5,603	5,276
Church office - telephone	730			730	731
Organ / piano tuning					
Church maintenance	5,979			5,979	7,598
Cleaning	2,832			2,832	1,899
Upkeep of services	5,972		35	6,007	6,322
Administration	958			958	1,720
Visiting speakers & clergy	201			201	512
Church running - electricity	729			729	2,484
Church running - gas	6,256			6,256	7,695
Church running - water	152			152	94
Governance - examination fee	480			480	360
Fabric Investment		802		802	12,436
<i>Total</i>	96,534	10,157	3,845	110,536	140,663
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	98,739	10,157	3,845	112,741	141,804
GRAND TOTAL	31,563	(10,157)	1,015	22,421	(12,468)
GRAND TOTAL INC LEGACY	31,563	123,665	1,015	156,243	(12,468)

Notes to Financial Statements

- A very generous legacy of £133,822 was received from Valerie Forge.
- Grants received were £2,000 each from the Ealing Deanery Mission Fund for the Refugee drop-in and for a Garden Club. There was also £2,641 from the Diocese to help with fuel bills
- A grant from the Joseph Rank Trust for Children and Families' outreach was discontinued, as we could not recruit a new Children's worker
- £11,731 was paid to us by the Mobile Mast operator in 2019, possibly in error. This remains in a designated reserve in case it has to be repaid in future.

Accounts

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Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council Year ending 31st December 2021



Vicar's Report

At *Kidzone* we've been learning the 'teaspoon' (TSP) way of praying using 'Thank you, Sorry and Please' prayers. 2021 felt like a year where there was a lot to thank God for. It started in a third lockdown but ended with a growing measure of normality thanks to the dedication of pharmaceutical scientists and the roll out of the largest vaccine programme in history. However, within this bigger picture, the year was still marked by disparity and disruption. Disparity because the vaccine roll-out benefitted some countries more than others. Disruption, as businesses, hospitals, schools and families continued to be affected by Covid and its effects.

At St Dunstan's, services remained on-line until Easter Day, when we celebrated Christ's resurrection in the church garden. The following week we then moved inside (with a livestream option) and have continued meeting since with Sam Bailey looked after the 9.30am Family Service and Jon the 11am Holy Communion. Morning Prayer and the Lent course continued on Zoom, whereas Homegroups (Thank you James and Sue, David and Sharon) slowly moved to meeting in person.

In the summer, Sam and Heather were able to invite family and friends to their wedding thanksgiving. In October, we celebrated harvest with a BBQ and December saw one of the busiest and joy-filled Christmas Fairs in recent history.

The newly formed 'Green Team' put on a gardening and film event to coincide with COP26. Children helped to plant a huge number of bulbs sometimes in unexpected places. We also had a visit from Tom and Verity, before they returned to Uganda. Tim Hunt from *Kids Alive* came to thank St Dunstan's for our support and update us on the Oasis project in Guatemala.

Sadly for us, the year ended with Sam and Heather saying goodbye as Sam started a new children's worker job in Northwood. Sam and Heather

were a blessing to St Dunstan's and the high number of children currently coming to St Dunstan's is a testimony to his hard work.

On the positive side, Martha Pennel and Jean Wang started their ordination training with us and, with Martha and Heather's help, we were able to start a Sunday evening youth group for our secondary school aged children.

2021 was a particularly hard year for some at St Dunstan's. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Nigel, following the sudden and tragic death of his daughter Sophie soon after the birth of her third child. We also remember and give thanks for the life of Lily Thillainayagam who also died and entered glory.

In terms of the Diocese, Willesden Area bade farewell to Bishop Pete Broadbent, Bishop of Willesden for twenty years. We now anticipate the arrival of his successor the Reverend Canon Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy who, God willing, will visit St Dunstan's next July.

Every year, there are so many people who deserve our thanks. At the risk of missing people out, I would like to mention our musicians and choir who, during various lockdowns, went to the additional effort of recording hymns and songs for us. Our Standing and Finance Team and PCC also deserve mention for helping St Dunstan's navigate the ever-changing guidelines around public worship. Also, a thank you to Alison, our tireless treasurer and Lay Reader, and James and Carl, our church wardens, who took care of St Dunstan's whilst I enjoyed a 3-month study leave. Jacqui also deserves our thanks for her dedication and especially and constant work, particularly during the autumn with service changes, preparations for the Christmas Fair (thank you team!) as well as the triennial Archdeacon's Visitation.

Thank you to you all for your ongoing love, faith and commitment to St Dunstan's, even when church services didn't feel the same.

And finally, as we started, God and Father, we thank you for your love, sustenance and support during a year of change and uncertainty. We look forward to walking together with you in 2022. Amen.

The report that follows includes Sam's review of the year which he produced for one of our grant givers, The Joseph Rank Trust. We also look at how we allocated our funds and the different ways we can give. The last part of the report sets out the formal financial and fabric reports, a report on the Ealing Deanery Synod of which we are part, and how the church management has been structured over the year.

Children's Work – a report for our grant provider, the Joseph Rank Trust

Joseph Rank Report 2021

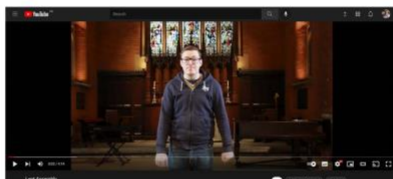
What have we done?

2021 has been a turbulent year. We have managed to go with the changes. On Sundays we had Services going on, we were in and out of schools as things changed and had to start and stop various activities in the week.

Schools Work

In our parish there are now only 4 primary schools. 3 of which we are actively in doing different things.

For the first 6 months of the year as we couldn't do much in person in the schools. We provided access to a Lent Assembly and Easter Assembly. The Easter Assembly was one we partnered with a schools' charity called Regeneration Harrow to provide.



In East Acton Primary School (EAPS) we were able to continue the one-to-one coaching through *Transforming lives for Good*. The school really appreciated this. We did have to pause the programme due to covid but were able to re-start by the end of the Summer Term.

In September EAPS asked if I could restart the Games Club as well as return to assemblies and so I led a Harvest and Christmas Assembly.

Just before the pandemic, I had been trying to build a link with Ark Byron. In 2021 I was asked to lead an Assembly. I also had a meeting with one of the Assistant Principals at which they were keen to explore: St Dunstan's starting a lunchtime games club in school; school visits to the church and me coming to lead classes with them. Hopefully some of these will happen in 2022.

For at least 10 years our relationship at John Perryn Primary School has been hard to establish. However, a new Head Teacher took over in 2021 and, as a result, our relationship has begun to change. At a recent meeting the head teacher expressed a strong interest in starting the *Transforming Lives for Good* coaching as well as a lunch time club, church visits, lessons, and assemblies. Unfortunately tightening of covid rules has slowed down the

beginning of some of the above. However, I was able to meet the SENCO as well as lead a Harvest and Christmas assembly.

St Dunstan's hopes to re-invigorate its partnership with all three schools in 2022, including expanding its coaching programme to EAPS and John Perryn Primary School.

Near the end of the Autumn term, we invited all three schools to a Christmas schools' week at the church. Approximately 110 children attended the sessions over the week. More were due to come but classes were disrupted by covid.

Other Activities

At the beginning of 2021 I was asked to organise and lead a weekly half hour service for children and their parents/carers. This started on Zoom but then moved to 'in person' sometime in May/June. We also livestreamed the services on *YouTube* as well. The service was a success in providing a safe place for families to interact with one another at a time of isolation.

From September we were back to our 9am and 10.45am services both with Sunday Clubs for the children to attend.

We also restarted our Monday after school service, *Kidzone*, in the Summer term. Around 5 to 6 families have attended most from EAPS who have no previous church connection. Two of the families have children on the autistic spectrum. Their parents continually tell us how much they have felt welcome.

We also restarted our Little Acorns Toddler group on Friday mornings in June. Almost immediately we had to re-introduce a waiting list because of its popularity. Unfortunately, the monthly Saturday Dad's and Toddlers sessions were poorly attended and have been stopped for the meantime.

During lockdown I continued 'doorstep' visits to local families as well as offering practical support and encouragement where appropriate. After lockdown I re-started my one-to-one mentoring with primary school aged children in church. Several parents have expressed their gratitude for their children having one to one time with another trusted adult.

In September I also helped launch a fortnightly Youth Group for years 7 to 9. My role has been to help Y6 primary school children transition to the group.

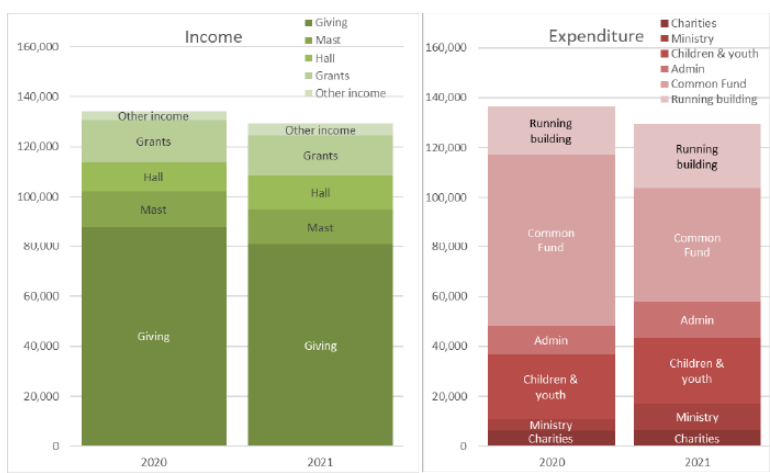
The Games Club went on Zoom from January to July and then back in person in September. This group while online had 2-6 people attending weekly.

Sam Bailey, Children and Families' Worker

Finances – Overview

Overall, both our income and expenditure were reduced in 2021. St Dunstan’s main source of income is our congregation’s giving. We are grateful that so many people have signed up to give directly through the bank, so this was not much affected by the lack of physical collections during lockdown. Our grants continued from the Joseph Rank Trust and the Bishop of London’s Mission Fund towards the cost of our children’s work. We also received rent from the mobile mast in our spire, which carried on throughout. Hall rentals for events and parties, however, had dropped away almost completely (although the Hammersmith Dog Training Club very kindly agreed to keep paying rent even when they could not meet). As summer progressed, Jacqui organised the gradual, safe return of hirers, and the taking on some new groups.

Our main outgoing is the “Common Fund” paid to the Diocese of London. This aims to share the cost of clergy, training and central support among all the London churches. The PCC has to decide how much to give each year, and recognising the drop in income that parishes have suffered, the Diocese accepted a lowering of the amount paid. Also in 2021, St Dunstan’s decided to invest some of our reserves in building improvements while the church was less used. This expenditure is separate from the regular income and costs, so is not included in the diagrams shown here.



Giving Money Regularly to the Church

Through the Parish Giving Scheme.

Sign up at parishgiving.org.uk (QR here)

call 0333 002 1271 or ask for a paper form



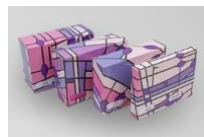
Through a payroll giving / charity giving scheme like Charities Trust or Stewardship.org

By standing order to St Dunstan's PCC East Acton, CAF Bank

Sort code 40-52-40

Account number 00030966

By cash or cheque
(to St Dunstan's PCC East Acton)
in your own regular giving envelopes



Gift Aid

If you are a tax payer, the church can claim an extra 25% above your donation amount as Gift Aid. This is done automatically by PGS and payroll giving schemes. If you don't use these, please fill in a Gift Aid Form (download from this QR or ask for a paper copy).



Questions?

Ask Alison Wood (church treasurer) 07941 696597 or treasurer@stdunstanschurch.org.uk

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Parish of St Dunstan with St Thomas, East Acton Friars Place
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Diocese of London, Willesden area, Ealing Deanery, parish
2218

Charity no: 1177614

Incumbent: Rev'd Jon Westall

Administrator: Jacqui Roberts

Child Protection Officer: Chantelle Adams

Parochial Church Council

The PCC comprises the Clergy, Churchwardens, Representatives of the Deanery Synod and up to 12 elected plus up to 2 co-opted members of the congregation. The job of the PCC is to co-operate with the vicar in promoting the mission of the Church in the parish. Those who have served on the PCC since January 2021 are:

- ex-officio: Jon Westall (vicar and Chair), Sue Bolton (Deanery Synod representative), Camilla Slade Viles (Deanery Synod representative), David Morgans (church warden to April 2021), James Riddiough (church warden) and Carlyon Viles (church warden from April 2021).
- elected: Peter Blagg, Roger Bowerman, Paul Bretherton, Deborah Everington, Julie Gordon, San-San Haddoub (to April 2021), Martin Haenlein, Helena Maitland (PCC secretary), Lesley Moszoro, Jacqueline Perryman, Alison Wood (treasurer).

The PCC met 6 times in 2021, mostly on Zoom.

The Standing and Finance committee, which met 6 times in 2021 (again, mostly on Zoom), comprises the vicar and the PCC chair, Jon Westall, church wardens David Morgans (until April 2021), Carlyon Viles (from April

2021) and James Riddiough, secretary Helena Maitland, treasurer Alison Wood and Sue Bolton. This committee carries out PCC business, as directed by the PCC, in between its meetings.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll stands at 124 with 1 person removed and 16 added. (Mark Moszoro)

Fabric (the church buildings)

Thinking back over the last year, it came as something of a surprise to remind myself that whilst we couldn't meet inside Church for part of the year, lots of work went on behind the scenes for when we could all start gathering together again.

First of all, thanks to so many of the volunteers who helped with installing the new lighting scheme for the hall, which was finished last year. This, along with the painting of the ceiling has made such a difference to the look and feel of the hall and has provided contouring to make it a much more welcoming and flexible space for many different occasions. We are particularly grateful to Paul Bretherton, who has sustained the vision for better lighting for many years and who designed the entire scheme and sourced all the fittings.

Thanks also to Mark Moszoro, who redid the fence to the north of the church adjoining Prideaux Place and cleared a path so that the north side of the church is accessible and not just a tangle of weeds and nettles. This not only makes access to the boiler room much easier, but shows us what we have been missing all these years. Mark even had to contend with a lorry reversing into the fence and knocking down a post just as he thought he had finished. Thank you, Mark.

Otherwise, we have had struggles with the heating system, which electrics were renewed, flooding in the boiler room and the replacement of some electrical units. We also had a new fire alarm panel installed. We are hugely grateful for the unseen work of Martin Haenlein who helped ensure that the boiler room should not flood again. Martin and his team also worked for free clearing the drains and overgrowth on the north and north east side of the church. We are also grateful to Jacqui for arranging the relevant quotes from external specialists and for coordinating their visits.

As someone who doesn't know one end of a screwdriver from another, I am so grateful that there are people we can rely on to assist. The maintenance of the Church would not happen without a team of willing volunteers, including Jacqui and Lesley who are keen to organise the Love St Dunstan's Days; Peter Blagg, who has always been ready to lend a hand; Paul Bretherton, who has worked hard to start off cleaning and tidying the loft and balcony; Geoffrey Berg who has demonstrated plumbing skills, as well as to the other volunteers and to Jon for always lending a hand. Thank you to all of you who have come along to do gardening, tidying, moving chairs, watching out for blown lightbulbs etc. Over the coming year, we should be looking at the list of recommended actions arising from the last Quinquennial inspection and determining what our priorities should be as we get back to using the church building more intensively and for a wide range of activities.

We may want to reconsider the renewal of the heating, look at ways that we can make the Church more eco-friendly, or adopt other changes, including better storage. Please pray that we would have the vision to consider the right changes and the wisdom to do them in the right order. (James Riddiough)

Deanery Synod Report

The Ealing Deanery Synod brings together representatives from all the 33 churches in the Deanery and the meetings are open to any church member. Our PCC representatives on the Deanery Synod are Sue Bolton and Camilla Slade Viles and the Synod met over Zoom three times in 2021.

Synod meetings are a wonderful opportunity to worship and learn from other churches in Ealing Deanery but of course, 2021 curtailed meeting in person and the last physical meeting was held in February 2020! Besides sharing case studies of good practice from the Deanery, and including formal processes such as voting on issues related to the wider Church of England, the Synod also distributes the Mission Fund in the summer each year and in these respects, 2021 was no different.

The Deanery Synod met 3 times over Zoom during 2021. The first meeting in March introduced the new Area Dean – Revd. David Neno and we thanked the outgoing Area Dean Revd. Steve Newbold for his leadership over the last 5 ½ years. Revd. David Neno reminded us of the importance of Deanery Synods as they connect parishes with the wider

church. There were more farewells as various churches have been relocated to the Kensington Area (and Hounslow Deanery) as part of the Ealing Deanery Plan. Revd. Julia Bevis-Knowles then spoke of her work as a hospital and hospice chaplain during the pandemic. There is a new appreciation of the value of chaplains; some NHS trusts are now employing chaplains dedicated to looking after staff as well as patients. Ways in which we as a church can support the chaplains include:

- Prayer.
- New volunteers are needed to support and work with the chaplains.
- Inform the chaplains about parishioners going into hospital who might appreciate a visit.

The June meeting dealt with finances and awarding grants from the Ealing Deanery Mission Fund, including one to St Dunstan's for an upgrade to its live streaming equipment. In October, we met again via Zoom and quickly dealt with school governor and Diocesan Synod elections before being presented with the Diocese of London 2030 Vision. The overarching aim is for everyone to encounter the love of Christ. And so our ambitions include creating confident disciples and compassionate communities. Powered by prayer, our resources are our people, building and finances. For more inspiration, see <https://www.london.anglican.org/our-2030-vision/>.

Despite the restrictions imposed by Covid, we thank God we were able to connect with our church family across the Diocese and hear about the love of Christ acted out by many over this challenging period. (Sue Bolton, Camilla Slade Viles)

Sidespeople

Our grateful thanks to those who served as Sidespeople during 2021 including Tony Bailey, Peter Blagg, Sue Bolton, Roger Bowerman, Nyuk Lau, David Morgans, Lesley Moszoro, Mark Moszoro, James Riddiough, Jacqui Roberts, Adam Shaw and Paula Shaw

Safeguarding

St Dunstan's church has due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Our Child Protection Officer is Chantelle Adams, and our Children's Advocate is Esther Brown.

Glossary

Fabric contents	the physical church building and
Incumbent (vicar)	the priest responsible for the parish
Parish	(Ecclesiastical Parish) The area in which the Church of England has given St Dunstan's responsibility for the people
PCC	the Parochial Church Council - people elected by the congregation to help the vicar run the church
Sidespeople	those who greet people on a Sunday morning, give out leaflets, guide people up to communion, and help services run smoothly
Wardens	churchwardens, along with the vicar, responsible for the day-to-day operation of the church

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Dunstan with St Thomas, East Acton

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

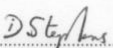
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - ☐ to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - ☐ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

 David Stephens FCCA Chartered Certified Accountant 13 Newlands Road Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9AS	 Dated
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St Dunstan with St Thomas East Acton
Registered Charity 1177614
End of Year Financial Statements
Year ending December 31st 2021

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Receipts and Payments Account

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2021 total funds	2020 Total funds
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	80,521		16,155	96,676	104,953
Income from charitable activities	513	538	196	1,246	1,175
Fundraising	3,504			3,504	2,547
Hall hire	13,574			13,574	10,835
Other income	14,300			14,300	14,300
Investments	35			35	461
Total income	112,447	538	16,351	129,336	134,271
Payments					
Raising funds	1,141			1,141	233
Expenditure on charitable activities	98,697	12,436	29,531	140,663	136,161
Total expenditure	99,837	12,436	29,531	141,804	136,394
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	12,610	(11,898)	(13,180)	(12,468)	(2,124)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	6,065	92,704	13,180	111,949	4,853
Gross transfers between funds - out	(105,883)	(5,360)	(706)	(111,949)	(4,853)
Net movement in funds	(87,208)	75,446	(706)	(12,468)	(2,124)
Total funds brought forward	87,312	12,589	14,132	114,033	116,157
Total funds carried forward	104	88,035	13,426	101,565	114,033
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	104			104	87,312
Designated					
Fabric		29,304		29,304	
Mast electricity		11,731		11,731	11,731
Mission		12,000		12,000	
Reserve (General)		34,000		34,000	
Vicar's Discretionary Fund		1,000		1,000	857
Restricted					
Bell Fund			130	130	130
Children & Youth					
Heating Appeal 140th			11,132	11,132	11,132
Mission Fund (Guatemala)			597	597	597
Night Shelter			354	354	354
Pew Bible & Lectionary Fund			120	120	120
Sound System			1,093	1,093	1,800

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	2021	2020
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand					
CAF current account -	104	9,469		9,573	4,096
CCLA (CBF) deposit account -		78,566	13,426	91,992	109,937
Totals	104	88,035	13,426	101,565	114,033

Total assets of £101,565 of which £104 are General funds and £101,461 are Designated or Restricted Funds. This is split between £13,426 in Restricted Funds and £88,035 in Designated Funds.

A review of reserves policy in 2021 designated previously general funds into Reserves, Mission and Fabric funds.

Assets recognised but not valued;

- 1 Fixed assets retained for Church use include the land purchased at cost in February 2011.
- 2 Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust on behalf of the PCC.

No remuneration was paid to any member of the PCC for their rôle on the PCC. All payments made to reimburse members of the PCC for expenses properly incurred have been documented. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations using the Receipts & Payments basis.

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis, and there are sufficient reserve funds to cover calculated losses.

The accounts were approved by the PCC on 10 March 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev'd Jon Westall, Incumbent

Alison Wood, Treasurer

Analysis of receipts and payments

Income and endowments	General	Designated	Restricted	2021	2020
Donations and legacies					
Giving (bank & PGS)	55,224			55,224	58,818
Sunday giving envelopes	6,838			6,838	1,752
Sunday giving plate	1,802			1,802	606
One-off Gift Aid gifts	684			684	6,860
One-off gifts no Gift Aid	1,607		155	1,762	1,282
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	14,366			14,366	17,635
Legacies					1,000
Non-recurring one-off grants			16,000	16,000	17,000
Donations and legacies Total	80,521		16,155	96,676	104,953
Income from charitable activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	361			361	222
Hall hire - mission					600
Church activities income	152	538	196	886	353
Income from charitable activities Total	513	538	196	1,247	1,175
Other trading activities					
Fairs and Sales	3,504			3,504	2,547
Mobile Mast	14,300			14,300	14,300
Hall hire - one-off	2,333			2,333	1,199
Hall hire - regular	11,241			11,241	9,636
Other trading activities Total	31,378			31,378	27,682
Investments					
Bank interest	35			35	461
Investments Total	35			35	461
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS TOTAL	112,447	538	16,351	129,336	134,271

PAYMENTS	General	Designated	Restricted	2021	2020
Raising funds					
Costs of applying for grants					
Costs of stewardship campaign					
Costs of fetes & other events	1,141			1,141	233
Raising funds Total	1,141			1,141	233
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Giving - tithe to charities	6,000			6,000	6,000
Giving - charity donations	508			508	181
Ministry	3,597		155	3,752	585
Children and Families			26,479	26,479	25,807
Common Fund (Diocesan Quota)	46,200			46,200	69,000
Diocesan Schools Levy					
Assistant staff costs	20			20	
Salary of parish administrator	8,595			8,595	7,865
Working expenses of incumbent	1,579			1,579	1,800
Vicarage expenses	403			403	373
Church running - insurance	5,276			5,276	5,198
Church office - telephone	731			731	555
Organ / piano tuning					
Church maintenance	7,598			7,598	3,665
Cleaning	1,899			1,899	2,361
Upkeep of services	3,425		2,897	6,322	3,700
Administration	1,720			1,720	973
Visiting speakers & clergy	512			512	350
Church running - electricity	2,484			2,484	2,106
Church running - gas	7,695			7,695	5,150
Church running - water	94			94	143
Governance - examination fee	360			360	350
Church major repairs		12,436		12,436	
Expenditure on charitable activities Total	98,696	12,436	29,531	140,663	136,161
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	99,837	12,436	29,531	141,804	136,394
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	12,610	(11,898)	(13,180)	(12,468)	(2,123)

Notes to Financial Statements

- £11,731 was paid to us by the Mobile Mast operator in 2019, possibly in error. This is still being investigated, and remains in a designated reserve in case it has to be repaid in future.
- Grants received were £4,000 from the Bishop of London's Mission Fund and £10,000 from the Joseph Rank Trust, both for Children and Families' outreach. There was also £2,000 from the Ealing Deanery Mission Fund for Live Streaming Equipment
- A review of reserves policy took place in 2021. As a result of this, £34,000 was moved to a designated operating reserve, £12,000 to a mission fund, and £41,000 to a fabric fund. All of these came from what was previously general funds.

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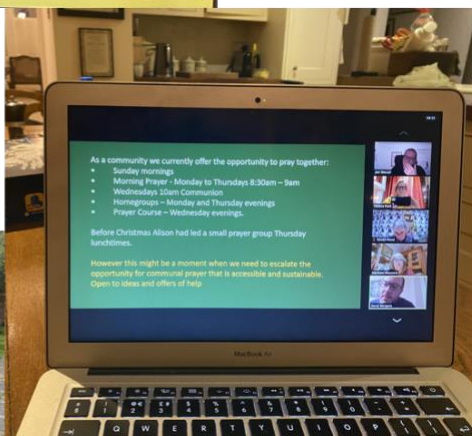
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Vicar's Report

2020 began as normal with Jacqui hard at work preparing us for the Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter. Different groups and activities were re-emerging after the Christmas break and plans for a relatively early Lent and Easter were taking shape. Then Covid-19 arrived and on Monday, 23rd March the UK went into lockdown. The rest of 2020 was far from normal and like every other community in the UK, the pandemic hit individuals at St Dunstan's in many ways. Some of us lost loved ones. Some of us were forced to live in isolation and others found themselves cut off from friends and relatives needing to shield or living in care homes. Jobs came under pressure and children's education was disrupted. Some found themselves on the frontline working, for example, in the emergency services, care homes and education. Two of our longest serving members died, Valerie Forge and Evelyn Morrison. Both had been faithful servants to the church, making significant contributions over many years.

Then in May, George Floyd died after being arrested by police outside a shop in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Footage of the arrest showed a white police officer kneeling on Mr Floyd's neck whilst he was pinned to the floor. A world-wide wave of anger erupted against the persistence and prevalence of racial inequality in so called developed countries, including the UK. In London, Church of England Clergy attended seminars where BAME colleagues were given the space and time to speak openly and honestly about their painful experiences within the church, and hard questions were raised regarding the steps required to make much overdue and needed change.

However, within all the turbulence, there were also remarkable moments of love, kindness, generosity and unity. I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to Jacqui, Sam (Sam's report below is just remarkable), our churchwardens James and David, Alison our lay reader and treasurer, Helena our PCC Secretary and the PCC. All have pulled together to make what we have been able to do possible. Also my huge thanks to you the church family

of St Dunstan's – so many of you have 'stepped up to the plate' and offered help in many and various ways.

Although income from hiring the church almost dried up, thanks to generous individuals and a fantastic Christmas Quiz (organised by Sophie Speyer and team), we ended the year only £2,000 in deficit. Paul Bretherton, Adam Shaw and a team of willing decorators have worked incredibly hard to upgrade the lighting and paint the ceiling in the church hall. Mark Moszoro also started the difficult task of clearing the neglected north-side of the church in order to replace the dilapidated fence.

Also, meals have been cooked and delivered to homes. Phone calls made to those shielding and in isolation. Opportunities have been taken to meet, serve and work alongside neighbours. Many volunteered to help in hospitals and local charities.

Sunday services had to move on-line. Help was given to those less computer literate. Words like 'Zoom' and 'unmute' became common currency. Our wonderful musicians recorded songs at home and in church which Sam and Peter Westall then edited. Paul Bretherton and Sam Bailey helped to reconfigure the church so we were ready for the times between lockdown for socially-distanced services.

During all this, St Dunstan's prayer life grew. Each morning a faithful group have joined for Zoom Morning Prayer, praying for the church, community and world. Home groups have soldiered on, the Prayer Course was a source of encouragement and individuals took time to walk, talk and pray together.

And there have been some wonderful moments of celebration and sheer joy: the faith building newsletters from Tom and Verity Clare in Uganda; the safe arrival of San San and Simon's twin boys; the delight of Sam and Heather's wedding; the good news of David Wang's acceptance for ordination and the joy of the Carol Service in the church garden, to name just a few.

With the roll out of the vaccination programme and planned easing of lockdown, a task for us will be to pause and reflect on how the pandemic impacted us as individuals and as a church community. There may be questions to reflect on before God, for example, what did we lose? What did we gain? What have we learnt? What might we value differently and how might we want to live differently?

2020 has without doubt been an immensely difficult year for many in this country and especially in other countries where the safety net of a health service does not exist and vaccination programmes are not even on the horizon. Yet, we have also witnessed something of the faithfulness and love of our God shining through in many ways, not least through the work of his Spirit in his Church.

To quote Brian Doerksen:

Faithful one, so unchanging
Ageless one, You're my rock of peace
Lord of all I depend on You
I call out to You
Again and again
I call out to You
Again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble
You lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm, your love is
The anchor, my hope is in You alone

Children's Work – a report for our grant provider, the Joseph Rank Trust

The Joseph Rank Trust is our main grant provider and Sam has had to provide them with a report of how the Children's Work developed over 2020. The main body of the report is replicated below and outlines how flexible and imaginative Sam has had to be over a challenging year.

“In 2020 we were unable to carry out all the plans we had as a Church, due to the pandemic. However, we were able to adapt and deliver a number of our activities and projects virtually:

Schools Work

At the start of 2020 we were able to continue our partnership with East Acton Primary School in delivering our Transforming Lives for Good (TLG), early intervention, coaching project. TLG provides one-to-one coaching for junior school-aged children. During periods of lockdown, with the support of the school, we have been able to maintain a connection with some of the pupils and their families through regular phone calls with the parents, checking how they were doing as a family. Between lockdowns, we've been invited back into the school to continue coaching. The school has appreciated the coaching and the positive difference it has made to children's behaviour.

Also, at the beginning of the year, I was running a school's board games club once a week during lunchtime and had gained permission to expand this to other schools after February Half Term. However, with the lockdown looming we weren't able to expand and with schools strictly limiting visitors we had to suspend the existing club.

Instead, I have focussed on providing on-line resources for our local schools. For example, I set up a St Dunstan's YouTube channel and sent a link to the schools so they could access the 'Family Bible Time' series I have produced as a RE Curriculum choice.



I also created and published virtual assemblies for Advent and Christmas, which at least two schools have used. I am looking to continue and expand this work to include workshops around themes such as how churches celebrate Easter as well as a local history project.

I also offered Christmas hampers to one of the schools for families they thought might benefit. As a result, we ended up providing a hamper for one of the families we know through the coaching project. The school reported how much the hamper had been appreciated.

Other plans that have had to be put on hold during 2020 include: a second session for our ever-popular Little Acorns Stay and Play group; expanding our Boys' Games Club to include girls; increasing the frequency of our Family Hut Events (Previous events have included movie nights, games' evenings and a swimming party at the local leisure centre).

However, we have been able to continue some of our activities on-line. I now run the weekly Boys' Games Club virtually and we have had interest from some of the boys about inviting friends along to the club.



Little Acorns has also moved online. I now offer a livestream, weekly story and sing-along on our YouTube channel. Each session is a maximum of 15 minutes. We get around 5 views per week for the video. Some people watch it after it has gone live.

I have also organised and run regular Zoom family quiz nights, including a very successful Christmas version, with over 40 families attended. I also produced an online session for parents regarding e-safety for children. This session is available on our YouTube channel.

The one-to-one climbing sessions for boys at the Arch Climbing Wall have obviously been very limited this year. However, I have kept in touch with families as much as possible by sending out a weekly newsletter and phone families regularly, offering practical support such as picking up prescriptions.

Sundays

At the start of 2020, we were running children's Sunday Club sessions at both our morning services, with an average weekly attendance of about 22 children. I had also signed up for training in Godly Play, a way of helping children to grow in their knowledge of the Christian Faith, something that has the potential to offer a bridge between church and local families, since we used 'Godly Play' as part of our 2019 'Schools' Christmas Workshops'. Our delivery focus had to change during lockdown!

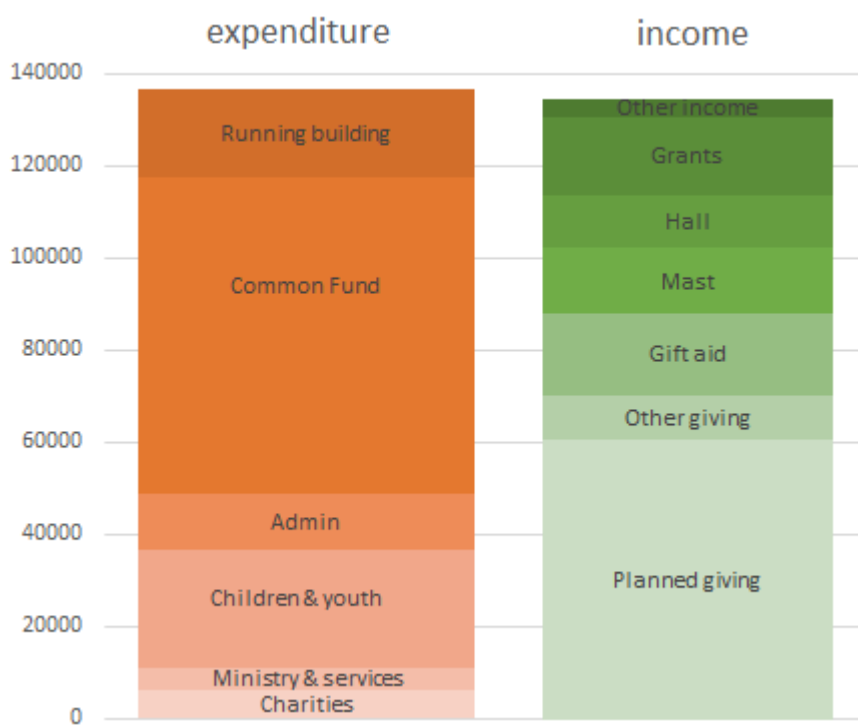
We have been able to offer an on-line Sunday Club as well as a weekly series I produced called 'Family Bible Time' on our YouTube channel. However, like other churches we experienced a high take up during the first lockdown which decreased over time.

So, for the second lockdown we changed our approach. Instead of an online Sunday Club we offered a short, Zoom Family Service. This has proven to be more popular, with an average attendance of just over 30 parents and children each week. We have also seen a couple of new families join us at these services.



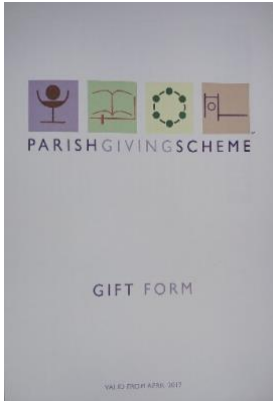
Finances – Overview

Our income in 2020 was approximately £2,000 less than our expenditure. We received grants for children and families outreach from the Bishop of London’s Mission Fund and the Joseph Rank Trust. As usual, the largest component of our expenditure was the “Common Fund”, that is our contribution to the Church of England as a whole, including training and paying clergy. The majority of our income came from our own donations. The Hall hire component of income was, of course, much reduced by the lockdown.



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Parochial Church Council

The PCC comprises the Clergy, Churchwardens, Representatives of the Deanery Synod and up to 12 elected plus up to 2 co-opted members of the congregation. The job of the PCC is to co-operate with the vicar in promoting the mission of the Church in the parish. Those who have served on the PCC since January 2020 are:

- ex-officio: Jon Westall (vicar and Chair), Sue Bolton (Deanery Synod representative), Camilla Slade Viles (Deanery Synod representative), David Morgans (church warden) and James Riddiough (church warden).
- elected: Peter Blagg, Roger Bowerman, Paul Bretherton, Deborah Everington, Julie Gordon, San-San Haddoub, Martin Haenlein, Helena Maitland (PCC secretary), Lesley Moszoro, Jacqueline Perryman (from April 2020), Carlyon Viles, Alison Wood (treasurer).
- David Wang (co-opted till April 2020).

The PCC met 6 times in 2020, on Zoom from March 2020.

The Standing and Finance committee, which met 6 times in 2020 (on Zoom from April), comprises the vicar and PCC chair, Jon Westall, church wardens David Morgans and James Riddiough, secretary Helena Maitland, treasurer Alison Wood and Sue Bolton. This committee carries out PCC business, as directed by the PCC, in between its meetings.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll stands at 109 with 1 person removed and 4 added. (Mark Moszoro)

Fabric (the church buildings)

It's been an unusual year and unfortunately there have been long periods during which we haven't been able to meet in the church as we would wish. Luckily, it is a large building and so we have been able re-organise things to comply with the social distancing and hygiene rules allowing us to meet safely when permitted.

One of the benefits of lockdown has been that it has given us the opportunity to upgrade the Hall lighting. The old lighting was inadequate, inefficient and it was getting increasingly difficult to find replacement parts for the lamps. Paul Bretherton has devised a new scheme utilising the existing wiring and more efficient LED surface mounted fittings to provide a mix of both mood and ambient lights with new spotlights in front of the notice boards. As I write, Paul is waiting for the final light fittings, which will hopefully be in place before the APCM. As part of the works we have also redecorated the hall – repainting the ceiling for the first time since 1983!

I hope that when we do get back into church you will agree that this is a big improvement, making the hall look so much better. We hope the flexibility will help in letting out the room whilst reducing our electricity bills. Many thanks to Paul and to all those who helped but in particular; Jonah, Peter, Adam, Matthew and Mark.

Also, thank you to all those people who have helped clear away the overgrown vegetation behind the church along the northern boundary with the Prideaux Place flats. Mark Moszoro is now in the process of replacing the fencing that was damaged when the trees were removed in 2019. Lesley too has spent a lot of time keeping the gardens looking nice and there are plans to install raised flower beds/planters for a possible community gardening project.

There were a number of items highlighted in the last Quinquennial report that the PCC will need to consider over the coming year. Another important area will be energy conservation in general and in particular the church heating system. There are no easy answers in dealing with a large draughty building and a 30-year-old heating system that is becoming increasingly expensive to run and maintain. The Church has recently signed up to the 'Eco-Church' initiative and as responsible stewards of what God has given us it is right that we consider our carbon footprint as well as the cost and our comfort in planning for the future. People have already given generously but this will be a big project and we will need to raise further funds at some point to move things forward.

Finally, I would like to thank everybody who has helped with the maintenance and upkeep of the church and grounds. We are very blessed to have people with a wide variety of skills who are happy to help. It would however be lovely to have a few more volunteers to lighten the load of those who do so much. We will be having more 'Love St Dunstan' days so please do come along and help out. There are always so many little jobs that need doing so if you are interested please speak to me, James or Jon (David Morgans).

Deanery Synod Report

The Ealing Deanery Synod brings together representatives from all the 33 churches in the Deanery and the meetings are open to any church member. Our PCC representatives on the Deanery Synod are Sue Bolton and Camilla Slade Viles and the Synod met three times in 2020.

Synod meetings are a wonderful opportunity to worship and learn from other churches in Ealing Deanery but of course, 2020 curtailed meeting in person and the last physical meeting was held in February in All Saints, Ealing Common. It seems an age away now! Besides sharing case studies of good practice from the Deanery, and including formal processes such as voting on issues related to the wider Church of England, the Synod also distributes the Mission Fund in the summer each year and in these respects, 2020 was no different. 2020 saw elections both for Deanery Synod Members and then for General Synod being held, for the first time, by email.

The first meeting of the year in February was held at All Saints, Ealing Common, a church which was built 115 years ago to commemorate the life of Spencer Perceval, the only Prime Minister to have been assassinated! The Deanery Plan was agreed so do take a look. The plan seeks to provide a strategic direction to the work of all churches in the Deanery and will be updated as appropriate. In particular, you will see that it makes a commitment to promoting Eco Church:

<https://ealingdeanery.files.wordpress.com/2020/02/deanery-plan-jan-2020-v2.pdf>

Mission Fund distribution and office elections occurred in July and October's meeting (held via Zoom) focussed on Eco church. All parishes were asked to think how they could further the ambition to promote Eco Church objectives and this is an issue which St Dunstan's is committed to. If anyone would like to be part of an Eco Church Group looking at ways to lessen the environmental impact of our church, please do speak to us or any other member of the PCC. (Sue Bolton, Camilla Slade Viles)

Sidespeople

Our grateful thanks to those who served as Sidespeople during 2020 including Tony Bailey, Peter Blagg, Sue Bolton, Roger Bowerman, Charlie Caplowe, Nyuk Lau, David Morgans, Lesley Moszoro, Mark Moszoro, James Riddiough, Jacqui Roberts, Adam Shaw, Paula Shaw and Livingstone St Louis.

Safeguarding

St Dunstan’s church has due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Our Child Protection Officer is Chantelle Adams, and our Children’s Advocate is Esther Brown.

Glossary

Fabric	the physical church building and contents
Incumbent	the priest responsible for the parish (vicar)
Parish	(Ecclesiastical Parish) The area in which the Church of England has given St Dunstan’s responsibility for the people
PCC	the Parochial Church Council - people elected by the congregation to help the vicar run the church
Sidespeople	those who greet people on a Sunday morning, give out leaflets, guide people up to communion, and help services run smoothly
Wardens	churchwardens, along with the vicar, responsible for the day-to-day operation of the church

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Dunstan with St Thomas, East Acton

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- ☐ examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act;
- ☐ to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- ☐ to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

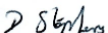
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - ☐ to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - ☐ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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David Stephens FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
13 Newlands Road
Tunbridge Wells, Kent
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Dated

St Dunstan with St Thomas East Acton
Registered Charity 1177614
End of Year Financial Statements
Year ending December 31st 2020

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Receipts and Payments Account

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2020 total funds	2019 Total funds
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	82,603		22,350	104,953	119,876
Income from charitable activities	933		242	1,175	3,492
Fundraising	2,547			2,547	4,336
Hall hire	10,835			10,835	17,825
Other income	14,300			14,300	26,031
Investments	461			461	729
Total receipts	111,679		22,592	134,271	172,289
Payments					
Raising funds	162		71	233	3,791
Expenditure on charitable activities	111,246	143	24,774	136,163	145,706
Other expenditure					152
Total payments	111,408	143	24,845	136,396	149,649
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	271	(143)	(2,253)	(2,125)	22,640
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in		1,000	3,854	4,853	18,218
Gross transfers between funds - out	(4,853)			(4,853)	(18,218)
Net movement in funds	(4,582)	857	1,601	(2,125)	22,640
All assets at 01 January	92,048	11,731	12,379	116,158	93,516
All assets at 31 December	87,465	12,588	13,980	114,033	116,156
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	87,465			87,465	91,686
Designated					
Mast Electricity		11,731		11,731	11,731
Vicar's Discretionary Fund		857		857	
Restricted					
Agency collection			(153)	(153)	208
Bell Fund			130	130	130
Children & Youth					
Heating Appeal 140th			11,132	11,132	11,132
Mission Fund (Guatemala)			597	597	597
Night Shelter			354	354	552
Pew Bible & Lectionary Fund			120	120	120
Sound System			1,800	1,800	

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Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	2020	2019
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand					
CAF current account -	1,237	857	2,002	4,096	6,684
CCLA (CBF) deposit account -	86,228	11,731	11,978	109,937	109,472
Totals	87,465	12,588	13,980	114,033	116,156
Liabilities - Agency accounts					
Agency collections -					360
Totals					360
Grand total	87,465	12,588	13,980	114,033	115,796

Total assets of £114,033 of which £87,465 are General funds and £26,568 are Designated or Restricted Funds. This is split between £13,980 in Restricted Funds and £12,588 in Designated Funds.

Assets recognised but not valued;

- 1 Fixed assets retained for Church use include the land purchased at cost in February 2011.
- 2 Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust on behalf of the PCC.

No remuneration was paid to any member of the PCC for their rôle on the PCC. All payments made to reimburse members of the PCC for expenses properly incurred have been documented. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations using the Receipts & Payments basis.

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis, and there are sufficient reserve funds to cover calculated losses.

The accounts were approved by the PCC on 4th March 2021 and signed on their behalf by:


09/03/2021
Rev'd Jon Westall, Incumbent


9/3/21
Alison Wood, Treasurer

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Analysis of receipts and payments

RECEIPTS	General	Designated	Restricted	2020	2019
Donations and legacies					
Giving (bank & PGS)	58,818			58,818	59,365
Sunday giving envelopes	1,752			1,752	6,727
Sunday giving plate	606			606	3,554
One-off Gift Aid gifts	2,110		4,750	6,860	13,799
One-off gifts no Gift Aid	1,282			1,282	3,708
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	17,035		600	17,635	20,723
Legacies	1,000			1,000	
Non-recurring one-off grants			17,000	17,000	12,000
Other income					
Donations and legacies Total	82,603		22,350	104,953	119,876
Income from charitable activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	222			222	365
Hall hire - mission	600			600	1,850
Church activities income	111		242	353	1,278
Income from charitable activities Total	933		242	1,175	3,492
Other trading activities					
Fairs and Sales	2,547			2,547	4,336
Mobile Mast	14,300			14,300	26,031
Hall hire - one-off	1,199			1,199	1,345
Hall hire - regular	9,636			9,636	16,480
Other trading activities Total	27,682			27,682	48,192
Investments					
Bank interest	461			461	729
Investments Total	461			461	729
RECEIPTSTOTAL	111,679		22,592	134,271	172,289

PAYMENTS	General	Designated	Restricted	2020	2019
Raising funds					
Costs of applying for grants					160
Costs of stewardship campaign					
Costs of fetes & other events	162		71	233	3,631
<i>Raising funds Total</i>	162		71	233	3,791
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Giving - tithe to charities	6,000			6,000	6,000
Giving - charity donations	181			181	3,445
Ministry	315	143	128	586	3,847
Children and Families	1,161		24,646	25,807	27,181
Overseas Mission					
Common Fund (Diocesan Quota)	69,000			69,000	67,092
Diocesan Schools Levy					
Assistant staff costs					
Salary of parish administrator	7,865			7,865	7,888
Working expenses of incumbent	1,800			1,800	2,006
Vicarage expenses	373			373	422
Church running - insurance	5,198			5,198	5,056
Church office - telephone	555			555	655
Organ / piano tuning					
Church maintenance	3,665			3,665	3,467
Cleaning	2,361			2,361	2,812
Upkeep of services	3,700			3,700	5,120
Administration	973			973	2,121
Visiting speakers & clergy	350			350	380
Church running - electricity	2,106			2,106	2,231
Church running - gas	5,150			5,150	4,879
Church running - water	143			143	126
Governance - examination fee	350			350	340
Church major repairs - structure					
Church major repairs - installation					638
Church interior and exterior decorating					
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities Total</i>	111,246	143	24,774	136,163	145,706
Other expenditure					
Uncleared Cheques					152
<i>Other expenditure Total</i>					152
PAYMENTS TOTAL	111,408	143	24,845	136,396	149,649
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	271	(143)	(2,253)	(2,125)	22,640

Notes to Financial Statements

- £11,731 was paid to us by the Mobile Mast operator in 2019, possibly in error. This is still being investigated, and remains in a designated reserve in case it has to be repaid in future.
- Grants received were £7,000 from the Bishop of London's Mission Fund and £10,000 from the Joseph Rank Foundation, both for Children and Families' outreach.
- Income from hall hire was considerably reduced due to closure of most activities for pandemic lockdown.