

# 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  
London W3 7AW

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

\* 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.

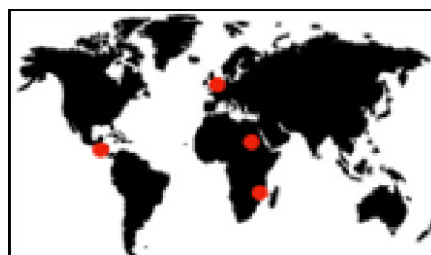
We thank our wonderful helpers for their time, energy and service.

## 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



**Seek, serve and share our Lord together**

**Parish of St Dunstan with Thomas, East Acton**  
**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.

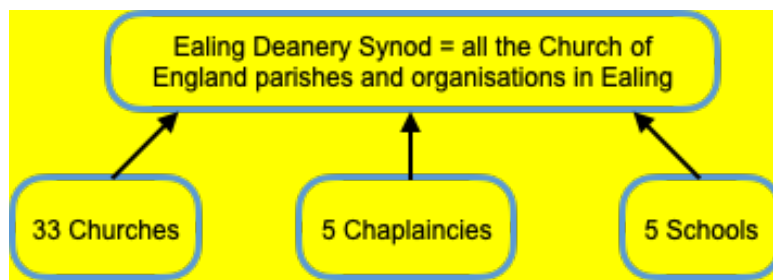
Our 45-year-old cooker has reached the end of its safe and useful life and so we have been looking at replacements with both gas hobs and electric ovens. This has been a popular choice from all kitchen users. Also, a useful shelf has been put up in the kitchen. This will mean we can continue to offer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

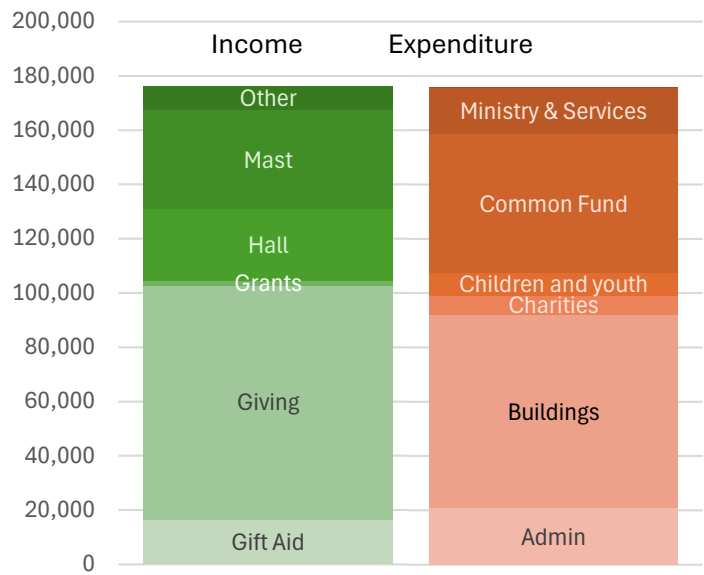
We continue to review practice in line with Diocesan guidance, with the PCC approving policies and practices related to lone working and appropriate boundaries. We are at Level 2 on the Church of England's Safeguarding Parish Dashboard and are working towards moving to Level 3, by ensuring that training,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

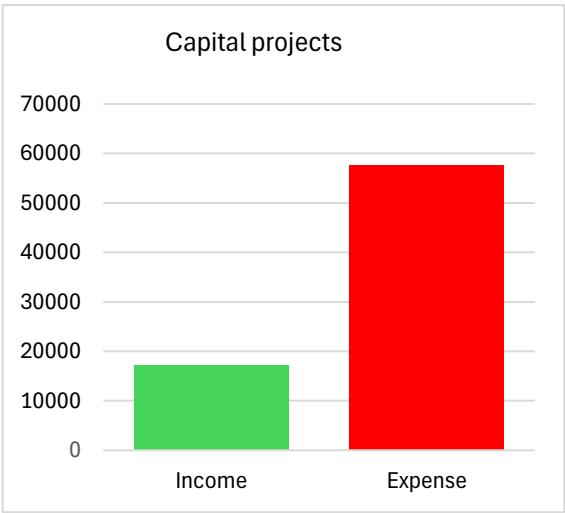
Safeguarding is the responsibility of every member of St Dunstan's. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing efforts and vigilance in this crucial area of our life together as a church family.

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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         |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                             | <b>180,740</b> | <b>20,170</b> | <b>200,910</b> | <b>203,579</b> |
| 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              |
| <b>Total payments</b>                             | <b>221,326</b> | <b>19,165</b> | <b>240,491</b> | <b>268,522</b> |
| <b>Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)</b> | <b>-40,586</b> | <b>1,005</b>  | <b>-39,581</b> | <b>-64,944</b> |
| Fund Transfers In                                 | 16,012         | 0             | 16,012         | 25,761         |
| Fund Transfers Out                                | 16,012         | 0             | 16,012         | 25,761         |
| <b>Net Movement of Cash Funds</b>                 | <b>-40,586</b> | <b>1,005</b>  | <b>-39,581</b> | <b>-64,944</b> |
| Total Cash Funds Brought Forward                  | 193,038        | 255           | 193,293        | 258,236        |
| <b>Total Cash Funds Carried Forward</b>           | <b>152,451</b> | <b>1,260</b>  | <b>153,712</b> | <b>193,293</b> |

| 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              |
| <b>Total Cash Funds Carried Forward</b>  | <b>152,451</b> | <b>1,260</b> | <b>153,712</b> | <b>193,293</b> |

## 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              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>153,712</b> | <b>193,293</b> |
| 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              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>13,303</b>  | <b>2,809</b>   |

| 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          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>7,805</b>   | <b>3,543</b>   |
| <b>Net total assets</b>     | <b>159,209</b> | <b>192,559</b> |

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         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                         | <b>65,973</b> | <b>45,303</b> | <b>111,276</b> |

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.

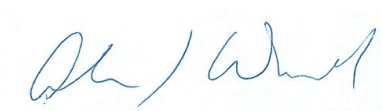
## 5. Notes to the Financial Statements

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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