

# St Thomas the Apostle, Finsbury Park APCM Agenda and Reports



14th May 2023

# Agenda

## Introduction and Opening Prayer

## Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Election of Churchwardens

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies
2. Approval of Minutes of the 2022 APCM
3. Annual Reports
4. Presentation of Accounts
5. Elections and Appointments.
  - a) PCC
  - b) Deanery Synod
  - c) Sidesmen
  - d) Independent Examiner.

## Concluding Prayer

## Meeting of the Parochial Church Council

1. Appointment of Church Officers.
2. Adoption of Diocesan Safeguarding Policy.

# APCM 2022

ST THOMAS' FINSBURY PARK  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
22nd May 2022 at 1:00 PM  
MINUTES

### Present:

The Rev'd Alice Smith - Chair, Heather Pascall – Church Warden , Anne Rose - Church Warden, Rowan Howard, Dorothy Newton, Pat Crocker, Anne Lambourne, John Cragg, Edward Smith, Iain McSeveny, Justice Konneh, Lena Scantlebury, Nina Bikirtas, Malcolm Marjoram, Susan Malcolm, Jean Hall, Br Johannes Mertens, Emerald Rabbatts, Seun Olateju, Ian Sinclair, Cynthia Mapp – Minute Taker, Briony Murray – Secretary

- 1) Apologies for absence  
Received from Cassie Dummett, Chris Higgins, Katie Dawson

- 2) Introduction and opening prayer by The Rev'd Alice Smith

- 3) Minutes of previous APM were agreed

- 4) Election of Church Wardens

Two nominations received for Church Warden. The following were elected:

Heather Pascall: Proposed by Cynthia Mapp, seconded by ??????

Anne Rose: Proposed by ???????? seconded by ??????

## 5) Reports:

The following statutory reports were received:

### Clergy report

Nothing further added.

### Churchwardens' report

Nothing further added.

### Treasurer's report

Wrong report attached. Sandra to email correct accounts to Alice. Total income is £83,000.00. Expense is £84,000.00 which means there is a deficit. General reserves stable.

Rowan mentioned that the PCC made a decision to reduce contributions to rebuild reserves.

Dorothy reported that £600 was given by the Council for the Platinum Jubilee open day.

### Secretary's report

Briony Murray will be stepping down as Secretary. Alice thanked Briony for her contribution and support.

### Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults report

Diocese has launched new online system to record information and generate action plan.

### Deanery Synod report

RH will be stepping down as Deanery Synod representative. She stated they have met infrequently over the past year. As Alice is also a member a replacement is not immediate although one will be required at a later date.

## Non-statutory reports received:

### Music report

Organ is now tuned.

### Children and young people report

Nothing further added.

### Monday movie night

Successful, starting again in September.

### Bible studies

Two new members have joined.

### Finsbury Park Sisters

Planned outing to Museum of London and another picnic before end of term. All denominations welcome.

### Church opening

No report

### Audio visual

Nothing further added

### Interfaith initiatives

Alice made the PCC aware of the interfaith initiative group which a UK wide group that meets on Zoom and is open to all.

### Teas at St Thomas report

Dorothy asked to encourage neighbours to attend who may have lost contact due to lock down and may need encouragement to get out.

### Interregnum report

Rowan will be around to support and maintain this. Alice to see Bishop with a view to getting further support within the parish, priority being admin support. Alice will also look to co-ordinate this between two churches.

### 6) Elections and appointment 4 members of the Parochial Church Council

Katie Dawson, Briony Murray, Rowan Howard, Dorothy Newton, Grace Moussongela has completed their 3 year term.

a) There were 5 vacancies for the PCC. Four nominations were received for PCC membership. The following were elected:

Chris Higgins, Lena Scantlebury, Malcolm Marjoram, Susan Malcolm.

One PCC vacancy still to fill.

b) Election Deanery Synod

Defer to future meeting.

c) Election of Sidesman (the welcoming rota)

Jono Shattock to continue in this role.

d) Appointment of independent examiner of accounts

Deferred to next meeting.

7) Concluding prayer by The Rev'd Alice Smith.

## Priest-in-Charge's Report

It has been almost exactly one year since I was licensed as Priest-in-Charge of St Thomas's. It has flown by, and I can't quite believe that in a fortnight I am going to be handing you over to someone else for a year. I am very conscious that the last few years have been a time of change, uncertainty, even turbulence for you. For much of the interregnum and my first maternity leave, I was as much in the dark about what was happening as you were. We've now had a year of relative stability before I disappear again, this time for a longer period of maternity leave. You will be left in good hands though, as the Revd David Evans will begin officially next month, and in practice at the end of July. He will be full time, and will be looking after both parishes.

I think though, we have had a good year! We were thrown headlong into the Platinum Jubilee and we hosted a very successful open day. The bouncy castle proved a particular hit, though I did spend most of the time terrified a child would lose a limb or something. But they didn't, great fun was had, and it was good to be able to open our doors again in this way after a long pandemic.

Over the summer, when it became apparent that no additional clergy help in the parish was on the horizon, we entered into some discussions about the future of the times of Sunday services. This was a discussion that was happening far sooner into the relationship between St John's and St Thomas's than I would have liked, but both parishes entered into the discussion prayerfully, respectfully and practically. At the beginning of September, we started our new service time of 11am. The feedback that I have received at least, seems to be positive about the change, and it has been reported that we're not finishing services that much later, which is to make no comment on the sermons of the previous incumbent. From my point of view, it was



very good to be able to be with both parishes each Sunday.

Also in September we started our Messy Church service. When starting something new, there's always the worry that nobody will come. But they did, and they continue to come. We've seen noticeable growth in the number of people coming, and we are beginning to see some families become regular and settled as part of that congregation. It has been wonderful to see older members of our congregation come along and join in with the crafts, and I always enjoy sitting and eating together. We have quite a large proportion of our families with very young children, and we will need to begin to think quite carefully about how we make sure our services, and our activities outside of them, include these very young members of our community. My thanks go to all those of you who have been such faithful volunteers over the last few months. If you haven't been to a Messy Church service yet, do come along and see what it is all about. The next one is on Sunday 21st May.

In November, we had a joint PCC meeting to discuss how we might work better together as two parishes, and what the future might look like. We discussed a number of options and models for the future, but agreed that there was still some work to do in getting to know each other before making any major decisions about the future. We agreed for our musicians to work more closely together, as well as exploring new ways in which we could support each other in mission and growth.

As the autumn progressed, we began to share major church festivals with St John's. The plan is that the general pattern will be that these will alternate each year. For the people of St John's, it constitutes a significant boost to have what feels like a full church for some of these major feasts. Christmas was our first 'test' of this new sharing agreement. We held a carol service here at St Thomas's which was well attended. Our children's crib service was also very successful, with over 150 people in attendance. It is likely that due to their size, these two services will remain at St Thomas's, at least for now. Midnight Mass was held over at St John's, and each church had their own Christmas morning Eucharist. It felt like a successful Christmas, and for me, it was good to get one under my belt.

As 2022 turned to 2023, the news was announced that I was expecting another baby. This naturally threw some uncertainty into the mix, and meant that my focus was somewhat shifted from full steam ahead, to thinking about how to set the parishes up for another leave of absence. Waiting to find out what, if any, maternity cover was going to be provided, was a little stressful at times, and I was relieved to find out that that the diocese was willing to find funding for full time cover.

In amongst this uncertainty, many of our regular activities ticked on as usual. Tea at St Thomas's continues to be a valuable space in our community. Attendance is variable, but it is at times very busy, and I know that for those who come it is a valuable place of meeting and welcome. We registered it as a Warm Space during the winter months - a decision that didn't bring in huge numbers of extra people, but did bring in £1000 of funding to pay for our energy bills, which have been a challenge this year. The Craft Group meet each Friday and have a small, but committed membership. The addition of a tutor to their group has allowed them to offer some profitable workshops for us. Monday Night Movies also continues and it would be good for us to look for ways to get round our current copyright restrictions to advertise this more widely to our community. The Bible Study also continues, providing a non-intimidating, regular opportunity to explore faith more deeply. I am grateful to those who co-ordinate and run these groups on behalf of us all.

As we began Lent, we started a Lent Course designed by the Church Urban Fund. It was designed to give us a chance to explore how we engage with our community better, and brought up some interesting insights. The way in which we communicate to our neighbours about what is going on is something that we need to continue to develop. We talked about how to make our church feel more welcome and inviting, and how we might engage more meaningfully with our local schools. Other ideas came up, like having our post-mass coffee at the back of church during the summer, doing some carol singing in a local pub, and developing a welcome pack for new members of the congregation. I hope that some of these ideas can be taken forward while David is here.

Holy Week and Easter arrived before I knew it, and we threw ourselves headlong into sharing the week with St John's. For me, it was by far the best I have had while being in either parish, and by joining together our resources, I felt that we were able to "do" our liturgy better. I'm particularly grateful for the serving teams, those who got our churches ready, and especially our singers and musicians who enriched our worship so wonderfully.

I have spent much of the last few weeks stuck at my desk trying to get everything ready for my leave of absence. But this was punctuated wonderfully by our Coronation Event last week. We had, I think, around 70 children and 150 adults pass through our doors to join the festivities. Thanks to a grant from the council, we've made a nice profit (clergy really just care about money), but more importantly, to be able to throw our doors open and provide a space for people to enjoy this historic event reminded us what the church is for in the community. My thanks to the people who worked so hard to put it all together. Although there probably won't be a coronation for a while, I hope that we will be able to maintain our momentum and keep finding reasons to draw people in for events such as these.

I now only have two more weeks left before my maternity leave begins. My plan, all being well, is to return at the beginning of July 2024. In some ways, I have rather mixed feelings about it all. Part of me recognises that I am now running on fumes and it is time to stop. I am looking forward to spending some time with Martha who has hardly seen me for the last few weeks, and of course, to welcoming a new member of our family. But I am also somewhat apprehensive. For a priest, handing over a parish and the people to someone else is really like handing over a part of yourself to someone else's care. I trust David implicitly, but I will miss you all very much. It is a fatal mistake to begin to thank people individually, because you are bound to forget people, but I do want to say a special thank you to Heather, who is stepping down as Churchwarden this year. Being a churchwarden during an interregnum is hard. And being a churchwarden in a pandemic is hard. Heather has managed both, and it has at times, I know, been very stressful. Her dedication to this church and congregation is immense, so much so, that despite stepping down as churchwarden she's decided to join deanery synod instead! On behalf us all, Heather thank you for your service, your support, and your love. For me, I want to thank all of you for your love and support. I am sorry too for all the times that I have got it wrong, and thank you for trusting me to take on this role.

## Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll was revised between 9th April 2023 and 23rd April 2023.

There were 135 people on the roll in 2022.

Thirty-nine names have been removed and there have been seven additions.

Therefore the number on the 2023 Electoral Roll stands at 103.

Now that the disruption of the pandemic is over, it has been clearer who has moved away from the area and those who no longer attend St Thomas's regularly. The total removed was 39.

We have welcomed some new and returning worshippers and 7 have joined the electoral roll.

The roll will continue to be revised until the date of the Annual Parish Meeting.

Anne Lambourne  
Electoral Roll Officer

## Churchwarden's Report

The months since the last APCM have been very busy again, the most important event being that Revd Alice Smith was licensed as our Priest-in-Charge on Sunday 1st May. We were enormously thankful that after two years of an interregnum and Covid lockdowns we were finally able to welcome Alice, and we thank Pauline, Caroline and Fr David for keeping us going in the meantime.

We have had a number of inspections and maintenance appointments carried out since the APCM or just before: in May the organ was cleaned and kept going by our usual company Bishops; the lights panels were checked; and a local filmmaker hired the church as a location for a short independent film he was making. The full electrical inspection had to be postponed a couple of times, but was completed in August 2022. Our new hall keeper Jules, who started work on 7th June supervised this. We are extremely grateful that we now have Jules, who has taken over a number of responsibilities from us, including arranging contractors' appointments and meeting them and other enquirers/contractors who come to the church and hall.

Our architect Daniel Benson supervised our Quinquennial inspection on 1st September, advising a number of repairs including recommendations to the playgroup. Some of these repairs have been carried out. The heavy rains during the autumn caused several leaks to open again, including from the bell turret down the bell rope, another over the choir stalls and one from the window in the hall. This is an ongoing problem which has now become a priority. At time of writing we are waiting for the roofer to come back to visit with a suggested repairs plan.

An infestation of mice occurred again, and Alice contacted the pest control company used at St John's to deal with it, which was agreed by members of the PCC. Jules supervised their visits.

The piano in church was overhauled and repaired in December in time to be used for Opera on the Move's Christmas concert.

The continuing saga of the accessible toilet has not been resolved. Several builders and electricians have tried to repair it but it seems very unlikely that it can be fixed. The whole system needs to ultimately be replaced. Our architect Daniel has drawn up a possible solution which involves new, lighter wooden doors. We should be receiving a grant for this work.

Another issue is that of the floor in the side chapel, which has become very uneven. Daniel has also been considering how to rectify this.

Our latest news is that we shall be welcoming back Fr David Evans, covering for Alice's maternity leave. He will be with us for a couple of dates in June, and regularly from the end of July.

Lastly, this is Heather's last year as churchwarden, and we thank her for the past 6 years of service, including during the interregnum and Covid lockdowns, which proved a very difficult time. She is looking forward now to spending more time on other interests, including developing the regular Crafts Group meetings and workshops.

Heather Pascall and Anne Rose

## Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Report to the PCC for the APCM May 2023

- This is the second report from Cassie Dummett (CD), Church Safeguarding Officer (CSO), St Thomas the Apostle Finsbury Park to the PCC for the APCM 2023.
- CD updated information in the Safeguarding Dashboard which makes gives a red/amber/green status for compliance with safeguarding policies and generates an action plan. There are seven areas of safeguarding compliance, each rated as follows:
  - o Policies and Action Plan: green
  - o Safeguarding Procedures: red
  - o Safeguarding Roles: green
  - o Training for Key Roles: red

- o Learning and Development: amber
- o Displayed Information: green
- o Reviews and Reports: green
- o Safer Recruitment and People Management: amber
- While progress has been made, and one new area is rated green, the overall level of compliance for St Thomas's is amber, which means that actions are required.
- CD drafted action points for these areas and the action plan will be put to the PCC to review and approve at the next PCC meeting.
- Safeguarding actions taken since 2022 include: reminded PCC members and requested children's Sunday School leaders to take the safeguarding training, Alice contacted everyone required to do a DBS checks and did document checks; reported safeguarding concerns to the diocese and followed up with cases.
- Many thanks to Heather, Lena, Malcolm, Pauline and Andrew, among others, who did training this year.
- CD would like to take this opportunity to thank the continued hard work and commitment of all volunteers, and especially: Rowan Howard, Sunday School Coordinator; Dorothy Newton, Thursday Teas Leader; Andrew Greer, Music Director and those who support the church activities as they relate to working with vulnerable adults and children. A special thank you to Anne and Heather as Church Wardens.

Cassie Dummett

## Music

Music at St. Thomas's has mostly remained the same over the past year, but we have begun to work together across both churches which has been long discussed. Both singing groups from each church rehearsed repertoire separately at times that suited their respective group before joining together on Maundy Thursday at St. John's and Good Friday St. Thomas's. We will continue this model as we work towards the Patronal Festival at St Thomas's.

I'm pleased that organists Rob and Kathryn have been playing at St. Thomas's more due to various reasons, but this has also helped us to work more collaboratively, and I rest appreciate their support.

### Youth Music Group

The Youth Music Group still meet after church fortnightly and are practising a mixture of sacred and non-sacred repertoire. They have contributed to the workshop where possible and we will continue to look for hymns that they can lead in the service.

### Singing Group

The Singing Group continues to meet weekly on Thursdays. We have contributed enormously to the worship over the past year, singing at major festivals including Christmas and Easter, and soon the Patronal Festival. The group is crucial in helping to lead new / unfamiliar hymns in church. They've also developed a new string to their bow by leading psalms. This has been a welcome addition to our worship and something we will seek to continue where possible.

Andrew Greer



# Monday Night Movies

We kicked off the autumn with a standalone film, the beautiful *Brother Sun, Sister Moon*, Zeffirelli's retelling of the early life of St Francis and St Clare of Assisi. This was followed by a two-film season of classic and ever-popular Alfred Hitchcock movies, *Rear Window*, with James Stewart and Grace Kelly, and *The Birds*, with Tippi Hedren.

Christmas saw the very funny National Lampoon's *Christmas Vacation*, a slapstick comedy where everything possible goes wrong for Chevy Chase's character who is trying to enjoy a traditional family Christmas. In the new year we showed our newest film, *Mrs Harris Goes to Paris*, with Lesley Manville, and which was released to acclaim in 2022, followed by the wonderful *Casablanca* to celebrate Valentine's Day (Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman of course!).

For Lent we had two thought-provoking films, *In the Heat of the Night*, around the themes of discrimination and bigotry, featuring Sidney Poitier and Rod Steiger, and Terry Gilliam's comedy fantasy of guilt and redemption, *The Fisher King*, with Jeff Bridges and Robin Williams.

In April we will have seen the first of two heart-warming stories, *October Sky*, based on a true story recounted in the book *Rocket Boys*, and featuring Jake Gyllenhaal as the author. After the APCM we finish the season with a gentle British film, *The Last Bus*, with Timothy Spall and Phyllis Logan.

Between these two films we will have celebrated the Coronation of King Charles with a screening of the BBC's coverage of the occasion, plus lots of refreshments through the day and various activities for both adults and children.

As always we are very pleased to see both our regular movie goers (which are slightly increasing in numbers) and newcomers. Do keep an eye out for the posters advertising the next coming film, and the notices in the Sunday pew sheet. Just turn up in the hall at 7pm for a warm welcome and glass of wine, or have a word with me if you want to know more.

Anne Rose

## Bible Study

We have now been meeting in this format for about nine years, having evolved from a Friday morning study group that had been meeting on and off for some years previously. Rowan generally organises and facilitates along with Malcolm.

Our core group is seven, plus occasional visitors. During Lent we welcomed a few extra people which was stimulating as it brought new voices, ideas, and opinions, to the group. We come from a variety of backgrounds which make discussions interesting and varied.

The meetings are approximately fortnightly with occasional breaks over holiday periods. The only exception is during Lent when we meet weekly.

We completed part 2 of the Genesis study covering chapters 12 – 50 in September 2022. We decided to return to the New Testament and chose 'James' which we completed at the beginning of Lent. We used the familiar 'Bible Study Guides for Everyone' by Tom Wright for this, as these books have proved popular among the group in the past and are not too expensive. Weekly photocopies can be supplied for those who don't have, or don't wish to purchase a guide.

During Lent we followed the Church of England 'Growing Good Lent Course', which was led by Mthr Alice and looked at the local church in the community. A lot of the debate was about how we would like our church to develop and how we could get more involved in our local parish.

After Easter we began our next study and after discussion within the group we decided to look at the 'Gospel of St Mark'. For this we are again using the Tom Wright Guide.

Our discussions are interesting, lively, and sometimes controversial. We are all encouraged to contribute equally so that no one person dominates the session. All conversations and opinions within the group are treated confidentially. We all share in prayer time at the end of each session.

We normally meet in the hall (with tea & cake).

We are always happy to welcome new members, either on a casual or more committed basis.

Malcolm Marjoram & Rowan Howard

## Children's Work

Sunday School has met throughout the year with a mixed age group and varying numbers. A highlight of the year was preparation for first communion with Lyra, Milly, Izzy and Eliza being our first young people to be admitted since covid. We have had lots of interesting discussions and creative crafts linked to monthly themes for messy church. Many thanks to Alice for her meticulous planning and preparation. We are blessed with a small but committed group of leaders including parents and members of the congregation. We have made plans for the coming year whilst Alice is on maternity leave, and will be using the Roots liturgical resource for our sessions from September.

Rowan Howard

## Finsbury Park Sisters and Interfaith Conversations

We have been very pleased to be able to meet our friends from Finsbury Park Mosque, the Muslim Welfare House and local churches including Christchurch, St Mary's Hornsey Rise, St Thomas More and St Luke's West Holloway regularly again.

We have continued our pattern of afternoon and lunch time meetings hosted in St Thomas's and the two mosques, and the Sisters have also shared some interesting events including:

- Joining in the Women's Eid Party at Finsbury Park Mosque
- A summer picnic in Alexander Palace Gardens where some sisters went on the lake in swan boats and we lunched in the rose garden.
- A visit to the Museum of London for a fascinating tour on its last day of opening. Their new building is under construction and we were also invited to take part in their planning event on the aims for its new phase and also their Christmas party.

The continuing pattern of hospitality and conversation that builds friendship and understanding is what we are about, and one event needs special mention:

We first met on the 12th January 2013 and on 24 January 2023 our founder member from Finsbury Park Mosque, Naima Benazouaou, invited us to a celebratory lunch there. We arrived to find the table beautifully spread with fruits and sweets and flowers and celebrated our 10 years of friendship together.

We are still rebuilding our activities post-COVID and this is a good time to think about how we can increase participation in our interfaith activity. Women of all faiths are welcome. Here in Finsbury Park coming together with our Muslim neighbours is particularly important. We bring together people who often otherwise move in separate circles. It makes a difference to how people feel. It builds trust within our communities keeps alive the longstanding commitment to action for peace and inclusion that the Reverend Stephen Coles fostered within our mission.

Through the year the informal faith leaders group Reverend Stephen established has continued to meet, convened by Pauline Nashashibi since his retirement. It makes sure we know each other and are there to

support our neighbours in times of tension.

Forthcoming Finsbury Park Sisters' event:

On 23 May we are visiting Westminster Cathedral together for a special tour.

The Reverend Pauline Nashashibi

## Craft Group

The Craft Group has been running for almost a year.

We meet in the Church Hall on Friday's between 6:30 - 8:30.

We found a Tutor through the Knitting and Crochet Guild.

Our Tutor is Nessa. We work on our own projects.

We have also worked on the following, guided by our Tutor.

Knitting and joining squares to make scarves for the local soup kitchen. Knitting hats for special baby units in local hospitals.

Learning to knit a Cardigan.

We will be starting a project that will be Knitting bottle holders for Dialysis Patients at Local Hospitals.

We are planning a 4 week embroidery class.

All Crafters are welcome. We have had Poetry Readings.

The group has also started all day workshops. These have included the following:

Knitting Christmas Decorations

Making an Advent Wreath.

Candle Making.

We have decided to run a workshop every Three month. We will have the following

A Crochet Workshop on 3 June 2023. Afternoon

A soap making workshop on 9 September 2023 Afternoon

Making an Advent Wreath Workshop on 2 December 2023. This will be a Morning and afternoon session.

After expenses. Donations are made to the Soup Kitchen, Elizabeth House Food bank and the Catholic Workers.

Heather Pascall

## Tea at St Thomas's

Tea at St Thomas's is not a "club" - we are just there if people feel like coming to share tea and chat in a warm, safe and secure environment.

There are four regular hosts and several other occasional helpers.

We meet every Thursday from 2pm till 4pm. Each week there are between eight and fifteen of us, sitting round a big table in the hall, enjoying tea, cake and each other's company. People have commented that it's a great way to get to know neighbours, and also that, as well as being there for those who are regularly at home in the day, it helps those who are temporarily at home in the daytime because they've had an injury or have not been well, helping everyone to feel more connected.

Over the year many different people have attended. Some have a direct connection with St Thomas's; the others are our neighbours, mostly from within the immediate neighbourhood. There are regular guests who come frequently and some who pop in occasionally – comprising a wonderfully mixed group of people with different backgrounds and life experiences, which means that the conversation is always varied and interesting. Also, something lovely often happens - guests share hosting - encouraging others to talk, passing round the food - sometimes kindly bringing food to share – and helping with the clearing up.

Sadly one previously regular guest died during last year, another is now housebound and another has moved into a care home outside London – we miss them all.

Host Christine has been generous and kind in keeping in touch by phone with some former guests - and also a previous host - who are finding coming to Tea difficult now.

It would be great to have more hosts to share setting up, pouring tea and to join the conversations. Please consider – could you help occasionally or once or twice a month on a regular basis? It's fun, interesting and would be very helpful towards keeping Tea going – in its 13th year.

There's always room at the table for more guests – please invite your local neighbours. There are some lovely bright new yellow invitation cards – please take some and give one to anyone you feel would enjoy Tea at St Thomas's. If you can, perhaps come with them the first time to break the ice - or let one of us know and we'll happily arrange something. We are in the hall, every Thursday afternoon between 2 and 4pm - entrance via the Monsell Road gate.

Dorothy, Rowan, Christine and Sui

**St Thomas the Apostle, Finsbury Park**  
**Statement of financial activities**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Year Ended Dec-22
	Note	£k	£k	£k
<b>Income:</b>				
Voluntary income	2	53,720	11,567	<b>65,287</b>
Income from church activities	3	18,107	1,427	<b>19,534</b>
<b>Total income</b>		<u>71,827</u>	<u>12,994</u>	<u><b>84,821</b></u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Church activities	4	<u>58,424</u>	<u>15,358</u>	<u><b>73,782</b></u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>58,424</u>	<u>15,358</u>	<u><b>73,782</b></u>
<b>Net outgoing resources and movement in funds</b>		13,403	(2,364)	<b>11,039</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>		2,890	(2,890)	-
Total funds brought forward at 1st Jan		467	26,931	<b>27,398</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31st Dec</b>		<u>16,760</u>	<u>21,677</u>	<u><b>38,437</b></u>



Total  
ir Ended  
Dec-21  
£k

63,542

18,740

---

82,282

---

90,241

---

90,241

(7,959)

-

35,388

---

35,359

**Balance sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2022**

		<b>Dec-22</b>	Dec-21
	<b>Note</b>	<b>£k</b>	£k
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Debtors	<b>5</b>	<b>4,000</b>	1,500
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>34,437</b>	25,398
		<b>38,437</b>	26,898
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<b>6</b>	-	-
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>38,437</b>	26,898
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>			
Restricted funds	<b>7</b>	<b>21,677</b>	26,931
Unrestricted general funds	<b>8</b>	<b>16,760</b>	467
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<b>38,437</b>	27,398

Sandra Hall  
Trustee

Malcolm Marjoram  
Trustee

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 Dec 2022

## 1 Accounting policies

### a) Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102). Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost, unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

### b) Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts the trustees have a charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence. Thus the trustees' continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

### c) Income

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantified and reasonably certain.

### d) Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources that are not restricted by the donor for a specific purpose.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trust.

### e) Expenditure

Common Fund contributions are accounted for when payable at 31 December is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet. Gr for when paid, or when awarded, if that award creates expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis and accountec

#### **f) Fixed assets**

Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings: property such as the church building and vicarage is excluded s10 of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church conter churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and require a fac inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure inci buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether mainten within the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### **g) Funds**

Restricted funds comprise revenue donations and grants inter donor or funds set aside from general funds by the trustees for

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on

#### **h) Cash flow statement**

The financial statements do not include a Cash Flow Stateme re- porting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prep Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102).

**December 2022**

02. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Accounts Regulations 2008 on a cost or transaction value unless

there is a reasonable expectation that the assets will continue to exist for the foreseeable future. This is of accounting in preparing the

and when received. Tax refunds are accounted for when received. Interest is accounted for as soon as the PCC is liable and receipt by the PCC is

deductible from the donor. Expenditure

resources received/generated for the purposes of the PCC are used for the purposes of the PCC for particular purposes.



. Any amount pledged but unpaid  
ants and donations are accounted  
a binding obligation. All other  
l for gross.

consecrated land and benefice  
d the accounts in accordance with  
nts are held by the vicar and  
ulty for disposal are accounted as  
urred on consecrated or benefice  
ance or improvement, is expensed

nded for a specific purpose by the  
r a dedicated purpose.

the PCC's general purposes.

nt because the charity, as a small  
are such a statement under the

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 Dec 2022

<b>Income</b>	<b>restricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>Restricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>2022 Total (£)</b>
<b>2. Voluntary income</b>			
Planned giving	42,631	-	42,631
Income tax reclaimed	9,803	-	9,803
Collections at services	1,286	3,709	4,995
Grants	-	7,858	7,858
<b>Total voluntary income</b>	<b>53,720</b>	<b>11,567</b>	<b>65,287</b>
<b>3. Income from church activities</b>			
Hire of church property	16,145	-	16,145
PCC fees	-	503	503
Other income	1,962	924	2,886
<b>Total income from church activities</b>	<b>18,107</b>	<b>1,427</b>	<b>19,534</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>71,827</b>	<b>12,994</b>	<b>84,821</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>restricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>Restricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>2022 Total (£)</b>
<b>4(a) The Ministry</b>			
Clergy Expenses	413	-	413
Mission	722	-	722
	<b>1,135</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,135</b>
<b>4(b) The Church</b>			
Gas & Electricity	3,741	-	3,741
Facilities (water rates,towels etc)	3,074	-	3,074
Cleaner	3,803	-	3,803
Church Insurance	5,493	-	5,493
Solar panels	-	4,768	4,768
Minor Repairs	4,343	7,794	12,137
Building Works	-	-	0
	<b>20,454</b>	<b>12,562</b>	<b>33,016</b>
<b>4(c) Services</b>			
Vestry, Altar & Candles	1,615	-	1,615
Organist, Choir & Music	4,565	-	4,565
I.T. Equipment	-	1,663	1,663
Weekly Magazine	167	-	167
Other Ordinary Expenditure	238	-	238
	<b>6,585</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>8,248</b>
<b>4(d) Payments Outside the Parish</b>			
Diocese Fair Shares	30,000	-	30,000

Charities	250	1,133	1,383
	<b>30,250</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>31,383</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>58,424</b>	<b>15,358</b>	<b>73,782</b>

## 5. Debtors

Gift Aid recoverable	1,500
<b>Total debtors</b>	<b>1,500</b>

## 6. Creditors: falling due within one year

Accrued expenditure	-
<b>Total creditors falling due within one year</b>	<b>0</b>

## Funds

Fund movements during the year were as follows:

	<b>Brought Forward (£)</b>	<b>Income (£)</b>
<b>7. Restricted</b>		
Collections for charitable giving	3,739	4,143
Organ repair fund	16,527	68
Solar panels & LED lighting	4,768	-
General building fund	1,247	924
Altar frontal repairs	650	
Minor repairs	-	6,196
IT Equipment	-	1,663
	<b>26,931</b>	<b>12,994</b>
<b>8. Unrestricted</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>71,827</b>

## Payments to trustees

No payments were made to trustees during the year.

## Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

## December 2022

restricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	2021 Total (£)
-------------------------	-------------------------	-------------------

48,277	-	48,277
--------	---	--------

9,905	-	9,905
-------	---	-------

360	-	360
-----	---	-----

-	5,000	5,000
---	-------	-------

<b>58,542</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>63,542</b>
---------------	--------------	---------------

15,163	-	15,163
--------	---	--------

-	319	319
---	-----	-----

1,367	1,891	3,258
-------	-------	-------

<b>16,530</b>	<b>2,210</b>	<b>18,740</b>
---------------	--------------	---------------

<b>75,072</b>	<b>7,210</b>	<b>82,282</b>
---------------	--------------	---------------

restricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	2021 Total (£)
-------------------------	-------------------------	-------------------

972	-	972
-----	---	-----

125	-	125
-----	---	-----

<b>1,097</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,097</b>
--------------	----------	--------------

2,980	-	2,980
-------	---	-------

2,659	-	2,659
-------	---	-------

2,405	-	2,405
-------	---	-------

4,905	-	4,905
-------	---	-------

1,933	-	1,933
-------	---	-------

-	-	0
---	---	---

<b>14,882</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,882</b>
---------------	----------	---------------

-	-	0
---	---	---

3,269	-	3,269
-------	---	-------

-	7,962	7,962
---	-------	-------

207	-	207
-----	---	-----

151	-	151
-----	---	-----

<b>3,627</b>	<b>7,962</b>	<b>11,589</b>
--------------	--------------	---------------

60,000	-	60,000
--------	---	--------

250	2,423	2,673
<b>60,250</b>	<b>2,423</b>	<b>62,673</b>
<hr/>		
<b>79,856</b>	<b>10,385</b>	<b>90,241</b>
<hr/>		

1,500
<b>1,500</b>
<hr/>

-
<b>0</b>
<hr/>

expenditure (£)	Transfer (£)	Carried Forward (£)
(1,133)	(4,488)	<b>2,261</b>
	-	<b>16,595</b>
(4,768)	-	-
		<b>2,171</b>
		<b>650</b>
(7,794)	1,598	<b>0</b>
(1,663)	-	-
<b>(15,358)</b>	<b>(2,890)</b>	<b>21,677</b>
<hr/>		
<b>(58,424)</b>	<b>2,890</b>	<b>16,760</b>
<hr/>		



**St Thomas the Apostle, Finsbury Park**  
**Statement of financial activities**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Year Ended Dec-22
	Note	£k	£k	£k
<b>Income:</b>				
Voluntary income	2	53,720	11,567	<b>65,287</b>
Income from church activities	3	18,107	1,427	<b>19,534</b>
<b>Total income</b>		<u>71,827</u>	<u>12,994</u>	<u><b>84,821</b></u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Church activities	4	<u>58,424</u>	<u>15,358</u>	<u><b>73,782</b></u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>58,424</u>	<u>15,358</u>	<u><b>73,782</b></u>
<b>Net outgoing resources and movement in funds</b>		13,403	(2,364)	<b>11,039</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>		2,890	(2,890)	-
Total funds brought forward at 1st Jan		467	26,931	<b>27,398</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31st Dec</b>		<u>16,760</u>	<u>21,677</u>	<u><b>38,437</b></u>

Total  
ir Ended  
Dec-21  
£k

63,542  
18,740

---

82,282

---

90,241

---

90,241

(7,959)

-

35,388

---

35,359

**Balance sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2022**

		<b>Dec-22</b>	Dec-21
	<b>Note</b>	<b>£k</b>	£k
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Debtors	<b>5</b>	<b>4,000</b>	1,500
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>34,437</b>	25,398
		<b>38,437</b>	26,898
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<b>6</b>	-	-
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>38,437</b>	26,898
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>			
Restricted funds	<b>7</b>	<b>21,677</b>	26,931
Unrestricted general funds	<b>8</b>	<b>16,760</b>	467
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<b>38,437</b>	27,398

Sandra Hall  
Trustee

Malcolm Marjoram  
Trustee

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 Dec 2019

## 1 Accounting policies

### a) Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102). Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost, unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

### b) Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts the trustees have a charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence. Thus the trustees' continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

### c) Income

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is reasonably certain for when received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantified and reasonably certain.

### d) Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources that are not restricted by any donor or other external party.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trust.

### e) Expenditure

Common Fund contributions are accounted for when payable at 31 December is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet. Gr for when paid, or when awarded, if that award creates expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis and accountec

#### **f) Fixed assets**

Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings: property such as the church building and vicarage is excluded s10 of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church conter churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and require a fac inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure inci buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenanc within the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### **g) Funds**

Restricted funds comprise revenue donations and grants inter donor or funds set aside from general funds by the trustees for

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on

#### **h) Cash flow statement**

The financial statements do not include a Cash Flow Stateme re- porting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prep Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102).



**December 2022**

02. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Accounts Regulations 2008 on a cost or transaction value unless

there is a reasonable expectation that the assets will continue to exist for the foreseeable future. This is of accounting in preparing the

and when received. Tax refunds are accounted for when received. Interest is accounted for as soon as the PCC is liable and receipt by the PCC is

deductible from the donor. Expenditure

resources received/generated for the purposes of the PCC are used for the purposes of the PCC for particular purposes.

. Any amount pledged but unpaid  
ants and donations are accounted  
a binding obligation. All other  
l for gross.

consecrated land and benefice  
d the accounts in accordance with  
nts are held by the vicar and  
ulty for disposal are accounted as  
urred on consecrated or benefice  
ance or improvement, is expensed

nded for a specific purpose by the  
r a dedicated purpose.

the PCC's general purposes.

nt because the charity, as a small  
are such a statement under the

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 Dec

<b>Income</b>	<b>restricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>Restricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>2022 Total (£)</b>
<b>2. Voluntary income</b>			
Planned giving	42,631	-	42,631
Income tax reclaimed	9,803	-	9,803
Collections at services	1,286	3,709	4,995
Grants	-	7,858	7,858
<b>Total voluntary income</b>	<b>53,720</b>	<b>11,567</b>	<b>65,287</b>
<b>3. Income from church activities</b>			
Hire of church property	16,145	-	16,145
PCC fees	-	503	503
Other income	1,962	924	2,886
<b>Total income from church activities</b>	<b>18,107</b>	<b>1,427</b>	<b>19,534</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>71,827</b>	<b>12,994</b>	<b>84,821</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>restricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>Restricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>2022 Total (£)</b>
<b>4(a) The Ministry</b>			
Clergy Expenses	413	-	413
Mission	722	-	722
	<b>1,135</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,135</b>
<b>4(b) The Church</b>			
Gas & Electricity	3,741	-	3,741
Facilities (water rates,towels etc)	3,074	-	3,074
Cleaner	3,803	-	3,803
Church Insurance	5,493	-	5,493
Solar panels	-	4,768	4,768
Minor Repairs	4,343	7,794	12,137
Building Works	-	-	0
	<b>20,454</b>	<b>12,562</b>	<b>33,016</b>
<b>4(c) Services</b>			
Vestry, Altar & Candles	1,615	-	1,615
Organist, Choir & Music	4,565	-	4,565
I.T. Equipment	-	1,663	1,663
Weekly Magazine	167	-	167
Other Ordinary Expenditure	238	-	238
	<b>6,585</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>8,248</b>
<b>4(d) Payments Outside the Parish</b>			
Diocese Fair Shares	30,000	-	30,000

Charities	250	1,133	1,383
	<b>30,250</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>31,383</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>58,424</b>	<b>15,358</b>	<b>73,782</b>

## 5. Debtors

Gift Aid recoverable	1,500
<b>Total debtors</b>	<b>1,500</b>

## 6. Creditors: falling due within one year

Accrued expenditure	-
<b>Total creditors falling due within one year</b>	<b>0</b>

## Funds

Fund movements during the year were as follows:

	<b>Brought Forward (£)</b>	<b>Income (£)</b>
<b>7. Restricted</b>		
Collections for charitable giving	3,739	4,143
Organ repair fund	16,527	68
Solar panels & LED lighting	4,768	-
General building fund	1,247	924
Altar frontal repairs	650	
Minor repairs	-	6,196
IT Equipment	-	1,663
	<b>26,931</b>	<b>12,994</b>
<b>8. Unrestricted</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>71,827</b>

## Payments to trustees

No payments were made to trustees during the year.

## Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

## December 2022

restricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	2021 Total (£)
----------------------	----------------------	----------------

48,277	-	48,277
--------	---	--------

9,905	-	9,905
-------	---	-------

360	-	360
-----	---	-----

-	5,000	5,000
---	-------	-------

<b>58,542</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>63,542</b>
---------------	--------------	---------------

15,163	-	15,163
--------	---	--------

-	319	319
---	-----	-----

1,367	1,891	3,258
-------	-------	-------

<b>16,530</b>	<b>2,210</b>	<b>18,740</b>
---------------	--------------	---------------

<b>75,072</b>	<b>7,210</b>	<b>82,282</b>
---------------	--------------	---------------

restricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	2021 Total (£)
----------------------	----------------------	----------------

972	-	972
-----	---	-----

125	-	125
-----	---	-----

<b>1,097</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,097</b>
--------------	----------	--------------

2,980	-	2,980
-------	---	-------

2,659	-	2,659
-------	---	-------

2,405	-	2,405
-------	---	-------

4,905	-	4,905
-------	---	-------

1,933	-	1,933
-------	---	-------

-	-	0
---	---	---

<b>14,882</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,882</b>
---------------	----------	---------------

-	-	0
---	---	---

3,269	-	3,269
-------	---	-------

-	7,962	7,962
---	-------	-------

207	-	207
-----	---	-----

151	-	151
-----	---	-----

<b>3,627</b>	<b>7,962</b>	<b>11,589</b>
--------------	--------------	---------------

60,000	-	60,000
--------	---	--------

250	2,423	2,673
<b>60,250</b>	<b>2,423</b>	<b>62,673</b>
<hr/>		
<b>79,856</b>	<b>10,385</b>	<b>90,241</b>
<hr/>		

1,500
<b>1,500</b>
<hr/>

-
<b>0</b>
<hr/>

Expenditure (£)	Transfer (£)	Carried Forward (£)
(1,133)	(4,488)	<b>2,261</b>
	-	<b>16,595</b>
(4,768)	-	-
		<b>2,171</b>
		<b>650</b>
(7,794)	1,598	<b>0</b>
(1,663)	-	-
<b>(15,358)</b>	<b>(2,890)</b>	<b>21,677</b>
<hr/>		
<b>(58,424)</b>	<b>2,890</b>	<b>16,760</b>
<hr/>		