

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



ST PETER'S
BROCKLEY



FEELS LIKE FAMILY

Church is a diverse family where we can be fully known, unconditionally loved and become who we're created to be.

EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT

We are filled, led and empowered by the Holy Spirit to do what we see the Father doing.

MAKE JESUS KNOWN

Everything we do is an opportunity for others to experience the love and power of Jesus and find fullness of life in him.

FREED BY TRUTH

The bible is our go to source for truth, it sets our hearts on fire and its authority in our lives leads to freedom.

EVERYDAY NOT AN EVENT

Spending time with Jesus, becoming like him, doing what he did and helping one another do the same happens every day, not just Sunday.

AMBITIOUSLY LOCAL

We want to see heaven come where we live through Villages, community ministries and by planting and grafting across SE London.

VISION AND VALUES

The purpose of St Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) is to hold the staff leadership team to account in staying true to the vision and values of the church.

VISION

To play our part in bringing heaven to South East London.

MISSION

We play our part by making disciples who make disciples - people who spend time with Jesus, become like him, do the things he did and help others do the same.



WORSHIP SERVICES

As we gathered on Sundays for our services throughout 2023, we experienced beautiful moments of encountering God in worship, uplifting one another with testimonies from the week, and discerning his voice through prophecy and the Scriptures. Additionally, we fervently prayed for one another, experiencing the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

Amidst the joy and energy of our gatherings, including the lively presence of children and the aroma of freshly baked croissants, we welcomed an average of 160 adults each Sunday morning. It was heartening to witness individuals finding a sense of belonging and connection, with one newcomer expressing that attending for the first time felt like 'coming home.' We attribute this to our intentional focus on prioritising God's presence during our gatherings.

Our evening services provided an extended opportunity for worship and fellowship, leading to remarkable Sundays in 2023 where worship continued into the night, and the tangible presence of God was strongly felt in our midst.

In response to these powerful encounters, we began documenting instances of healings, prophetic revelations, and testimonies, acknowledging our growth in embracing the work of the Holy Spirit within our community.



COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Love Brockley Community Choir embarked on its inaugural 10 week programme in September 2023, with the aim of fostering unity through song and community, while honing vocal skills, learning new melodies, and preparing for a live culminating performance.

We had 25 individuals join the choir.

From the outset, the diversity of the Brockley community was on full display, as individuals from all walks of life and backgrounds gathered for the first session. As the weeks unfolded, a sense of camaraderie emerged, with participants learning to embrace their fears and inhibitions in a supportive environment, where acceptance prevailed and strangers quickly became like family.

Two participants, initially drawn to the choir through our Social Supermarket initiative, shared transformative experiences. One expressed gratitude for the newfound freedom from anxiety, a burden she had carried for years, attributing her newfound sociability to the choir's uplifting atmosphere. Another participant, who had long wrestled with anger, discovered an unprecedented sense of joy through the program. Empowered by the experience, she delivered a soul-stirring solo during the showcase, a testament to her newfound confidence and inner transformation.

The showcase itself was a resounding success, attracting 200 guests, many of whom were newcomers to St. Peter's. These visitors were subsequently invited to our Christmas services and Life Course, extending the ripple of community outreach and connection beyond the confines of our building.

As we reflect on these achievements, we offer praise to God for the innovative avenues through which we've been able to extend love and inclusion to the Brockley community, welcoming those who might otherwise never have crossed our threshold.



COMMUNITY

LITTLE FISHES

Throughout 2023, Little Fishes remained a cherished gathering point for approximately 40 children, along with their caregivers and adults, each week. Serving as a refuge for parents, carers, and childminders alike, the programme welcomed many familiar faces, providing a sense of continuity as the children grew and progressed through various church activities.

Our efforts to infuse Jesus's presence into this group have been ongoing, and we now incorporate prayer sessions and brief Bible stories or reflections into our weekly gatherings. It's heartening to witness the spiritual growth and engagement of both children and adults within the Little Fishes community, as they continue to find nurture amidst their busy lives.

BUMPS AND BABIES

Throughout 2023, we warmly welcomed approximately 25 parents and their precious bumps and babies into our facility every Monday afternoon. Bumps and Babies not only provides essential feeding support to mothers but also offers a nurturing environment for women and their infants right from the earliest stages of their parenting journey.

We believe that God's presence has infused this group with a sense of peace, as evidenced by the numerous comments we receive weekly about the tranquil atmosphere.

On one occasion, a new mother attending with her eight-month-old baby experienced severe stomach pain. The compassionate team members gathered around her, prayed fervently for healing, and witnessed the pain dissipate completely before her departure to seek further medical assistance. The following week, she returned, expressing gratitude for the prayer and miraculous healing she had experienced. Since then, she has become a regular attendee on Sundays, a testament to the profound impact of prayer and the welcoming community fostered within our group.

YOUTH

This year, we witnessed the powerful work of God in our youth ministry, as the group flourished to approximately 20 attendees each week, with a total of 40 individuals considered part of our youth family. The time spent together on the bus has served as a catalyst for deepening relationships and nurturing a closer connection to Jesus among our youth. Following each session, we have observed a palpable hunger for more of God's presence, with many lingering to experience His touch further.

For some, our youth group has been a transformative experience, providing a space where meaningful friendships have blossomed. One young person shared that this was the first time they truly felt a sense of belonging and camaraderie within a youth group setting.

YOUTH CONTINUED

Furthermore, it is heartening to witness how many choose to remain long after the formal session concludes, eager to continue basking in the fellowship and spiritual atmosphere.

During a recent youth weekend away, one of our youth members encountered a profound experience with the Holy Spirit. This significant moment marked a turning point in their faith journey, as they spoke in tongues for the first time. The impact of this encounter reverberates throughout our youth community, serving as a testament to the transformative power of God's presence in the lives of our young people.

KIDS

In 2023, our Kids Ministry experienced continued growth and vibrancy on Sunday mornings, with an average of 70 children attending and actively participating in one of our four dedicated kids rooms. Additionally, we maintained a register of over 140 children who regularly engaged with our programmes, highlighting the significant impact of our ministry within the community.

A notable development within the Rockets programme (Year 2 – Year 6) was the establishment of a permanent home in the marquee located in the church's back garden. This dedicated space facilitated successful and consistent sessions, fostering a sense of regularity and cohesion among the participants. An exciting addition to our Rockets sessions was the introduction of worship, with assistance from members of the main worship team. The children enthusiastically engaged in singing and actions before delving into a time of encountering and receiving from the Lord, providing them with an opportunity to hear from God and respond in their own unique ways.

In the younger rooms, namely Comets, Galaxies, and Shooting Stars, children continued to explore and engage with creative and enjoyable ways of learning about God and interacting with the Holy Spirit.



Christmas was a particularly special time for our Rockets children, who showcased their talents in two nativity performances with separate casts. This logistical feat allowed for the involvement of a greater number of children in speaking roles, creating a memorable and inclusive experience for all. Additionally, at the Christingle services, all the children came together to perform a song, attracting numerous visitors who joined us with their families to partake in the festivities and receive Christingle oranges.

Our Summer Club held in July provided a delightful blend of dancing, singing, art, and circle time sessions centred around the theme of friendship. With 40 children in attendance throughout the week, the culmination of activities included a heartwarming performance of songs and dances in front of family and friends, followed by a festive family BBQ that extended the celebration.

PASTORAL CARE

In 2023, pastoral care at St. Peter's Brockley underwent significant growth and transition. The congregation expanded in size, necessitating a corresponding evolution in our approach to pastoral care.

This transition decentralised pastoral care to the Villages, a strategy that has yielded beautiful results. Village leaders received training in caring for their members and were encouraged to collaborate with leadership when facing questions or challenging situations. As a result, Village leaders mobilised their groups to offer various forms of support during times of bereavement and the arrival of new babies, among other situations. Many individuals with complex needs received practical, emotional, and spiritual care from their Village members, alongside referrals to external counsellors and support agencies. The emergence of an 'every-member ministry' stemming from this transition has been profoundly encouraging.

Similarly, this sense of familial support is evident in the collaborative efforts of Village members. The ethos of 'Feels like Family' has become increasingly tangible at St. Peter's, promising further growth and deepening connections in the future.

Looking ahead to 2024, our plans include ongoing training and support for Village leaders. Additionally, we will launch a pilot Emotional Health Group led by a trained therapist, and offer training for those interested in learning more about inner-healing prayer.

RHYTHM

Rhythm is a distinctive space within St. Peter's where the art of movement and dance converges with worship to God. Our goal is to harness the power of dance to glorify God, engage in prayerful intercession, and prophesy. With each passing month, Rhythm continues to flourish, drawing individuals into an encounter with the liberating, love filled presence of God through dance and movement.

For one trained dancer, attending Rhythm marked a pivotal moment as he seamlessly intertwined dance with worship for the first time. He expressed feeling enveloped by God's presence and overwhelming love throughout the experience. Similarly, another attendee initially participated in the dance but soon found herself overcome by God's tangible presence, unable to move for half an hour as she soaked in His divine presence.

Countless others have testified to encountering a profound sense of freedom, joy, peace, and newfound confidence at Rhythm. They speak of experiencing breakthroughs in their lives, hearing from God, and feeling emotionally uplifted after immersing themselves in worship.

The impact of Rhythm extends beyond the walls of St. Peter's, as it has now expanded to King's Cross Church (KXC) as part of their midweek prayer and worship gatherings. Additionally, discussions are underway about introducing Rhythm at St. Gregory's in Cornwall (who are part of the Table Network), underscoring the growing resonance and influence of this transformative movement.



DANCE

Dance at St. Peter's embodies a vibrant and inclusive community where individuals of all ages come together to embrace the joy of movement and expression. Throughout 2023, our dance programme has flourished, welcoming over 200 students weekly, spanning from toddlers to adults, along with their siblings and parents. Led by five dedicated teachers and two assistants, our classes offer a diverse range of styles, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Our commitment to accessibility and inclusivity is paramount, as we strive to remove barriers and create a welcoming space for all. Through acts of kindness, prayer, and heartfelt invitation, we've had the privilege of witnessing approximately 25 individuals transition from our dance studio to Sunday services and other church events, experiencing the transformative power of community and faith.

One poignant example was when we discerned that a child in our class was struggling with sadness, prompting us to offer gentle encouragement and compassion during ballet sessions. The following week, we observed a remarkable shift in her demeanour, a tangible testament to the healing and restoration facilitated through our dance community.

In addition to providing a space for physical and emotional healing, our dance classes have sparked numerous conversations about faith, with many non-believing families from the local community receiving prayer and support. One touching story involves a mother, once a professional ballerina herself, initially hesitant to enrol her daughter, immediately felt at ease as she was greeted with warmth and acceptance upon entering our studio and community.

Our commitment to social impact extends beyond the dance floor, as profits generated from our programme are reinvested into the church while also funding bursary places for families facing financial hardship.

By offering these bursaries, we ensure that our dance programme remains accessible to all, embodying the spirit of inclusivity and generosity that defines our community at St. Peter's.

BOXTRUE

In September 2023, our hearts were stirred to launch Boxtrue, a transformative ministry designed to provide young people with a dynamic and constructive after-school activity. Recognising the challenges faced by many adolescents who lack positive outlets for their energy and time, we felt compelled to open our church doors as a sanctuary of growth and empowerment.

Boxtrue emerged from a vision to create a space where teenage boys and girls could not only learn the art of boxing but also discover invaluable life lessons that would equip them for the journey ahead. With our main hall transformed into a vibrant gym environment, we sought to foster an atmosphere of discipline, resilience, and personal development. Beyond the physical training, which promotes fitness and strength, Boxtrue endeavours to nurture mental fortitude, instil self-esteem, and foster a sense of belonging and community.

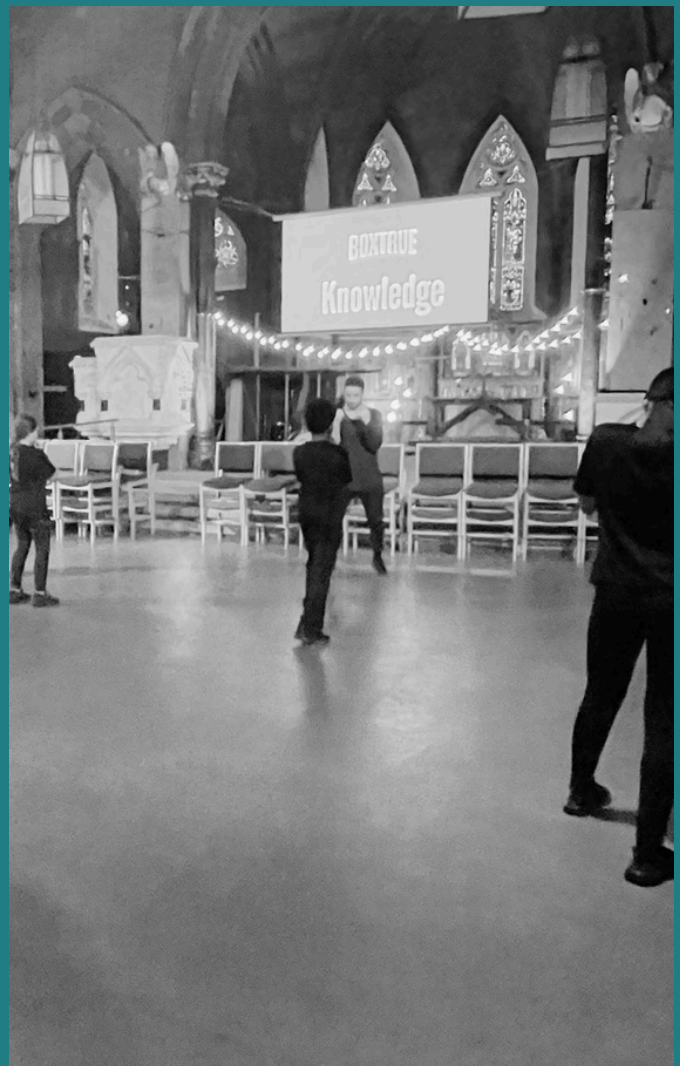
Through structured boxing sessions, participants are encouraged to push their boundaries, overcome challenges, and discover their inner strength.

Moreover, woven into the fabric of Boxtrue is a deep reverence for biblical teachings, which serve as a guiding light for navigating life's complexities. Each session includes discussions on topics such as perseverance, integrity, and compassion, drawing parallels between the discipline of boxing and the challenges of daily life.

The response to Boxtrue has been truly inspiring, drawing young people from our local community who may not have previously engaged with church activities. Beyond its impact on individual participants, Boxtrue has become a catalyst for building connections and fostering a sense of unity within our church family.

Recognising the transformative potential of Boxtrue, we are deeply grateful for the support of the diocese, which has provided us with a grant to expand our reach and offer the programme to more young people. As we embark on the second run of Boxtrue, our hearts are filled with hope and anticipation for the lives that will be touched and transformed through this empowering ministry.

With each session, we are committed to cultivating an environment where young people can flourish both physically and spiritually, equipping them with the tools and resilience they need to navigate the challenges of adolescence and emerge as confident, compassionate, and empowered individuals.



MISSION

STREET SUNDAYS

Street Sundays exemplified St. Peter's commitment to fulfilling Jesus's mandate to share God's love and power beyond the confines of the Church. Each month, during a Sunday morning service, St. Peter's dispatched teams of individuals to engage with people in nearby streets, parks, shopping areas, and cafes. This initiative was inclusive and open to everyone at St. Peter's, whether they were first-timers or seasoned participants, and often unfolded with a palpable sense of excitement as the Holy Spirit guided these encounters to people in whom He was working.

The encounters between the teams and the people they met were often profound, leading to meaningful exchanges and opportunities for prayer and spiritual guidance prompted by the Holy Spirit. Upon returning to church, the teams frequently shared stories brimming with excitement, having witnessed God's transformative work firsthand.

In one memorable instance, a new team member accompanied an experienced team member and engaged in conversation with a young man who identified as an atheist. Upon learning that the young man worked at a mental health facility, the team member, who happened to be familiar with the institution and lived nearby, forged a connection that led to a deeper conversation about God's love. By the end of their interaction, the young man, initially hesitant, requested a Christmas invitation card he had previously declined.

There have been numerous stories shared while the team have been out ministering, below are a few, just a glimpse of the many impactful interactions that occurred during Street Sundays, highlighting the profound impact of extending God's love and grace beyond the church walls.

- A young man who had distanced himself from his Catholic upbringing and professed atheism. Through the conversation, he gained insight into the spiritual activity in his neighbourhood.
- An artist was encouraged to embrace God's role in inspiring creativity.
- A woman burdened by her caregiving responsibilities found solace in receiving prayer.
- Overseas students arriving in the country received an unexpected warm welcome.
- Three young men listened attentively to a testimony of God's healing from cancer.

LIFE COURSE

In 2023, the Life Course continued to offer guidance to those navigating life's complex questions. Conducted three times throughout the year, the course attracted a dynamic group of 20 to 40 individuals, each bringing their unique perspectives and life experiences to the table. What made these gatherings truly special was the diverse mix of attendees, ranging from curious seekers to staunch atheists, all united by a shared quest for deeper meaning and spiritual fulfilment.

With unwavering commitment, our team crafted a nurturing environment where participants felt free to explore their doubts, wrestle with their beliefs, and engage in thought-provoking discussions about the teachings of Jesus. Through a blend of interactive sessions, sincere conversations, and soul-stirring testimonies, we aimed to sow seeds of hope and inspiration in the hearts of those who walked through our doors.

Among the many remarkable stories that unfolded, one stands out as a testament to the transformative power of faith. An avowed atheist, grappling with sudden onset blindness, found himself at a crossroad, grappling with existential questions and seeking divine intervention. Miraculously healed through a combination of fervent prayer and medical intervention, they were drawn to the Life Course, driven by a newfound curiosity and a longing to understand God's mercy.

What transpired during their journey through the course, amidst the warmth of their fellow participants, they experienced a profound encounter with the Holy Spirit. Embarking on a transformative journey they embraced the teachings of Jesus wholeheartedly and, in a powerful display of their newfound conviction, chose to seal their commitment through the sacrament of baptism.

Their story serves as a poignant reminder of the life-changing impact the Life Course can have, reaffirming our mission to provide a welcoming sanctuary where individuals from all walks of life can find belonging, purpose, and ultimately, redemption. As we reflect on the profound transformations witnessed in 2023, we are filled with gratitude for the opportunity to walk alongside our community members on their journey of faith and discovery.

VILLAGES

St. Peter's has increasingly prioritised discipleship in recent years. As Sunday congregations expanded, it became challenging to foster deep connections and discipleship within the context of Sunday services alone.

To address this, we revamped and relaunched Villages at the end of 2022, positioning them as the primary avenue for disciple-making.

Villages are mid-week, mid-sized, home-based communities designed to facilitate three key objectives:

- **Community:** Providing an environment where members can develop deep relationships and love for one another, fostering a sense of family.
- **Discipleship:** Offering support and encouragement to help each other grow closer to Jesus, emulate his character, and follow in his footsteps.
- **Evangelism:** Equipping members to share the love and power of Jesus within their local communities.

Our vision to witness heaven's impact on South East London hinges on our commitment to living as disciples and empowering others to do the same within their local contexts.

VILLAGES CONTINUED

This year marked the first full year of the new Villages initiative. By the end of 2023, we had established 11 Villages across various locations. Although the Village in Forest Hill closed mid-year, the transition enabled members to continue their journey at Holy Trinity church and nearby Catford Village.

Approximately 150 individuals are linked to Villages, with weekly engagement averaging about half this number. Village leaders have the flexibility to guide their communities in ways that best promote community, discipleship, and evangelism. Some utilise their own discussion resources, while others draw material provided by Sunday speakers, encouraging deeper exploration of each Sunday message and collective discernment of God's calling.

Additionally, we organised three 'Ambitiously Local Sundays' throughout the year. On these designated Sundays, Villages gathered in homes instead of attending the regular Sunday morning service, focusing on prayer and collaborative efforts to share Jesus' love with their neighbourhoods. Activities included prayer walks, prophetic ministry, healing on the streets, and other initiatives to engage with our neighbours.

VILLAGES 2023

Brockley
Crofton Park
Ladywell
Nunhead
Peckham
Deptford
Charlton
Kidbrooke
Catford
Crystal Palace

CHURCH PLANTING

ST JAMES KIDBROOKE

In the autumn of 2022, St. Peter's forged a partnership with St. James' Kidbrooke to provide support following the retirement of their incumbent of thirty years. Chris Gaul and Dom and Alice Toms joined St. James' to share leadership of the church during the interregnum, with Ben Jones assuming the role of Priest-in-Charge. Chris, serving as St. Peter's pioneer curate, and Dom, then an ordinand, officially became a curate in the summer of 2023.

Throughout 2023, Chris, Dom, and Alice provided steadfast support to St. James', and in October of that year, they were joined by a small grafting group from St. Peter's. This group, comprising approximately twenty adults and children, began the transition process, contributing to the vitality of St. James' community.

Starting from the autumn, several adjustments were made, including moving the communion service to 9am, facilitated by the generous agreement of the PCC and regular service attendees, to create space for a new weekly family service. Since its inception, the family service has flourished, attracting around 60 adults and 20 children. Concurrently, existing and new community ministries have experienced growth and success.

Exploration of additional planting and grafting opportunities commenced towards the end of 2023, with further developments anticipated in 2024.

SOCIAL SUPERMARKET

Our Social Supermarket has had the opportunity to provide support for approximately 100 households each week, extending its reach to touch the lives of around 320 individuals. Beyond providing essential food supplies, our supermarket serves as a sanctuary of compassion and care, where guests find not only nourishment for their bodies but also comfort for their souls.

For those who walk through our doors, the experience goes beyond the transactional exchange of goods. It's a place where they can pause, enjoy a hot beverage, and engage in conversations with our volunteers. Many have expressed their gratitude, echoing the sentiments of one guest who remarked, "I came in for food, but you have given me so much more."

Among our guests is a refugee family facing immense challenges, including a father who recently suffered a stroke and can no longer work. For them, the food we provide isn't just sustenance—it's a lifeline that helps them put a meal on the table amidst their hardships. Moreover, it's a space where they can receive not only practical assistance but also the healing power of prayer.

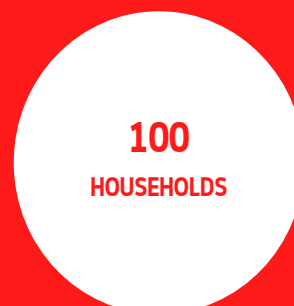
Over time, our Social Supermarket has become a place of miraculous encounters, with numerous instances of healing and transformation. Many who arrived burdened by chronic pain have left our premises feeling relieved and renewed, their faith in the power of prayer reaffirmed. Even delivery drivers, passing through on their routes, have been touched by the outpouring of love and support.

Beyond its tangible impact, our supermarket serves as a vital community hub, fostering connections and friendships among our volunteers. For some, it's a lifeline, offering a reason to step out of their homes and engage with others. It's also a testament to the inclusive nature of our mission, drawing in dedicated individuals from the wider community who, though not part of our congregation, embody the spirit of compassion and service.

As we reflect on the profound impact of our Social Supermarket we extend our deepest gratitude to our team of volunteers who, week after week, pour their hearts into making this vital ministry possible. Their unwavering dedication and selflessness are the driving force behind the transformative work we continue to witness in our community.



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CREATION CLUB

Creation Club, our after-school programme for primary school-aged children, takes place every Wednesday and offers a delightful blend of snacks, games, and engaging activities. Rooted in the theme of Creation, we explore the wonders of God's handiwork and discuss our responsibility to care for it. Drawing inspiration from scripture, each session delves into different aspects of God's magnificent creation, empowering children to become active stewards of the environment.

Guided by the creativity of God the Creator, we incorporate plenty of art projects into our sessions, providing children with opportunities to express themselves artistically while honing their creative skills. Our inclusive approach attracts not only children from our church community but also youngsters from the local area who may not attend church regularly.

Throughout the year, our topics have ranged from Rainforests and Landscapes to Oceans and the impact of single-use plastic. Towards the end of the year, we focused on caring for the most vulnerable individuals worldwide, with a special emphasis on children affected by conflict. In a heartwarming display of compassion and generosity, we organised a fundraising sale just before Christmas to support children impacted by the conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza.

The sale featured a variety of second-hand goods, handmade Christmas decorations crafted by our Creation Clubbers, and delicious baked treats. Prior to the event, we gathered together for a moment of prayer, seeking God's blessing on our endeavour. The children enthusiastically manned their stalls during the sale, showcasing their entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to the cause. Thanks to their efforts, we successfully raised £300, which was donated to Action Aid to aid in their relief efforts. We are immensely proud of the children's engagement and the positive impact they have made through their kindness and generosity.



OPPERATION FOREGIVENESS

Operation Forgiveness is a London City Mission initiative, is a vital programme designed to empower young individuals with the profound concept of forgiveness, serving as a direct response to the pressing issue of youth violence and knife crime. Throughout 2023, a committed team of individuals from St Peter's dedicated themselves to becoming facilitators for this impactful initiative. They underwent comprehensive training to equip themselves with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively deliver the one-day program.

Once trained, the team ventured into a local school, where they passionately shared the poignant narratives of individuals impacted by knife crime tragedies, highlighting the devastating consequences while also emphasising the transformative power of forgiveness. By engaging with students in meaningful discussions and interactive sessions, they aimed to inspire hope, foster understanding, and encourage positive choices.

As they witnessed the profound impact of their efforts on the young minds they interacted with, the team found fulfilment in knowing that they were contributing to the collective effort to address youth violence and promote healing in their community. Looking ahead to 2024, they eagerly anticipate further opportunities to collaborate with local schools, deepen their impact, and continue spreading the message of forgiveness and reconciliation.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP) JOB CLUB

The St. Peter's CAP Job Club is for individuals navigating the challenges of unemployment and career transitions. Our doors are open to those who have been grappling with prolonged joblessness, facing workplace difficulties, or seeking new career pathways.

Aligned with the national CAP scheme and in collaboration with other Job Clubs, our club offers a comprehensive range of services aimed at empowering individuals on their journey to employment. From assistance with CV writing and job applications to honing interview skills and providing motivation and goal-setting support, we strive to equip our members with the tools they need to succeed in today's competitive job market.

In 2023 St Peters ran three 8 week job clubs, in spring, summer and winter. Over 40 people attended the clubs, ages ranging from 20 to over 75 years. At least 50% of those attended were able to find employment or voluntary work during or shortly after the end of the courses. Very strong positive feedback from course members was received, demonstrating the value given to the personal and group support from job club coaches and other course members.

At the heart of our Job Club is a dedicated team of individuals whose expertise, experience, and unwavering commitment shine through in every interaction. Their warm demeanour and genuine compassion create a nurturing environment where individuals feel supported and encouraged as they navigate their employment journey.

Together, we stand as a community of hope and resilience, united in our mission to empower individuals and restore dignity through meaningful employment.

UNCONDITIONAL

Unconditional, our domestic abuse support group, provides vital assistance to individuals affected by domestic abuse in the SE4 area. Operating bi-monthly during term time, our group offers both practical and psychological support to those navigating the complexities of domestic violence.

Led by trained facilitators, Unconditional offers the 'Own My Life' programme, a 12-week course designed to empower women who have experienced or are currently enduring abuse to reclaim control over their lives. This transformative course equips participants with the tools and resources needed to break free from the cycle of abuse and move towards healing and empowerment.

In 2023, we expanded our services by establishing a crèche, which has become an integral component of our support group. This initiative has enabled more individuals to access our services, removing barriers to participation and ensuring that those in need can receive the support they deserve.

Throughout our sessions, we offer prayer for those in attendance, with 95% of participants expressing a desire for prayer at the conclusion of each session. This spiritual support, coupled with encouragement fostered within the group, has been instrumental in helping attendees find strength and resilience in the face of adversity. Friendships have blossomed within the group, providing a source of comfort and solidarity for individuals navigating challenging circumstances. Through mutual support, encouragement, and prayer, participants have found empowerment as they journey towards healing and wholeness.

MARY AND MARTHA'S CAFE

In 2023, one of the Love Brockley initiatives that thrived and expanded was the Mary and Martha's Café. This monthly gathering served as a place of warmth, companionship, and culinary delight for many individuals who grappled with loneliness and isolation. Drawing together a diverse group of attendees, many of whom were non church attendees, the café became a cherished space where people could come together over a shared meal and enjoy each other's company.

At the heart of Mary and Martha's Café were its dedicated volunteers, a committed team comprising individuals from various backgrounds and walks of life, many of whom did not typically engage with church activities. Unified by a shared passion for serving others, these volunteers worked tirelessly to curate delectable, nutritious menus, of which they chose monthly in collaboration with skilled chefs. Their efforts extended beyond the confines of the café, as they also endeavoured to deliver meals to housebound neighbours, spreading warmth and nourishment to those in need.

In the words of some of the Mary and Martha's Cafe volunteers:

"I enjoyed volunteering at the Mary and Martha Cafe. It was relaxing work even though I was always rushed off my feet to cut the vegetables and salad. I really enjoyed how people of varying ages and backgrounds enjoyed each other's company. The food was always good, filling and plentiful. "

"It was like throwing a birthday party for everyone- all are invited. It was very joyful. "

For both volunteers and guests alike, Mary and Martha's Café embodied the essence of home, a welcoming haven where meaningful connections were forged, stories were shared, and hearts were uplifted. Attendees fondly reminisced about the camaraderie and joy that permeated the café, describing it as a place where everyone felt included and celebrated.

Many felt Mary and Martha's Café was more than just a culinary experience, it was a celebration of community, where people from all walks of life came together to share in the simple joys of good food and heartfelt conversation. It was a privilege to be a part of such a vibrant and loving community.

ONE HEART PRAYER

On the first Monday of each month, several members of the St Peter's Church family gathered together to pray for the wider church community at our One Heart Prayer evenings. These evenings of prayer always began with a time of worship, and we sought to allow space for the Holy Spirit to lead the way. The meetings varied from month to month, focusing on a particular area of the church vision, a specific need that had arisen in our community, or in the world.

In 2023, we began a prayer focus on each of the St Peter's church values, with one member sharing from the scriptures to inspire us before we prayed. Throughout the year we prayed for any needs that were brought to mind or had been requested by any members of the church family. Then in October our focus shifted to praying for the war in Palestine and Israel as that conflict broke out, remembering as well other conflicts around the world.

During this time together, all were welcome and encouraged to share bible verses and prophetic words or pictures that the Lord had put on our hearts. We gave glory to God for these times when we could share the passions in our hearts, our hopes, and praises. We thanked him for the sense of increased faith and togetherness we experienced in His presence.

FRIENDSHIP CAFE

Since its inception, the Friendship Cafe has strived to create a nurturing environment where local residents, and even those from farther afield, can gather to enjoy coffee, cake, and most importantly, companionship. The cafe is run by entirely by volunteers and over the course of 2023 welcomed 4 new members. Sadly one of the longest attending supporters, who joined us on our very first Cafe, died at the end of 2023 and is very much missed by all.

We are thankful to God for his blessings, not only for the Cafe, but for the friendships that have been developed and grown and fellowship enjoyed by everyone who faithfully came along.



Held on the first and third Fridays of each month, the feedback we've received affirms the Friendship Cafe is achieving its goal:

"I cherish my time at the Café and catching up with everyone."

"The coffee and cake are always a treat!"

"The sense of community and camaraderie is truly amazing."

"It's heartwarming to hear diverse stories and share laughter together."

"I eagerly anticipate each Café session; it's always warm and inviting."

"A valuable asset to the community."

"Accessible location and a great opportunity to meet new people from all walks of life."

"Friendship, fellowship, and mutual care are evident in every gathering."

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The project celebrated a successful inaugural year of cultivating vegetables and enhancing the front flower garden in preparation for further growth in 2024. Thanks to a generous grant from Lewisham Council, we were able to construct eight raised beds, procure seeds, bulbs, compost, and soil, laying the foundation for our gardening endeavours.

Dedicated leadership guided our vegetable allotment project from planning to fruition. Regular gardening sessions were held every Thursday afternoon from March to November, supplemented by monthly Saturday gatherings, drawing enthusiastic participation from a diverse group of volunteers spanning our church family, social supermarket patrons, and the broader community. Under expert guidance, attendees not only contributed to the cultivation of our vegetable patch but also exchanged valuable gardening knowledge during informative workshops.

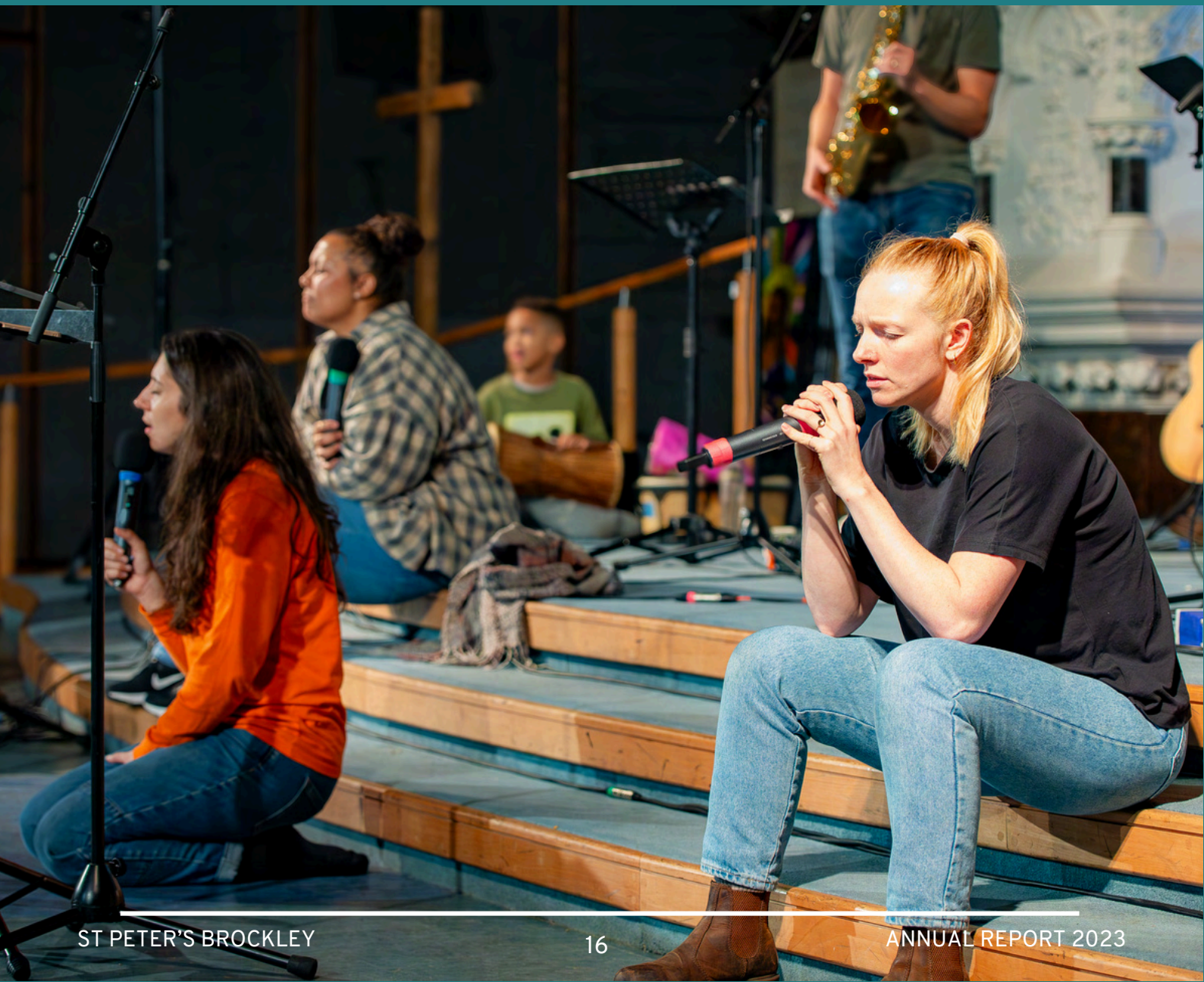
The fruits of our labour were not only enjoyed by our diligent gardeners but also shared with those in need through donations to the food bank. Additionally, our front garden underwent a remarkable transformation, with careful planning and meticulous care resulting in the planting of numerous bulbs poised to bloom in Spring 2024. The space is envisioned to evolve into a serene sanctuary for community members seeking moments of quiet reflection.

Our progress has garnered commendation from our partners at Lewisham Council, reflecting their satisfaction with our efforts. Furthermore, ongoing discussions signify a promising collaboration aimed at further enhancing the green spaces within our community. As we look ahead, we are excited about the prospect of continued growth and collaboration, reaffirming our commitment to fostering a greener, more vibrant community for all.

CHARITABLE GIVING

In 2023, the PCC contributed to several charitable organisations, including Growing Hope, Spinnaker Trust, London City Mission, Power the Fight, Wave, The Spring, Marsha Phoenix, and Vinjeru School. Additionally, the PCC extended support to individuals facing financial hardship within the church community through the Fellowship Fund, and to those in the local community through St Peter's social supermarket (food bank).

Recognising the significance of maintaining the fabric of the church to facilitate St Peter's evangelistic mission both locally and beyond, efforts were made to identify opportunities for development throughout the year.



LSSM

St. Peter's has remained steadfast in its support of the London School of Supernatural Ministry (LSSM), which offers transformative discipleship courses to our members, church leaders, and individuals from across the UK, Europe, and the USA. In 2023, LSSM introduced Bethel's Supernatural Ministry course as a day school and launched a new personal discipleship programme entitled 'Grow'.

This initiative has had a profound impact on participants, empowering them to discover their true identity, activate their spiritual gifts, and cultivate a deeper sense of confidence in their faith journey. As a result, individuals at various stages of their walk with Jesus have reported remarkable transformations, witnessing positive shifts in both their personal lives and the world around them.

Among the testimonies shared, there have been accounts of experiencing divine healing, witnessing the redirection of new age palm reading events in a pub with a Prophetic and Healing night every month, and triumphing over significant addictions. Moreover, participants have deepened their intimacy with God, received inner healing through prayer, and generously shared prophetic insights to uplift and encourage others. These manifestations are clear demonstrations of the presence and power of the Kingdom within each believer.

CONNECTED LIVES

This year marks the beginning of our partnership with the charity Connected Lives, which specialises in offering courses and activities aimed at enhancing our interpersonal relationships. We successfully conducted four Circle of Security Parenting Courses, providing a platform for small groups of parents to engage in open discussions about their parenting journey within a supportive setting. Rooted in evidence-based research, these courses focused on fostering stronger connections and attachment between caregivers and children.

PARTNERSHIPS



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Additionally, we launched a ministry dedicated to married couples, commencing with our inaugural marriage day held during the autumn term. This event brought together 20 couples who were eager to invest in nurturing their relationships. Furthermore, our first singles' day attracted approximately 40 individuals, offering them an opportunity to share their experiences of flourishing in both life and faith.

The response to these initiatives has been overwhelmingly positive, with participants reporting notable improvements in their relationships. Encouraged by this feedback, we are committed to building upon this success in the years ahead, further enriching the lives and connections within our community.

GROWING HOPE

In 2023, Growing Hope Brockley persisted in its mission to instil hope in families throughout South East London. From January to August, the clinic buzzed with activity as numerous families attested to the life changing impact of the free therapy offered at Growing Hope. Of particular note were the transformative outcomes achieved through the siblings group and the 'When Dreams Change' course, which provided holistic support to families navigating challenging circumstances.

A poignant story shared during the spring fundraiser shed light on the profound impact of Growing Hope's interventions. A single parent, struggling with a child's extreme stress during bus rides, found solace and practical solutions through the dedicated efforts of our Clinic Manager and occupational therapist. Through targeted therapy sessions and skill building exercises, the once daunting task of riding the bus became a stress-free experience for the family.

Despite facing significant changes, including our Clinic Manager's departure, Growing Hope remained steadfast in its commitment to the community.

Regrettably, operational challenges necessitated the temporary closure of the clinic at the start of September 2023. However, upon thorough evaluation of community needs, the decision was made not only to replace the Clinic Manager role but also to expand the team by adding three additional members. It is our fervent hope that these new team members will join us by March 2024, reinforcing our capacity to support the clinic's vital work.

St. Peter's Church was honoured to receive the Silver Accessibility Award, a recognition of our ongoing efforts to create an inclusive environment for all individuals. While this achievement marks significant progress, our journey toward accessibility is far from complete. With a steadfast commitment to inclusivity, we aspire to attain the Gold Award by the end of 2024. We continue to seek skilled individuals and the collective support of our church and community as we strive to make St. Peter's a place where everyone feels welcomed and valued.

OPERATIONS

BUILDING

Throughout the year, St. Peter's building maintained its good condition, thanks to routine maintenance and successful safety inspections. Various repair works were undertaken to address concerns identified in the previous Quinquennial inspection.

These repairs included patching holes in the roof above the blower room and back door to prevent leaks and damage, as well as replacing damaged roof tiles over the back chapel. Additionally, the boiler and taps in the back kitchen were replaced to ensure a continuous water supply for various activities, such as the gardening project and children's teams.

To enhance safety, various electrical works were carried out, particularly in high-traffic areas like the main kitchen, entrance hallway, and toilets. New sockets for heating and lighting were installed throughout the building, including on the white bus used for Kids ministry activities.

A notable addition to the church's facilities was a large white marquee generously donated to the church by Brockley Community Church and erected in the back garden, complete with temporary flooring and heating for enhanced functionality.

Despite challenges, such as two break-ins to the youth bus and an attempted break-in to the back fire exit door in 2023, security measures were bolstered with the installation of cameras to deter intruders. These are checked and maintained regularly.

Furthermore, security measures were strengthened with the installation of security cameras to monitor entrances/exits, deterring break-in attempts and providing footage in case of further incidents.

Following the retirement of our previous Quinquennial inspector, a new one was appointed by the PCC. The latest inspection took place in July 2023, with the final report due to be issued in January 2024.

While significant progress was made, pending tasks from the Quinquennial inspection are scheduled for completion in early 2024, ensuring the continued upkeep and safety of the building for all users.

In response to the increased footfall, funds were raised for a defibrillator, a critical addition considering the over 800 people who visit St. Peter's weekly. The defibrillator was successfully installed in 2023.

The growing attendance at our services and events necessitated an additional commercial waste bin to prevent overflow and mitigate pest attraction.

To address noise disturbances during kids church caused by the main service, acoustic walls were installed starting in July 2023 and are scheduled to be completed in January 2024. These walls will provide soundproofing, allowing children to focus on their sessions without disruption.

Furthermore, comprehensive risk assessments were conducted for every activity and programme held in and around the building. Necessary safety measures were implemented to mitigate potential risks effectively.

ELECTORAL ROLL AND CHURCH ATTENDANCE

The 2023 Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) took place in April, adhering to the guidelines set forth by the Southwark Diocese. At the time of the meeting, the Electoral Roll comprised 116 names. Throughout the year, St. Peter's witnessed an average Sunday attendance of 143 adults and 70 children in the mornings, with an additional 58 adults attending evening services. While quantifying online engagement remains challenging, the church continued to observe a significant number of individuals participating via platforms such as YouTube and Instagram.

During the Easter period, St. Peter's experienced robust attendance, with 103 individuals joining the Good Friday service and a substantial turnout of 252 adults and 90 children for the Easter Sunday service. Notably, the Christmas season saw a doubling of services, reflecting the growing demand, with 119 adults attending the Saturday Evening Carols service and 250 adults participating in the Sunday evening service. Additionally, the Christmas Christingle Services attracted a sizable congregation, with 282 adults and 126 children attending across the two morning services. These figures underscore the enduring appeal and significance of St. Peter's worship experiences throughout the year.

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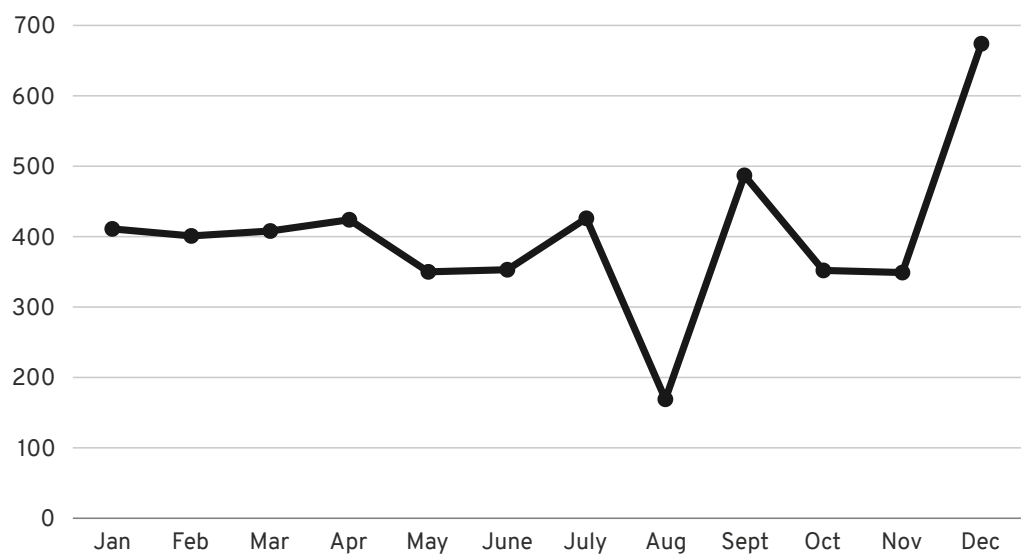
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Easter Services 2023

282 adults
126 children
Christingle Services 2023

369 adults
Christmas Carols
Services 2023

MONTHLY ENGAGEMENT ACROSS ALL ACTIVITIES 2023



VOLUNTEERS

In reflecting on the past year, we are deeply grateful for the invaluable contributions of our dedicated church volunteers. Their commitment and tireless efforts have been the cornerstone of our community's success and growth.

Throughout the year, our volunteers have generously devoted their time, skills, and energy to various initiatives and activities within our church and beyond. From organising various programmes and events, to serving in outreach programmes and supporting community initiatives, their passion for service and selflessness have been truly inspiring.

Despite facing many challenges and uncertainties, our volunteers have remained steadfast in their dedication, demonstrating resilience, creativity, and compassion in their service to others. Whether it was adapting to mobilise resources, or offering a listening ear to those experiencing hardship, their impact has been profound and far-reaching.

As we celebrate their accomplishments and express our gratitude, we also recognise the importance of nurturing and supporting our volunteers. Their well-being and satisfaction are integral to sustaining our vibrant community and fulfilling our mission. We remain committed to providing them with the training and appreciation they deserve, ensuring that they continue to thrive and grow in their roles.

As we look ahead to the future, we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and the continued partnership with our dedicated volunteers. Together, we will continue to build a community grounded in faith, compassion, and service, making a positive difference in the lives of others.

To all our volunteers, we extend our heartfelt thanks for their extraordinary love and service. Their contributions are deeply appreciated and cherished, and we are profoundly grateful for the difference they make.

Ben and Hanelle, the church leaders, also extend their heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated members of the St. Peter's PCC: Colin Plant, the Vice Chair of PCC, and Lynne Wilkinson, Sarah-Salome Ajayi, Phil Allen, Christopher Harvey, Christopher Stormont, Andy Parnham, Myra Thompson, Jason Archie-Acheampong and Nita Rogers who have played an essential role in advancing the church's mission and ensuring the smooth functioning of its operations.

We would also like to recognise the invaluable contributions of the Churchwardens, Joel Power and Sarah Pellew, whose dedication to supporting the team has been instrumental in guiding us. Additionally, a special appreciation goes to Chris Harvey, the Treasurer, for his diligent financial stewardship and wise counsel on the standing committee. Your commitment and service are deeply appreciated, and we are grateful for the impact you have made on our church and its mission.

We would also like to express our appreciation to the diligent team who have been instrumental in the day-to-day operations of St. Peter's Church. Their hard work, and tireless efforts have been invaluable in ensuring the smooth functioning and success of our church's ministries and programmes. Each member of the team plays a vital role in supporting our congregation and advancing our mission. Their commitment to excellence and their willingness to go above and beyond are truly commendable and greatly appreciated and do not go unnoticed. We are privileged to have such a dedicated team supporting our ministry. Their efforts are truly valued and make a significant difference in the lives of our congregation and the wider community.

Finally, the church leaders would like to thank the wider congregation. Despite the challenges posed by the cost of living crisis, the financial giving of the congregation has been a source of practical support and encouragement. The church community has come together with generosity and solidarity, demonstrating a profound commitment to sustaining our church's vital ministries and operations in line with our vision and values. We are immensely grateful for the sacrificial giving and support of our congregation, which have enabled us to navigate this challenging period with grace and fortitude.

DEANERY SYNOD

St. Peter's maintains active engagement with the Deptford Deanery through its two representatives on the Deanery Synod, one of whom serves as the Lay Chair, while the other fulfils the role of Deanery Secretary.

Throughout 2023, the Deptford Deanery remained steadfast in its focus on Prayer, Collaboration, and Mission. The overarching aim of the Deanery's endeavours is to cultivate an ethos encapsulated by the mantra "rooted in my parish and connected to my deanery," empowering every church member to recognise their role in parish life, within the Deptford Deanery Churches, and the broader church community.

The year saw notable developments within the Deanery, including the appointment of Reverend Anne Bennett as the new Area Dean. The Deanery Leadership Team convened regularly to deliberate on Diocesan initiatives impacting the Deanery and to organise Forums addressing pertinent issues. In February, the focus was on Children & Young People's Ministry, while March commenced with a Deanery Ascension Day service, marking the onset of the national Thy Kingdom Come 10 days of prayer. Notably, a prayer walk through the Deanery, attended by individuals from various churches, underscored the collective commitment to spiritual engagement and unity.

June witnessed an insightful forum led by Dr. Simon Rogoff from St. Peter's, delving into mental health and its implications for churches. Later in October, a Deanery Synod meeting featured discussions on pressing topics raised by Deanery Lay Representatives, including the evolving stance on 'Living in Love and Faith.'

St. Peter's active participation in these gatherings underscores its commitment to aligning its aspirations and strategies with broader church initiatives.

By maintaining representation in significant Deanery and Diocesan groups, St. Peter demonstrates our commitment to collaboration and maintaining good relationships with our partners and neighbours, and our vision remains aligned with the collective goals of the wider church community.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS

St. Peter's is proud to be part of the TABLE family of churches, all of which have been grafted or planted out of Kings Cross Church (KXC) over the past five years.

Ben and Hanelle, along with other leaders from our church, receive support from Pete and Bee Hughes, the leaders of KXC. Throughout the year, our staff team has had the opportunity to meet with other staff teams from around the country, fostering collaboration and shared learning.

Maintaining strong relationships with other churches in the deanery remains a priority for us. As part of our grafting and planting strategy, we regularly invite and meet with the teams at St. James Kidbrooke and HT Sydenham and Forest Hill for training and fellowship, strengthening our connections within the wider church community, whilst also supporting leaders relationally and prayerfully from a range of other churches.

FINANCIAL REVIEW/EXPENDITURE

Total receipts were £660,734 (£585,462 2022)

The total receipts consisted of:
Voluntary giving of £449,242 (£386,573 2022)
Gift Aid recovered of £86,468 (£73,399 2022)
Grants of £81,017 (£47,075 2022)
Other Income of £44,006 (£78,404 2022)

Voluntary giving increased by 16% with the number of givers increasing from 164 in January 2023 to 187 in December 2023.

Expenditure for the year has increased on previous years due to the growth in activity and need of the local community.

Total expenditure for 2023 was £720,171 (£590,347 2022)

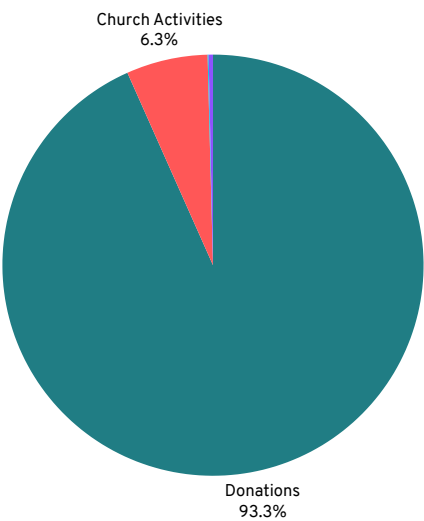
Our Parish Support Fund contribution for 2023 was £42,000 (£40,950 2022).

The total net assets at 31 December 2023 was £29,794 (£89,231 2022) of which £24,942 (£48,624 2022) was restricted and £33,548 2023 (£69,786 2022) was cash balance at the bank.

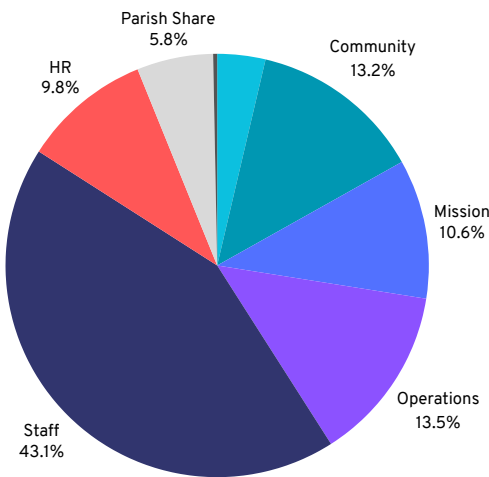
RESERVES POLICY

It is the PCC policy to try to maintain a sufficient balance in our Bank Current Account to pay for our recurring and other normal expenditures the PCC has agreed an amount of £50,000. When there is the need, more funds are transferred from the CCLA Deposit Fund to the current account to pay for some one-off larger bills. The PCC recognises that in 2023 we have not met this reserves policy. We have had two extraordinary meetings in review of this and have made a plan towards meeting this policy in 2024. To help us to get back to the agreed amount St Peters has done a gift day and more teaching on giving.

TOTAL INCOME 2023: £660,734



TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES 2023: £720,171



We have also reduced expenditure to only necessary projects. In February 2024 the PCC has accepted a revised budget which puts us back at necessary reserves level by June 2024. It is our policy to invest some of our fund balances with the interest yielding CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund. The CCLA balance at 31 December 2023 was £0.00 and formed part of the Net Assets.

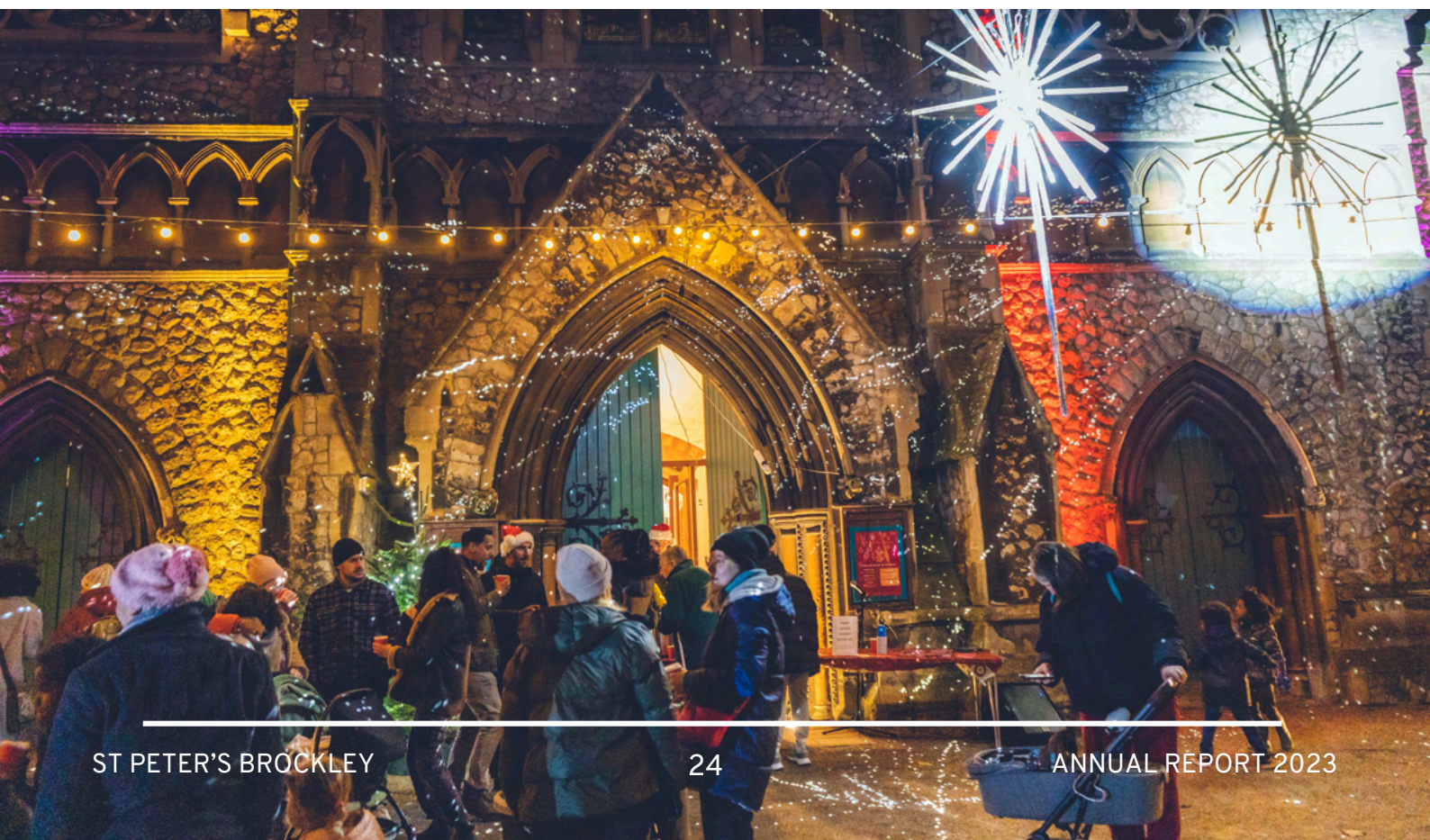
GOVERNANCE AND MAINTENANCE

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England operating under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956 as amended) and the Church Representation Rules (2022). In 2018 the PCC became a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (registered number 1180277). Membership of the PCC consists of the Incumbent, Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and elected members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll. The PCC members are responsible for working with the incumbent in making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including agreeing on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC met bi-monthly and attendance by members was very good.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St Peter's Church is situated on Wickham Road, Brockley, London SE4. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Peter's Brockley, Wickham Road, Brockley, London SE4 1LT.



PCC MEMBERS 2022/2023

2022/2023

Vicar: The Revd. Benjamin Jones Chair
Vice Chair: Mr Colin Plant

Curates: Revd. Joel Soares
Revd. Chris Gaul

Wardens: Ms Sarah Pellew
Mr Joel Power

Representatives on Mr Colin Plant
the Deanery Synod: Mrs Lynne Wilkinson

Elected members:

Ms Sarah-Salome Ajayi
Mr Phil Allen
Mr Christopher Harvey Treasurer
Mr Andy Parnham
Mrs Nita Rogers
Ms Myra Thompson
Mr Jason Archie-Acheampong

Co-opted members :

Ms Juliana Ayebale PCC secretary

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Mr Christopher Harvey Treasurer
Mr Andy Parnham
Mrs Nita Rogers
Mr Christopher Stormont

Co-opted members:

Ms Juliana Ayebale PCC secretary
(Jun '22 to Aug '23)

Mr Andy Coombe PCC secretary
(from Sept '23)

Approved by the PCC on 18th March 2024 and
signed on their behalf by



Revd. Benjamin Jones (Chair of PCC)



and Christopher Harvey (Treasurer)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Peter's Brockley, for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 25 to 34.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



C J Goodhead FCA
Knight Goodhead Limited
Chartered Accountants

30 April 2024

7 Bournemouth Road
Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

FOR THE YEAR END DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
		2023			2022		
		£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:							
Voluntary Income		510,905	105,823	616,728	406,951	100,107	507,058
Church Activities		41,313	-	41,313	34,609	512	35,120
Church Rental Income		510	-	510	11,715	-	11,715
Other Income		639	1,545	2,183	368	31,201	31,569
TOTAL INCOME	2	553,366	107,368	660,734	453,642	131,820	585,462
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Charitable Activities		576,126	141,850	717,976	489,995	95,861	585,858
Governance Costs		2,195	-	2,195	4,489	-	4,489
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2	578,321	141,850	720,171	494,484	95,861	590,346
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFER OF FUNDS		(24,955)	(34,482)	(59,437)	(40,842)	35,959	(4,884)
Gross transfer in funds		- 10,800	10,800	-	3,500	- 3,500	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(35,755)	(23,682)	(59,437)	(37,343)	32,459	(4,884)
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2023		40,607	48,624	89,231	77,950	16,165	94,115
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2023		4,852	24,942	29,794	40,607	48,624	89,231

BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR END DECEMBER 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
General Fixed Assets		1,223	2,201
Kids Bus		4,983	6,283
Office Equipment		2,287	1,785
PA/AV Equipment		990	5,114
	5	9,483	15,383
CURRENT ASSETS			
Main Church Account		24,087	13,741
CCLA Deposit Account		0	25,507
Expense Card Accounts		7	432
Premium account		9,454	30,106
Prepayments	6	6,058	19,383
Giving owed to St Peters	6	6,299	13,774
Accounts Receivable	6	216	0
		46,120	102,942
LIABILITIES			
Account Payable		18,216	7,337
Accruals		3,560	2,076
Deposits for Room Hire		1,080	1,500
Deffered Income		1,794	16,345
Payroll Payable		1,160	1,836
Liabilities due within one year	7	(25,809)	(29,095)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		20,311	73,847
NET ASSETS		29,794	89,231
RESERVES			
Excess/ (deficit) to date		(59,437)	(4,884)
Starting Balances		89,231	94,115
		29,794	89,231
FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted		4,852	40,606
Restricted		24,942	48,624
		29,794	89,231

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR END DECEMBER 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
NET CASH FLOW PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1	(35,473)	(26,674)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest received		634	368
Purchase of fixed assets		(1,911)	(11,220)
NET CASH FLOW		(36,750)	(37,527)
		2023	2022
		£	£
Cash at the end of the year	2	33,548	69,786
Cash at start of the year		69,786	90,132
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year		(36,238)	(20,346)

NOTES TO THE CASHFLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds for the year	(59,437)	(4,884)
Dividends and interest received	(634)	(368)
Depreciation	7,299	6,739
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	20,584	(19,572)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(3,286)	(8,590)
Net cash flow from operating activities	(35,473)	(26,674)

ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	33,548	69,786
	33,548	69,786

NOTES 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR END DECEMBER 2023

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2015.

The PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

RECONCILIATION WITH PREVIOUS GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRACTICE.

In preparing the accounts, the PCC has considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102) the restatement of comparative items was required. No restatements have been considered necessary.

FUNDS

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Restricted funds are those donated for specific purposes.

INCOME

• *Voluntary income and capital sources*

Donations and other income are recognised when received and an estimate of income tax recoverable is recognised when the related donations are recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

• *Other income*

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

• *Gifts in Kind*

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

• *Income from investments*

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

• *Gains and losses on investments*

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

• *Grants*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded.

FOR THE YEAR END DECEMBER 2023

EXPENDITURE

Church activities

The diocesan Common Fund is accounted for when paid. Any Common Fund unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Expenditure incurred in the operation of the church is classed as charitable activities.

FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets used by the PCC

In the absence of an actual cost, the insurance valuation has been used as the deemed cost for operational assets, with no depreciation charge being made during the year due to the long life of the asset and regular maintenance.

OTHER FIXTURES, FITTINGS AND OFFICE REQUIREMENTS

Only items of greater than £500 are capitalised. Church worship equipment comprises a number of electrical and other items connected with sound, vision and worship. They will be depreciated over three years from date of first use. Computer and office equipment and furnishings are depreciated over three years from date of first use.

CONSECRATED PROPERTY AND MOVEABLE CHURCH FURNISHINGS

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2003 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. No such items have been acquired since 1 January 2003.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2003 is written off.

CURRENT ASSETS

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR END DECEMBER 2023

	2023			2022		
INCOME	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Donation	£	£	£	£	£	£
Total Donation	510,905	105,823	616,728	406,951	100,107	507,058
Church Activities						
Total Church Activities	41,313	-	41,313	34,609	512	35,120
Rental						
Total Rental	510	-	510	11,715	-	11,715
Other Income						
Total Other Income	639	1,545	2,183	368	31,201	31,569
Total Income	553,366	107,368	660,734	453,642	131,820	585,462
EXPENSES						
Worship						
Total Worship	23,474	2,981	26,454	24,683	2,981	27,664
Community						
Total Community	77,551	17,458	95,009	53,284	38,929	92,212
Mission						
Total Mission	43,438	33,226	76,664	38,054	16,692	54,746
Operations						
Total Operations	84,518	12,347	96,866	95,096	2,202	97,298
Staff						
Total Staff	266,876	43,434	310,310	212,256	16,181	228,436
Human Resources						
Total Staff	38,270	32,403	70,673	25,673	18,877	44,550
Parish Share	42,000	-	42,000	40,950	-	40,950
Total Parish Share	42,000	-	42,000	40,950	-	40,950
Governance						
Total Governance	2,195	-	2,195	4,489	-	4,489
Total Operating Expenses	578,321	141,850	720,171	494,484	95,861	590,347

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3. STAFF COSTS	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries (incl PAYE)	264,820	181,026
Social security costs	14,276	8,448
Pension Costs	4,988	3,958
Freelance Staff costs	26,225	35,004
	310,310	228,436
	2023	2022
Total amount of staff employed	16	13
No staff member was paid over £60,000 in 2023		

4. Mission Grants	Grant Amount	Purpose
Congregation in Need	16,667	Fellowship Fund
Growing Hope	7,083	
Spinnaker Trust	1,200	
London City Mission	1,200	
Power the Fight	1,200	
Marsha Pheonix	1,307	
The Spring	3,048	
Vinjeru School	1,200	
Total	32,905	

5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC	General Fixed Assets	Kids Bus	Office Equipment	PA/AV Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Actual/Revalued Cost. At 1 Jan 2023	8,192	6,500	4,870	28,385	47,947
Additions during year	0	0	1,911	0	1,911
Disposals during year	0		-595	0	(595)
At 31 December 2023	8,192	6,500	6,186	28,385	49,263
Depreciation at 1 January 2023	5,991	217	3,085	23,271	32,564
Charge for the year	978	1,300	897	4,124	7,299
Disposals during year			(83)		(83)
At 31 December 2023	6,969	1,517	3,899	27,395	39,780
Net Book Value at 1 January 2023	2,201	6,283	1,785	5,114	15,383
At 31 December 2023	1,223	4,983	2,287	990	9,483

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6. Debtors	2023	2022
Prepayments and accrued income	6,058	19,383
Giving owed to St Peters	6,299	13,774
Accounts Receivable	216	0
Total	12,572	33,156

7. Creditors (amounts falling due less than one year)	2023	2022
Accounts Payable	18,216	7,337
Accruals	3,560	2,076
Deposit for room hire	1,080	1,500
Deferred Income	1,794	16,345
Payroll Payable	1,160	1,836
Total Current Liabilities	25,809	29,095

8. Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the end of 31st December 2023. (2022: None)

9. Related Party Transactions	Name	Relationship	2023	2022	Duties
	Hanelle Jones	Wife of Incumbent	24,053	17,997	Community Engagement
	Magrat Plant	Wife of PCC Member	8,404	11,730	Supplier

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10. Restricted Funds						
Donor	Purpose	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfer from general funds	Closing Balance
		£	£	£	£	£
CRT	New Worshipping Community	(2,692)	29,737	(32,403)	2,666	(2,692)
Donor	Worship Leading	0	12,500	(12,500)	0	0
Lottery Grant	Screen	4,471	0	(2,981)	0	1,490
Various Donors	Building Fund	16,063	13,125	(8,487)	0	20,701
Various Donors	Foodbank	17,253	31,685	(54,949)	6,010	(0)
Love your Neighbour	Food donated to Foodbank	0	1,545	(1,544)	0	0
Various Donors	Fellowship Fund	2,334	11,481	(15,832)	2,017	0
Various Donors	Love Brockley	7,271	3,446	(10,824)	107	(0)
Diocese of Southwark	Youth Boxing	0	2,550	(824)	0	1,726
Various Donors	Unconditional	3,924	1,298	(1,505)	0	3,717
Total Restricted funds		48,625	107,368	(141,850)	10,800	24,942

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
Cash & deposit balances	10,096	23,452	33,548
Fixed Assets	7,993	1,490	9,483
Other Assets	12,572	0	12,572
Total Assets	30,662	24,942	55,603
Current Liabilities	- (25,809)	-	- (25,809)
	4,852	24,942	29,794