

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. ANDREW'S, EARLSFIELD

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Activities

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

Activities: Supporting the work on St Andrew's Parish Church in the community in and around Earlsfield, London.

Classification

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

Geography

- Wandsworth

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£201,038	£110,863	-	-
2023-12-31	£150,865	£118,607	-	-
2022-12-31	£101,319	£81,342	-	-
2021-12-31	£84,644	£68,789	-	-
2020-12-31	£77,914	£89,699	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Emma Maiko Holt		2025-05-11
Gabriel Anthony Veiga Cabral Sacks		2025-05-11
Gabrielle Frances Oliver		2022-05-15
Hannah Lucy Markusse		2022-05-15
Jessica Grace Hopkins		2025-05-11
Margaret Penelope Fry		2022-05-15
NIGEL TURNER		2022-05-20
Natasha Zuccolo Rawdon-Rego		2025-05-11
Nicola Catherine Saker		2022-05-15
Paul Lickman		2022-05-15
RICHARD ALEXANDER PALMER FRY		2022-05-15
Rev Jonathan Paul Bartlett Sertin		2014-06-01
Vivian Louise Snell		2018-07-10

Accounts



St Andrew's
EARLSFIELD

Annual Meeting 2025

11 May 2025 at 11.30am

Agenda

Annual Vestry Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens

1. Apologies
2. Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting
3. Election of members of the Deanery Synod – 3 members
4. Election of members of the Parochial Church Council – 6 members
5. Appointment of Independent Examiner
6. Statutory Reports
 - a. Annual Report
 - b. Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2024
 - c. Annual Fabric Report
 - d. Electoral Roll Report
 - e. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod
7. Activity Reports
 - a. Fresh Expressions Report
 - b. Safeguarding Report
 - c. Music Report
 - d. Community Garden Report
 - e. Foodbank Report
 - f. Home Community Café Report
8. Vicar's Matters
9. Any other business
10. Closing prayer

Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting

Annual Vestry Meeting Minutes 28 April 2024

1. Apologies were received from Johnny Sertin, Meg Fry, Gabi Oliver, Rachel McKinley, Hannah Markusse and Alex Kirstukas.
2. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and signed. There were no questions or comments.
3. Election of the Church Wardens. Alex Fry, proposed by Sara Matkins and seconded by Paul Lickman, and Nigel Turner, proposed by Alex Fry and seconded by Paul Lickman, agreed to stand again. As there were no other candidates, both were duly elected. Thanks were offered to for all of their hard work during the last year.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Minutes 28 April 2024

1. Apologies: Johnny Sertin, Meg Fry, Gabi Oliver, Rachel McKinley, Hannah Markusse and Alex Kirstukas.
2. Minutes from the 2023 meeting were read and signed. There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.
3. Election of members to the Deanery Synod: There was 1 vacancy on the Deanery Synod as Alex Chamberlen had moved out of the area. A nomination was received from Hannah Markusse, proposed by Alex Fry and seconded by Vivian Snell. There being no other nominations Hannah was duly elected to serve for a 2-year term until the next Deanery Synod elections. Meg Fry wished to stand down from the Deanery Synod so there is still a vacancy if anyone would like to attend future meetings.
4. Election of members to the Parochial Church Council (PCC): 1 nomination was received for the 3 vacancies on the PCC from Meg Fry, proposed by Ann Pratt and seconded by Roy Lee. She was duly elected there being no other nominations. It was noted that the PCC has the opportunity to co-opt individuals for the other vacancies.
5. Appointment of the Independent Examiner:
 - Stella Brighter has been the Independent Examiner since the 2022 accounts and is willing to continue pro bono. This was proposed by Mary Draffin and seconded by Paul Lickman, there being no opposition the appointment was duly confirmed. Many thanks were offered for her agreeing to continue this task.
6. Statutory Reports: all of the reports were available in the APCM Agenda and had been emailed in advance.
 - Annual Report – no comments or questions were received.
 - Financial Statement for year ending 31 December 2023 – Paul Lickman gave an overview of the financial statement: overall there has been good news as the bottom line moved from a deficit of £15K in 2022 to a surplus of £25K in 2023, due in part to a £33K legacy. Payments to the Parish Support Fund have restarted with a £10K payment, this will increase in 2024. The Chelsea Group still remain the largest income source. There were no questions raised.
 - Annual Fabric Report – thanks were offered to the Building Group for looking at more sustainable ways of making the building more energy efficient. Sara Matkins asked if the guttering above the door into the rear of the church could be repaired / cleaned, as the Foodbank volunteers have been getting drenched and boxes getting wet when entering. Sara Matkins also asked if the grab rail in the accessible toilet could be replaced as it is rusty and could be a hygiene risk as well as looking unclean. Alex Fry said that these were on the 'to do' list and will be addressed.

- Electoral Roll – this has increased by 14 from the previous year.
 - Deanery Synod – no questions or comments were received. Thanks to Alex Chamberlen, Meg Fry and Vivian Snell for representing St Andrews over the past year.
7. Activity Reports: all of the reports were available in the APCM Agenda and had been emailed in advance, with the exception of the Foodbank Report.
- Fresh Expressions – no questions were received. Thanks were offered to Sam and Hannah Markusse for providing a varied programme including Allsortz Forest Church, and Kitchen Table. This is becoming a vibrant community.
 - Safeguarding – no questions were received. Thanks were offered to Jo Beattie for looking after this vital workstream and ensuring everyone who needed to undertake safeguarding training had done so. As Jo is stepping down from this role a replacement will be sought.
4. Music – no questions were received. It was noted that Alex Kirstukas’ DBS checks were taking longer than expected as the USA DBS service had to be consulted too. Once the checks have been cleared Alex will be able to lead groups without supervision. Individuals have already come forward stating they would like to sing or can play musical instruments.
- Community Garden – Thanks were offered to Silke Strickrodt and the gardening team and offers a great resource to the local community. Bishop Martin was impressed with the space on a recent visit, as it remains the only green space between Wandsworth and Tooting that is not a cemetery.
 - Earlsfield Food Bank – in lieu of a report being available Sara Matkins who volunteers gave a brief overview. The Foodbank continues to be very busy offering support to 94 guests, who represent between 250-300 people in their households. The cost of food is still increasing and the number of guests continues to rise. Mary Draffin asked whether the different ways of donating to the Foodbank could be printed in the weekly notices, as some may wish to donate via bank transfer rather than food items. Mary also mentioned a plant sale fundraiser for the Foodbank which will take place on 11 May 10:00-12:00 in her road. It was agreed that both should be included in forthcoming emails from the Parish Office.
 - Home Community Café – Thanks were offered to Meg Fry and her team for all of their hard work. Home Café currently has 19 different initiatives within the local community, and provides great support to the Foodbank. It was noted that Meg had won a High Street Hero Award from Wandsworth Women’s Enterprise Hub Awards.
 - Churches Together in Earlsfield – There has been little activity during the last year, although a second joint service was held with the Baptist Church on Good Friday. It was hoped that there would be some improved engagement during the coming year.
8. Vicar’s Matters:

A couple of weeks ago we had a brief weekday visit from Bishop Martin, our relatively new Bishop of Kingston. He met with Johnny, Meg and me in the Home Café, and was keen to find out what makes St Andrew’s tick.

We tried to paint a picture of our ‘community of communities’ – our Sunday worshipping congregation and its sustained pattern of worship through the year, the Home Café and the many communities it works with – asylum seekers, new mothers, people who have been bereaved, young people with special needs, those in temporary accommodation, and many others – the Earlsfield Foodbank, where members of St Andrew’s volunteer alongside those from the wider community, our Fresh Expressions, revolving around Allsortz, Kitchen Tables and Forest Church, and the monthly Community Meal, at which some of the people from these diverse communities come together to meet and eat.

Having done this, Bishop Martin’s first question was: ‘I’ve been here for a year now: why haven’t I heard about this before?’

It may be that we need to be a bit more proactive in sharing what we do.

Over the last decade St Andrew's has become a distinctive church, not least through our long-term collaboration with the Earlsfield Friary and our vision to be a church that serves the whole of our parish, working with all people of goodwill in the service of God's Kingdom.

This approach to parish mission is not always straightforward: it's much easier to have a clear offering and invite people in, take it or leave it. But, as was evident to Bishop Martin, it bears fruit far beyond what our relatively small Sunday congregation would ever be able to achieve by themselves – and for that we are truly thankful.

As some of you know, an organisation called Streetpsalms, which is committed to flourishing urban mission communities, is currently undertaking a study of our mission model, in the hope that others may be able to learn from it. We look forward to sharing their insights in due course.

Our mission as a parish church is only possible thanks to the commitment and dedication of whole host of people, and so I want to take the opportunity to say thank-you to you all. Whether it's serving coffee after a service, decorating the church with flowers, or getting to grips with the intricacies of PAYE, we couldn't function without you.

Over the past year our Church Council has worked hard to ensure that we comply with our various obligations as a charity and an employer. We have also striven to rebuild our finances after their collapse in the wake of the pandemic and the financial crisis. This work is ongoing, but it has started to bear fruit, and we are grateful to all of you who give generously to support our mission.

It's in the nature of the Kingdom of God that we never get there, certainly not of our own volition, and so we are always challenged to think about what we can do to close the gap between the church that we are and the church we believe God is calling us to become.

One area that the Church Council has started to think about recently is Diversity and Inclusion. This is not because these things are recognised as important in the secular world, but because they are intrinsic to God's Kingdom. All people are created in God's image, and so all have a place at the table; so if some feel excluded and marginalised, or are under-represented in our church community, then we have work to do. We are thinking particularly about people of Global Majority Heritage and those who identify as LGBTQIA+, both of whom, the statistics suggest, we see fewer of than we should.

Still, as we have heard throughout this meeting, there is much for us to be thankful for as the people of God in this place. God blesses and challenges us at one and the same time. As today's Gospel reminded us, God the vine-dresser prunes the vine so that it can bear more fruit. May we be as open to God's challenge, as we are thankful for God's blessings.

9. AOB: nothing was raised

10. The meeting ended at 12:16 with the saying of the Grace.

Statutory Reports

Annual Report

[This report is produced in the format required for submission to the Charity Commission. Further information can be found in the reports that follow.]

Aims and Purposes

St. Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Jonathan Brown, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is responsible for maintaining St Andrew's Church in Garratt Lane and the Parish Hall in Waynflete Street.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to helping people discover and live out the Gospel as part of our parish community.

This is achieved through worship and prayer, both in its traditional forms and in Fresh Expressions, pastoral care, including around life events marked by the baptism of infants, marriages and funerals, and through hosting a variety of community enterprises in the church and hall.

Achievements and Performance

The PCC offers a range of services during the week and over the course of the year. The principal Sunday service is the Parish Communion, with a midweek service of Holy Communion. Special services are held on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day, and around Christmas. Fresh Expression services include the monthly Allsortz in the church and quarterly Forest Church on Wimbledon Common.

During the year we celebrated 28 baptisms, three confirmations and one marriage, published the bans of marriage of 14 couples and held one funeral.

The PCC continued to host the Home Community Café in the church. Home is a place of hospitality for the local community. It runs a pay-forward scheme, collaborates with the Earlsfield Foodbank by providing breakfast while guests wait for their food, runs social-prescription events, a children's after-school club, a project for mothers needing additional support, seated exercise for the over 60s, a support group for those in temporary accommodation and a bereavement group, and is a Café of Sanctuary, supporting local asylum seekers.

The PCC also continued to host the Earlsfield Foodbank, which provides a helping hand to those facing food poverty, restoring dignity with confidentiality and offering support without judgement. It serves up to 400 households a month.

The PCC also provides a home for Chelsea Hall School for children with learning needs, Jiva Health Yoga, the Southwest Songbirds community choir.

Financial Review

Section to follow, pending completion of Financial Statements.

Volunteers

It would prove impossible to recognise each individual who has contributed to the work of St Andrew's in the past year. The value of their contribution is very considerable. We are grateful to them all.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met four times in 2024.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Andrew's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, pioneer priest, churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Administrative information

St. Andrew's Church is situated in Earlsfield in south-west London. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England.

PCC members in 2024 were: Rev Jonathan Brown (Chair), Rev Johnny Sertin (Pioneer Priest), Alex Fry (Churchwarden), Nigel Turner (Churchwarden), Lisa Davies, Meg Fry, Paul Lickman, Rachel MacKinlay, Hannah Markusse, Gabi Oliver, Natasha Rawdon-Rego, Nicki Saker and Viv Snell (Reader).

Revd Jonathan Brown, Chair

Financial Statements for 2024 and Independent Examiner's Report

Unfortunately, the financial statements were not ready for publication prior to the meeting. The PCC aims to have them ready in time for the meeting; otherwise, a further meeting will be arranged to present them.

Annual Fabric Report

Quinquennial Inspection (Progress Report)

Of the items identified in the urgent category in the 2023 Quinquennial Inspection, The Ivy plant on the North Wing of the church along with a handful of gutter repairs were the top priorities for this year.

Silke Strickrodt, and her team of dedicated volunteers have made a few targeted efforts to kill the large ivy plant that partially covers the yellow room building by severing all of the trunks at ground level. The Ivy was identified as having the potential of causing significant damage to the fabric of the brick and stonework if left unaddressed. It was with a heavy heart that they acted on this advice given their commitment to biodiversity, but the work that they have done appears to have halted its growth and we will be looking to get the removal of the plant from the walls and roof done in conjunction with the work also required to the guttering on both the north and south side of the Vestry 'Link' section of the building. The guttering work remains on the to-do list. We are seeking recommendations from the diocese on contractors to tender for this package ahead of the summer. Once complete, this will leave the lower priority works. A number of items here lends themselves well to being included within the wider plans to re-order the Yellow room, Vestry and plant room areas in the near future.

Improvements

Decarbonisation Goals:

In line with our decarbonisation goals, we have received support from the Diocese and Crew Energy (a local not for profit decarbonisation consultant) in Q1 of this year to have two separate energy assessments done of our main building.

The one initiated and funded by grants made available to Crew will be recognised by the local Authority and allow us, with their support, to apply for grant funding under the council's Neighborhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) grant scheme. Wandsworth Council have asked Crew to support bids for energy efficiency projects on civic buildings in Wandsworth to help tackle the climate emergency. In response to our approaches, they have identified the Home Café and St. Andrew's as their hosts, as a strong candidate for an application to fund a phase of the decarbonisation works required to first reduce our energy consumption and ultimately see the Church move away from reliance on fossil fuel altogether. I will present more information on this piece of work Crew develop our application in the coming months. It is early days but there is some exiting potential for receiving some significant funding towards what would constitute some large steps in the right direction. Thanks go to Meg and the Home Café team for their support of Crew Energy and their work through hosting community Net Zero Events, throughout this year and ultimately fostering this relationship.

The second Report was funded by the diocese and is a requirement ahead of us being invited to apply for a grant of up to £3,000 to implement a host of immediate 'quick fix' measures to reduce our energy consumption. These grants are being made available to 600 churches nationally with the highest carbon emissions. We have received this back in recent weeks and I will be looking to get the application in for this funding by having the work recommended in the report priced up. Please find att. A copy of this report.

The South Garden

Our wonderful south garden has been in need of some significant repair work to some of the raised beds and steps to the side gate to Waynflete street for some time as the oak railway sleepers used as a key part of their construction have rotted and collapsed. This has meant we have had to temporarily take the side gate out of action due the steps not being safe any more. The PCC had taken the decision not to commit any funds to this whilst the church has been on its journey of recovering its financial position post the COVID pandemic.

In recent months we have received an amazingly generous offer from one of Silke's volunteer gardeners, who has offered to fund the repair works personally. Although some discussions of scope are still ongoing, this gift is likely to be in the region of £10,000.00

Talks are ongoing with the landscape architects who originally did the works to get the details finalised and works booked in for the coming summer / Autumn.

Routine essential maintenance activities

Our boilers broke down a few times this year, but on both occasions the response from the manufacturer was swift to repair them. They have now reached the end of their warranty period, so we will need to prepare to account for similar repairs, should they be required in the coming winter months being chargeable.

- Gardening – Silke and her fantastic team of Volunteers continue to do fantastic work maintaining the church's various gardens.
- Portable Electrical Appliance Testing annually (undertaken in Early Apr '25)
- The Fire extinguishers were checked and re-charged as required Nov '24.
- The lightning conductor was tested and certified during March '25.

The Portacabin in the North Garden

This winter we applied for a second extension the planning permission for the temporary location of the portacabin hosting the Foodbank's storage and a further 2 years was granted which will expire in Jan 2027. It is unusual for permission on temporary structures to be in place for a 6 year period, but the council were willing to make an exception but did make particular note that we needed to demonstrate plans are in place for a permanent solution before granting the extension this time round. Plans are being looked at to re-claim the neglected basement level boiler room beneath the vestry and yellow room as part of the re-ordering project as a potential solution for these ongoing storage needs. Special thanks to

Local Architect Davis Bell for undertaking the planning application works at subsidised rates on behalf of the Foodbank.

The Wardens would like to thank everyone who has supported St Andrew's this year in looking after our beautiful building!

Alex Fry and Nigel Turner, Churchwardens

Electoral Roll Report

In advance of the 2025 Annual Meeting we completely renewed the Electoral Roll, as we are required to do every six years. When the roll closed on 22 April it comprised 59 people.

Natasha Rawdon-Rego, Electoral Roll Officer

Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod met three times.

In June, we welcomed Patricia Cazenave and Keiron Martin from Glass Door, who gave a presentation about their work in helping people out of homelessness.

In November, the Revd John Whittaker led a discussion on Assisted Dying/Euthanasia.

In February, Canon Roxanne Eversley, Dean for Cultural Diversity, gave a presentation on the Diocese's Anti-Racism Charter.

Jonathan Brown

Activity Reports

Fresh Expressions

It's been another wonderful year in the life of Fresh Expressions. We have found deep joy in continuing to share life with the families who join us for Allsortz, Forest Church and Kitchen Tables.

The road we travel together feels like it's widened this year to make space for some new shared experiences. We continue to value sharing the ups and downs of the journey with the special families we share the road with.

Allsortz

Allsortz continues to be a hive of activity on the first Sunday of the month!

The children who attend continue to be a blessing and a joy to us and although this is of course obvious, they keep growing and getting bigger! Over this last year we have enjoyed finding new ways to welcome their gifts and skills as they are growing and developing and inviting them to continue to find home in this space whilst also encouraging them to accompany those younger ones that have started coming along too.

In fact, overall the space really feels co-owned now by the regular families that attend. With parents offering to also participate and bring their skills and gifts to the gatherings we feel Allsortz has grown in its sense of self over the last year and is flourishing in a new way which is a joy to see.

We also want to take this moment to thank our wonderful team for all they do to support Allsortz – we couldn't do it without you and we value all you bring so freely to make these gatherings such a special place to be!

We are looking forward to another year of Allsortz!



Forest Church

Forest Church is always a refreshing touch point in the flow of the Fresh Expressions year. The seasonal nature of the gathering really serves as a moment to step back and reflect. The Spring Equinox, Summer Solstice, Autumn Equinox and Winter Solstice all bring their different qualities which offer an opportunity to encounter God in a different way and zoom out to think about the journey you are on over the course of the year.

There continues to be a regular group of Allsortz families who come along every time if they can and there is often a new family or two who comes to check it out and see what we get up to!



Kitchen Tables

Last year we launched a regular gathering for adults to connect around friendship, faith and sharing life together.

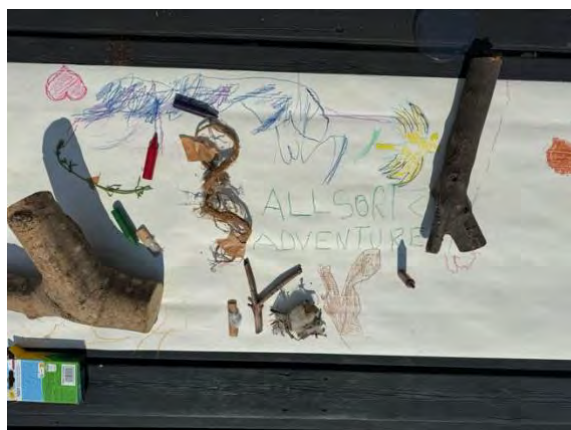
Kitchen Tables happens on the first Wednesday of the month in someone's home. The evenings are structured around a theme that we explore together, and there's always space for personal reflection, time to be creative and respond to what we have explored and an opportunity to share our reflections with each other.

There is a regular group who attend and we have enjoyed some deeply enriching evenings together over the last year. Having a regular 'adult only' space has been a really grounding rhythm and although this was our hope when we set out on the exploration of Kitchen Tables it has been really encouraging to see the hope come to life!

Social Calendar

This year we have added a variety of new things to the Fresh Expressions calendar with a focus around socialising together and joining up some of the gaps in-between our regular events. We have enjoyed picnics, walks, adventures at Paradise Co-op and drinks at the pub! It has been a joy to spend more time together both as families and as adults to deepen relationships and enjoy life together.

A highlight was our Allsortz Adventure we hosted at Paradise Co-op in the summer last year. We looked for bugs, made massive bubbles, toasted marshmallows over the fire, built dens, shared stories and made a mural about being together in nature. It was a treat to explore such a beautiful space together!



Seasonal Events

Beer and Carols was unable to happen this year and was deeply missed as a much anticipated and cherished yearly celebration. We hope it will return this Christmas!

Hannah and Sam Markusse and the Fresh Expressions Team

Safeguarding

1. Overview

St Andrew's remains committed to ensuring a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our congregation, volunteers, and visitors, especially children, young people, and vulnerable adults. This report provides an update on safeguarding activity over the past quarter.

2. Training and Awareness

- **Safeguarding Training:**

- Natasha, the Parish Safeguarding Officer has now completed the required *Basic Awareness* and *Foundation* level Church of England safeguarding training and Leadership in Safeguarding (C2) Training.
- Meg has completed NCVO as a safeguarding lead.

- **Upcoming Training Opportunities:**

- Safeguarding Training can be complete here: <https://www.london.anglican.org/church-and-parish-support/safeguarding/training/>
- DBS webinar for all parish DBS administrators - Monday 28th April 2-3pm (Natasha attending)

3. Policy and Procedures

- Do we have a St Andrews Safeguarding Policy? - on the website it links to <https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding>
- Policy and key contact details are clearly displayed in the church by the cafe

4. Disclosures and Concerns

- **Concerns Raised:**
No disclosures or allegations reported
- **Record Keeping:** none

5. Safer Recruitment

- Moving forward: All new volunteers should have DBS checks done
Face-to-face interviews and references. (when hiring anyone)

Completion of safeguarding declarations.

- **DBS Audit:**
 - To be completed in May: PCC renewals outstanding

6. Events and Activities

- **Allsortz:**
 - Have we conducted any fire drills successfully?
 - Leader-to-child ratios consistently maintained. Parents in charge of their own children.
- **External Hirers:**
 - All groups hiring church premises will be asked to provide their safeguarding policies. Compliance checked.

7. Safeguarding Contacts

- **Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Natasha Rawdon-Rego
- **Deputy PSO:** Meg Fry
- **Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor:** To be appointed

8. Actions for Next Quarter

- Finalise DBS renewals and check all those not yet on the system.
- Introduce quarterly safeguarding tips for Sunday service notices.

Conclusion

St Andrew's continues to uphold high safeguarding standards. The team remains vigilant, proactive, and responsive to any concerns that may arise. We thank all clergy, staff, and volunteers for their ongoing commitment.

Natasha Rawdon-Rego, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Music Report

This year saw the joyful return of the St Andrew's Singers, bringing anthems, solos, and Taizé prayers to many of our Sunday services as well as to the Carol Service and Christmas services in December. We have also been blessed with volunteer musicians from our community who have donated their gifts on guitar and keyboard, running the gamut from Handel to folk music to original improvised toccatas! The St Andrew's community continues to embrace a variety of musical expression, hosting the UK premiere of a new Christmas anthem at the Carol Service, and enthusiastically learning several new hymns and worship songs, in English and Igbo, as well as a new setting of the Gloria. As always, all instruments and voices are welcome to join in!

Alex Kirstukas, Director of Music

Community Garden

St Andrew's Community Garden is an important space for the congregation and the local community as well as for local wildlife, particularly birds and insects. It combines attractive hard landscaping features (such as the pavement labyrinth bordered by semi-circular seating) with lawn, and borders and raised beds planted with flowering shrubs and herbaceous perennials. It is shaded in summer by lime trees and shielded by hedges from the busy life of Garratt Lane.

The garden is appreciated and intensively used by members of the public, who visit it to enjoy a quiet break in the sun or a chat with friends; children love exploring the labyrinth. Less welcome are dogs who sometimes frequent it, although a new sign clearly banning them seems to have some effect. The garden has also attracted rough sleepers and late-night partying (creating much litter and damage to the plants), which has been checked by locking the gate at nightfall.

The garden continues to be maintained by a small group of committed volunteers supervised by me. Three to six volunteers usually joined the (roughly) fortnightly gardening sessions on Saturday mornings. As in the previous years, our efforts have been supported by Meg and her team in the Community Café, who are emptying the bins during the week.

We have been occupied mainly by routine maintenance tasks: weeding, deadheading, pruning, lawn-mowing; in autumn, collecting leaves shed by the many trees in the garden. All sessions start with picking litter from the beds and hedges, emptying the litter bins and brushing the paths. Hedge cutting is a big job due to the amount of hedge. Following a harder cut in autumn 2023 along Garratt Lane for rejuvenation, we have trimmed the hedges twice in 2024. The vibrant grapevine in the North Garden was pruned hard in early spring, as usual, followed by a softer pruning in summer.

We have replanted a part of the long labyrinth bed, near the far entrance of the church, where five clumps of grasses (*Anemathele lessioniana*), originally planted to fill out the bed, had grown too large and gone over. They were replaced with three younger clumps (which had self-seeded), spurge (*Euphorbia characias* subsp. *wulfenii*), lavender, catmint and verbena.

The veg plot in the North Garden has been less intensively used than in the previous year, due to our limited capacity and the ravages of snails eating many seedlings. However, we have harvested chard, courgettes, and herbs such as mint, sage and oregano. We had a superabundance of self-sown nasturtiums, providing edible flowers, and have sown the re-purposed compost crates with calendula and a mixture of annual flowers for pollinating insects. We will continue to experiment with the plot to find a happy compromise between low maintenance (including little watering) and a good harvest.

We are striving to run the garden sustainably, which includes 'right plant, right place' (i.e., using suitable plants for the various beds), no watering apart from new plantings or in emergencies, and composting the weeds. These efforts were boosted by the acquisition of a shredder, paid by the church, enabling us to turn most of the green waste from the hedge and vine cutting into mulch for the shrubby borders. The shredder is just once example of the generous support of our efforts by Jonathan, the vicar. We have also been supplied with new tools, including litter pickers, leaf grabbers and two wheelbarrows – which, together with the replacement of the wheel of our old one, means that we have three functioning wheelbarrows now! Further, a tree surgeon was hired in April to prune the tall poplar on Garratt Lane to minimise the risk of injury from falling branches during the increasingly frequent and violent storms. This risk was the greater as the tree had been pruned previously, resulting in thick regrowth bound to break off more easily. In autumn, a hired Man & Van collected most of the woody waste which had accumulated in the shed area. In future, these annual collections will not be necessary due to the new shredder, although there will still be some woody waste too big for shredding.

Gardening at St Andrew's is as much about the people as about the garden. Our gardening group meets for work as well as for enjoyment and mutual support. Our coffee breaks continue to be highlights of the sessions with lots of laughter. As in previous years, we celebrated Christmas with a Secret Santa party, looking back on the past gardening year and making plans for 2025.







Silke Strickrodt, Head Gardener

Earlsfield Foodbank

Earlsfield Foodbank has been working to alleviate immediate food poverty in the Earlsfield community since 2013. We seek to prevent and relieve poverty through the provision of food to individuals in need, and also through providing support and advice.

The foodbank operates out of St Andrew's Church and the Home Cafe in Earlsfield every Thursday morning from 9.30am to 11.45am. The Church is located on Garratt Lane (Earlsfield's high street) and is therefore very accessible to residents of Earlsfield, usually within walking distance.

Warm welcome

In partnership with the Home Café and the pastoral care of the Church, EFB is able to provide a safe, comfortable experience for guests of the foodbank. Guests are welcomed by the hospitality team, served coffee and breakfast at no cost, and enjoy a community atmosphere while the food bags are prepared for them.

The aims of Earlsfield foodbank are to, in the first instance, alleviate immediate food poverty, but also to help address the root causes of food poverty and work towards making foodbanks obsolete.

Since 2013, the foodbank has grown significantly. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the foodbank would service approximately 25 households per week, a number that has grown to be regularly over 80 households per week and has peaked to over 110 households. On average we serve around 215 individual food parcels per week.

SAMPLE SNAPSHOT OF HOUSEHOLDS SERVED JULY-OCTOBER 2024

Impact Update 2024

July (3 sessions)

Avg. weekly households: **90**

Avg. weekly individuals: **205**

Total households: **270**

Total individuals: **614**

August (5 sessions)

Avg. weekly households: **83** ↓

Avg. weekly individuals: **170** ↓

Total households: **414** ↑

Total individuals: **851** ↑

September (4 sessions)

Avg. weekly households: **90** ↑

Avg. weekly individuals: **209** ↑

Total households: **361** ↓

Total individuals: **836** ↓

October (4 sessions)

Avg. weekly households: **87** ↓

Avg. weekly individuals: **213** ↑

Total households: **348** ↓

Total individuals: **853** ↑

The increased need for support in the Earlsfield community as a result of the rising cost of living has been significant and evident in the number of guests coming each week, as well as stories shared with volunteers and staff about the impact of rising costs of food, housing and energy.

The foodbank is currently working to alleviate this immediate need through the provision of weekly, fortnightly or monthly food bags. We are also able to refer guests to further support such as Citizens Advice, Family Action, Ethnicity Mental Health Improvement Project (EMHIP) and St. Mungos.

Citizens Advice Wandsworth (CAW)

- Attend weekly. Onsite advisor Debbie
- Paid for by National Lottery Grant until August 2026. Debbie has noticed an 80% rise in clients with poor mental health.

Citizens Advice sent us a report on foodbank figures. As an example of the way we help our foodbank guests:

CAW reported data and statistics

In the period from 1 February 2024 to 31 January 2025, Earlsfield Foodbank signposted 58 foodbank guests, comprising 45 new guests provided with additional casework support and 13 simple queries. These are records of new guests we refer to CAW onsite as part of our social prescribing to give them access to vital support they would not know how to access out of foodbank sessions.

Feb 2023 – Jan 2024	Feb 2024- Jan 2025
36% men, 64% women	54% men, 46% women
Highest age groups advised were 50-59 (30%) and 40-49 (28%)	Highest age group advised were 50-59 (46%) and 60-69 (25%)
77% are disabled or have a long-term health condition	74% are disabled or have a long term health condition
53% white ethnicity, 31% black ethnicity and 9% mixed ethnicity	45% white ethnicity, 38% black ethnicity and 10% mixed ethnicity

Interestingly, the gender balance between our foodbank guests has shifted slightly with the year 2024 showing male clients to make up the majority of our guests assisted at Earlsfield foodbank.

Benefit issues remain consistently the largest area of advice. Issues with Universal Credit and Housing have lowered slightly since last year, however need for debt advice and issues with utility companies have increased. This illustrates how the Cost-of-Living crisis continues to have a real effect on clients and the rates of benefits are not sufficient for the rising cost of essential bills like energy and water.

Feb 2023- Jan 2024	Feb 2024 - Jan 2025
Benefits and tax credits- 55%	Benefit and Tax Credits – 46%
Universal Credit – 31%	Universal Credit – 18%
Housing – 50%	Housing – 38%
Debt – 24%	Debt – 33%
Utilities – 15%	Utilities – 22%

Family Action

- Focus on: Early help and prevention. Work with both families and adults. Focus is to target men as at higher risk of suicide and reach crisis point when often earlier intervention could have prevented a downward spiral into crisis; taking into consideration factors such as shame and embarrassment. For example, missing a benefit review, or being made redundant and can no longer afford to pay energy bills due to a benefit reduction. They don't know what to do, so the debt increases, leads to poor mental health and suicide ideation. Often arriving in desperation to the foodbank.

Ethnic Mental Health Improvement Project

- Seeing issues of housing crisis, families in temporary housing. Also seeing guests in crisis due to complex PTSD through cases of past domestic violence (DV). Help people of colour only and funded through the NHS to help even out health inequalities. Darren also sees cases of asylum seekers and refugees.

St Mungos

- St Mungos help our guests become clean or helping to control their addictions. One such recent guest success story over a two-year period of helping a prior DV victim with complex trauma to become abstinent through provision of specialist mental health support. Rehomed to suitable accommodation, away from immediate threat of harm in her previous area.

St Andrew's Church continued partnership

Through the pastoral care of Jonathan and the support of the church, we are so grateful that Earlsfield Foodbank is only made possible thanks to the generosity of the church alongside Home Café. Jonathan has given amazing care and compassion to our foodbank guests on a weekly basis, which we know makes a huge difference to the lives of our local community in Earlsfield.

It has been very helpful with fundraising:

- Natalie Cooper, EFB Communications & Wellbeing Manager, met with Jonathan and Johnny in the autumn of 2024, to seek permission to run a new annual fundraising events programme for EFB.
- The Songbirds choir raised over £1,300 for the foodbank with their Christmas concert at St Andrew's. The Church has agreed for EFB to host quarterly events such as a Silent Disco, Easter Ball, Quiz Night, Bingo Session and Winter sleep-out.

Portacabin ongoing review

It has also helped with other issues to accommodate the foodbank's growth. St Andrew's kindly sought approval and applied to extend planning permission as a temporary structure for a further two years for the portacabin – which was granted. The Council have since sent paperwork that the temporary planning permission will expire and we've reached the maximum number of years for housing the portacabin as a temporary structure. This requires the ongoing of planning restructure and permission for the use of a structure on site after this period comes to an end. We kindly thank the church for continued and generous support of the foodbank and its use of the outside space to store our food provisions in the portacabin.

Natalie Cooper, Communications and Wellbeing Manager

Home Community Café

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Here are some highlights for you from the last year:

The community meal, in collaboration between the church and the cafe, is embedded now as a monthly event and is a regular feature in many local residents' calendars. The meal brings people together over food, with no agenda other than getting to know each other and having a chat with someone you may not

have met yet. The evening attracts a diverse range of people, from all walks of life. It is especially lovely seeing some of our Foodbank guests attending.



The community meal is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and we'd love to see you there!

We have worked hard this year to establish new partnerships and strengthen existing ones – including Home Start Wandsworth, Bounce Theatre, Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees, Age Uk Wandsworth, Caras, Just Shelter, Paradise Co-operative, Kimber Skate Park and the Earlsfield Foodbank.

Our social prescribing projects continue to be a weekly offering to support anyone who may be lonely, isolated, or struggling with poor mental health. These sessions centre around food and art, combined with conversation and companionship. These continue to draw people from all walks of our community in, offering welcome and friendship – values right at the heart of what the cafe stands for. Home Cafe continue to partner with Bounce Theatre to run these sessions.



BEYOND THE PLATE

The Mini Museum of Food

A celebration of cookery, culture and community.

A collaboration between

HOME

BOUNCE THEATRE

with thanks to

Heritage Fund

bouncetheatre

This year we have been working on a long-term project called *Beyond the Plate* which has seen us exploring our local food heritage. We have collated recipes from older residents, children at local primary schools, asylum seekers and refugees and all those who attend our social prescribing workshops. We set up a dedicated reminiscing session early in the year, capturing food memories and have turned them into recipe cards that can be taken away and cooked and enjoyed at home! Our mini museum of food has seen many iterations over the year that the project has been running, and has been a lovely addition to the cafe! Please do have a look at it and read some of the recipes, stories, and memories that it houses.

The collaboration with The Earlsfield Foodbank has continued to grow. Home Cafe closes to the wider public on Thursdays to help host the Foodbank morning and breakfast to each guest. We are now sadly seeing numbers rise to the highest levels yet and are regularly seeing anywhere from 90-120 guests attending these morning a week. Our vicar, Jonathan has been a dedicated volunteer and supporter of our Thursday morning offering, serving bacon sandwiches to guests, as well as offering pastoral care and prayer. We are very grateful to Jonathan for all he does at the Foodbank mornings and he will be deeply missed by all the team and guests. Thank you, Jonathan!



One of the big highlights of our year has been establishing and launching our Rooted at Home program. Rooted at Home is a new pilot project born from the need we have identified and established via our current offering of informal volunteering and training opportunities to women in temporary support, training, wellbeing, and friendship.

Since the cafe's inception, we have collaborated with the voluntary sector to welcome refugees and asylum seekers into our space as volunteers & guests, and we wanted to formalise this by offering a dedicated program.

We invited cohort of 10 women, to be part of the project for a year – which sees them volunteer, train and develop new skills to become part of their new community.

Within this we also offered holistic support to ensure the women have access to services to address trauma, health and build wider friendships in the local area. We have created a befriending network with local women, who have come alongside our cohort to support and offer one-to-one friendship and companionship.

We are loving running this program! It has been a journey of reciprocal learning and has seen both the women who joined us and our whole team learning from each other, supporting each other, and ultimately building friendships that will far outlast the yearlong program!

As ever, Home Cafe continues to be a privilege to be involved with, it is busy and exciting space to be in! It is populated by a diverse mix of people, is full of laughter and the food continues to be not only the tastiest on the high-street but also the best value for money. Community, friendship, and radical

hospitality is always at the core of everything we do. We are excited for what the next year will hold and are so grateful for the support that St Andrew's continues to offer us. Please do come and see us soon!



Meg Fry, Director, Home Community Café

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Companions in Mission Fund	0	0	394	394	394
Organ Fund	0	0	14,300	14,300	14,300
Payments for the Poor	0	0	522	522	522
Frontal	0	0	0	0	0
Narthax Project	0	0	678	678	678
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St Andrew's Church, Earlsfield
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Chelsea Group (Total Utilities Payments)	72,723	0
Yoga	1,653	189
	<u>119,375</u>	<u>54,939</u>
<i>Other</i>		
Glebe House receipt for Parish Support Fund	0	10,000
	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total Receipts	<u>201,038</u>	<u>150,865</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
<i>Church running costs</i>		
Parish Support Fund	25,076	10,000
Working expenses of incumbent	0	1,854
Working expenses of Pioneer Priest	0	929
Music Director	6,090	0
Bank charges	226	172
Administrator	9,007	8,307
Gardener	8,551	3,454
Organist	540	3,693
Church office - telephone	942	772
Admin - Collection expense	381	0
Admin - computer supplies & support	173	1,345
Admin - printing & photocopying	87	922
Church maintenance	2,067	1,808
Payment to Glebe House for chairs loan	0	10,000
Upkeep of services	647	3,084
Church running - legal & professional	6,260	2,235
Church running - insurance	3,288	3,154
Church running - gas	11,692	16,228
Church running - electric	12,272	12,244
Church running - water	218	213
	<u>87,514</u>	<u>80,413</u>
<i>Community Centre running costs</i>		
Hall running - gas	5,583	9,201
Hall running - electricity	12,815	23,160
Hall running - water	20	1,128
Hall running - insurance	4,932	4,705
	<u>23,350</u>	<u>38,194</u>
Total Payments	<u>110,863</u>	<u>118,607</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	<u>90,175</u>	<u>32,258</u>
Reduced liability to Glebe House	0	10,000
Receipt from outside giving fund	0	0
Receipt from frontal fund	0	0
	<u>90,175</u>	<u>42,258</u>
Balance as at 1st January	26,693	(15,564)
Balance as at 31st December	<u>116,868</u>	<u>26,693</u>

St Andrew's Church, Earlsfield
2024 Accounts (in Pounds Sterling)

Designated and Restricted Fund Receipts and Payments

<u>Outside Giving Fund (Designated)</u>	2024	2023
Receipts	0	0
Payments Payment to general fund	0	0
Excess of Payments over Receipts	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance as at 1st January	0	0
Balance as at 31st December	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
 <u>Church Building Fund (Designated)</u>		
Receipts	0	0
Payments	0	0
Excess of Payments over Receipts	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance as at 1st January	18,600	18,600
Transfer from boiler fund	0	0
Balance as at 31st December	<u>18,600</u>	<u>18,600</u>
 <u>Community Development Fund (Restricted)</u>		
Receipts Grants	0	0
Giving	0	0
Payments	0	0
Excess of Payments over Receipts	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance as at 1st January	5,968	5,968
Balance as at 31st December	<u>5,968</u>	<u>5,968</u>
 <u>Zimbabwe Project Fund (Restricted)</u>		
Balance as at 1st January	100	100
Balance as at 31st December	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
 <u>Companions in Mission Fund (Restricted)</u>		
Balance as at 1st January	394	394
Balance as at 31st December	<u>394</u>	<u>394</u>
 <u>Organ Fund (Restricted)</u>		
Balance as at 1st January	14,300	14,300
Balance as at 31st December	<u>14,300</u>	<u>14,300</u>
 <u>Payments for the Poor (Restricted)</u>		
Balance as at 1st January	522	522
Balance as at 31st December	<u>522</u>	<u>522</u>
 <u>Frontal (Restricted)</u>		
Receipts	0	0
Payments Payment to general fund	0	0
Excess of Payments over Receipts	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance as at 1st January	0	0
Balance as at 31st December	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
 <u>Narthax project (Restricted)</u>		
Balance as at 1st January	678	678
Balance as at 31st December	<u>678</u>	<u>678</u>
 <u>Live Streaming Fund (Restricted)</u>		
Receipts Grants - Nind Trust and Diocese	0	0
Payments	0	0
Excess of Receipts over Payments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance as at 1st January	2,500	2,500
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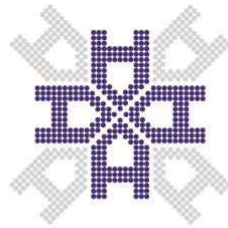
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Glebe House receipt for Parish Support Fund	0	10,000
	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total Receipts	<u>201,038</u>	<u>150,865</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
<i>Church running costs</i>		
Parish Support Fund	25,076	10,000
Working expenses of incumbent	0	1,854
Working expenses of Pioneer Priest	0	929
Music Director	6,090	0
Bank charges	226	172
Administrator	9,007	8,307
Gardener	8,551	3,454
Organist	540	3,693
Church office - telephone	942	772
Admin - Collection expense	381	0
Admin - computer supplies & support	173	1,345
Admin - printing & photocopying	87	922
Church maintenance	2,067	1,808
Payment to Glebe House for chairs loan	0	10,000
Upkeep of services	647	3,084
Church running - legal & professional	6,260	2,235
Church running - insurance	3,288	3,154
Church running - gas	11,692	16,228
Church running - electric	12,272	12,244
Church running - water	218	213
	<u>87,514</u>	<u>80,413</u>
<i>Community Centre running costs</i>		
Hall running - gas	5,583	9,201
Hall running - electricity	12,815	23,160
Hall running - water	20	1,128
Hall running - insurance	4,932	4,705
	<u>23,350</u>	<u>38,194</u>
Total Payments	<u>110,863</u>	<u>118,607</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	<u>90,175</u>	<u>32,258</u>
Reduced liability to Glebe House	0	10,000
Receipt from outside giving fund	0	0
Receipt from frontal fund	0	0
	<u>90,175</u>	<u>42,258</u>
Balance as at 1st January	26,693	(15,564)
Balance as at 31st December	<u>116,868</u>	<u>26,693</u>

St Andrew's Church, Earlsfield
2024 Accounts (in Pounds Sterling)

Designated and Restricted Fund Receipts and Payments

<u>Outside Giving Fund (Designated)</u>	2024	2023
Receipts	0	0
Payments Payment to general fund	0	0
Excess of Payments over Receipts	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance as at 1st January	0	0
Balance as at 31st December	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
 <u>Church Building Fund (Designated)</u>		
Receipts	0	0
Payments	0	0
Excess of Payments over Receipts	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance as at 1st January	18,600	18,600
Transfer from boiler fund	0	0
Balance as at 31st December	<u>18,600</u>	<u>18,600</u>
 <u>Community Development Fund (Restricted)</u>		
Receipts Grants	0	0
Giving	0	0
Payments	0	0
Excess of Payments over Receipts	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance as at 1st January	5,968	5,968
Balance as at 31st December	<u>5,968</u>	<u>5,968</u>
 <u>Zimbabwe Project Fund (Restricted)</u>		
Balance as at 1st January	100	100
Balance as at 31st December	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
 <u>Companions in Mission Fund (Restricted)</u>		
Balance as at 1st January	394	394
Balance as at 31st December	<u>394</u>	<u>394</u>
 <u>Organ Fund (Restricted)</u>		
Balance as at 1st January	14,300	14,300
Balance as at 31st December	<u>14,300</u>	<u>14,300</u>
 <u>Payments for the Poor (Restricted)</u>		
Balance as at 1st January	522	522
Balance as at 31st December	<u>522</u>	<u>522</u>
 <u>Frontal (Restricted)</u>		
Receipts	0	0
Payments Payment to general fund	0	0
Excess of Payments over Receipts	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance as at 1st January	0	0
Balance as at 31st December	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
 <u>Narthax project (Restricted)</u>		
Balance as at 1st January	678	678
Balance as at 31st December	<u>678</u>	<u>678</u>
 <u>Live Streaming Fund (Restricted)</u>		
Receipts Grants - Nind Trust and Diocese	0	0
Payments	0	0
Excess of Receipts over Payments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance as at 1st January	2,500	2,500
Balance as at 31st December	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>

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St Andrew's
EARLSFIELD

Annual Report

Aims and Purposes

St. Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Jonathan Brown, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is responsible for maintaining St Andrew's Church in Garratt Lane and the Parish Hall in Waynflete Street.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to helping people discover and live out the Gospel as part of our parish community.

This is achieved through worship and prayer, both in its traditional forms and in Fresh Expressions, pastoral care, including around life events marked by the baptism of infants, marriages and funerals, and through hosting a variety of community enterprises in the church and hall.

Achievements and Performance

The PCC offers a range of services during the week and over the course of the year. The principal Sunday service is the Parish Communion, with a midweek service of Holy Communion. Special services are held on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day, and around Christmas. Fresh Expression services include the monthly Allsortz in the church, quarterly Forest Church on Wimbledon Common and Beer and Carols at Christmas.

During the year we celebrated 29 baptisms and three marriages, published the banns of marriage of 17 couples and held one funeral.

The PCC continued to host the Home Community Café in the church. Home is a place of hospitality for the local community. It runs a pay-forward scheme, collaborates with the Earlsfield Foodbank by providing breakfast while guests wait for their food, runs social-prescription events, a children's after-school club, a project for mothers needing additional support, seated exercise for the over 60s, a support group for those in temporary accommodation and a bereavement group, is a Café of Sanctuary, supporting local asylum seekers, and provides free school meals via HAF projects in the borough. The Café was recognised at the Wandsworth Civic Awards, and won two awards at the Wandsworth Women's Enterprise Hub.

The PCC also continued to host the Earlsfield Foodbank, which provides a helping hand to those facing food poverty, restoring dignity with confidentiality and offering support without judgement. It serves over 100 households a week.

The PCC also provides a home for Chelsea Hall School for children with learning needs, Jiva Health Yoga, the Southwest Songbirds community choir.

Financial Review

Total receipts for 2023 were £150,865 up from £101,319 in 2022. The church has benefited from a one-off legacy receipt of £33,000 which has enabled the general fund to move from a deficit of £15,564 in 2022 to a surplus of £26,693 for 2023.

The finance working group continues to operate collectively to perform the duties of a treasurer, with a focus on strategic improvements such as planning to use an accountancy software package to improve the issuing of invoices and automatically produce the annual accounts.

The rental of the church hall to the Chelsea Hall School remains our primary income source with us receiving £54,939 in 2023.

Only £124 of Gift Aid was reclaimed in 2023, down from £8,405 in 2022, as the refund claim for years 2021, 2022 and 2023 have not yet been submitted. These will be claimed in 2024 which remains within the HMRC refund window of 4 years.

The Home Community Café's contribution towards the church's running costs of £15,133, up from £3,200 in 2022, constitutes the largest increase in revenue from our church partnerships and we owe Meg and her team a huge thank you for all of their hard work and significant financial support. The Foodbank have also generously offered to contribute towards costs of hosting their operations on a Thursday. These additional contributions from our community partners have seen overall receipts from Church tenants rise to £20,428 for 2023 (2022 £5,575).

With the improved cash position of the church, payments have resumed to the Parish Support Fund with an initial payment of £10,000 being made with plans to resume regular payments via direct debit for 2024.

Payments in 2023 totalled £118,607 with the main driver of increase were utility bills increasing 20% year-on-year. The net result of the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £32,258. With continued focus on the finances and a catching up of the utility bill invoices and Gift Aid, it is expected that the church finances will remain in surplus for 2024 whilst still meeting its Parish Support Fund pledges.

Reserves Policy

St. Andrew's restricted funds currently stand at £24,462 and designated finds at £18,600 – unchanged from 2022. The church has paid £10,000 on an outstanding loan to the Glebe House Trust used to purchase the new chairs as part of the narthex re-ordering project and installation of the café in 2017. The remaining loan balance of £13,600 will be paid off in 2024.

Volunteers

It would prove impossible to recognise each individual who has contributed to the work of St Andrew's in the past year. The value of their contribution is very considerable. We are grateful to them all.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met in person four times in 2023.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Andrew's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, pioneer priest, churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Administrative information

St. Andrew's Church is situated in Earlsfield in south-west London. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England.

PCC members in 2023 were: Rev Jonathan Brown (Chair), Benet Northcote (Churchwarden), Alex Fry (Churchwarden), Nigel Turner (Churchwarden), Rev Johnny Sertin (Pioneer Priest), Lisa Davies, Rachel MacKinlay, Hannah Markusse, Gabi Oliver, Natasha Rawdon-Rego and Nicki Saker. Alex Chamberlen, Meg Fry and Viv Snell (Reader) were deanery synod representatives.

During the course of 2023, Alex Chamberlen and Benet Northcote stood down, and Lisa Davies and Natasha Rawdon-Rego were elected.

Revd Jonathan Brown, Chair

Financial Statements for 2023 and Independent Examiner's Report

Please see separate documents.

Annual Fabric Report

Quinquennial Inspection

In 2023 we had our Quinquennial inspection, undertaken by our attending Architect Russel Hanslip. This consists of a thorough condition report of the Church's fabric internally and externally and a report produced. Observations are accompanied by suggested actions and a level of 'urgency' A-C. This time, the 'A' rated items externally are mainly related to the removal of the ivy from the Parish Office walls and roof, and a handful of gutter and minor roofing related items. There are plans in place to design a package of work focusing on the repair / remediation of all items from the urgent list externally, in order to request quotes for this work for PCC approval ahead of work going ahead during the warm dryer months of summer 2024.

Improvements

We are in the process of exploring avenues to gain grant funding for a detailed energy assessment of the church and its various buildings. This will form an important part of any subsequent larger grant application towards upgrades to the methods we use to heat and light our buildings. Sustainability remains an area that we are both passionate about and work continues to find viable ways of making significant improvements to the Church's carbon footprint. There are some very big and potentially costly hurdles here, but with the right attitude and commitment we hope to make St. Andrew's an example of how even the most challenging buildings can effectively move away from a reliance on fossil fuels.

The Home Café received a grant from the Screwfix foundation earlier this year to go towards the maintenance of the Café space. As part of this work, the toilets were redecorated and the Narthex / Cafe floors sanded and re-finished giving the highest traffic areas of the church a fantastic visual lift! Thank you Meg for arranging all of this!

Routine essential maintenance activities carried out by contractors

Our boilers broke down a few times this year, but on both occasions the response from the manufacturer was swift to repair them. Both visits were free of charge as the current boiler is still under warranty.

- Gardening – Silke and her fantastic team of volunteers continue to do fantastic work maintaining the church's various gardens.

- Portable Electrical Appliance Testing annually (undertaken in March '24)
- The Fire extinguishers were checked and re-charged as required Nov '23.
- The lightening conductor was tested and certified during March '23.
- Essential repair work was undertaken in early 2024 to the rear garden fence backing onto St. Andrew's Court.

The Warden team would like to thank everyone who has supported St Andrew's this year in looking after our beautiful building!

Alex Fry and Nigel Turner, Churchwardens

Electoral Roll Report

On 14 April 2024 there were 87 people on the Electoral Roll, 14 more than last year.

Jonathan Brown

Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod

This was the first year of the 2023-6 Cycle, and the Deanery Synod met three times.

We welcomed Wendy Stephens, Chaplain to Wandsworth Prison, to our June meeting. She talked about the work of Prison Chaplaincy, and the Wandsworth Prison Welfare Trust. Support from parishes is invaluable, and especially during Prisons Week in October.

In November we heard from Dorian Leatham, Co-Chair of the Wandsworth Cost of Living Commission (with Revd Ian Tattum) about their work gathering evidence and listening to the local community in relation to Housing, Food, Energy and Transport. Roehampton was identified as a 'food desert'. Their recommendations to address the Cost of Living Crisis were in the process of being submitted to Wandsworth Council.

In February Rabbi Adrian Schell of Wimbledon Synagogue and Revd Dr Nathan Eddy Co-Director of National Council of Christian and Jews spoke together very movingly in the light of the events of October 7th in Israel. The listening exercise enabled Deanery Synod to listen to the experience of Rabbi Adrian and the local Jewish community, both on the day and subsequently.

Jonathan Brown

Activity Reports

Fresh Expressions

In the last year fresh expressions has continued to enjoy a full calendar year of activities. We have trodden familiar ground together enjoying the long running rhythms of Allsortz, Forest Church and seasonal celebrations like Beer and Carols. As well as exploring some new terrain trialling new things like Kitchen Tables.

We continue to find deep joy sharing these spaces with families in the Earlsfield community and are thankful for the path we travel together and the relationships that continue to grow as we journey together.

Allsortz

Allsortz continues to do its thing on the first Sunday of the month and we love it! The flow of our gatherings is now so well known by the families who faithfully attend that the communal ownership of the space has continued to deepen over the last year.

The relationships with these families have also continued to grow as we have developed some of the other fresh expressions spaces together over the course of the year.

A highlight of the recent months was the spring picnic we had during the Easter holidays in Garratt Park and this is encouraging us to explore more ways we can stay connected and share life together in the in-between spaces between gatherings.

Forest Church

This year was the first year we did all four of the Forest Church gatherings! It was great to experience the full flow of the Forest Church year for the first time across the different seasons. We continue to gather on Wimbledon Common and a familiar group of Allsortz families regularly join us.

Even though Forest Church only happens four times a year we have found that returning seasonally gives the gathering a feeling of pilgrimage. Families look forward to returning to the place where they began a season to reflect on the journey they have been on and celebrate the gifts it has brought as it draws to a close, and then anticipate the beginning of a new season and setting out to see what it has to bring.

A highlight since our last report was getting to celebrate the winter solstice together for the first time in December. Observing the darkest time of the year together provided a special opportunity to remember that God can also be found in the darkness - which we experienced in a very real way on the day because the gathering did in fact finish in the dark! We listened to a story about why we celebrate the winter solstice and what the invitation of the season could be for us. We wrote our names on little sticks that we buried in the ground together with a wish or prayer we had for the coming year. We remembered that even though this time of year feels cold and dark, under the ground there is lots of life, and the earth is busy preparing to be ready to spring forth and flourish in the spring and summer. We left our sticks in the ground with the hope that what we wrote on them will also grow and come to life in the months ahead. We made a mandala from natural materials we found around us to celebrate the season we are in and acknowledge the gifts it has for us even in the winter time. And as the natural light faded with the setting of the sun, we lit a candle and paused to mark that from then onwards the light is returning!

Kitchen Tables

Last year we talked about offering a regular gathering for adults to connect around friendship, faith and sharing life together.

On the 13th of September 2023 we officially launched Kitchen Tables!

Over cheese and wine we shared our vision for Kitchen Tables and asked everyone in the room what they hoped the space could be for them. There were some common themes and people were really longing for a space to share the ups and downs of life and find a sense of belonging in a community of people where we could explore topics of faith and spirituality together.

Since the launch we have gathered on the first Wednesday of the month in someone's home. The evenings are structured around a theme that we explore together, and there's always space for personal reflection, time to be creative and respond to what we have explored and an opportunity to share our reflections with each other.

The time we have shared together over the past few months has been enriching and we have loved hosting the spaces and are really enjoying building deeper relationships and sharing life together with our Allsortz families in a new way. We are looking forward to journeying further with this group this coming year.

Seasonal Events

On Saturday 16th December 2023 our annual Beer and Carols event happened in the church garden. It was once again a lovely event filled with community spirit. 450 adults and children attended and it was so special to see the community garden filled with so many local people. Lots of children dressed up and took part in the nativity performance and it was great to see a child who once took part in the nativity now leading us in song on the piano!

Hannah and Sam Markusse and the Fresh Expressions Team

Safeguarding

The last year has been a time of focus on safeguarding within the Church of England – two reports have been published recently:

1) Wilkinson Review (November 2023)

Barrister Sarah Wilkinson was asked to carry out an independent review of the Archbishops' Council decision to disband the Independent Safeguarding Board. Although recommendations focused on the National Church Institute, their themes resonate across safeguarding.

- i) Trauma training.
- ii) Risk assessment.
- iii) Scrutiny gap.
- iv) Governance.

2) The Jay Report (February 2024)

In her report, *The Future of Church Safeguarding*, Professor Alexis Jay CBE, makes a series of recommendations to establish full independence of safeguarding operations and scrutiny in the Church of England.

- i) the creation of the two independent safeguarding charities to deliver operational safeguarding and scrutiny of it.
- ii) legally binding requirements for church institutions to refer all safeguarding cases to these new charities.
- iii) the mandatory implementation of safeguarding decisions made by these charities.
- iv) funding by the Church but complete structural separation to ensure safeguarding is truly independent.

It seems a good thing to have focus on this important area. The Southwark diocese have sent out a questionnaire for completion by PCC members and clergy who wish to share their views, and this will be forwarded on.

I am shortly standing down as Safeguarding Officer. I will share with clergy, PCC members and relevant volunteers their individual statuses and required actions once more before I finish – do please come to me with any queries that arise.

Jo Beattie, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Music Report

It has been a joy to take up the post of music director this year at St Andrew's. Our community demonstrates a vivid interest in our church's musical life – as witness the enthusiastic hymn-singing as well as the embrace of varied settings for the Communion responses during Epiphany and Lent, and a new setting this Easter season for the Gospel acclamation. Because I come from the US, the required background check has been a lengthier and more complex process than usual – two countries to be vetted by instead of one – and is still ongoing. Once those checks are complete, we'll be able to move back toward an expanded musical presence at Sunday services, including additional instrumentalists and voices and experimenting with ways of reviving the St Andrew's Singers. I'm glad to report that several parishioners have already expressed interest in contributing music – and of course we'll always welcome others joining us!

Alex Kirstukas, Director of Music

Community Garden

2023 was another productive and enjoyable gardening year at St Andrew's, thanks to the great group of volunteers who are joining our fortnightly gardening sessions. We now have eight active volunteers on the books, and many more are reading the reports of the gardening sessions sent out by email after each session. We also had some extra help, such as from Lucilia, a member of the congregation, who volunteered to take waste to the skip. New volunteers bring new, additional sets of skills – and Miranda,

who has joined our group this year, has brought experience and fresh ideas with regard to using offers from other agencies for the benefit of the garden. We (i.e. she) has organised manure from Wimbledon Stables for the veg plot and, prompted by her, I have applied for free bulbs from the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association's 'Bulbs for London' initiative. As it turned out, there were no free bulbs this year but we have a new awareness of potential opportunities. Further, we are continuing to cooperate with Meg and her colleagues from Home Café, who are helping to control the rubbish in the garden, while we maintain the veg plot for them. Gardening at St Andrew's is about the people as much as about the plants. We are encouraged by the positive feedback by neighbours and visitors of the garden which proves that the garden is appreciated by the local community. It is certainly well (and sometimes intensively) used by different groups, mainly in respectful ways.

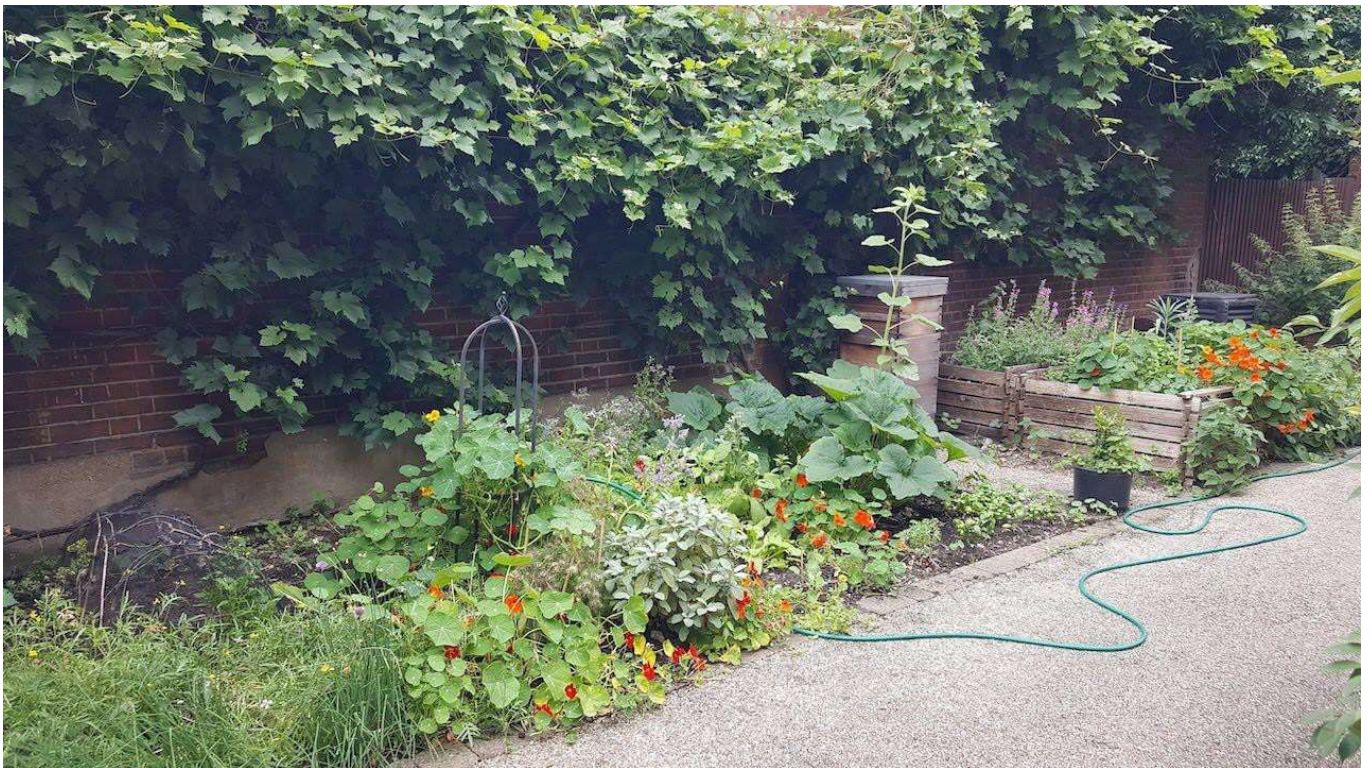
Following the renovation of various beds and borders in previous years, in 2023 our activities mainly served the maintenance of the public garden and the (non-public) North Garden. In the public garden, the dry borders have filled out beautifully, as have the hedges bounding the garden. In the North Garden, we have weeded the gravel border (a bigger job than it sounds) and extended the vegetable plot and herb bed for the Home Café's use by amalgamating the various green waste areas. This has enabled us to repurpose the old compost crates as additional herb and flower beds. We have grown herbs (e.g. basil, chives, mint, parsley, sage, thyme), salad leaves, courgette and a variety of flowers, some edible. The development of the veg plot and herb bed is a continuing project for 2024.

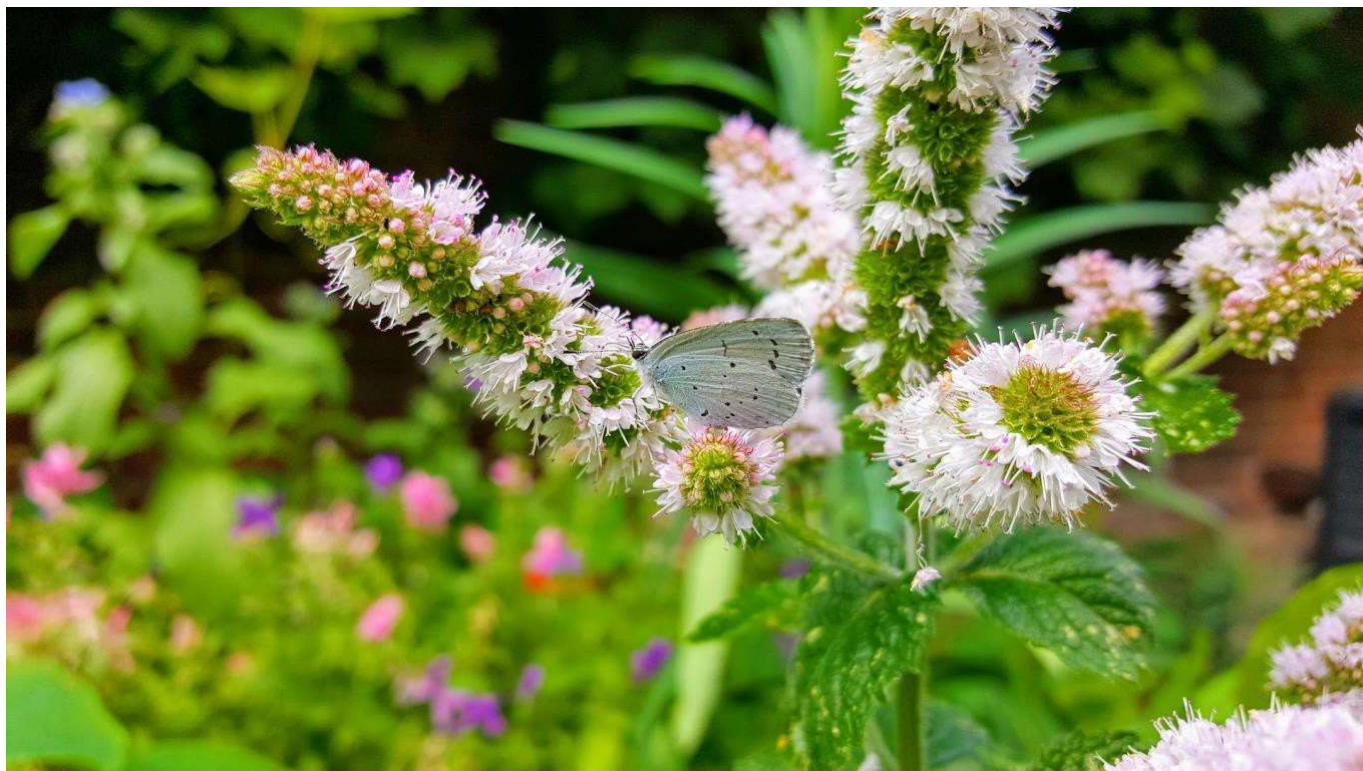
We have also turned our attention to the last remaining 'wild' area in the garden, at the back of the church, behind the shed and accessible from the public garden (but not public). It is overgrown by bindweed and mainly used by a fox, to judge by the amount of rubbish which had accumulated there. We have cleared the rubbish and are battling against the bind weed, which we prefer to try in a non-chemical way as we have done in other parts of the garden. I envisage the establishment of a small woodland garden there, mainly for wildlife – the birds and the bees as well as the fox. We have also cut the ivy which had overgrown the church wall there, discovering (literally) a window and letting more sun into the new Parish Office. The ivy on the roof is continuing to grow happily despite the cutting of the stems and will need to be removed by other means.

Another ongoing project is the management of the green waste of the garden, in a sustainable way. All herbaceous waste is composted in the compost bins in the North Garden, and then used on the veg plot and other beds. The woody waste – which abounds due to the number of shrubs in the garden – is collected in the shed area and taken away by the Man & Van once a year. However, together with Jonathan we are thinking about the purchase of a shredder, which would allow us to turn most of the woody waste into mulch for the shrubby borders.

Silke Strickrodt, Head Gardener







The Community Garden, North Garden and gardeners

Earlsfield Foodbank

[The Foodbank continues to operate but a specific report was not received.]

Home Community Café

Now fully into its 6th year, Home Cafe continues to be a busy and exciting community hub. We have seen a lot happen this last year, with a continuation of established projects and the introduction of new offerings. We are currently have 19 separate initiatives running out of Home Cafe that seek to serve the community in a variety of ways. Some of them are...

- Our Social Prescribing projects, Turn Up, Join In and our Youth Theatre
- Work experience for SEN young people
- Seated Exercise for the over 60's
- Knitting Club
- Home Start Lunch Club for mothers needing additional support
- A bereavement group
- A support group for this in temporary accommodation, where they can access free legal advice
- Providing Free School Meals via HAF projects in the borough

We expanded these projects over the winter months, as we opened the cafe up as a warm space for those struggling to heat their homes. We saw roughly 100 people attending weekly to access free food and drink, use our services, join in with one of lunch clubs or simply just to come and sit in a warm, welcoming environment.

All our projects seek to address issues being faced by those in our community, promote inclusion and reduce isolation and ultimately be a safe space that helps move people from simply surviving, to a place where they can start thriving.

Here are some of our highlights from the last year:

- We hosted our third annual Makers Market to showcase local makers, craftspeople and artisans.
- We were once again part of the yearly Beer and Carols event, always such wonderful evening!
- We hosted Celebration evenings for a local NHS Trust and teachers from a local school
- Our interactive Advent Calendar that shared information about the work that the cafe and church do in the local community, a fun initiative that really communicated everything that goes on at the Cafe
- The Cafe was recognised at the Wandsworth Civic Awards
- The Cafe won two awards at the Wandsworth Women's Enterprise Hub, Winner of the High Street Hero Award and Runners Up in the Best Social Enterprise Category.

We have worked hard to establish new partnerships and strengthen existing ones, including; Homestart Wandsworth, Bounce Theatre, Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees, Age Uk Wandsworth, Caras, Just Shelter, Paradise Co-operative, Kimber Skate Park, Wandsworth Council and the Earlsfield Foodbank.

The community meal continues to flourish and is a lovely monthly collaboration between the church and the cafe, we now regularly see over 50 people attend these evenings. These are on the third Wednesday of each month, please do come along to the next one!

The collaboration with The Earlsfield Foodbank has continued to grow. Home Cafe closes to the wider public on Thursdays to help host the Foodbank morning and offers a free breakfast to each guest. We are now sadly seeing numbers rise to the highest levels yet and are regularly giving away 90-100 breakfast a week.

Our Vicar Jonathan volunteers with us at Foodbank, not only to help serve breakfasts but to offer prayer and spiritual support to guests. This has been a wonderful and very needed offering for those who are often at their lowest and they have all really benefited from Jonathan's support, prayer and bacon sandwiches!

Our work as a Cafe of Sanctuary continues to grow. We are excited that we will shortly launch a project for local women seeking asylum in our borough. Rooted at Home will be a year long program supporting women in temporary accommodation via a program of volunteering, befriending and well-being. We are thrilled not only to be able to offer welcome to these women and come alongside them, but to also invite them to participate in the running of the cafe and providing training that may help them as they seek to build a life here in the UK.

As ever, Home Cafe continues to be a busy and exciting space to be in! It is populated by a diverse mix of people, is full of laughter and the food continues to be not only the tastiest on the high-street but also the best value for money. Community, friendship, and hospitality is always at the core of everything we do.

We are excited for what the next year will hold and are so grateful for the support that St Andrew's continues to offer us. If you'd like to get involved in any part of what we do, from befriending to volunteering, please do get in touch at contact@homecommunitycafe.co.uk or come and see us during the week.

Meg Fry, Director, Home Community Café



*Our weekly knitting group, and the hats that they have made!
Knitting club is every Wednesday between 1.30-3.30pm*



One of our amazing SEN volunteers from Beyond Autism. Parisi is one of their Sixth Form students who has been doing work experience with us for over a year now.



Our Mad Hatters Tea Party, which we host with Age UK and Wandsworth Community Transport. This year 70 over 65's attended for a wonderful afternoon of music, comedy and a fabulous afternoon tea!



Our monthly community meal, where we welcome people in our community to come and share a meal together and get to know each other!



Some of the wonderful women who come and volunteer for us via our Cafe of Sanctuary work. These women are all seeking asylum in the UK and are currently housed in temporary accommodation. We are so grateful to them for the support they give us volunteering at the cafe.



At the Wandsworth Civic Awards, getting to meet the new Mayor!

Churches Together in Earlsfield

Churches Together has not met regularly during the past year. However, we were pleased to join with Earlsfield Baptist Church to hold a joint service on Good Friday, this year at EBC.

Jonathan Brown

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

To the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church Earlsfield

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 2 to 4, is in respect of an examination carried out under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and Independent Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Andrew's Earlsfield

Annual Report

Aims and Purposes

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Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to helping people discover and live out the Gospel as part of our parish community.

This is achieved through worship and prayer, both in its traditional forms and in Fresh Expressions, pastoral care, including around life events marked by the baptism of infants, marriages and funerals, and through hosting a variety of community enterprises in the church and hall.

Achievements and Performance

The PCC offers a range of services during the week and over the course of the year. The principal Sunday service is the Parish Communion (Common Worship), with a midweek service of Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer). Special services are held on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day, and around Christmas. Fresh Expression services include the monthly Allsortz in the church, quarterly Forest Church on Wimbledon Common and Beer and Carols at Christmas.

During the year we celebrated 25 baptisms and one marriage, published the banns of marriage of 16 couples and held 3 funerals, either in the church or at local crematoria.

The PCC continued to host the Home Community Café in the church. Home is a place of hospitality for the local community. It runs a pay-forward scheme, collaborates with the Earlsfield Foodbank by providing a social breakfast while guests wait for their food, runs a social-prescription events, a children's after-school club and a project for new mothers struggling with post-natal depression, and it provides opportunities to volunteer. It is a much-loved resource in the neighbourhood.

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The PCC also provides a home for Chelsea Hall School for children with learning needs, Jiva Health Yoga, the Southwest Songbirds community choir and the 3rd Earlsfield Brownies.

Financial Review

Total receipts for 2022 were £101,319, up from £84,644 in 2021. The church however faces some pressing financial challenges. During the 2022 year, the true impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on our financial position has become clear. The suspension of in-

person worship during the lockdowns had a significant financial impact. The numbers now attending regular Sunday worship are also down by 30% from 2019 and there has been a corresponding reduction in stewardship. October 2022 also saw the lifting of the regulator's cap in energy prices, with a steep rise in our bills impacting the final quarter of 2022. We ended the 2021 year with our unrestricted funds at -£47,907. Our increase in receipts has seen this deficit reduced to -£15,564 during 2022.

The re-structuring of the PCC into working groups and formation of both a dedicated finance group and giving / stewardship group has assisted with a considerable task of restoring a positive financial position.

The rental of the church hall to the Chelsea Hall School remains our primary income source with us receiving £52,932. We have recently moved the Parish Office from the Church Hall into a temporary location in the Yellow Room, with the School agreeing an additional £5,000 p/a for the additional space. This additional revenue will be an important contribution to towards rising costs going forward.

We had an increase in the amount collected via Gift Aid due to the recovery of a backlog that fell within this financial year (£8,405 up from £5,670 in 2021).

Having come out of the five-year period covered by the initial licence, the Home Community Café have made a commitment to contribute towards the rising running costs with £3,200 being gifted to the church in Q4 of the year. The Foodbank have also very generously offered to contribute towards costs of hosting their operations on a Thursday. These additional contributions from our community partners have seen overall receipts from Church activities rise by £4,425 in 2022.

Due to our cash position, regrettably St. Andrew's had to stop its regular contribution to the Parish Support Fund during 2021. £14,900 was paid to the diocese in 2021 and £0 in 2022. Given our steady recovery we aim to resume contributions during Q2 of 2023 with a further review and the hope of increasing this in Q3 of 2023.

Payments in 2022 totalled £81,342. The cost of lighting and heating our space increased by 140% in 2022, a total increase of £11,889. The net result of the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £19,978, but given the struggles of the previous year this has only gone to partially restore our designated and restricted funds. Thanks to all the hard work of the respective PCC working groups we find ourselves on an upward trajectory which is encouraging. We aim to have fully recovered the post Pandemic deficit by the end of 2023.

Reserves Policy

St. Andrew's restricted funds currently stand at £24,462 and designated funds at £18,600. The main body of the designated funds are from the building fund, dedicated to repairs and maintenance. This amount is under yearly review. Our quinquennial inspection is being undertaken in 2023 and this will help inform whether we need to increase / decrease this. The church also has an outstanding loan to the Glebe House Trust of £23,600 for the purchase of the new chairs as part of the narthex re-ordering project and installation of the café in 2017. Although we have recovered a good part of the deficit from the end of the 2021 year, we have not fully recovered the desired cash position. The PCC's goal will be to fully recover our cash position along with working capital equivalent to three months' worth of running costs (£25,000). The goal is that this is done in conjunction with restoring our contributions to the Parish Support Fund.

Volunteers

It would prove impossible to recognise each individual who has contributed to the work of St Andrew's in 2022. The value of their contribution is very considerable. We are grateful to them all.

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Structure, governance and management

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met online and in person in 2022.

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The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Administrative information

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**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
EARLSFIELD**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (in Pounds Sterling)
at 31 December 2021**

	Unrestricted Funds Total	Designated Funds Total	Restricted Funds Total	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
Monetary assets					
Bank current account	8,036	18,600	24,462	51,098	31,120
Total assets	8,036	18,600	24,462	51,098	31,120
Liabilities					
Glebe House loan	(23,600)	0	0	(23,600)	(23,600)
Total liabilities	(23,600)	0	0	(23,600)	(23,600)
Net Assets / (Liabilities)	(15,564)	18,600	24,462	27,498	7,520

Represented by:-

Funds

General Funds	(15,564)	0	0	(15,564)	(47,907)
Outside Giving Fund	0	0	0	0	11,819
Building Fund	0	18,600	0	18,600	18,600
Boiler Fund	0	0	0	0	-
Community Development Fund	0	0	5,968	5,968	5,968
Zimbabwe Project Fund	0	0	100	100	100
Companions in Mission Fund	0	0	394	394	394
Organ Fund	0	0	14,300	14,300	14,300
Payments for the Poor	0	0	522	522	522
Frontal	0	0	0	0	546
Narthax Project	0	0	678	678	678
Live Streaming Fund	0	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
	(15,564)	18,600	24,462	27,498	7,520

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on *3 June 2023* and signed on its behalf by:-



Incumbent St Andrew's Church Earlsfield

St Andrew's Church, Earlsfield
2022 Accounts (in Pounds Sterling)

General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts & Payments Account

<u>Receipts</u>	2022	2021
<i>Voluntary income</i>		
Stewardship (Bank)	20,060	17,775
Stewardship (Envelopes)	294	5,462
Collections	653	0
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	8,405	5,670
One-off donations	6,502	1,350
	<u>35,914</u>	<u>30,257</u>
<i>Receipts from church activities</i>		
Home Community Café	3,200	-
Earlsfield Foodbank	675	-
Songbirds	750	250
Election	950	900
	<u>5,575</u>	<u>1,150</u>
<i>Receipts from church activities</i>		
Fees & weddings and funerals	96	782
	<u>96</u>	<u>782</u>
<i>Receipts from community centre activities</i>		
Chelsea Group	52,932	52,455
Yoga	1,971	0
	<u>54,903</u>	<u>52,455</u>
<i>Other</i>		
Insurance payout for church building damage	4,831	0
	<u>4,831</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Receipts	<u>101,319</u>	<u>84,644</u>
 <u>Payments</u>		
<i>Church running costs</i>		
Diocesan parish share	0	14,900
Working expenses of incumbent	3,059	3,832
Administrator	8,196	7,800
Gardener	4,150	2,661
Organist	3,246	4,644
Church office - telephone	352	309
Admin - computer supplies & support	325	0
Admin - printing & photocopying	204	142
Church maintenance	6,535	3,648
Upkeep of services	108	201
Church running - legal & professional	1,352	0
Church running - insurance	6,096	6,189
Church running - gas	12,033	2,228
Church running - electric	8,273	5,494
Church running - water	152	94
	<u>54,082</u>	<u>52,142</u>
<i>Community Centre running costs</i>		
Building maintenance	363	0
Hall running - gas	3,841	2,079
Hall running - electricity	16,008	10,332
Hall running - water	5,721	3,236
Hall running - insurance	1,326	1,000
	<u>27,259</u>	<u>16,647</u>
Total Payments	<u>81,342</u>	<u>68,789</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	<u>19,978</u>	<u>15,855</u>
Liability to Glebe House	0	(23,600)
Receipt from outside giving fund	11,819	-
Receipt from frontal fund	546	-
	<u>32,343</u>	<u>(7,745)</u>
Balance as at 1st January	(47,907)	(40,162)
Balance as at 31st December	<u>(15,564)</u>	<u>(47,907)</u>

St Andrew's Church, Earlsfield
2022 Accounts (in Pounds Sterling)

Designated and Restricted Fund Receipts and Payments

<u>Outside Giving Fund (Designated)</u>		2022	2021
<u>Receipts</u>		0	0
<u>Payments</u>	Payment to general fund	11,819	0
Excess of Payments over Receipts		<u>11,819</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance as at 1st January		11,819	11,819
Balance as at 31st December		<u>0</u>	<u>11,819</u>
<u>Church Building Fund (Designated)</u>			
<u>Receipts</u>		0	488
<u>Payments</u>		0	10,230
Excess of Payments over Receipts		<u>0</u>	<u>(9,742)</u>
Balance as at 1st January		18,600	41,998
Transfer from boiler fund		0	(13,656)
Balance as at 31st December		<u>18,600</u>	<u>18,600</u>
<u>Boiler Fund (Designated)</u>			
<u>Receipts</u>		0	0
<u>Payments</u>	Loan repayment	0	21,300
	Loan repayment	0	1,659
Excess of Payments over Receipts		<u>0</u>	<u>22,959</u>
Balance as at 1st January		0	9,303
Transfer balance to building fund		0	13,656
Balance as at 31st December		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Community Development Fund (Restricted)</u>			
<u>Receipts</u>	Grants	0	0
	Giving	0	0
<u>Payments</u>		0	(1,175)
Excess of Payments over Receipts		<u>0</u>	<u>(1,175)</u>
Balance as at 1st January		5,968	7,143
Balance as at 31st December		<u>5,968</u>	<u>5,968</u>
<u>Zimbabwe Project Fund (Restricted)</u>			
Balance as at 1st January		100	100
Balance as at 31st December		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>Companions in Mission Fund (Restricted)</u>			
Balance as at 1st January		394	394
Balance as at 31st December		<u>394</u>	<u>394</u>
<u>Organ Fund (Restricted)</u>			
Balance as at 1st January		14,300	14,300
Balance as at 31st December		<u>14,300</u>	<u>14,300</u>
<u>Payments for the Poor (Restricted)</u>			
Balance as at 1st January		522	522
Balance as at 31st December		<u>522</u>	<u>522</u>
<u>Frontal (Restricted)</u>			
<u>Receipts</u>		0	0
<u>Payments</u>	Payment to general fund	546	0
Excess of Payments over Receipts		<u>546</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance as at 1st January		546	546
Balance as at 31st December		<u>0</u>	<u>546</u>
<u>Narthax project (Restricted)</u>			
Balance as at 1st January		678	678
Balance as at 31st December		<u>678</u>	<u>678</u>
<u>Live Streaming Fund (Restricted)</u>			
<u>Receipts</u>	Grants - Nind Trust and Diocese	0	0
<u>Payments</u>		0	0
Excess of Receipts over Payments		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance as at 1st January		2,500	2,500
Balance as at 31st December		<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

To the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church Earlsfield

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 2 to 4, is in respect of an examination carried out under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and Independent Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
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Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Andrew's Earlsfield

Annual Report

Aims and Purposes

St. Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Jonathan Brown, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is responsible for maintaining St Andrew's Church in Garratt Lane and the Parish Hall in Waynflete Street.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to helping people discover and live out the Gospel as part of our parish community.

This is achieved through worship and prayer, both in its traditional forms and in Fresh Expressions, pastoral care, including around life events marked by the baptism of infants, marriages and funerals, and through hosting a variety of community enterprises in the church and hall.

Achievements and Performance

The PCC offers a range of services during the week and over the course of the year. The principal Sunday service is the Parish Communion (Common Worship), with a midweek service of Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer). Special services are held on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day, and around Christmas. Sadly, the emergence of the Omicron variant of Covid-19 meant that the two most popular Christmas Services had to be cancelled at the last minute. To cope with the backlog from the times when churches were closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a number of baptisms were conducted separately from the main Parish Communion. Fresh Expression services include the monthly Allsortz in the church, quarterly Forest Church on Wimbledon Common and Beer and Carols at Christmas.

During the year we celebrated 34 baptisms, published the banns of marriage of 26 couples and held 5 funerals, either in the church or at local crematoria.

The PCC continued to host the Home Community Café in the church. Home is a place of hospitality for the local community. It runs a pay-forward scheme, collaborates with the Earlsfield Foodbank by providing a social breakfast while guests wait for their food, runs a social prescription lunch, a children's after-school club and a project for new mothers struggling with post-natal depression, and it provides opportunities to volunteer. It is a much-loved resource in the neighbourhood.

The PCC also continued to host the Earlsfield Foodbank, which provides a helping hand to those facing food poverty, restoring dignity with confidentiality and offering support without judgement. It serves over 100 households a week.

The PCC also provides a home for Chelsea Hall School for children with learning needs, Jiva Health Yoga, the Southwest Songbirds community choir and the 3rd Earlsfield Brownies.

As a consequence of the pandemic, the Toddlers Group, which had been held in St Andrew's for many years, sadly closed during the course of the year.

Financial Review

Statistical information to follow.

If we collect money for a specific project then there is a designated or restricted fund for the project. All the monies in and out of such funds are recorded on a separate ledger from the general funds.

Volunteers

It would prove impossible to recognise each individual who has contributed to the work of St Andrew's in 2021. The value of their contribution is very considerable. We are grateful to them all.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met online and in person in 2021.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Andrew's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Administrative information

St. Andrew's Church is situated in Earlsfield in SW London. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England.

PCC members in 2021 were: Rev Jonathan Brown (Chair), Benet Northcote (Vice-chair, Churchwarden), Alex Fry (Churchwarden), Rev Johnny Sertin (Pioneer Priest), Lisa Davis, Susan Kent, Cherreem Lindsay, Hannah Markusse, Irene Lau, Paul Mitchell, Viv Snell (Reader), Andrew Thomson. Paul Mitchell and Viv Snell were deanery synod representatives.

During the course of 2021, Marion Endicott and Lynda Thomas stood down, and Irene Lau (treasurer), Paul Lickman, Hannah Markusse and Paul Mitchell (deanery synod), and were elected.

*Jonathan Brown, Chair
15 May 2022*

**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
EARLSFIELD**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
at 31 December 2021**

	Unrestricted Funds Total	Designated Funds Total	Restricted Funds Total	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets					
Bank current account	(24,307)	30,419	25,008	31,120	49,141
Total assets	(24,307)	30,419	25,008	31,120	49,141
Liabilities					
Glebe House loan	(23,600)	-	-	(23,600)	-
Total liabilities	(23,600)	-	-	(23,600)	-
Net Assets / (Liabilities)	(47,907)	30,419	25,008	7,520	49,141

Represented by:-

Funds

General Funds	(47,907)	-	-	(47,907)	(40,162)
Outside Giving Fund	-	11,819	-	11,819	11,819
Building Fund	-	18,600	-	18,600	41,998
Boiler Fund	-	-	-	-	9,303
Community Development Fund	-	-	5,968	5,968	7,143
Zimbabwe Project Fund	-	-	100	100	100
Companions in Mission Fund	-	-	394	394	394
Organ Fund	-	-	14,300	14,300	14,300
Payments for the Poor	-	-	522	522	522
Frontal	-	-	546	546	546
Narthax Project	-	-	678	678	678
Live Streaming Fund	-	-	2,500	2,500	2,500
	(47,907)	30,419	25,008	7,520	49,141

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on its behalf by:-

Incumbent St Andrew's Church Earlsfield

St Andrew's Church, Earlsfield
2021 Accounts (in Pounds Sterling)

General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts & Payments Account

<u>Receipts</u>	2021	2020
<i>Voluntary income</i>		
Stewardship (Bank)	17,775	17,593
Stewardship (Envelopes)	5,462	4,013
Collections	0	4,984
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	5,670	0
One-off donations	1,350	0
	<u>30,257</u>	<u>26,589</u>
<i>Receipts from activities for generating funds</i>		
Tea & Coffee Sales	0	0
Table top sale	0	0
Candle Stall	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Receipts from church hire</i>		
House of Prayer	0	0
Songbirds	250	525
Election	900	850
Toddler Group	0	0
	<u>1,150</u>	<u>1,375</u>
<i>Receipts from church activities</i>		
Fees & weddings and funerals	782	0
Listed places of Worship Grant Scheme	0	0
	<u>782</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Receipts from Community Centre activities for generating funds :</i>		
Hall Lettings:		
Chelsea Group	52,455	45,346
Yoga	0	2,000
Bellarinas	0	205
	<u>52,455</u>	<u>47,551</u>
<i>Other</i>		
Grants for live streaming	<u>0</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Total Receipts	<u><u>84,644</u></u>	<u><u>78,015</u></u>

<u>Payments</u>	2021	2020
<i>Cost of generating voluntary income</i>		
Costs of stewardship campaign	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Church running costs</i>		
Diocesan parish share	14,900	44,700
Working expenses of incumbent	3,832	0
Administrator	7,800	7,800
Gardener	2,661	1,754
Organist	4,644	4,644
Church office - telephone	309	320
Admin - computer supplies & support	0	1,000
Admin - printing & photocopying	142	168
Church maintenance	3,648	1,855
Upkeep of services	201	323
Church running - legal & professional	0	2,117
Church running - insurance	6,189	6,183
Church running - gas	2,228	1,874
Church running - electric	5,494	1,798
Church running - water	94	143
	<u>52,142</u>	<u>74,681</u>
<i>Other</i>		
Bank Charges		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Community Centre running costs</i>		
Building maintenance	0	0
Hall running - gas	2,079	2,380
Hall running - electricity	10,332	7,076
Hall running - water	3,236	6,176
Hall running - insurance	1,000	1,000
	<u>16,647</u>	<u>16,632</u>
Total Payments	<u>68,789</u>	<u>91,313</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	<u>15,855</u>	<u>(13,298)</u>
Transfer to Nave Altar Carpet Replacement (Restricted)	0	(806)
Transfer to Chapel Floor Sanding (Restricted)	0	(714)
Transfer to Live Streaming fund (Restricted)		(2,500)
Transfer from Stacking chairs Fund		4,000
Liability to Glebe House	<u>(23,600)</u>	<u>(13,318)</u>
	<u>(7,745)</u>	<u>(13,318)</u>
Balance as at 1st January	(40,162)	(26,844)
Balance as at 31st December	<u>(47,907)</u>	<u>(40,162)</u>

*In 2020 the electric bill was £4,998. It's high due to the use of the kitchen during covid, therefore £3,200 was allocated to the Community Funds

St Andrew's Church, Earisfield
2021 Accounts (in Pounds Sterling)

Prior Year Adjustments

Summary

<u>Fund</u>	<u>2020 per A/c's</u>	<u>Prior Year Adjustments</u>	<u>2020 Restated</u>
General Funds	(3,698)	(36,464)	(40,162)
Outside Giving Fund	1,319	10,500	11,819
Church Building Fund	51,301	0	51,301
Community Development Fund	7,143	0	7,143
Payments for the Poor	522	0	522
Frontal	546	0	546
Stacking Chairs	4,000	(4,000)	0
Zimbabwe Project	100	0	100
Companions in Mission	394	0	394
Organ Fund	14,300	0	14,300
Narthex Project	678	0	678
Live Streaming	0	2,500	2,500
Total	76,605	(27,464)	49,141

Detail

General Fund

2018 Utilities understated	(3,663)
2019 Income overstated	(16,671)
2019 Expenditure understated	(16,256)
2019 unresented cheque	140
2020 additional income	100
2020 Live Streaming Fund	(2,500)
2020 Stacking chairs receipt correction	4,000
2020 Utilities understated	(1,614)
Total	(36,464)

Outside Giving Fund

AGE Concern	600
Bible Society	600
Church Army	600
Church Mission Society	600
Leprosy Mission	600
Church Trust	600
Trintiy Hospice	600
Welcare	600
Inclusive Church	600
Food bank	600
CMS	900
Inclusive Church	900
A Rocha	900
Restored (ending violence against women)	900
Just Shelter	900
Total	10,500

St Andrew's Church, Earlsfield
2021 Accounts (in Pounds Sterling)

Prior Year Adjustments

Summary

<u>Fund</u>	<u>2020 per A/c's</u>	<u>Prior Year Adjustments</u>	<u>2020 Restated</u>
<u>Stacking Chairs Fund</u>			
2020 Stacking chairs receipt correction	(4,000)		
Total	<u>(4,000)</u>		
<u>Live Streaming Fund</u>			
2020 Live Streaming Fund correction	2,500		
Total	<u>2,500</u>		
Grand Total	<u>(27,464)</u>		

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

To the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church Earlsfield

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Respective responsibilities of the trustees and independent Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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Independent examiner's statement

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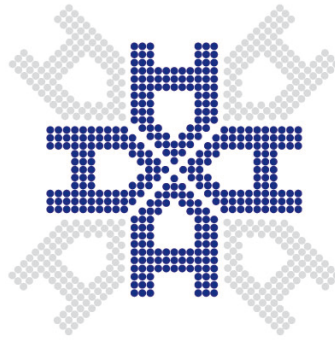
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16th January 2023

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St Andrew's
EARLSFIELD

Annual Meeting 2021

25 April 2021 at 11am

Agenda

Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens

1. Apologies
2. Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies
2. Election of members of the Deanery Synod
3. Election of members of the Parochial Church Council
4. Appointment of Independent Examiner
5. Annual Report
6. Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2020
7. Annual Fabric Report
8. Electoral Roll Report
9. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod
10. Vicar's Matters
11. Any other business
12. Closing prayer

Annual Report

1. St. Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Jonathan Brown, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

2. In 2020 we continued the work from 2019 with three key activities: Christian worship and outreach; promoting community across faith groups and wider society; and support for the acute societal problems present in our local community. As with many churches and other enterprises, Covid had a profound impact on our ability to deliver these activities; and forced us to respond.

a. *Christian worship and outreach in and beyond St Andrew's Church.* Covid constrained our efforts this year. Church was closed for public worship for part of the year. Sunday services were recorded and streamed. Service booklets delivered to those known to be without internet. Maintained the fabric of the building. Windows replaced in the nave. Dais carpet replaced using a local provider.

b. *Events to promote community across faith groups and wider society.* Collaborated with other community organisations in establishing Earsfield Together street network, which provided a point of call during lockdowns for anyone in need in every street in the parish.

c. *Support for the acute societal problems present in our local community.* St Andrew's provided a new home for the Earsfield Foodbank, installing a portakabin to provide storage. Numbers using Foodbank increased five-fold from 25 per week to 125. Home Community Cafe transformed into a community kitchen, cooking for NHS workers, a local school, a homeless shelter, and households without access to hot food. Volunteers serving Foodbank and Cafe drawn both from church community and wider parish.

Financial Review

3. Our main income was from the rental of the Parish Hall space to the Chelsea Group (£45,346.16). The second line of income is public donation whereby a mixture of monthly standing order and service collection that accounted for £28,989. Our third line of income is from renting out the church spaces to groups such as yoga and children's group (£1,375).

4. If we collect money for a specific project then there is a designated or restricted fund for the project. All the monies in and out of such funds are recorded on a separate ledger to the general funds.

Volunteers

5. It would prove impossible to recognise each individual who has contributed to the work of St Andrew's in 2020, but we must pay tribute to the work and dedication of Dave Pratt, who retired as Churchwarden after many years' service. Many others made valuable contributions to our Christian worship, community promotion, and support for acute societal problems. Especially in 2020 owing to the impact of Covid.

Structure, governance and management

6. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met online in 2020.

7. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Andrew's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, the reader and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Administrative information

8. St. Andrew's Church is situated in Earlsfield in SW London. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England.

9. PCC members in 2020 were: Rev Jonathan Brown (chair), Benet Northcote (vice-chair), Dave Pratt (churchwarden), Rev Johnny Sertin, Lisa Davis, Marion Endicott, Susan Kent, Cherreem Lindsay, Viv Snell (Reader), Hannah Swithinbank, Lynda Thomas, Andrew Thomson. Viv Snell and Hannah Swithinbank were deanery synod reps.

10. During the course of 2020, Dave Pratt, Marion Endicott and Hannah Swithinbank stood down, and Alex Fry (churchwarden), Paul Mitchell (deanery synod), Alex Chamberlen, Meg Fry and Jude Nayer were elected [two of them filling vacancies from previous years]. Irene Lau (treasurer) was co-opted.

Jonathan Brown, Chair

Financial Statements for 2020 and Independent Examiner's Report

See separate document. The accounts were not ready in time for the Independent Examiner to make her report. We expect to be able to publish this in the next couple of weeks.

Fabric Report

2020 was a busy year! As the first signs of Covid-19 were coming into view, we were told that the West End windows were no longer safe - they had broken away from their supporting struts. Fortunately, we were able to get scaffolding up and a company to take them away for repair just as lockdown was starting. Unfortunately, the pandemic meant that getting the repairs done took much longer than anticipated. There was - amongst other things - a national shortage of lead. Eventually, the new windows were reinstalled and we are sure you will all agree that they look splendid. The good news is that the costs for this was covered by our insurance.

The other big ticket item was replacing the boilers for the central heating. It is hard to believe that they have been working hard for so many years that it was time to replace them, but they had given up and were beyond repair, despite regular servicing. This was a cost we had to meet ourselves, unfortunately, but it was essential maintenance.

Hopefully, 2021 will give us the opportunity to repair our finances a bit, if we can avoid any large expenses.

Alex Fry and Benet Northcote, Churchwardens.

Electoral Roll Report

On 23 April 2021 there were 84 people on the Electoral Roll.

Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod

Due to the pandemic, the Synod met twice. In February, each parish made a presentation on The Mission of God in Wandsworth – 5 minutes on the impact and importance of one of the Deanery Mission matters on the life of the church. In November, Hannah Rich from Theos gave a presentation on The GRA:CE Project, a study, based on three years of research on the relationship between church growth, discipleship and social action in the Church of England.

St Andrew's Church, Earlsfield
2020 Accounts (in Pounds Sterling)

General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts & Payments Account

<u>Receipts</u>	2020	2019	2018
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
Stewardship (Bank)	17492.63	20605.64	19990
Stewardship (Envelopes)	4012.53	3504.08	3656
Collections	7483.67	7189.42	9799
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	0	150.00	0
One-off donations	0	28.37	430
	<u>28989</u>	<u>31478</u>	<u>33875</u>
<i>Receipts from activities for generating funds</i>			
Tea & Coffee Sales	0	355.42	542
Table top sale	0	174.00	0
Candle Stall	0	61.67	199
	<u>0</u>	<u>591</u>	<u>741</u>
<i>Receipts from church hire</i>			
House of Prayer	0	6720.00	3100
Songbirds	525	550	1050
Election	850	850.00	850
Toddler Group	0	913.60	1019
	<u>1375</u>	<u>9034</u>	<u>6019</u>
<i>Receipts from church activities</i>			
Fees & weddings and funerals	0	545.76	184
Listed places of Worship Grant Scheme	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>545.76</u>	<u>184</u>
<i>Receipts from Community Centre activities for generating funds</i>			
Hall Lettings:			
Chelsea Group	45346.16 *	35001	35740
Yoga	2000	2000	4000
Bellarinas	204.5	826.00	2580
	<u>47551</u>	<u>37827</u>	<u>42319</u>
<i>Other</i>			
Other (bench hire, other hire)	<u>0</u>	<u>17081</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Receipts	<u>77914</u>	<u>96556</u>	<u>83137</u>

*Note some of them is utility bills contribution from 2019

<u>Payments</u>	2020	2019	2018
<i>Cost of generating voluntary income</i>	0	0	0
Costs of stewardship campaign	0	0	0
<i>Church running costs</i>			
Diocesan parish share	44700	44700	44000
Working expenses of incumbent	0	3301	0
Administrator	7800	7800	2000
Gardener	1753.82	857	1284
Organist	4644	2709	4826
		329	325
Church office - telephone	320.47	0	108
Admin - computer supplies & support	1000	0	307
Admin - printing & photocopying	168.12	51.3	73
Admin - stationery	0	0	0
Admin - postage	0	1276	5433
Church maintenance	1855.31	1831	1566
Upkeep of services	322.88	0	1033
Organ / piano tuning	0	353.75	48
Parish training & mission	0	1500	500
Earlsfield Friary events	0	400	5827
Church running - legal & professional	2117.4	6145	6945
Church running - insurance	6183.39	3456	3567
Church running - gas	1385	1367	1338
Church running - electric	1372 *	125	123
Church running - water	143.35	76663	79302
<i>Other</i>	73766	0	0
Bank Charges	0	0	0
<i>Community Centre running costs</i>			
Building maintenance	2379.69	2430	2503
Hall running - gas	6377	4994	5035
Hall running - electricity	6176.36	5184	5528
Hall running - water	1000	1000	1000
Hall running - insurance	15933.05	13608.26	14065.53
Total Payments	89699	90272	93368
Excess of Receipts over Payments	-11784	6284	-10230
Transfer to Nave Altar Carpet Replacement (Restricted)	806	0	0
Transfer to Chapel Floor Sanding (Restricted)	714	0	0
Transfer to Bishop's Lent Call	0	0	0
Transfer to Building Fund	-13304	6284	-10230
Balance as at 1st January	9607	3323	13553
Balance as at 31st December	-3698	9607	3323

*The electric bill is £4,572. It's high due to hosting the food bank and therefore I have allocated £3,200 to the Community Funds

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Designated and Restricted Fund Receipts and Payments

	2020	2019	2018
<u>Outside Givina Fund (Designated)</u>			
Receipts	0	0	460
Transfer from fair fund			-
Transfer from general fund			-40
Payments	0	0	
Missionary Societies			
Secular charities			
Excess of Receipts over Payments	0	0	420
Balance as at 1st January	1319	1319	899
Balance as at 31st December	1319	1319	1319
<u>Fair Fund (Designated)</u>			
Receipts	0	0	460
Christmas Fair proceeds			-
Christmas Fair costs			-460
Transfer to outside giving fund	0	0	
Transfer to general fund			
Excess of Receipts over Payments	0	0	0
Balance as at 1st January	0	0	0
Balance as at 31st December	0	0	0
<u>Church Building Fund (Designated)</u>			
Receipts	29192	0	
Transfer from general fund			
Payments	-30393.6 *		
Excess of Receipts over Payments	-1201.6	0	-
Balance as at 1st January	43200	43200	43200
Balance as at 31st December	41998	43200	43200
<u>Garden Fund (Designated)</u>			
Receipts	-	-	-
One off grants			
Payment from General Fund			
donations			
Loans			
Payments			
Church garden project			
Loan repayment			
Excess of Receipts over Payments		0	
Balance as at 1st January	0	0	0
Balance as at 31st December	0	0	0
<u>Zimbabwe Project Fund (Restricted)</u>			
Receipts	-	0	-
Donations			
Payments			
Payments to Bishop			
Excess of Receipts over Payments		0	
Balance as at 1st January	100	100	100
Balance as at 31st December	100	100	100
<u>Companions in Mission Fund (Restricted)</u>			
Receipts	-	-	-
One off grants			
Payments			
MUSIC Consultant fees			
Payments Missionary Societies			
Excess of Receipts over Payments			
Balance as at 1st January	394	394	394
Balance as at 31st December	394	394	394

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Designated and Restricted Fund Receipts and Payments (continued)

	2020	2019	2018
Bishop's Lent Call (Restricted)			
Receipts			
Donations			
Payment from General Fund			
Payment to Bishop's Lent Call			
Excess of Receipts over Payments	0	0	0
Balance as at 1st January	0	0	0
Balance as at 31st December	0	0	0
Organ Fund (Restricted)			
Receipts			
One off grants			
Payments			
Excess of Receipts over Payments	14300	14300	14300
Balance as at 1st January	14300	14300	14300
Balance as at 31st December	14300	14300	14300
Payments for the Poor (Restricted)			
Receipts			
Grants			
Payments			
Excess of Receipts over Payments	0	0	200
Balance as at 1st January	0	0	0
Balance as at 31st December	0	0	200
Football (Restricted)			
Receipts			
One off grants			
Payments			
Excess of Receipts over Payments	0	0	-645
Balance as at 1st January	0	0	0
Balance as at 31st December	0	0	-645
Nathax project (Restricted)			
Receipts			
One off grants			
Payments			
Excess of Receipts over Payments	546	546	1191
Balance as at 1st January	546	546	546
Balance as at 31st December	546	546	546
Just Shelter (Restricted)			
Receipts			
Payments			
Excess of Receipts over Payments	0	0	626
Balance as at 1st January	0	0	0
Balance as at 31st December	0	0	626
Stackina Chairs (Restricted)			
Receipts			
Ninds Trust Grants			
Payments			
Excess of Receipts over Payments	0	0	-4007
Balance as at 1st January	0	0	4007
Balance as at 31st December	0	0	0
Stackina Chairs (Restricted)			
Receipts			
Ninds Trust Grants			
Payments			
Excess of Receipts over Payments	0	0	4000
Balance as at 1st January	4000	4000	4000
Balance as at 31st December	4000	4000	4000

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Designated and Restricted Fund Receipts and Payments (continued)

Chapel Floor Sanding (Restricted)

	2020	2019	2018
Receipts	714	0	2000
Transfer from General Fund			
Payments	-2713.99	0	2000
Excess of Receipts over Payments	-2000	0	2000
Balance as at 1st January	2000	2000	
Balance as at 31st December	0	2000	2000

Nave Altar Carpet Replacement (Restricted)

Receipts	806	0	2000
Transfer from General Fund			
Payments	-2806	0	2000
Excess of Receipts over Payments	-2000	0	2000
Balance as at 1st January	2000	2000	
Balance as at 31st December	0	2000	2000

Community Development Fund (Restricted)

Receipts	4083.78	0	0
JustGiving			
BridgePoint	50000	0	0
Payments	-46941	0	0
Excess of Receipts over Payments	7143	0	0
Balance as at 1st January	0	0	0
Balance as at 31st December	7143	0	0

Boiler Fund (Restricted)

Receipts	21300		
Payments	-11997		
Excess of Receipts over Payments	9303	0	
Balance as at 1st January	0	0	
Balance as at 31st December	9303	0	

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Andrew's Church, Earlsfield

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records.

It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

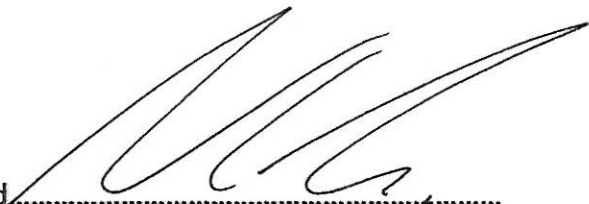
The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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Signed 

Date 27th October 2021