

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. 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.

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.

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.

We were saddened by the deaths of Denise Mumford, Reader emerita, Dave Pratt, former churchwarden, and Michael Okoye, Reader. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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.

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 2022 were: Rev Jonathan Brown (Chair), Benet Northcote (Vice-chair, Churchwarden), Alex Fry (Churchwarden), Rev Johnny Sertin (Pioneer Priest), Alex Chamberlen, Lisa Davis, Susan Kent, Irene Lau, Cherreem Lindsay, Rachel McKinley, Hannah Markusse, Jude Nayer, Gabi Oliver, Nicki Saker, Viv Snell (Reader), Nigel Turner and Andrew Thomson. Paul Mitchell and Viv Snell were deanery synod representatives.

During the course of 2022, Lisa Davis, Susan Kent, Irene Lau, Cherreem Lindsay, Paul Mitchell, Jude Nayer and Andrew Thomson stood down, and Rachel McKinley, Gabi Oliver, Nicki Saker and Nigel Turner were elected.

Jonathan Brown, Chair

**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

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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:

- 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:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and which comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act, as also contained in 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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**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
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**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>

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