

## **All Saints, Belgrave**

### **Aim and purposes**

All Saints Church Belgrave Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev Sunny George, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, including pastoral, evangelistic, social, ecumenical and community functions.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and help put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament, as well as help the church discharge its social and moral obligation to the community both inside and outside of the church.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of faith and communal health and harmony. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith through:

Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Provision of pastoral care for people in the local and wider community.

Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church.

### **Achievements and Performance**

#### **Worship and Prayer**

The PCC are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community finds both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

This year we have been successful in welcoming more families into our church, including people from other faith backgrounds. Both the worship and services have been made easy, accessible and interesting by using large screen televisions, projectors and printed booklets. A lot of time, energy, thought and financial resources have been invested to achieve this purpose.

We provide a warm and welcome space for one and all, irrespective of their faith background - whether they want to come for coffee table conversations, food pantry or free coaching classes. All are welcome to attend our regular services on Thursdays and Sundays. At present there are 2000 members on the Church Electoral Roll. The average weekly attendance is 90, but this number increases at festivals, such as Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, and occasions, such as baptisms, confirmations, funerals and celebrations of birthdays and thanksgivings.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life, whether it is baptism, marriage, or funeral service.

#### **Deanery Synod**

Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the church and the wider structures of the diocese.

### **Use of Church**

We want our church to be open and available to our community 24x7 for prayers, pastoral care and the provision of other facilities, such as youth groups, community meeting place, free coaching classes and charity events. Unfortunately, due to two break-in episodes, we are unable to always leave the church open for private worship. We have coffee mornings every Wednesday, as well as Food Pantry every Wednesday and Saturday. Free language, Math, Science and Music classes are held every Friday.

### **Pastoral Care**

We look after the material, emotional and spiritual needs of our community. We serve a community which is suffering multiple deprivations in terms of income, employment, education, health, living environment, barriers to housing and services and other parameters. For matter of statistics, Leicester is the 25<sup>th</sup> most deprived of 324 Local Authority Areas based on the index of deprivation 2010. Deprivation is widespread especially in Belgrave, the area that we serve; it is within the 5% most deprived in England. We run a Food Pantry where we provide free food to more than 100 people every week. Some people are happy to give voluntary donations for food but that is an exception rather than a norm.

The strapline of our Food Pantry is: **"Food and Hope for All.**

Some members of our church are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Rev Sunny George regularly visits all church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital.

### **Mission and Evangelism**

The strapline of our church is **"Multilingual worship in a multicultural community."**

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. We believe in demonstrating our love and faith in action in the light of **Matthew 25:35-36**

*"I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

The Mission and Evangelism Committee is to be congratulated on their fund-raising efforts. An amount of £912.04 was raised for the purpose of our mission to help the most deprived people. It is good that these efforts on behalf of others can be combined with opportunities for fellowship.

We celebrate occasions like Christmas with display of lights and fireworks, bringing hope and harmony to the community which does not have many occasions to rejoice and celebrate. There are some kindhearted people who try to enable us in the furtherance of our mission, but their number is very small. We try to live and love in the likeness of Christ, the wounded healer. Our limited abilities and capabilities don't dampen our spirit or deter our determination to be beacons in an otherwise gloomy scenario. In Sanskrit, there is a Shloka (a verse) "Tam so Ma Jyotirgamyā" that is, lead me from darkness to light. Through our mission and ministry, we try to help people encounter light and agape love (the love with no



strings attached, unconditional love that does not put any preconditions and comes without any assumptions or presumptions).

### **Ecumenical Relationships**

The church is a member of Churches Together in Rushey mead and Belgrave.

We hold joint eucharistic services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and fourth Thursday of every month with Edgehill Road Methodist Church

We run various courses in our church. The Alpha Course and Journey in Faith Course have led a number of people to attend other church activities and services.

We worked with Leicester Pastors' Fellowship to deliver flyers to every home in our area for advertising the services we offer.

### **Financial Review**

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £32, 274.25

The planned giving through banker's orders has sadly decreased. Also, there is a reduction in general donations.

An amount of £32,274 was spent for the furtherance of God's Kingdom that entails establishment of hope and harmony, peace and justice.

### **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention our churchwardens who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf, food pantry volunteers who keep the pantry running, and all the other members of the PCC for their valuable contribution to our ministry and for ensuring that the church continues to be a hub of hope and health, healing and wholeness .

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At All Saints the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), 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.

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 three times during the year with an average level of attendance of 70%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include worship, mission and outreach and fabric and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their deliberations being received by the full PCC and discussed

as necessary.

### Administrative Information

All Saints Church is situated in the Belgrave area of Leicester, Kerrysdale Avenue, LE4 7GH. It is part of the Diocese of Leicester within the Church of England.

The PCC is a body corporate, and a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who are currently serving and are trustees are as follows:

Name	Role	Date of Appointment	Other Trusteeships	Reporting Status of other Trusteeships
Rev Sunny George	Chairman	23.06.2019	None on record	
Ephraim Nahar	Trustee	29.05.2023	None on record	
Zoobia Javed	Trustee	29.05.2022	None on record	
Kamlesh Prasad	Trustee	29.05.2022	None on record	
Navneet Turna	Trustee	29.05.2022	None on record	
Siddhartha George	Trustee	30.05.2021	None on record	
Risfa Zumard	Trustee	23.06.2019	None on record	
Oliver Shamaoun	Trustee	23.06.2019	None on record	
Pawan Sunny George	Trustee	23.06.2019	None on record	
Sarfraz Tabassum Masih	Trustee	23.06.2019	None on record	
Anjna Peter	Trustee	23.06.2019	None on record	
Sania Sam	Trustee	23.06.2019	None on record	
Amitkumar Kiritbhai Rajul	Trustee	23.06.2019	None on record	
Rupahli Ilyas	Trustee	23.06.2019	None on record	
Sam Christian	Trustee	23.06.2019	None on record	

Incumbent: The Rev Sunny George

Wardens: Mr. Kamlesh Prasad  
Mrs. Nargis Masih

Approved by the PCC on 26 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by the Rev Sunny George (PCC chairman)



# ALL SAINTS CHURCH BELBRAVE

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £
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### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

#### Receipts

##### Voluntary Receipts

##### Regular Giving

##### Receipts from donors

Planned giving (note 1 a)	8,410.00	-	-	-	8410.00
Collections other than giving (note 1 b)	6,643.63	-	-	-	6643.63
		-	-	-	
Other voluntary receipts (note 1 c)	2,945.00	-			2,945.00

Activities for generating funds (note 1 d)	1,063.58	-	-	-	1,063.58
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Receipts from Church Activities (note 1 e)	912.04				912.04
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Other income (note 1 f)	12,300.00		-		12,300.00
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	32,274.25		-		32,274.25
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#### Payments

Utilities 4535.49 (note 2 a)

Building Insurance 2429.16 (note 2 b)

Equipment & Goods (note 2 c)

700.00

500.00

408.50

200.00

Fees 464.00 (note 2d)

Services (note 2e)

400.00

200.00

221.86

Repairs 600.00 (note 2 f)

Events 1000.00 (note 2 g)

Purchase of provisions for Food Pantry  
13350.00 (note 2 h)

Miscellaneous (note 2 i)

24.00

32.00

### **Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

Cash Funds

Bank Current Account 10,001.31

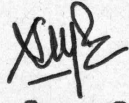
Assets retained for Church use 7,500  
(note 3a)

**Liabilities** None

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

**Approved by the PCC on 26 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by Rev Sunny George (PCC chairman) and Mr. Amit Rajul (PCC treasurer)**





Rev Sunny George  
Chairman PCC  
26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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#### **NOTES**

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.

1a) Here it means giving through Direct Debits and Standing Orders

1b) Collections and offerings on plates or through SumUp

1c) Individual donors who support our missional work

1d) Use of Church for community events (We don't have a separate church/community hall; the hall, St Gabriel's Community, which belonged to our church was leased out to a charity by the City Council when the church got closed from 2010 to 2012)

1e) Receipts from church activities that were organized to generate funds, e.g. barbecue, fete & sale

1f) Organisational help, such as Reaching People who have recently started supporting our food pantry.

2a) Heating and lighting

2b) Methodist Insurance

2c) Equipment and goods for Sunday School/Junior Church; Stationery; Firefighting appliances; Mikes and speakers respectively

2d) Fees LDBF (Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance)

2e) Services: Quinquennial Inspection; Accountancy; Telephone respectively

2f) Repairs

2g) Events: Christmas celebration (lights, fireworks)

2h) Purchase of goods/products/foodstuff for the food pantry

2i) Miscellaneous, e.g. short paid invoice



3a) Movable church furnishings held by the church wardens, on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, and:

TV, Computer, Speakers, Food Pantry equipment.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees/ members of All Saints Church, Belgrave, Parochial Church Council.**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 which are set out above

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 145 (1) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed. The PCC had an income of £32, 274.25 in the year and is eligible for independent examination. As the charity is below the audit threshold it may also prepare a simple annual report. As a small charity, below the Charities Act's audit threshold, the report focuses on the main activities undertaken by the charity to further its charitable purposes for public benefit. The **'Objectives and Activities'** section of the report provide a summary of activities undertaken together with a confirmation that the trustees have had regard to our guidance on public benefit, particularly our guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when planning their activities. Furthermore, detailed information about the activities and their success is provided in the **'Achievements and Performance'** section of the report.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts (under section 145(1) of the Act),  
to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

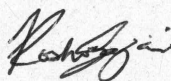
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, 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 accounting requirements of the Charities Act; have not been met; or 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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20<sup>th</sup> October 2024