



Saint Oswald's Norbury

Annual
Report
2023

**MINUTES OF ST OSWALD'S CHURCH
ELECTION OF CHURCH WARDENS' MEETING
HELD ON SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022**

Attendees: 50 members of St Oswald's Congregation
All Electoral Registered members

Apologies:
There were no apologies

Opening Prayer:

The opening prayer was led by Rev'd Alison Brunt

Notices convening the meeting

Taken as read

MINUTES OF 2022 CHURCH WARDEN'S MEETING

The minutes were recorded as an accurate reflection of the minutes

ELECTION OF CHURCH WARDENS

There were two nominations

Yvonne Nwanokwu	Proposed by: Edgar Weithers
	Seconded: Sundar Pichamuthu
Yemi Adeogun	Proposed by: Claudette Blair
	Seconded by: Sonia Rumbelow

These nominations were approved by all attendees and the newly elected Church Wardens will assume their responsibilities following commissioning by the Vicar at the first available opportunity.

Alison agreed for Yvonne and Yemi to be nominated as Church Wardens and thanked them for being willing to stand as Church Wardens

Alison declared closed the election of the Church Wardens

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD IN CHURCH

SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022

Attendees: 50 (All Electoral Register members)

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 16 May 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15 May 2022 were agreed as an accurate report of the meeting.

Acceptance of the minutes: Proposed by: Chris Avery Seconded by: Angela Scott

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising, taken as read.

4. Consideration of the Revised Electoral Roll Report

The Electoral Roll was revised for the 2022 APCM meeting. There were 158 parishioners as at 27 April 2022 of this total 88 live within the parish and 70 are non-resident (NR) and reside outside the Parish.

The members accepted the Electoral Roll Report as read.

Alison thanked Anita for her work in upgrading the Electoral Roll. Anita agreed to continue as Electoral Roll Officer for another year.

5. Consideration of the Annual Report on the proceedings of the Council

The Report was circulated prior to the meeting and was accepted as read.

Alison thanked the PCC members and everyone involved in the running of the church.

Judy Morris was thanked for her work as Safeguarding Officer and for the extra responsibilities she takes on board, for example her involvement with the back to church register after the Covid Pandemic.

Thanks to Bevon and Jenny for their work in the hall and for the hard work preparing Sunday Lunch held for the wide community.

Thanks to Phoebe for running the Women's Fellowship and to Sylvia for arranging the Harvest Supper.

Thanks to Vee and Judy Butcher for their cooperation in organising the Black History Month event.

Alison thanked Ann our organist for organising the music festival and thanks also to the church choir. Thanks to Robin for playing the church music when Ann is away.

Thanks to Alistair and Heather for all their support.

Thanks to the group of volunteers who faithfully helped with the cleaning of the church, and to Vicky Bruce who keeps the church garden looking immaculately clean and tidy. Thanks also to the volunteers who late the church on special occasions.

Alison thanked Anita and everyone involved with the lovely flower arrangements for the inside of the church.

Alison was very grateful to Leonora for representing her when she was on leave and thanks to those who read and those who do the intercessions. Judy Morris for preparing the Pew Sheets.

6. Consideration of the Annual Report on the Financial Affairs of the Parish and Consideration of the Annual Independently Examined Accounts for the year ended 31.12.2022

The Church accounts were accepted by the members and no questions were asked.

Dawn Blair thanked the Finance Team - Judy Kitchingman, Tracey Fagbemi, and Nick Lock for their part in the work.

Alison thanked Dawn for taking up the role of treasurer and for producing the accounts and sending them to the Diocese.

Judy Morris was thanked for auditing and examining the accounts.

Thanks to Sylvia James for processing cash and cheques for banking and Judith Kitchingman the stewardship recorder

7. Report on the Fabrics, Goods and Ornaments of St Oswald's Church 2022

The report was accepted by the meeting as read.

Tracy Fagbemi, Nick Lock and Chris Avery were thanked for their work in checking on the maintenance and project work carried out on the church building and the hall.

8. Consideration of the Report from the Deanery Synod

The report was accepted as read.

9. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives.

This was not a year for elections and so the following members will continue to serve as Lay Members of the Deanery Synod.

Judy Butcher Tracy Fagbemi

Yvonne Nwanokwu Maudlyn Riviere

Thanks to Judy, Maudlyn, Tracy and Yvonne for attending Synod meetings to represent St Oswald's. Vee Benn for attending to report on her work with the young people and Public Spirit.

10. Election of the PCC Members

The following members were elected as lay members of the PCC to serve for three years:

Sandra Randall Louise Gu Debbie Alleyne Angela Scott

11. Appointment of Independent Examiner for the Accounts

Judy Morris agreed to continue as Independent Examiner of the accounts.

12. Vicar's report and overview of ministry in the parish

Alison thanked all those who were mentioned in the report for all they had done throughout 2022.

Thanks to the SPAs – Bevon and Anita and Leonora (Reader), Vee Benn the co-ordinator of the children's church and those who adorned the church to make it look more beautiful.

13. Any other business

There was no other business

Alison declared the meeting closed

14. Alison led the congregation in the closing prayers and the grace.

Introduction

This is a lengthy report, and I hope that that will not put you off reading it because it reflects a great deal of activity and work throughout the year which has been instrumental in building up the worshipping community of St Oswald's, the associated community who attend events and activities, and reaching out to people who need to find a place to form community – to be with others.

This has been a year for reflecting on the lessons learned from the Covid pandemic, concerning ourselves more with looking at what was gained through these difficult last few years and building on changed expectations of what the life of the church should be.

It has also been a year in which we have played our part in marking key national events and been reminded of the particular place of the Church of England as the established church in England. We celebrated with joy the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen, inviting the local community to share our space and our hospitality – it may have felt more like a party than mission – but feedback showed that we had touched a need for places of connection for people of different backgrounds and across the whole spectrum of ages. We showed too our ability to mark the death of the late Queen in a dignified and respectful way – in the best way that we could. Very recently we have celebrated the Coronation of the King with the same sense of joy and desire to draw others in. The particular role of the Church of England gives us the privilege and responsibility to reach out and offer ministry to all who live in our parish – it is not always easy, but I think that this report shows, among many things that we do, that we have high aspirations and we do our very best to fulfil them.

Please do read this report and be grateful for all that has been done over the last year by the members of this church. If you are on the fringes of participation in what we do, please consider ways in which you might support the ongoing ministry of the church, within this parish and in the wider world.

With my love and prayers

Alison

Electoral Roll Report

The total membership roll for 2022 for St. Oswald's Norbury Parish is **154** as at 6th May 2023. Of this total **87** live within the Parish and **67** are non-resident (NR) and reside outside the Parish.

We have **removed** the following five parishioners who have died:

Andria Atkinson	Dorothy Callaghan
Chella Pichamuthu	Olywnn Wilkins
Roy Williams	

We have also **removed** the following three parishioners who have moved away:

Tiwa Asher-Abiola	Margaret Amaechi	Michael Amaechi
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We have **added** the following names and take this opportunity to welcome them:

Dionne Campbell	Marcia Grant-Che
Justina Ohirein	Chloe Randall
Christiana Wright	

Electoral Roll figures from previous years:

2023	154
2022	158
2021	167
2020	163
2019 (full revision)	163

Report of the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council 2022-2023

Meetings and membership

The PCC met six times during the reporting period from 15 May 2022 to 15 March 2023.

The Standing Committee met between meetings on an ad hoc basis to discuss urgent matters ahead of scheduled PCC meetings. The Standing Committee consists of the vicar, church wardens, treasurer and the PCC Secretary. The PCC operates through sub-groups which meet to discuss important issues, for example finance, church fabrics matters and mission projects, and report the outcome of their meetings and proposals to the PCC.

The meetings were held face-to-face and chaired by the Vicar Rev'd Alison Brunt. The meetings were well attended. Reports on the fabric and finance matters and events of the church (all reported on separately) were planned and discussed.

A standing agenda item at all meetings is safeguarding in line with recommended practice from the Diocesan Safeguarding team. Making decisions about moving out of the Covid Restrictions remained a regular point of discussion.

The following officers were appointed at the first meeting on 15 May 2022:

Secretary:	Maudlyn Riviere
Treasurer:	Dawn Blair
Safeguarding Officer:	Judy Morris
Deputy Wardens:	Sonia Rumbelow, Debbie Alleyne
Treasury Team:	Sylvia James, Judith Kitchingman
Standing Committee:	Alison Brunt, Yemi Adeogun, Yvonne Nwanokwu, Dawn Blair, Maudlyn Riviere

At the same meeting it was agreed that Mike Morfey should be co-opted to the PCC

The work of the PCC is reflected in the activities and events of the church which are listed later in this report.

St Oswald's Fabric Report

There were various projects completed during the past year comprising the following:

Church

The damaged tarmac path on the north side of the church had been entirely replaced and upgraded, during October, with a new edged tarmac path and surface drainage system to prevent water flowing into the vestry. Plans remain in place to refurbish the internal vestry.

A new upgraded lighting system had been sourced and fully installed in the Chancel in December ready for Christmas. The new lighting was supplied with luminaires and a dimming system, which provides the ability to increase or decrease the lighting to create a specific ambience. The investment of £15,210 meant technicians specialising in church lighting ensured the lighting met the required quality standards of the Diocese, plus ensuring longevity in years to come. Support and training were provided on the new system by the company.

It was noticed the lighting on the window cross at the West End of the church was not working. Following investigation, it was discovered the lights on the cross were no longer made. A replacement LED Light fitment, including a new automatic timer, was made by the technician in time to be lit up for Easter.

A few lock and carpentry issues arose. The vestry door lock had slipped and would not open, this was remedied by the lock being cleaned and refitted. The top panel of the altar rail had come away and this was re fixed. Currently obtaining quotes for the rehangng/fixing the stiff vestry door, repair of the internal west door self-closing broken hinges and resetting of the altar rail.

The five-year electrical testing was completed in early July and electrical installation certificate received. Next test due July 2027.

Yearly PAT testing for the church hall and the church will be undertaken early June 2023.

The five-year Quinquennial review of the church is due in 2023 - in this respect a review of the high-level works required is being undertaken and a report/quote will be prepared of the works needed to be carried out.

Hall

Work to renovate the church hall toilets have been completed. Quotes are being obtained for the painting and decorating and steam cleaning to complete the work. Quotes are also being obtained for refurbishment of the church hall kitchen.

A couple of garden projects were completed including building a trellis along the along the hall fence for added protection and replacement of the hall shed roof to make it watertight for general storage.

Drain smart have been called in to clear a blocked drain in the church car park.

Church and Hall Gardens

Volunteers from the church keep the lawns and flowerbeds neat and tidy. The aim is to make the area around the church a relaxing and pleasant 'green oasis' for people from the community to walk through and enjoy nature. Everything is designed to be minimum maintenance so that future volunteers will be encouraged to help out when the current 'gardeners' need to step down. The new garden path along the west side of the church has been greatly appreciated by users.

St Oswald's Finance Report 2022

It has been over a year now since we have been with Unity Trust Bank Plc. The two online accounts for the Church and Hall to make payments directly by Direct Debit or BACS transfers. There are fewer cheque requests.

Major expenditure this year

Church

In March we had major work done to refurbish the Organ.

In May we purchased a Votive Stand which resides at the back of the Church.

In November we replaced the Tarmac pathway in the area near the Church Vestry.

Funds will be taken out of the CCLA investment account to offset the cost of maintenance repair as is our policy for capital work.

Funding from the Mission Grant obtained in 2021, along with ticket sales and donations from those events allowed us to continue to support the outreach for the local community through music.

We also received income, to support the costs of the Jubilee celebrations, through donations.

We are now receiving regular income through regular bookings from the Associated Board Exams.

Our annual pledge to the Parish Support Fund for 2022 was reduced to £45000 in view of the impact of Covid.

Hall

In February we purchased a heavy-duty Dishwasher for the kitchen. This is working well especially for Hall Hire and we are using fewer disposable plates, cups and cutlery.

There was a storm which affected a tree located at the back of the Hall. Due to the storm damage, we had to remove the tree and replace the fence. A claim on our insurance covered these costs.

In June Electrical installation for Hall Kitchen wiring alterations for dishwasher, PAT testing. Remedial work for the Church and Hall.

There has been an increase in Hall income, with an increase in new regular bookings.

Overall position

There were increases in planned giving, fundraising and hall income. However, it should be noted that budgeting for the major capital works was based on using funds available in the CCLA investment account, and we were not to make the transfer of funds before the end of the financial year. This leaves a deficit appearing in the church income over expenditure.

Our finances will hopefully continue to improve with planned giving and fundraising activities for 2023 and it is our intention to return our pledge for the Parish Support Fund to the former level of £50000 either this or next year. Our pledge for this year is £48 000

Key Activities and events of the Church

Mission through Music:

We have continued to host the ABRSM music exams at the end of each term. This raises some funds for the church, allowing us to continue to develop our musical work and also brings visitors into our building.

The refurbishment of the organ was celebrated with a recital by Marilyn Harper.

We repeated the idea of a Music Festival round about the time of our patronal festival. This included some excellent performances:

- A Silent Movie with organ accompaniment
- Steel band with Caribbean Food
- A concert given on behalf of the Ukrainian Cultural Association

Sadly these were less well attended than the previous year – but we have learned from feedback that a different approach is needed.

Later in August we enjoyed an outdoor performance from a Brass Ensemble.

The Beaufort String Quartet provided music for an excellent and well attended afternoon tea event as part of our Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

The choir continues to grow in terms of numbers and confidence and, with invited others, learned to sing Evensong in preparation for a patronal evensong after an afternoon tea.

On the 28 January 2023 - we had a concert by the Tryptich Singers. It was nice hearing the choir sing for us for the first time since the Covid Pandemic. A retiring collection was collected to support the work of a local Mental health charity.

National Events

In June we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, inviting our local community to a Family Fun Day with barbecue and activities on the Saturday and an Afternoon Tea with the Beaufort String Quartet on the Sunday afternoon. We had many appreciative visitors for both of these events.

In early September we joined the nation in mourning the death of the Queen. The church was open at various times with a condolence book available for those who wished to write messages. A special evening prayer was said on the eve of the funeral and the bell was tolled on the morning of the funeral service.

Seasonal Celebrations

Lent, Holy Week and Easter were marked with Lent Reflections, by Blue Jeans, on the Biblical Stations of the Cross which took us into the Stations of the Crucifixion on Good Friday. The pattern of Holy Week and Easter was closer to the familiar, although a joyful diversion was an organ recital by Marilyn Harper showing off our newly refurbished organ to its full extent.

In early October we celebrated our Harvest Festival in the usual way with a 'Bring and Share' Harvest Supper with quiz and other entertainment and on Sunday Morning an All- age service in which gifts were collected and then later distributed to a local foodbank and homeless charities.

At Christmas we rejoiced in being able to celebrate our full range of services including Midnight Mass; Advent and Christmas Carol services; Christingle and Nativity and our now traditional Carols on the Green. Attendance at these services was very promising.

Children's Church

Children have continued to attend the Children's Church to learn from the weekly Bible teachings as they develop their understanding of the Christian faith. Those attending have varied throughout the year, with between two and six young people of differing ages coming regularly, and higher numbers at festivals such as Christmas and Easter.

This year we have been able to sustain Children's Church by holding sessions in the church vestry during the main Sunday service. This has allowed us to continue when parent helpers have not been able to come and help in the hall. It has also benefited the young people to be able to participate in collective worship at the beginning of the church service as well as the Eucharist.

The young people show interest in the Bible teachings and have opportunities to discuss their ideas, ask questions, develop their prayers and express ideas creatively. There was a joyful welcome for one young person who was baptised last Easter and Children's Church was pleased to support his preparation for that important commitment. Children are regularly involved in all-age worship, making crowns for Father's Day, writing prayers at Harvest and Mothering Sunday, creating colourful candle posters for Advent and participating in Christmas and Easter celebrations. The young people particularly enjoyed preparations for the Platinum Jubilee in June, preparing posters and contributing their own prayers of thanksgiving in church. They also reflected thoughtfully later in September at the time of the Queen's passing and the accession of the new King. There was a play for All Saints of 'The Martyrdom of Perpetua' performed excellently by one of the families in the church, and young people have continued to give readings or support worship in other ways when called upon to do so.

The work of Public Spirit continues, with our secondary-aged young people joining with others from churches in Croydon North Deanery. The focus remains on improving youth safety and there have been several meetings to give input to Croydon Council as they develop a Youth Safety Strategy for Croydon. In February 2023 a listening event hosted by Croydon Citizens was held at Woodside Baptist Church involving Public Spirit and other groups representing young people in Croydon. It was attended by Croydon Executive Mayor Jason Perry, members and officers from Croydon Council, Croydon Police, and Croydon North Deanery members including clergy and young people's leaders. One of St Oswald's young people co-chaired the event most ably, and the involvement of Public Spirit was reported in the March 2023 edition of Southwark Diocese 'The Bridge' newspaper.

It has been good for Children's Church to have the positive engagement of the young people, dedicated support from their families, and the opportunities to contribute to the worshipping life of the church.

Pop-In Club Report

The Club meets regularly on Thursdays each week and is open to both men and women over the age of 50. (more men are needed).

Currently there are 28 members, including three who recently joined, and a weekly attendance of 18-20. Sadly, three have passed away.

For All Souls, a short service of Remembrance was held for past members who have departed since the Club was opened in 2001. In all, a total of 49 names were read out.

We continue with the usual activities, i.e. exercise, bingo, quiz and raffle or just to talk to each other. It was very pleasing to hear from one member who likes to take the quizzes home to test her grandson. He is very impressed by her when she gives him the correct answers and wants to know how she has acquired the knowledge. No doubt she looks forward to the afternoon sessions of quizzes.

As usual, our Christmas lunch was enjoyed by all, including families and friends.

Women's Fellowship

This group meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Parish Hall for fun, friendship and activities. A warm welcome awaits any woman from the local community who would like to join us. During the past year the 11 regular members of the group have taken it in turns to organise the monthly talks, events and meals out together. These have included talks on Local History, an Animal Rescue Charity and the Galapagos Islands. We held a Celebration Tea Party for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, had a Quiz afternoon and made origami star decorations for Christmas. This year, some of the sessions, especially those involving outside speakers, were open to anyone who would like to attend and we have been glad to welcome visitors, including men, to these 'Open House Sessions.' However, in spite of this rich programme of activities, we need more volunteers to take on responsibility for planning the programme and helping with the administration, to enable the group to continue.

Black History Month 2022

We held an event entitled 'Our African Inheritance' to explore the African presence in the Bible, the roots of Christianity in Africa, the scholars who spread the faith and their influence on Christianity today. Once again we were fortunate to hear first-hand testimony from members of St Oswald's congregation who delivered presentations on learning about Christianity as they grew up in Nigeria and Sierra Leone, and there was music from singers, all from St Oswald's. Kind donations were received of African prints and artefacts to decorate the hall, together with food and raffle prizes, and we were pleased to welcome an audience of about forty-five people to the hall to enjoy the event.

Warm space

During the autumn of 2022 community, voluntary and faith groups across the country were encouraged to open their doors to provide warm, safe spaces for people to gather, as part of the national response to the cost of living and energy crisis.

St Oswald's was keen to support this initiative as part of its mission and began its Warm Space provision in January 2023. The hall opened for people to drop in on three mornings a week, including one morning co-ordinated by an external provider 'The Lois Project' which has run its 'Heart and Soul Cafe'. The other two mornings have been run by St Oswald's volunteers.

Those attending have been able to meet others, receive hot drinks and snacks, hear speakers on a range of topics including health and wellbeing, managing finances, local history and poetry, take part in games and quizzes, as well as share personal experiences in a supportive setting.

It has been pleasing to welcome new people to St Oswald's who may otherwise not have come through our doors. Attendance has been consistent, with some people choosing to attend on more than one morning. It has also provided a helpful introduction to other hall activities such as the 'Pop-in' club on Thursdays and the Jamaican Association on Fridays. People have also expressed interest in worship at St Oswald's and have visited the church.

The first phase of the provision finished at the end of March 2023 and it is hoped that some form of drop-in provision can continue in the future.

Servers

Very many thanks must go to those on the serving team who have remained and have done such a stalwart job over the last few months.

The consequence of lockdown is that 50% of the serving team have been lost which leaves only nine servers, three of whom serve at 8 am. Thus the burden of 10.00 am rests on the shoulders of the other six. The number serving at 10 am has already been reduced to three but it is still very difficult to even reach this target. The majority of the servers have other commitments within the church which just adds to the pressure. It is hoped that more people will come forward to join the team in the future.

Worship and Pastoral Ministry

It is a great joy that we have been able to return to our worship and pastoral support to a similar pattern to that which we knew before Covid. However, we continue to be mindful of our use of space and of the concerns of individuals. We continue to offer the main Sunday service by Blue Jeans, although now the majority of people have returned to being present in church.

We have been able to celebrate all of the main Festivals, as has been our custom, in church.

We are well supported by strong teams of servers, readers, intercessors, welcomers, coffee makers and our choir which goes from strength to strength, Not to mention the many people who prepare our worship without being seen – producing service resources, cleaning the church and maintaining the rotas. We would love to involve more people in these activities and need your help. Please don't wait to be asked!

Our congregation numbers are overall increasing slightly in terms of attendance at Sunday services, and more so in terms of the number of people who attend regularly but not every week. It has been good to welcome back to church a number of people who now feel confident to join us.

During 2022 we were privileged to take services for 7 baptisms, 5 weddings and 12 Funerals.

We continue to offer Morning Prayer and the short Evening Prayer daily by Blue Jeans with a group of 10 people joining one or other of these on a regular basis.

Ministry

We continue to be blessed by a ministry team comprising of Leonora Davies (Reader), Anita Christ and Bevon West (SPAs). All contribute to the leadership of worship and pastoral ministry, supporting members of the congregation in church and at home. The SPAs maintain good contact with people who cannot come to church through telephone and text messaging and Bevon provides a very visible informal ministry of support to the local community through her work in the parish hall.

Our Reader, Leonora contributes to the life and worship through leadership in services, in preaching and in leading study group sessions. WE are pleased to welcome our new, to us, Licensed Reader Marcia Che-Grant

We are currently taking communion on a regular basis to 3 people who have requested it in their homes.

Although we are blessed with a strong licensed and accredited ministry team, we are also thankful for the ministry that many other members of the congregation offer to others and in keeping in touch.

Mission Group Annual Report

The mission group meets to look at the wide range of St Oswald's church mission, within the parish and local communities, throughout the year. Including contributing to church-led activities, charitable allocations both home and abroad. The group meets four times a year and comprise four members of the congregation led by Reverend Alison Brunt. The past year the group proposed, reviewed, and actioned the following:

Allocations of £100 granted to twelve charitable organisations based at home and abroad as approved by the PCC, these are:

Overseas allocations:

The LIFE Foundation, USPG, SOS Children's Village UK,

MAF Flying for Life, Red Cross, and Manna Development Disability Centre, Bengaluru.

Home Allocations:

Salvation Army, Church Urban Fund, St Christopher's Hospice, Livability, Welcare, and Cerebra

Fundraising for Christian Aid Week May 2022 included hosting a frugal supper, prize draw raffle and envelope giving. The total collected via the Christian Aid envelopes was £147.00 plus £85.25 from the raffle, amounting to £232.25 There were also two cheques totalling £70 made payable directly to Christian Aid.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) coaching course – two members of the congregation completed the course. The main points of the course were to take the participants through CAP training kit and to look at the skills needed to undertake the coaching.

Members also contributed to the Warm Space project run three times a week over the winter until end-March. The project provided a welcome opportunity for anyone from the local community to come into the warmth for free refreshments, listen to speakers and share each other's company.

Mission Strategy into the future

The group are continuing to explore three key areas around church mission as highlighted by the diocese: Anti-racism Charter, Living in Love and Faith and Eco-church – shrinking our carbon footprint! Exploring the Eco-church Award

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod met three times in 2022-2023. The Synod is an opportunity to feedback from the parishes and for information from the Diocesan Synod to be shared with the parishes. Meetings are held in different churches in the Deanery.

Issues raised and discussed have been:

Safeguarding:

Members of Synod requested that there should be more opportunities for locally based face-to face safeguarding courses, especially given the expectation that all PCC members and other parish workers (notably with children and vulnerable adults) should have basic training in safeguarding and appropriate DBS checks.

Diocesan Priorities

Implementing the Anti-Racist Charter.

ECO Church activities and care for the environment

Developing the range of Lay ministries

Living in Love and Faith

Work with Croydon Citizens

This includes:

The Public Spirit activity;

A scheme to encourage the building of affordable housing;

A mental health project run at St Mildred's Addiscombe

The sharing of what is going on in different churches around the Deanery is a regular feature of the meetings.

Hall Report

The Hall continues to support a variety of community events such as the local Metropolitan Police and Neighbourhood Teams meetings, The Friends of Norbury Park and the monthly Surgery held by our local Councillors.

For 3 days a week during the Winter months, the Hall was used as a Warm Space.

The refurbishment of the toilets is now complete.

We have welcomed three new regular groups.

Private bookings also continue for events eg wedding receptions, birthdays parties and funeral wakes.

Flower Fund

We observed the major Church annual events and the amounts spent is reflected below:

Harvest £68.49

Christmas - £72.13

Mothers' Day Posies £25.00

Easter - £142.40

Income Received - £725.81

Expenses - £710.48 which does not include the costs donated by the Flower Fund
volunteers who at times covered the cost of the flowers themselves.

Following Harvest our donations of tinned goods and other food items were divided between the Salvation Army and Nightwatch. We also distributed 15 floral gifts to parishioners who were unwell or as a gesture of thanks for their work behind the scenes.

This year we distributed 85 Mothers' Day daffodil posies.

On Easter Day we distributed 12 bunches of loose flowers to Church members.

Due to the negative impact of oasis on the environment we have stopped purchasing it and will use up the little left for the paschal candlestick only and use vases for our floral displays.

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Opening balances at 01.01.2022

Church Account	17916
Parish Hall Account	5990
CCLA Investment	163608

2021

41023
7041
161613

Income

2022

2021

Voluntary Receipts		
Planned Giving	31346	
Collections	17859	
Gift Aid tax refund	9311	
Voluntary donations	2965	
		61481
		906
Music Festival		
Fundraising		
Steel Pan	60	
Piano Recital	272	
Harvest Supper	347	
Summer Fayre	1217	
Christmas Fayre	1223	
		3119
Sundry Donations		
Music Festival		
Ukraine		
Sunday Lunch		
Christmas Cards		
After services Coffee	637	
		637
Flower Fund		
Charities		
Volcano Appeal		
Assoc Guyanese Nurse		
Children's Society	367	
Christian Aid	232	
		599
Legacy		6000
Fees Weddings & Funerals	7201	
ABRSM fees	5305	
Insurance claim	1314	
Grants/Election	1400	
		15220
Hall Income		1840
Refund from Hall A/C		763
Church income Total		90565
CCLA Interest		4143
Hall Income		32197
General Account		
Total Income		126905

40677	
5097	
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	1624
397	
623	
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1095	
	2312
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380	
	912
	3866
	4100
	66887
	1995
	19470
	225
	88577

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Expenditure	2022		2021
Parish Support Fund		45000	
Church Insurance	4267		4140
Hall Insurance	1528		1443
		5795	
Organist		5818	1525
Organist fees (invoiced)		3073	
Admin and Sanctuary costs			
Charles Farris/ Communion Wine / African Palms	1084		377
Admin / Payplus	215		126
RCSM membership	110		110
CCLI Membership renewal	279	1688	245
Printing & Stationary			
No Problems	2368		2138
Redemptorist / Envelopes/Thy Kingdom come	465		734
Stationary/books/cards			876
Banners/Flyers		2833	191
Fundraising			
Piano/Organ/SteelBand/Brass Band	1745		400
Jubilee	1029		
Ukraine	700		
Christmas Fayre	319	3793	147
Mission Giving & Donations			
Missionary giving	957		1025
Music Festival	1576		2012
Collection	15		27
Children's Society	268		
Christian Aid	252	3068	370
Utilities		2142	
Church Maintenance			
Chubb/Cowley/Rodells	1585		2411
Garden / Lawnmower/Fencing/Tree	2299		252
Organ and piano servicing	1343		1559
Sundry expenses	105	5332	191
Capital Expenditure			
Piano			5475
Lighting	2520		
Organ rebuild	6432		8928
Church path	6500	15452	
			14403
Curate's leaving gift and farewell party		1006	
Wedding Refund		480	
Bank fees/handling charge			91
Transfer to Hall Account		2126	4041
Transfer to general Account			225
Total Church Expenditure	97606		90194
Hall expenditure	32735		20521
General Account expenditure			72
Total Expenditure	130,341		110,787

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Hall Income		2022		2021	
Hall bookings		25341		14988	
Transfer of funds from church		4584		4357	
Refund (Utility Warehouse)				341	
Other income		2272		100	
Total Hall Income			32197		19786

Hall running costs

Virtual Business Source Ltd.					
Total running costs		14403		11203	
Payroll fees		435	14838	422	11625
Honorarium					2000
Admin costs					
Go Cardless				75	
Mobile phone		387		376	
Office supplies		555			
General office expenses		169			
Bank charges		148	1259	92	543
Utilities					
Utility Warehouse		7833		2963	
Waste disposal		1408		472	
Castle Water		244	9485	168	3603
Repairs & Maintenance					
Cowleys				681	
Sundries		204			
GD Security		542		501	
Verisure alarm		580		572	
Chubb		931	2257	609	2363
Major Capital Expenditure					
Dishwasher		2517			
Lighting		1572	4089		
Kingdom coffee			44	247	
Sundries				140	387
Transfer to church A/c			763		
Total running costs			32735		20521

Approved by the PCC on 29.04.2023

Alison Brunt, Vicar and PCC chair

Closing balances as at 31.12.2022

Church A/C	10875
Hall A/c	5452
Deposit A/c	167751



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

St. Oswald's Church, Norbury

**On accounts for the year
ended**

2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1186034

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2018

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 29/04/2023

Name:

Judith A Morris

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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