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knowing and sharing God's love

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 8th May 2022 at 12pm

Charity Number 1191562



Statement of Purpose

Knowing God's love: St. Paul's exists to provide spiritual sustenance through the Lord Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit to all who come.

Sharing God's love: We exist to provide pastoral care and support to church members and parishioners at every stage of life in the name of Christ, and to help alleviate poverty both spiritually and physically.

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St Paul's Sunday 8th May 2022, 12.00pm

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer
2. Apologies, Minutes of 2021 APCM & Matters Arising
3. Election of Church Wardens
4. Electoral Roll Report
5. PCC Secretary's Report
6. Finance Report
 - Adoption of Annual Accounts to 31st December 2021
 - Appointment of Independent Examiner
7. Buildings and Fabric Report (Church Wardens)
8. Deanery Synod Report
9. PCC Elections
10. Election of Sidespersons
11. Any Questions?
12. Results of Elections
13. Closing Prayer

Minutes of St. Paul's APCM 28th March 2021

The APCM was held on the 28th March 2021, Palm Sunday, after the morning Service.

1. Geoff gave us all a sheet of paper with the electoral roll and the names of members of the PCC. He pointed out that the electoral roll was now 85 as 7 members had died in the last 11 months.

2. Election of Churchwardens

Anita Codrington was retiring after 7 years. Geoff thanked her for her service and said he was very grateful to her as she had been very helpful to him in the time he had been vicar. Esther Aryeetey was standing again as churchwarden and Helen Long as churchwarden. Elspeth Greensmith as deputy warden
All 3 were appointed and signed the paper.

3. Election of PCC

Anita Codrington
Joan Poole
Malcolm Baker
June Yexley
Carol Nicholls

These were appointed to the PCC. Geoff asked if there were any other members of the congregation who would be prepared to serve on the PCC. No one came forward. Geoff said people could join at a later date as there were vacancies.

4. Deanery Synod Reps

Graham Connell [Reader]
Ben Aryeetey

5. SPA

Alice Philadelphia

6. Annual Report

All present received a copy of the annual report.

The accounts were compiled by Eileen Flanagan and examined by an independent examiner, Sue Buddery.

The accounts were accepted by the church members present.

Geoff asked if there were any questions.

Ben Aryeetey asked why the accounts had been compiled by an independent accountant when he had offered to do them. Geoff pointed out that for several years our accounts had been compiled by Angela North but she had become terminally ill and unable to carry on. The Standing Committee had to replace her quickly and had appointed Eileen Flanagan. She had proved to be excellent as Sue Buddery had commended the accounts and the change of style.

Geoff and Elspeth will continue to do the financial administration in the coming year.

Ben asked why the pilgrimage money for Oberammagau had been recorded in the accounts when they were not really related to us. Geoff replied that it was very usual to do this. Also shown in the accounts was the £12,500 received from the diocese for the youth work of the Furzedown Youth Centre. This was paid out immediately to FYC.

The APCM ended at this point.

Annual Report 2021

Parochial Church Council Members

Ex officio:

Rev Belemo Alagoa, Associate Vicar

Mr Graham Connell, Reader & Deanery Synod

Mrs Esther Aryeetey, Church Warden [2018-2022 standing down]

Mrs Helen Long, Church Warden [2021-Present]

Mr Ben Aryeetey, Deanery Synod [2017-2023]*

Mrs Elspeth Greensmith, Assistant Church Warden, Treasurer and Stewardship Officer

Elected Members:

Mr Malcolm Baker [2016-2023]*

Ms Anita Codrington [2021-2024]

Mrs Carol Nicholls [2017-2023]*

Ms Claire Neil [2022-2025]

Ms Lorna Nunn [2022-2025]

Ms Joan Poole, PCC Secretary 2021-[2021-2024]

Mrs June Yexley [2017-2022 standing down]

*The PCC agreed that the year 2020-21, when the PCC was not operational, should not be counted when calculating total length of these terms. Thus by the next APCM in 2023 total terms served by these members will be as follows:

Ben Aryeetey 5 years

Malcolm Baker 6 years

Carol Nicholls 5 years

Statement of Trustees' (PCC Members) responsibilities

St. Paul's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the vicar in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Church Hall complex located in Chillerton Road. The Church is a registered charity (number 1191562). All PCC members are now Trustees.

PCC Structure

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of ex-officio members (Team Vicar and Reader), the churchwardens, the 2 members of the Deanery Synod, and 9 members of the church, who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Church Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and a balance of skills & experience is sought where possible. Membership of the PCC is for three years renewable for three years.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL' S REPORT 2021

When we reported on 2020 we acknowledged that it had been a year like no other, dominated by the emergence and spread of the corona virus. All churches had been forced to close their doors for long periods. From July 2020 St Pauls was open for worship, closing only as demanded by national lockdowns. As we entered 2021 it was clear that corona virus infection rates were still very high and a decision was taken at St Pauls to pause public worship. The church remained closed from 10 January 2021, re-opening on 7 March 2021. The Sunday morning service at 10am has taken place when permitted, but the monthly 8am Holy Communion and Last Sunday evening services have not resumed.

PCC meetings

The PCC met five times during 2021 on 18 March, 11 May, 1 July, 23 September and 18 November.

Church Attendance

The Electoral roll was completely revised in 2019 and updated in March 2020 and December 2021. During the pandemic, nine members of the congregation died, leaving eighty currently on the roll. About 30% of the congregation are not resident in the parish.

Attendance at Sunday services dropped initially on the reopening of the church after covid interruptions and the average Sunday morning attendance in 2020 was 30 adults and 1 child. In 2021 respective figures were 35 adults. Communication with members of the congregation was achieved by email, telephone and post during periods when the church was closed. In 2021 there were no baptisms, no weddings and 5 funerals. The size of the congregation increased slightly at festivals and joint services with members of the other Furzedown churches were better attended. It has to be acknowledged that the pandemic and an ageing congregation has significantly reduced church attendance.

Ministry at St Pauls

Rev Geoff Vevers, who was House-for-Duty priest in the Furzedown Team, served as interim minister at St. Paul's until Easter 2021. We would like to formally record here our thanks to Geoff for all he contributed to St Paul's during this very challenging period.

From April 2021 until the end of August 2021 Rev Rob Powell (Rector) had overall charge of St Paul's. Sunday services were taken by a number of visiting priests.

We are particularly grateful to Rev Johan Allen, Rev Sue Clarke, Rev Dorothy Penniecooke and Rev Imogen Vibert, who covered the bulk of services. The process of finding a new team vicar which had begun in December 2020, was also slightly delayed due to the pandemic. The post was advertised in February 2021, with interviews in April. This happily resulted in the appointment of Rev Belemo Alagoa. Rev Alagoa previously served as Assistant Priest in Merton Priory Team Ministry.

On 5 September 2021 we were delighted to witness Belemo's licensing, by Rev John Whittaker Acting Archdeacon of Wandsworth, as Associate Vicar to the Furzedown Team Ministry with special responsibility for the parish of St Paul's.

Music

In common with all other churches we were unable to sing hymns during worship for a long period since singing was known to be an easy way to transmit the corona virus from an infected person. We are grateful to organists Martin Callingham and Peter Ramell for their valuable contribution to our worship, and also to soloist Lorna Nunn. Hymn singing by a small choir began again in June 2021. Although small in number, the choir now regularly sings anthems during communion.

Stewardship

In 2021, St Paul's increased its giving to the Diocese under the Parish Support Fund and maintained its pledge despite the difficult times. St Paul's contributes regularly to the Furzedown Youth Centre and the Furzedown Churches. We also supported Save the Children, Mercy Ships and Water Aid as our chosen charities for tithed giving in 2021. St Paul's is very grateful to the members of the congregation who give generously and regularly, enabling us to claim gift aid. We are also indebted to Rev Sue Clarke for successfully negotiating an increase in the rent received from the Eveline Day Nursery for its use of Seely Hall, invaluable to us at a time when revenues from other letting sources dried up.

Events

Memorial Service for Rev Julie Connell

Rev Julie Connell was due to be inducted as Team Vicar at St Paul's in June 2020 and her sudden death was a profound shock for us all. Restrictions in place at that time meant that church members could not attend her funeral. A memorial service for Julie was held on 23 October 2021. It was conducted by Rev Johan Allen, well acquainted with Julie as a result of having trained for the ministry at the same time, and a choir from the Furzedown group of churches sang. It was a beautiful occasion, well attended by church members, as well as members of Julie's family, friends and former colleagues from Ernest Bevin College.

Community outreach

Foodbank

St Paul's was for many years providing public good through its foodbank and advice centre held weekly. Foodbank operations were curtailed during the pandemic. As mentioned in the last report the PCC considered the future use of the church as a foodbank. A decision was eventually taken that the foodbank should move location to Mitcham Lane Baptist Church. It was able to re-open in September 2021.

Youth Café

A Youth Café started at St Paul's in September 2021 and provides a service to the many 6th formers from Graveney School who gather outside between lessons. The Outreach worker

from the Furzedown Youth Project, Paul Rook, helps to facilitate this venture, supported by a team of volunteers from St Paul's and other Furzedown churches. It is proving very successful, welcoming large numbers of students (as many as 160 some days).

After this challenging period we look to the future. It is hoped to restart a weekly bible study group coupled with a Eucharist (to be held monthly).

Rev Belemo Alagoa Chair of the PCC

Joan Poole, Secretary of the PCC

CHURCH WARDENS FABRIC REPORT

The boundary wall has been of most concern to us this year particularly the walls around and leading up to Seely Hall as we have had concerns raised by the nursery who hire the hall during the week. We obtained a quote from James Cooke to replace the wall around the church and Seely Hall but the cost was prohibitive so we had to look for another solution.

Our architect Tim Gough recommended a structural engineer to us, Stuart Tappin, who gave us advice on the most important work to carry out.

We have, therefore reinforced the boundary wall around the church and we are in the process of sorting out the wall by Seely Hall kitchen. The wall, which was leaning badly because of the tree roots, has been demolished and is being replaced by a fence.

The wall beside the main entrance to the hall is being reinforced with metal bars. The keystone to the right archway entrance to the hall was slipping and had to be secured to prevent the collapse of the arch.

After last month's (February 2022) bad storm, the nursery noted problems with the hall roof and we are in the process of deciding how to solve the problem in the short term. Tim Gough, our architect, has told us that the roof which is 111 years old, will need completely replacing in the next few years so we will need to put money aside every year in order to pay for it. The present cost would be around £150,000 but this will obviously increase.

Helen Long and Esther Aryeetey

Tooting Deanery Synod Report

There were three meetings and a 5-week training course during the year.

The first meeting was on **7th June 2021**, with Bishop Richard in attendance. He commissioned the 2020—2023 session and blessed all in the deanery. He reflected on deanery mission post the covid-19 pandemic. Particularly, he pointed out the freedom that deaneries have over parishes in the sense that parish activities are generally controlled from the centre, but deaneries can freely collaborate to do things to enrich the life of all parishes by working together. That is, what we can do better to grow the church. Examples:

- inter faith activities
- addressing environmental issues
- working with Councils
- working with MPs
- working with local schools
- reaping economies of scale in acquiring things such as energy together.
- safeguarding training

The second meeting was held on **9th September 2021**, and that dealt with Synod rules and elections, since 2021 was General Synod election year. It also dealt with a preview of Deanery training in “Living in love and faith”, an agenda which is about what it means to be human and how to live in love and faith. This was followed by a 5 week course from 21 September to 19 October 2021. In brief, details of the course are as follows:

Section 1 How we learn **together** as followers of Jesus Christ?

Section 2-How does our **identity** in Christ relate to sex and gender?

Section 3-What kind of **relationships** does God call us to?

Section 4 Where do our bodies and **sex** fit in to all this?

Section 5 How do diversity and difference affect our **life together** as a church?

Further information on the “**Living in love and faith**” programme can be found on Church of England website www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith.

The third meeting took place on **29 November 2021** and dealt with an update on synod elections and a review on the “Living in Love and Faith” course. The meeting also considered Eco issues including becoming an Eco-deanery and encouraging churches to sign up to the Eco Church programme. So far, St Paul’s has signed up but has not done very much apart from allowing wildlife growth between the Church and the Hall. We need to organise a Climate Sunday and invite someone to give a talk here on the subject, to give us a further boost to move on and also consider switching to renewable energy.

In addition the meeting considered compassion projects, particularly HMP Wandsworth. The Anglican Chaplain there, Wendy Stevens, shared with us the challenges the prison faces, including mental health issues, bereaved prisoners and working alongside chaplains of other faiths.

Ben Aryeetey

ST PAULS CHURCH FURZEDOWN

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out in the following pages is in respect of an examination carried out under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 does not apply.

It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the Regulations.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given in chapter 8 of the Regulations. 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 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 the regulations, and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Regulations have not been met.
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

2021 Accounts

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE			
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Ordinary Receipts	2	32,057	50,387
Income from Seely Hall	4	63,235	63,261
Gift Aid		9,226	7,005
Fund Raising / Social Events	5	333	2,031
		104,851	122,684
RESOURCES USED			
Church Expenses	6	19,439	26,798
Seely Hall Expenses	4	9,814	11,131
The Ministry	7	0	113
Charity Giving	3	22,729	21,885
Fund Raising / Social Events	5	300	655
Parish Share Fund		33,000	32,000
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		85,282	92,581
Net incoming / outgoing resources on normal church activities		19,569	30,103
Church Fabric		0	(2,641)
		19,569	27,462
ADDITIONAL INCOMING RESOURCES			
Tooting Area Dean Fund		0	3,108
Foodbank		0	10
Parish Pilgrimage		0	2,005
Furzedown Youth Centre		30	0
Memorial		316	0
		346	5,123
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES USED			
Tooting Area Dean Fund		360	2,132
Foodbank		0	432
Parish Pilgrimage		0	805
		360	3,369
Gain on Investment		7,171	3,850
Net surplus / (deficit)		26,726	33,067

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

		2021	2020
		£	£
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank : NatWest Current Account		57,800	50,782
Central Board of Finance Deposit Accounts	1.2	48,308	41,137
Debtors and Prepayments	8	4,534	4,505
Total Current Assets		110,642	96,424
Liabilities			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	9	400	8,107
Net Current Assets		110,242	88,317
Loan		7,600	12,400
Total Net Assets		102,642	75,917
Total Parish Funds			
Unrestricted		102,642	75,917

ST PAUL'S FURZEDOWN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of Accounting

These financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income and Expenditure have been accounted for on an accrual basis.

Income Tax recovered on covenants are accounted for in the year received.

1.2 Investments

Investments are stated in the Balance Sheet at Market Value.

The Central Board of Finance of Church of England shares, and the 4% Consolidated Stocks are valued at mid market price on the nearest valuation dated 31st December 2021.

2. Ordinary Receipts

	2021	2020
	£	£
Monthly giving by Bankers Orders	13,200	16,095
Collections at Services	7,682	8,246
Wedding/Funeral/Baptism Fees	1,195	1,122
Donations	365	11,092
Sundry Income (including EDF Refund)	778	532
Grants	7,877	13,300
Contribution for use of Church	960	0
	32,057	50,387

3 Charity giving

	2021	2020
	£	£

3.1 Receipts

Lent Appeal* for Furzedown Youth	0	448
	0	448

3.2 Expenditure

Furzedown Churches	1,200	1,200
Save the Children	2,333	1,307
Mercy Ships	2,333	1,307
Wateraid	2,333	1,307
Furzedown Youth	14,530	16,762
	22,729	21,885

*In accordance with the Charity Commission and Church accounting rules, these items are excluded from the main body of the accounts.

<u>4. Seely Hall</u>	2021	2020
	£	£
INCOME		
Eveline Day Nursery - Basic Rent	52,500	48,969
Gas, Elec, Water	10,285	8,952
Other Lettings	450	5,340
	63,235	63,261
EXPENDITURE		
Heating & Lighting	8,733	8,917
Water Rates	1,141	2,035
Other - Professional Fees	(60)	180
Total Expenditure	9,814	11,131
Surplus for the year	53,421	52,130

<u>5. Fund Raising Activities</u>	2021	2020
	£	£
INCOME		
Jill Simmons - Calendars	328	173
Jill Simmons - Tomatoes & Chutney	0	109
Coffee Mornings	0	113
Lent collection	0	448
Leaving gift	0	655
Bible Notes	5	60
Harvest gifts	0	342
Christmas Fayre	0	132
	333	2,031

	2021	2020
	£	£
EXPENSES		
Leaving gift	300	655
	300	655

<u>6. Church Expenses</u>	2021	2020
	£	£
Maintenance & Repairs	6,554	4,653
Lighting & Heating	2,216	3,911
Water	72	158
Insurance	3,859	6,945
Choir & Organ Expenses	879	883
Printing & Stationery	434	1,131
Grounds/Memorial Garden	1,200	1,200
General Expenses	959	903
Weddings/Funeral/Baptism Fees	45	727
Professional Fees	510	500
Administrator/Caretaker Costs	1,762	3,727
Cleaning/Cleaner	(25)	375
Rubbish Collection	974	1,685
	19,439	26,798
Church Fabric (includes Boiler/Wall & Asbestos Removal)	0	2,641

<u>7. The Ministry</u>	2021	2020
	£	£
Training & Education	0	113
Reader	0	0
Alter Costs	0	0
	0	113

<u>8. Debtors</u>	2021	2020
	£	£
Seely Hall - Light/Heat etc	4,534	4,505

<u>9. Creditors</u>	2021	2020
	£	£
HeatingGlobal	0	7,150
Other Creditors	400	957
	400	8,107

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Report to Trustees of St Pauls Church

St Pauls Furzedown Accounts for 2021

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to examine your annual accounts.

Based on my inspection I can confirm the accounts are sound and accurate. As with last year the new style recording spread sheets, folders of supporting documentation are clear and accurate. The supporting Transaction sheet is also clear and assists in the final checking of the Statement of Financial Activities.

Expenditure

Very clear and accurate detailed accounts

- Direct debit payments have been verified against the bank statement, expenditure spread sheet and the payment plans.
- Cheque books have been verified against statements, and invoices.
- Invoices have been checked against expenditure spreadsheet and statements

General Income

Again very clear and transparent

- Income records checked against bank statements and income spreadsheets
- Paying in books checked against statement and income spreadsheet.
- Income spreadsheet checked against Transaction spreadsheet

Cash income

Again I am impressed by the very clear and accurate accounting, the statements, paying in books and small red exercise income record book confirm the entries in the income ledger and offer a clear picture of cash income. However there were a few occasions when the income from the collection was used to pay a cleaner and no receipt was obtained. In the past a receipt has been attached to the collection breakdown.

Envelope Book

The gift aid continues to record income in a spreadsheet using actual income rather than aggregated income. This is a major improvement from previous years and has resulted in zero discrepancies.

Concerns

There were three blank cheques signed ready for use and although there was only one signature on each they were signed by two of the signatories. Given the very limited use cheques have I would strongly urge that this practice should stop as the it is 3 months since the last cheque was signed and two different sample signatures makes it very open to misuse.

Transaction spreadsheet

The introduction last year of this document has provided absolute clarity with cross-referencing the year end totals onto the Final accounts submission.



Sue Buddery

Independent Examiner of Accounts

22nd March 2022