



2024 Annual Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St. Dunstan's Church, Feltham Registered Charity 1193012

Aim and Purposes

Feltham Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar and Churchwardens in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for St. Dunstan's church and its surrounding churchyard (closed to burials), and St. Dunstan's Church Centre with its gardens.

Objectives and Activities

In our current Mission Action Plan, we are seeking to share our experience of God's loving presence in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Our objectives are to do this through the worshipping life and occasional offices; through our contacts with local schools and other parts of the community; and through our service to the community and our individual lives through the week. Our activities listed below are all seeking to encompass these objectives in different ways.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and become part of our parish community at St. Dunstan; to enriching the faith of participants; and to living out the demands of the Gospel in the wider community. One objective is to offer a range of opportunities to worship, as well as varying activities incorporating worship, prayer or Christian teaching. Another objective is to offer parishioners a time and place to meet and socialise, often at no cost to themselves. Some of our activities are designed to contribute to both these objectives. The objectives are held in common with our ecumenical partner church, Southville Methodist; some activities are jointly provided and there is a fruitful interchange of energy and skills between the two churches. A third objective is to maintain and offer the Church Centre as a resource to meet some of the social needs in the parish, as well as a base for church activities.

The PCC has been in the process of revising its Vision and Objectives as part of its new Mission Action Plan. The following were agreed for consultation with the congregation by the end of 2024:

Vision:

To be a thriving, diverse, multi-generational, compassionate congregation bearing witness to the good news of the Gospel of Christ, based in buildings fit for purpose, serving the wider community.

Objectives

Discipleship: for the church to grow younger, to grow numerically and have more families.

To improve physical access to the church building and provide a toilet in the church.

For more of the congregation to be involved in helping and leading in all aspects of the life of St. Dunstan's and the wider church.

For spiritual growth and the nurture of disciples.

Activities in 2024

- Bible studies for Advent and Lent
- Weekly bible study sheet sent out online
- Weekly (fortnightly from the summer onward) newssheet distributed online and by hand/post
- Weekly Monday morning drop-in with crafts and quizzes
- Messy Church twice a term
- LegoTM mornings for young people accompanied by an adult monthly in term time until the end of the summer
- Come and Play mornings for children in August
- Junior church once a month
- School visits to the church and termly assemblies in local junior and infant school and a visit by local Beavers for their faith badge
- Hosted four afternoon carol concerts by a local junior school
- Women's social group held monthly in the church centre
- Coffee mornings with toasted sandwiches once a term
- Cream teas in June & July and a parish lunch, all in the church centre, and a cream tea at vicarage
- Routine collections for our local foodbank and storage of food for them
- Collections of money for the work of Christian Aid, Crisis, the Children's Society, The London Churches Refugee Fund, the Prison Fellowship in Feltham Young Offenders Institute and Tear Fund
- Continuing to work on the maintenance, repair and improved access and facilities of our buildings with our new architect.
- Worked with Southville Methodist church in mission and fellowship

We thank all who have led and assisted with our activities during the year and the contribution they have made to serving the community and bearing witness to the good news, thereby promoting the kingdom of God.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

We celebrated the Eucharist each Sunday and Wednesday morning. We also held monthly all-age services on Sundays for seven months. Additionally, we held all-age services for Mothering Sunday, Christian Aid, Harvest and Christingle. We also held Carol and Crib services and services of Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday (with Ashing), Maundy Thursday, Ascension Day and All Souls Day. Our vicar arranged the Feltham Churches Good Friday Walk of Witness. In 2024 we baptised 3 people aged under-16 and one young person under 18 and prepared one adult from our congregation for confirmation in December 2024. Our Vicar conducted two weddings and thirteen

funerals, six funerals in church and seven at the local crematorium. She coordinated with the RBL parade marshal the arrangements for the open-air Feltham Service of Remembrance in November and arranged for other local clergy to participate.

We thank all who have worked and served our church to enable us to worship during 2024: our organist David Gamble; Nick Lane and Rachel Stuchbury who have helped with our music; our (new) Churchwardens Shelagh Lagden and Ruth Stevens; Duncan Forsyth, Ian Stuchbury, Marilyn Wade and Ruth Stevens who have been our vergers on Sundays and at festival services; and our roster of welcomers, readers, intercessors, chalice assistants, refreshment makers, those who play CDs for the services, count the money and flower arrangers.

We continued to hold services of Sunday Morning Prayer on Zoom™ and we send out a monthly order of service. We thank Ian Stuchbury and Catherine Day for all their work hosting the online services.

We pray at all our services for those in need. As well as online requests for prayer, we have a book in church for prayer requests and a prayer corner which is curated by Sue Dickens. We restarted a time of open prayer for the parish on one Sunday a month after the service. We distribute a weekly prayer sheet, both online and by hand/post.

We thank Gary Welland for updating and distributing our news and prayer sheets online, editing our website and providing administrative support.

Rev'd. Anne Dollery (Vicar)

Electoral Roll

At the closing date for forms to be received, the Electoral Roll for 2024 stood at 98 of whom 29 are non-resident in the parish.

A new Church Electoral Roll was prepared for 2025, since under the Church Representation Rules a new Church Electoral Roll must be prepared every 6 years. As at the closing date for enrolment (23rd April 2025) there are 48 people on our new Electoral Roll, 38 residents in the Parish & 10 non-residents in the Parish.

Gary Welland (Electoral Roll Officer)

Nurture and Education

Junior Church: We offered Junior Church on the first Sunday in the month in the Church Centre. This is run by Ruth Stevens, Shirley Howell and Derek Perry. For a time in late spring it was offered on an additional Sunday in the month but unfortunately the numbers attending did not justify it, since a group were confirmed in 2023. When attendance is only 1 or 2 children we have held it in Church to save on heating costs. A weekly selection of activities is offered to cater for mixed ages attending the family service.

Messy Church was held twice each term, after school, in 2024; attendance was low early in the year but revived again. Looking to 2025, after consultation with parents, it was decided to try offering Messy Church on alternate Sunday afternoons.

Advent and Lent: St. Dunstan's joined a Zoom™ Lent course offered by the Methodist Circuit, and also an Advent course run from Southville on Zoom™ and the final meeting was face to face. Lent adult and children's daily reading booklets were available for personal reflection.

We are constantly trying different ideas to offer outreach and provide interest. Please feel free to suggest any ideas you may have to Ruth.

Ruth Stevens (Group Convenor)

Social Activities

Monday drop-in mornings continued to be well attended; our thanks go to Susan Collins and Jackie Trebett who organise them almost every week of the year apart from bank holidays.

The Social Committee held a cream tea and three coffee mornings over the last year. Unfortunately, these have not been well supported but enjoyed by those attending. It is very disappointing for the Social Committee that we don't get the support but will carry on for the moment. We would like to thank all the committee members and everybody else that helps at these events.

The WOT group (Women on Thursday), organised by Shirley Howell, has a loyal attendance of women from various churches or none who enjoy the monthly gathering and the occasional meal out.

Brenda Deane, Marian Foley, Shirley Howell and Ruth Stevens.

Outreach and Mission

Our outreach during this year has been mainly through:

Visits, assemblies and school concerts with a nearby infant and junior school whom we also invite for Messy Church. The school visits and assemblies were enjoyed and found helpful by the pupils, staff and adult helpers. We also had visits from a junior school in the centre of Feltham. In partnership with Southville church we have delivered hot cross buns for all the staff of primary schools in our catchment area before they broke up for the Easter holiday, together with a card thanking them for all their hard work with the children in our communities. As expected, these were received with much excitement and much appreciation;

Holding Lego™ mornings for (accompanied) children and young people, thereby drawing in families from a wider area;

Weekly Monday morning drop-in with craft and quiz activities;

Monthly meetings of our Women's group which includes non-church members;

Arranging and taking part in the Good Friday Churches in Feltham Walk of Witness;

With the Royal British Legion, arranging the Feltham town centre Remembrance service, followed by refreshments, for the civic dignitaries, uniformed organisations, community leaders and the local community;

Our worship, particularly at festivals and the taking of funeral services for families who are not worshipping at St Dunstan's.

Rev'd. Anne Dollery (Vicar)

Volunteers

Thanks to everyone who volunteers at St Dunstan's - whether offering refreshments, leading Junior Church or any of the other volunteering roles in the parish, your contribution is valued and appreciated. We have rotas in church but we do face challenges with regard to volunteering which are not unique to us. We understand that life has changed for many people post pandemic and that those who once filled volunteering roles are now unable to do so. Please consider prayerfully what you are able to do to help us grow and develop our mission here in Feltham in the months and years to come, and thanks once again for your help and support thus far.

We are blessed with many people who help at St. Dunstan's Church, especially cleaning for special occasions, our Social Committee for holding many events to support us, which we are grateful for, also our Junior Church who provide a service to our young people.

We have rotas for bible readings, intercessions and offering refreshments after our service, there is always room for more who wish to volunteer.

We have dedicated people who flower arrange which is carried out weekly to decorate our church, and for special occasions, which is very gratefully valued.

We thank those who volunteer in welcoming new/old to our church and we thank everyone who supports us, in whatever way they can.

Shelagh Lagden. (Church Warden)

Ecumenical Relationships

Once again, I have pleasure in reporting on shared activities held during 2024. It has been a blessing that Southville and St. Dunstan's have been able to continue to work together in partnership despite having no formal meetings or moving forward with our Joint Statement of Intent.

The joint services have been as follows:

Christian Aid week in May 2024 saw Southville hosting a breakfast style fund-raiser, ably assisted by members from St. Dunstan's which raised £417.00.

Our joint Dedication Service was held at Southville Methodist Church on 13th October where members of Southville and St. Dunstan's renewed their commitment to work together.

Our joint Lent study via Zoom™ was led by Rev'd. Anne Dollery and a joint face-to-face Advent Study was led by Maggie Netto of Southville.

Our annual Carol Service took place on 15th December 2024.

Marilyn Woodley (Southville Methodist Church Representative)

Hounslow Deanery Synod

Three meetings of the Deanery Synod were held this year, in February, June and October. The first was at Christ Church Turnham Green and concerned the management of volunteers in the church (that's us!). The speaker was our Archdeacon, Richard Franks, and one of his suggestions was that every role should have a written 'job description'. Another was that the person taking it on should be asked every year if they were willing to continue or not - and cheerfully allowed to give it up if they wanted, so that nobody would feel trapped in a role. Richard urged us to trust God to provide willing volunteers for the work that should be done, and base the whole volunteer management effort on prayer not pragmatism. I for one was impressed, though it all sounded like a lot of work, keeping job descriptions up to date.

The second meeting was at Holy Trinity Hounslow, the church right at the centre of the shopping street, on how churches can collaborate with local council teams. The first speaker was the vicar of Holy Trinity, the Revd. Sally Bailey, talking about the presence and ministry her church has for the most disadvantaged and alienated people around it. I'm awed by what is achieved there with relatively few resources. A community development officer responded from the council's point of view (very positive, not surprisingly) and there was an opportunity to visit 'stalls' manned by a whole range of organisations. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, which I regret as Mrs. Bailey is an engaging speaker and the refreshments last time the synod met at Holy Trinity were wonderful!

The third meeting was at St. Paul's Hounslow, on creating disciples; St. Paul's is part of the group styling itself 'Hope Church'. Its interior startled me - more like a heavily-used parish hall than a church; presumably this is to make non-churched people feel comfortable, a central aim of Hope Church. The topic for the Synod meeting was creating disciples; Claire Clarke (the vicar) and a lay leader spoke enthusiastically about their outreach to adults, then the Diocesan Adviser on Children and Youth made some sensible comments and suggestions. The final speaker was the most memorable: I hadn't then heard of Kick London but apparently there are Kick Academies (Christian-led sports coaching linked to local churches) in Sunbury, Hanworth and West Hounslow. The schemes offer young people personal training and support within a Christian ethos; the central organisation trains local leaders – if suitable volunteers can be found by the church in question.

It's worth reiterating: anyone can attend Deanery Synod meetings; you don't have to be an elected member. I recommend them.

Our reps are the Rev'd Anne Dollery, Rachel Stuchbury and Patsy Sorenti

Church Warden Report

Since we undertook our roles as Church Wardens a year ago after taking our oaths at Holy Trinity Church Hounslow, we have seen many introductions in our church as follows;

A new hymn book; we asked the congregation to help with the cost by donations, marking this with a dedication placed in the hymn book. This was taken up very well.

For our young children attending church, a welcoming space was provided with activities, at the back of the church.

Re-introduction of the children taking up the offertory and communion wafers.

A short prayer time, ten minutes, after normal service for those wishing for individual prayers.

During the pandemic the offering of the common cup was not given, however it was decided to offer this again from the beginning of 2025 as a choice whilst still retaining the dipping of the wafer.

We also welcomed local schools visit to enhance their school curriculum and to enable children to find answers to their questions.

Less happily, we were sorry that Feltham Choral Society ceased in the summer to meet and perform in St. Dunstan's, as they had done for many years; this was because, since the church had to be heated to make these meetings possible, we could not reduce the charge to what their diminished numbers could afford. We wish them well in their new base in Ashford. Thanks to a generous donation, St. Dunstan's was able to buy the Society's piano.

We have had numerous repairs carried out in the church, which are catalogued below.

Premises: The Church

The problem with damp on the side wall in church was caused by the guttering outside, a new downpipe has been fitted and the wall in the church treated for damp and re painted.

Vestry

In the vestry to solve the problem of the long ongoing issue due to cold and damp, we have had two vents installed one internal and one external to help with increase natural ventilation.

Church Front Door

The door was sticking and people having trouble accessing the church, has now been resolved by the builders.

Boundary Wall

The wall pillar at the corner of the alley has been rebuilt also the wall pillar by the flats. The shed in the church garden has also had a refit, the old felt and timber fascia board has been replaced with white UPVC fascia board and new guttering and down pipe installed.

Notice Board

New notice boards in the Churchyard, red to match church front door and one by the Centre wall in white, have been ordered after planning permission had been obtained.

Ramp

The state of play regarding the Ramp is still in planning stage. We appointed a new architect, Heather Cerowski, who has taken over Neal Barr's original plans and made slight changes as per comments from Diocesan Advisory Committee and Historic England.

The GPR (ground penetrating radar) survey is scheduled for early in 2025. MOLA have started desk based archaeological survey, which will also include results of GPR survey, once these are completed the engineers will provide a design of ramp foundations. Trial pits will probably be necessary, GPR will assist in deciding locations. Once all this has been completed Heather will submit plans to the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Premises: The Churchyard

During much of 2024 we had problems with drug dealers in the churchyard, however since one of the drug dealers was arrested, we have not had seen so many. We are in touch with the police and report any sighting to them.

Also (looking forward to 2025) we shall continue to clear the churchyard and more people present may also help to discourage antisocial behaviour. So far great inroads have been undertaken, many graves cleared of Ivy, weeds and bramble, and some hidden for years now see the light of day! Fly tipping has also been found and cleared quickly by alerting the Council. Thanks to Alan, Patsy, Jane, Jenny, Ian, Rachel and Shelagh in this task.

Premises: The Church Centre (including flats 39A and 39B)

We have still retained the same two tenants in these flats, each with young children.

The oak lintel in the flat 39A and Centre has been treated for woodworm and has been replaced with like for like in accordance with listed buildings regulations.

Additional work was carried out by the garage as part of the ceiling had come down, this was treated for woodworm, however whilst letting the treatment dry, bad weather caused the floor to lift in the flat above (39A,) therefore new floor fitted in the bathroom, which the tenants were very pleased with.

Garage

Following a garage break in, a repair was carried out on the door and frame, which led us to renting out part of the garage space, also the Garage roof was replaced.

We would like to say that it has been a learning curve in our new journey and it has been great getting to know you all and thank you for your support. Much has been learnt, and at our meetings we discuss trying out ideas and we welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Shelagh Lagden, Ruth Stevens (Church Wardens)

Financial Review

Summary: 2024 proved to be a rather more typical year for income and expenditure than 2023, when income noticeably exceeded expenditure. In 2024 regular income was in line with forecasts but expenditure was greater than anticipated. One factor was extra repair bills: significant expenditure was needed on repairs to the Church Centre and to Flat 39B St Dunstan's Road (part of the Church Centre) and we also had architects' fees in relation to these repairs and to the ongoing project to provide disabled access to the church. However, we were able to use some of the grant and loan funds from the diocese to help pay for the repairs. Meanwhile, income from bookings at the Church Centre reduced during the year.

At the beginning of the year, we transferred substantial funds from our current account into our Notice Account with The Charity Bank which has a much better interest rate.

Income: Income for the year was £100,272 compared with £137,719 in 2023. Since the 2023 figure includes a legacy of £35,000 it can be seen that income for 2024 was only slightly down on 2023. The Charity Bank interest added a welcome £1,569 to our income over the year. During the year we lost a number of members of the parish Stewardship scheme either through death or because they have moved out of the area. In the Church Centre, unfortunately First Class Learning decided to move its weekly classes to a different venue from September, so we lost that rental income. However, a local builder asked to rent 50% of the space in the Church Centre garage to store ladders, towers and other building tools. A suitable rental agreement was drawn up in consultation with the diocese - necessarily incurring solicitors' bills - and we now receive a monthly sum. So overall, we have done well to maintain our income at almost the same level as in 2023. The PCC has agreed to run a Stewardship campaign early in 2025 to encourage members to review and, if possible, increase their giving.

Expenditure: Expenditure for the year was £108,612 compared with £125,911 for 2023. Once again, significant repairs were needed to the Church Centre. We also undertook some minor repairs to the church to prevent water ingress in the North aisle and to try and alleviate damp in the vestry. As mentioned above, the other significant expenditure was on architect's fees. At the end of 2024 there is still a small amount of the diocesan grant and loan available and we hope to be able to use this for more of the preparatory work needed for the church improvements.

Previous problems with the registration of the gas meters in both the church and the Church Centre were finally resolved in April and payments were restarted. But with the reduction in energy costs over the year, our total energy bill was £7,898 rather than £9,297 in 2023. We also paid the deposit of £659 for the manufacture of a new noticeboard to replace the rotten one by the front gates of the churchyard. This required Town and Country approval from the council – another expense. In addition, one of the corner brick piers in the churchyard wall needed to be rebuilt at a cost of £2,754 as it was missing several bricks at a low level.

Church Centre: Extracting the figures for the Church Centre from the totals reported above, income for 2024 was £35,625 and expenditure £32,955. We spent £15,698 on major repairs. These included £8,600 to replace the roof of the garage and £7,098 to replace a large wooden beam supporting the first floor of flat 39A. We also replaced the Velux window in the kitchen of Flat 39B

Funds: The General Fund balance has fallen from £23,222 to £20,459. The Development and Restoration Restricted Fund has fallen from £37,087 to £31,499 mainly due to architect's fees and repairs to the Church Centre. The Church Tower and Organ Restricted Fund has increased by £12; other funds have not changed.

Ian Stuchbury (Treasurer)

Stewardship

There are currently 33 active members of the Stewardship scheme. Over 90% of Stewardship giving is eligible for Gift Aid. Income tax recovered via Gift Aid and the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) was worth over £8,900 in additional income for the year. Unfortunately, once again the planned stewardship campaign did not happen this year. However, at the end of February and beginning of March 2025 there will be a Stewardship drive based around the theme of 'Generosity & Gratitude' using resources from both the diocese and the central church. Thank you to everyone who supports the scheme and a reminder that if you are a tax-payer then you can Gift Aid your stewardship donations, meaning that the church receives an extra 25% of your donation from the government at no cost to you.

Ian Stuchbury (Treasurer)

Reserves Policy

All PCCs are required to have a reserves policy. This policy is intended to ensure that in the event of some major disruption to the income of the parish it will be able to meet its financial commitments, at least in the short to medium term. The PCC aims to have at least £5,000 in reserves and at the end of the year, with the General Fund standing at £20,459 we have met that requirement for 2024

Ian Stuchbury (Treasurer)

Charities

As usual, we invited our congregations to donate to a number of charities during the year. Along with our regular appeals – Crisis, Angel Tree at Feltham Young Offenders Institution, Tear Fund, The Children's Society and Christian Aid – we also supported the London Churches Refugee Fund (LCRF) as our Lent Appeal. LCRF provide small financial grants to organisations supporting destitute refugees and asylum seekers. More details of the amounts raised can be found in the financial report. Thank you to everyone who supported these appeals.

Ian Stuchbury (Treasurer)

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Dunstan's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens (we have two at present) 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.

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 PCC met, either in person or via Zoom™, 8 times in 2024, with an average level of attendance of 82%. The APCM for 2025 will be held on 18th May 2025.

Gary Welland

Safeguarding

I am really happy to report that during my first year as your Parish Safeguarding Officer there have been no safeguarding situations brought to my attention. As a general reminder, there is a specific flowchart that the Diocese asks us to follow if there are any concerns raised. We have a Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, and a very approachable Diocesan Safeguarding Team, who are always on hand should there be any immediate advice needed.

I regularly attend the monthly online PSO "Safeguarding Drop-in Sessions", where there is a good discussion forum and where it is good to hear of others' experiences, and these are generally well attended. I continue to work through the challenging Parish Safeguarding Dashboard, which is an online tool for tracking all the training and safeguarding procedures required by the Diocese, and from which there is no hiding!!

My thanks go to all the church officers and volunteer church group leaders, who have successfully completed the required online training modules and to those still working on them.

As always, a reminder that the subject of Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, so please continue to be mindful of anything that you think may be of a concern, and if so, please raise them privately with either myself or Rev Anne.

Marilyn Wade, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Plans for the Future

Looking forward to 2025, our priorities are:

- To continue to make progress on the addition of toilet and kitchen facilities in the church and the provision of a ramp to provide disabled access to the building with our new architect, who is working on the proposals.
- To open a Baby and Toddler group in the church centre to serve the local community. Parents have come to the church and church centre looking for such a group. At present we do not have volunteers to hold it.
- To grow younger with more families and young people as part of St. Dunstan's. An additional Sunday service was held once a month for the first half of 2024 but discontinued because the families and young people for whom it was intended did not show interest. New plans were developed for 2025 which will be reported on next year. We also tried holding Sunday Junior Church more frequently than once a month but at present the level of attendance does not justify it.
- To have more volunteers/leaders. We will continue to encourage, invite and enable people to become involved with the life of the Parish.

Rev'd. Anne Dollery

Administrative Information 2024

St Dunstan's Church, Parish of Feltham

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The Parish of Feltham is part of the Area of Kensington, a sub-diocese of the Diocese of London within the Church of England.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity with the Charity Commission, Charity Number 1193012.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent: The Rev'd. Anne Dollery

Curate:

Wardens: Shelagh Lagden
Ruth Stevens

<i>Representatives on Deanery Synod:</i>	Rachel Stuchbury	(From APCM 2023)
	Patsy Sorenti	(From APCM 2024)

Elected Members:

Marilyn Wade	(from APCM 2024)
Angela Sunderji	(from APCM 2024)
Jenny Young	(from APCM 2024)
Alan Rice	(from APCM 2022)
Ian Stuchbury (Treasurer)	(from APCM 2024)

Approved by the PCC on 25th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by Reverend Anne Dollery (PCC Chair).

Signed:



Reverend Anne Dollery
PCC Chair

St Dunstan's Church, Feltham

Registered Charity Number: 1193012

Receipts and Payments account
of the
Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31st December 2024

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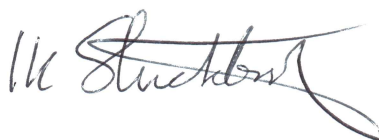
Wardens: Shelagh Lagden, Ruth Stevens (from APCM 2024)

Representative on

The Deanery Synod: Rachel Stuchbury
Patsy Sorrenti (from October 2024)

<i>Elected Members:</i>	Alan Rice	(from APCM 2022)
	Ian Stuchbury	Treasurer (from APCM 2023)
	Angela Sunderji	(from APCM 2024)
	Marilyn Wade	(from APCM 2024)
	Jenny Young	(from APCM 2024)

Approved by the PCC on 25th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by Reverend Anne Dollery (PCC Chairman) and Ian Stuchbury (Treasurer).



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
ST DUNSTANS CHURCH, FELTHAM,**

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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 3 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and that an independent examination is required.

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 Commissioners 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.

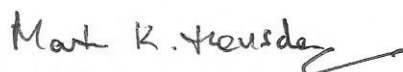
An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which give 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; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act, have not been met; or
2. which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Martin K Housden FMAAT
13 Guildford Avenue
Feltham, Middlesex

March 2025

St Dunstan's Church, Feltham

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts	1					
Incoming resources from donors		45,693			45,693	46,548
Other voluntary incoming resources		6,053		1,420	7,472	42,565
Income from investments		1,950			1,950	472
Income from charitable and ancillary trading		39,301		12	39,313	41,836
Other income resources		4,424		1,420	5,843	6,298
		<u>97,420</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,852</u>	100,272	137,719
Payments	2					
Activities directly related to church work		91,181		3,800	94,981	120,499
Social Committee		33			33	0
Church management and administration		8,969		4,629	13,598	5,412
		<u>100,183</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,429</u>	108,612	125,911
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources		(2,763)	0	(5,577)	(8,340)	11,808
Transfers between funds					0	0
Net movement in funds		(2,763)	0	(5,577)	(8,340)	11,808
Total funds brought forward		<u>23,222</u>	<u>54,856</u>	<u>43,822</u>	121,900	110,091
Total funds carried forward		<u>20,459</u>	<u>54,856</u>	<u>38,245</u>	113,560	121,899

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Statement of assets and liabilities

As at 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand					
Triodos current account -		51,891	0	51,891	121,699
Charity Bank		23,324	38,245	61,569	100
Totals		75,215	38,245	£113,460	121,799
Current assets - Other					
Floats -		100	0	100	100
Totals		100	0	100	100
Liabilities - Agency accounts					
Agency collections		0	0	0	0
Totals		0	0	0	0
Grand total		75,315	38,245	113,560	121,899
Additional liabilities:					
London Diocese loan				8,832	6,298
				8,832	6,298

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Church Centre Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31 December 2024

(and incorporated within the main receipts and payments account)

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income		
Centre Bookings	7,214	<i>8,309</i>
Flat 39B Electric Share	1,350	<i>2,550</i>
Centre Electricity Rebate	823	<i>496</i>
Lettings	25,523	<i>23,841</i>
Garage Rent	715	<i>0</i>
Grants received	0	<i>0</i>
Total Income	35,625	<i>35,196</i>
Expenditure		
Insurance	1,341	<i>1,971</i>
Cleaner's Pay	1,374	<i>1,264</i>
Maintenance	4,508	<i>36,297</i>
Electricity	3,360	<i>3,266</i>
Gas	1,730	<i>2,987</i>
Water	445	<i>366</i>
General	317	<i>145</i>
Loan Repayments	0	<i>5,000</i>
39A Repairs/Maintenance	220	<i>0</i>
39B Repairs/Maintenance	3,962	<i>451</i>
Major Repairs	15,698	<i>0</i>
Total Payments	32,955	<i>51,747</i>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	2,670	<i>(16,551)</i>

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Notes to the accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Receipts analysis

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts					
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>					
Gift Aid Giving via Bank	28,607			28,607	29,012
Gift Aid Envelope scheme	1,349			1,349	865
Giving via Bank	300			300	1,220
Envelope Scheme	1,660			1,660	1,624
Children's Activity	11			11	59
Other Collections	3,858			3,858	3,562
General Donations	891			891	1,007
Devt Donations (<i>ad hoc</i>)	0			0	0
Service Refreshments	38			38	63
Income Tax Recovered	8,979			8,979	9,136
Total incoming resources from donors	£45,693	0	0	45,693	46,548
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>					
Specific Donations & Appeals	724			724	297
Legacies	0			0	35,000
Grants Received	4,724		1,420	6,143	6,298
Fund Raising Income				0	46
Social Committee	605			605	924
Total other voluntary incoming resources	£6,053	0	1,420	7,472	42,565
<i>Income from investments</i>					
Interest Received	1,950			1,950	472
Total income from investments	1,950	0	0	1,950	472
<i>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</i>					
Lettings	25,523			25,523	23,841
Ecclesiastical Fees	1,929			1,929	2,250
Church General Income	1,430		12	1,442	4,090
Parish Office	316			316	300
Centre Bookings	7,214			7,214	8,309
Flat 39B Electricity Share	1,350			1,350	2,550
Church Centre Electricity Refund	823			823	496
Church Centre Garage Rent	715			715	0
Total income from charitable and ancillary trading	£39,301	0	12	39,313	41,836
<i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>					
Loans	4,424		1,420	5,843	6,298
Total income from other ordinary incoming resources	4,424	0	1,420	5,843	6,298
Total Receipts	97,420	0	2,852	100,272	137,719

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2. Payments analysis

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Payments					
<i>Activities directly related to church work</i>					
Diocesan common fund	34,000			34,000	34,000
Organist Salary	1,934			1,934	1,988
Administrator Salary	4,807			4,807	4,422
Ministerial Expenses	677			677	101
Vicarage Water	277			277	249
Vicarage Phone	689			689	504
Education, Training and Mission	32			32	144
Church - General	2,825			2,825	2,927
Church - Maintenance	3,610			3,610	17,483
Church - Insurance	2,955			2,955	2,886
Churchyard expenses	3,428			3,428	0
Children's Activity	0			0	181
Service Refreshments	42			42	177
Loan Repayments	3,309			3,309	5,000
Church Water	140			140	138
Church Electricity	1,322			1,322	1,262
Church Gas	1,486			1,486	1,782
Ministerial Housing - Vicarage	492			492	442
Church Centre - Electricity	3,360			3,360	3,266
Church Centre - Gas	1,730			1,730	2,987
Church Centre - Water	445			445	366
Church Centre - Insurance	1,341			1,341	1,971
Church Centre - Cleaner's Pay	1,374			1,374	1,264
Church Centre - General	317			317	145
Church Centre - Maintenance	4,508			4,508	36,297
Church Centre - Flat 39A	220			220	0
Church Centre - Flat 39B	162		3,800	3,962	451
Major Repairs to Church Centre	15,698			15,698	0
New Building to Church or Church Centre	0			0	0
Architect's fees (Thames Water)	0			0	66
Total Activities directly related to church work	£91,181	0	3,800	94,981	120,499
<i>Fund-raising and publicity</i>					
Social Committee	33	0	0	33	0
Total fund raising and publicity	33	0	0	33	0
<i>Church management and administration</i>					
Bank Charges	161			161	148
Other management costs	2,285			2,285	1,449
Architect's fees	3,448		4,629	8,077	1,345
Parish Office - Print/Stationery	786			786	986
Parish Office - General	2,190			2,190	1,484
Giving - Relief & Development Agencies	100			100	
Sundries	0			0	0
Total Church management and administration	8,969	0	4,629	13,598	5,412
Total Payments	100,183	0	8,429	108,612	125,911
Excess of incoming resources over resources used	(2,763)	0	(5,577)	(8,340)	11,808
Transfers between funds				0	0
Brought forward balance	23,222	54,856	43,822	121,900	110,091
Carried forward balance	20,459	54,856	38,245	113,560	121,899

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3. Funds

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Church Development & Restoration (Designated) Fund		
Receipts		
Other voluntary incoming resources		
Total incoming resources from donors	0	0
Total Receipts	0	0
Payments		
Activities directly related to church work		
CC Maintenance	0	10,644
Total Activities directly related to church work	0	10,644
Total Payments	0	10,644
Excess of incoming resources over resources used	0	(10,644)
Brought forward balance	24,856	20,500
Transfers to/(from)	0	15,000
Carried forward balance	24,856	24,856

Outreach, Youth & Families (Designated) Fund

Brought forward balance	30,000	30,000
Carried forward balance	30,000	30,000

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For the year ended 31 December 2024

3. Funds (continued)

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Church Development & Restoration (Restricted) Fund		
Receipts		
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>		
Development donations (planned)	0	0
Development donations (<i>ad hoc</i>)	0	0
Total incoming resources from donors	0	0
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	0	0
Total Other voluntary incoming resources	2,840	0
Total receipts	2,840	0
Payments		
<i>Activities directly related to church work</i>		
CC Maintenance	0	5,000
Flat 39B	3,800	0
Architects fees	0	66
Total Activities directly related to church work	3,800	5,066
Church management and administration		
Architects fees - Church	4,629	1,345
Total payments	8,429	6,411
Excess of incoming resources over resources used	(5,589)	(6,411)
Brought forward balance	37,088	33,499
Transfers to/(from)	0	10,000
Carried forward balance	31,499	37,088

Memorials Fund (Restricted)

Brought forward balance	2,830	2,830
Carried forward balance	2,830	2,830

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3. Funds (continued)	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Organ - Church Tower & Organ Fund (Restricted)		
Receipts		
Other voluntary incoming resources		
Bells/Organ Fund	12	0
Total Other voluntary incoming resources	12	0
Total receipts	12	0
Excess of incoming resources over resources used	12	0
Brought forward balance	3,644	3,644
Carried forward balance	3,656	3,644
EPC - St Dunstan and Southville Ecumenical Fund (Restricted)		
Receipts		
Income from charitable and ancillary trading		
Church Gen. Income	0	359
Total Other voluntary incoming resources	0	359
Total receipts	0	359
Payments		
Activities directly related to church work		
Education, Training & Mission	0	99
Total Activities directly related to church work	0	99
Total payments	0	99
Excess of incoming resources over resources used	0	260
Brought forward balance	260	0
Carried forward balance	260	260

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4. Charity collections for the year were as follows:

Angel Tree (Prison Fellowship support for families of FYOI Inmates)	£181
Lent Appeal (London Churches Refugee Fund)	£105
Crisis collection at carol service	£258
Tearfund collection at Harvest Festival	£269
The Children's Society at Christingle service	£160
Christian Aid (donations were mostly made directly to the charity by the congregation)	£238

5. Debtors as at 31st December 2024:

Oak Hill Academy heating for carol concerts	£200
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6. Creditors as at 31st December 2024:

7. Grant & loan agreement with the Diocese of London

A combined grant & loan of £14,471 + £14,471 was agreed with the diocese in May 2023 to assist with the quinquennial repairs to the church and to progress the improvement plans for the church. £12,596 of this was spent in 2023 with a further £11,687 in 2024. The remaining £4,659 may be available to us in 2025 subject to approval by the Area Finance Group. A first repayment of £3309 was made in November. Two further annual instalments will be made in November 2025 & November 2026.