



**ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
of the
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ST MARY'S CHURCH, SUMMERSTOWN**

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St Mary's, Summerstown**

For the year ended 31 December 2024
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
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Aims and Purposes

The primary object of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church Summerstown is the promotion of the gospel of Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Summerstown has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend James John Gareth Fletcher, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole Mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

St Mary's PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible who live in the parish to attend church and benefit from the ministry of St Mary's. To this end, we seek to gear our Sunday services and midweek groups to minister to as many people as possible within the parish. Our ministries are intended to help people come to, engage with and put into practise faith in Christ through prayer, Scripture, music and the sacraments.

We have put on activities this year in line with these aims. These have included Sunday Services, guest services, Sunday Club, four midweek fellowship groups, ministry to students at St George's University Hospital, a monthly prayer meeting, two after-school clubs and our parents and toddlers group, Little Lambs. We have held monthly prayer meetings to pray for the church and the parish, conducted funerals and baptisms, affirmations of baptismal vows and continued to engage with the parish through a door-knocking ministry.

We have also continued to support Smallwood School with assemblies and use of our building and to donate money to the Dons Local Action Group and to The Royal British Legion. We have continued to support St George's University Christian Union by providing speakers including for their weekend away and mission week.

St Mary's Montessori Nursery have continued to run their nursery in the church hall from Monday to Friday. We have completed a new lease with them.

In reaching out to the local community in these, and other ways, we have tried to further the mission of the church pastorally, evangelistically, socially and ecumenically.

To facilitate these activities, we have sought to maintain the fabric of St Mary's church building and church hall as outlined in the 'Church Building and Fabric Report'.

We have also continued to support in prayer our mission partners Rhys and Georgia Nicholls, former members of our church (and pastoral assistant) who moved to Grantham in the Summer 2023.

The PCC meetings in 2024 have been productive and united. Amongst other things, our discussions have focused on:

- Reviewing our existing safeguarding policies and the addition of new ones
- Prayers of Love and Faith
- The use of the church hall and the lease agreement with St Mary's Montessori Nursery

- Finance and budget, including financial policies and the parish support fund
- Deanery synod reports
- Starting a ministry for retirees
- Repairs to the church building, church hall and garden wall
- The appointment of a new ministry trainee
- The assessing and implementing repairs off the back of a quinquennial inspection and report
- A revamp of our Bible studies into fellowship groups
- Other policy areas like mission partners, fire, hall hire policy, data protection

We are grateful for the unity we have enjoyed and pray that God would continue to guide the PCC into the future.

Achievements and Performance

Sunday Services, church attendance and electoral roll

Throughout 2024 St Mary's congregation has continued to enjoy a wide diversity of membership. The morning service attendance has grown slightly while the amount of people attending our Christmas and Easter guest events has grown markedly. Our evening service has also become established with a wide crossover of people.

Any parishioner is welcome at our services. At the end of 2024 there were 71 people on the Church Electoral Roll, of whom 33 were not resident in the parish. The worshipping community numbers compiled for the diocese of regular church members who come to any of our services, bible studies or fresh expression, not necessarily on the electoral roll, was 154. With 29 people coming off or moving on and 44 joining us during the year.

The average attendance on a Sunday has been 62 adults and 15 children. Average attendance in the church building (including Little Lambs as a Fresh Expression) for the first 4 weeks of October, submitted to the diocese, was 104 adults and 53 children.

Special Services

We have had a range of special services this year including a Maundy Thursday meal, a Good Friday Meditation, an Easter Sunday Celebration, the Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday, Children's Carol Service, a Christingle Service, 11pm Carols and Carols by Candlelight and a Watchnight Service. We also conducted baptisms and funerals.

Sunday Club

Sunday Club seeks to support parents and carers in the training and instruction of their children in the Lord. We are confident that God's Word, taught faithfully, and age appropriately using crafts and activities builds up the children.

Sunday Club continues to have two groups. Gospel Roots (3-6 year olds) and Gospel Shoots (7-11 years old). Both groups have continued to grow, welcoming new children and families have recently joined St. Mary's.

We have been using different resources this year such as 'Click' and Faith in Kids. This has been a nice change but also a challenge in the way leaders prepare for the sessions. We continue to pray that God would give us wisdom to be able to engage the children with God's Words. We have studied: Acts, Joshua, Luke and 1 Kings.

We are encouraged by the way God has continued to sustain this ministry, in terms of those helping to serve. As some volunteers step down God has raised current helpers who have now started to teach and also new leaders to join the team.

We also had a training session with the leaders looking at why Sunday Club is an important part of church life and its aim.

Fellowship Groups

In 2024 we changed the structure of our Fellowship Groups and moved them all out into people's homes. In addition to the Aboyne Group, the Hazelhurst and Lunchtime Group were also set up:

Aboyne Group:

The Aboyne Group was started by Chris and Sylvia in September 2021.

It was wonderful to be able to meet and pray, study, support each other in the place where we have invested our energy since 1995.

We joined with the RA for activities – picnics, carol singing and sports days.

We have undergone changes since those original foundation building days, as Chris and Sylvia, Rhys and Georgia and now Jon and Alice have moved on.

We have new people in the group, and although we are now smaller, the fellowship and depth of study in the Bible is really encouraging.

We are also seeing answers to specific prayer needs for our communities or networks.

We are particularly enjoying the new Bible Studies learning from Jesus' words to the 7 churches.

Hazelhurst Group:

This group was started in September 2024 and has enjoyed meeting together and getting to know each other better since then. It has been a change in shifting the focus of the group from purely bible study to include more intentional fellowship, but as this group continues to become established, we pray these relationships will grow. We are also getting used to meeting in homes rather than the church building and pray that in 2025 the group will become more and more part of the wider community.

Lunchtime Group:

The lunchtime group was set up to allow people who, for a range of reasons, find it difficult to come out in the evenings still to benefit from being part of a fellowship group at St Mary's. It has meant that a lot of people who haven't been part of a midweek group before at St Mary's are able to come along which has been great. The group enjoys a mean together, warm fellowship and a chance to study the Bible and pray.

Little Lambs

At Little Lambs our aim is to introduce both the children and adults that come to the Lord Jesus through our bible story, circle time songs, friendship and conversation. We also long to see follow through into our Sunday morning services and with those attending becoming part of the wider church family.

We thank God that Little Lambs continues to be popular with both children and their parents and carers and has continued to attract new people to the group. We ran a parenting course in the summer term of 2024 after our morning sessions. There wasn't much take up, but we would like to run this again and make this a real benefit of attending the group – please pray this would be appealing to the parents who come.

As a team we have been praying that a core group will grow and will see Little Lambs as spiritually significant for them and the children they bring. We have been encouraged by the number of Little Lambs mums/carers who came to the wreath making event in December and the Christmas services. Please continue to pray for God's provision for this group, and wisdom as we seek to make this group especially accessible to those that live in the parish.

Friday Club

We give glory to God for Friday Club and what He has been doing this year through it.

Friday Club seeks to get children to engage with God's Word, whether they are from Christian backgrounds or not, in a fun and safe environment. We teach God's Word faithfully and accessibly and engage with the children through discussion, crafts and games.

This year we have seen the number of the core group of children rise to 16 coming weekly, ranging from 8-14 years old. Majority of the kids are from non-Christian backgrounds and have been enthusiastic about Friday Club. Some are friends who have been invited and have come, and some have come through the banner.

We have been using Faith in Kids materials and writing our own. We have looked at Luke, Psalms and 1 Samuel.

God has answered our prayers this year of providing the leaders that we needed. And we are grateful for all those who serve in Friday Club, both recent volunteers and those who have served for a while. We continue to pray for more volunteers as we see the way Friday Club has been growing.

Fun on Fridays at Smallwood

This After School Club Ministry was set up towards the end of 2024 following planning and preparation that took place over the summer. It has been possible with an extended partnership with LCM who are providing the initial training and teaching content to get the club up and running. It currently has 3 leaders with capacity for 15 children from Key Stage 2. It is being run free of charge to the school and parents on Fridays 3.30-4.30pm.

It started in November 2024 and has had 10 children attending. They have had a lot of fun, created some amazing crafts that they have loved taking home to show their families, we've also eaten some great and tasty snacks, but most importantly we've had the opportunity to share a story from the Bible each week and encourage them to think about what it means for them.

There are many challenges to running this group, but the school has been warm and accommodating towards us seeing the value in encouraging friendships and extracurricular activities across the year groups. Please pray for God's provision so this groups will continue beyond LCM's partnership with us.

Prayer Meeting

We continued to meet for our monthly prayer meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. Attendance at this meeting continues to be encouraging with about 20 people coming. We pray for our parish, our mission partners, church ministries and for people and issues around the world.

Door Knocking

The idea of going out door knocking for most of us would be quite challenging but has overall been rewarding. The training and support we have had from London City Mission has been excellent.

The principle we are working on is building good relationships with our neighbours. As we build friendships, we have opportunity to get to know them and what is going on in their lives, to support them and to share and discuss our faith.

Each team aims to visit each home every five to six weeks. This does not always happen as people aren't always in, but as we go around regularly, doors where on a previous occasion we had no reply, we get a reply. It is surprising how quickly and friendly people are. On the first visit people may be cautious but often by the second or third visit, we are having friendly chats. Our aim is to get to know people and, over time, to talk about Jesus. As people get to know us, they open up, we have opportunities to pray, leave Gospels, and received invitations into people's homes.

We can only visit a relatively small number of homes.

At present we have a team of nine people, going out into the Aboyne and Hazlehurst Estates. Most go out once a week and spend between thirty minutes to an hour on each session. We clearly are limited how many homes we can reach out to by the number of

people who volunteer to come out. We always go out in pairs.

We appreciate many people will feel hesitant about joining us but do pray for it if you can. Feel free to chat to one of the team if you wish to have more information.

Reaching Out

We have had a number of guest services this year (mentioned previously) but we have also run two enquirers course, Hope Explored and Christianity Explored which about 15 people attended in total.

Social Involvement

Members of St Mary's have continued to be committed to helping local residents. Individuals are involved with local community projects like Hestia, Dons Local Action Group and Merton Street Pastors.

As a church, we have also taken collections of items and money for The Dons Local Action Group and seek to find further opportunities to support our community. We have also supported The Royal British Legion.

Pastoral Care

In 2024, St Mary's has sought to support those in our church family who are house-bound, bereaved, unwell and need support or care. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to visit, give lifts, keep in touch, help, and pray for others. Each fellowship group has also taken responsibility to pray for and keep in touch with someone who is house-bound or in a care home.

Our safeguarding policies outline how we support vulnerable adults and includes our Pastoral Care policy (passed in 2022 by the PCC and updated annually) to help provide advice and guidance to those offering pastoral care. This includes guidance for: home-visiting, meeting 1-1 and spiritual support.

We liaise with other organisations including social services, healthcare and the Diocese of Southwark to ensure we can help support those who need additional care and support.

Please speak to Caroline Fletcher if you would like more information.

Seniors Ministry

We have been planning to build up a ministry for seniors for some time and pray that 2025 will herald that. In 2024, we began praying and planning to that end and also ran a Seniors Carol Service for the first time.

Student Ministry

The core group of students has grown to around 12 and they regularly attend one/both services on a Sunday, as well as the midweek fellowship group, where we have been studying the book of Romans since September. New students continue to attend throughout the year. In November, Chris spoke at the CU weekend away, and James at the CU Events week. Another weekend away is planned for May. Students serve regularly on Sundays in various different ways, playing a particularly significant role supporting Jem in children's and youth ministry. There has been an increase in 1-1 discipleship/Bible reading. Many students are in or approaching their final year at St George's, and so we may begin to see a bit of turnover over the next 12 months. We were thrilled that this year Matilda was baptised at her home church, and Elisabeth renewed her baptismal vows at St Mary's.

Young Adult Ministry

There has been some turnover amongst the 20s-30s age group this year. We hope to help those new to church life to integrate into church life via fellowship groups and also a weekend away planned for September.

Contacts continue to be made in the new development via little lambs, Friday club, and guest events such as carol services.

The evening service has continued to serve the wider church family, particularly those in the 20s-30s age bracket.

St Mary's Summerstown Montessori Nursery School

St Mary's Summerstown Montessori Nursery School continued to rent the church hall each weekday morning. The school is run by headteacher Elizabeth Maitland. We agreed a new lease with St Mary's Montessori Nursery School this year.

The Church Building and Fabric Report

In 2024 we have been able to complete several pieces of work on the church that have been a concern to us:

- The removal of the coal shed, along with the majority of the paint on the external wall that was left behind.
- Installation of a new electric boiler in the yellow room providing essential hot water for all the ministries that take place there.

Alongside the ongoing maintenance to the church building and gardens, other works have included:

- Repairs to leaking areas of the church roof
- A damp and mould survey with remedial action in the church office area.
- Replacement of a cast iron water pipe at the north aisle
- Provision of temporary, moveable lanterns to help people access the church building in the dark

2023 was a quinquennial year. This is a thorough review of the building carried out by the inspecting architect every 5 years. It highlighted these areas that we have been able to rectify in 2024:

- Our gutters were inspected in the Autumn 2024 and we are working towards getting these checked every 6 months
- Our induction loop system was tested and serviced in 2024, and new signs bought and displayed.
- We have dismantled the coal store and done work on filling the area.

Significant maintenance work has been recommended, and we will continue to consider what a realistic programme of work might look like for us over the medium-term given our budget and time constraints.

In 2025 we hope to commence our refurbishment of the yellow room making equipping it and enabling it to function well as a space for many church ministries. Thank you to everyone who has donated and helped raise money towards this.

Thank you for all your hard work! Looking after the building at St Mary's is a huge team effort. We are always so grateful for those who help out, whether regularly or as a one-off. Please get in touch with any suggestions or feedback, and let's pray that for God's wisdom and encouragement as we look after and make the most of the building He has given us.

Deanery Synod

In January, we heard about the Wandsworth Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committee, to which two representatives are appointed.

We learned that the Deanery Synod's feedback on the Diocesan Strategy had helped shape thinking about the final document, even if not necessarily leading to substantial change. Bishop Martin had been particularly appreciative.

It was reported that the Diocesan Synod had, following the motions of our Deanery Synod and others, voted to disinvest from fossil fuels - this to be achieved by the end of 2024.

In respect of the General Synod's target of becoming 'net zero' by 2030, we discussed each parish's 'eco' successes and challenges. Suggestions for deanery-wide collective action were made and will be revisited at a later date.

In April, representatives from the Kingston Racial Justice Group drew attention to the Diocesan Anti-Racism Charter, and advocated marking Racial Justice Sunday and rolling out Unconscious Bias training. In discussion, there was some questioning of the emphasis on black lives without mention of antisemitism and islamophobia. Several members had experienced ineffective and insensitive online unconscious-bias training and would not readily champion it. There was recognition that many of our congregations already emphasise integrated diversity rather than distinction: Martin Luther King's 'dream' was of a different place and

time, and may not be the model for today's Tooting church. There was some discussion around ensuring a more diverse group in leadership, without recourse to tokenism.

Our guest in September was Carol Coslett, Southwark's Assistant Director for Lay Ministry. She expanded on the Guide for PCC's and Parishes that describes the lay selection and discernment process. We learned the difference between Licenced, Commissioned and Affirmed lay ministries, and were encouraged to appoint a Deanery Lay Ministries Champion.

We heard praise and prayer points from each parish.

In September, we heard from Sophie Sutherland, an Anna Chaplain, who spoke about this ministry that focuses on pastoral care for older people whose inability to attend church might cause them to fall through the net. Visiting, holding services in care homes, friendship groups and coffee clubs were shown to be vital ministries. We then shared how our various parishes are working with older people.

Wendy Stephens, a chaplain to HMP Wandsworth, circulated a list of Christian publications she would like to distribute to prisoners, if churches or individuals would procure them.

Safeguarding

At the end of 2024, our safeguarding officers were Caroline Fletcher and Crystal Baigent. The PSOs are supported by the Diocese of Southwark Safeguarding Team who provide advice and guidance when needed.

During 2024, we processed 13 DBS applications for volunteers working with children and/or vulnerable adults at St Mary's – 10 of these were new volunteers and 3 were updated DBS checks for existing volunteers. All volunteers working with children and/or vulnerable adults complete a confidential declaration, an application, a DBS and we take two references. Volunteers also complete online training in safeguarding.

During 2024, we updated the safeguarding noticeboard and the website. We have raised the profile of safeguarding at PCC and also at Safeguarding Sunday in November. We also delivered safeguarding training in June 2024 for all volunteers and church members were invited to attend.

We completed the annual policy review in January 2024.

We confirm that the PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the safeguarding and clergy discipline measure which stipulates a duty to have regard to the House of Bishop's Guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

If you have any questions about our safeguarding approach, please contact Caroline Fletcher or Crystal Baigent.

Financial Review

We are grateful for the generous gifts provided by St Mary's Congregation, donors who have specifically donated towards two of our salaried roles at St Mary's and also to St Luke's Wimbledon Park PCC and Christ Church Surbiton's PCC who have given generously to us.

Overall, we have seen an increase in both giving (£109k 2024, £80k 2023) although a significant portion of this is donations from other churches. This has meant an overall increase in income (£125k 2024, £103k 2023).

Expenditure also increased, the largest driver of this being repairs to the church, in particular, the removal of a coal shed which had become unsafe (115k 2024, 108k 2023).

This has meant an overall net income of £10k during the year compared to a budget of net expenditure of £13,000. This is because of the decision to pay for the removal of the coal shed from the church's investments, and unanticipated, one-off gifts from both other churches and members of the congregation at St Mary's.

Despite using £15,000 of our investment to pay for the removal of the coal shed, the overall portfolio only decreased by £4k over the course of the year (£207k 2024, £211k 2023) This is helpful in providing St Mary's with a fund for long-term, strategic spending but should not be viewed as a replacement for income through church activities and general giving.

There will be challenging years ahead for St Mary's as for every charity, business and individual within the UK. Although it is hugely encouraging to have received support from other churches, in order to sustain the ministry at St Mary's in the long term we will need to generate a large proportion of our income ourselves, either through increased giving or generating income from other sources.

Given the direction of the Church of England, as a PCC we wish to become more self-sufficient and cover the positions within our church that are currently funded. We also wish to move into a position where we are able to cover our costs within the diocese and fund major building repairs to keep the building in a secure position for the future. We are hugely grateful to everyone who gives generously at St Mary's without whom the church would not have been able to function and we hope that during 2025 this will continue so that the church has the resources to grow.

**ST MARY'S CHURCH
SUMMERSTOWN**

REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

St Mary's Church, Summerstown

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

To the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church, Summerstown

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are attached to this report, is in respect of an examination carried out under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the PCC 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 gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and which comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act, as also contained in the Regulations, have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn, in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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St Mary's Church, Summerstown
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	4	206,815	211,538
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	6,161	9,015
CCLA Deposit Account		129	129
Cash at Bank and in Hand		60,919	26,317
		67,209	35,461
LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accruals - amounts falling due within one year	6	19,176	12,485
NET CURRENT ASSETS		48,033	22,976
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		254,631	234,514
Creditors - amounts falling due after more one year	6	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		254,848	234,514
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		80,528	66,341
Restricted		12,987	0
Endowment		161,333	168,173
		254,848	234,514

Approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf on

Rev'd James Fletcher
Incumbent and PCC Chairman, St. Mary's Summerstown

St Mary's Church, Summerstown
Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Voluntary income	2(a)	83,831	24,881	0	108,712	79,750
Income from investments	2(b)	15,904	0	0	15,904	90
Income from church activities	2(c)	16,749	0	0	16,749	23,714
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		115,674	24,881	0	140,555	103,554
EXPENDITURE						
Church activities	3	90,617	24,881	0	115,498	107,614
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		90,617	24,881	0	115,498	107,614
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		25,057	0	0	25,057	-4,060
Unrealised gains on Investments	4	2,117	0	-6,840	-4,273	23,675
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		27,174	0	-6,840	20,334	19,615
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2024		66,341	0	168,173	234,514	232,226
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2024		93,515	0	161,333	254,848	234,514

St Mary's Church, Summerstown
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes, there is one restricted fund for a Pastoral Assistant

Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted.

There is one Endowment Fund being the sale of 28 Burntwood Lane on 22 July 1988.

Gross Income and endowments

Voluntary income and endowments

Collections are recognised when received by and on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised in respect of income recognised from 1st January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

Income from investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Expenditure

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The parish church account pledge is accounted for when due. Any account pledge unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not legal) liability is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by S.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. For inalienable property there is insufficient cost information and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and the repair of movable church furnishings is written off.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

St Mary's Church, Summerstown
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024 (Continued)

2. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary income					
Planned and unplanned giving	70,346	17,731	-	88,077	55,294
Collections		150	-	150	6,508
Gift Day	-	0	-	0	3,388
Donation	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	7,000	-	7,000	0
Income tax recoverable	13,485	-	-	13,485	14,561
	83,831	24,881	-	108,712	79,750
2(b) Income from investments					
CCLA Investment income	15,094	-	-	15,094	90
		-	-	15,094	90
2(c) Income from church activities					
Hall hire	15,513	-	-	15,513	21,833
Fees	902	-	-	902	1,450
Other income	334	-	-	334	431
	16,749	-	-	16,749	23,714
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	115,674	24,881	-	140,555	103,554

3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
	£	£	£	2024 £	2023 £
Church activities					
Missionary and charitable giving:	6	150	-	156	4,013
Parish Church Account Pledge	20,500	-	-	20,500	20,500
Church - running and maintenance costs	53,415	24,731	-	78,146	69,706
Church - major repairs	16,476	-	-	16,476	13,176
Independent examiner's fee	220.00	-	-	220	220
		-	-		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	90,617	24,881	-	115,498	107,614

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4. INVESTMENTS

	Market Value 1 Jan 2024	Market Value Revaluation	Market Value 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£
CBF Investment Fund - Accumulation Shares	168,173	-6,840	161,333
Other investments held with CCLA	43,365	2,117	45,482
Fixed Asset Investments	211,538	-4,723	206,815

5. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	4,399	3,348
Hall hire	894	5,667
SDF Funding	868	
	6,161	9,015

6. LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals	4,039	2,901
Deferred income	15,137	6,834
Loan from diocese	0	2,750
	19,176	12,485
Amounts falling due after more than one year		
Loan from diocese	0	0
	0	0

Serving at St Mary's

St Mary's is dependent on all those who give their time and service to help to organise and run services and events, as well as caring for the wider church family.

Structure Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, the churchwardens, the deanery synod representatives, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. Members of the church family and those who attend our services are encouraged each year to sign up on the Electoral Roll.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. We have been accessing training through Stewardship and offered this to PCC members as they come onboard.

The PCC organises its business by general discussion as a full committee followed by a delegation of particular tasks to the standing committee and individuals who report back to the PCC.

Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Other Committees:

1. The Evangelism Committee
2. The Pastoral Care Committee

The PCC met 8 times in 2024, including an 'away morning' in April and a short extra meeting in March. The average attendance at these meetings was 12 people.

Administrative Information

St Mary's Church is situated in Summerstown in south-west London. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Mary's Vicarage, 46 Wimbledon Road, London, SW17 0UQ. The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's has had regard to the Charity Commission public benefit guidance.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2024 are:

Ex Officio members:

- Vicar: The Reverend James Fletcher (Chairman)

Wardens:

- Jonathan Hunt (re-elected 24/03/2024))
- Linda Simpson (elected 24/03/2024)
- Philip Barker (stepped down 24/03/2024)

Members:

- Rebecca Lewis-Crosby (stepped down 24/03/2024)
- Alice Hunt (stepped down 24/03/2024)

- Crystal Baigent (re-elected 24/03/2024 for 3 year term)
- Eustance Jeffery (re-elected 24/03/2024 for 3 year term)
- Jolly Sirikwa (elected 24/03/2024 for a 3 year term)

- Dirk Dale-Emberton (elected 24/03/2024 for a 1 year term)
- Hezekiah Walters (elected 24/03/2024 for a 2 year term)

- Christopher Brown (elected 30/4/2023 for a 3 year term)
- Daniel Myers, PCC Treasurer (elected 30/4/2023 for a 3 year term)

- William Ling (re-elected 15/05/2022 for a 3 year term)
- Tanya Ling (re-elected 15/05/2022 for a 3 year term)

- Simon Baigent (representative on Deanery Synod elected 30/4/2023 for 3 year term)
- Bridget Barker (representative on Deanery Synod elected 24/03/2024 for a 2-year term)