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Administrative Information

Address	Battlebridge Lane, Merstham, Surrey, RH13LH
Clergy	Rev'd Nigel Griffiths (Team Rector, Merstham & Gatton Team)
Trustees/PCC	Rev Nigel Griffiths (Since September 2023) Alison Palmer (Church Warden & PCC Secretary. Retiring at APCM) Mary Kennedy (Church Warden) Debbie Hyder (ex-officio, Deanery Synod Representative) Sue Clarke (ex-officio, SPA) Claire Denchfield (Retiring at APCM) Gerald Hulf (Treasurer) Fiona Exley (Retiring at APCM) Peter Loosley (Retiring at APCM) Sue Reeves (ex-officio, Deanery Synod Representative) Victoria Cole Chiara Pike Helen Lucas Cliver Davis (Since May 2024) Dave Furnell (Since May 2024) John Hamer (Since May 2024) Jaqi Stevenson (Since May 2024)
Bankers	Natwest Plc 39 Station Road Redhill, Surrey RH1 1QN
Independent Examiner	J R Caladine FCCA Caladine Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Chantry House 22 Upperton Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 1BF

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Report of the Trustees

The trustees present the annual report and accounts for the church for the year ended 31st December 2024.

1. Objectives and Activities

South Merstham All Saints is an Anglican Church in the Diocese of Southwark and a member of the Merstham and Gatton Team.

2. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The composition and procedures of the PCC is regulated by the Church Representation Rules as contained in Schedule 3 of the Synodical Government (Powers) Measure 1956, as amended. The members of the PCC are trustees of the charity.

The church is governed by the PCC whose members all act as Trustees with ultimate oversight of the Church's affairs. The PCC is made up of those elected by members of the congregation on the electoral roll at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting plus ex-officio members who serve by virtue of their job within the Church. Occasionally members are co-opted for meetings because of their knowledge.

The Standing Committee, comprised of the incumbent, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and PCC Treasurer, transacts business of the PCC between meetings and constructs the agenda for meetings of the PCC.

3. Review of Activities

All Saints is a lively, busy, friendly church for those of all ages at the centre of the community of South Merstham. As well as regular public worship on Sundays, there are many mid-weeks groups and activities taking place at the church including a choir. The frequency with which the church itself is used has increased with a number of community events including an after school club and a Faith and Fitness group. The church has a lunch club open to the community and is involved with the Easter Project, following the closure of the café at the Hub in Merstham. Over the colder months, the church offered shelter to the homeless as part of the Winter Night Shelter.

4. Financial Review

It is gratifying that the regular donations have increased and we are now in a position where we have a cash surplus at the end of 2024 of £35,372 (2023: shortfall of £5,619). This surplus is also possible because of the funds received from the diocese as part of the grant. This has helped to also reduce outgoings at the same time as we have benefited from an increase in the donations. However, we do need to keep in mind that the grant will come to end before we know it. At that point we need to be able to be as self-sufficient as possible to ensure that can still benefit from our admin support that is so essential and our youth worker. To meet this challenge we will need to be able to further increase our income. We must make sure that as many of our congregation as possible, donate regularly via Parish Giving or standing order and to encourage those that already give in this way, to consider increasing their giving in line with inflation. Parish giving offers this flexibility. With Parish Giving we also benefit from automatic

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reclaim of tax so reducing the effort for this. With an increase in income, we would also be in a position to give more to outside community organisations.

For the expenses, we have once again seen money spent on the building, trying to make it water tight, so far to no avail. Much of the flat roofing has been replaced and this will, in the long term, help us avoid water ingress, once we resolve the issues we still face.

5. Public Benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the church should undertake.

6. Risk Management

The trustees regularly consider the risks to which the charity may be exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

The trustees report was approved by the board of trustees


Trustee

16/9/25
Date

RECTOR, REV'D NIGEL CRITCHES

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of All Saints' South Merstham ('the charity') on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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

J R Caladine FCCA

Caladine Limited

Chartered Certified Accountants

Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road

Eastbourne, BN21 1BF

Date:

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Receipts</u>				
Donations	104,774	359	105,133	51,736
Gift aid tax refunds	10,192	-	10,192	100
Rent and fees	17,310	-	17,310	14,689
Events and fundraising	17,787	-	17,787	17,655
Interest received	2,881	-	2,881	1,826
Total receipts	152,944	359	153,303	86,006
<u>Payments</u>				
Parish contribution to diocese	33,576	-	33,576	32,626
Church running costs	31,297	-	31,297	16,958
Church repairs and renewals	32,085	-	32,085	23,136
Hall running costs	8,574	-	8,574	10,767
Fundraising events	6,275	-	6,275	5,002
Church administration and miscellaneous expenses	2,273	-	2,273	2,284
Grants and giving	3,034	817	3,851	852
Total payments	117,114	817	117,931	91,625
Net receipts	35,830	(458)	35,372	(5,619)
Funds brought forward 1 January 2024	68,481	1,396	69,877	75,496
Funds carried forward 31 December 2024	104,311	938	105,249	69,877

In 2023 £817 of the receipts and £0 of the payments were restricted funds.

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	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Current Account	48,089	15,598
Deposit Account	57,160	54,279
Total	105,249	69,877

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1. Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 or the Charities Act 2011.

2. Donations

Donations are recognised when received into the bank account

3. Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the year in which it is incurred and allocated to the appropriate category

4. Restricted Funds

The income funds include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes.

	Balance as at 1 Jan 2023	Receipts	Payments	Balance as at 1 Jan 2024	Receipts	Payments	Balance as at 31 Dec 2024
Outside Giving Fund	-	817	0	817	359	817	359
Memorial Fund	579	-	-	579	-	-	579

The Outside giving fund is comprised of donations which are then given to other charitable organisations.

5. Trustees and related parties

Trustees receive no payments or benefits for their role as trustees (2023: £nil)

There were no related party transactions during the year (2023: £nil)

