



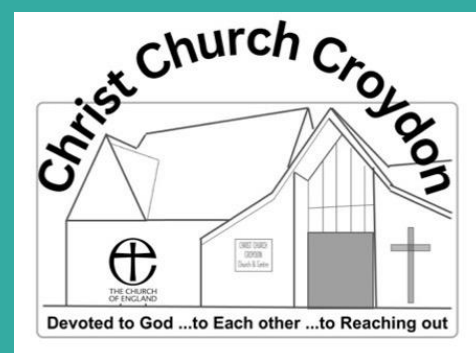
ANNUAL REPORT 2024

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2024

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CHRIST CHURCH CROYDON

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Introduction from the Vicar

...the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth... Colossians 1:6

Dear friends,

In gathering as a church community, change and growth are clearly apparent. As individuals motivated by a faith centred on Jesus, there is a dynamic power at work which we know is of God. That power unites us, it draws us together from diverse backgrounds and cultures it inspires us as our vision states, to be devoted to God, to each other and to reaching out.

We have seen the work of God in encouraging one another, caring for one another, welcoming the visitor, seeking to reach out and in our desire to see children and the younger generation experience God's love for themselves.

There has been uncertainty at times during the year as some church members moved away from the Croydon area or joined another fellowship. We have felt the loss of friendship and missed their presence and contribution to the wider church family. We have also welcomed new faces amongst the congregation, coming with their eagerness to engage and learn more of the Christian faith and a desire to be part of the church family. Each person (young or old) being valued for the fresh perspective they bring and desire to commit to being part of the Christ Church family.

We have stepped out in faith by seeking to appoint a church worker who can give the time and focus their ministry on developing and building the Children & Families work. Despite promoting this post, there has been little response (many churches are facing similar issues in appointing). Yet, the need remains for the further establishing of the Children's ministry alongside our dedicated current team.

We look back at the past year with grateful thanks to God, as much has been achieved with the limited resources we have. Grant support has helped us to fix the leaking Hall roof and upgrade the Fire warning & alarm system. With a keen team of church volunteers partnering with London City Mission the 'Going for Gold' summer Holiday club activity was run, putting us in contact with local families. The primary school links in the area have been developed with classes from the schools visiting the church.

The Finance team led by John Sundar have carefully budgeted and managed our financial resources, ensuring that we have ended the year with a small credit. We are thankful for their attention to detail.

The credit of everything that has been achieved is due to your commitment and loving service to the Lord Jesus who drew you to himself. I am very grateful to you as the Vicar and feel immensely proud and humbled.

With God's Grace, Les

AIMS and PURPOSES

Christ Church Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent Rev'd Les Jesudason, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish.

The PCC is also wholly responsible for the maintenance of Christ Church centre premises and grounds.

OBJECTIVE and ACTIVITIES

Since the original church was built on the site in 1852, Christ Church has developed through God's grace to be an evangelical, vibrant, family-orientated fellowship of diverse ethnicities. It seeks to glorify God in Christ through cross-centred worship, Bible teaching, Prayer, and fellowship. Its mission is to share the saving news of Jesus, to serve the immediate community in Croydon and prayerfully support the national and global church. As a welcoming church community, it seeks to provide a place of care, comfort, and hope for those going through life events of bereavement, illness and difficulties and also sharing in their joys through celebrations of marriage, thanksgiving and special anniversaries. In partnership with other Christian denominations in Croydon and in partnership with selected mission societies our desire is to make the gospel of Jesus known in the local area, the nation and throughout the world.

When planning its activities for the year the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

We are very grateful for the help of Vanitha Thomas, Electoral Roll officer who has laboriously compiled the new roll. The Electoral Roll now stands at 84 adults, this a reduction on the previous Roll of 160 (last revised in 2019). In recent months 3 long standing members died, they are a loss to us but we rejoice that they are in the presence of our Saviour.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Giving thanks for all that God enabled us to achieve.

The highlights of 2024 were as follows;

- The PCC agreed that the Focus for 2024 would be on 'Bearing fruit and Growing' ...*bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, Colossians 1:10.*
- A proposal for the PCC to employ a Children & Families worker (part-time) was accepted. The funding appeal was launched and the role advertised.
- A decision was made to purchase a Contactless giving terminal, having initially loaned a terminal from the Diocese for trial.
- Providing sandwich meals for the Homeless through Croydon Churches Floating Shelter and Food collection for the Foodbank.

- Several Maintenance items were accomplished, including – Church Boiler room Electrics Fusebox, Hall Roof repair, Boundary Flint wall repair, external lighting, Dais lighting, alongside routine maintenance.
- The PCC application to be added to the Register of the Charity Commission was approved in March 2024 and registered under Charity Number 1207486
- Welcomed visiting preachers/speakers which included, Rosemary James & Stephen (YWAM), Ven Greg Prior, Canon Gary Jenkins, Rev Jon Featherstone and Joel Madur.
- The Lent course (Bible overview, Gods Big picture by Vaughan Roberts) and an Advent course (Knowing Jesus through the Old Testament by Chris Wright) were held, also the Hope Explored course for enquirers.
- Children and Family outreach events were held in the year, these included – Easter Trail, Going for Gold (Summer Holiday club) and Nativity Trail. The Sunday school also organised a Picnic and Games in Beddington Park, Sutton.
- Dayo Olomu, a (Lay)Reader in Training carried out his ministry placement with the church. Dayo was involved in a range of ministry activities – leading a service, preaching, visiting and prayer.



WORSHIP AND PRAYER



We started the year with the continued focus of reaching the *Next Generation* and building on that by *Bearing Fruit and Growing*. The emphasis being on getting established and growing in maturity as Christians.

The pattern of Sunday services are, two services of Holy Communion monthly with an All Age service and Morning Praise (Service of the Word) to alternate.

Three (Infant) Baptisms were held, one Funeral service and one Memorial service. There were no Weddings or Wedding Banns.

As Jesus, regularly commended listening to the Word of God, Preaching takes a major part of the service of Worship to enable growth to maturity.

Sermon series were compiled to aid the Congregation to deepen their understanding of the Christian faith and living accordingly and also introduce newer believers to the Christian life.

- New Life, Bearing Fruit, Growth and Maturity were topics covered by looking at Paul's letter to the Colossians

- Credal beliefs were explored in sermons in an '*I Believe*' series; ...in a *Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic church*.
- Series from Mark's Gospel (Ch. 1-6)
- Summer sermon series Looking at the Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 1-12) helped us gain a better understanding of the characteristics Jesus desires in us as followers.
- The theme of being 'Church' was the Autumn series covering topics like – Gathering, Belonging, Giving, Unity and Welcome

A global mission perspective was given as we welcomed Rosemary and Stephen from the YWAM team updating us on the challenges of the Persecuted church and the many opportunities and signs of Gospel growth.

Joel Madur with his experience as a staff member with Operation Mobilisation preached at the Diversity service and shared of the 'Unity' we have in Jesus.

Senior clergy from Southwark diocese (Croydon Archdeacon Greg Prior and Estates Minister Gary Jenkins) helped us to connect with the wider diocese.

The weekly Prayer (online) was supported by a few regular intercessors. This was re-branded as a 'Call to Prayer' in person meeting. Therefore, a monthly Church Prayer meeting now takes place on a Thursday evening.



SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday attendance in 2024 decreased with a number of families moving away from the Croydon area throughout the year and the frailty of older members with health concerns being unable to attend. The average weekly attendance was 61 (72) adults and 12 (15) children (*2023, figures in brackets*) with peaks at the Baptism services and an exceptionally good attendance at Easter and over the Christmas season.

During the year a number of visitors gradually started attending and we are pleased that a number of them have stayed and are now part of our regular congregation.

Kim Sharkie starting a new term as Warden was warmly welcomed and working together with Sam Quaye they have enabled the services to run smoothly. We are very grateful for their regular and faithful ministry.

A number of new songs were added to the Song list in 2024 and these have enhanced the morning worship as the Music groups lead them in a lively and joyful manner. There are often many complements given (especially by visitors) of the standard of the Music. It is certainly a highlight for many. The regular commitment of Music groups led by Frank Oko/Nova Veen and Ernest Johnson/Isaac Clement is to be commended.

Nova Veen regularly updates and reports the songs used to fulfil the legal copyright requirements and now also assists Christina Johnson with the 'Song Pro' system..

Youth trained by Christina Johnson confidently manage the 'Song Pro' projection system, which gives them an opportunity to serve in church life.

Norma Wapshott (Licenced Lay worker) regularly leads and preaches at services, her ministry is greatly appreciated.



PASTORAL SUPPORT

Jesus said, *For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.* Matthew 18:20

Meeting together in the name of Christ brings us together to mutually encourage and offer support. Members of the groups who meet to Pray, study the Bible, share in Ministry mutually support one another and it enables their grow in Christ.

The Prayer meeting, Bible studies, Christian faith courses, whether online or in-person offer this mutual support.

Members who are house-bound or in residential care have received a monthly visit, usually with Holy Communion. When there has been notification, others are visited as required.

BIBLE STUDIES AND SMALL GROUPS

Home Group have met over last year on alternate Tuesdays for Bible study and fellowship. Recently we listened to a Bible podcast and have a discussion on the issues highlighted from the podcast.

We have five regular members attend the study at 8pm in the church lounge.

The books studied this year have been Esther and 1 Timothy

An additional course has been followed during the periods of Lent and Advent with an extra few members attending. The Lent course continued the previous Advent theme of 'God's Big Picture' with the Bible overview. The overview of the Bible showed how God's plan was for – *'God's People to be in God's Place under God's rule and Blessing'*. This was His initial plan and is also God's plan of completion.



The Advent course of *'Knowing Jesus through the Old Testament'* showed how Jesus not only quoted a few verses of the Old Testament occasionally but was immersed and embodied the Old Testament Scripture. Jesus mission was shaped by the words of the Old testament and through His ministry He fulfilled them.

LADIES' DAY TIME BIBLE STUDY

Between 6-12 Ladies meet twice monthly (2nd & 4th) for Bible Study and fellowship on Friday lunchtime (11:30am – 12:30pm, followed by a light lunch) at the Vicarage.

Lyn Jesudason and Jenny Arnold alternate in leading the discussions based on a Bible passage.

The Bible Study resource books we have used over this period: -

'Fruit of the Spirit' by Hazel Offner, 9 Bible Studies to help us become more like Jesus.

In the Cover-to-Cover Bible study series-

'Galatians' - Freedom in Christ by John Houghton. 7 studies.

'I am' sayings of Jesus, Who is Jesus? by Chris Leonard. 7 studies.

During our studies this past year we have been reminded that it is through God's grace, Christ's sacrifice alone and faith in Christ that we have religious freedom and salvation. We are justified by faith in Christ alone, not by rule keeping.

Faith in Christ sets us free to produce the fruit of the Spirit.

We are being encouraged at present by the 'I Am' sayings Jesus makes in John's Gospel and so far have discussed "I am the bread of life", "I am the light of the world" and "I am the Good Shepherd and Gate for the sheep".

We are built up in our faith by the Bible Study discussions and come away having learned something about God or something we need to grow in as Christians. We enjoy a time of prayer together each time we meet.

We plan to continue meeting, growing, sharing and loving one another in Christ and reaching out to others.

CHILDREN's MINISTRY (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Philippians 4:13 *"For I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength"*

I thank God for allowing me to teach our Children, they are indeed a true blessing.

Numbers in Sunday school have increased, we are now in double figures!!!

In the past year the children learnt about forgiveness and love, not an easy topic but one that the children enjoyed and have absorbed.

On Mothering Sunday the children spoke about their 'Mums' and how they were special to them. It really showed how as a parent we have such an impact on our children and how being a parent is not an easy job. With God guiding us, this role is easier and such a fantastic responsibility to have.

Since COVID the Sunday school outings became a thing of the past, such a shame, but we came up with an alternative, Sunday school Picnic in the Park!

On a Saturday in July Christ Church met up at Beddington Park for a day of games, fellowship, laughter and eating. It was lovely to see many of the Church family coming together. Everyone enjoyed themselves,



Della in the river catching fish, kids paddling, family dogs running around and people just relaxing. The one surprise was how competitive our men folk were, especially Les and Grace. I think we need a men's team together!



On Remembrance Sunday the Sunday school were joined by the Uniformed organisations and some of the congregation to observe the two minute silence in the church garden. This is such a thought provoking action, still



relevant to this day. The children observed the silence respectfully and placed the remembrance crosses under the tree. A thankyou to Vibert for placing the wreath on the tree



The year doesn't end without the Nativity and Christingle. Due to lower numbers of children a play Script (WOW) for a small cast was found. With the help of Covies and the ever-willing congregation it was a success. Our thanks go to all who participated, your participation is a great witness to the children.

Della, Mark and I have watched the children grow in character and confidence. Its so rewarding teaching them and watching them absorb God's word. We are very grateful for parents and carers for bringing them to church every week.

YOUTH (COVENANTERS)

During the past year There has been approximately 10 young people who have been attending the group. The average attendance on a regular basis however is between 4-6. The numbers vary according to the activities which the young people are involved in outside of church such as football and Cricket.

During the period we have explored a number of topics. We have looked at 4 themes Creation, Fall Redemption and Restoration. We recognise that some of our young people don't naturally read the Bible and do need encouragement.

We have been exploring the books of the Old Testament and are currently on the book of Joshua. Each young person is presented with 2 chapters to read and present at the next session. So far they have taken well to the task and have made the effort to present accordingly.

Sometimes, we use online teaching which have topics relevant to what we want to explore with the young people. We have recently looked at God's plan for your life. The young people prefer interactive sessions and value the opportunity to have input in discussions. We ensure we relate Bible passages to their daily lives that way they can understand the teaching better, and the Bible is not just about being in the moment (at the time the Bible was written)

The young people appreciate learning about their faith. When we have asked them, 'What does it mean to follow God', the responses have been interesting. Some have admitted they find it hard and that it can be boring. Some have expressed that they feel the church is dying.

We have endeavoured to assure them that following God does not mean they cannot enjoy their lives, it simply means they have to live a life that is reflective of God's will for them.



The young people look forward to Sundays when they participate in worship. In November, 13 youth and 3 adult helpers attended 'Sorted', a London wide Christian event for young people. The theme was 'Under the Sun' (Ecclesiastes), which they enjoyed. In January some of our young and two adults went to bowling and a meal afterwards. This was very enjoyable event just after the Christmas holidays which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Grace, Sunita and I will continue with God's grace to be of service to our young people and we pray that the church will eventually have a Youth worker who can take the work with our young people further/over.

CHRIST CHURCH COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DROP IN (WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MONTHLY)

Another year has gone so quickly, and we find ourselves continuing to enjoy Drop In once a month. We welcome all who come through our doors, and we continue to find that people pop in, some stay and some we don't see again, but that is the nature of the group. It is a safe space for all to come in to enjoy food, to enjoy chatting to each other and learning about new things. It might be card making, First Aid from paramedics, Fostering young people, having quizzes and playing board games, using the skills of our own members to entertain and to encourage those who come. We become friends, one of our members Zeena died very suddenly in March and she will be missed so much, she loved coming to Drop In, she always brought something for the table.

Thank you to all who come, who generously bring food, who give their time and energies, who are part of Drop In family. Thank you to all those who work for Drop In making tea and coffee, preparing the food for the table, you are appreciated. Most of all we give thanks to God that we have this space to welcome people every month and show a little of God's love to those who walk through our doors.



DRUMS WITH ANTHONY

Anthony & Nicola Facey, Rita M Jones

Here is feedback from those who have benefitted from the Drumming lessons. So far, I've had a superb experience with Anthony's drum lessons and interactions with everyone at Christ church.

I've managed to pass my grade 1 with a distinction and currently working on my grade 2 with the help, patience and guidance of Anthony.

Jake (Adult student Started September 2024)

Thanks to Uncle Antony's teaching and Auntie Nicola's great support, I have been given the chance to learn drumming. Learning to play this instrument has truly impacted my life heavily. It has taught me so many things that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I now understand that dedication, discipline and passion can make great things happen. At first, I was sceptical that I could improve after seeing everything I had to remember, however one of the things I have learnt throughout this journey is that hard work, anything is possible. I am truly grateful for God, Uncle Antony and Auntie Nicola for giving me gracious opportunity to learn something I truly enjoy. -*Reuben*

My experience at these drumming lessons have been phenomenal. Our teacher is a very patient and supportive man who always encourages us, and the kind lady who marks us in always has a smile on her face as she greets us. Since doing these lessons I feel confident enough to perform at my schools plays after such a short time. Even interacting with other classes really pushes us towards their level of drumming as we aspire to be at their level one day. ~ *Victoria*



I started taking drumming classes not long ago, and I am really liking the challenge. I learnt to synchronise my hands and feet while keeping time and that improved my rhythm and focus. I'm learning the basics of drumming, before I progress onto more complex beats, which my teacher has introduced me to. Because in a little while I will have a drumming exam, I also have the motivation to practise regularly and to improve my technique.

~ *David*

We started our drumming experience. Back in September, I thought it was something we

could do as a family. Nicola and Anthony are very nice and welcoming. What I like about Anthony? He is the patient, and even when you make a mistake, he always encourages us to stop and start again. I would recommend anyone to join the sessions as it would help you to relax, it's stress free, and helps you to develop good listening skills.

~ *Dorothy. (Dorothy, David & Victoria all started as a family September 2024)*

FLOATING SHELTER (FEBRUARY 2024)

Christina Johnson has coordinated the link with Croydon Churches Floating Shelter to collect and distribute packed meals on Saturday nights (during February) to the Homeless in the town centre. Several Christ Church members prepared the packed meals, and these were taken for distribution.

A plan to re-start the Floating Shelter was looked at by Croydon churches, but more planning and preparation is required. It is hoped that something may be run for Winter 2025.

Packed and tinned food Collections were also made during the year for distribution through the Foodbank and Croydon Day Refugee Centre. The demand for this continues to grow along with the need for good quality clothing.

LOCAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY



Loving Hands pre-school Nursery continue to use the Church Hall Monday to Friday mornings and have a good number of children enrolled. The Vicar takes Christmas, Easter and end of year assemblies for the children.

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Rangers group meet on Friday evenings and had to reduce their meeting time due to insufficient volunteer leaders. Although, their numbers have grown and a large contingent supported the Remembrance Sunday service at Christ Church. The leadership is under Jaime and Julie.



Harris Primary School Croydon (HPAC) and West Thornton Primary school.

Links with both schools in the immediate area have continued to grow in 2024. The Vicar has led regular assemblies at HPAC and was invited to speak to classes at West Thornton school

The church also welcomed visits from the school. In July the church had a stall at the HPAC Summer Carnival and handed out leaflets and had conversations with parents.



Going for GOLD

With 2024 being the Olympic year, a 'Going for Gold' Holiday club day was run in August partnering with team members from London City Mission. After a period of meetings, planning and preparation the church and garden were transformed into a competitive arena for international teams. The day was filled with much enthusiasm, fun and enjoyment with a range of competitive games, quizzes and Bible lessons with a number of families taking part. It was difficult to tell whether it was the children or volunteer leaders who enjoyed the games the most.



EASTER and NATIVITY Trail

On Good Friday morning an Easter trail (interactive Easter presentation) was held with church volunteers telling the families of the Palm Sunday to Easter morning events that changed the world.



The Nativity trail similarly was an event telling the Christmas story through an interactive narration with props that the children could engage with. The teams were excellent in their cooperation and creativity in preparing and telling the story.

MISSION

CHRIST CHURCH EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH



Our Outreach Team is small but faithful. Current members are Hugh and Jenny Arnold, Les and Lyn, Benita, Lucian and we have welcomed Dorothy Maxwell, Joy Max and Dayo. Praise God for all who join us or who pray for us faithfully.

Each month we go to local people on their doorsteps offering them leaflets outlining our church activities and tracts about Christianity. We seek opportunities to explain our faith to them. As might be expected from such a multifaith area of Croydon the response can be quite mixed. There are those who are not interested, those who will politely take a leaflet and those who will discuss their faith and ours with us. Such encounters are precious

This year saw us finish our coverage of the whole West Croydon parish including the Mitcham Road itself, Canterbury Road south side where we had a particularly good response and the flats (Zodiac Court, Half Moon Court and Griffin House on London Road).

From the responses we have had I would really like you to pray particularly that God would reach out to white British people who by and large seem very resistant to the Gospel. We hear of a new upsurge in Christian belief in Britain but I would like to witness that much more on the doorsteps of West Croydon.

We would really like to encourage more people to join our team on Saturday mornings at 11 am on the first Saturday of each month. But even if you can't do that, I hope you are regularly seeking to tell others about our faith and the invitation of Jesus to all to be saved. May God bless and reward your efforts. If outreach work fills you with apprehension why not have a word with me or any member of our team. We will be happy to help you. We are also open to new ideas about developing our outreach at Christ Church but we also need people willing to take part in running new initiatives.

GLOBAL MISSION

The five Mission links supported by the church - Tearfund, YWAM (Rosemary James), Fisherman's Trust (Raj Moorthy), Bible Society and SIM (Donald & Becky Kamese), have been faithfully supported by prayer and financial support.



Donald & Becky Kamese with sons Ben, Elliot & Ethan have been active in sending regular Prayer letters and personal video messages and have been seeing many church leaders trained and built up in understanding the Bible.

Tearfund was the focus for the Harvest project and the Harvest collection was directed towards their relief work.

A Mothering Sunday gift collection was taken towards support for families (Mothers & children) in Pakistan through YWAM.

YWAM team members visited to update the Congregation on a Sunday morning giving information of the church growing despite opposition in Pakistan. There were many new opportunities opening and financial needs for translating the Bible stories to Punjabi.



The church received news from The Fisherman Trust that Raj had faced serious health problems and following treatment and a period of recovery decided to retire on health grounds. TFT have appointed another Managing director to continue the work with Youth camps.

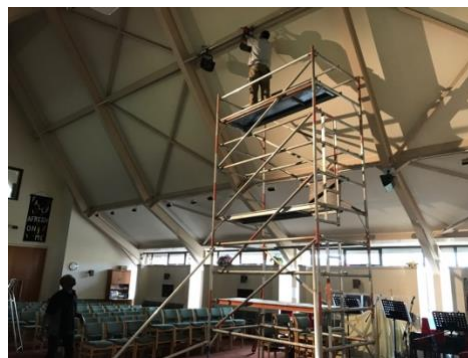
As part of Global church of Christ, our Unity is shown by our Prayers, Financial support and commitment to the extending of Gods kingdom through these mission links.

CHURCH BUILDING AND FABRIC

The Wardens (Sam Q and Kim S) oversee all the work that requires to be done by giving access for Tradesmen and ensuring the work is completed. Purchases for supplies, Bill payments, Banking, Correspondence, Hall Hire bookings and Cleaning take quite a large amount of time for Sam, Kim and Vivian.

The routine inspections and checks have been completed – which included, Boiler servicing and Safety check, PATS testing, Fire system and Extinguisher checks and the Inspection of the church alarm system. The following were also accomplished.

- △ Replace cut-out, fuse and relays in boiler room.
- △ Replaced the high level wall lights (LED) in church hall.
- △ Fitted an upgraded Fire control detection and alarm panel.
- △ Church Hall roof leak repairs.
- △ Fitting of exterior LED sensor lights in the car park.
- △ Repair and re-align main entrance door, replace External Notice board and fit external Postbox.



There are several ongoing maintenance items and repairs which need to be done. Some of these are: the decoration of walls/ceiling and replacement of flooring in the church lounge area and to provide secure outdoor storage for gardening equipment.

CHURCH GARDEN AND GROUNDS

Vivia Shaw, James Penfold, Gail Miller, Lyn Jesudason

I have been attending the church garden for about 15 years firstly helping Daisy and Len Webb.

At first there was no problems organising clean up on a Saturday with volunteers, to name a few having quality time together.

Then came Lyn, James Penfold and Gail who has emigrated, along with a contract gardener when it becomes overgrown and too much to handle. Many long hours are spent to make sure it look good.

It has become a talking point with the general community/public/residents/visitor comments like “doing a good job” and our own members who never fail to have their photos taken.



Some work has been carried out on the flintstone boundary, other areas still to be completed.

The Main gate requires replacing.

We have encountered a lot of homeless sleepers around the back of the church that requires cleaning of which must be dealt with.

The Property Agents next to the church have requested access to replace the neighbouring fence. Some waste clearance will be required.

I have continually asked for permanent storage for the tools we use, also new plants and equipment are needed from time to time. I personally think a budget needs to be set where the garden is concerned if the church wishes to continue to have lovely surroundings for visitors and community.

It has been a pleasure working and attending the garden over many years, which has taken a lot of my personal time and efforts to make it what it is, not forgetting the support I had. It's a shame to now hand over the reins. I will continue to the end of summer 2025.



DEANERY SYNOD AND LOCAL CHURCHES

The Deanery synod (Croydon Central) met three times in 2024 (February, June and September)

Two members represent Christ Church at Deanery Synod, Abiodun Daramola and Vivian Shaw. Doziem Onyeonuna completed his term in May 2024 and a vacancy remains.

Topics presented were as follows.

A presentation by Chris Elliot and Jennifer Hyde on Modern day slavery and efforts to raise awareness and tackle the problem. There are over 100,000 slavery victims in the UK today. The largest percentage being in London and South East (2.1 per 1,000 of population or 1 per 500).

At the June DS, Rev Wendy Robins, Director of Discipleship spoke on the role of the Deanery Synod. One area that all agreed on was, that reaching the youth in Croydon was seen as a high priority.

At the September DS, Natalie Walters the lead for Creation care & Justice from the Diocese spoke on the effects of climate change and how the poorest and most vulnerable are most affected.

There was opportunity to ask questions and discuss the matters presented.

St Michael's parish will be receiving a development grant to lead a project of care by appointing a 'Parish Nurse'.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Christ Church Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish.

The appointment of PCC members follows the guidance as given in the Church Representation Rules (2020).

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 a Registered Charity – number 1207486.

The PCC also has related charity - STEPHENSON CLARKE'S CHARITY, number 204625.

The Vicar & Wardens are appointed as trustees and administer small gifts to individuals/families annually, in the parish area of Christ Church.

At Christ Church the PCC consists of the incumbent (ex-officio), church wardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church and present at the Annual meeting. All who regularly attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and are given the opportunity to stand for nomination to the PCC. The 16 PCC members are responsible for making decisions on

matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including decisions on how the funds of the PCC are spent.

The PCC Standing Committee consists of the incumbent, the church wardens, the Treasurer and at least one other member of the PCC. The Standing Committee holds power to transact any urgent business of the PCC.

The full PCC met 10 times in 2024, with 2 extra meetings tabled for specific matters.

The following business was transacted by the PCC in 2024

- Agreed a role description for a Children & Families worker (part-time) and applied for a Diocese grant. The grant of £5,000 was awarded with a further grant of £3000 from the Gospel Partner Trust.
- Reviewed the Mission policy with the five Mission links (through financial support, Prayer, monthly focus during intercessions)
- Discussed and Approved the 2025 Finance budget.
- Reviewed and Agreed the Hall hire rates for 2025
- The church Inventory was updated (April 2024)
- A Mission grant was applied for to carry out repairs to the Church Hall roof and replace the Fire Control panel. A grant of £8,323 was awarded. The PCC agreed for the contract company to carry out the Roof repairs.
- The church received a gift of 5 decorative Banners with Bible quotes from Holy Trinity, Haselmere, Bucks. and the Kings' Portrait (now displayed in the church lounge).
- The PCC agreed to the following families & children's events – Easter Trail, Going for Gold (Holiday club), Nativity Trail and Picnic in Beddington Park, Sutton.
- Discussed pastoral, and administrative matters for the parish
- Received regular reports from Esther Onyeonuna the Parish Safeguarding Officer
- Discussed and agreed to pay the Diocese PSF payment through the CEEC Ephesian Fund from January 2025, to safeguard payments for Gospel ministry.
- The PCC agreed a policy and agreement which allows three car parking spaces to be let during the week.
- Agreed the focus for 2025 – Jeremiah 29:7,

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

The PCC employs one part-time cleaner, and, on an occasional basis, gardening help. Some members volunteer their time to cover the administration (Vivia S & Kim S), John S - finance (Rita MJ - accounts, Abiodun D - gift aid) and other regular necessary tasks for which we are very grateful.

SAFEGUARDING

God's word instructs us to 'speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for rights of all who are vulnerable [Proverbs 31:8]. He sets a high standard for us to follow in the manner we relate with other people and gives us meaning to the word 'safeguarding'.

We are also reminded that safeguarding is a collective responsibility. The only way for safeguarding to be effective is for everyone who worships at Christ Church to take responsibility for creating a safe environment and to be prepared to report any safeguarding concerns or suspect, even if they are unsure if it is a safeguarding concern as that might help to de-escalate it.

I therefore, encourage vigilance and transparency to help create a culture that promotes the notion of raising up safeguarding concerns or incidents. I aim to provide support and safeguard our church family. We understand that our collective vigilance will help ensure that support and help is provided when needed.

The role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer is to be the safeguarding link between the Diocese of Southwark and the Christ Church. However, Safeguarding policy is the responsibility of the PCC and Safeguarding is an agenda item at each monthly PCC meeting. The Parish Safeguarding Officer and the Vicar are jointly responsible for implementation and reporting.

Incidents

Since the last year, we have had to manage a few situations which require considerable input from the both the Vicar and the Diocese Safeguarding Team. If we are aware that someone has difficulty engaging with the church for whatever reason, we try to find a way forward, taking into account the need to safeguard the congregation as a whole.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisors have been wonderful in giving me advice and support on any safeguarding matter. I am in frequent contact with them and I am very grateful to have the benefit of their expertise and wisdom.

Training: The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) have facilitated Basic Awareness and Foundation Online training for all applicable members but particularly with front line members, working within the church. Thanks to all who have undergone the leadership and safer recruitment process training, which is one of our first line of defence. Also, I encourage new/future volunteers to undergo and support the safer recruitment process which is a prerequisite, where we ask for certificates to be renewed. This training will ensure that leaders, especially those involved with children, young adults and the elderly, engage effectively in activities with a touch point. I will continue to monitor DBS certificates that are due for renewal every 3 years to ensure applicable members have a valid DBS clearance.

Awareness: By adopting the Safer Churches policy, we have displayed this policy clearly in the hallway and at back of church, complete with contact details for the Safeguarding officer, should any problems arise.

Obligation: Safeguarding is a statutory component of the monthly Standing Committee and PCC meetings where it can be reviewed and discussed. They are responsible for the overall wellbeing, practical as well as spiritual, of their church, the church members, and the church buildings.

Oversight: I will continue to maintain an oversight on all church activities with a touch point involving children, young people and the elderly. Statement 'The PCC is committed to

fulfilling its responsibilities to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in the Church's activities.

Activities Audits/ Actions Plan: This is aimed to commence in July. The audits will help to ensure that we are practising in line with the dioceses safeguarding guideline and that all required steps are completed, while the action plan will help to facilitate things that we were not able to complete and best we can do them

As the above measures and ongoing practices and policies make clear, I can confirm that the PCC has complied with its duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH BROAD GREEN CROYDON

Is situated on Sumner Road, West Croydon and is part of the Diocese of Southwark (Church of England) and under the patronage of Simeon's Trustees.

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The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission England & Wales number 1207486.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

Clergy - Revd Les Jesudason – Vicar, Chair

Wardens - Kim Sharkie (from May 2024) Sam Quaye (since 2021)

Licensed Lay Worker - Norma Wapshott

Deanery Synod Reps. - Abiodun Daramola (2024-2027), Vivia Shaw (2024-2027),

Doziem Onyeana (2021- May 2024), Nova Veen (until May 2024)

Elected members

Onyinye Nwosu (2022-2025)	Ernest Johnson (2022-2025)
Viviene Witter (2024-2027)	Esther Mukeme (2023-2026)
Sharron Gordon (2024-2027)	Grace Kisira (2023-2024)
John Sundar (2023-2026) - Treasurer	Yemi Peterside (2024- 2026)
Sam Subamani (2022-2025)	

Approved by the PCC on 13th May 2025 and signed on their behalf by
PCC Chair - *Rev Les Jesudason*

Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Broad Green, Croydon

Annual Finance Report - 2024

It gives us a sense of gratitude to look back the way our Lord Almighty has led us through in 2024 despite the decline in church membership due to relocation and ageing members and the associated challenges. Although there is decline in church collection, the goodness of our God helped us to balance our church income through other means like rental income and grants. Therefore, our church income has exceeded one hundred thousand pounds consecutively for the third year. This has helped us to continue our mission work by supporting five mission partners serving various parts of the world, enrich our children and youth ministry, continue our outreach ministry and to carry out major repair and maintenance work etc.

An analysis of our finance 2024:

What is working well:

- ✓ Our Church income for 2024 was £113,441 which is the highest income level reached since Covid.
- ✓ We have received two major grants towards the Children and Family fund and Hall Roof repair work and the total amount of grants received was £16,403.56
- ✓ We were able to continue our support to our 5 mission partners with a total contribution of £3500
- ✓ We were able to spend £10,181 for hall roof repair work
- ✓ There was an increase of £8,880 in our Hall rental income from the previous year
- ✓ Our Reserve fund has fetched an investment income of £2,695 and the current maturity value of our reserve fund is £55,047 (£49,170 as on 31/12/2019)
- ✓ Special collection £1,318 was donated to Tear fund and YWAM towards their charity & mission work
- ✓ There was an increase of £1000 in our PSF contribution from 2023 and the PSF amount was £51,000
- ✓ There was a decrease in our utilities expenses after boiler replacement (2023-£13,251 & 2024-£8,953)

- ✓ There was a decrease in our repair and maintenance expenses (2023- £22,918 & 2024-£17,849)

What are we worried about?

- ❖ There was a huge decline in our planned giving (2023 - £36,931 & 2024 - £30,637)
- ❖ There was a huge drop in our church giving (2023 - £14,585 & 2024 - £9,689)
- ❖ There was a huge decrease in our HMRC reclaim (25%) (2023 - £11,803 & 2024 - £7,230)
- ❖ Apostolic Assembly has ended their contract with us – significant impact on our rental income
- ❖ We need to appoint a Children and Family worker – salary needs
- ❖ Church main door needs to be replaced – short term - Fragile – safety concerns
- ❖ CCTV needs to be installed – short term – To Monitor Parking & Anti-social behavior - safety concerns
- ❖ Fencing height needs to be raised as people jump over the fence - unwanted activities happen
- ❖ Foyer flooring needs to be replaced – Long term – (carpet worn out – people may trip over – safety)
- ❖ Storage unit to keep our gardening tools and other materials needs to be installed – Long term - safety
- ❖ Our Kitchen needs to be refurbished – Long term – Health and safety

What needs to happen?

- Please continue to pray for our church finance and for our church members to have a blessed life
- Continue to give generously to our church
- We need to identify potential hall hirers to increase our hall rental income
- Set up a standing order
- Gift Aid your offering to our church – we can reclaim 25% from HMRC (Tax recoverable)
- Use the online giving machine
- Sponsor materials for the major repair and refurbishment work - Kitchen, Flooring, Fencing, CCTV, Main Door and storage unit

- A special collection needs to be organised on a Sunday service to raise funds
- Special fund-raising campaign needs to be organised
- Grant application needs to be made
- Apply for Listed Places of Worship (LPW) grant scheme, which covers VAT costs on repairs and renovations
- Apply for VAT refund under VAT refund scheme for charities

Parish Support Fund (PSF)

In 2024, the indicative cost of Ministry based on one full time priest as outlined by the Southwark diocese was £86,300. On the 14th of November 2023, a budget discussion for 2024 was held at the PCC meeting and it was decided to increase our PSF contribution to the diocese to £51,000 which is £1000 more than the previous year. Despite various commitments like roof repair, children and family ministry and decrease in church collection, the PCC decided to increase our contribution. In 2024, a discussion was held around establishing partnership with the Ephesian Fund and it was decided to pay the PSF contribution to the diocese through the Ephesian fund starting from January 2025. The Archdeacon and the diocese had accepted the 2% increase and appreciated the generosity of our congregation and PCC.

Gift Aid

Our finance statements for 2024, indicates a significant decline in Gift Aid contribution due to relocation of our church members. We were able to reclaim £7,230 (25% of the gift aid contribution) under the Gift Aid reclaim scheme from HMRC for 2024-2025 which is £4,573 lesser than the previous year. We have introduced contactless payment machine to contribute to the gift aid, we have explained the HMRC tax reclaim benefit of gift aid contribution to our church members and encouraged them to set up standing order to contribute to the gift aid.

Reserves Policy and Reserves Fund

At the beginning of 2024, Christ Church had £52,352 on reserves fund deposit account held by the Diocese, this has earned an interest of £2,695 and as on 31/12/2024 we have a total of £55,047 in our Reserve fund deposit.

The PCC reserves policy is to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least six months "unrestricted payment" to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. We were able to maintain our reserve fund in accordance with our reserve fund policy. When we were in need of funds to undertake the hall roof repair work, the diocese was kind enough to provide a grant of £8,323.56 through the "Buildings for Mission MR&I Grant Fund 2024" scheme and therefore the reserve fund remains untouched and available to meet any future emergency needs.

Funds held as custodian Trustees on behalf the Stephenson Clarke Charity

The vicar and wardens are the trustees of the Stephenson Clarke charity, whose funds (interest) are generally distributed annually before Christmas to those who are considered by them to be persons in need in the parish area. or who may otherwise have been drawn to their attention by the PCC or other members of the congregation Funds were distributed to families and individuals who are facing financial difficulties due to their family plight and Covid crisis.

Banker

All our bank accounts are with the NatWest bank, Croydon Branch and we get regular statements from our banks for gift aid, general (unrestricted) account and a separate unrestricted account. We have set up online account and all our transaction are through online transfers and cheques.

Audit

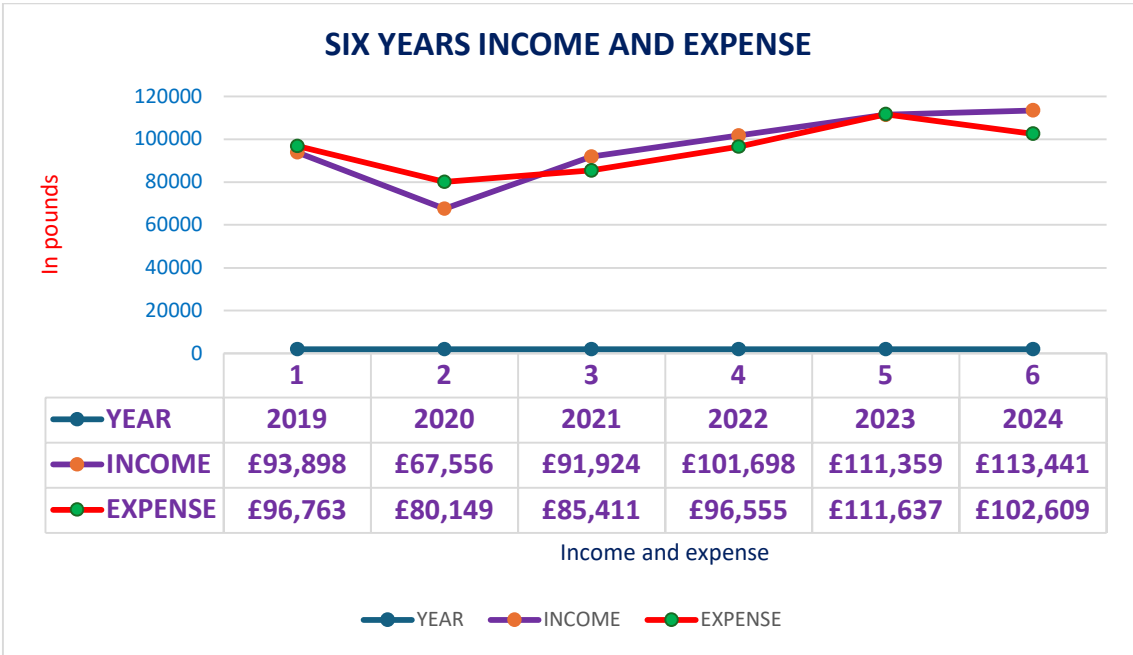
Our church annual account for 2024 was audited by Mr James Coker, our independent external examiner. It was approved by the auditor and no major concern was raised around the maintenance of our church account. Following the independent examiner's approval, it was presented to the PCC on the 5th May 2025 and it was agreed by the PCC members.

Charity Registration:

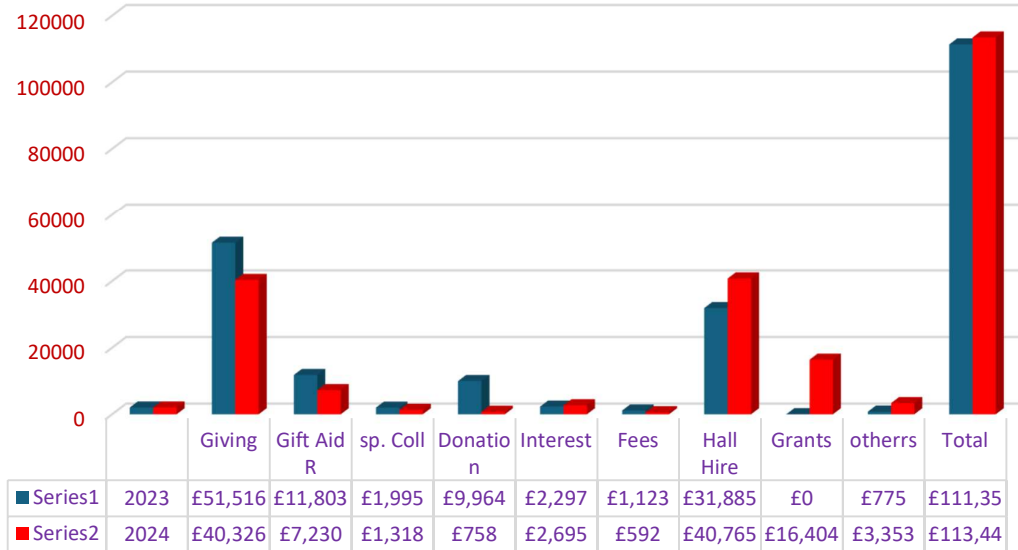
Our church income had crossed the limit of £100,000 in 2022 and 2023 and it is mandatory to register the church with charity commission when the annual income reaches above £100,000, therefore a PCC decision was made to register our church under the charity commission in 2023. As a result of this decision, our church was registered with the charity commission under the name "The Parochial Church Council

of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Broad Green Croydon” with a charity no. 1207486. Since, our church has crossed the limit of £100,000 in 2024, we will submit the annual return to charity commission this year.

Six years performance – An Overview



Income comparison 2023 & 2024



Expenses comparison 2023 & 2024



Balance Sheet

	2024	2023
	£	£
Current Assets		
Debtors		
Cash at bank	93,214	82,382
	93,214	82,382
Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year		
Net Current Assets	93,214	82,382
Net Assets	93,214	82,382
Funds		
Unrestricted - General	67,628	63,590
Designated - Vicar's & Wardens' Discretionary	751	751
Designated - Christ Church Youth	426	426
	68,805	64,767
Restricted	24,409	17,615
Total Funds	93,214	82,382

Income and Expense – Break up

2 Incoming Resources	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary Income				
Planned Giving	30,637	-	30,637	36,931
Tax Recoverable	7,230	-	7,230	11,803
Other Giving	9,689	-	9,689	14,585
Specific Collection for Other Charities	-	1,318	1,318	1,995
Donations, Appeals etc.	86	-	86	1,127
Donated Income	-	672	672	8,837
	47,642	1,990	49,632	75,278
2(b) Investment Income				
Interest	2,695	-	2,695	2,297
	2,695	-	2,695	2,297
2(c) Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities				
Church Hall Lettings	40,765	-	40,765	31,885
Fees	592	-	592	1,123
	41,357	-	41,357	33,008
2(d) Other Incoming Resources				
Other Income	3,353	-	3,353	775
Grant Received	-	16,404	16,404	-
	3,353	16,404	19,757	775
Total Incoming Resources	95,047	18,394	113,441	111,358

3 Resources Expended

3(a) Charitable Activities

Missionary and Charitable Giving	3,697	-	3,697	3,625
Specific Collection for Other Charities	-	1,318	1,318	1,940
Ministry: Diocesan Parish Share	51,000	-	51,000	50,000
Other Ministry Costs	529	101	630	156

Church Running and Maintenance

<i>Utility Bills, Repairs, Cleaning and Maintenance</i>	20,849	-	20,849	40,017
<i>Vicar's Expenses</i>	862	-	862	521
<i>Sundry Expenses</i>	2,004	-	2,004	1,300
<i>Worship Technology</i>	1,776	-	1,776	2,347

Cost of Services	352	-	352	750
Grant Expended	-	10,181	10,181	-

Youth Activities/Sunday School	825	-	825	1,238
Fees Payable to Diocese	158	-	158	638
Insurance	4,291	-	4,291	4,619
Printing and Stationery	837	-	837	1,072
Telephone	928	-	928	790
Functions	2,475	-	2,475	2,586
Professional Fees	426	-	426	38

Total Resources Expended	91,009	11,600	102,609	111,637
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Income and Expense/Net movement of Funds – An Overview

		Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
		Funds	Funds	2024	2023
Note		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Voluntary Income	2(a)	47,642	1,990	49,632	75,279
Investment Income	2(b)	2,695	-	2,695	2,297
		41,357	-	41,357	33,008
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities					
Other Incoming Resources	2(c)	3,353	-	3,353	775
Grant Received	2(d)	-	16,404	16,404	-
		95,047	18,394	113,441	111,359
Total Incoming Resources					
Resources Used					
Charitable Activities	3(a)	91,009	11,600	102,609	111,637
		91,009	11,600	102,609	111,637
Total Resources Used					
Net Income / (Expenditure) Resources Before Transfer					
		4,038	6,794	10,832	(278)
Transfers					
Gross Transfers Between Funds		-	-	-	-
Other Recognized Gains and Losses					
Gains / Losses on Investment Assets		-	-	-	-
		4,038	6,794	10,832	(278)
Net Movement in Funds					
Total Funds Brought Forward at 1 January 2024		64,767	17,615	82,382	82,659
Total Funds Carried Forward at 31 December 2024		68,805	24,409	93,214	82,382

Restricted and Un Restricted Fund Flow

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £		
Debtors					
Tax Recoverable	-	-	-		
Other Debtors and Repayment	-	-	-		
	-	-	-		
Liabilities					
Amounts Falling Due Within One Year					
Accruals For Utility and Other Costs	-	-	-		
Other Creditors	-	-	-		
	-	-	-		
Unrestricted Funds					
	31-Dec-23	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31-Dec-24
		£	£	£	
General Funds	63,589	95,047	91,009	4,038	67,627
	63,589	95,047	91,009	4,038	67,627
	31-Dec-23	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31-Dec-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Other Missionary Giving	6,888	672	-	672	7,560
Grants (C&F, Roof repair, Boiler)	6,699	16,404	10,181	6,223	12,922
Christ Church Youth Fund (Covies)	596	-	101	(101)	495
Vicar's and Wardens' Discretionary	1,291	-	-	-	1,291
Digital Inclusion Training	2,126	-	-	-	2,126
Specific Collection for Other Charities	15	1,318	1,318	0	15
	17,615	18,394	11,600	6,794	24,409

I thank our lord almighty and give all praise and honour for his provisions to meet the overall needs of our church. I would also like to acknowledge and appreciate the efforts our Pastor Rev. Les Jesudason in mobilising funds from various sources for major projects and the general running of our church activities. Despite the escalation of the cost-of-living crisis, our church members continue to prove their generosity and commitment for the welfare of the church and I would like to thank them for their strenuous support and prayers. Our Finance Advisory Group, PCC members, Rita and Abbey were also instrumental in making vital financial decisions and to manage our finance efficiently and effectively.

John Sundar A R

PCC Treasurer

**Independent Examiner's report to the
Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Broad Green, Croydon
Charity No. 1207486**

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

The members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The members of the PCC 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 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 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 Statement

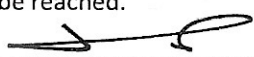
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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 financial activities.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have 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; and
_ to prepare financial statements, which accord with these accounting records, 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.


Mr James Coker MBA FCCA
Coker Isah & Co.
74 Church Road
London SE19 2EZ

Date 12/05/2025

Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Broad Green, Croydon
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
	Note				
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Voluntary Income	2(a)	47,642	1,990	49,632	75,279
Investment Income	2(b)	2,695	-	2,695	2,297
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities		41,357	-	41,357	33,008
Other Incoming Resources	2(c)	3,353	-	3,353	775
Grant Received	2(d)	-	16,404	16,404	-
Total Incoming Resources		95,047	18,394	113,441	111,359
Resources Used					
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Net Income / (Expenditure) Resources Before Transfer					
		4,038	6,794	10,832	(278)
Transfers					
Gross Transfers Between Funds		-	-	-	-
Other Recognized Gains and Losses					
Gains / Losses on Investment Assets		-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		4,038	6,794	10,832	(278)
Total Funds Brought Forward at 1 January 2024		64,767	17,615	82,382	82,659
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Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Broad Green, Croydon
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 13th May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

L. Jesudason

Les Jesudason

Rev. Les Jesudason (Chairman)

John Sundar

John Sundar

John Sundar (Treasurer)

Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Broad Green, Croydon
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005. 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 the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent.

a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and

b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources: Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended: Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £2,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Broad Green, Croydon
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

2 Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2(a) Voluntary Income				
Planned Giving	30,637	-	30,637	36,931
Tax Recoverable	7,230	-	7,230	11,803
Other Giving	9,689	-	9,689	14,585
Specific Collection for Other Charities	-	1,318	1,318	1,995
Donations, Appeals etc.	86	-	86	1,127
Donated Income	-	672	672	8,837
	<u>47,642</u>	<u>1,990</u>	<u>49,632</u>	<u>75,278</u>
2(b) Investment Income				
Interest	2,695	-	2,695	2,297
	<u>2,695</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,695</u>	<u>2,297</u>
2(c) Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities				
Church Hall Lettings	40,765	-	40,765	31,885
Fees	592	-	592	1,123
	<u>41,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,357</u>	<u>33,008</u>
2(d) Other Incoming Resources				
Other Income	3,353	-	3,353	775
Grant Received	-	16,404	16,404	-
	<u>3,353</u>	<u>16,404</u>	<u>19,757</u>	<u>775</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>95,047</u>	<u>18,394</u>	<u>113,441</u>	<u>111,358</u>
3 Resources Expended				
3(a) Charitable Activities				
Missionary and Charitable Giving	3,697	-	3,697	3,625
Specific Collection for Other Charities	-	1,318	1,318	1,940
Ministry: Diocesan Parish Share	51,000	-	51,000	50,000
Other Ministry Costs	529	101	630	156
Church Running and Maintenance				
Utility Bills, Repairs, Cleaning and Maintenance	20,849	-	20,849	40,017
Vicar's Expenses	862	-	862	521
Sundry Expenses	2,004	-	2,004	1,300
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Grant Expended	-	10,181	10,181	-
Youth Activities/Sunday School	825	-	825	1,238
Fees Payable to Diocese	158	-	158	638
Insurance	4,291	-	4,291	4,619
Printing and Stationery	837	-	837	1,072
Telephone	928	-	928	790
Functions	2,475	-	2,475	2,586
Professional Fees	426	-	426	38
Total Resources Expended	<u>91,009</u>	<u>11,600</u>	<u>102,609</u>	<u>111,637</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £		
Debtors					
Tax Recoverable	-	-	-		
Other Debtors and Repayment	-	-	-		
	-	-	-		
Liabilities					
Amounts Falling Due Within One Year					
Accruals For Utility and Other Costs	-	-	-		
Other Creditors	-	-	-		
	-	-	-		
Unrestricted Funds					
	31-Dec-23	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31-Dec-24
		£	£	£	
General Funds	63,589	95,047	91,009	4,038	67,627
	63,589	95,047	91,009	4,038	67,627
	31-Dec-23	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31-Dec-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Other Missionary Giving	6,888	672	-	672	7,560
Grants (C&F, Roof repair, Boiler)	6,699	16,404	10,181	6,223	12,922
Christ Church Youth Fund (Covies)	596	-	101	(101)	495
Vicar's and Wardens' Discretionary	1,291	-	-	-	1,291
Digital Inclusion Training	2,126	-	-	-	2,126
Specific Collection for Other Charities	15	1,318	1,318	0	15
	17,615	18,394	11,600	6,794	24,409