

**Eltham Parish Church of
St John the Baptist**

ANNUAL REPORTS

**PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH
MEETING HELD ON 18th MAY 2025**



The church built on a hill

Vicar:

Revd Caroline Risdon

Bank:

Barclays Bank UK plc

Independent Financial Examiner:

Beracah Administration Ltd
Incorporated Financial Accounts
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Background

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent or (during an interregnum) the churchwardens, in promoting to the Ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for the maintenance of the church building and the hall attached to the north side of the church.

PCC Membership

Membership of the PCC includes churchwardens (ex-officio), representatives on the Deanery Synod and others elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). In accordance with Church Representation Rules and in addition to the ex-officio members it consists of members elected for a three year term with a third retiring each year. Elected members may serve for a maximum of two consecutive terms.

During 2024 the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar	Revd Caroline Risdon
Curate	Revd Caroline Wyman (until 20 October 2024)
Assistant Curate	Revd Joanne McCrone
Hon. Clergy	Fr William David
Churchwarden	Alberta Rosenior
Treasurer	Patricia Gooding
Secretary	Robert Lawrie
Deanery Synod	Alberta Rosenior, Michaela Radulescu
Elected Members	Jill Bayliss (Electoral Roll Officer) Michael Cheesman Michelle Gefferie Patricia Gooding (Treasurer) Stuart Hodgson Robert Lawrie (Secretary) Josephine Macaulay Colin MacKenzie Dianne Slack Dorian Woodward

The PCC met six times in 2024 with a good average attendance. Minutes are filed in the church office and available to see on request. Committees met between PCC meetings, reports being made available for PCC deliberations and approval.

Committees

The PCC is able to appoint sub-committees which meet between full meetings of the Church Council. At present, no specific sub-committees are appointed. The PCC must appoint a Standing Committee which includes the Parish Priest and churchwarden(s) and at least two other PCC members.

Standing Committee

Revd Caroline Risdon	Chair
Alberta Rosenior	Churchwarden
Dorian Woodward	Fabric
Patricia Gooding	Treasurer
Robert Lawrie	PCC Secretary
Colin McKenzie	Banking

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. A short meeting will be held after the APCM to confirm nominated PCC and Standing Committee members for the year ahead.

Safeguarding Officers

Alberta Rosenior
Yvonne Watkins-Knight

Church Website Maintenance

Colin McKenzie

The Incumbent and churchwarden(s) are ex-officio members of all committees.

Church Attendance

The Church Electoral Roll is renewed every six years by law, which was the case for St John's this year. There were 117 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll before the creation of the new roll for the 2025 APCM (37 residents of the Parish and 80 non-residents).

The new 2025 Electoral Roll comprises 107 members (34 resident in the Parish and 73 resident outside the parish).

2024 Attendance

- The average weekly attendance, counted in October 2024, was 74 adults and 24 children.
- Christmas Eve: The Christingle Service was attended by 65 adults and 55 children.
- Christmas Day (two services): were attended by 97 adults and 14 children.
- Easter Day Service attendance was 140 (115 adults/25 children). There were 92 communicants.

**Eltham parish church
St John the Baptist**

Sunday 18 May 2025

2024 Annual Vestry Meeting

AGENDA

1. The Minutes of the last meeting on 5th May 2024
2. Election of Churchwardens

1. Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting Sunday 5th May 2024

Chair: Revd Caroline Risdon

Present: 32 Parishioners

Minutes of the meeting held 21st May 2023

Proposed by Beverley Howard and seconded by Josephine Macaulay that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. **All present agreed**

2. Election of Churchwarden

The nomination of Alberta Rosenior was proposed by Jean Harker and seconded by Jenny Crease. There being no other nominations **all present agreed** that Alberta Rosenior be elected as Churchwarden subject to the waiver of the six year continuous service disqualification which was applied.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025

AGENDA

1. Announcement of the election of churchwardens
2. Minutes of the APCM held on 5 May 2024
See next page
3. Matters Arising
4. Elections
 - a) Parochial Church Council: There are no nominations for membership as all existing PCC members are in term. Elections will be required in 2026.
 - b) Deanery Synod: Members re-election will be in 2026
5. Appointment of the Independent Financial Examiner
The PCC approved the retention of our current examiner, Neal Rogers, Beracah Administration, at its 2 March 2025 meeting.
6. Reports for the 2025 APCM
 - a) The Vicar's Report
 - b) Deanery Synod Report
 - c) Safeguarding Report
 - d) Churchwarden's Report
 - e) Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements*These reports follow Agenda Item 2*
7. Matters of General Parochial Interest 2024 APCM
Are included in the Minutes of the 2024 APCM (Agenda Item 2)

Questions from members arising from this 2025 agenda and answers from the Chair will be recorded in the Minutes of the 2025 APCM and reported in the 2026 APCM agenda.

St John the Baptist, Eltham
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Minutes of the APCM held on 5 May 2024

1. Announcement of Election of churchwarden

Revd Caroline Risdon declared the result of the 2024 Annual Vestry meeting to elect the Churchwarden that Alberta Rosenior had been elected for the forthcoming year.

2. Minutes of the last meeting 21 May 2023

The Minutes were approved; proposed by Patricia Gooding, seconded by Jean Harker, unanimously agreed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. PCC Membership

Nominations received for Jill Bayliss and Robert Lawrie were unanimously agreed.

It was noted that Jean Harker had now left the PCC and also her role as Electoral Roll Officer, leaving this position vacant. Revd Caroline Risdon thanked Jean for her years of dedicated support and service. All present agreed.

The amended list of PCC members is attached.

5. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner

It was noted that the PCC approved the retention of our current Independent Financial Examiner, Neal Rogers, Beracah Administration at its 17 March 2024 meeting.

Acceptance of this and the Annual Accounts was proposed by Patricia Gooding and seconded by Gill Hayes; all present agreed.

6. 2024 Church Annual Report

Revd Caroline outlined each individual report (Vicar's, Deanery & Diocesan Synod, Safeguarding and Churchwarden's Reports).

The Vicar announced that Yvonne Watkins-Knight had kindly agreed to join the safeguarding team, the existing member being Alberta Rosenior.

The Treasurer, Patricia Gooding, was on hand to answer any specific points on the annual accounts.

Theo Lester, Organist and Music Director gave a brief summary covering the organ, (recognised as being one of the most important in the diocese of Southwark) and musical achievements of the choir. It is hoped that the status of the organ will support significant grant applications for its full restoration.

There being no specific issues or questions, the meeting moved to the next item.

7. Matters of General Parochial Interest

a) Request for the choir to process out later at the end of the service to signal clearly when the service was over and the congregation should leave their seats. *Agreed and implemented the following week.*

b) The outside noticeboard does not function properly, preventing notices from being displayed; it needs replacing. Also the possibility of advertising in SE9 Magazine. *Recognised and Jean will investigate but action is delayed due to limited capacity to*

deal with these things. Administrative support is actively being investigated.

c) *The photo of the late Queen Elizabeth 2nd should be replaced now. All churches were given copy of the photo to mark the funeral, the book of condolence and bell tolling. It is hoped that it will be replaced in due course by a memorial plaque, but that this would require a faculty!*

d) *What is the relationship with the church school like? Close. Clergy take collective worship weekly. Services are held in church each term. Governors from the congregation. Many church families are also school-goers so forms a natural community. There is a display board in church for RE work and there will be a school page on the church website.*

e) *What are the relationships with other local churches - is there opportunity for closer relationships? There are already close relationships within the deanery of Eltham and Mottingham. Local Pentecostal churches, however, do not recognise female clergy, so any association is limited. The United Reformed Church (URC) in Court road is closing in June and some of its members may join our congregation.*

8. Any Other Business

No other business was reported and the meeting duly concluded.

Robert Lawrie
PCC Secretary

27 May 2024.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Vicar's report – Revd Caroline Risdon

St John the Baptist Church, Eltham

APCM to be held on 18th May 2025

Part One- Review of the past year:

As I write this report, we have celebrated the resurrection of our Lord once more. Each year we hear the same story, yet we come to it from a fresh perspective as we face the changes of our life and world. In the same vein, it is good to remember and recognise all that has happened from one APCM to another.

1) Building up of Church.

During 2024 the numbers of people attending services has increased and stabilised. We continue to have older children come forward for early admission to Communion, as well as adults come forward for confirmation.

I'd like to recognise the significant growth of the choir and how the beautiful choral music enhances our worship. Thank you, Theo, and the choir members, for your skill and dedication.

2) Opening the Church to the Community.

Over our Patronal Weekend (22/23 June), we held an old- fashioned Church fete, which was very well attended. Our history tours and open bell tower proved extremely popular. This wonderful weekend raising our profile among the local community was ended with a meaningful Choral Evensong.

3) The Clergy team.

In October 2024, we wished a fond farewell to our Curate, Caroline, and her family. She has settled in well in Rotherham thanks in no small part to all she learnt with us.

In June 2024, we were blessed to receive Curate Jo! She has really made her mark on our Church life and worship- carrying on the leadership of the Wilderness Group; starting both the cleaning club and the Older Children's Group; and even arranging a cinema outing!

Last June, Father William and I shared a joint service of celebration of our combined 30 years in ministry. It is a great joy to have William's friendship and wisdom alongside me here at St Johns. Thanks, William and Jo, for all you offer me and the community.

4) The Building project.

In December 2024, the entire Church; Tower; and Hall were completely and safely re-wired. We had failed our 5 yearly electrical inspections since 2003 so this work was very much overdue.

As an interim heating measure, we also raised funds for the heated pew cushions, which have quite literally enabled us to continue holding services through the winter. The Give to go Green campaign was an out and out success! Over 6 weeks, we raised £13 500, overshooting our intended amount of £12 400. The fundraising campaign was launched on 8th September and the cushions were delivered to the Vicarage on 6th January 2025- an incredible achievement!

Ongoing work:

We have finally received approval for works to be completed under the Places of Worship Security Funding scheme. Our recommendations include external CCTV; burglar alarms with panic buttons; and fencing around the old mortuary building and the back perimeter of the Church hall. These measures aim at moving anti-social behaviour off site and of identifying any potential perpetrators.

Part Two- the year ahead:

- Curate Jo will be ordained Priest in July 2025. Please join me in praying for her, Paul, and their family at this significant moment in their lives. It is a great joy for our Church too!
- 2025 is the year of planning for the building project!

I will shortly submit a funding bid to the National Heritage Fund for a grant to build up the project plan. This will include reports on the building; the types of carbon net zero heating options we have; plans and drawings for the toilets and kitchen point; costing for all works etc. These reports will be used to build our major project plan and to then approach various charities and bodies for grants.

- Our Church is growing, despite our building being freezing cold! This is to do with the warmth of our relationships with one another and how all our work is underpinned by prayer and worship together.

St Johns continues to be a happy and growing Church family. There is much to do and become over the next few years and I ask for your prayers, patience and energy as we build up our Church on the Hill together.

God bless, Caroline
23rd April 2025

Deanery Synod events:

Over the past year, the Deanery Synod has focussed on Inclusion, Diversity and wellbeing. We have wanted especially to raise awareness of different issues and to offer ways of looking after ourselves to those who attend Deanery events.

9th June 2024- An afternoon gathering at the Peace Garden of All Saints, New Eltham. This was followed by a picnic and evening prayer.

2nd October 2024- Revd Juliet hosted a wellbeing session at St Lukes Church. This included an exercise class for all abilities and highlighted the importance of physical wellbeing.

7th December 2024- An Advent retreat was scheduled at St Saviours, but was cancelled due to the inclement weather.

2nd February 2025- The Deanery Confirmation service was hosted at St John the Baptist and conducted by Bishop Alastair Cutting (Woolwich).

27th March 2025- An event raising awareness about Autism was held at St Edward the Confessor.

Revd Caroline continues as the Assistant Area Dean for the Deanery and is therefore on the standing committee planning these events.

Revd Caroline Risdon

25/04/2025

Eltham Parish of St John the Baptist Church

APCM - Safeguarding Report for 18 May 2025

1. Safeguarding Audit

1.1 The Diocese of Southwark commissioned a Church self-assessment safeguarding audit in February of this year. The audit was completed by the Parish Safeguarding Officers, and approved by the PCC, and submitted within the given 6-week deadline date of 4th March'25.

1.2 This process has helped us identify some policy reviews, such as safer recruitment, GDPR, complaints, grievance and whistle-blowing.

2. Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Checks

2.1 We can confirm that all necessary DBS checks are up to date, or are currently in the process, for those applicable i.e. who have a Church role. Of the 23 relevant Church members who have a church role, 2 are exempt and 3 have not complied with the application process of attaining a DBS check. 16 have completed DBS checks, 2 to be confirmed. These numbers include all recently recruited volunteers working with the older children's group, and the children's choir group as well as PCC members.

2.2 DBS checks are renewed every 3 years and reminders are sent by the Parish Safeguarding Officers.

3. Safeguarding Training

3.1 All Church office holders and recruited volunteers co-ordinating activities with children, young people and vulnerable adults are required and expected to complete safeguarding training. Information on how to access safeguarding training is provided by the Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSO), and is monitored for completion. There have been 7 newly recruited volunteers identified by safeguarding this year to which training applies.

3.2 All PCC members are currently updating/refreshing their safeguarding training and by July'25 it is hoped will have notified PSO's they have completed Basic and Foundation levels.

3.3 Safeguarding training is refreshed every 3 years and is monitored by the Parish Safeguarding Officers and delivered by the diocese.

3.4 In an effort to support awareness raising and a culture of support and vigilance in the Church, the diocese recommends that all those who help out in Church e.g. on

refreshments, flower arranging, choir members and of course bell ringers are encouraged to complete appropriate safeguarding training.

4. Safeguarding incidents and concerns raised

4.1 There has been 2 concerns raised this year. Both resolved.

4.2 All concerns raised are confidential and are managed by the Parish Safeguarding Officers.

5. Ongoing safeguarding initiatives

5.1 Safeguarding Sunday took place on 17th November 2024. It was led by Caroline dedicating a Sunday Service to the theme of safeguarding. PSO's made available several information posters and leaflets on Church notice boards and on the information table about what to do and who to contact if there is a safeguarding concern anyone is worried about.

5.2 The Parish Safeguarding Officers held a safeguarding awareness session on 16th March with the older children's group covering safeguarding at Church, what safeguarding is, how to keep safe, and who to talk to should they ever feel unsafe. This will be repeated again on or around Safeguarding Sunday.

5.3 New safeguarding induction packs have been put together for church volunteers. This will be automatically given to new volunteers upon recruitment, who are working with children and vulnerable adults. The packs include information on:

- Who's who at St John's and their contact
- Online DBS procedures for applicants
- The code of Safer Working Practice
- How to access book online and access Safeguarding Training
- St John's Safeguarding Policy
- St John's Activity Risk Assessment form
- St John's Activity Registration Consent form (children)
- Information about keeping St John's safe and Parish Safeguarding Officers

Content will be reviewed and updated as necessary. Packs are currently being distributed as appropriate.

5.4 The safeguarding website page has been updated with the Safeguarding policy, a children's safeguarding video and two accompanying leaflets for children and parents about how the church keeps their children safe. We are currently in the process of making the video more easily accessible. A children's activity consent form for easy download by parents is to be added soon, however is currently available from the activity leader.

5.5 Leaders of activities have been asked to complete risk assessments for their activities on an annual basis. This will take place every April, and as and when there are changes which require earlier review.

5.6 The PCC were provided with pocket guide reminders of what to do if they have a safeguarding concern or handle a disclosure. The pocket guide will be made available in the new volunteer induction packs also.

Our thanks to our Clergy team, PCC and Southwark Diocese who have been actively supportive with helping us continue to keep St John the Baptist, a safe Church.

**Alberta Rosenior and Yvonne Watkins-Knight
Parish Safeguarding Officers
Eltham Parish Church St John's the Baptist**

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Churchwarden's report 2025

The churchwardens' duties interface between the people of the local parish, the Vicar and the church of England institutions. The role's objective is to support the Vicar's ministry.

The wardens work with the church administrator and/or Standing Committee for the Annual Parochial Church Meetings, usually convened in May each year.

Ideally, a monthly meeting should be held to check the vicar's well-being and liaise with the church administrator/Standing Committee as well as other meetings to make executive decisions.

I must acknowledge our appreciation for the work that our outgoing churchwarden Dorian Woodward who stepped down about two years ago, but continued to help as we sought a replacement; thank you so much Dorian, your help is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to welcoming our second churchwarden subject to approval being given at the May 2025 APCM.

The year 2024 has been eventful and dramatic;

Terrier and Inventory

With regard to acquisitions, we have purchased 100 heated cushions as a temporary but comfortable measure pending a more permanent solution to our heating problems. Fortunately, this winter was fairly mild. We have also acquired the necessary re-charging units and shelving to stack the cushions on when they are not in use

All the normal routine inspections have been undertaken and the relevant certificates are available for inspection.

Repair and Maintenance

Most members of the congregation will know that the major issue relating repair and maintenance facing the church during the last year concerned the heating and wiring. It has been decided that these issues should be tackled as part of a much broader re-building programme and vision for the future of the Church. At the moment we are very much in the planning stage. However, some work has already been undertaken as following a full electrical survey the church has almost completely been rewired. There remains a small amount of rewiring work to be done in the loft above the hall. This was delay was due to a rodent infestation. It seems likely that squirrels have been chewing through the wiring. The whole area has now been thoroughly disinfected and we expect the rewiring to be completed in the near future.

Having dealt with the wiring issue the next phase will involve dealing with the building issues around accessible toilets, heating, lighting, sound systems and sustainability etc. This will be the focus for the coming year.

Safeguarding

We continue to require all relevant members of the congregation to attend or complete online safeguarding courses. We also ensure that all the appropriate people undergo the DBS certification process which checks for convictions and conditional cautions. We stress that safeguarding is the responsibility of all members of the congregation.

Log Book

The usual routine maintenance has been undertaken. This has included some repairs to the roof of the lychgate which were carried out and paid for by the Council.

Following a couple of incidents, last year we undertook works to the main entrances to the Church with a view to making them more secure. We are pleased to report that there have been no further incidents but remain open to looking at ways to increase security in consultation with the Police and Church authorities, should the need arise.

Organ

Fortunately, there have been no major problems or maintenance issues with regard to the organ this year. However, the expert advice we received some time ago indicates that a major overhaul is necessary soon. We are, therefore, delighted that thanks to Theo's efforts, the organ has been formally recognised as an outstanding example of its type by being awarded grade 1 listing by the British Institute of Organ Studies. This should greatly increase the opportunities for successful grant applications. Furthermore, it will help us make the organ refurbishment a focal point of the overall rebuilding project.

Faculties

We have made only one application this year which was successful and involved the granting permission for emergency rewiring works

Church Yard and Community Payback Scheme

Workers under the supervision of the Community Payback Scheme have continued clearance and maintenance work in the Church Yard. This is now being done on Mondays rather than Thursdays. It has been a very long time since the Church yard has looked so well maintained.

We have also made use of this scheme to get a variety of minor jobs carried out in and around the Church. For example, in future they will take responsibility for ensuring the batteries to our heated cushions are kept charged.

Lettings

Currently the heating and electrical problems etc, have severely limited the opportunities to obtain income from lettings. One of the major aims of the building

project will be to address this situation. Making the Church an attractive letting option will not only generate much needed additional income but also enhance our position at the centre of the community.

Volunteering

As in previous years we would like to encourage more members of the congregation to volunteer to give their time and/or talents. There is an amazing range of opportunities to help out so if you feel you could answer this call, please don't hesitate to approach Revd. Caroline or your Churchwarden. In the meantime, we would like to thank all those who already do so much to help the Church run smoothly.

Conclusion

We would like to record our appreciation for all the work undertaken by the PCC and by other members of the congregation during 2024. In particular we thank both our Vicar, Curate Jo and Father William for all their efforts on our behalf in what has proved to be yet another challenging year. We would also like to thank the congregation for their patience and forbearance in connection with our heating problems.

Looking forward we clearly face a massive challenge in tackling the problems relating to the physical fabric of the Church. The rebuilding programme we envisage will be by far the biggest and most complex works we have undertaken since the building of the Church Hall. At first sight this may appear to be a daunting task but we are confident that we have made a good start.

We look forward to the coming year with optimism.

Alberta Rosenoir

Churchwarden

April 2025

Financial Report for the year ending 31 December 2024

The rewiring of the church was nearly completed in December 2024, leaving a small amount to do at a later stage, meaning that we were able to provide small heaters for church services. The overall cost amounted to a little over £14,000, but the remaining wiring work will be an additional cost to the church.

In the continuing absence of heating the church applied for matched funding through the 'Give to go Green' fund and with the generosity of the congregation, the church managed to raise over £13,000 to purchase 100 heated pew cushions which arrived soon after, but not in time for Christmas as hoped. I would like to thank all who gave so generously.

At the end of December, the balance in the current account was £23,045.74. The income for the year received from HMRC for Gift Aid donations amounted to £9,584.32. Could I ask again that if you are a UK tax payer and have yet to complete a gift aid form to do so: it adds £2.50 to every £10 donated to the church. Gift aid forms can be obtained from Angela Davis.

Unfortunately, the church's expenses in 2024 exceeded our income. One of the factors for this is that we can no longer hire the hall out due to the lack of heating. Hopefully during the summer months, we will get some enquires for room hire.

Robyn Price (Gift Aid Officer) has worked hard this year in conjunction with Angela Davis (Stewardship Officer) to ensure that the claiming of Gift Aid is up to date. A very big thank you to both.

Also, I would like to thank all those who continue to contribute monies to the church. The Diocesan Quota for the year 2024 was £11,550 which will increase in 2025 and the church insurance was £7,307.77. This is on top of any other expenditure incurred by the Church.

Accounting Basis

As our gross income is less than £250,000, we submit accounts on a 'Receipt and Payment' basis. This means that we do not accrue amounts owing or owed at the year end.

Patricia Gooding

Treasurer

ELTHAM PARISH CHURCH
Saint John the Baptist

ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR TO
31 DECEMBER 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, ELTHAM
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

Receipts and Payments Account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>						
Planned Giving		40,291	-	-	40,291	30,723
Collections and other Giving	5a	8,273	-	-	8,273	10,431
Income tax recovered		5,400	-	-	5,400	9,356
		<u>53,964</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,964</u>	<u>50,510</u>
Other voluntary receipts	5b	-	17,223	-	17,223	3,532
Receipts from Church Activities	5c	163	-	-	163	2,146
Activities for generating funds	5d	1,761	-	-	1,761	70
Investment income	5e	1,129	-	-	1,129	1,151
Other income	5f	130	-	-	130	-
		<u>57,147</u>	<u>17,223</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,370</u>	<u>57,409</u>
Payments						
<i>Church activities</i>						
Diocesan parish share		12,600	-	-	12,600	12,000
Other payments	5g	48,066	16,532	-	64,598	63,144
		<u>60,666</u>	<u>16,532</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,198</u>	<u>75,144</u>

Excess of Receipts over Payments		(3,519)	691	-	(2,828)	(17,735)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>(3,519)</u>	<u>691</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,828)</u>	<u>(17,735)</u>
Bank accounts 01.01.2024		23,263	2,414	519	26,196	43,931
Bank accounts 31.12.2024		<u>£19,744</u>	<u>£3,105</u>	<u>£519</u>	<u>£23,368</u>	<u>£26,196</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, ELTHAM
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

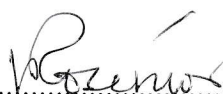
Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
<i>Investment Assets</i>						

46 CBF Church of England Investment Fund shares at market value	2	£-	£-	£1,064	£1,064	£1,040
<i>Cash Funds</i>						
St Johns Community Account		19,672	3,105	519	23,296	26,085
Churchyard Current Account		-	-	-	-	-
Cash in hand		72	-	-	72	111
		£19,744	£3,105	£519	£23,368	£26,196
<i>Represented by:</i>						
Unrestricted Funds		17,539	-	-	17,539	21,058
Designated Funds	3	2,205	-	-	2,205	2,205
Restricted Funds	4	-	3,105	-	3,105	2,414
Endowment Fund		-	-	519	519	519
		£19,744	£3,105	£519	£23,368	£26,196

Approved by the PCC on 2ND MARCH 2025
Signed on their behalf by


Chairperson


Churchwarden


 Member

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, ELTHAM
 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

NOTES

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

The Endowment Fund must be retained as a capital fund, but the income arising is to be spent on the upkeep of the churchyard. It is invested in CBF Church of England Investment shares and is shown in the accounts at market value.

The movements in designated funds during the year were:

		Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal c/fwd
Social Club Fund		484	-	-	-	484
Music Fund		1,310	-	-	-	1,310
Worship Fund		411	-	-	-	411
		<u>2,205</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,205</u>

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

		Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal c/fwd
Christian Aid		-	742	(742)	-	-
Childrens Society		-	-	-	-	-
Churchyard/ Fabric		1,140	-	-	-	1,140
British Legion		160	-	(160)	-	-
Diddy Disciples		256	-	(256)	-	-
Go green		-	13,485	(13,349)	-	136

South London Church Fund		858	2,996	(2,025)	-	1,829
		2,414	17,223	(16,532)	-	3,105

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Receipts and Payments Analysis

5a Collections and Other Giving

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Collections		4,837	-	-	4,837	7,592
Sundry Donations		3,436	-	-	3,436	2,839
		8,273	-	-	8,273	10,431

5b Other Voluntary Receipts

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023	
		£	£	£	£	£	
Christian Aid		-	742	-	742	625	
Childrens Society		-	-	-	-	73	

Diddy Disciples		-	-	-	-	376	
Go Green		-	13,485	-	13,485	-	
South London Church Fund		-	2,996	-	2,996	2,122	
British Legion		-	-	-	-	296	
Other		-	-	-	-	40	
		-	17,223	-	17,223	3,532	

5c Receipts from Church Activities

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Sundry Income		-	-	-	-	15
Fees – Weddings, Funerals & Searches		-	-	-	-	885
Hall Lettings		163	-	-	163	1,246
		163	-	-	163	2,146

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5d Activities for Generating Funds

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Fetes, etc.		1,670	-	-	1,670	-

Small Sales		91	-	-	91	70	
		1,761	-	-	1,761	70	

5e Investment Income

		Unrestrict ed Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowme nt Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023	
		£	£	£	£	£	
Dividends		29	-	-	29	28	
Churchyard – Endowment Interest		-	-	-	-	23	
Beadles – Rental Income		1,100	-	-	1,100	1,100	
		1,129	-	-	1,129	1,151	

5f Other Income

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Insurance Claims		130	-	-	130	-

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5g Other Payments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Christian Aid	-	742	-	742	740
Childrens Society	-	-	-	-	73
British Legion	-	160	-	160	136
Diddy Disciples	-	256		256	-
Go Green	-	13,349		13,349	-
Joan's Celebration	-	-	-	-	130
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	-	-	-	-	290
South London Church Fund	-	2,025	-	2,025	1,816
Clergy Expenses	1,662	-	-	1,662	2,395
Light and Heat – Hall and Church	3,327	-	-	3,327	3,065
Water – Hall and Church	218	-	-	218	213
Telephone	736	-	-	736	279
Insurance	7,308	-	-	7,308	6,930
Repairs and Maintenance	19,225	-	-	19,225	33,889
Piano and Organ Maintenance	1,503	-	-	1,503	1,373
Sanctuary	946	-	-	946	521
Bell-ringers Fees	-	-	-	-	260
Professional Fees	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Copyright Licence	441	-	-	441	417
Fetes, etc.	1,231	-	-	1,231	-
Organist Fees	6,275	-	-	6,275	8,360
Publications and Subscriptions	345	-	-	345	212

Church Management and Administration					
- Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,332	-	-	1,332	1,065
- Independent Examiners Fees	225	-	-	225	225
- GoCardless Charges	828	-	-	828	-
- Sundry Expenses	464	-	-	464	755
	48,066	16,532	-	64,598	63,144

The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to PCC members.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, ELTHAM

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year to 31 December 2024, which is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144 (1) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with these records. It also includes considering 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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 Act; and

to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations

have not been met; or

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

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