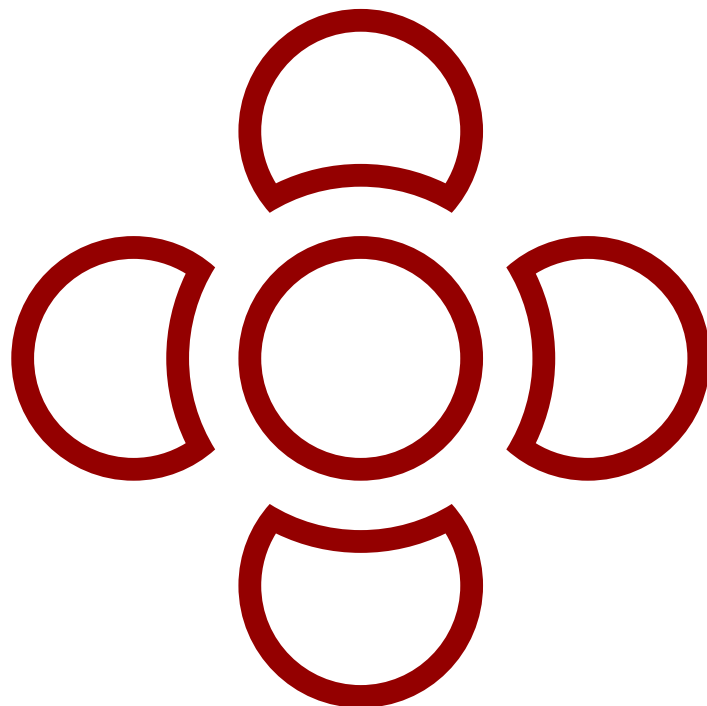


# St Saviour's Wendell Park



## ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

APCM on 18 May 2025

ST SAVIOUR'S WENDELL PARK  
COBBOLD ROAD, LONDON W12 9LN

ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2024 – MARCH 2025  
AND ACCOUNTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

**Administrative information**

Vicar: The Rev'd Chris Lee

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity and has now been registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1177239

PCC members who have served from April 2024 until the date this report was submitted are:

Revd Chris Lee *	Vicar
Revd David Hill	Curate
Simon Jenkins *	Churchwarden
Bruce Marquart *	Churchwarden
Stefanie Stretton	Children and Families Worker
Ellie Sturt *	Secretary
Gregory Pennington *	Treasurer
Astrid Wilson	Deanery Synod Representative
Carlene Fantuzzi	
Roey Jenkins	
Katie Sayles	

\* Standing Committee members

Our other church officers are:

Katie Sayles	Safeguarding Officer
Deborah Down	Electoral Roll Officer
Carlene Fantuzzi	Children's Champion

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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our annual report, where the PCC presents reports on the life of St Saviour's for the 12 months since April 2024.

This year, we celebrated Chris Lee leading our parish for the past 10 years, with messages from members of St Saviour's, past and present, who have been blessed by his ministry here. David Hill, who has been our curate for the past three years, is leaving us this June, to become the parish priest of All Saints, Ealing Common. We are so grateful to him and Verity for all the ways they have contributed to our life here, and we wish them well for their future in ministry.

This year, Stefanie Stretton has continued as our Youth & Families Worker and has produced several events in Wendell Park which have contributed to the local community and helped our mission in the parish flourish. We thank God for Stef's work, and for all those on the children's work team, and for the visible signs of growth in faith among our children.

We want to thank everyone who has given time and service for our community this year, whether it's in helping with Stay & Play, singing in the worship team, taking Bible readings, making tea and coffee, welcoming people to church, running the creche, teaching in youth church, looking after sound and visuals during services – and the countless less visible ways that St Saviour's happens week by week. Thank you, everyone!

## VICAR'S REPORT

I can't believe we have been here 10 years! What a blessing. It was incredibly moving to receive all the encouragement from the booklet many of you signed! Thank you so much. Jenny and I are so happy here! So, let's look back at this year!

It's been another great year at St Saviour's with many new projects, new people and events. The diocese says a church grows in London if it remains the same size, as people often move and leave. We have shown growth with new families, new young adults and new older members. Youth Church is on the up; our worship team thrives with new members, new tech and focus; home groups have grown and met more regularly; our midweek compline prayer meetings continue to be a source of nourishment and depth; and we had our very successful Advent and Lent courses. It has been a huge privilege to see the church thrive this last year.

Our curate David, along with Stef and the team, has continued to develop Stay & Play, which has now expanded to three days a week and started to charge, which has been a good source of income. David has also been heavily involved in shaping and developing the worship team, along with Grace, who has now sadly left us to go to Korea to pursue a music career. One very exciting venture is the recording of a new EP! More is said in our worship review by Leo on page 7.

David and Verity will be leaving us in June, with their last Sunday on 8 June. David has a new post in All Saints Ealing, which is very exciting! We are thankful to David and Verity for their love and service to St Saviour's over the last three years, and we wish them well as they look ahead.

The new PCC members have helped to guide and strengthen the church. We as a PCC are looking to listen and see what God is doing in our church and area.

It has been exciting to see new families join St Saviour's this last year, joining our already growing Youth Church. Baptisms have increased and children's attendance is also up. Stefanie is doing a great job in developing this important ministry. Special thanks to all who are on this team, as it is so important not just for the children's development, but also for the parents, who get to see their children grow in faith. Stef gives an in-depth review of this work on page 6.

Our *Rule of Life*, based around five themes – Silence, Song, Scripture, Sacrament and Service – act as a backbone for our spiritual development, and has become an anchor in our identity as church.

Our Advent course led by Revd Luke Bretherton went really well and was a great source of nourishment to us all. We wish Luke and Caroline all the best as they move to Oxford and Luke takes on key roles in the university. We were blessed to have them for a while. They leave with our blessing and love.

Our Lent course this year was well attended. Reflecting on the Nicene Creed as it approaches its 1700th year was a brilliant source of nourishment for our church! The evenings were mostly led by in-house speakers, with one guest speaker, Sian Brookes, who we thank for coming. It was a real highlight for us as a church.

This year has been fully of events! Thanks largely to Stef, we had a Summer Fete, Light Party, Winter Wonderland, and Easter Eggstravaganza! All were amazing and well attended, promoting the church so well in our area. While these things cost money and people's time, we raised money from it and everyone enjoyed themselves. This is what the church should be doing! So well done everyone involved! Look out for more events in the future.

I continue to have invitations to speak and travel with my wider ministry, and I am thankful to the church and PCC for recognising and supporting this. Excitingly, Jenny and I have a new book, *You are Beloved*, which is being released shortly. I climbed Mt Kilimanjaro this last year, which was great fun although really hard, and we had some evenings in church to talk about it and raise awareness and funds for International Justice Mission.

We have launched our new website, and many thanks must be given to Simon Jenkins for leading this project! Our building project continues, and we have recently been granted planning permission by the council, meaning we can start to fundraise and really move forward with the work. Great thanks to Bruce for leading this.

I want to finish with a massive thanks to all for your continued love and support of St Saviour's – it simply would not be a church without you. I recognise the time and financial contributions that so many give, so thank you. Thanks so much for the last 10 years! Here's to 10 more!

May God continue to guide, protect and bless us.

*Revd Chris Lee*  
*Vicar, St Saviour's, Wendell Park*

# **YOUTH CHURCH REPORT**

## **Youth Church 2025**

The children have enjoyed learning the Old Testament this year. We will be continuing with this after the Easter period, with a lesson on the Israelites' 40 years in the wilderness. We are using a website called *True way kids*, which has some fantastic free resources for all ages.

We will spend the Easter period focusing on Jesus' death and resurrection. We had good turnout for the Lent prayer stations, where the children enjoyed various activities that tied in with the lesson of Easter. The Giant World magnet puzzle got them thinking about how Jesus came for the whole world, and the Prayer Eggs were popular also.

We continue to look for more volunteers. Neha and Amet have both been recruited! Amet is keen to help as he has experience helping with youth church. All volunteers have been asked to redo their DBS checks, in line with the diocese safeguarding instructions.

The chapel has had some much-needed storage built in to house some of the toys and keep the room clear and tidy. We will work on tidying the church hall resources next.

Looking forward I would like to actively involve the older children in activities outside of youth church. Maybe a film night in the hall, borrowing a projector? I will also reach out to the COE and get some information on their youth services such as weekends away. The events I have seen so far have been for teenagers, so I will enquire into any events that are suitable for the youth church.

## **Stay & Play**

The extension of Stay & Play to include Tuesday and Wednesday has been very successful. We have seen an average of 50 persons on the Tuesday and Wednesday, which has included primarily younger children and has a much calmer feel, despite the addition of a bouncy castle! Mondays have continued to be very busy with a record 148 visitors at the end of April!

Everyone has given excellent feedback, and the addition of the fruit and snacks from City Harvest has been well received. We had one person comment on the £3 charge, but everyone has been very understanding, and some have even requested to pay more. The £250+ a week is a welcome addition to the church funds and will only increase.

I will buy nappies, wipes, baby bags and ladies' products for the baby change room to make it more appealing and useful to our visitors. It sends a message that we are thinking of them, especially as we have so many families joining us on a regular basis during Stay & Play, but also on Sundays.

## **Other events**

We are in the process of organising a music concert for adults and a Saturday one for children. This will be a ticketed event, with wine and nibbles provided. The

children's concert will be on a Saturday and one of the Stay & Play nannies has asked to cater it for free!

Sandra and I met to discuss other fundraising opportunities for the church, including a speaker evening with poetry. These are relatively easy to organise and will require some pushing on social media. Tickets will be on a platform such as Eventbrite to make it easy to book and monitor tickets.

## **Safeguarding**

I will be taking over the role of head of safeguarding. I will be doing the course on the 7th of June. I will also be leading the safeguarding dashboard, which we currently have a lot of gaps on. We have been advised that this will take time to complete. All PCC and volunteers will be required to do the safeguarding training; the link has been sent on WhatsApp. Some will only require the basic, but some volunteers will need to do the full training. We also require all PCC and volunteers to renew their DBS checks.

## **Looking ahead**

We will continue to have the four main events: Easter, Summer Fair, Light Party and Christmas Fair. These have been great events to help with fundraising, and also bring the community closer together and to the church. We have seen families join us through these events.

The Winter Wonderland was a great success and will prove to get bigger in the future! We raised £2,800. The Easter Extravaganza was also a hit and raised almost £3,000. These events will hopefully become a big part of the community and cement St Saviour's in our community's minds as a caring and vibrant church.

The next event is the Summer Festival. Planning is starting now, and dates will be confirmed shortly. Christchurch in Chiswick have kindly offered us their speakers and their staging! This will help us to make the music area a main feature, and the rest of the festival will work around the main centre stage.

The success of the Nativity last year means we will be doing another! I will be asking the Youth Church to start thinking about a script over the holidays, to start rehearsal in October.

*Stefanie Stretton*  
*Children and Families Worker*

## **WORSHIP TEAM REPORT**

Between April 2024 and March 2025 there have been notable changes and milestones in the musical worship at St Saviour's.

In September, Grace Park stepped aside as worship leader in order to move to South Korea. Her leadership over the years has been a tremendous blessing to our community and has helped to shape the musical style that is now a part of our identity. The leadership of the worship team was handed

over to Jack Gionis and Leo Skelsey, under the guidance of David Hill. Additionally, the team has grown in number, and we continue to welcome and train new members.

For much of 2024 the worship team has been recording and editing our first church worship EP, which was released onto numerous platforms in February 2025.

In early 2025, the leadership of the worship team proposed renewing the church's musical equipment with the intention of prolonging the lifespan of our existing equipment, equipping the worship team to better lead musical worship, greatly improving the sound quality, and reducing clutter on the altar area that inhibits the eucharist. This included purchasing additional microphones, stands, cables, and a new production box to raise the existing seven channels to 16. The total cost of this proposal was £1,291 – a substantial sum, but one that puts us in a strong and financially sustainable position going forward.

We look forward to leading St Saviour's in musical worship over the coming months and years.

*Leo Skelsey*  
*Worship Team Leader*

## **CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT**

### **The church building**

Over the past year, we have worked to ensure that the church property and our operating systems are in good order, and that repairs (e.g. water leaks, heating and breakages) are carried out quickly and to a good standard. All our mandatory inspections and servicing, including heating, fire alarm, and portable electrical appliances, have been completed.

Our 140-year-old building needs constant, consistent maintenance, especially for slate roofs, heating and electrics to remain comfortable and safe with the heavy, seven days a week use. We had no roof leaks this year, but we expected our 20-year-old temperature control system might need replacement. It broke down in December. Our heating contractor specified and installed a new system for the church, the chapel and the Willow Tree vestry hall. Our other electrical systems for heating were inspected and modified when needed. Heating and electric running costs are increasing with inflation, but our essential systems are now stable after two years of replacing worn out system parts.

### **Building projects**

Over the past year, two building projects have been progressing at St Saviour's.

Hall kitchen – £12,000 has been allocated to redo the hall kitchen. An advisory committee has been set up to assist in the implementation. Construction is expected to be completed in 2025.



Outdoor brick cupola and open access improvements – this larger building project, for our exterior facing Cobbold Road, received Hammersmith planning approval in March 2025 after its submission more than a year ago. Church Diocesan approvals were given earlier. A two-phase construction plan, with revised costings and a revised project plan, is being developed by our architect, Joe Williams.

A fundraiser professional, Fiona Cook, has been contracted and approved by the Standing Committee. Bruce Marquart will project manage various activities and a PCC advisory committee will be set up to fulfil governance and oversight responsibilities. Fundraising for capital grants and legacy gifting will begin soon. Fundraising events and social media fundraising are in consideration.

## **Rentals**

St Saviour's continues to be financially stable because we rent various areas of the property to other community groups and charities. Our two largest tenants are The Upper Room and Willow Tree Nursery. The third large tenant, Bethel Pentecostal Church, left their contract in mid-year, July 2024, after almost 20 years with us. This left an annual deficit of approximately £12,000 that needs to be recovered.

Our other hall lettings are steady and varied to meet the needs of different age groups and non-religious activities for young people, clubs, and counselling groups. With heating, electricity and cleaning cost increasing with inflation, the PCC approved a £5 per hour increase in rental rate to £30 per hour, and £60 per hour for groups of over 40 people. We continue with our policy of very large discounts to church members who rent, especially for music or educational activities.

A big thank you to our church administrator Ming for the timely administration of invoicing, communications, and rental procedures.

## **New website**

During 2024-25 we developed and launched the new St Saviour's website, complete with a calendar of events and a section for talks recorded on video. The website is on a new domain – [stsaviours.w12.com](https://stsaviours.w12.com) – and we also took the opportunity of upgrading all our official email addresses, which now run on the domain.

We're very grateful to Danylo Omelchecnko for providing us with technical support during the launch of the website, and also for setting up the email addresses and establishing us on Google Workspace as a nonprofit organisation. Danylo has also become our in-house photographer, taking some brilliant pictures at services and church events, so a huge thank-you to him for this too!

## **Other communications**

We're continuing to use WhatsApp for day-to-day communications, including our main church group chat, St Saviour's W12, which is used for chat, news and prayer, with 95 members.

David Hill produced our new church banner, displayed outside the church, and Stefanie Stretton produced a number of posters for our Christmas events, and the Easter Eggstravaganza. A big thank-you to them both.

### **Church administration**

Jemima Rosinski joined our administration team, working one day a week. She and Yew Ming, our Parish Secretary and Church Administrator, have given us excellent support throughout the year. We're very grateful for all they do for us. Ming and Jemima, thank you so much!

*Simon Jenkins and Bruce Marquart  
Churchwardens*

## **ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT**

The electoral roll is like a membership list for St Saviour's and carries with it the entitlement to vote at the APCM. After this annual meeting, we have to tell the Church of England the number on the roll.

Every six years we are required by the Church of England rules to clear the electoral roll back to zero and start from scratch. This can lead to a drop in numbers, but this time only marginally, as last year there were 88 members on the roll and this year we have 80. But we do have 23 new members! We wish them a big St Saviour's welcome. Of the 80, 46 live in the parish and 34 outside the parish.

Although we do publicise joining the roll in the lead-up to the annual meeting, members can join at any time. Anyone who lives in the parish, or who has been worshipping at St Saviour's for six months, is welcome to contact me on [Deborah.down@btinternet.com](mailto:Deborah.down@btinternet.com) to be added to the roll. I can also help people to know whether or not they live in the parish – although it makes no difference to St Saviour's whether you do or not, it is something that we have to include on our return to the Church of England!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up over the last few months.

*Deborah Down  
Electoral Roll Officer*

## **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Over the course of the year the church generated a surplus of £9,623 over expenses (2023: net surplus of £7,072). As a result, the 31 December 2024 balances for Unrestricted (Undesignated) Funds, Restricted Funds, and Designated Funds were £74,148, £24,141, and £13,550, respectively<sup>1</sup>. The net surplus resulted primarily from the following:

- Favourable changes include:
  - Increase in Gift Aid collected of £6,103 due to disciplined claiming
  - Increase in lettings income of £10,508 due to more demand and price growth
  - Increase in dividends and interest of £2,873 due to moving excess cash to our interest-bearing account
  - Decrease in curate expenses of £4,464 because of cheaper accommodation
  - Decrease in maintenance and repair expenses of £6,036
- Unfavourable changes were:
  - Increase in employee expenses of £7,814 for extra hours for children's ministry
  - Increase church supplies of £3,117 for additional events (e.g. children)
  - Increase hospitality expenses of £3,467 for extra events (e.g. series)

During the year we consciously made several key investments to improve the quality of the building and ministries:

- Children's ministries – invested in children's worker, expanded Stay & Play to three days, and ran additional events
- Heating controls – installed modern controller to heat individual spaces
- Music ministry – purchased additional equipment for Sunday services and supported worship group's first EP

The PPC would ask for your continued support through doing the following:

- If not currently giving, consider regularly supporting the work of the church
- If currently giving, consider increasing to offset the impact of inflation
- Completing Gift Aid forms to enable St Saviours to claim on your donations

The PCC offers special thanks to several volunteers who support in managing our finances:

- Tony Simkin – for your continued assistance as our Independent Examiner
- Veronica Tuke – for your ongoing support in managing payroll and Gift Aid

The PCC and I would like to express our gratitude to everyone who has generously given of their time, money and support throughout the year.

*Gregory Pennington*  
*Treasurer*

**St Saviour Wendell Park  
Cobbold Road  
London W12 9LN**

**Financial accounts held**

1. CBF Church of England Deposit Fund  
deposit rate at December 2024: 4.60% AER
2. Current Account  
HSBC, 281 Chiswick High Road, W4 4HJ
3. PayPal Account

**Treasurer**

Gregory Pennington

**Independent Examiner**

Anthony Simkin FCA

**2024 Accounts**

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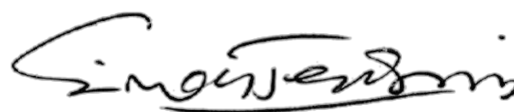
## Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

	Notes	31 Dec 2024 £	31 Dec 2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Church halls, 57% of insured value	4	7,581,000	7,581,000
Building Project	3	10,946	1,764
Computer Equipment	3	303	288
Fixtures & Fittings	3	3,131	333
Music Instruments	3	1,592	575
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>7,596,971</b>	<b>7,583,960</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash		94,244	94,814
Debtors		6,908	6,974
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>101,152</b>	<b>101,787</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors		2,988	1,152
Accruals		2,297	1,379
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>5,285</b>	<b>2,531</b>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>95,867</b>	<b>99,256</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>7,692,839</b>	<b>7,683,216</b>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted Funds	2	83,329	81,200
Designated Funds	2	10,550	10,550
Restricted Funds	2	17,960	10,466
Church Halls	4	7,581,000	7,581,000
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>7,692,839</b>	<b>7,683,216</b>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 31 March 2025 and signed by:



Mr Bruce Marquart (Churchwarden)



Mr Simon Jenkins (Churchwarden)

The notes on pages 15 to 20 form part of these accounts.

# Statement of Financial Activities

## For the Year ended 31st December 2024

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	2024	2023
Income	Notes				£	£
Voluntary income	5a	58,297	18,190	3,000	79,487	77,588
Activities for generating funds	5b	86,237	-	-	86,237	74,029
Other income	5c	4,285	-	-	4,285	3,390
Income from investments	5d	3,184	-	-	3,184	311
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>152,003</b>	<b>18,190</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>173,193</b>	<b>155,318</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Running costs	6a	92,625	3,000	-	95,625	84,549
Donations and gifts	6b	66,430	1,515	-	67,945	63,698
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>159,055</b>	<b>4,515</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>163,570</b>	<b>148,247</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss) Before Transfers</b>		<b>(7,052)</b>	<b>13,675</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>9,623</b>	<b>7,072</b>
Transfers	2a	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Income (Loss) After Transfers</b>		<b>(7,052)</b>	<b>13,675</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>9,623</b>	<b>7,072</b>
Total funds brought forward		81,200	10,466	10,550	102,216	85,144
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>		<b>74,148</b>	<b>24,141</b>	<b>13,550</b>	<b>111,839</b>	<b>92,216</b>

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

## **For the Year ended 31st December 2024**

### **Note 1: Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' 'true and fair view' provisions, together with FRS 102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS 102)).

#### **1. Incoming resources**

##### **1.1. Recognition of incoming resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when (1) the PCC becomes legally entitled to the benefit of use of the resources, (2) inflow of economic benefit is probable, and (3) the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### **1.2. Grants and donations**

Grants and donations are included in the SOFA when any preconditions preventing their use by the PCC have been met. For collections and planned giving this is when the funds are received.

##### **1.3. Gift Aid Tax claims etc. on cash donations**

Gift Aid and other tax claims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the cash donations to which they relate.

##### **1.4. Rental income**

Rental income from the letting of the church facilities is recognized when the rent is due.

##### **1.5. Investment income**

Income from investments is included in the accounts when receivable.

#### **2. Expenditures and liabilities**

##### **2.1. Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognized as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable.

#### **3. Assets**

##### **3.1. Consecrated and benefice property**

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

## **Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 31st December 2024**

### **Note 1: Accounting Policies (continued)**

#### **3.2. Moveable church furnishings**

These are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient cost information is available. In this case the item is not capitalised.

#### **3.3. Tangible fixed assets**

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

- |                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| • Computers Equipment | 3 years  |
| • Fixtures & fittings | 5 years  |
| • Music Instruments   | 10 years |

Church Halls are disclosed based on 57% of their insured value consistent with the accounting treatment adopted in 2010.

#### **3.4. Short-term deposits**

Include cash held on deposit either with the CCLA Church of England Fund or at the bank.

### **4. Funds**

#### **4.1. Unrestricted funds**

These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC.

#### **4.2. Restricted funds**

These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are down in the notes to the accounts.

#### **4.3. Designated funds**

These represent 'free reserves' designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and that are therefore not included in its 'free reserves' as disclosed in the trustees' report.



## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 31st December 2024

### Note 2: Summary of fund movements

		Capital Contingency	Vestments	Maintenance Fund	Total Designated Funds
Designated Funds	2a	£	£	£	£
Balance as at 1st January		10,000	550	-	10,550
Donations/Income		-	-	3,000	3,000
Less: Expenditure		-	-	- 3,000	- 3,000
Transfers		-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at 31st December</b>		<b>10,000</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,550</b>

"Designated Funds" are those whose use is designated by the PCC.

		Helping Hand Fund	Building Fund	Total Restricted Funds
Restricted Funds	2b	£	£	£
Balance as at 1st January		7,122	3,344	10,466
Donations/Income		80	18,110	18,190
Less: Expenditure		1,515	9,182	10,697
<b>Balance as at 31st December</b>		<b>5,687</b>	<b>12,272</b>	<b>17,960</b>

"Restricted Funds" are those whose use is restricted by the donor. The Building Fund is for the planned building project.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 31st December 2024

### Note 3: Fixed Assets

Fixed Asset Schedule	Building Project £	Computer Equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Music Instruments £	Total Fixed Assets £
<b>Gross book value</b>					
Balance at 1 January	1,764	3,513	12,479	920	18,676
Additions	9,182	827	3,000	1,122	14,131
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>	<b>10,946</b>	<b>4,340</b>	<b>15,479</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>32,807</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
Balance at 1 January	-	3,226	12,146	345	15,716
Charge for the year	-	812	203	105	1,120
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,037</b>	<b>12,348</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>16,836</b>
<b>Net book value</b>					
Balance at 31 December 2024	10,946	303	3,131	1,592	15,971
Balance at 31 December 2023	1,764	288	333	575	2,960

### Note 4: Insurance for St Saviour Wendell Park, Cobbold Road

The consecrated property, i.e., the worship area, is excluded from these financial statements by virtue of Section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act.

The church buildings, including the three halls, and contents are 100% insured for £13,300,000. The value, for insurance purposes, of the three halls is included on page 2, the Balance Sheet.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 31st December 2024

### Note 5: Income

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total Funds	
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Note 5: Income</b>						
<b>Voluntary income</b>	<b>5a</b>					
Stewardship		24,436	-	-	24,436	29,604
Collections		9,357	-	-	9,357	7,112
Gift aid		12,365	-	-	12,365	6,262
Donations		50	18,190	3,000	21,240	23,069
Grants		12,090	-	-	12,090	11,542
<b>Total voluntary income</b>		<b>58,297</b>	<b>18,190</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>79,487</b>	<b>77,588</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>	<b>5b</b>					
Lettings		84,537	-	-	84,537	74,029
Fundraising		1,700	-	-	1,700	-
<b>Total activities for generating funds</b>		<b>86,237</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,237</b>	<b>74,029</b>
<b>Other income</b>	<b>5c</b>					
Offertory, Baptisms & Weddings		1,460	-	-	1,460	1,219
Church activity fees		2,825	-	-	2,825	2,171
<b>Total other income</b>		<b>4,285</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,285</b>	<b>3,390</b>
<b>Income from investments</b>	<b>5d</b>					
Dividends & Interest		3,184	-	-	3,184	311
<b>Total income from investments</b>		<b>3,184</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,184</b>	<b>311</b>
<b>Total income</b>		<b>152,003</b>	<b>18,190</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>173,193</b>	<b>155,318</b>

The PCC received grants for curate housing of £12,090 and £11,542 for 2024 and 2023, respectively.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 31st December 2024

### Note 6: Expenses

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds	
		£	£	£	2024	2023
					£	£
<b>Running Costs:</b>	<b>6a</b>					
Curate expenses		17,973	-	-	17,973	22,437
Maintenance & repairs		5,789	3,000	-	8,789	14,825
Employee expenses		22,012	-	-	22,012	14,198
Utility expenses		14,722	-	-	14,722	11,150
Cleaning & gardening		8,833	-	-	8,833	7,541
Building insurance		4,837	-	-	4,837	4,657
Church supplies		5,782	-	-	5,782	2,665
Children ministry		991	-	-	991	2,239
Music ministry		815	-	-	815	1,042
Depreciation		1,120	-	-	1,120	535
Accounting expenses		386	-	-	386	482
Hospitality expenses		3,928	-	-	3,928	461
Finance fees		141	-	-	141	171
Church activities		1,864	-	-	1,864	93
Miscellaneous costs		3,433	-	-	3,433	2,052
<b>Total Running Cost</b>		<b>92,625</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,625</b>	<b>84,549</b>
<b>Donations:</b>	<b>6b</b>					
Diocesan fund		63,000	-	-	63,000	60,000
Helping hand		-	1,515	-	1,515	620
Other		3,430	-	-	3,430	3,078
<b>Total Donations</b>		<b>66,430</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,945</b>	<b>63,698</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>159,055</b>	<b>4,515</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>163,570</b>	<b>148,247</b>

During the year the PCC employed two administrative assistants on a part-time basis and a part-time children's worker. Staff cost includes the resulting wage, tax, and pension costs.

From time to time, members were compensated for their time spent conducting children ministries (excluding part-time children's worker) and gardening for a total of £860 and £2,996 for years 2024 and 2023.

The PCC directly pays for curate lodging and utility expenses. The diocese has provided a grant of £12,090 and £11,542 for 2024 and 2023, respectively, which is separately reported in Note 5: Income of this report.

The Independent Examiner was not compensated for efforts for both years presented.

**Independent Examiner's Report  
to the PCC of St Saviour Wendell Park**

I report on the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024  
as set out on pages 1 to 9

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

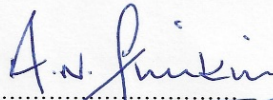
The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and so consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
  - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
1. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

5.3.2025

Name: Anthony Simkin FCA

Address: 10 Riverview Grove, Chiswick,  
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## DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Deanery Synod continued with its programme of meetings covering many topics relating to worship, church governance and social work within the community.

The meeting in May was held at St Dionis, Parson's Green. The main topic was 'The Continuing Challenge of running a Foodbank in Hammersmith and Fulham'. This is an important service to the community, and it would welcome volunteers. The disturbing issue of vandalism in churches was also raised.

The meeting in November, at St Paul's, Hammersmith, saw the standing down of the Revd Cameron Collington, St Simon's, Shepherd's Bush, as Area Dean. The appointment of the new Area Dean for Hammersmith and Fulham was announced. This is the Revd Denis Adide, St Stephen's, Shepherd's Bush.

The main speaker at this meeting was the Rt Revd Graham Tomlin. He talked about the work of the Centre for Cultural Witness, which he has set up at Lambeth Palace. One of the centre's main activities is the website Seen and Unseen. It can be found on <http://www.seenandunseen.com>

The most recent meeting of Synod was held in February at St Stephen's, Shepherd's Bush. We were welcomed by the new Area Dean, the Revd Denis Adide. The main speaker was Emmy Wilson. She spoke about her experience as Deliverance Advisor in the Area of Kensington.

At all the meetings there was continuing talk about providing food in the community. A new project called Sunday Suppers has been set up at Riverside Methodist Centre. Again, volunteers are required for this project. The problem of how to circulate information about this project, and the many others in the area, including our own Upper Room, was also discussed.

As usual, Michael Illingworth, the Finance Officer, gave detailed accounts of The Common Fund.

*Astrid Wilson*  
*Deanery Synod Representative*

## THE UPPER ROOM REPORT

We continue to experience a high demand for our services. We regularly serve more than 130 meals per session, with a total of 42,000 over the course of the year.

UR4Driving has also been very busy and productive, with 37 practical test passes in twelve months.

We were sorry to say farewell to our chief executive Iain Cooper, but were delighted to welcome Peter Charalambides as his replacement. Peter is already making a very strong contribution to our work. Fiona Cook moved on to a fresh challenge after many years of service as our fundraiser, and Joyce Shaw has taken on that mantle with great energy and enthusiasm.

Our events calendar was as full as ever, including our popular Winter Talks, with the one from David Tennant and Deborah Frances-White breaking all previous records for attendance and funds raised. We also held our annual quiz night at Latymer Upper School and featured prominently at Green Days during the Bedford Park Festival.

The support we receive from St Saviour's is as always greatly appreciated. One of the highlights of the year, as always, was the joyous carol concert held in the church in early December.

A number of companies have held very successful volunteering days with us. We are always looking for more individual volunteers; we simply couldn't operate without them. If you'd like to become involved, do get in touch via our website at <https://theupperroom.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/>

*Simon Tuke  
Chair of Trustees, The Upper Room*

## **DIOCESAN STATEMENT**

The Diocese of London is the largest and most diverse in the Church of England. We have over 500 churches and 750 licensed clergy. We are able to have a church in almost every community, supporting the vision for every Londoner to encounter the love of God in Christ. In 2024, 50 new deacons were ordained, and early draft statistics indicate that average weekly attendance in London grew by 7.5% to over 60,000.

During 2024, we have continued working towards our priorities of becoming a younger, safer and more racially just Church. For example:

- 19 London Youth Apprentices engaged 715 young people weekly and funding was granted to enable the launch of five youth ministers in Hackney and Islington.
- In a challenging year for safeguarding, referrals to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team increased substantially, indicating more trust and confidence in the safeguarding service. 789 people were given safeguarding leadership training, and 3,808 DBS checks were carried out.
- Churches across the Diocese engaged with Race Equality Week, Racial Justice Sunday, and Black History Month last year, reflecting on racial justice and committing to action.

The breadth of parishes and Bishop's Mission Orders in London nurtured confident disciples, compassionate communities and creative growth in an amazing variety of ways. They also contributed over £23m in Common Fund, an increase of almost £1m. Alongside £13.2m income raised by the London Diocesan Fund (LDF) and £3.6m from LDF reserves, this paid to provide ministry and support parishes across the Diocese.

*Archdeaconry office*