



All Saints' Church

— Child's Hill —

Church Walk, NW2 2TJ



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Administrative Information

PCC Members

The undermentioned person served on the PCC during the year:

Ex Officio Members:

The Reverend Robin Sims-Williams ...Incumbent (SC)
Solomon Hans.....Churchwarden (SC)
Catherine Okrafo-Smart.....Deanery Synod Rep
& Licensed Lay Minister
Elaine Collins.....Deanery Synod Rep
Anna Stanley.....Churchwarden (SC)

Elected Members:

Maria Adiseshiahuntil May 2022
Heidi Bradshawterm: 2020 to 2023
Elaine Collins.....until May 2022 also Deanery Synod Rep
Jean Francisterm: 2021 to 2024
Sue Martinterm: 2021 to 2024
Josh Morgan.....term: 2020 to 2023
Ndeko Ndesamburoterm: 2022 to 2025
Emma Quarteyterm: 2021 to 2024 (SC)
Glynis Rudgeuntil May (then coopted as PCC secretary)
Ruth Wagaine.....term: 2020 to 2023

Co-opted Members:

Peter Rudge.....Treasurer (SC)
Joseph Mtalo.....Youth Warden
Luz Escobar-Gill

(SC) indicates member of Standing Committee

Other Offices held on behalf of the PCC

Bankers: HSBC plc

Architect: Paul Travis, Paul Travis Conservation Ltd

Insurers: Ecclesiastical Insurance
Beaufort House, Brunswick Road, Gloucester GL1 1JZ

Independent Examiner: James Liew

Incumbent/Data Controller: The Reverend Robin Sims-Williams

Safeguarding Officer: Catherine Okrafo-Smart

Children's Champion: Heidi Bradshaw

DBS Checker: Stephen West

Lay Vice Chair: Jean Francis

Electoral Roll Officer: Frances Beskeen

Environmental Champion: Heidi Bradshaw

Assistant Churchwardens: Jean Francis & Velma Dunne

Churchwarden Emeritus: Sian Davies

PCC Foundation School Governors during 2021:

Elaine Collins and Vincent Rodriguez - there is currently one vacancy.

Annual Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has pleasure in presenting its report and the financial statements of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Introduction

*By the Grace of God the PCC is
a representative body from the electoral roll of the church
which works with the incumbent to hold and deliver the vision,
to fulfil the needs and responsibilities of the church and community
with God's guidance.*

Agreed by the PCC at a Learning Session on 20 September 2023.

In 2021 the PCC published a Mission Action Plan stating that:

*All Saints, at the centre of Child's Hill,
is where the love of God is encountered in Jesus Christ.*

This is worked out through four key areas: *Worshipping God, Growing in Faith, Showing Compassion and Transforming Child's Hill*. To achieve the goals laid out the PCC is working to develop our resources in three areas: *People, Space and Partnerships*. This builds on the vision stated in the Parish Profile produced in 2017:

All Saints', being part of the Church of England, is here to serve all parishioners regardless of their beliefs. It is a visible presence not just for the few but the many. We are here to promote the Trinitarian faith of one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We do this mindful of the historic traditions of the Church whilst attempting to interpret such a faith in terms of the contemporary world in which we live.

At All Saints', we believe that our Church should be friendly, welcoming and that its message should be one of openness and forgiveness.

We aim to:

- Share God's love and proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, through worship, pastoral care and outreach.*
- Build a welcoming, friendly and inclusive community for all.*
- Actively encourage young people into our Church.*

This vision shapes the Mission Action Plan which was published in 2021.

The PCC has three sub-committees: the Building, Maintenance and Hall Committee, the Social and Fund Raising Committee and the Communication Committee. In 2022 a task group was formed to develop a Covid Memorial. The following reports come together to highlight some of the activities which All Saints' was engaged with during 2022.

Managing Risk and Safeguarding People

Managing operational risks is an important responsibility of the PCC. We are mindful of our health & safety responsibilities and take advice on a range of issues including fire and electrical safety. Proper care for children and vulnerable adults is a high priority of the PCC. As such, the Safeguarding Policy is reviewed regularly. The appointment of a Safeguarding Officer and Children's Champion as well as standard practices for working with children are all part of the provisions of our safeguarding policy.

The PCC has an appropriate insurance policy with Ecclesiastical Insurance. This is reviewed periodically to ensure that the sums insured are adequate.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

A GDPR policy was implemented in 2018. The PCC takes its responsibility to care for personal data very seriously. Each year a GDPR audit is conducted and the PCC refreshes its understanding of the implementation of our GDPR policy. Data is safely stored in accordance with the purpose it was provided and destroyed when it is no longer required for that purpose. Any breach will be reported in accordance with the regulation, no breaches were recorded in 2022.

Incumbent's Report

In last year's report I suggested that the slogan for 2021 could be 'Keep Calm and Carry On', if so then 2022's slogan might be 'Build Back Better'. Of course the challenge is building things back up from scratch takes a great deal more effort than simply carrying them on. In part because restarting always takes more thought, but also because the individuals who were involved before may have moved away or have different commitments. It is also possible that in some cases the areas that were

essential aspects of our ministry have been superseded by other activities. We should take great heart at how this report shows a huge growth in the life and activities of All Saints in 2022.

One of the highlights was the Jubilee Street Party which saw in excess of 100 people gathered in Church Walk to celebrate 70 years of HM Queen Elizabeth II's reign. The day was a great success with neighbours and many from across our community spending time together dancing, singing and reminiscing. It was a mere few months later that the church became a centre of local mourning when the Queen died after an incredible life of service. We now look forward again in our capacity at the heart of the parish to celebrate the King's coronation the week before our annual meetings.

The PCC has been busy in 2022 and during our annual reflective/training meeting (exploring what it is to be a PCC) we wrote the PCC vision which appears on the beginning of the introduction to this document and at the top of each of our PCC agendas. One of the areas where we have been doing some work at the PCC's request is the development of a Pastoral Care team. This is still in the early stages, in part because of the complexity of considering Safeguarding and Data Protection with any formalised team. The hope is that by creating a team of laity to work with the Incumbent we will be sure to provide support to all those who are isolated. However, this is not meant to detract from the wonderful supportive work many of the laity already do looking out for and caring for one another.

2022 was the first full calendar year where schools hadn't been interrupted nationally since the beginning of the Covid Pandemic. That said there were still many challenges associated with the pandemic which have had an ongoing impact on our, and many other, schools. A significant part of my week is going into the school for assemblies and welcoming the school into church for services and visits. I have continued as acting chair of governors throughout 2022, which has been a privilege but also very time consuming.

One of the significant projects in 2022 has been the Covid Memorial: *'All the Saints'*. This emanated from the PCC who wanted to memorialise the impact of the pandemic on our community. It is intentionally outward facing as it is meant for the whole community, though it reflects the distinctive response of Christians to the pandemic.

The Memorial was dedicated by the Bishop of London, The Rt Rev'd and Rt Hon. Dame Sarah Mullally, DBE at a service celebrating the 70th

anniversary of the re-dedication of All Saints church after the fire of 1940. Bishop Sarah was invited long before the memorial was designed, to celebrate these last 70 years since the fire.

There are so many to whom I, and you all are indebted for the many wonderful things that have taken place over 2022, and there are many more mentioned in this report as a whole. Our churchwardens and PCC have both worked tirelessly, as has NykkÖ who has developed music in our building both through his own creative input and by relationships and partnerships with others. Thanks also to the choir who have put in more time for rehearsals which has born much fruit.

I would also like to give a general thank you. Alongside the added challenges of the pandemic it has been less straightforward to manage family life with less extra-curricular programmes available. That combined with becoming a two clergy household has put more demands on my time. The flexibility that comes with some aspects of ministry have been helpful, but there are many things that I have had to step back my involvement and trust others to get on with. It has been great to see how this actually enables others to flourish in their own ministry among us.

The Reverend Robin Sims-Williams

Priest in Charge, All Saints' Church, Child's Hill

Church Warden's Report

Thankfully, 2022 has seen us come out of lock down in a staged approach to ensure our members felt safe and secure, as rules were relaxed. We were able to overcome such difficult obstacles and thrive as a community through hardships and by the Will of God we have persevered and have been able to bounce back. We now offer communion in both kinds and our parishioners have the choice if they wish to take wine or not.

We believe our approach, keeping our members informed, and listening to any concerns has been appreciated, resulting in an increase in attendance of 30-40 regular adults at the Sunday service. Alongside Father Robin's support, we have our regular church meetings, building and maintenance, Social & Fund Raising, PCC meeting, All saints school and garden committee. Our Church is very active and diverse which allows us to socialise and explore different cultures and lifestyles. This is especially beneficial for all of our activities as we can appreciate different forms of

celebrations. Once a month we are able to hold a quiz night and regularly conduct church meetings.

In addition to our new members, we have introduced a new young serving team which caters to the needs of members of the youth, implemented by Father Robin. Since Covid-19, this has meant more members of the youth are engaging and actively participating in the Sunday service and various Church activities.

Thanks to Anna Stanley, new side persons have been appointed allowing an even distribution of tasks to be shared for the Sunday services. This has especially assisted us in being able to conduct a regular live stream service for those unable to attend, allowing for inclusivity for all Church members. We also are very grateful for our Deputy wardens (Jean Wilkinson and Velma Dune) who are always there to support in us any case.

After all her help, it is with great sadness we see Anna step down from her position as Church warden. She will definitely be missed by us all and will always have a special place in the Church as well as our hearts for her impact. We appreciate everything she has done and wish her all the best for what is yet to come.

This year has shown us how strong our community really is and I encourage all of the congregation to participate in our growth as a family. This would not have been possible without the support and dedication of our committee.

We are also very grateful and want to give big thanks to Father Robin for not only his guidance but his constant support with social event such as Quiz Night and various other events.

We give thanks to you all and God bless.

Solomon Hans and Anna Stanley
Church Wardens

Electoral Roll Report

The roll has been updated for the annual meeting in May 2023. Three names were added in 2023 meaning the roll is now at 81.

Frances Beskeen
Electoral Roll Officer

Building, Maintenance and Hall Committee

Maintaining the building is a significant and costly task and the Churchwardens are assisted in it by this sub-committee of the PCC. This year Heidi joined the committee as our Environmental Champion and Dave Wilkinson joined the committee and has very helpfully been doing various jobs. Apart from the annual inspections of gas, fire extinguishers, lightning conductors and electrical there are always other jobs that need doing. Thanks to the many who helped during the ‘spring’ clean in September.

In early 2022 ‘monitor’ speakers were installed in the choir. Wiring had been laid for these when the sound system was installed a few years ago, but at the time it was not known if additional speakers would be needed, I am glad to say they have proved a great improvement. At the same time a mirror was fitted to help the organist see the altar - which is also rather helpful. As often happens in older buildings this highlighted a little electrical wiring error which was also put right.

Every five years the church is required to have an inspection by a ‘Quinquennial Inspector’. This is paid for by the diocese and is a thorough check on all aspects of the building fabric. Paul Travis conducted the inspection in April and the committee took this opportunity to have him inspect the hall as well. Over 100 tasks were identified with varying levels of urgency (from within the year to over the next 10 years). Most significant of these is the need to replace the South Aisle and Vestry roofs. Thanks to funding from the National Churches Trust we also had a measured survey done of our buildings, which now means we have a set of drawings which will enable us to better maintain them but will also help us to plan future improvements. Finally, recognising that our heaters are getting older and a number have had to be replaced, we commissioned a survey into the heating of both the church and the hall. Recommendations for new systems come with a significant price tag but will enable us to massively reduce our environmental impact while also keeping those who use our buildings warmer.

The Committee also takes responsibility for other parts of the fabric, such as the precious items we have. The wardens wands were restored by Vanpoules in the Spring.

We continue to be grateful to Jack and Jill nursery who do a great deal to maintain the hall and environs through the year. Additionally we had new windows fitted in the kitchen and loos, making it fully double-glazed.

Building, Maintenance and Hall Committee

Social and Fund Raising Committee

Another busy and exciting year for the committee starting with the planning of the Platinum Jubilee Street Party for HM Queen Elizabeth II. The worries put forward were “what if it rains?” and the unspoken “????”. It didn’t and the unspoken didn’t happen. A brilliant afternoon with everything well planned and working like clockwork. All the Child’s Hill Community joined in together with well just everyone, Congregation, Food Bank, Friends. The bunting was up, the flags were flying, the BBQ was lit and the music, singing and dancing started. Thanks to all who helped make it such a brilliant occasion and especially to those who helped clear up at the end, always the chore.

During the year we continued to run the very popular quiz nights both on Zoom and in real in church, nibbles and drinks are available in church, at home it’s a supply your own. The quiz nights are still very popular and the format has changed slightly. Still a very useful fund raiser.

We also raised money for the Covid memorial, not enough to pay for it all, however, a significant amount towards the cost.

Other events over the year were a Christmas Songs Karaoke/Open mic, great fun and really well attended, various concerts organised by NykkO with S&F doing the catering. Not forgetting the animal service where all the animals are blessed, not a fund raiser but a good social event.

To end the year there was the Christmas Tree Festival which was really well attended. There was a mini concert, tombola, children’s activities, home bake, home craft, and refreshments together with the Grand Raffle. Our sponsored charities this year were North London Hospice, who also sponsored a tree, and AgeUK. Both charities received cheques to the value of £950.

We as a committee and everyone who helped worked hard and enjoyed a fantastic year of fun.

All monies raised through the year will be shown in the Treasurer’s Report.

Glynis Rudge

Chair of Social and Fund Raising Committee

Communications Committee

The website continues to develop and to improve thanks to the work by Stephen West. Weekly e-newsletters are circulated by *MailChimp* which now goes to 80 email addresses.

Stephen has also undertaken a number of design tasks for us: creating wonderful advertising for the Jubilee Street Party and for the re-dedication festival (along with designing the commemorative tea towel).

A single folded A4 design of the Child's Hill Chronicle was trialled in the Autumn with the intention to try and do this more regularly (4 times a year), though this will be dependent on additional contributors.

Sunday Services as well as daily prayer continues to be streamed on *Facebook* as well as Sunday mornings on *Zoom*. It is hard to judge the numbers that attend online, but this continues to be an opportunity for people to get to know us before walking through the doors, as well as an important ministry for the housebound.

The Reverend Robin Sims-Williams

Priest in Charge, All Saints' Church, Child's Hill

All the Saints: Pandemic Fragments

Covid Memorial Art Project

All Saints, at the centre of Childs Hill, is where the love of God is encountered in Jesus Christ. We aim to be at the centre of our local community, to build it up and care for those in need-offering our love and support, this became more visible during the Covid - 19 pandemic. Those worshipping at All Saints and the local community are comprised of a variety of key workers, carers, and people in other local services who, 'working on the front line', were significantly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Similarly, there were those in the community who suffered from the virus, from long covid and those who died.

In early 2022 the PCC of All Saints Church met to decide on how we could both memorialise and tell the story of the covid -19 pandemic within our community. We felt strongly about needing any memorial to be located externally, accessible to the community, so inviting those from the neighbourhood to engage in it. Also, we needed the memorial to reflect the experience of the pandemic (nationally and locally) and convey a sense of hope for the future and have something to recognise the centrality of our faith.

In February 2022 an ‘Artist Brief for Covid Memorial’ document was produced outlining requirements and expectations for the proposed memorial. The application process, once formulated, was distributed nationally, 4 of the artists who applied were invited to deliver presentations of their proposals. In May 2022 following her successful presentation Sophie Hacker was invited to create our covid memorial ‘*All The Saints*’ Pandemic Fragments.

The Diocesan Advisory Committee reviewed and recommended the design, a faculty was granted, with no public objections and a fundraising plan was formulated.

To harness the experiences of the local community, Sophie ran a workshop where stories were shared, people and objects of significance were professionally photographed, and all were invited to write down phrases that expressed their own experiences. Voices of local children whose disruptive and challenging lockdown carried perhaps the greatest long term impact were also used. The words in the windows and many of the objects belong to workshop participants.

The designs (on the outside east wall and the children’s window on the north side), have been created using modern techniques, combined with a traditional method of reusing broken stained glass. The images depicted were inspired by the concept of modern day saints. These ‘Childs Hill’ modern day saints being, the countless key workers, volunteers, and neighbours deeply changed by the pandemic, giving in costly ways to support and benefit our community.

In November 2023 at the conclusion of a service to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the rededication of All Saints’ after a fire in 1940, the Bishop of London Sarah Mullally ventured outside with us to dedicate our ‘All Saints’ covid memorial windows, each congregant leaving with a commemorative booklet and post card.

‘All Saints’ Church and Childs Hill community are grateful that through the generosity of Barnet Council, the John Laing Trust, The Jerusalem Trust and many individuals, over £24,000 was raised to realise our vision.

‘ALL THE SAINTS’ is a legacy of our Covid -19 pandemic, challenges, sacrifices, loss, reflections, hope, faith and community spirit.

Jean Francis

PCC representative and member of the Covid Memorial Task Force





Barnet Deanery Synod Report

The Barnet Deanery (London) Synod has met twice through 2022. In both cases the meetings have been mission focussed, starting with worship, and dealing with essential business efficiently to enable more time to discuss the primary topic of the meeting. Both meetings were also at St Barnabas in Finchley, and were available to join in with at home via Zoom. In both cases the meetings have also used small groups to enable conversations.

On the 23rd March the Synod met with its primary topic being 'Courageous Anglicans - God's Beloved Community' a presentation was given by Prebendary Dr Amatu Christian-Iwuagwu, Area Director of Mission and Racial Justice on the mission topic of Racial Justice.

19 October - Responses to the Cost of Living Crisis - presentation from Cllr Sara Conway about possible support from Barnet Council. Small groups were made along geographical divides so parishes could share the work they are doing and a record was made of the warm spaces, food banks, and debt support being provided by Churches in the deanery.

The Revd Dr Julie Gittoes, the Vicar of St Marys and Christ Church, Hendon, is Area Dean, Catherine Okrafo-Smart is the Lay Chair.

*On behalf of Catherine Okrafo-Smart and Elaine Collins
Deanery Synod Representatives*

All Saints' CofE School

All Saints' Church of England Primary school is a one form entry with 161 pupils' on roll in December 2022, a modest increase since 2021.

The School's vision is:

'We aspire to learn with faith. Faith that enables us to recognise everyone in our community as loved by God. Faith that enables us to create a compassionate, inspiring and nurturing environment in which everyone flourishes. We aim to achieve this through high educational standards, and personal, spiritual and physical development.'

The school's vision is rooted in scripture, in particular Ephesians 3:18&19: *'I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.'*

Curtis Sweetingham has been Executive Headteacher since September 2020. The partnership with St John's CE Primary School N20 with whom we share Mr Sweetingham was extended for a further 5 years in 2022, both schools recognising the benefits of the partnership. Holly Skinner has been Head of School since January 2021 and leads the school on a day to day basis.

The impact of the pandemic continues to be seen throughout the education sector, both in terms of learning and mental health. However, with a targeted approach and accessing funding available the school has been able to provide interventions, therapeutic and pastoral support.

The school also sees a number of refugee children joining mid-year, often with limited English, who are being housed locally on a relatively temporary basis.

Leslie Peach is SENDCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) and Holly Skinner is the Religious Education subject leader as well as lead on Collective Worship.

As Priest-in-Charge I am a Foundation Governor/Ex-Officio and have been acting chair throughout 2022. There are currently two Foundation Governors which have been elected by the All Saints' Parochial church council and there is one vacancy. There are two London Diocesan Board for Schools (LDBS) governors, though one of these spaces is currently vacant. There is one governor appointed by the West Barnet Deanery Synod. Governor meetings in 2022 were a mixture of in person and online, gradually moving to being more in person, though also keeping some committees online where appropriate.

As priest in charge, I am heavily involved with RE and collective worship within the school. I take collective worship each Thursday. This includes a reading, a hymn or song, a reflection and prayers. The first Thursday of the month the whole school comes to the church for a school mass, for which NykkÖ plays.

Every year group visits the church at least once a year for some aspect of RE or other parts of their studies.

In May 2017, the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) report was rated good and in June 2019, after a two-day

OFSTED inspection the school was rated as ‘Good’ in all areas. Both of these bodies are expected to visit again in 2023.

School governors sponsored a tree for the Christmas tree festival which the school decorated. The school students have a faith council which assists with school services and considers how the school lives out its faith practically, this led to them taking the decision to collect for the Child’s Hill Food Bank based at All Saints. The Faith council is also involved in the monthly non-uniform days when the school raises funds for charity.

All school leavers (including staff) are given a small South American painted cross, like the ones which can be found in every classroom, sponsored by the PCC. The school advertises all relevant Church activities in the weekly school newsletter and emails.

Fr Robin Sims-Williams

Foundation Governor Ex-officio

All Saints’ Choir and Music at All Saints

The choir has had several events in 2022 where it has sung repertoire pieces like Pie Jesu by Fauré in July for the anniversary of the re-dedication of the church, as well as Lord’s My Shepherd by Townend and other beautiful works for the installation of the Covid 19 memorial in November 2022.



Although it would be good to have new members, the loyalty of the choristers makes it possible to build up a repertoire of anthems.

In December 2022, it has been decided to create a junior choir for 2023.

“Music at All Saints” has been a success with a very diverse program : singers, Monique McKen in April (a big thank you to Penelope Thwaites who made this possible), Margaret Marshall with Harold Lorenzelli in July, the flutist Thady Conney in September and the Hadley and District Orpheus Male Voice Choir conducted by Robyn Davies in October.

Without forgetting the lunchtime concerts which has seen performing talented musicians like pianist Olha Rubanova.

All these concerts provide an opportunity for people to be in contact with live music which is much needed after the several lock downs.

The 2023 season will be as exciting as the one in 2022, with various, diverse and exciting events.

NykkÖ Grégoire
Director of Music

Child's Hill Food Bank

Childs Hill Foodbank which opened in 2020 has progressed during the past year. At the start of the year there were around 37 clients weekly but it is now usually 67 clients every Saturday. We have provided over 2,000 food parcels at the rate of 12 tons of food this year and gave out 50 hampers at Christmas to bring cheer to our regulars.

The Trustees and 30 Excellent volunteers worked hard as a team during this period and became more knowledgeable and known within the community.

We invited our Barnet Councillors to come along for a session and answer any questions some of the clients may have and this proved helpful. We also gave out sheets of advice on saving energy.

We now include fresh food, vegetables, fruit, bread and meat and also get money or food donations from generous members in the community as many more people now know about us.

Pauline Drayson
Child's Hill Food Bank Trustee

Gardening Club

The verge opposite the church is now taking on the mantle of being something loved and looked after, rather than a dumping ground. Although we still find bottles and cans being thrown on to the verge. The gardening group, along with Mother Nature, is doing its best to ensure the verge is bright and eye catching, with flowers and bushes catching the eye and attracting pollinators. A lot of weed has been cleared, especially bind weed, without the use of any weed killers, just hard work and digging. The area to the right of the church will be designated as being a natural area with comfrey and other wild flowers which attract bees and other pollinators. We planted a twisted hazel for the Queen's Green Canopy and there is a

plaque to show this. A huge bird bath appeared from nowhere and will in future be full of plants, we tried to use it as a bird bath but the water seeped through. There is a bug hotel and a compost bin. Whenever we were working all who passed thanked us and said how wonderful it was all looking.

The memorial garden is looking really great, although there is lots of work to do there still, mainly now clearing the memorial stones which are getting very overgrown. We are also slowly working our way up Church Walk on the tract of land which over the years has become very overgrown and untidy. Hard weeding work has also been carried out on the red bricks by the church, again no weed killers. We have been informed that white vinegar works well and is eco friendly but have as yet not tried this method.

The drought didn't help and there was a lot of hard work carried out watering before a hosepipe ban was enforced. We managed and are very proud of our achievements.

If the weather was far too inclement for work we did planning for the future, sleepers in the memorial garden to tier the slope, red, white and blue theme, compost bins, storage, and quite important the installation of a water butt.

Glynis Rudge

On behalf of the gardening club

Church and Hall Hire

We are fortunate that Jack and Jill have operated throughout 2022, caring for the hall, providing important support to local families and providing a much needed income stream for the Church.

We have also been able to hire the church for recitals and other events during the year, while facilities limit the quality of the space for this kind of hire we hope to be able to do some work to improve the church building to make the space more attractive to potential hirers. Having now become well established the Food Bank has also started paying for use of the space. There have been a number of potential queries for regular hire but these haven't worked out for various reasons.

Fr Robin Sims-Williams

Priest in Charge, All Saints' Church, Child's Hill

Knit and Natter

Knit and Knatter have had a successful year with over thirty people attending. Beginners learning to knit as well as established knitters, knitting for charity.

We have knitted for All Saints Christmas Tree Festival and we've knitted for the local community, including several toppers for our local post box. We are currently making lap blankets for All Saints Church.

We have a running mini sale at the back of the church, selling small knitted items and cards.

Our group is not just about knitting it's also about knattering. So come along to knit, to knatter and also to knosh.

We meet on a Tuesday 12pm - 2pm in All Saints Church, all ages welcome.

Elaine Collins

on behalf of the Kniters and Natterers

All Saints' Servers Guild

Altar servers, having been suspended through the lockdowns have gradually been re-instated with often one or two young people serving. To maintain a Covid-safe environment they haven't been as involved as they were previously, but are able to provide some of the ceremony which our tradition of worship benefits from. Further development of the servers is an ongoing issue in 2022.

Fr Robin Sims-Williams

Priest in Charge, All Saints' Church, Child's Hill

Child's Hill Stay-and-Play

The stay-and-play has met all through 2022 with up to 20 children and their carers attending most Mondays. It was lovely to welcome back some families who we hadn't seen since before the pandemic. This continues to be a really important service to young families giving them a chance to socialise and for these small people. We had a special Christmas themed session in December with a visit from the man in red.

Christina Bisok and Fr Robin Sims-Williams

Stay and Play Coordinators

Sunday Club

Sunday club has carried on through 2022 though numbers (and the ages) have been unpredictable Michelle along with Heidi, Christina, Chris and Sue have done an incredible job running sessions. We continue to subscribe to Roots which provides useful suggestions and resources and the young people have made a number of displays over the year which they have shared during notices and which go up on the Children's board in the North Aisle.

Sunday Club Leaders

Wednesday Lunch Club

Our popular monthly lunch clubs continued throughout 2022. We were treated to several joyous recitals. NykkÖ has given at least one a term and he was joined by Thady Cooney on flute for one of them. Penelope Thwaites spoke about the what, why and how of composing, with musical examples. Anna Stanley gave a presentation on the history of Kenwood House and local piano teacher gave a recital of a piece by Robert Schumann which she accompanied with a fascinating presentation of his life.

Fr Robin Sims-Williams

Priest in Charge, All Saints' Church, Child's Hill

Youth Group

The Youth Group had to be paused in the summer of 2022, many of the members have got older and continue to be involved members of our congregation, but the timing and nature of the group became difficult to sustain as university, college and jobs took hold. A new Youth group is going to be launched in 2023 for the next generation, while the previous group continues to support one another more informally.

Fr Robin Sims-Williams

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EcoChurch

One of the things we set out to do with our vision in 2021 is to become carbon neutral by 2030 and to take seriously God's call on us to care for all of God's creation. All Saints therefore signed up to ARocha's Eco Church scheme. We appointed Heidi Bradshaw as our Environmental Champion,

with the job to keep this aspect of our mission on the agenda of both PCC meetings and our Buildings, Maintenance and Hall Cmt. In September of 2022 we held our first Eco-Sunday Service where we reflected on and prayed for God's Creation and our care of it. After the service we had a Parish Learning Hour where we considered the Christian imperative to care for God's creation and went through the EcoChurch survey taking note of what we do and highlighting those areas for improvement. The hope is that in 2023 we could attain a Bronze award as an EcoChurch. We have also done some work to look at renewing our heating systems in the hall and the church with a low or carbon-neutral system as well as the potential for installing solar panels. Both Fr Robin and Heidi are very excited about all the possibilities in this area for All Saints.

Fr Robin Sims-Williams

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Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiners's report to the PCC of All Saint's Church, Childs Hill

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December, 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 3, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('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 43(2) 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 Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7) 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 those 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:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 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

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



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Statement of Financial Accounts

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CHILD'S HILL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 GENERAL FUND - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Receipts	£	Dec	
		2022	2021
<i>Income from donors</i>			
Planned Giving	4,304		7,639
Collections and other giving	1,063		1,792
Gift Aid	6,321		3,377
Income Tax recovered	0		0
Candles	521		0
Gift Day	825		1,320
		13,034	14,128
<i>Other voluntary income</i>			
Donations, Sumup, Stripe and Easy Fundraising		3,160	2,836
<i>Income from activities to further the work of the Church</i>			
Sundries	1,140		399
Fees	1,958		1501
Unpresented cheques(written off January 2022)	0		0
Stay&Play, Film, Clubsetc	452		121
		3,550	2021
<i>Income from activities to generate funds</i>			
Church Hiring	6,780		1140
Rent for Church Hall	15,500		22,000
Rent for Curate's House	24,480		24,480
Fundraising	2,428		1,764
Catering Income	676		155
Grand Raffle	764		739
Christmas Tree Festival	2,721		4,073
		53,349	54,351
<i>Other Income From Parish and Charity Projects</i>			
Grants for Community Outreach			10813
Covid Memorial Project Donations	7163		
Church Walk Clearing Fund	322		3200
Food Bank			0
		7,485	14,013
<i>Income from investments</i>			
Bank interest		438	17
Transferred from Church Refurbishment Fund			7,429
Total Receipts		81,016	94,795
Payments			
<i>Church activities</i>			
London Diocesan Fund	15,880		42,680
Church Running Expense	7,734		6,648
Clergy Expense	2,623		2,350
Cost of Services	5,972		3,995
Christmas Tree Festival and Grand Raffle Expenses	1,090		1,128
Food Bank			480
Fundraising expenditure	250		
Church Walk Clearing			2,509
Children's/Youth Activities	242		159
Sundry Expenses	1,806		1,046
Organist	7,715		4,299
Building & Maintenance	14,723		12,923
Designated to Outreach Activities			10,333
Catering	1,075		208
		59,110	88,758
To Charities		3613	
Covid Memorial Project Expenditure		12,290	
Bank Charges		183	
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Running Church Hall	1,244		4,561
Maintaining Curate's House	5,631		1,506
Website Management	123		108
		6,998	6,175
Total Payments		82,194	94,933
(Deficit) / Surplus		-1,178	-138
Bank Current & Deposit Accounts at 1 January 2022		19,478	21,359
Bank Current & Deposit Accounts at 31 December 2022		£18,300	£19,478

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CHILD'S HILL

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	General Fund	Building & Fabric Fund	Community Activities Grants	Church Refurb Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Monetary Assets						
Bank Current Account	15,464		0	0	15,464	17,097
CBF Deposit Account	2,836	30,914			33,750	33,295
Total Cash	18,300	30,914	0	0	49,214	50,392

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible.

Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

The cost of the Covid Memorial project includes payments which will appear in the 2023 accounts.

Because some funds arrived later than anticipated, some payments due in 2022 were deferred

These accounts were approved by the PCC on and signed on its behalf by

Peter Rudge
PCC Treasurer

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CHILD'S HILL			
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022			
BUILDING AND FABRIC FUND			
	2022		2021
	£		£
Bank Current & Deposit Accounts at 1 January 2022	30,914		30,914
Bank Current & Deposit Accounts at 31 December 2022	£30,914		£30,914
CHURCH REFURBISHMENT FUND			
	2022		2021
	£		£
Balance at 01 January 2022	2,571		2,571
Transfer to General Funds	2,571		
Transfer from General Funds	0		
Surplus at Bank Current Account at 31 December 2021	0		2,571

Schedule to Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2022			
Special Collections were made for the benefit of:			
	2022		2021
	£		£
Wheels for Change			
Manna Society	0		0
Donations were made to:			
	2022		2021
	£		£
North London Hospice	950		
AgeUK	950		
London's Air Ambulance Charity			857
Peninsula Education Programme			857
West Barnet Deanery Synod			
Bishop of Edmonton's Discretionary Fund	0		0
	1,900		1,714



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