



All Saints' Church

— Child's Hill —

Church Walk, NW2 2TJ



Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2024

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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

Velma DunneChurchwarden (SC)

Elected Members:

Chelsea Considineterm: 2023 to 2026

Sian Daviesterm: 2024 to 2027

Elizabeth Dunne.....term: 2023 to 2026

Jean Francis-Wilkinson.....until May 2024

Sue Martinuntil May 2024

Ndeko Ndesamburoterm: 2022 to 2025

Emma Quarteyuntil May 2024

Ceeley Rubioterm: 2024 to 2027 (SC)

Christine Rubio.....term: 2024 to 2027

Glynis Rudgeterm: 2023 to 2025 (PCC secretary)

Anna Stanley.....term: 2023 to 2026

Stephen West.....term: 2023 to 2025

Co-opted Members:

Kanye Joseph-RubioYouth Warden since May 2024

Joseph MtaloYouth Warden until May 2024

Jeff Parkersince May 2024

Peter Rudge.....Treasurer (SC) until June 2024

(SC) indicates member of Standing Committee

Other Offices held on behalf of the PCC

Bankers: HSBC plc
Architect/Surveyor: 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: Chelsea Considine

DBS Checker: Stephen West

Lay Vice Chair: Chelsea Considine

Treasurer Peter Rudge until June 2024,
Glynis Rudge has acted as treasurer since

Electoral Roll Officer: Frances Beskeen until November 2024
David Bean since January 2025

Church Membership Fund: Frances Beskeen until November 2024
Anna Stanley since January 2025

Environmental Champion: Heidi Bradshaw

Assistant Churchwardens: Jean Francis, Jeff Parker & Elaine Collins

Sidespeople:

Frances Beskeen, Sian Davies, James Dunne, Jean Francis-Wilkinson, Susan Martin, Ndeko Ndesamburo, Catherine Okrafo-Smart, Jeff Parker, Christine Rubio, Tracey-Lee Sayers, and Anna Stanley.

PCC Foundation School Governors during 2024:

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 2024.

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 following reports come together to highlight some of the activities which All Saints' was engaged with during 2024 .

PCC Operations Report

The purpose of the PCC is to support the vicar and church wardens in the important role of looking after the church. The PCC consists of 9 elected members who are all members of the church, together with 5 Ex-officio members and one co-opted member. The PCC met six times during 2024 on varying evenings, or Sunday after service. The subjects of the meetings discussed various ways of raising money for the new roof and repair of the porch, and also to ratify decisions made by the sub-committees.

During the year we lost our Treasurer, Peter Rudge, and our Electoral Role Officer, Frances Beskeen. May they rest in peace. Both of whom left a huge hole in the day to day workings of the church, and hard acts to follow.

Whilst ensuring the day to day smooth running of the church and ensuring the building is safe and welcoming. The church is used on a daily basis for various activities including Knit and Natter, Stay and Play, Chair Yoga for the over 50s. We are developing our church to be a community asset for those who might otherwise be sitting at home alone. All are welcome. There is also a weekly Food Bank, a monthly soup lunch on a Wednesday and a monthly quiz night on a Friday. A community audit was carried out in 2024.

Our thanks go to Fr. Robin for his untiring work for the church and the community and his guidance for all.

Glynis Rudge
PCC Secretary

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 and Safeguarding is on every PCC agenda. The appointment of a Safeguarding Officer and Children's Champion 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 GDPR is reviewed as 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 2024.

Incumbent's Report

I have spent a good deal of time in 2024 reflecting on gratitude. I am enormously grateful for the way people at All Saints' have participated in our lives together. Caring for each other and the community, organising events, maintaining our buildings and worshipping God.

The year has not been an easy one with significant changes. We have had multiple deaths of individuals who contributed enormously to our common life, including Peter Rudge, Frances Beskeen, Agnes Owusu-Agyeman, and Shirley Lee, as well as numerous family and friends of members of our congregation leading to a significant sense of mourning. My moving out of the parish as Helen became Priest in Charge of St James' in Islington introduced the novel situation where the incumbent is not resident in the parish. I have been encouraged and hugely grateful to see how people have responded to these losses and changes, particularly in the support individuals have given to those who are grieving and in the way people have stepped up to make my not being across the road only a minor inconvenience.

The year has not, however, been all challenges and mourning, indeed I think it is worth me highlighting some of the positive things that we have witnessed from the year. We welcomed Ewan King from Heath Street Baptist to preach at Candlemas. It was a former minister from Heath Street Baptist that walked across the Heath into Child's Hill and decided to found Child's Hill Baptist Church, so it was great to have Ewan come and preach. A few weeks later I repaid the generosity by going and preaching at Heath Street.

During Lent Catherine and I led a course on Sundays after the 10am service, reading and reflecting on Selina Stone's book, Tarry Awhile, where we were invited to reflect on waiting on and with Christ.

As part of our ongoing collaboration with Magnolia Court, where I take a Eucharist once a fortnight, they held a wine and cheese for the All Saints Community in April.

Anderson Jeremiah was consecrated Bishop of Edmonton on 25th April and Catherine and Fr Robin went to welcome him to the area. A month later he was at All Saints to conduct the first confirmations of his episcopacy. Only a year after the last confirmations at All Saints, +Anderson confirmed 13 individuals (adults and young people). This represented the achievement of one of the objectives of our Mission Action Plan - to have the need for an annual confirmation service.

At our dedication feast in July we welcomed The Reverend Dr Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields, to preach. The service and celebration afterwards were very well attended.

In 2024 we increased the number of Chalice bearers (to two) during the 10am Eucharist as we moved back to receiving the sacrament from the rail. New chalice bearers were trained for this task and it has worked very smoothly having a rota of volunteers.

I have begun volunteering to do a half day as a duty chaplain at St Paul's Cathedral each month, sometimes also taking the 12.30pm Eucharist. It is an opportunity to work in a larger team and a different context.

During the later part of 2024 I have, with support from the Barnet Multi-Faith Forum and other local faith leaders, re-launched a Barnet wide faith leaders forum (now named the Barnet Faith Leaders Forum). We had a great start with over 30 representatives of faith communities at our first meeting in September 2024.

As with any healthy community, there are more people who have contributed to our lives together in 2024 than we could possibly name here. The churchwardens, the PCC, and Catherine have all made important contributions, as have all the people who have attended and participated in our life together. I am humbled and deeply grateful for you all.

*The Reverend Robin Sims-Williams
Vicar, All Saints' Church,
Child's Hill*



Church Warden's Report

As we reflect on another busy and spirit-filled year, I would like to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to all who have played a part in the life of our church. It continues to be a privilege to serve such a dedicated, vibrant, and faithful community.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge Jeffrey Parker, who has stepped into the role of Assistant Church Warden with great enthusiasm and commitment. Jeffrey has been actively involved in many aspects of church life, and we are delighted that he is willing to take on the full responsibilities of Church Warden this year. His support has been invaluable and promises strong leadership for the future.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Velma Dunne, particularly for her continued dedication to hospitality. Her work organising the tea after services, along with Mikhail, Georgia and Richard is much appreciated and plays a key role in fostering the warm, welcoming environment our congregation enjoys each week.

This year, Jean Wilkinson has continued her role as Assistant Church Warden with steadfast dedication, alongside Elaine Collins, who has contributed greatly - particularly in organising our various social events which have helped to strengthen bonds within our church family.

We are also very grateful to our former Church Wardens Sian Davies and Anna Stanley for their eagerness to help out as and when we needed them.

We are incredibly grateful to Father Robin, whose spiritual leadership and pastoral care have been a blessing to us all. His marvellous work throughout the year has uplifted and guided our congregation through both everyday moments and more significant occasions in our church calendar.

Our congregation remains the heartbeat of our church. The willingness of so many to volunteer their time and talents - reading, assisting during services, or helping behind the scenes - ensures that our church remains active and full of life. This year has seen increased involvement, a clear sign of the deep commitment and love our members have for their church.

The Chalice Ministry continues smoothly, with both wardens and existing chalice bearers ensuring that the sharing of communion is done with reverence and care. Our thanks to all involved for their ongoing service.

We are also blessed with a strong group of readers, whose contributions enhance our worship and bring scripture to life each week. Thank you for your preparation and dedication.

It is particularly encouraging to see the growth of our Young Serving Team, whose enthusiasm and willingness to learn have brought fresh energy to our services. Their engagement is a hopeful sign for the future of our church.

Lastly, our Sunday School Club continues to flourish, offering a nurturing and faith-filled environment for our youngest members to grow and learn. We bid a warm and grateful farewell to Michelle Bell who steps down from such an active roll in 2025. Her service has been much appreciated, and we wish her all the best in the future. Her presence will be missed. The leaders of this ministry deserve special thanks for their patience, creativity, and care. Many thanks and very grateful to Renata, Kelly, Heidi, and Lynne for their contribution and service for taking Sunday School Club.

In summary, our church continues to play a huge role in the lives of many, not just as a place of worship, but as a vibrant, supportive, and loving community. Thank you all for the part you play in making this such a special place.

Solomon Hans
Church Warden

Electoral Roll Report

Every six years the electoral roll needs to be deleted and a new electoral roll prepared. This means there is often a sharp drop in the number of individuals on the electoral roll as individuals may have moved on without requesting their removal from the roll. Some may not realise that they need to re-apply to be included in the roll. We wrote to all those previously on the roll at their previous address and announced that a new roll was being prepared on our e-newsletter and in services. The deadline for applications for this year was the 27 April 2025. The electoral roll now stands at 56 individuals.

David Bean
Electoral Roll Officer

Building, Maintenance and Hall Committee

The Building Committee continues to meet bi-monthly to monitor, plan, and address all matters related to the fabric and upkeep of the church buildings and associated premises. These meetings provide a vital space for

discussion, decision-making, and progress updates on essential works, both ongoing and forthcoming.

We extend our gratitude to Glynis Rudge, who has diligently recorded the minutes for each meeting. Her attention to detail ensures continuity in our discussions and helps keep all members and stakeholders informed of actions taken and decisions made.

A significant transition this year has been the departure of Fr Robin from the Vicarage. This has prompted a review of the property, with the committee now assessing the building's condition and any requirements for refurbishment, repurposing, or reassignment. We are mindful of the building's importance within the parish and are considering next steps carefully and in consultation with wider church leadership.

On a more practical note, we are pleased to report progress was made in 2024 towards the replacing of the last Halogen fittings - the LED lighting installation in the chapel was completed in November and the sanctuary has (as of the writing of this report in 2025) now been completed. This upgrade marks a substantial improvement in both energy efficiency and lighting quality across the premises as well as safety. It reflects our commitment to sustainability, cost savings, and providing a brighter, safer environment for all who use our facilities.

In addition to larger projects, a number of general maintenance tasks and minor repairs have been identified and are currently being addressed. These include everything from routine upkeep to necessary fixes as they arise. Regular inspections and testing in 2024 included Fixed wire electrical testing, lightning conductor testing, fire extinguisher checks, and gas safety checks. Dave Wilkinson kindly painted and improved the access ramps in



the chapel and painted the rainwater goods. While not all of these jobs are visible, they play a crucial role in preserving the integrity and appearance of our church buildings.

As always, the committee remains focused on ensuring that our physical spaces are well-maintained, welcoming, and suited to the wide range of community and spiritual activities they support.

Solomon Hans

Chair of Building, Maintenance and Hall Committee

Social and Fund Raising Committee

Our usual great start to the new social year is the Epiphany party at The Claddagh Ring. I've heard questions asked about why The Claddagh and not in the Church Hall or Church, the main reason that if out sourced everyone gets to enjoy themselves and no one ends up having to clear up, clean up, wash up. Hopefully everyone who comes along for great food, music and dancing has a great time and know it is worth the money.

During the year we held our monthly quiz night, these are held in the church as there is WiFi available for those who are attending on Zoom. Again a great evenings entertainment with some easy (if you know the answers) and some difficult questions, together with a picture round usually in keeping with a special event in that particular month. All money raised is for the church roof fund.

The church dedication festival was great fun and we're obviously doing something right as the weather was absolutely glorious. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this event a success. Anna coordinated a raffle which raised some money towards the church roof.

A successful Come Dine With Me was held organised and hosted by Chelsea and raised, from memory, £100 towards the roof fund. Open mic evenings are growing in popularity and are now held 3 or 4 times a year. A garden party was held in September and this raised more money for the roof.

Music at All Saints took place in October with Thady giving a concert, and the Cricklesingers held a concert in December. The pet service took place in October, a great hit with the animals and their "servants". Not a fund raiser but a lovely afternoon.

The year finished with the Christmas Tree Festival, this year there were 27 trees sponsored. Another great success, the two charities getting 25% of the profit were Childs Hill Food Bank and Raise the Roof. My thanks to everyone who sold Grand Raffle tickets before the event thereby advertising the event as well as raising money through the raffle. Thank you letters are always sent to those who sponsored trees and donated prizes. Thanks again to everyone who worked hard making all the events successful, so many unsung heroes behind the scenes as well as in the fore front.

Here's to another great year in 2025.

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. This year the weekly e-newsletters circulation reached over 100 email addresses, thanks to work by Kelly signing people up. Stephen has undertaken a number of design tasks including the first wall calendar which was paid for by advertising and provides dates for lots of future events as well as providing space for people to manage their own events.

Sunday Services continue to be streamed on Facebook and 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

Vicar, All Saints' Church, Child's Hill

Barnet Deanery Synod Report

I'm one of the Deanery reps for All Saints and I'm just writing a few lines about my experience as Deanery rep. We meet up in the evening usually three times a year in a church in Barnet. It's a purposeful event that I enjoy attending as I have the opportunity to meet others from churches all over Barnet as well as exploring their churches at the meetings.

The evenings begin with us being welcomed by a scrumptious buffet from the hosting church. It was our turn later in the year and it gave me great pleasure to welcome visitors to our church and of course provide them with a scrumptious buffet. Buffet time is a great opportunity to socialise, talk about our church, our community and ourselves. We then sit and listen to a speaker. They have always given me food for thought and it's nice to share my thoughts with others when we get into small groups after.

I can honestly say I have learned so much from attending, I've made new friends and I always share relevant information at our PCC meetings.

Elaine Collins

Deanery Synod Representative

On the 5th June 2024; 9th October 2024 and on the 10th March 2025.

Meeting usually starts at 7pm and finishes at 9pm; on a week day.

Meeting takes place at a volunteered Church venue.

There is an expectation that all Clergy in the Barnet Deanery attend Synod with representatives of Laity from each Church, based on the Church's electoral role.

Currently, Elaine Collins and myself, represents our Church.

The meeting is usually chaired by the Area Dean, Rev. Dr. Julie Gittoes (Vicar at St . Mary's , Hendon).

Secretary is Mr. Colin Izzard.

Treasurer is 'our own' Glynis Rudge.

This was the Agenda of the last Synod in March

1.Apologies

2. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

3. Matters arising

4. Diocesan Synod: Nominations to fill 3 vacancies from the house of laity on Diocesan Synod (presided over by the Area Dean). Those who are eligible to stand will be duly nominated at the meeting and invited to address the House of Laity for 2 minutes each. If there are more candidates than vacancies we will proceed to a paper ballot.

5. Finances: Treasurer's report

6. School Governors Motion(s) to approve appointments of School Governors;

7. Deanery appointments or vacancies

8. Safeguarding

9. Sub-Deanery Groups: Sharing our hopes and priorities; A time of prayer for our Deanery.

10. AOB

11. Future dates.

12. Final Blessing.

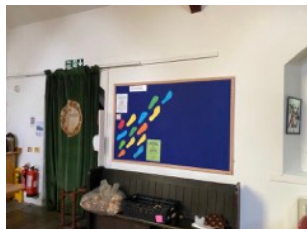
Do ask me questions for clarification.

The meetings are mostly interesting and social.

If any one is interested this could be discussed.

Catherine Okrafo-Smart

Deanery Synod Representatives





Raise the Roof

Time stands still for nobody and sadly the passage of time has highlighted the extent of work that was needed. It was noted that the porch stonework (which supports part of the roof being replaced) was in a poor way and after a stone masons inspection we added this into the project. That combined with inflation means the overall costs have been lifted to approximately £70,000. The good news is that we have had additional grant commitments, combined with more slates being sponsored and events to raise funds, means we have raised in excess of the original £40,000.

As this report is being written we are waiting on the Quinquennial Inspector to draw up a detailed specification so that we can (a) apply for the necessary permissions to do the work, (b) garner new quotations and (c) apply for additional grants which have indicated they won't consider us before we have the permissions in place.

The Reverend Robin Sims-Williams
Vicar, All Saints' Church, Child's Hill

All Saints' CofE School

All Saints' Church of England Primary school is a one form entry with 173 pupils' on roll in November 2024, an increase of more than 6.5% since 2023.

The year started with saying farewell to the Executive Headteacher, Curtis Sweetingham, and the end of the partnership with St John's CE Primary School N20. The partnership had worked well and put All Saints into a position where we could contemplate working independently of another school.

Ms Skinner, the head of school, took on the position of acting headteacher while the governors reviewed ways forward and considered options. The LDBS, the Local Authority and the headteacher of Christ Church in Hampstead, along with an excellent and willing staff team, provided Ms Skinner with the support she needed as she stepped up into this role.

While this was going on, the school's vision, strapline and ethos statement were reviewed to make them better reflect the character of the school and our context.

The school ethos is rooted in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 3 vs.18:
'I pray that you may feel and understand, with all the Saints, how long, how wide, how deep and how high God's love for you is.'

So the governors agreed that our vision would be:

'God's unconditional love for all drives us to create a compassionate, inspiring and nurturing environment in which every person can flourish and learn.'

Which is summed up in the words, *Learning by Loving Unconditionally*.

This vision was then embedded in the school, with each of the year groups taking responsibility (and the name) of one of our six values: Trust, Wisdom, Perseverance, Compassion, Hope, and Respect. While reception class became known as Love. Each year group led an act of worship reflecting on their value, which they shared with the whole school and their parents. The teachers also wrote a new school song reflecting the updated vision, set to the familiar tune of *O When the Saints*.

In late 2024 governors announced that Ms Skinner would be permanent Headteacher of All Saints from January 2025.

Leslie Peach continues as SENDCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) and in 2025 became Deputy Headteacher having been one of the three acting assistant headteachers during 2024. Ms Skinner passed on the Religious Education subject leader role on to Ms Sonley (a new teacher at All Saints with lots of previous experience) while continuing as lead on Collective Worship. Chelsea Considine is link governor for SEND and Safeguarding.

During 2024, with support from parents (Kelly) and Governors (Elaine) and staff the school completed a transformation of its approach to play via the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) programme. Completing the programme we gained a Platinum award. The school also welcomed in project Touchline, a charity which links a school's Christian Vision and Values with sport, focusing specifically on touch Rugby.

The school has a complex demographic but has demonstrated that through its vision of loving unconditionally outcomes (personally as well as academically) for individuals and their families have been positively impacted by the work it does. In December of 2024 the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) visited the school and after spending two days at the school they gave a glowing report writing: 'All Saints' is a school that is unashamedly embracing and nurturing its Christian foundation. The Christian vision of learning by loving unconditionally is the driving force. It ensures opportunities are provided for every person to meet their full potential'

Fr Robin is a Foundation Governor/Ex-Officio and has been co-chair with Chelsea Considine (Barnet Deanery Foundation Governor) throughout 2024.

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 Barnet Deanery Synod.

Fr Robin is involved with RE and weekly collective worship within the school and on the first Thursday of the month the whole school comes to the church for a school mass. All year groups participate in leading collective worship with Fr Robin during the year. Every year group visits the church at least once a year for some aspect of RE or other parts of their studies.

Finances continue to be a challenging for schools throughout Barnet. Vincent Rodriguez (Foundation PCC Governor) is chair of the Governors Finance and Premises Committee.

School governors sponsored a tree for the Christmas tree festival which the school decorated. The school also collected food at Harvest for the Child's Hill Food Bank based at All Saints. The school community has also been involved in supporting work to green the neighbourhood.

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

Vincent Rodriguez

Foundation Governor Ex-officio

All Saints' Choir and Music at All Saints

Having been between Directors of Music for the whole year, we spent all of 2024 depending on the marvellous support of Nick and Anthony as Dep. Organists. Rosemary kindly took on the task of organising hymn selection and Margaret Marshall did a brilliant job of leading singing classes for all after the service every couple of months. We also welcomed the Cricklesingers, a local choir that rehearses at Cricklewood



library, to perform two concerts.

At the end of 2024, and thanks to the encouragement of one of our dep. organists, we interviewed Vera Lai who took up the post of Director of Music at the beginning of 2025.

Fr Robin Sims-Williams
Vicar, All Saints' Church,
Child's Hill



Child's Hill Food Bank

We are now in our fifth year of the Childs Hill Food Bank and are going from strength to strength, with an averages of between 60 and 70 clients each week every Saturday from 10 to 12 noon.

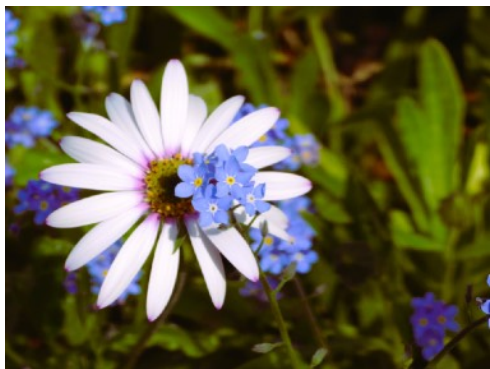
In 2024 unfortunately Barnet Hub had to close and forego the giving of food each week. However, the Felix project, who deal in wasted food on a large scale now supply us with volunteers delivering each week. We also continue to have weekly delivery of fresh food from Food Bank Aid in Finchley.

Our volunteers are dedicated, efficient and friendly and we follow the guidelines regarding safeguarding, health and safe and many practise first aid. We receive a multinational intake of clients from NW2 and NW11 postcodes and some refugees from a local hotel. We also aid clients, some of whom have problems regarding a variety of issues by informing them of avenues where they can get help.

Donations are received from other churches, synagogues and a variety of other charities and local people as well as commercial enterprises in both food and money.

It is our aim to continue to serve this community to the best of our ability.

Pauline Drayson
Child's Hill Food Bank Trustee



Gardening Club

Wow what a difference a year makes with lots of hard work and patience. Looking out from the church doors there is a riot of colour from everything planted over the year now blooming. We're still fighting the borage (or is it comfrey) and have decided everything has a place so we're keeping it to the area under the

trees near the compost bin. The bees love it and there is a hive of activity around the plants when there is not much else which is flowering. I hate to say it dandelions are also a favourite with bees and although a few are welcome a lot are dug out. We sourced a new tree for the late Queen's jubilee canopy project and it is surviving, it is a hibiscus and will in time have glorious flowers although will look quite ill during the winter months.

We often get thanks and admiration on our hard work and although there is still an amount of rubbish left it is decreasing and people are learning to respect their environment. We operate a "no weed killer" of any sort policy and this includes the clearing of weeds from the red bricks. Hard back breaking work is all that is used in this area.

Our planters promised to us from the Local Authority finally arrived just before Christmas and plans for what to plant put in place. Watch this area in 2025.

The memorial garden is also looking good. The two memorial cherry trees planted are looking good, one is a slow starter but catches up in the end.

If anyone has any time to spare, it doesn't have to be a Thursday morning, to do some weeding, digging or even starting some plants at home or getting and rooting cuttings we would be very grateful. Thanks to everybody who has helped to care for the garden space around All Saints.

Glynis Rudge

On behalf of the gardening club

Church and Hall Hire

Hire is an important form of income, balanced with the use of the space for worship, community events and activities. In 2024 AgeUK began hiring the

church for seated yoga classes and in 2025 they are going to be hiring to hold a coffee morning. This is a great opportunity, like the ongoing hire by the Food Bank and the partnership with Child's Hill Library to provide local warm hub, to share our space with charities but also cover some of the costs of providing community space.

The hall continues to be hired to Jack and Jill who provide important care to local families. They do a great deal to care for the hall. Additionally Middlesex chess association hold tournaments in the hall and other special chess events in the hall.

The church continues to be hired for recitals and some meetings and the hall has been hired at weekends for some events.

Fr Robin Sims-Williams

Vicar, All Saints' Church, Child's Hill

Knit and Natter

As we look back on our year of knit and knatter it makes us proud of how far we have come and what we have achieved. We have twenty members on roll and around thirteen popping in at our weekly sessions. We are a mixture of different ages, some of us with plenty of experience and some of us joining as beginners but it doesn't take our beginners long to be knitting scarves with the support of our experienced knitters guiding them all the way.

Our main aim of the year was to fundraise to purchase a defibrillator for the church and install it outside the church hall. We had fundraised for raise the roof but we knew this was going to be a bigger challenge for us at Knit and Knatter. However, with knitting needles at the ready we got to work and by the end of the year we were well on our way to achieving our goal.

The end of the year saw our Poppy cascade for the 4th year on display in church for Remembrance Sunday with a few extra poppies added. Preparation for our Knit and Knatter stall at the Christmas tree festival was well on its way. We made £249 which exceeded all other years.

It's not all about knitting, we love the social aspect too and the friendships we have made by knatter to each other as we knit or tuck into cakes and biscuits over a cuppa. If you like the sound of our group please come along and join us in church on a Tuesday 12-2pm, you won't be disappointed.

From the Knit and Knatter Group at All Saints NW2

All Saints' Servers Guild

Through 2024 we have had a growing number of servers involved with the services. The team involves a set of teens and some pre-teens with occasional adult servers. It would be good to have more adults involved. One server completed the volunteer aspect of their Duke of Edinburgh award by serving weekly. There was a training session in June which was followed by a pizza lunch and had around a dozen young people.

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Child's Hill Stay-and-Play

The stay-and-play continued to meet throughout 2024 with up to 20 children and their carers attending most Mondays. The singing in particular is very well received. The group has a really friendly atmosphere and continues to connect with lots of our local families as well as child minders and nannies.

Fr Robin Sims-Williams

Stay and Play Coordinators

Sunday Club

Sunday club has continued to grow throughout 2024 with 10 young people regularly going out to explore the stories and themes of the day. Michelle, Heidi, Christina, Lynne, Kelly and Renata have all been involved with support from a number of others. 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. Permission having been sought the temporary children's board in the North aisle will be replaced in 2025.

Sunday Club Leaders

Wednesday Lunch Club

The Monthly lunch club continued on the 2nd Wednesday of the month throughout the year and weekly during Lent. We had some recitals and talks, though the sessions have been a little less structured over 2024. Soup was prepared and donated by a great collection of people (far more than I could name) but thanks to all who have contributed and attended.

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Youth Group

The Youth Group continued to grow in 2024. By September, with a new cohort of young people reaching year 5, we had over 20 individuals regularly attending. Sessions were moved an hour earlier so many of the young people come directly from school at 3.30pm. We have open sessions, with table tennis, PS3, games and crafts as well as more structured sessions with a wide game or activity. Throughout there is an opportunity to get to know the young people and listen to them. We often have a time of prayer and mediation. Enormous thanks to those who help run the sessions and build relationships with the young people.

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EcoChurch

The church community continues to for God's earth, whilst aiming towards becoming a carbon neutral church by 2030.

Heidi Bradshaw continues to be our Environmental Champion, with the role of keeping these challenges our mission on the agenda on the Buildings, Maintenance and Hall committee.

We continue to hold the Eco Church Bronze Award (ARocha UK Project).

In January we participated in the RSPB Big Garden Bird watch, encouraging the community and the congregation to count birds in their own gardens or ours and we did a special Sunday Club in the memorial garden counting the birds.

The gardening group meet weekly, working very hard to enhance the beauty of the church's surrounding area.

To support our local bee & butterfly populations we observed No Mow May, allowing the wildflowers to grow in the memorial garden.

We also encouraged people to participate in the UK Pollinator monitoring scheme using the 'FIT count' app to record how many bees and other pollinators they observed.

The Buildings Maintenance and Hall committee were in the process of planning to receive two used planters that we will enable us to do some planting on the space outside the church. This will prevent cars from driving into the tiles and preventing further damage.

We made significant progress towards replacing the last of our energy inefficient halogen light fittings with LED units. Whilst work still needs to be done to renew the heating systems with possible solar panels for a much lower or carbon neutral system.

The Sunday club enjoyed an eco-related activity, exploring the threat to God's earth and their ability to make simple steps of change to care for it.

In worship the importance of the environment has arisen in various sermons including at harvest.

Fr Robin and Heidi will continue to work on and improve our eco projects and hope to change things for the better for All Saints' and its community.

Heidi Bradshaw

Environmental Champion

Bible Study

The evening Bible studies hosted by Catherine Okrafo-Smart stopped meeting in May 2024 due to lack of numbers and availability. Before that the group attended learning sessions at St. Paul's Cathedral, a highlight of this was attending a talk by Rev. Kate Bottley, chaired by Dr. Paula Gooder, on the 16 April 2024. Several hundred people filled the Cathedral; it was an amazing atmosphere. Rev. Kate based her talk on her book "Have a little Faith".

However, if there is interest in a house group or regular Bible Study Catherine would be interested in facilitating that.

Fr Robin Sims-Williams

Vicar, All Saints' Church, Child's Hill



Pilgrimage to Chichester

On a glorious Saturday morning 29th June 2024 a large group of All Saints congregants and friends met at London Victoria train station to commence our pilgrimage to Chichester Cathedral. After handing out the tickets for our 09:05 train one remained, unfortunately it was Josh who our group departed without that morning.

On arrival at the Cathedral we located our guides and divided into two groups to start our tours. For centuries Chichester Cathedral has been an important landmark for pilgrims. From 1245 - 1253 Richard de la Wyche was Bishop of Chichester. In 1262 nine years after his death he was canonized as Saint Richard of Chichester for his holy works and miracles.

St Richards shrine was destroyed in 1538 we visited the altar restored in 1930 to the original site of his shrine. Art is very important to the Cathedral. We viewed Tudor painted oak planks, Tudor paintings, numerous beautiful works of modern art, and impressive stained glass windows.

Lunch was in a private annexe off the cloister restaurant, with staff serving our individual tables 2 courses and finally tea and coffee. It was so lovely of the staff to organise a birthday cake for Talent, thankfully Josh had caught the train after ours so didn't miss out on lunch or the birthday celebrations.

After lunch there was the opportunity to visit the Bishops Palace Garden, the Novium Museum, walk down the canal or visit the town centre. While some departed early a number of us attended the 5:30 pm Evensong before catching the train back to London. The feedback was that everyone had a very enjoyable day.

Jean Francis Wilkinson

Pastoral Visiting Team

Unfortunately the plan to have this up and running in 2024 was waylaid by other tasks that needed doing. It has been encouraging, however, to see how members of the community have naturally supported and cared for one another in times of need. While the formal organising of the team has been delayed both Catherine and I have been making efforts to ensure regular visiting of individuals in need.

Fr Robin Sims-Williams

Vicar, All Saints' Church, Child's Hill

Statement of Financial Accounts

All Saints Church, Child's Hill
Financial Statement for the Year ended 31st December 2024
General Fund - Receipts and Payment Account

Receipts	£	Dec 2024	£	Dec 2023
Income from donors				
Planned giving	£4,604		£5,304	
Collections and other giving	£21,974		£3,280	
Gift Aid			£6,450	
Income tax recovered	£4,643		£0	
Candles			£391	
Gift Day			£430	
		£31,221		£15,855
Other voluntary income				
Donations, sumup, stripe and easy fund raising	£7,259		£569	
		£7,259		£569
Income from activities to further the work of the church				
Sundries			£1,129	
Fees			£1,304	
Stay & Play / Film Club etc.			£623	
				£3,056
Income from activities to generate funds				
Church hiring	£725		£12,215	
Rent for Church Hall	£15,525		£15,075	
Rent for Curates House	£28,164		£24,480	
Fundraising	£9,477		£4,248	
Funerals	£1,928			
Catering income	£57		£1,207	
Grand raffle in Fund raising			£1,526	
Christmas tree festival in fund raising			£4,373	
Pilgrimage / Epiphany party	£307			
		£56,183		£63,124
Other income from Parish and Charity Projects				
Covid memorial project donations			£21,085	
Raise the roof	£6,543		£13,579	
		£6,543		£34,664
Income from investments				
Bank interest			£633	
Transferred from church refurbishment fund			£20,000	
		£0		£20,633
Total receipts		£101,205		£137,901
Payments				
Church activities				
London Diocesan fund	£43,000		£58,440	
Church running expenses	£9,728		£15,788	
Clergy expenses	£7,056		£2,556	
Cost of services	£4,229		£5,188	
Christmas tree and grand raffle expenses	£24		£1,099	
Pilgrimage / Epiphany party	£873			
Fundraising expenditure			£1,282	
Curates house				£120
Children's/Youth activities				£4,803
Sundry expenses	£343		£5,767	
Organist	£3,580		£21,629	
Building & Maintenance	£9,931			
Funerals	£230			
Designated to outreach activities				
Catering	£1,770		£1,094	
Licensing/advertising			£317	
		£80,764		£118,083
To charities	£1,160		£1,160	
Covid memorial expenditure			£14,428	
		£1,160		£15,588
Bank charges	£171		£171	
		£171		£0
Other expenses				
Running church hall			£3,377	
Maintaining curates house	£20,293		£138	
Website management			£93	
		£20,293		£3,779
Total payments		£102,389		£137,450
(Deficit)/Surplus		(£1,184)		£451
Bank current & deposit accounts at 1st January 2024		£19,210		£18,759
Bank current & deposit accounts at 31st December 2024		£18,026		£19,210

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CHILD'S HILL

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	General Fund	Building & Fabric Fund	Community Activities Grants	Roof Repair Fund	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	2024 £	2023 £
Monetary Assets						
Bank Current Account	3,451	0	0	12,289	15,740	15,740
CBF Deposit Account	3,470	10,914	0	0	14,384	14,384
Total Cash	6,921	10,914	0	12,289	30,124	30,124

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.

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



Glynis Rudge
PCC Treasurer

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CHILD'S HILL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

BUILDING AND FABRIC FUND

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank Current & Deposit Accounts at 1 January 2024	30,914	30,914
Bank Current & Deposit Accounts at 31 December 2024	<u>£30,914</u>	<u>£30,914</u>

CHURCH REFURBISHMENT FUND

	2024	2023
	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2024	2,571	2,571
Transfer to General Funds	2,571	
Transfer from General Funds	<u>0</u>	
Surplus at Bank Current Account at 31 December 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>2,571</u>



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, 2024, 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 Regulationshave 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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