

St Paul's Marylebone Annual Report 2024



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St Paul, St Marylebone Annual Report 2024

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Report: The Rev'd Clare Dowding (Rector)

'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (Matthew 28.19-20)

I am delighted to present the 2024 Annual Report for St Paul, St Marylebone to celebrate the life of the church and to give thanks for God's blessings over this past year.

We have much to celebrate in our church life in the rich fellowship and diversity of our church community; in growth in faith, hope and numbers of those believing; in welcoming people of all ages into the life of the church; and seeing our ministry within the parish and wider community expand and flourish.

As we have nurtured our life together we have listened to where God is leading us as a church, community and as a congregation. We have focused on how we might build up ministry on our estates, particularly among children and young people, utilising the gifts and skills of those in our congregation. In 2024 we started the 'Become' course, a practical course looking at ministry on estates and building confidence in our roles as disciples, prophets, shepherds and evangelists. We are grateful to St Mary's Bryanston Square for enabling their curate, Revd Kirstine Henderson to accompany us through this course and for the generous support of St Mary's Church towards ministry on our estates. We look forward to developing these links, particularly in our work with children and young people on our estates and in our church school; and in supporting ministry among those who are lonely and isolated in our community, through projects such as FoodCycle Marylebone and pastoral care and outreach.

As we continue to grow together in faith, members of the congregation have enjoyed the opportunity to share in scriptural study and listen to one another's stories of faith. We are grateful to Revd Rachel Sheppard for leading a book group and Bible study, and we look forward to further opportunities to study God's word together.

As part of the *Inclusive Church Network* we continue to strive to be a place of radical welcome and hospitality, and explore what this means for us in our ministry and outreach. As part of our ongoing learning we began conversations with 'WAVE for Change' (an organisation that seeks to ensure that churches are places where 'We are All Valued Equally') and through this connection we hope to establish a new worshipping community with WAVE. I am grateful to our Churchwardens and the PCC and to all the members of our community for the ways in which we build up our common life and take seriously the task of being a community that radiates God's inclusive and radical welcome.

Rev'd Donna McDowell completed her three-year curacy at St Paul's in June 2024. We are immensely grateful for Donna's ministry at St Paul's and for the wholehearted way she served and shaped this community through her presence, ministry and friendship. In July 2024 Donna moved on to her first clergy post at St Mary's Twickenham, serving as Associate Priest and Primary School Chaplain.

In June 2024 we were delighted to welcome Revd Rachel Sheppard to serve her three-year curacy post at St Paul's and St Cyprian's. Rachel completed her theological training at Westcott House in Cambridge, following employment as a primary school teacher. Rachel, was ordained Deacon at St Paul's Cathedral in June 2025 and, alongside her wife Christina, moved into the parish flat. We are grateful for Rachel's ministry among us, for all that she and Christina share in the life of the church, and look forward to seeing how God will shape Rachel's ministry alongside the communities at St Paul's and St Cyprian's. Thank you for all you do as a church community to encourage and nurture the life and ministry of those who serve as curate here.

The wider ministry of the church is also supported by Rev'd Michele Lee (Chaplain at NHS Imperial Healthcare Trust, St Mary's Hospital) who kindly leads our Friday morning Eucharist once or twice a month.

The ministry of the church is only possible through the discipleship and ministry of everyone – lay and ordained – and I hope each of you feel encouraged to explore where God is calling you and how you might use your gifts and passion as we share the love of God in this parish. If you sense God is calling you to serve the church – in a lay or ordained capacity – we encourage you to speak to a member of the clergy team and explore this in your prayer life. Jesus calls and commissions people from all walks of life, with many diverse

gifts and skills, and calls us to serve his church and ‘make disciples of all nations’. I encourage you to continue listening to where God is calling you.

Our lay ministry and administrative team continue to support the growing life of our church. Martin Carr and Alison Moulden continue in their role as Licensed Lay Ministers, occasionally preaching and assisting in leading worship. Having worked for St Paul’s in an administrative capacity for nine years, and serving the past four years as Operations and Finance Manager, Martin Carr sadly moved on from his role in August 2024 to take up a new position as Net Zero Officer for Guildford Diocese. We are very grateful for all that Martin has given to support the life and ministry of St Paul’s, to work with the clergy team and churchwardens in building projects, and to enthusiastically support our work as a Gold Award EcoChurch. Alison Moulden has continued her role as Net Zero Carbon Officer, funded through the Grosvenor Foundation and Westminster City Council and has worked hard throughout the year to build connections with churches across the Two Cities around issues of creation care and sustainability. Bill Miller continues his dedicated role as Food and Wellbeing Manager, leading the fabulous team of volunteers who offer a healthy three-course meal every week to around 60 guests and continuing to build partnerships with local businesses, charities and organisations. Joanna Olasoji continues her role as Church and Community Administrator working alongside the many groups who use St Paul’s Church throughout the week and managing the busy calendar.

I am hugely grateful for the ongoing support of those who serve the church, especially Eurita Edwards and Paul Roadnight our Churchwardens who support the life of our church in many different capacities and represent our church within the Diocese and local community; to our PCC who give of their time to support the vision and ministry of the church; to those who encourage the worshipping life of the church – to Gemma Kitchen who blesses us as server during our worship; John Kitchen who enriches our worship as our regular organist, and those who have shared their musical gifts throughout the year playing the piano during communion - Lucy Tang, Tina Tang, Julia Dawson, Joseph Lord and Amalia Beeko; those who serve as Sidespersons, Intercessors and Readers; our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Angela Molloy; and our Caretakers, Steve Knight and Julie Freeman who keep the church clean and safe throughout the week.

Much of what happens in the church on Sunday mornings and throughout the week couldn’t work as smoothly as it does without the dedication of those

who offer a generous hand volunteering in many different ways: welcoming people on Sunday mornings; serving refreshments and offering hospitality; decorating the church with flowers and cleaning it for special occasions; sharing in worship, in prayer and intercessions, reading, music and leading junior church; setting up the chairs and altar for church and clearing it all away after worship; hosting fairtrade stall, coffee mornings and special events; visiting the sick and housebound and offering pastoral care to many in our community; and many more tasks, often quietly undertaken and unnoticed, that help our community flourish and grow. Thank you to everyone who plays a part in the life of the church and for offering your support so generously!

Our partnership with St Cyprian's Clarence Gate has continued to strengthen over the past year, with the ministry team serving alongside Fr Michael Fuller, and administrative teams working across both churches. Members of St Paul's and St Cyprian's have enjoyed worshipping together and I hope that over the next few years this partnership and our fellowship will continue to flourish.

Among all the joys and celebrations that we have shared over the past year we have also experienced the immense sadness of losing beloved members of our church community. Among them we give thanks for the life of Len Dry who sadly passed away on 13 January 2024. Len served as Churchwarden and PCC member for many years, as well as his life-long connection with Christ Church Bentinck CE Primary School as a pupil, parent governor and site manager. We give thanks for Len's contribution to the life and ministry of St Paul's Church.

Alongside these significant events in the life of the church we continued in the day-to-day ministry of life of this parish:

- ❖ praying for all the people of the parish, those for whom we have the cure of souls;
- ❖ leading God's people in worship, prayer and sacraments;
- ❖ offering pastoral care in times of grief, joy and celebration;
- ❖ accompanying families and individuals through times of bereavement and death;
- ❖ visiting and anointing the sick and those experiencing difficulty;
- ❖ leading collective worship and class events in our church school;
- ❖ working with Headteacher, teachers, children, parents and Governing Body to explore the core spiritual values that underpin the education we provide and achieving a very successful SIAMS inspection;

- ❖ nurturing the life of the church through Bible study, fellowship and prayer;
- ❖ and sharing fully in the life of the parish and community in all its wonderful diversity.

This coming year I pray that we will continue to root our lives in Jesus Christ; to listen to where God is leading us, discerning God's call in our lives, and encouraging us to grow in our faith journey. May we be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit at work among us and among those whom we serve and continue to live out our vision: *Loving God, Loving Creation, Loving Community* here in this place.

B: Meeting of Parishioners and APCM

Agenda

Apologies

Meeting of Parishioners

1. Minutes of Last Meeting
2. Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes of Last Meeting
2. Electoral Roll Report
3. Finance Report
4. Churchwardens Report
5. Deanery Synod Report
6. Elections to Deanery Synod and PCC
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner
8. Presentation of Annual Report
9. AOB

Minutes of 2024 Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 21 April 2024

St Paul's Church, 5 Rossmore Road

Present: Revd Clare Dowding (chair), Revd Donna McDowell, Eurita Edwards, Paul Roadnight (churchwardens) and 13 parishioners

Apologies: Martin Carr, Kirsty Kirby, Lita Orpiano, Anita Mercado, Sandra Kitchen, John Kitchen, Gemma Kitchen, Robert Ocom, Hyacinth Norton, Robert Weight

Meeting of Parishioners (12.09pm)

1. Minutes of last meeting, 30 April 2023

Agreed as an accurate record.

2. Election of Churchwardens

There were two candidates:

Eurita Edwards – proposed: Angela Molloy; seconded: Susan O'Reilly

Paul Roadnight – proposed: Fiona McCreedy; seconded: Susan Davies

Both were elected unopposed. Clare expressed particular gratitude this year for their help and support during the visitation of the Archdeacon of London, and for offering extra help and assistance during the nine months she was Acting Archdeacon of Charing Cross.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed and, the same persons being present, the APCM was opened.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) (12.15pm)

1. Minutes of last meeting, 30 April 2023

Agreed as an accurate record.

2. Electoral Roll Report

Kim McAuliffe reported that, after revision, the electoral roll numbers have risen to 78.

56 are resident in the parish and 22 are from outside the parish.

It was noted that we have had some regular newcomers since the revision and that may be reflected in next year's figures.

3. Deanery Synod Report

John Kitchen's report was read by Rev'd Clare who gave more detail about the June meeting with the Bishop of London, explaining that the Bishop walked around the Deanery, visiting all the churches, and the day finished with a social event at St John's Wood Church. She also mentioned that Bishop Sarah, had visited our church school, Christ Church Bentinck CE Primary School and led whole school Collective Worship.

4. Churchwardens Report

Read by Paul Roadnight and received by the meeting. Paul gave more detail about the need for good insulation, and spoke about our future desire to move away from gas heating, potentially to ground source heating.

Rev'd Clare spoke about our Net Zero work and the ideas the recent audit has presented in terms of future heating. We have now signed up to the Westminster Charter 2030 and there is good funding available to help us when the time comes to replace our boilers.

Julia Dawson asked about how this all ties in with our Eco Church work and Clare confirmed that it is part of our ongoing commitment as a Gold Award Church. Donna updated on Eco Church's current thinking around Gold Churches and how to keep them motivated and moving forward and suggested that we might be able to get involved in the strategic thinking around that. Angela, Eurita and Fiona expressed an interest in being involved with Fiona

saying that what we are doing and thinking about is fantastic and will save us much money in the long run.

5. Finance Report

Martin's finance report was received. The financial statements for 2023, duly examined and approved by the PCC, were presented and received by the meeting.

Clare reported on the finances stressing that our licenses are stable and we are in a good position in terms of hire of our spaces. There has been an increase in giving through the parish giving scheme, and the 'tap to give' is proving successful during services and we would like to think about how to encourage more giving by the users of the building.

Clare explained the current difficulty of the Diocese's finances explaining that the shortfall from Covid continues to have an impact, as has the withdrawal of payments of parish share from those parishes who are pausing Common Fund due to LLF. In light of this we hope to continue to increase our Parish Share.

The invoice for the fire alarm system has now been paid.

6. Elections

Deanery Synod elections are not required as it is a 3 year post and as John was elected last year he still has 2 more years to serve.

PCC were thanked for their term of service. With the passing of Len there is a vacancy on the PCC.

Clare explained that with the increase in our electoral roll numbers we likely have room for another PCC member. She suggested that the PCC might want to meet and discuss this in May, considering what voices might not yet be represented on the PCC and giving people a chance to think about whether they would like to participate.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Our Independent Examiners are MASY Associates. The meeting approved them to continue in this role. Proposed: Eileen Dry; seconded: Angela Molloy

We are grateful that Christina Shiatis from MASY Associates came and met with the PCC.

8. Presentation of Annual Report

Clare highlighted various points from the different reports particularly the continued success of FoodCycle and the hard work of Bill Miller in enabling that success. She thanked others for contributing to the report.

Fiona commented that although the church stall did not take as much money as in previous years due to the dissolution of Traidcraft it still made over £960, mostly from jams and marmalade. Clare thanked her for her contribution and she was applauded for her hard work.

The report's contents were noted and received by the meeting.

9. AOB

Clare read her report during which she thanked the PCC for all their hard work throughout the year, giving them gifts, including one to Eileen as a token of gratitude for Len. Eileen thanked everyone for all the support she received during Len's illness and since his passing. The PCC gave Clare and Donna gifts and thanked them for all they do.

Donna read her report summarising the past 3 years of curacy. Clare then announced that subject to customary checks Donna will be licensed as Associate Priest at St Mary's Twickenham in July.

Clare also announced that Rachel Sheppard will be starting as Assistant Curate after her ordination as Deacon at St Paul's Cathedral on the 29th June.

There being no other business, the meeting was concluded at 13.19pm.

C: PCC and Governance

The PCC are responsible with the Rector and Churchwardens for the governance of the church and are its trustees; they met five times in the past year. The membership in 2024 has been as follows:

The Rev'd Clare Dowding (Rector)

The Rev'd Donna McDowell (Assistant Curate, until June 2024)

The Rev'd Rachel Sheppard (Assistant Curate, from June 2024)

Martin Carr (Operations & Finance Manager until Aug 2024 / LLM)

Eurita Edwards (Churchwarden and Lay Vice Chair)

Paul Roadnight (Churchwarden)

John Kitchen (Deanery Synod)

Len Dry (d. 13 January 2024)

Kim McAuliffe (Electoral Roll Officer)

Angela Molloy (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Wilf Parsons

Susan O'Reilly

Julia Dawson (until Sept 2024)

Electoral Roll

Kim McAuliffe

A full revision of the Electoral Roll has taken place ahead of this meeting. The Electoral Roll now stands at 65 members. 44 are resident in the parish, 21 are non-resident.

Deanery Synod Report

John Kitchen

REPORT ON THE ST MARYLEBONE DEANERY SYNOD

The Synod met four times during 2024 to discuss mission and ministry in the area.

At the January meeting, held at St Cyprian's Church, the main item was the giving of time, talents and money in our churches. There was a presentation about the ways in which we can give and how churches can reduce their administrative costs in the handling of financial gifts. It highlighted different ways in which we can encourage giving in a post-cash society, and gave some pointers as to how our children and young people can be encouraged to be part of a giving culture.

The meeting also heard about the Westminster Churches Net Zero Forum, hosted by Alison Moulden (St Paul's Net Zero Worker), which exists to support parishes to achieve net zero.

In May the meeting was held at St John's Wood Church with a focus on safeguarding. The meeting heard from Claire Meaney (Diocesan Safeguarding Officer) about the work of the diocesan safeguarding team which has produced policies, procedures and a dashboard to help parish safeguarding leads and also provided training. It was noted that the diocese would be audited in September 2025, when inspectors would visit the diocese, Cathedral and parishes in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the diocesan safeguarding policies, procedures and processes.

There was also a presentation and discussion by Georgina Graham, Director of Operations for the Two Cities, Racial Justice advocate & Methodist Lay Preacher, on issues pertaining to racial justice within our country, the national and local church, and in the Diocese. There was concern that there was no

process within our diocese to report racial injustice and that it was important that data was recorded. A 10-point action plan had been published in September 2023 and parishes were encouraged to review this.

The July meeting held at St John's Wood Church was a short meeting preceding the annual summer party. The Revd Katherine Hedderly, the newly appointed Archdeacon of Charing Cross, introduced herself and then gave reflections on what the 2030 vision meant for the Two Cities and how could the various threads of work currently being undertaken in the various churches be drawn together and resources shared.

The final meeting of the year was in October was held at St Paul Robert Adam Street, when it received a presentation from Michael Andrews, Senior Music minister at All Souls Church, on supporting the mission of the church with music. It started by showing how music and art tell stories and help us to resonate with God's universal story and then went on to show how this has been accomplished throughout the ages with different pieces of music. The presentation was illustrated with ways of doing this such as using big bands, jazz bands and orchestral concerts. Many case studies were given showing how music, both sacred and secular, could be used in the mission of the church, including small music groups and singers in settings such as care homes and schools.

During the year, the synod also received feedback from the meetings of the General Synod and conducted local business such as the appointment of governors to schools in the deanery.

D: Reports

Churchwardens' Fabric Report ***Paul Roadnight & Eurita Edwards***

During the past year, externally, St Paul's has had the gutters cleaned and solar panels checked.

Internally, redecoration of the hall and a deep clean of kitchen has taken place. Work was also carried out to check the fire alarm system and fire safety equipment. Boiler maintenance, lighting works and repairs, PAT testing of electrical items, heating and radiator system repairs were also undertaken. The organ blower service was completed. Smaller repairs were made to toilets;

kitchen appliances; door locks; as needed throughout the year.

There has been a large project in the updating of the kitchen in the offices of one of our licenced tenants, Homestart, this was led and financed by them.

The church is working with the Architect and DAC for to update the church kitchen in the coming year. Food Cycle Organisation are supporting this project . Bill Miller, Food & Wellbeing Officer, and Reverend Clare Dowding met with Ashley Nixon representing Howard DeWalden to present a project proposal. Howard de Walden Estate have given a grant of £10,000 towards the work. Howard DeWalden have also offered to arrange contractors for the kitchen clearance. Bill obtained a number of quotes for the kitchen to present to PCC. The PCC agreed that GastroNorth should be employed as the contractors.

Our other long-term projects are to double glaze the church, remove the gas boilers and install a heat pump central heating system, renovate the male toilets and to partition the offices of our other tenant, FreshStart,, by constructing a corridor to the organ loft and soundproofing the walls.

Finance Report (2024 Annual Accounts in Appendix)

We are hugely grateful to Martin Carr for his role as Operations and Finance Manager and his support in the administrative life of St Paul's over the past nine years. Martin moved onto a new role as Net Zero Officer in Guildford Diocese in August 2024. He continues his connection with St Paul's as Licensed Lay Minister, for which we are grateful.

The accounts for 2024 show a surplus, largely due to grants received for our Net Zero, Healthy Communities projects, as well a generous donation received at the end of the year from a neighbouring church to support ministry on our estates. We have healthy assets as we move to the next stage in our mission.

Our thanks to Haimanot Demisse our payroll officer who assists with financial arrangements each month, and to Christina Shiatis, our independent examiner, who is meticulous in helping prepare the annual statements.

Thanks to all at St Paul's who either support the finances of the church from their own resources, or contribute time and talents to helping us thrive.

Income

Rental income from our licensees is stable and from other hall hirers has remained steady during 2024. We need to keep active in building partnerships in the local community to raise the profile of the church and increase hirers, particularly given our reliance on this stream of income.

Voluntary receipts are stable, though a rise in the proportion of income from congregational giving would be desirable. We have seen a few more people sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme which is an excellent way to support the church and we could do more to highlight the tap-to-give facility when groups are using the building.

Expenditure

Our current level of Parish Share is affordable and can increase slowly in line with requests from the diocese.

Church running costs have sharply risen, due mainly to increased energy costs, particularly over the winter of 2023-24. We hope to see this stabilise in 2024-25 and we will continue to look at ways to run the building more efficiently.

Staffing costs were stable for the majority of 2024. With the Operations and Finance Manager moving on from his role in August 2024 we have a small cost saving, but increased workload on clergy until this role is filled.

The cost of building works, such as the fire alarm system, were fairly substantial but necessary. We currently have some financial capacity to continue to invest in our building, as we both seek to provide the best facilities for our community, and advance towards Net Zero.

Community Activities

St Paul's Community

2024 was a busy year for St Paul's Church and the community groups we work alongside.

Our partners and licensees Homestart and Freshstart continue to develop their work in the gallery spaces and, as well as making a positive contribution to the community, bring valuable rental income which enables much more to take place at St Paul's.

Alongside our sponsored community projects such as FoodCycle Marylebone, Barnabas Group, Coffee Morning, Bible Study and craft groups, the main church-hall space has been busy with regular hire ranging from Millennium Performing Arts, Bahar Choir (a group of Persian singers), Open Age over 50s Zumba, Somali Women's Group, Aikido, Tango Classes, and other fitness groups, as well as hire during school holidays from groups such as TARKA. Sport, community, hospitality and the arts – there is something for everyone happening at St Paul's.

As we look forward and work in closer partnership with St Cyprian's Church, we hope that our space will continue to be well-used and sustainably managed, so that the good we do in our local area to be not only maintained but multiplied.

FoodCycle Marylebone

Bill Miller



Community meals served 3012
Food Surplus saved 7500 kg
Volunteer time 2037 hours
WRAP-equivalent Meals: 17,857
(number of plates of food that the surplus food collected would make up)

Guests told us that everyone is nice and helpful, they enjoy the food and the company of others; it's an opportunity to leave home and socialise, to meet friends and have a chat with people; the meals are excellent, it's a great idea to use leftover food and they are happy with the service, staff, food and ambience.



We received benefits in kind from Trigon DM (new pump urns and kitchen equipment), funding from local businesses including NISA, Alex Rohm, and Westminster City Council Winter in the City, London Community Foundation's Together for London, Grocers' Hall Charity, Warwick Trust, Aviva Community Fund, Octopus Real Estate and individuals.



Christ Church Bentinck CE Primary School

St Paul's has maintained a vibrant partnership with Christ Church Bentinck Primary School over the past year. Clergy visit weekly to lead Collective Worship and Revd Clare continues to sit on the school's governing body. It was a delight to have pupils from CCB join us for two coffee mornings – one in December, where they performed Christmas songs, and once in February, where year 5 interviewed attendees to gather information for their local geography project.



The liturgical and seasonal year also provides opportunities to come together for various services and activities. The school year began with a back-to-school disco hosted at St Paul's, complete with a backpack blessing and prayer for the academic year ahead. The Harvest Thanksgiving service at St Paul's in October saw a collection of generous donations from families which were then passed on to FoodCycle and on Remembrance Day, clergy led an Act of Remembrance at the school, observing the two-minute silence and reflecting on the themes of sacrifice and hope.

Advent and Christmas gave some wonderful opportunities to share in festivities. We invited pupils to St Paul's for a Christingle service and to activities at St Cyprian's where they designed stained-glass windows. We held our annual Christmas service with CCB at St Paul's and also hosted the Christmas Disco – featuring a surprise visit from Father Christmas! We were very grateful to receive donations from families at the school to distribute at our Boxing Day meal. We invited CCB back to St Cyprian's in April for 'Experience Easter'. Several interactive stations guided pupils through the

events of Holy Week, where we reflected on our hopes, dreams and fears, and spreading the love of God and the joy of the resurrection around the world.

We are incredibly thankful for the great relationship between the church and staff at CCB, for their continued enthusiasm and support in enabling this partnership to flourish.

Church Stall Fairtrade and Recycling - *Fiona McCreedy*

The church stall comes out on some Sundays and at coffee mornings, selling cards, and other donated items. Homemade jams and marmalades are also sold on the stall, these are all made with Fairtrade sugar, with the Seville orange and ginger flavour being very popular.

This year at coffee morning, we have supported Macmillan nurses, Marie Curie, The Children's Society, Christian Aid, Transform Aid and St Paul's.

We are recycling and supporting Fairtrade, which is the ethos of being a Gold Award church.

Thank you to all who have supported the stall.

Church Garden - *Fiona McCreedy*



We have a small church garden which is eco-friendly.

There are two rain water butts, a garden shed containing batteries collecting the energy from the solar panels also, a compost bin. In the last year I have learnt a new skill, making compost.

The garden is for sharing, if you have any input that you feel would benefit the garden taking into account the fact it is shady, then feel free to let us know.

As of right now we feel the garden could do with more colour which will encourage more bees to the area to pollinate which in the long run will help with the health and longevity of the garden as a whole. We hope to soon hear the buzz of busy bees!

Unlock Walk - Susan O'Reilly

Annual Unlock Sponsored walk, April 12 2025

A beautiful spring day and our gallant team set off in high spirits. Our mission- to follow a circular route between Vauxhall and Battersea Power station via the Oval and Burgess Park. Our goal- to raise as much money as we could for the "Unlock" organisation, visit 6 churches on the way and meet with other Christian groups. The "Unlock" walk has been a long-standing tradition at St Paul's and enthusiasm for joining in plus the generosity of sponsors hasn't diminished.

As well as having the chance to look round a varied selection of churches (most of which provided welcome cups of tea) and having lots of interesting conversations, we also found a few diversions en-route. We met Llamas at Vauxhall City farm, found a farmers market selling amazing cakes and met the beautifully dressed wedding party outside an Islamic centre.

After walking about 7 miles we reached Battersea Power station and headed for home.

We were tired, hot and achy but it had been a good day. Now to collect donations and sponsorship money. How much did we raise? Before Gift Aid is added we made £541. Thank you to everyone!



Wreath-making & Table Decorations: Craft Event

Angela Molloy



A group of us met at church one Sunday.

We collected greenery from local bushes that needed a trim and used candles given to the church for recycling, so it was great to use these to make Christmas table settings.

Everyone had a container, candle and whatever greenery they liked and with a little help everyone got started. After adding the greenery, Christmas decorations were added with some opting for lots and others minimal.

When finished, the wreaths and table decorations looked beautiful, with holly, ivy, red baubles, candy canes and orange slices.

Of course, we finished off with hot drinks and mince pies; a lovely start to the Christmas week.

Appendix: Annual Accounts

St Pauls Church
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31st December 2024

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St Paul's Church

Independent Examiner's report to the member/trustees of St Paul's Church, Marylebone, NW1 6NJ

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3) of the Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements.
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with s.41 of the Act; or
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have to been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper

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19th June 2025

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Unrestricted Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts						
Voluntary Receipts:						
Planned Giving		5,320.04	0.00	0.00	5,320.04	4,821.61
Collections at services		2,417.34	0.00	0.00	2,417.34	2,844.34
All other giving/voluntary receipts		1,830.80	0.00	0.00	1,830.80	2,684.54
Gift Aid recovered		2,882.43	0.00	0.00	2,882.43	1,053.29
TOTAL		12,450.61	0.00	0.00	12,450.61	11,403.78
Activities for generating funds	4a	1,706.80	0.00	97,771.00	99,477.80	35,279.20
Investment Income	4b	4,273.34	0.00	0.00	4,273.34	4,504.25
Church Activities	4c	110,992.94	0.00	0.00	110,992.94	113,364.75
Total Receipts		129,423.69	0.00	97,771.00	227,194.69	164,551.98
Payments						
Church Activities:						
Parish Share		34,029.97	0.00	0.00	34,029.97	32,000.00
Clergy and staffing costs	4d	60,616.31	0.00	740.99	61,357.30	46,323.51
Church running costs	4e	74,471.63	0.00	5,000.00	79,471.63	48,686.83
Mission giving	4f	2,142.70	0.00	6,831.00	8,973.70	5,931.17
Mission expenses, hospitality		519.40	0.00	0.00	519.40	2,791.39
Projects (NZN, WITC, HCF)		285.00	0.00	19,881.07	20,166.07	4,887.32
TOTAL		172,065.01	0.00	32,453.06	204,518.07	140,620.22
Bank charges		78.00			78.00	84.00
Total payments		172,143.01	0.00	32,453.06	204,596.07	140,704.22
Excess of receipts over payments		(42,719.32)	0.00	65,317.94	22,598.62	23,847.76
Transfers between funds		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Current Acc	Savings Acc	Investment acc		
Cash at bank 01/01/24		32,074.86	21,365.49	8,064.10	61,504.45	
Cash at bank 31/12/24		61,035.15	11,722.10	11,345.82	84,103.07	
					22,598.62	

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds	Notes	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023 (£)
Bank Current Account		5,826.13	0.00	55,209.02	61,035.15	32,074.86
Bank Gold (Savings) Account		11,722.10	0.00	0.00	11,722.10	21,365.49
		<u>17,548.23</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>55,209.02</u>	<u>72,757.25</u>	<u>53,440.35</u>
Investment Assets						
Investment deposit	2A	11,345.82	0.00	0.00	11,345.82	8,064.10
Investment Fund Shares at market value	2B	67,052.15	0.00	37,000.00	104,052.15	101,723.85
		<u>78,397.97</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>37,000.00</u>	<u>115,397.97</u>	<u>109,787.95</u>

Notes

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

2A CCLA investment deposit account CB3000478-001

2B CCLA investment CB300479-001 - 4500 shares at estimated share value £23.12 (remnant of St Matthew's hall fund)

3 The movements in restricted and designated funds during 2024 were:

	Bal B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal C/fwd
RESTRICTED				
Boxing Day Lunch	1,278.40	0.00	(740.99)	537.41
NZC Project	15,745.51	20,000.00	(15,874.32)	19,871.19
Warm Spaces Project	9,867.17	11,500.00	(4,006.75)	17,360.42
Rose Foundation	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	0.00
Greenhouse Projects	0.00	2,271.00	(2,271.00)	0.00
Derwent	0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	0.00
Healthy Communities Fund	0.00	19,500.00	(2,060.00)	17,440.00
				<u>55,209.02</u>
Estates Ministry	0.00	37,000.00	0.00	37,000.00
TOTAL	<u>26,891.08</u>	<u>97,771.00</u>	<u>(32,453.06)</u>	<u>92,209.02</u>

4 Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
a) Activities for generating funds:				
Coffee mornings / church fayres	94.61	0.00	94.61	199.20
Fundraising for external charities	1,612.19	0.00	1,612.19	580.00
Fabric grants and projects	0.00	97,771.00	97,771.00	34,500.00
	<u>1,706.80</u>	<u>97,771.00</u>	<u>99,477.80</u>	<u>35,279.20</u>
b) Investment Income:				
Dividends on CCLA Investment Funds (Mould)	378.95	0.00	378.95	373.74
FIT payments	213.83	0.00	213.83	790.84
Investment Income (account 012764001D)	2,823.75	0.00	2,823.75	2,695.78
Interest on Investment Account	457.97	0.00	457.97	280.15
Bank Interest	398.84	0.00	398.84	363.74
	<u>4,273.34</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,273.34</u>	<u>4,504.25</u>
c) Church Activities:				
Fees for weddings and funerals	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,095.00
Fairtrade stall income	340.00	0.00	340.00	961.15
Church Centre lettings	96,996.07	0.00	96,996.07	95,444.42
Sundry Refunds	13,656.87	0.00	13,656.87	14,864.18
	<u>110,992.94</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>110,992.94</u>	<u>113,364.75</u>
Payments				
d) Clergy and staffing costs				
Salaries	37,332.36	0.00	37,332.36	29,630.43
Tax and NI and pensions	14,640.23	0.00	14,640.23	9,813.31
Staff expenses/costs	4,856.36	740.99	5,597.35	3,335.91
Parish flat costs	3,787.36	0.00	3,787.36	3,543.86
	<u>60,616.31</u>	<u>740.99</u>	<u>61,357.30</u>	<u>46,323.51</u>
e) Church running expenses:				
Organ and piano inspection/maintenance	885.70	0.00	885.70	1,226.98
Costs of services	3,011.70	0.00	3,011.70	2,473.18
Office costs	7,318.15	0.00	7,318.15	9,706.49
Church building running expenses and insurance	21,149.09	0.00	21,149.09	20,956.82
Church refurbishment, repairs & maintenance	39,546.64	5,000.00	44,546.64	11,862.71
Professional fees	2,093.05	0.00	2,093.05	1,340.65
Assigned fees to LDF	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,120.00
Sundries (including refunds)	467.30	0.00	467.30	0.00
	<u>74,471.63</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>79,471.63</u>	<u>48,686.83</u>
f) Mission giving and donations:				
A Rocha UK	240.00	0.00	240.00	240.00
Climate Stewards	452.40	0.00	452.40	400.00
Healthy Communities Fund	0.00	2,060.00	2,060.00	0.00
Unlock	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
Christian Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	178.85
Mould Trust	1,450.30	0.00	1,450.30	373.74
Foodcycle	0.00	4,771.00	4,771.00	4,034.58
The Children's Society	0.00	0.00	0.00	124.00
Macmillan Coffee Morning	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.00
	<u>2,142.70</u>	<u>6,831.00</u>	<u>8,973.70</u>	<u>5,931.17</u>

CURRENT ACCOUNT BANK RECONCILIATION

	£	£	
Opening Balance 1/1/24		32,074.86	
Income as per Spreadsheet	233,556.36	233,556.36	
Expenses as per spreadsheet	(204,596.07)	(204,596.07)	
Balance 31/12/24		<u>61,035.15</u>	61,035.15
Unrestricted		5,826.13	
Resricted		<u>55,209.02</u>	
TOTAL		<u>61,035.15</u>	