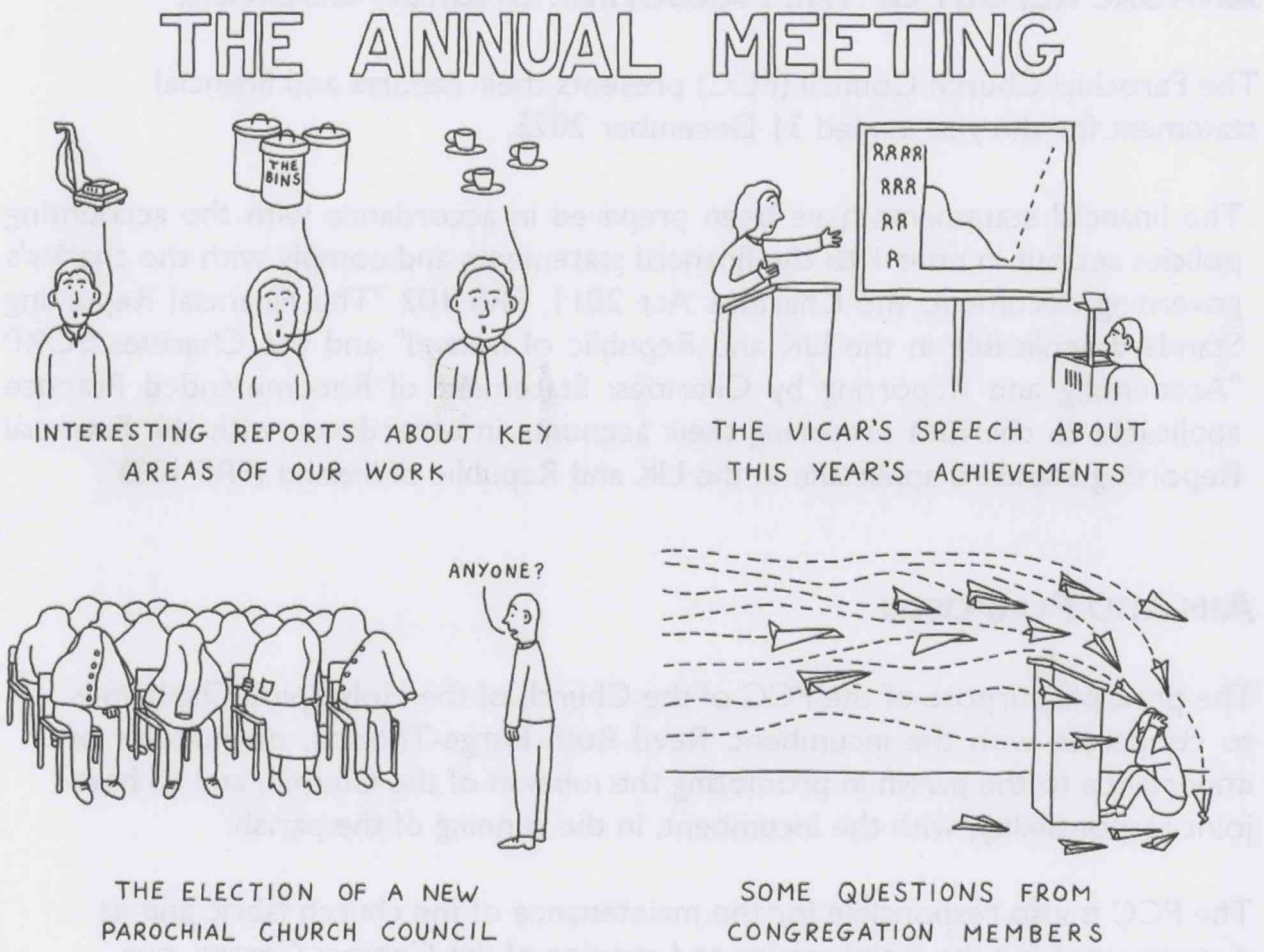
PCC Church of the Holy Spirit Clapham



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REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents their reports and financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)".

AIM AND PURPOSES

The principal purpose of the PCC of the Church of the Holy Spirit Clapham is to cooperate with the incumbent, Revd Ruth Burge-Thomas, on matters of importance to the parish in promoting the mission of the Church, and to have joint responsibility, with the incumbent, in the running of the parish.

The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church fabric and its contents, and for the maintenance and running of the Contact Centre, our church hall.

The PCC also considers and discusses matters concerning the Church of England, or other matters of religious or public interest.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church, and to become part of our parish community in Clapham.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The PCC (as Trustees) have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through

- worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel and delivering their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church and the Contact Centre.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

VICAR'S REPORT

By their nature, Annual Reports, like this one here, concentrate on tangibles: what's the state of the building, the finances, what funds have we raised, how have we spent them, what have we done in the church and in our community. Reports help us to reflect on the year that has past and keep us accountable.

But a church is more than what it has and what it does, it is a beloved community, working together to live out what it means to be the body of Christ in a particular time and place.

Church is not something we do. It is something we are. Being church changes us and so changes our neighbours and the world around us.

When I reflect on the year past, I rejoice, not just in what all of you have done, but in how you have done it: the growth in compassion, kindness, humility and patience; the ways in which you have opened yourselves embrace others who are not like you and learn from them; your ability to bear with one another, forgive one another and increase the bonds of love that bind us together.

You are a remarkable group of people. A little bunch of disciples in a small corner of the Kingdom who make a real difference in our community.

We are blessed indeed with people who offer their gifts in the serve of others: the Treasurers, the Wardens and the PCC, the AV team, the Silvers volunteers, Junior Church leaders, the Musicians, servers, sacristans, readers and intercessors, the safeguarding team, the night shelter volunteers, tea makers, cake bakers, those who keep us connected with the wider church in both the Deanery and Churches Together in Clapham and with the other community organisations like the Ace of Clubs, Dementia Friends, Age UK, the Food Bank and Citizens UK and those who make the church and the contact centre available as a resource for the wider community.

I cannot begin to do justice to all that you have accomplished but I will point out some of the highlights of our year together.

In celebrating the ministry and mission of Christ throughout the church year we have sought to deepen our own understanding of Christ's journey and to invite the wider community to join with us.

During LENT and HOLY WEEK we explored our faith together with other local Christians through painting and art works in the Tate Britain, we offered new ways of engaging with Lent prayers online and opened the church on Saturdays for community lunches. We delighted the local population with our Palm Sunday donkey who stopped to interact with local children and scoff the biscuits and apples handed out. Families who had never been to church came to make pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, support the cake sale on Mothering Sunday and bake hot cross

buns and build the Easter Garden on Good Friday. We increased congregational participation in the Passion Drama and the Way of the Cross and celebrated the Risen Christ with great joy alongside many visitors.

We used our small outside space to share the flames of PENTECOST with sparklers, toasted marshmallows and a barbeque lunch and to offer a tasty and great value Big Brekkie for Christian Aid.

We ended the Summer season with a wonderful PRIDE Service celebrating the diversity of God's creation and committing ourselves to the inclusion and embrace of all and had great fun at the Fair.

We hosted speakers on diverse subjects from understanding scripture to increasing our awareness of dementia and thinking about how to use our money justly. Citizens UK joined us for Racial Justice Sunday and we spent 5 weeks exploring together the Racial Justice study material provided by the Diocese. This year we had offered several Bible Studies and services of meditation, exploring different ways of resourcing our faith. We also prepared some of our extraordinary young people for both Holy Communion and Confirmation.

In the Autumn we were outside again joined by local schools and civic groups to mark REMEMBRANCE Sunday and opened the church to a hoard of local children for the ALL HALLOW'S E'EN party.

Sadly, this year we hosted a number of funerals and enlarged our ALL SOULS SERVICE to embrace the bereaved and signpost some to local support groups.

We have witnessed an extraordinary growth in our music this year both enhancing church worship and in offering recitals and concerts to our local community.

As always CHRISTMAS offers us an opportunity to bring our community together. Alongside our Christmas Fair we offered a new craft workshop for children during ADVENT and were delighted that it was enjoyed by a number of families with children with physical and learning difficulties. We welcomed the whole of Bonneville School for their carol service (along with several classes during the year). CHRISTINGLE was packed out and our young people excelled themselves in sharing the Christmas Story.

We continued to baptise local children and prepare their parents. One of the successes of previous years has been the Pram Service for under-fives which served as a stepping stone into the church community for many baptism families. Decline in numbers led us to suspend this service whilst we explored what families needed from us. Currently a group of us is engaged in Mission Shaped Church Training to plan alternatives which we hope will bear fruit in the year ahead.

Silvers and Junior church are at the coal face of our support for the young and the not so young and manage to encourage and inspire every week. There is much more that I could mention that often goes unseen, in particular the huge amount of pastoral work that you carry out for those in need, the laundry done, lifts provided, hospital appointments attended, shopping done, dogs walked, tears dried and troubles shared.

I am grateful to all of you for being a part of our journey this year. In particular, I would like to thank:
Katie who stood down as Church Warden this year. Katie has been a creative, energetic, diligent and compassionate warden. As well as always thoroughly prepared and insightful in decision-making, she has been an approachable and warm presence and a listening ear for many of us. Her involvement in our events (particularly All Hallows' E'en where her costumes are legendary) and in our Silvers group has brought joy and sparkle.
Erica who became Church Warden this year and Gavin who served alongside her. Without them, the Treasurers (Paula and Ros), Rhian (our PCC Secretary) and Natalie, our Administrator, the church would not continue to operate.
Keith, our Music Director, the choir and the Music team have had an extraordinary year, enhancing our worship and building relationships with the community.
Natalie who manages to keep both the church and the contact centre running. She troubleshoots with patience and grace on a daily basis and makes sure that the vicar doesn't get sugar lowed.
Mother Caroline and Father Richard who assist with preach, leading worship and pastoral outreach.
In the year ahead we have plans to offer more to our community for parents and children, for those who are bereaved and those preparing for end of life as well as strengthening our engagement with Citizens UK and our local health hub. We will also be fundraising to start the much-needed repair work on the church building. I look forward to all of this but also to being part of this beloved community as we continue to be transformed by God's love and offer that love to others.
With thanks and love
Mother Ruth

Wardens' Report

In April, Katie Pollock stood down after three years as Churchwarden. On behalf of the whole congregation, we extend huge thanks to Katie, for her hard work and dedicated service.

Gavin Williams continued to serve as Churchwarden and was joined, in May, by Erica Cherrie, a longstanding member of the church, who is very much enjoying her new role. Gavin will step down in April.
Clergy
Mother Ruth, led us through the year with the support of the Reverend Canon Caroline Clarke who joined us officially as Assistant Priest in March 2024. Mother Caroline has been a fount of wisdom and a tower of strength to Mother Ruth, the Churchwardens, PCC and the congregation as a whole. We are also fortunate to have the support of Father Richard Lloyd Morgan, who in addition to taking several Sunday services, also leads Morning Prayer three times a week, ably assisted by

Alan Mundy. A huge thank you to all our wonderful clergy for their continuing dedication and support.

Worship and Prayer

During the year, the pattern of regular worship and prayer was as follows:

- Sunday morning, 8am Pram Service*.
- Sunday morning, 10.30am Parish Mass with Junior Church. Once a month, we have an All-Age Service at which our young people participate in the delivery of the service. They seem to relish the added responsibility.
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9-9.30am Morning Prayer
- Tuesday and Thursday 1-1.30pm Lunchtime Prayer (online)
- Sunday evening Choral Evensong once a month.

* Pram Service is currently suspended pending review.

In addition, we held special services throughout the year in celebration of seasonal festivals. Many of our services are broadcast live and made available online.
On behalf of the congregation at large, we wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all involved in delivering our services of worship and prayer in addition to our clergy, to include, readers, intercessors, servers, sacristans, sidespeople, coffee servers, organists and members of the choir. Without each of these contributions, Holy Spirit Clapham would not have been the vibrant place of worship it was in 2025. Thank you. Huge thanks also to our Parish administrator Natalie Wood, whose work includes ensuring that we have our wonderful orders of service.

Care of the Church Fabric and Property

The church wardens have certain responsibilities in relation to the care of the church. These responsibilities cover the keeping of records and the making of inspections and reports on the church's property and fabric, their state of upkeep and maintenance.

Property records

The Terrier is the name the Church of England gives to the records required to be kept of the land and buildings belonging to a church. The Inventory, less cryptically, is the record of a church's plate and ornaments and other significant items of movable property.
The Terrier and Inventory are being brought up to date with the help of our Parish Administrator and others. Once this process is complete, the updated Terrier and Inventory will be presented to the PCC. The Churchwardens have no concerns regarding the ownership of the land, buildings or property of Holy Spirit, Clapham.

Maintenance records

The Logbook is the term used by the Church of England to refer to the records required to be kept of maintenance work on the fabric of a church's buildings and their periodic inspection. Records are kept by the Parish Office of all work done on our buildings. Reports on the condition of the buildings

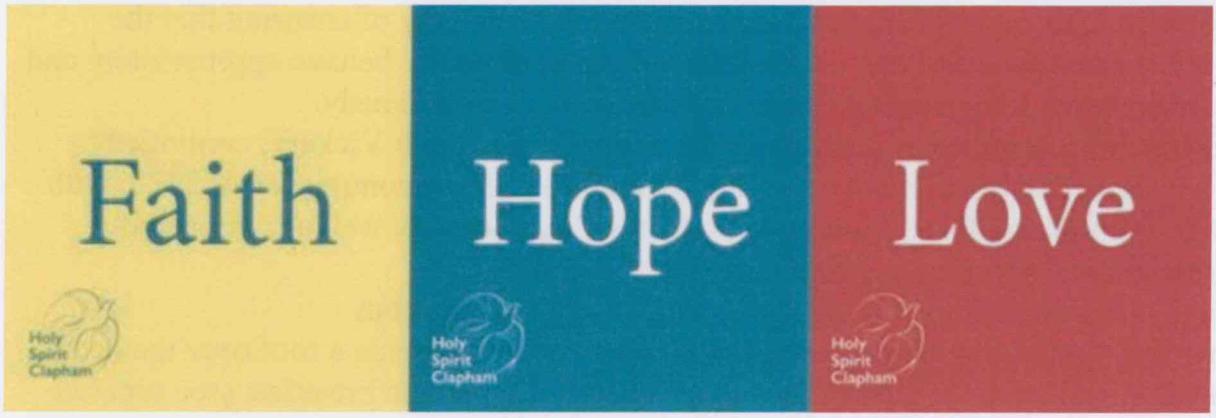
Each church is required by law to undergo an official inspection every five years. Our most-recent quinquennial inspection was conducted in 2023, by our inspecting architect, Karen Butti of Thomas Ford and Partners. Karen's report was received by the PCC in January 2024 and offered the following summary:

- The church is generally in fair condition and the only major concern is that the movement on the south and west sides appear to have continued, possibly during the very dry summer of 2022. It is good that the outflow of water from the former neighbouring dry cleaners has now come to an end, which may have exacerbated problems on that side.
- There are quite a number of items which have been carried over from the last inspection. Fortunately, some of those have not deteriorated as quickly as we might have anticipated so whilst they still need doing there have been no dramatic failures.

Since receiving the report, the PCC has set about instructing experts to carry out some of the items identified, such as some necessary electrical works.
During the second half of 2025, the PCC agreed to appoint a project manager to assist us in taking forward the remainder of the recommended quinquennial works. We have appointed Rob Burke and his team from Watts Surveyors, and they began the process of selecting contractors to tender for the works. It is hoped that the majority of the works will be completed in 2026, subject to raising sufficient funds.
In 2024, the PCC obtained a similar report on the Parish Hall (Contact Centre) to better understand the state of that building and enable a prioritisation of work across the estate to be done on a fully informed basis.
An observation in the report on the Parish Hall, led to the PCC commissioning a further inspection of the Contact Centre roof, which recommended that the roof be refurbished. Refurbishment works were undertaken during the first half of 2025.
During the first quarter of 2025, the boiler serving the Parish Hall became temperamental, leading to an inspection which recommended replacement. The Parish Hall boiler will be replaced during the first half of 2026.
In addition, there was a serious flooding problem affecting the basement of the Parish Hall, including the boiler room. This led to the instruction of a drainage company which cleared and repaired the drains. This only partially remedied the problem but after Thames Water confirmed that the leak was surface water we had channels dug in the basement and pumps installed, which seems to have resolved the issue.
The Churchwardens and the PCC prioritise health and safety. In addition to the above works to the Parish Hall, we also had a new fire and smoke alarm system installed in 2025.
The need and indeed duty to invest in our buildings, which in turn enable our pastoral, mission and outreach work in the parish, will be highlighted in our forthcoming giving campaign. If we were to lose the use of our buildings to poor upkeep, our rental income and ability to serve the community would both be in jeopardy.

Our Plan: Faith, Hope and Love

We continued to follow our Mission Action Plan in 2025 which rests on its pillars of Faith, Hope and Love.



Faith

Alongside our regular services of worship and prayer, we organised individual events that drew us closer to each other in fellowship, including the Lent series of Soup on Saturday to raise money for the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Appeal, and the ever-popular Christian Aid Week Quiz Night. Mother Ruth delivered classes for marriage, baptism and confirmation. First Communion preparation classes for children will resume in 2026.

The PCC remains committed to delivering opportunities for us to broaden and deepen our faith together, and we had a successful parish retreat for the PCC led by Mother Ruth in July 2025 which brought us all closer together and helped us to focus on our mission plan.

In September, members of the congregation attended the excellent Kingston Lay conference in Wimbledon, which was inspiring and educative. There were various workshops and the keynote speaker was Rowan Williams. We all came away keen to share what we had learned with others. Three weekday bible study events were held this year under the banner of Beyond Sunday, led by Mother Ruth and organised by Rachel Edge

Hope

Our work with children and young people continued in 2025 with Junior Church remaining a feature of our programme. A cohort of volunteers supports Junior Church in their regular Sunday morning appearances on the chancel step. The PCC remains committed to Junior Church and maintaining the family-focused events and celebrations throughout the year, from our Christmas Workshop, Christingle and Community Carols through Mothering Sunday, Shrove Tuesday and our Good Friday Workshop, to Harvest, All Hallows' Eve and Remembrance.

Our Mission Action Plan calls for further opportunities for young people to get involved, to be identified. Progress has been made by the serving and A/V teams but with scope for further advances remaining.

Love

We are a tolerant, inclusive and loving community, where everyone is welcome, with no exceptions, and loved and accepted just as they are.

At the same time, we prioritise safeguarding and the necessity of ensuring that the church is a safe space and that all members of our community behave appropriately and that all necessary safeguarding checks are carried out expeditiously.

Our Silver Socials group of dedicated volunteers led by Judith Vickery, continued to offer a vital weekly focal point for our older members of the community in 2025, with referrals from local GPs continuing to swell their numbers. As well as coffee and cake, members enjoy bingo, quizzes, games and craft.

Through our partnership with the Robes winter night shelter (Ian Cherrie and Anna Long coordinating), volunteers helped provide a roof over the head and a warm welcome for guests, as well as a hearty supper and breakfast (see separate report).

Close ties remained with local day centre, the Ace of Clubs (with Anna Long serving as liaison), and Little Village and the local Food Bank (spearheaded by Alison Inglis-Jones), with Holy Spirit Clapham serving as a collection point and promoting donations.

Mother Ruth, supported by volunteer help, continued to offer pastoral care for the sick, the elderly, the dying and the bereaved throughout the year.

Our summer and Christmas fairs again brought crafts, music and children's activities together to raise funds for our selected charities and church funds. The Christmas fair was particularly well attended and raised a record amount.

The fixtures of the Mothering Sunday cake Bake and the Christian Aid Big Brekkie remained.

Music retained its prominent place in the life of Holy Spirit Clapham in 2025. The choir continued to flourish and indeed has gone from strength to strength under the leadership of Keith Pun. Special mentions go to Paula Constant and Joe Sternberg who continue to galvanise efforts. Autumn and winter 2025 saw series of seasonal evensong recitals featuring talented performers and varied repertoire.

As we turn to the year ahead, we pray that we shall benefit from renewed devotion, energy and generosity of all who are drawn to fellowship and worship with us, and that together we might reach further into every part of the parish.

Gavin Williams and Erica Cherrie

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CLAPHAM

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Date: 7 MAY 2026

Annual Treasurer's Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2025

Income for the year

The church's General Fund decreased by £27,323 in 2025 compared with 2024 this was due mostly to expenditure on repairs for the Contact Centre. The deficit should we hope be refunded by the Contact Centre fund in due course. Due to hard work and great efforts by the music team the Organ Fund has increased by over £4,000, after payment to Robert Bowles of his expenses accrued over many years of work on the Organ, for which the church has sent him many thanks.

The excess of income over expenditure for the combined church and Contact Centre was £40,692.97

Capital Expenditure

However, the bank cash balances have been reduced by the following items of Capital Expenditure in the Contact Centre (which has increased our fixed assets by commensurate amounts)

New Boiler for upper floor and hot water -£3,420
New roof covering and new roof lights - £72,620.64
New Fire and Smoke alarm System --£18,987.50
New Sump Pump system 2 rooms £3,812.82

In addition, we have carried out drain repairs in the Contact Centre, following flooding in the cellar, at a cost of £13,189.81

Mission and Volunteering

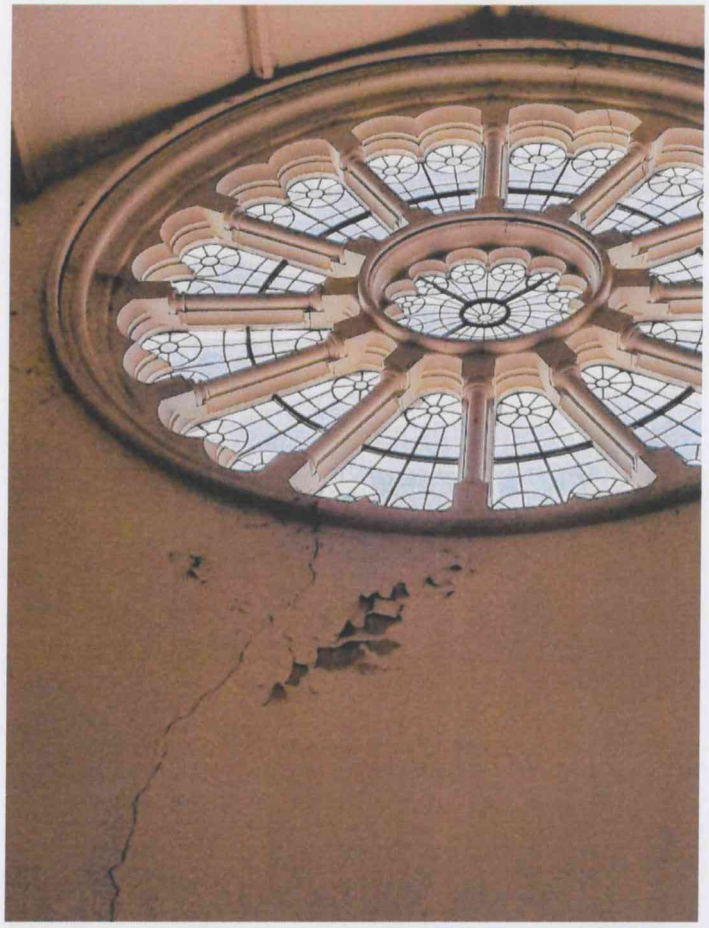
The Summer Party and Christmas fair, Organ Recitals, Concerts, Recitals,Come and Sing, Quiz Night, Halloween, and Christmas Wreath Workshop, along with many other events were very well attended and not only raised funds for the church due to the huge efforts put in by a large number of volunteers, but in addition new faces came into the Church, widening its appeal.

Finance Going Forward

The church alone, excluding substantial "one-off" gifts, unfortunately is still running at a deficit, while the Contact Centre makes a profit and mostly makes up for the deficit (See note 20 below), both the church and the Contact Centre need repairs carried out, and special projects have been 'on hold' for some years.

The church remains available for hire by suitable external groups

We want to fulfill our mission by keeping the church warm and welcoming, which costs quite a lot.



The wheel window

We particularly need to raise additional funds for repairs to the church itself which will require scaffolding and quotes are being obtained, the necessary repairs include the cracks around the wheel window over the main doors, and the total cost is likely to exceed £150,000 of which the church only has about half available. We will be seeking grants, but fundraising will also be needed.

Overall, the church accounts show a closing surplus of £37,317 with closing funds of £ 263,999 of which £0 is Restricted.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six-month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Paula Wilson and Ros Paterson-Morgan, Joint Treasurer

Church of The Holy Spirit, Clapham

Statement of Financial Activities For the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	152,542	141,596	-	141,596
Charitable activities	4	117,431	116,570	-	116,570
Investments	5	2,677	2,479	-	2,479
Total income		272,650	260,645	-	260,645
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	1,741	1,153	-	1,153
Charitable activities	7	233,592	197,434	99	197,533
Total expenditure		235,333	198,587	99	198,686
Net income and movement in funds		37,317	62,058	(99)	61,959
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 January 2025		226,682	164,624	99	164,723
Fund balances at 31 December 2025		263,999	226,682	-	226,682

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£

Fixed assets			
Property, plant and equipment	14	123,158	32,176
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	15	5,091	6,239
Cash at bank and in hand		144,563	195,461
		149,654	201,700
Current liabilities	16	(8,813)	(7,194)
Net current assets		140,841	194,506
Total assets less current liabilities		263,999	226,682
Net assets		263,999	226,682
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	18	263,999	226,682
		263,999	226,682

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on ..... 7th May 2026

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The Reverend Ruth Burge-Thomas - Chair (Incumbent)

Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Holy Spirit, Clapham is a registered charity governed by its Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956), the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following basis:

Contact centre fixture and fittings	Straight line basis over 4-10 Years
Church fixtures and fittings	Straight line basis over 3-20 Years
Computers	Straight line basis over 3-5 Years

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of non-current assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short- term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non- current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	152,542	141,596

Donations and gifts		
Gift Aid – bank	112,826	94,972
Gift Aid – envelopes	1,532	1,631
Other giving not under Gift Aid	1,006	1,623
Loose plate collections	5,388	3,627
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	27,895	25,760
Flowers	612	610
Legacies	2,018	11,517
Other	1,265	1,856
	152,542	141,596

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Charitable activities		
Activities to further the work of the church	5,761	10,782
Income directly relating to worship	4,567	1,090
Charitable rental income	98,965	99,176
Activities for generating funds	8,138	5,522
	117,431	116,570

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	2,677	2,479

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	265	60
Membership schemes and social lotteries	-	417
Staging fundraising events	1,476	676
	1,741	1,153

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Church activities 2025 £	Church activities 2024 £
Direct costs		
Depreciation and impairment	9,023	8,357
Parish costs	90,555	79,345
Working expenses of incumbent	2,499	1,538
Other church activities	743	908
Upkeep of services	1,980	1,911
Upkeep of churchyard	2,990	3,534
Church running expenses	11,454	14,073
Contact centre running expenses	10,566	14,197
Music and organ costs	8,722	3,765
Printing and stationery	1,135	1,142

Repairs and maintenance	27,659	18,815
Telephone and broadband	1,935	2,410
Miscellaneous costs	633	819
Financial charges	1,862	1,673
	171,756	152,487
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	3,768	4,930
Share of support and governance costs (see note 9)		
Support	58,068	40,116
	233,592	197,533
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	233,592	197,434
Restricted funds	-	99
	233,592	197,533

8 Grants payable

	Church activities 2025 £	Church activities 2024 £
Grants to institutions:		
Children's society	284	1,048
Home mission and outreach	12	14
UN Women	287	-
Christain Aid	356	1,210
Medecin San Frontieres	1,023	-
Other	1,806	2,658
	3,768	4,930

9 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	54,364	36,713
Gifts	-	368
Printer, computer, network and software	1,554	395
Accountancy & Independent examination	2,150	2,640
	58,068	40,116
Analysed between:		
Church activities	58,068	40,116

10 Net movement in funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	860	830
Depreciation of owned property, plant and equipment	9,023	8,357

11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
	3	2

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	52,129	35,413
Other pension costs	2,235	1,300
	54,364	36,713

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

14 Property, plant and equipment

	Contact centre fixture and fittings £	Church fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2025	94,709	78,879	5,676	179,264
Additions	76,433	22,228	1,344	100,005
At 31 December 2025	171,142	101,107	7,020	279,269
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2025	94,709	46,862	5,517	147,088

Depreciation charged in the year	971	7,908	144	9,023
At 31 December 2025	95,680	54,770	5,661	156,111
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2025	75,462	46,337	1,359	123,158
At 31 December 2024	-	32,016	160	32,176

15 Trade and other receivables

	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year:	**£**	**£**
Trade receivables	1,302	2,660
Other receivables	2,494	3,579
Prepayments and accrued income	1,295	-
	5,091	6,239

16 Current liabilities

	2025	2024
	£	**£**
Trade payables	4,333	1,648
Other payables	2,330	2,906
Accruals and deferred income	2,150	2,640

	8,813	7,194

17 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025	2024
Defined contribution schemes	£	£
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	2,235	1,300

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

18 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Contact - Contact Centre	44,172	93,724	(55,232)	25,114	107,779
Organ - Organ Fund	8,080	11,538	(7,342)	-	12,276
Fabric - Fabric Fund	64,819	-	-	9	64,828
General funds	109,611	167,388	(172,759)	(25,123)	79,116
	226,682	272,650	(235,333)	-	263,999

Previous year:	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Contact - Contact Centre	6,904	95,774	(44,896)	(13,610)	44,172
Organ - Organ Fund	5,016	3,630	(567)	-	8,080
Fabric - Fabric Fund	64,819	-	-	-	64,819
General funds	87,884	161,241	(153,124)	13,610	109,612
	164,624	260,645	(198,587)	-	226,682

19 Related party transactions

The trustees and their close family have donated an aggregate sum of £55,246 to the charity.

20 Analysis of Unrestricted Funds Income & Expenditure

	General Fund	Contact Centre	Organ & Music	Total
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	141,722	-	10,820	152,542
Charitable activities	23,588	93,125	719	117,431
Investments	2,077	600	-	2,677
Total income	167,387	93,724	11,538	272,650
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	1,678	-	64	1,741
Charitable activities	171,384	54,929	7,278	233,592
Total expenditure	173,062	54,922	7,342	235,333
Net income and movement in funds	(5,675)	38,795	4,196	37,317

DEANERY SYNOD

CHS is part of Lambeth North Deanery, which consists of a group of 16 parishes (20 churches). Geographically, our church is the furthest south and St John's Waterloo is the furthest north. Representatives (both clergy and lay members) from those parishes meet 3 times a year, in a different church each time, with the purpose of working together in the community and sharing information and experiences. Since March 2025, the Area Dean has been Revd Robert Faulkner of St John's, Angell Town.

Monday 17 March 2025. St Thomas's Hospital Chapel.
There was a report on the previous month's
The main subject discussed was safeguarding. The attendees were split into groups to discuss particular aspects of safeguarding. One request that emerged from this was to have more local safeguarding training, perhaps involving a group of churches, in addition to the online training available. It was also suggested that churches have one or more sermons on safeguarding.

Tuesday 3 June 2025. St Paul's, Brixton
The main purpose of this meeting was the summer social, so the meeting before was short and dealt with electing a new Lay Chair, and also highlighted various events in local churches such as music concerts, exhibitions and summer fairs that were to take place in the next few weeks. The summer social followed, with contributions of food and drink brought by everyone. This is always a good opportunity to meet others.

8 October 2025
There was no meeting as such, but all Deanery Synod members were invited to attend the Licencing Service of Rev Sharon Moughtin at St Anne and All Saints, South Lambeth.

The Deanery Synod reps in 2025 for CHS were Kathryn Newell, Paula Wilson, Rachel Edge and Margi Mahoney.

ELECTORAL ROLL

2025 was a year in which we had the 6-yearly renewal of the electoral roll, which required everyone to sign up afresh, even if they had been on the previous roll. This resulted in a lower number of 104 names on the Electoral Roll for 2025.

The Church Representation Rules state that:

1) There shall be a church electoral roll (in these rules referred to as 'the roll') in every parish, on which the names of lay persons shall be entered as hereinafter provided. The roll shall be available for inspection by bona fide inquirers.
2) A lay person shall be entitled to have his name entered on the roll of a parish if he is baptised, of sixteen years or upwards, has signed an application form for enrolment set out in Appendix I of these rules and declares himself either -
    a. to be a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion therewith resident in the parish; or
    b. to be such a member and, not being resident in the parish, to have habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment; or
    c. to be a member in good standing of a church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity (not being a Church in communion with the Church of England) and also prepared to declare himself to be a member of the Church of England having habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment.

Being on the Electoral Roll entitles you to stand for election to the PCC and to assist with the overall running of our church. It also means that you are formally showing that you are a committed member of our church. The roll is closed for new names for the two weeks leading up to the APCM, but if you would like to add your name after the APCM, forms will be available.

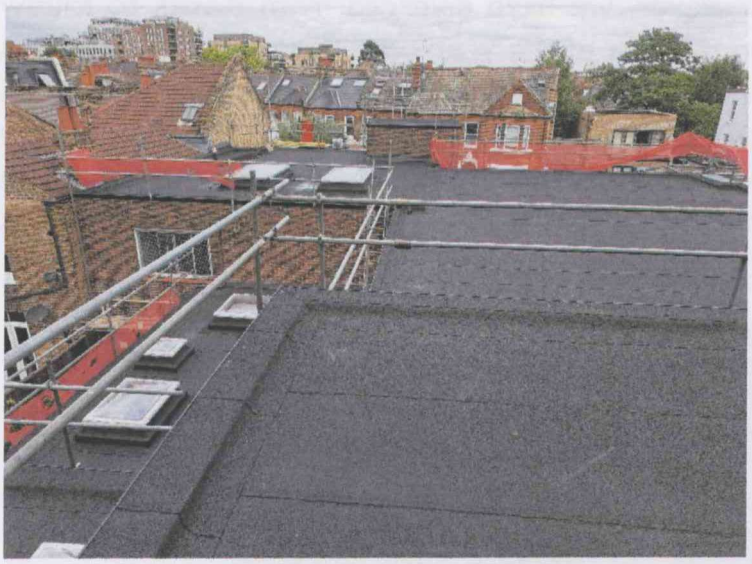
Caroline Studdert
Electoral Roll Officer

Contact Centre

The Contact Centre has remained busy, for which we are thankful ,and the income generated has remained broadly the same in 2025 as in 2024

The hall is even busier than last year, there are parties nearly every weekend and on other days, over 44 party bookings in 2025.

The Clapham Park Montessori have the use of the upstairs room. As of the end 2025 the main users of the Ground Floor of the Contact Centre are as follows, for children there are: Montessori Infant and Parent and Baby Communities, Spring School of Ballet, Clapham Martial Arts, Minijam, Seven Seals, Monkey Music (who are sadly leaving us in January 2026 due to problems with their franchise renewal) Little City, and Bertie and Boo, who after launching their new arrangement with us in September are now about to settle into a regular Sunday morning "slot", and Frog Life who started in the Stage Room in October. Also we have Judo and Yoga with 2 new classes for karate and gymnastics starting in January 2026.



We host adult dance instructors: Vera the Diva ballroom dancing, and Forro Works Brazilian Dance – note the Spring School of Ballet also offer adult classes too. There is a weekly Art Class for adults, and we also rent out to AA and NA charities,

As usual, we are hosting the winter night shelter, Robes, once a week and this year we have increased to 11 weeks ending on 17/18 January 2026.

The rates were increased for party bookings in 2024, and the rates have increased in line with inflation over the preceding 2 years in September 2025 for regular hirers of the Centre.

This year we have re-covered the roof of the Contact Centre and installed new skylights, installed a new fire and smoke alarm system to protect the vulnerable users, carried out extensive drain repairs, installed sump pumps in the basement storage areas and been forced to replace the boiler serving the upper floor and providing hot water to the kitchen and bathrooms. Further repairs are needed

to the electrical system, which is scheduled for Spring 2026. The fascia boards and the window frames need replacing as soon as funds are available.
the new roof

Paula Wilson &
Ros Paterson-Morgan

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church has a fantastic team of Fiona Morris, Matt North, Ros Paterson-Morgan, Zoe Olivier, Josephine George, Amanda Chen and Gladys Claxton-Stevens. Paula Constant also joins to support the children singing. Special mention must also go to Harry, Fiona's son, who has continued to attend Junior Church, but has now moved over to a helper role. None of the work of Junior Church would be possible without this excellent team and I am very thankful to them for their enthusiasm, talent and friendship.

We have generally continued to follow Roots which provides a session that followed the reading and sermon topic. However, we have diverged from Roots to follow our own projects. For the last two months of the year on the run-up to Christmas we worked on a Jesse tree where each week we studied characters from the Old Testament and looked at how they connect to the birth of Christ. The Jesse tree formed a focal point in the services during advent. We also displayed the Jesse tree in the Children's craft area during the Christmas Fair to showcase the activities undertaken in Junior Church to potential new recruits!



We have had an excellent stable core of children for a long time, but as they get older, they are moving into other roles in the Church. We have the next generation coming through, but we could do expanding our numbers of the next generation.

We are always looking for new members and so if anyone would like to join the team, please let Rhian know. The size of the team now means that any new members do not need to serve more than once per month.

Rhian Granleese

Music

Introduction

2025 marked my first full year as Director of Music. It has been a year of significant transition, artistic growth, and a deepening of our musical offerings. I am pleased to report a continuous expansion of our music activities, involving a broader range of participants and reaching new milestones in our liturgical and community life.

Liturgical Music & Service Development

A central theme of this year has been my personal transition into the dual role of organist and conductor for the majority of our services. This was made possible through the steadfast mentorship and assistance of Joe Sternberg, whose support has been invaluable during this transition.

Our Choral Evensong services continue to be a cornerstone of our worship, held in February, March, May, July, September, and October. These services provide a contemplative space for the community and allow our choir to explore the rich heritage of the Anglican choral tradition.

Recitals & Community Outreach

Our musical outreach extended beyond Sunday worship through a series of successful recitals and concerts:

Evensong Recitals: We were privileged to host several talented performers this year:

March: Joe Sternberg
September: Aeron Preston
October: Paula Constant
November: Martin Keiffer

Community Concert (October 4): This event was a highlight of our year, featuring talent from across the generations. We successfully created a safe, supportive environment for performers to showcase their skills, drawing in families and friends and strengthening our ties with the wider community. The event raised a net income of £589.86.

Come and Sing for Remembrance (November 8): This event invited the community to join us in performing a repertoire handpicked from the Requiems of Rutter, Fauré, and Mozart, as well as Rossini's Petite Messe solennelle. It was a moving occasion where I had the pleasure of singing alongside the choir while Aeron Preston returned to accompany us on the piano. The event raised a net income of £829.79.

Development of Talent & Soloists

As a musician, I have great admiration for those who step forward as soloists—a role that requires both significant talent and courage. I have made it a priority to encourage our choir members to take these opportunities.

During our Christmas services and concerts, the following members offered beautiful solo performances: Sarah Bensuade, Paula Constant, Rhian Granleese, Sarah Mistry, Ruth Eastman, and Lucilla Poston. Additionally, Anna Rowsell performed wonderful piano duets with Paula Constant during the October community concert.

Repertoire & Feedback

Following feedback from 2024, we adjusted our Christmas repertoire to include a broader selection of both lively and pensive music. This balance was well-received, allowing for moments of both festive joy and quiet reflection.

Financials & Resources

We have continued to invest in the future of our music department and the maintenance of our instruments:

Organ Maintenance Fund: As of the end of 2025, the fund stands at £12,256.34.

Purchases: To support our growing choir, we purchased 10 copies of the Oxford Book of Easy Flexible Anthems (£195.75) and a new music stand (£20.99), for a total expenditure of £216.74.

Acknowledgements

I would like to express my immense gratitude to the core music team: Paula Constant, Joe Sternberg, Rhian Granleese, and Sarah Mistry. Their dedication is what makes our ambitious schedule possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Pun
Director of Music

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CLAPHAM

CTiC (Churches Together in Clapham) is the body which represents the different church denominations in Clapham (Anglican, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal and Orthodox). CTiC's Standing Committee members are also the trustees who act as governance for the organisation. Liz Marin-Curtoud (Clapham Methodist Church) is currently Chair of CTiC and Henry Holmes (Holy Trinity Church) is Secretary. Rev Kit Gunasekera of St James Church, continues to run the CTiC website: www.cticlapham.org

In 2025 the CTiC Forum, the principal body, met in May (the AGM at St Paul's), in July (a social evening at St James's Church) and November (at St Peter's, with a talk by representatives of the local safer neighbourhoods panel).

Community Engagement/Projects

CTiC has continued to support Lifeline (providing Summer and Christmas parties for the elderly housebound of the area), the Ace of Clubs, which celebrated its 30th anniversary with a "Banquet of Hope" and the Hub, providing a refuge (in the Methodist Church) for young revellers from the bars and clubs of Clapham High Street. Individual churches, including CHS, have continued to support Robes.

Ecumenical Services and Events

St Peter's regular Taizé service marked the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January). The World Day of Prayer service took place at Clapham Methodist Church (March). CMC also again hosted the Palm Sunday evening service. Monthly ecumenical Taizé services continued at St Peter's Church, led by Mtr Caroline and Rev Jonathan Boardman, latterly also accompanied on the piano. St Paul's once again hosted the ecumenical Advent carol service and our online Advent prayers again took place. This year CTiC hosted a series of successful Lent study groups and Sunday evening services, focussing on our interpretation of modern artworks, which was coordinated by Mtr Ruth.

Alan Mundy and Caroline Studdert

Safeguarding

Safeguarding has been a topic that was much discussed in the National church and in the Diocese this year following the publication of the Makin Report into safeguarding failures at the end of 2024. Mother Ruth addressed the congregation

to reassure them about the safeguarding policies and training in place in the parish and to remind us that keeping the church safe is everyone's responsibility. Safeguarding has been the focus of both Deanery Synod and Deanery Chapter (as well as in our PCC) meetings during the year.

Safeguarding Sunday was celebrated in November this year, where we commissioned our Safeguarding officers and renewed the call for everyone to raise their awareness.

Nicola and Zoe were elected as Assistant Parish Safeguarding Officers and worked alongside Gavin, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, to ensure that everyone requiring a DBS certificate for their work in the parish has applied for one and that everyone completes the relevant Diocesan safeguarding training.

The Diocese has updated their training and made available new training relating to Domestic Abuse.

The PCC complies with the safeguarding Code of Practice issued under section 5A of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, as amended by the Safeguarding (Code of Practice) Measure 2021

Gavin Williams Nicola Kingston and Zoe Olivier

SILVER SOCIALS

Silver Socials has now been meeting every Tuesday morning for over 10 years having started in early 2015 after a comment from an older member of the congregation that she was often lonely between Sundays. Many of you will remember Pinkie Turner!

You'll find us between 10.30 and 12 every Tuesday drinking tea or coffee, eating homemade cake, chatting, laughing and enjoying a range of activities including quizzes, games, bingo, crafts and flower arranging. Our regular attendees currently number around 9 and are a mix of older or vulnerable members of the local community or members of the congregation. Some came to us via Social Prescribing by a local GP surgery. A few are able to walk to the church, others are given lifts or pushed in wheelchairs. Sadly, Josie Veen and Barbara Powell have recently become too frail to join us.

All this requires volunteers to keep it going and we have a fantastic team in Alan Mundy, Trina Thomson, Madeline Johnston, Anna Long, Ros Paterson-Morgan,

Margi Mahoney, Biddy Taylor, Nicola Kingston, Lisa Walsh, Terry Parker and Judith Vickery. This support of our Silvers often extends beyond the coffee morning to attending medical appointments with them, taking them shopping and dealing with a whole range of paperwork and phone calls.

For some years we have offered manicures and pedicures but the provider has now changed and we are delighted to offer the services of a fully qualified podiatrist via the charity Footworks. She is able to come every 5-6 weeks and for that we will make a donation to the Footworks charity having previously paid a private individual.

I asked the Silvers if there was anything they wanted to add. They asked that their thanks to all the volunteers be recorded.

We would always welcome offers of help with giving lifts, pushing wheelchairs, making tea and coffee or providing an activity or entertainment, even if it is just once or twice a year.

Do drop into church and join us for a coffee if you around on a Tuesday morning.

Judith Vickery

Communications

CHS's online communications comprise the church website, social media (Facebook, Instagram, Next Door and X), WhatsApp, the newsletter and the broadcasting of services on Zoom and YouTube. Rachel Edge, Nick Jenni, Natalie Wood and Gavin Williams have contributed to updating the various church social media accounts. It should be noted here that a lot of effort also goes into offline (i.e. real world) publicity, in the form of posters and postcards, with all of the work of making those visible to people in the community.

The church website (https://www.holyspirit-clapham.org.uk/) is maintained by Natalie Wood (the parish administrator) and Gavin Williams.

The newsletter continued to be produced weekly, with a mailing list of 348 (2024 – 351) people at the end of the year. 33 people joined and 36 people unsubscribed. Between 155 and 210 people open the newsletter every week. A small team made up of Joe Sternberg (our journalistic star – his other





publication is the Wall Street Journal!), Alan Mundy and Nick Jenni took turns producing it, in 2025. Both Joe and Alan have plans to move away from Clapham during 2026, so we definitely need some new editors!

Mtr Ruth writes every week a synopsis of the teaching from the two readings and selects an image to use. This always heads the newsletter, as well as being published on the website.

The church continues to share its main services online, with a rota of six AV desk volunteers operating the cameras and controlling the audio output from the back of church. There is always a small online attendance on Zoom and on YouTube (linked on the church website).

Much work by Mtr Ruth and Natalie Wood goes into making available the orders of service and linking to them both on the website and in the newsletter.

Many of the 4,359 views of the YouTube videos during 2025 (compare 2024's 3,755 and 2023's 2,910) occurred after the event when people listen to the recordings, rather than live. Since 2024, it has become the practice to share the sermon each week on Facebook and on X, as well as in the newsletter, which has increased the number of people who listen to it.



For life events – baptisms, weddings and funerals - people appreciate having the ability not only to have a recording to keep of their event, but also to share it with others who are not able to attend, perhaps because they are unwell or because it is too far for them to travel.

All of the people who support all this work online and offline perform a vital service for those who cannot attend in person. The team helps to extend the reach of our parish church with its messages of welcome, hope and peace. Thank you!

Would you be interested in contributing to church communications? Then please contact communications@holyspirit-clapham.org.uk.

Robes Project

During the Winter months (November to March) the Robes Charity provides a night shelter for a group of registered guests who would otherwise have nowhere to sleep. The shelter takes place in a rotating circuit of Church Halls.

Within the Clapham area Church of the Holy Spirit, St Paul's, Christ Church and St Peter's all participate in the circuit.

At CHS we support the guests from Saturday evening through to Sunday morning. We provide an evening meal, a warm and safe space to sleep and breakfast in the morning. In 2025 we supported 7 Saturday nights, in 2026 we will be supporting 10 nights.

This a very important part of what we provide at CHS and is really appreciated by our guests. The guests we support would otherwise have nowhere to sleep during the coldest and wettest months.

Of course it would be impossible to run the shelter without our dedicated volunteers who give up their Saturday evenings or get up early Sunday mornings to help out. This year we had 32 volunteers (an increase from 23 last year) many of whom are not regular CHS attendees.

Once again a massive thanks to everyone who helped make the shelter so friendly and welcoming and prepared some amazing meals. We will be doing it again starting in November.

Ian Cherrie and Anna Long

LAMBETH CITIZENS

Lambeth Citizens UK is part of the wider South London Citizens group which has enabled Citizens to work with large organisations, such as the NHS, to support Be Well hubs, including our Silver Socials, and address issues relating to affordable housing and equity of health care. One notable win has been the reduction of child citizenship fees , working jointly with our MP. Members of Holy Spirit attended Citizens meetings and we hosted speakers from Citizens on Racial Justice Sunday. Mother Ruth met with the local Citizens leads to explore increasing our involvement in Citizens' campaigns at a local level.

Alan Mundy and Nicola Kingston

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Holy Spirit, Clapham, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives, Treasurer and the members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

The Reverend Ruth Burge-Thomas -
Chair (Incumbent) – ex officio
The Reverend Canon Caroline Clarke
(P/T Assistant Priest) – co-opted
Gavin Williams (Warden and
Safeguarding Officer) – ex-officio
Katie Pollock (Warden until May 2025) - ex-officio until May 2025

Paula Wilson (Co-Treasurer & Deanery Synod)	
Rachel Edge (Deanery Synod)	
Margaret Mahoney (Deanery Synod)	
Kathryn Newell (Deanery Synod)	
Paul Donohue	
Zoe Olivier	
James Buchanan	(Resigned 18 May 2025)
Caroline Studdert	
Ros Paterson-Morgan (Co-Treasurer)	
Rhian Granleese	
Joseph Sternberg	(Appointed 18 May 2025)
Peter Watkins	(Appointed 18 May 2025)
Fanny Muldoon	(Appointed 18 May 2025)
Erica Cherrie (Warden) – ex-officio	(Appointed 18 May 2025)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.
Signed by Ruth Burge-Thomas
Dated 7th May 2026

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