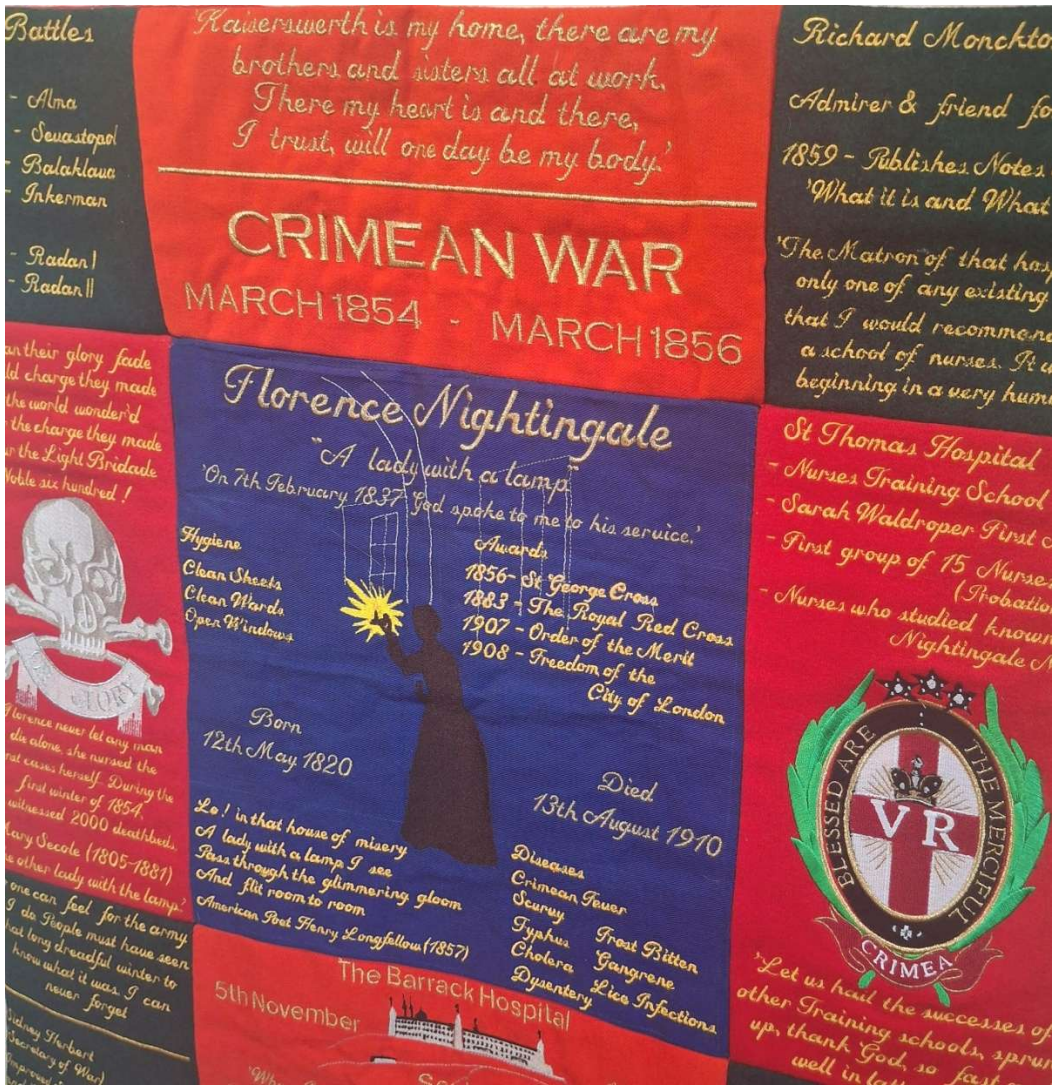
St Mary Magdalene
WANDSWORTH COMMON

Parochial Church Council
St Mary Magdalene, Wandsworth Common



Fine Cell Works Prisoner Quilt Exhibition, October 2025

Annual Report & Accounts 2025

Preamble

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Wandsworth Common (PCC) presents this report on its proceedings for the calendar year to 31st December 2025 and on the activities of the parish generally in that year. The PCC's duties and details of how the PCC works, its meetings and membership, its officers, the electoral roll and other matters are set out at **Annex A**.

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Vicar's introduction

I only became Interim Vicar in September 2025, but already I am certain I have been called to the right place. As you can tell from all that is described in this annual report, St Mary Magdalene, Wandsworth Common, is a lively parish with a lot to offer. This can be seen in the many ways we served both God and neighbour in 2025.

Through our varied worship, community outreach, social action, charitable fundraising, and social events, I believe we reflected something of the 'fulness' of life Our Lord came to give. This parish may have been in interregnum for nearly three-quarters of the year, but this report demonstrates that the ministry and mission of the church is carried forward by the whole people of God, lay as well as ordained.

I do not wish to steal the thunder of those who have contributed elsewhere in this report – nor make for unnecessary repetition – but I would like to mention three highlights, from the period after my arrival. For me, these show this parish at its best:

PCC Away Day

Not long after I arrived, the PCC held an away day. This was an opportunity to think about how we might build on the good work that is already taking place, both in church and the community. It was also a chance to look beyond the latest Mission Action Plan, set to expire in 2026. I was greatly encouraged by the engagement, creativity, and faithfulness shown by members of the PCC. I have come to realise that these Trustees should not be considered an 'active few' but are representative of the wider church community. Indeed, the PCC is a cross-section of the 'active many' who help build up our common life together.

Prisoner Quilt Exhibition

In October, we hosted Fine Cell Work's exhibition of quilts made by prisoners, including some who had been held in HMP Wandsworth. This exhibition built on the already strong links our parish has with this prison. For a week, the church was open daily for the public to view exquisite artworks – each one, a tangible expression of hope.

Our Christian faith calls us to reach into the 'forgotten corners of the world'. Through hosting the exhibition, we didn't just reach into a forgotten corner but brought it out into the light. Many of the visitors to the exhibition were moved and inspired by the quilts – and not simply because of the skill involved in making them. More powerfully, the visitors came face-to-face with the humanity of the prisoners who had made the quilts.

Choral Evensong at Southwark Cathedral

Our worship is enriched by a strong choral tradition, and under the expert leadership of our inspiring Director of Music, Barry Holden, our music went from strength to strength in 2025. In a year where there were so many services with beautiful music, our choir being invited to lead Choral Evensong at our Mother Church was the icing on the cake. As I think back to 2025 in church music, I am reminded of the words of St Augustine of Hippo, 'he who sings, prays twice.'

Thanks, Farewells & Acknowledgements

2025 was a year of considerable change, and we give thanks for the service of a number of very capable people who demitted office. These included

in May:

Jane Cooper, Churchwarden

Keith Mitchell, Treasurer and Deputy Organist

Susanne Mitchell, Eco Church and Fairtrade Lead

Nicola Pattinson, Deanery Synod Representative

In addition, Sarah Henry stepped back from her work on church finances

in November

The Reverend Sam Parker, Assistant Curate

in December

Sarah Parsons, PCC Secretary

An interregnum is a busy time for a parish. In addition to those listed above, thanks ought to be given to the Ministry Team and Churchwardens, as well as the rest of the PCC and Committee members who served in this period. Most of those, abovenamed, had held office for many years and helped guide us through the difficulties of the pandemic.

Thanks are also offered to everyone who contributed to this report.

Mission Action Plan 2021-2026

We continued to address the priorities set out in our Mission Action Plan for 2021 to 2026 (MAP). This work is encouraged by the Church of England and remains an essential guide to our work, both for the church and within the local community. A fuller account of the MAP can be found at **Annex B**.

How we met our MAP objectives

Proclaiming the Good News of God's Kingdom *(MAP Priority 1)*

Regular Services

Throughout 2025, we maintained our regular pattern of services, including the Parish Eucharist with Junior Church (Sundays at 10.00am) and the Midweek Eucharist (Wednesdays at 11.00am). Morning Prayer was said in church on Mondays and Tuesdays, moved to 9.15am in the autumn. Towards the end of the year Morning Prayer was also said on Thursdays. From the autumn, Morning Prayer was broadcast via the church's Facebook page. Choral Evensong, typically held once a month, continued to draw different voices, including participants beyond our regular worshipping community. Towards the end of the year, the 8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion service was reintroduced, on the first Sunday of the month.

Our regular Sunday services, midweek worship and daily offices would not be possible without the hard work of our many volunteers who serve in myriad roles, both seen and unseen. Our volunteers give of their time and talents by helping with cleaning, singing, welcoming, serving, flower arranging, maintenance, and serving refreshments. Our ministry team was augmented by support by the Reverend Dr Nadim Nassar and Dr Paul Mitchell.

Special Services

Continuing the tradition of past years, a series of special services were held throughout the year:

Lent: including Ash Wednesday and Mothering Sunday.

Holy Week & Easter: Marked with services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. As in previous years, we partnered with our neighbouring church, Holy Trinity, for their Dawn Eucharist on Easter Day.

Licensing of Interim Vicar: On 15th September, we welcomed our Interim Vicar, the Reverend Michael Johns-Perring, at a special licensing service. Martin, Bishop of Kingston presided and preached. A buffet supper was held afterwards.

Pet Service: We held our annual Pet Service on 5th October – this year, those in attendance included 35 dogs and one cat (and their owners).

Harvest: Alongside our Harvest Sunday Eucharist, we hosted a special Harvest sing-along for the children of Marmalade Bear Nursery School. Both events helped raise in support of Earlsfield Foodbank. Our church Harvest Festival was a Family Eucharist with interactive sermon for Junior Church members to join in.

Luketide: A service of Wholeness & Healing was held around the feast of St Luke.

All Souls: We held a special service, the Commemoration of the Departed, honouring the memory of loved ones who had passed. The service included the reading of names, the lighting of candles, and movements from Faure's Requiem.

Remembrance: At our 10am Parish Eucharist, we were honoured to welcome representatives from Eighth Upper Tooting Guides and Brownies, as well as Cubs and Scouts, for their church parade. At 6pm, a reflective service of Evening Prayer was held, where the names from the church's war memorials were read aloud.

Advent Carols: We began this season with a service of Lessons & Carols for Advent.

Christmas: Under the glow of our Christmas Tree festival trees, we continued our cherished Christmas services, including the Carol Service, Crib Service, Midnight Mass, and Christmas Day offerings. An extra service this year was a 'Not so Merry Christmas', acknowledging that the season can be painful for many. Additionally, we hosted the Marmalade Bear Nursery Nativity and the Finton House School Carol Services in church. Out in the community, members of our choir and congregation came together for carol singing on the Wards at Springfield University Hospital. Carols were also sung in a local hostelry.

Prayer

Prayer is a focal point of our services, as well as many of our other activities. We are deeply attentive to the world around us, holding in prayer both local and global concerns. In October, we held a prayer vigil for the peace of the Holy Land.

At morning prayer, a small group gathers to pray using the Church of England's 'Daily Prayer' app. Alongside set prayers, we regularly pray for one another, offer intercessions for those on our church's prayer list, and remember in prayer those who have died, as well as their bereaved families and loved ones.



Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care continued to be a priority for our church. Wherever possible, the clergy met with people in church or at home or in hospital to support and pray with them. Support for the bereaved was offered through funeral ministry and the memorial services held at SMM and local crematoria. The All Souls' service in November was an important time for bereaved families to gather to support one another. Also in November, we held a Grief Café for the bereaved. Pastoral care was given in myriad ways by church members in acts of kindness and compassion, both within the church and the wider community.

Church Music

In 2025 we bade farewell to Keith and Susanne Mitchell. Keith had served us conscientiously as a deputy organist and thus facilitated our development as a choir. Faced with that loss, we looked to our choir members and found in both **Zoe Pierides** and **Thomas Smith** two talented musicians willing to take on the huge task of learning the organ.

This underlines our belief that the music of our choir is a joint, corporate effort where we not only serve as singers but find opportunity to **grow as musicians**, becoming better sight-readers from the Sunday challenge of a new anthem, become more confident singers from leading the hymns. Despite inevitable losses of those who leave London we have always been able to offer a 4-part anthem on a Sunday and field a choir of between 12 and 16 most Sundays, with 20+ not uncommon for bigger services and baptisms.

Our ability to learn new works continues to be aided by the long-term loan of 800 sets of sheet music, allowing us to reduce photocopying.

Particular highlights in 2025 were a glorious **Evensong at Southwark Cathedral** with a choir of 33 singers on 11th October singing the famous 'Collegium regale' setting of the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis by Herbert Howells. A further **eight Come-and-Sing Choral Evensongs across the year** back in Wandsworth Common produced choirs of 26 – 30 singers in size. We hold faith in our 'no-audition' approach to singing in the choir, but that has not stopped us making rapid musical progress. Indeed, Evensong always involves one unfamiliar work to give a sense of challenge and stretch that keeps the best singers intrigued enough to stay the course.

We followed up our Feb 2024 ticketed Come-and-Sing event of Fauré Requiem with **Mozart's incomparable Requiem**. This event was the church at capacity with 290 squeezing in. This event was made possible by the generosity of SMM parishioners who gave freely of talent to bake, to steward participants and to serve tea to all within 20 mins. The event surplus of over £2500 supports music at SMM throughout the year – funding a professional singer and organist at each Choral Evensong for example. The event serves to remind us not only of our fine acoustic, but of the volunteering, organisational and welcoming ethos that underpins our particular Christian ethos as a church.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new believers *(MAP priority 2)*

Lent Talks

This year's offering was led by Dr Paul Mitchell, focusing on the parable of the prodigal son.

Junior Church

Welcoming children aged 0 to 12, Junior Church continued to provide a nurturing space to explore faith through storytelling, creativity, and play. Each week, at least two leaders guided each session, with parents often accompanying younger children. Topics range from Jesus' parables and Old Testament figures to key moments in the church calendar. Engaging Bible stories are brough to life through hands-on crafts and free-play before the children rejoin the congregation for the distribution of Communion – sometimes sharing what they have been up to, during the notices. A huge thanks to our dedicated Junior Church team!

Circle Time

Circle Time continues to be a fun and welcoming group, where adults with babies and toddlers gathered in church for nursery rhymes, live instruments, stories, and fun activities. Sessions take place on Wednesday in term-time, between 9.30am and 10.15am.

Young Adult's Group

The Young Adult's Group is community of people in their 20s to 40s who gather several times a year over a meal for fun and fellowship. What makes these gathering special is the way we take turns hosting in different homes, creating a warm and welcoming space to connect and share life together. A special farewell meal was organised for the departing Curate, the Reverend Sam Parker.

Home Groups

Monthly Bible Study

With eleven members in the group, we continued to meet once a month throughout 2025, to study the Bible together. Each session begins with a cup of tea, we then work through a chapter of our study book, the questions always leading to interesting discussions. We often open and close our study with a prayer and at the end we are rewarded with a second cup of tea and delicious home made cake. Having finished our study of 1 Peter in the early part of the year, we took up 'Women of the Old Testament' by Gladys Hunt, part of the Life Builder Study series. The group is very supportive of one another and we also share prayers, hymns and thoughts on our WhatsApp group.

Women's Bible Study

A women's bible study group continued to take place periodically at Tom and Sally Roberts' house. Notwithstanding Tom's leadership/facilitation role this group is for women who are interested in expanding their bible study. There are five women in the group. Sessions typically start at 7pm and run for an hour. Anyone wishing to join this session can contact Tom or Sally Roberts.

Prison Bible Study

This is a weekly bible study group made up of those who were part of the Prison Bible Study team. It met weekly by zoom at 5.30pm on Mondays. Despite no longer going into the prison the team like to maintain the weekly studies and pray for the prisoners. There are six members of the team who participate. If anyone is interested contact Tom Roberts or Serena Perkins.

Men's Bible Briefing

Our bible study session for men continued to take place fortnightly at 7.30am in Caffe Nero on Bellevue Road. It lasts 40 minutes at which point a prayer is said and those who need to get to work can leave. We tend to study the gospel passage for the following Sunday. There are around eight participants who attend according to their availability. Typically, there are five present. Everyone finds it a rewarding and stimulating way to start the day. Anyone who is interested in joining the group can contact Tom Roberts.

Baptisms, Confirmations, Wedding and Funerals

In 2025, eight children were baptised at the church. The church celebrated one wedding, as well one service of prayer and dedication after a civil marriage. Throughout the year, we led five funerals at the church, in addition to one services at a local crematorium.

Creating a welcoming and inspiring place of worship *(MAP priority 3)*

Given we were in interregnum, no major enhancements were undertaken in 2025. Towards the end of the year, the Parish Hall was redecorated. Whilst the Hall is not often used as a worship space, enhancing this part of our estate also enhanced the church. For example, for those getting married in our church, we can now offer a more welcoming venue for their reception. In church, an extra rail was put up, to allow for the hanging of extra quilts for the Fine Cell Works exhibition.

Developing a range of inclusive activities in our buildings *(MAP Priority 4(i))*

Christmas Tree Festival

Our 13th Christmas Tree Festival was held on 6th December, with all the usual trimmings: 25 beautifully decorated trees, Santa's Grotto, mulled wine, cakes, home produce, Fairtrade stall, and children's activities, including watching the steam driven model railway and fairground. There was also the prize draw and the Beatrix Potter choir.

Over £7,300 was raised for the Awareness Foundation. The trees remained in place over the Christmas period and so were also seen by those attending services throughout December and early January. A huge thank you to everyone who made the Festival possible. The trees, activities and Santa bags were sponsored by local businesses and church groups. There was an army of volunteers who helped put up and later dismantle the trees and provided refreshments, manned stalls, assisted Santa – and his understudy - in his Grotto, sold prize draw tickets, entertained children and welcomed people on the door.

Exhibitions: Prisoner Quilts

In October, we hosted an exhibition of quilts made by prisoners, including those held at HMP Wandsworth. In addition to having the church open for public viewing, there was also a talk given, where refreshments were served. This exhibition was organised in collaboration with Fine Cell Work, which seeks to support the rehabilitation of offenders through the teaching of new skills. Visitors were invited to share their thoughts and encouragement on feedback sheets.

Inter-faith visits: Muslim Cub Pack

We hosted a visit from a Muslim Cub Pack, to help children complete their Faith Badge. The Cubs asked lots of interesting questions, had a go at baptising a doll, and rang the bell.

Strengthening links to existing SMM ministries in prison, hospital, care home and schools

(MAP priority 4 (ii))

HMP Wandsworth

Individual church volunteers continued to give invaluable support to the Chaplaincy Team. In the autumn our new Vicar was given a tour of the prison. We also joined with several local churches to provide Christmas giftbags. These provided a small but powerful sign of encouragement and care throughout the prison community.

Springfield University Hospital

The Springfield Volunteers – the Chaplaincy Activities Team (CHAT) - continued regular visits to patients on Jupiter Ward. Visits took place on Wednesday evenings with conversations over boardgames. Volunteers continued to build a rapport with a number of service users, and are considered valued members of the hospital community.

CHAT continued to be well supported by the Chaplaincy Team, which provided training for the volunteers. Towards the end of the year, members of CHAT were recognised for their efforts by being shortlisted for the South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust's 2025 Quality Awards.

Meadowcroft Care Home

The SMM Communion Service held every month at Meadowcroft Care Home goes from strength to strength and is one of the best attended events on their calendar. So popular that we are billed among the exciting activities! Since simplifying the structure of the communion service and adding tea and cake to make it a more social event, the service is always buzzing and seats are at a premium.

Residents, carers and visiting families all join in with singing and prayers plus the refreshments that follow, creating a happy, relaxed atmosphere. One of the latest innovations is that residents now play a part in our services, with willing readers and even pianists who love being included.

Residents at Meadowcroft – wherever they are on their health or dementia journey – love to see new faces of all ages and share memories or hear news. We have an enthusiastic – although small - band of helpers who support the vicar each month, but there's always room for more. If you'd like to join us and quite literally make someone's day both spiritually and socially, then see the vicar for dates and times.

Support for Charities and Other Causes

Fundraising events during the year raised £14,081 for other charitable organisations, being £1,787 for British Humanitarian Aid from the collection at the Come and Sing Mozart Requiem, £7,454 for the Awareness Foundation from the Christmas Tree Festival and £1,369 for Trinity Hospice from the Sunday refreshments. In addition, £3,471 was collected on behalf of Christian Aid.

Relationships with local schools and youth organisations

Finton House
Throughout the year, we have welcomed Finton House students into our church for several recitals. We also hosted a Year Two visit focused on baptism and Easter, as well as a school-wide Easter assembly. Later in the year, the church was the venue for the Finton House Carol Services. In the autumn, the new Vicar was given a tour of Finton House.

Marmalade Bear
We welcomed Marmalade Bear Nursery School, based in our Parish Hall, for a special Harvest sing-along in the church, with generous donations collected for Earlsfield foodbank. Additionally, the nursery held its Christmas Nativity in the church.

8th Upper Tooting Girlguiding Units
In 2025 the Brownies and Guides continued their regular meetings in our Parish Hall, following the Girlguiding programme. As in previous years, Brownies, Guides and Rangers undertook a number of activities across a range of areas.

Energising and being active in our care of creation *(MAP priority 5)*

Eco Church
Having now achieved the A Rocha silver eco church award, it has been important to keep up the the good work. We continued to encourage users of our buildings to use the recycle bins, buy Fairtrade where possible, to use green cleaning materials in refillable bottles and to avoid single use plastic.

We regularly celebrated God's creation in hymns and music, and care of the environment and climate concerns were included in intercessions.

Members of the group cared for the 'church garden', refreshing the planting, throughout the year with plants and bulbs in the planters, at the same time being mindful of the beneficial wild and self seeded plants which flourish in the harsh, hot conditions in between the paving. These flowers provide pollen and nectar for all sorts of pollinators including solitary bees, bumble bees, hover flies and beetles. The prolonged hot weather and drought of last summer brought its challenges, a loyal group of waterers kept everything alive although the water butt was soon emptied. As our climate warms,

these extreme heat events will become more frequent and this paved area is a good example of the ‘urban heat island effect’, the brick wall of the church facade and the paving which abuts it, soak up the midday heat and then radiate it out.

In June we were very sad to say goodbye to Susanne Mitchell, our redoubtable leader and the founder of our ‘Eco church group’ at Saint Mary Magdalene’s. On her last weekend in London she even managed to run a ‘Coffee, Craft and Count’ event, which included our second annual nature count. Before his move, Curate Sam Parker kindly designed a logo for the group.

In December we followed our established tradition of running a workshop making eco tree decorations to add to our collection for the Ecochurch Christmas tree. This is always a relaxing social event. Some of our members also carried on with the Fairtrade stall at the CFT. We also encouraged Father Christmas to hand out Eco friendly gifts (ie no plastic).



Financial Report for 2025

The accounts reflect another year of generosity with an overall increase in funds of £23,449 at the end of the year.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a surplus of £27,007 against a breakeven budget set for the year. This results principally from the following –

- During the 18 months vacancy, various maintenance projects have been put on hold resulting in an underspend of £16,196 in 2025.
- A refund of £8,091 for water charges was received following the supplier's agreement that the charges over a number of years had been based on the wrong water meter.
- A legacy from the late Nick Woods of £10,000 was received.
- Income from hall lettings was higher than budget by £5,685 following the appointment of the Parish Administrator in November 2024.

Fundraising events raised £8,469 for parish funds, from a Quiz Night - £630, two jumble sales - £5,238 and the Come and Sing Mozart Requiem - £2,601.

On the negative side, planned giving was down £16,108 compared to the budget, as a result of reducing numbers of donors and contributions not keeping pace with inflation. The PCC have the responsibility of maintaining the fabric of the buildings and also in raising funds from lettings of the church and vestry halls. Various works (which are detailed elsewhere in the annual report) are planned for completion during 2026 and are budgeted at £92,500. This expenditure is included in a deficit budget set at £43,972 for the 2026 year. The deficit will be funded from the surpluses transferred in both 2025 and in 2024 to designated reserves. The balance on the unrestricted fund at 31 December 2026 will be in the region of £90,000, sufficient to finance the future activities of the Church.

The Statement of Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2025 is at **Annex C**.

Independent Examiner's Report is at **Annex D**.

Property Report for 2025

Day-to-day maintenance was carried out by volunteers from within the Maintenance Team, who deserve our thanks. Repairs and maintenance costs for the year were relatively minor.

Beyond the redecoration of the Parish Hall, no major works were carried out to the fabric of the building. This is not just on account of the interregnum, but in anticipation of a number of ‘big ticket’ items in the years ahead – the most notable of these will be to mend the Parish Hall Roof.

Safeguarding Report for 2025

Ann Carrington Brook and Charlotte Flowers have continued as joint Safeguarding Officer (PSOs).

The aim of their safeguarding plan is to 'enthuse the congregation about safeguarding issues and ensure that safeguarding is an integral part of the DNA of Saint Mary Magdalene Church'. All church members have been encouraged to engage with safeguarding through sermons, training and, in addition, safeguarding is a standing item on the PCC agenda.

The day-to-day work of safeguarding continues with the PSOs updating DBS checks and monitoring completion of mandatory training.

Our PSO's contact details are given on our weekly pew sheet, on noticeboards and on our website.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Report of the Deanery Synod 2025

Deanery Synod activities supporting initiatives that are important within all our Parishes, such as Eco-Church, Safeguarding, Fundraising, Youth Engagement etc. Meetings were held on the following Tuesdays: 11th February at Ascension Church, Balham; 29th April at St Pauls Church, Furzedown; 30th September at St Alban's Church, Tooting; and on the 19th November at St Nicholas Church, Tooting.

February focused on 'Supporting Safe Parishes & Building a Safe Church.' Group based exercises took place around: Risk Assessments; Communication in Parish and how to develop a safeguarding culture; Establishing and reviewing policies; Safer recruitment processes; Training; Record Keeping; and Action points / next-steps to Follow-Up. Parish Safeguarding Officers who were not Synod members also attended.

April focused on 'Youth & Diversity: developing our engagement with children, families and young people across home, school and church life.' The Synod was joined by Imani McEwen, the diocesan Children and Youth team Advisor, who shared information about the importance of Church & Young People, and ways that churches could reflect on their involvement. Group based exercises covered aspects of 'How does your church encourage faith with CYP?.' Several Synod representatives asked for information on supporting children with special needs, and whether any guidance on helping such children and supporting teaching in Sunday schools. Imani recommended the charity growinghope.org.uk who lead and hold support and training classes.

In July the Synod received congratulations on behalf of the Deanery Eco representatives in relation to the Eco-footprint returns. Bishop Martin sent a letter to the Area Deans stating:
"Hearty congratulations for an excellent showing by your parishes in terms of completing the Energy Footprint Tool (EFT)! The Lambeth and Wandsworth Archdeaconries led the way amongst Archdeaconries across the Diocese which is fantastic. Last year, as a Diocese, the completion rate was 58%. This year, it was 74%. Kingston deaneries averaged an impressive 81% completion rate. The highest completion rate was from Tooting deanery (91%), who pipped Merton (88%) and Lambeth South (87%) to the post. Please pass on my sincere thanks"

In September Bridget Shepherd our new Archdeacon addressed the Synod: Jonathan MacNeaney was commissioned as Area Dean of Tooting by the Archdeacon. Jonathan then invited questions from the Synod and put them to the Archdeacon. A Synod 'Social' followed to allow Parish representatives to get to know one another. In addition to the elected Synod representatives, new Clergy and Laypeople to the Deanery were in attendance, including Michael Johns-Perring, Vicar, St Mary Magdalene, Wandsworth

Common; Judy Coles, Curate & Mella Drewienkiewicz, Administrator (also appointed to help with Deanery admin), St Mary's, Balham.

A presentation was given in November by Susan Jones, the diocesan Fundraising Advisor (Community Projects), on 'Funding for Parish Initiatives', which covered information on the grants available. This included examples of parish initiatives that had been helped by grants. Synod members who had experiences with parish funding grant initiatives discussed their experiences, and what information and suggestions could be particularly relevant for other Synod representatives to take back to their own PCCs. Of particular note was the C of E's 'Cornerstone database' – a useful fundraising resource about various charities and trusts, and tips for fundraising – of which Susan is the diocesan contact.

Annexes

Annex A: Duties of the PCC

How the PCC works and our congregational volunteers

Much of the day-to-day work of the PCC is usually delegated to various groups, but the PCC retains the responsibility for receiving reports from these groups and for taking all major decisions at its regular meetings. The principal groups to which the PCC has delegated authority are:

Standing Committee (which prepares the agenda for PCC meetings and which is authorised to transact the business of the PCC between meetings)

Finance and Risk Committee

Buildings Management Committee

Further information

Constitution: The Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of St Mary Magdalene, Wandsworth Common is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a registered charity, registered with Charity Number 1140530.

Address: St Mary Magdalene, Wandsworth Common is situated on Trinity Road, London, SW17 7HP. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark (Kingston Episcopal Area) within the Church of England. The address for correspondence is the Parish Office at 10a Wiseton Road, London, SW17 7EE.

Electoral Roll: The number on the electoral roll as of 31st December was 130 persons, 2 people were removed from the roll during the year.

Church attendance: The annual churchwarden's count undertaken in 2023 showed an average attendance of n adults and n children.

PCC Meetings: During 2025 there were seven ordinary meetings of the PCC (2024: 7). All meetings of the PCC were held face to face. 80 % of PCC members on average attended these seven meetings (2024: 80%).

Members of the PCC: The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary Magdalene the membership of the PCC consists of a) the incumbent Vicar and other licensed clergy, b) the Churchwardens, c) the reader, d) the lay representatives of the parish elected to the Tooting Deanery Synod and e) lay members. In the case of d) and e), these are elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church or co - opted to the PCC. All those who worship regularly at St Mary Magdalene are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

During 2025, the PCC consisted of:

Chair: Jeremy Tonge (Acting, until September)
Revd Michael Johns-Perring (from September)

Curate: Revd Sam Parker (until November)

Churchwardens: Jane Cooper (until May)
Ann Carrington Brook (from May)
Jeremy Tonge

Deputy Churchwarden: Nicholas Higton

Licensed Lay Minister: Paul Mitchell

Treasurer: Keith Mitchell (until May)
Paul Henry (from May)

Secretary: Sarah Parsons (until December)
Vacant (from December)

Deanery Synod Representatives: Nicholas Higton
Susanne Mitchell (until May)
Nicola Pattinson (until May)

Elected Members of the PCC: Charles Congdon, Charlotte Flowers, Sarah Parsons, Richenda Tonge throughout the year.

Officers elected by the PCC during 2025:

Churchwarden: Ann Carrington Brook

Treasurer: Paul Henry

Electoral Roll Officer: Carolyn Chambers

Safeguarding Officers: Ann Carrington Brook and Charlotte Flowers

Members of the Standing Committee: Revd Michael Johns-Perring (from September), Ann Carrington Brook (from May), Jane Cooper (until May), Paul Henry (from May), Keith Mitchell (until May), Sarah Parsons (until December), Jeremy Tonge.

Sides people: Barbara Littlechild (head sides person), John Ager, Alison Blair, Ruth Bowdage, Lucinda Byron-Evans, Carolyn Chambers, Alex Cox, Graham Dick, Charlotte Flowers, Jill Gould, Nick Higton, Veronica Mills, Maha Nassar, Jane Ogram, Nicola Pattinson, Serena Perkins, Gabrielle Richards, Jake Stratton, Joan Taylor, Michael Taylor, Lynn Tilling and Nick Wood.

Members of the Buildings Maintenance Committee: Robin Gisby, Nicholas Higton, Hugh Birchall, Simon Child and Phillip Mills.

Members of the Finance and Risk Committee: Paul Henry (from May), Keith Mitchell (until May), Nick Higton, Jane Player, Alicia Birchall, Andrew Beney and Charles Congdon.

Members of HMP Wandsworth Bible Study Group: Olivia Pethybridge, Peter Carpenter, Serena Perkins, Huda Nassar, Alicia Birchall, Veronica Mills and Tom Roberts.

Members of Springfield Hospital CHATS (Chaplaincy Activities Team) Group: Rosemary Birchall, Mary Broderick, Ann Carrington Brook, Graham and Katie Dick, Jill Gisby, Matthew Prescod, Louisa Russell, Richard Sweet and Richenda Tonge

The Meadowcroft Wednesday communion volunteers: Revds Michael Johns-Perring (from September) and Sam Parker (until September), Pat Crosswell, Marion Cahill, Jane Cooper, Lynn Tilling, Rosie Tilling, Joyce Mason, Nell Wells, Doreen Bush and Susanne Mitchell (until May).

Annex B: Mission Action Plan 2021-2026

The MAP is based on our vision for the future:

To become a focal point for the community in Wandsworth Common.

A beautiful space which inspires, uplifts and energises our outreach through the Glory of God.

A caring place of worship, support, safety and opportunity for everyone – including the most vulnerable.

The MAP sets out our five mission priorities:
1.To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom and grow in faith as we engage with Wandsworth Common and its institutions, especially the three thousand new people coming to live on the new Springfield Village housing development.

2.To teach, baptise and nurture new believers with a fresh focus on welcoming those currently under-represented in our congregation, especially children, families and young people encouraging them to make SMM their home and to grow in faith and love in Jesus Christ.

3. To create a welcoming and inspiring place of worship and support especially for those who are vulnerable, lonely and in need.

4. To develop a range of inclusive activities in our buildings to support those on the margins of society. Strengthen links to existing SMM ministries in prison, hospital, care home and schools.

5.To energise and be active in our care of creation by participating in the Eco-Church awards scheme and engaging with global issues via a safe space for learning and discussion.

For further information, hard copies of the MAP booklet can be found in the church pews and on our website.

Annex C: Statement of Financial Activities

Ed. (Vicar): With apologies to the visual quality of this report, which does a disservice to the steady hand of our Treasurer. Tidied, printed copies will be available in the meeting.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total 2024 £
Incoming Resources					
(Notes 2&3)					
Income from donors	85,301	-	2,521	87,822	113,538
Other voluntary income	12,268	-	-	12,268	14,918
Income from operations	76,964	-	2,601	79,565	75,512
Income from investment	7,447	-	-	7,447	8,519
Total income	**181,980**	**-**	**5,122**	**187,102**	**212,487**
Resources Expended					
(Notes 2&3)					
Costs of generating funds	260	-	-	260	230
Work of the Church	113,959	-	575	114,534	128,603
Church Management & Administration	19,833	-	-	19,833	5,529
Other expenditure	20,921	4,254	3,851	29,026	63,769
Total expenditure	**154,973**	**4,254**	**4,426**	**165,653**	**198,131**
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	27,007	(4,254)	696	23,449	**14,356**
Balances at 1st January 2025	83,885	108,675	40,288	232,848	**218,493**
Transfer between funds	(25,000)	25,000	-	-	-
Balances at 31st December 2025	**85,892**	**129,421**	**40,984**	**256,297**	**232,848**

St Mary Magdalene – Wandsworth Common
Balance Sheet at 31st December 2025

		2025		2024
		£	£	£
Fixed Assets	*Note*			
Tangible fixed assets, at cost less depreciation	*4*		31,538	34,037
Current Assets				
Debtors	*5*	13,190		15,963
Short term deposits		194,600		152,926
Cash at bank and in hand		28,601		40,773
Petty cash		267		267
		236,658		209,929
Less:				
Liabilities				
Creditors falling due within one year	*6*	11,899		11,118
Net current assets			224,759	198,811
Total Net Assets			256,297	232,848
Funds				
Unrestricted Funds			85,892	83,885
Designated Funds	*3a*			
Maintenance Fund		70,000		45,000
West Window Fund		10,000		10,000
MAP Projects Fund		19,638		19,638
Re: Capitalised Assets		29,783		34,037
			129,421	108,675
Restricted Funds	*3b*		40,984	40,288
			256,297	232,848

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 3 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Jeremy Tonge
Churchwarden

Ann Carrington Brook
Churchwarden

St Mary Magdalene – Wandsworth Common

Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2025

1 Accounting Policies

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2015.

The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The Accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of other church groups that owe affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given and any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward. The PCC does not invest separately for each fund.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for the PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated funds are general funds that have been set aside by the PCC for particular purposes. The aim and use of the designated funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Interest and all other income are recognised when they are receivable. All income resources including funds raised by sales and events are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when they are paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. The Parish Support Fund is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2025 (continued)

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens in special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected. For anything acquired before 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the Accounts.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis; individual items of equipment costing over £1,000 over a period of four years and individual items costing over £10,000 over a period of ten years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Parish Hall

The Parish Hall is approximately 100 years old. It is an integral part of the church building and is not considered to have a separate identity which could have been consecrated or which can be individually valued.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents, taxes due or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2025 (continued)

2a **Unrestricted Funds**

	2025		2024
	£	£	£
Income from Donors			
Church open collections	10,257		11,361
Tax efficient giving (including stewardship)	58,827		71,605
Tax rebates received and due	16,217		17,481
		85,301	100,447
Other Voluntary Income			
Fees	1,810		2,958
Donations and bequests	10,458		11,960
		12,268	14,918
Income from Operations			
Trading	2,900		4,863
Use of photocopier	30		64
Bookstall	-		75
	2,930		5,002
Fund Raising			
Jumble sales *(Note 2B)*	5,488		4,827
Other fundraising	231		310
Quiz Nights	630		942
Parish hall lettings	67,685		61,988
		76,964	73,069
Income from Investments			
Interest:			
On deposits		7,447	8,519
Total income		181,980	196,953

Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2025 (continued)

Resources Expended
Cost of Generating Funds

	2025		2024
	£	£	£
Fund Raising *(Note 2B)*			
Jumble sales		260	230
Activities Directly Related to the Work of the Church			
Parish Support Fund	89,300		100,100
Clergy expenses	9,617		10,598
	98,917		110,698
Church and services			
Choir and organ	4,233		2,944
Mission and Worship	2,340		1,159
Communication	159		151
	6,732		4,254
General running expenses			
Heat and light	2,927		3,839
Insurance	3,600		3,600
Repairs and maintenance	1,783		6,212
	8,310		13,651
		113,959	128,603
Church Management & Administration			
Administration	1,418		1,232
Examiner's fee	360		360
Parish Office	4,190		2,018
Staffing	12,140		1,517
Photocopier maintenance	1,010		241
Bank charges	130		161
Depreciation (note 4)	585		-
		19,833	5,529
Resources expended carried forward		134,052	134,362

Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2025 (continued)

	2025		2024
	£	£	£
Resources expended brought forward		134,052	134,362
Other Expenditure			
Parish Hall expenses		20,921	36,767
Total payments		154,973	171,129
Surplus of receipts over payments		27,007	25,824
Unrestricted funds at 1st January 2025		83,885	83,061
Transfer to Designated Funds *(Note 3a)*		(25,000)	(25,000)
Unrestricted funds at 31st December 2025		85,892	83,885

2b **Trading / Fund Raising**

Net income from Jumble Sales £5,228.

Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2025 (continued)

3a **Designated Funds**

Movement of designated funds

Fund	Balance at 01.01.25 £	Income / Transfers £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31.12.25 £
Maintenance Fund	45,000	25,000	-	70,000
West Window Fund	10,000	-	-	10,000
MAP Projects Fund	19,638	-	-	19,638
Re: Capitalised Assets	34,037	-	4,254	29,783
Total Designated Funds	108,675	25,000	4,254	129,421

3b **Restricted Funds**

Movement of restricted funds

Fund	Balance at 01.01.25 £	Income £	Expenditure / Transfer £	Balance at 31.12.25 £
Roof and Fabric	30,850	2,601	-	33,451
Children and young people	1,481	-	-	1,481
Rood Screen	1,160	-	-	1,160
War Memorial Maintenance	35	-	-	35
Music Fund	2,881	175	575	2,481
Accessibility Fund	1,998	-	-	1,998
Give to Go Green Fund	1,883	2,346	3,851	378
Restricted Funds	40,288	5,122	4,426	40,984

Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2025 (continued)

4 Fixed Assets

	2025 £	2024 £
Makin Thirlmere Digital Organ –book value brought forward	34,037	38,291
Depreciation of Digital organ in year	(4,254)	(4,254)
	29,783	34,037
Office Equipment	2,340	
Depreciation	(585)	
	1,755	
Total fixed assets	31,538	

5 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Tax rebates due	12,000	15,000
Debtor re PAYE	1,050	963
Sundry debtors	140	-
	13,190	15,963

6 Creditors

	2025 £	2024 £
Marmalade Bear Nursery School	3,000	3,000
Rental deposits	2,912	1,962
Independent Examiner's fee	360	360
Sundry creditors	5,627	5,796
	11,899	11,118

Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2025 (continued)

7 Money held in Trust - Charity Projects Fund

The Charity Projects Fund does not form part of the accounts and is only included here to show monies received for and paid to other charities.

Charity Projects Fund income and expenditure:

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward from prior year:		142		134
Specific collections		3,326		2,490
Other income		9		8
Christmas Tree Festival	10,458		9,700	
less expenditure	3,004		2,899	
		7,454		6,801
Total available to distribute		10,931		9,433
Donations paid and payable				
Christian Aid *(Note 1)*	-		-	
Children's Society	-		177	
British Red Cross Gaza Emergency	-		1,205	
British Humanitarian Aid	1,787		-	
Trinity Hospice	1,369		1,108	
Awareness Foundation	7,454		6,801	
Total donations made		10,610		9,291
		321		142
Less				
Bank charges		-		-
Balance carried forward		£321		£142

Notes

1 In addition, with Gift Aid, £3,471 was raised and sent directly to Christian Aid.

Annex D: Independent Examiner's Report

J A Steward **MA FCA**

Chartered Accountant
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene Church, Wandsworth Common

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and associated Notes.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As members of the Parochial Church Council, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and Regulations 3 (c) and 4 of the Church Accounting Regulations 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and Regulations 3(c) and 4 of the Church Accounting Regulations 2011;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and
- 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 Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section s.130 of the 2011 Act and Regulations 3(c) and 4 of the Church Accounting Regulations 2011 or
- to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 have not been met; or

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

Yours sincerely



J A Steward

17 April 2026


More tea, Rector?
More tea, Vicar?