THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN, ADDINGTON TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2025

AIMS & PURPOSES

The PCC of St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Addington, supports the incumbent, the Reverend Deborah Forman, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Grade 1 Listed church building of St Mary the Blessed Virgin in Addington Village, St Mary's Community Hall in Addington Village Road and the house at 56 Viney Bank, Forestdale, which at present is rented out to a family in need of accommodation.

The Mission Statement agreed by the PCC in May 2024 is:

Worshipping God and Loving Our Neighbour.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St Mary's and to become part of our parish community. All the activities overseen by the PCC are conducted with a mind to the public benefit and aspire to be in line with the guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. To facilitate our work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church building and the Community Hall. The PCC also operates a policy for the care of children and vulnerable adults and requires all organisations which use its premises to operate a similar policy.

Both the Church and Hall receive full attention regarding Health & Safety and every effort has been made towards protecting the environment and the welfare of those using the facilities provided. The Church's Health and Safety Policy is up-to-date and available for inspection by anyone wishing to examine it.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

The PCC aims to offer a range of services each week and throughout the year to appeal to different members of the community, so that all may feel welcome and able to encounter God through worship and prayer.

During 2025, we welcomed a part-time Parish Administrator who has improved our communications, being a physical presence in the church office each afternoon between

1-3pm. Penny Goswell oversees all telephone and email enquiries, administers church hall bookings, prints our monthly magazine and supports all PCC members and volunteers.

Our main family and Eucharist service has remained at 10am each Sunday, this appears to be a popular choice. Spoken services continue at 8am each Sunday and an informal Eucharist on Tuesday evenings. There is Choral Evensong once a month and provision for an informal service one Sunday evening each month.

This year we have welcomed many new families and individuals to our regular services. Our 'Messy Church' offering is now on a Saturday afternoon once a month. This seems to be a popular choice with families, avoiding clashes the children may have with sports and other activities. Resources continue to be shared weekly via WhatsApp videos. Between 10 and 15 families take part. Junior Church has resumed once a month and members also take part in some of our festival services such as Harvest, Mothering Sunday and Pentecost where they play major roles in the services.

At present there are 101 members on the Church electoral roll and an average of 50 regular attendees at our various services, some of whom live outside the parish.

As well as our regular services, we welcome members of our community to celebrate and thank God at milestones of their journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing; through funeral services families and friends express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and commend the person to God's keeping. In 2025 we have celebrated 15 baptisms and 2 weddings.

There were 3 interments of ashes in St Mary's church this year along with 7 funerals.

The All Souls service, held on the first Sunday of November each year, provides an opportunity for those who have lost a loved one during the year to join others who are similarly bereaved.

There are also other groups within the parish community, which enable members to worship and pray in a variety of ways:

The Altar Group give their time and skills in making the necessary preparations for the regular services to ensure the smooth-running of those services. Their work includes cleaning of vessels, laundering of linen and setting up for services.

The Bell Ringers assist in proclaiming services and celebrating weddings and other occasions. At the Monday bellringing practice, visiting ringers are regularly welcomed.

The Choir membership now stands at 3 sopranos, 1 alto, 0 tenors and 1 bass. The Choir lead the singing at the Sunday morning Eucharist and often at weddings and funerals and work hard to offer Choral Evensong each month and at the festival services.

The Emmaus Group is a bible-study group run by one of the Commissioned Pastoral Lay Ministers (CPLM). There is also a Tuesday House-Group run by one of the parishioners which provides mutual support and discussion of a wide variety of topics. There is also a regular study group held at the Vicarage and led by our Lay Reader or by the Incumbent. These are on average six week courses.

There is a thriving branch of the Mothers' Union at St Mary's with over 40 members. There are monthly meetings and a varied programme of events and activities. The Mothers' Union supports the Women's Refuge in Croydon, the Vine Food Bank and provides babies' blankets and clothes for babies in Africa.

Bible Reading Fellowship notes are received by 18 members.

The Floating Shelter has not restarted since the end of the pandemic. Instead members of the congregation make sandwiches and prepare hot meals that are taken to a central hub supporting the Nightwatch Charity.

On Tuesdays from 11am we offer a Welcome Place, which opens its doors to anyone from the community to have a hot drink and a light lunch with conversation and company. This is followed at 3pm by "Singing 4 Every 1" which attracts a wide variety of people including a contingent brought by minibus from a Croydon Care Home. Singing happens between 3 and 4 and is then followed by tea and biscuits.

An outreach activity has been started in Fieldway (New Addington) on a Wednesday morning for the local community to meet up for a chat over tea/coffee and a cake.

There is a flower team who arrange the church flowers and in Advent we hold a Crib Festival which gives visitors an opportunity to enjoy beautiful cribs displayed by our congregation.

Deanery Synod

We currently have 3 places on the Croydon Addington Deanery. This provides the link between St Mary's parish and the wider governance of the church.

All are welcomed to the church for private prayer or to join the regular services. The church is left unlocked during daylight hours for anyone wishing to pray or look round the Church. It is a Grade 1 Listed building of historical importance, the oldest public building still in daily use in Croydon which is of interest to a wide range of people.

We were pleased to be able to continue having the church open throughout 2025 for private prayer and much gratitude is expressed for this in our Visitors' Book.

We continue to hire out the Community Hall for a variety of events including a toddler group on a Wednesday morning and Zumba classes on a Monday morning. Hall bookings are increasing with one off and regular hirers.

Pastoral Care

Our pastoral team consists of the Vicar, The Rev Deborah Forman, our self-supporting Associate Priest, The Rev Barbara Gentilella and Reader Lindsay Ould. They are assisted by our Commissioned Pastoral Lay Ministers, Pat Heady, Peter Wilson and Karen Holloway and Diane Foster who is currently in training. They make visits and administer communion to any members who are unable to come to the church, together with other lay chalice administrators.

Mission and Evangelism

During 2025 there were charitable collections in church, which are listed in the Accounts. The total raised during 2025 was £3,795.

Ten issues of St Mary's parish magazine were distributed during the year and these were available in church for visitors. The magazine is a popular record of parish activities, containing many interesting features contributed by members of the community and providing a useful advertising vehicle for local businesses and traders. Each issue contains information about church services and their times and associated scriptural readings as well as details of parish personnel and letters from the Ministry team and communications from the Bishop.

The parish website (www.addington.org.uk) is an additional source of information about the church and parish activities.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Mary's is a member of Churches Together in Selsdon and Addington (CTSA) and participates in Lent Groups and other joint activities across a wider area.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During 2025 total receipts to the PCC accounts were £79,911 of which £17,423 were voluntary donations. These were from planned giving (£46,466), Gift Aid (£7,176) and other donations. Planned giving through Standing Orders and the Parish Giving Scheme continue to be the major sources of income and the amount recovered through Gift Aid is an important additional receipt.

The parish's contribution to the Diocese was £76,410 paid in monthly instalments.

St Mary's has also entered the planning phase of the Church Hall Redevelopment project and £55,937 has been spent on Professional Fees in support of this.

Details of all receipts and expenditure are shown in the Financial Statements.

Dividends received from our investments were £13,870.

The bank balances at the end of year totalled £132,479 this includes the PCC A/C, Hall fund, Fees and Catering.

RESERVES POLICY

The PCC voted in a Reserves Policy agreeing to maintain 6 months working capital in the reserves. It is intended to maintain a minimum Reserve of £20,000 in the General Fund.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make St Mary's church the lively and welcoming community that it is. We especially thank our churchwardens Mrs Lynn Clark and Mr Peter Wilson and our Treasurer, Mr James Robinson and our Parochial Church Council Secretary Mrs Debbie Parker, who all work tirelessly in their respective roles.

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

At St Mary's members are appointed to the Parochial Church Council through nomination and election at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), by those on the church electoral roll. The APCM is a public meeting but all members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC is chaired by the incumbent, (our Vicar) and includes Assistant Priest and the churchwardens.

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including the use of the parish finances.

The members of the PCC serve on a range of sub-committees: Worship & Education, Buildings & Equipment and Finance to plan and implement the objectives of the PCC. These sub-committees report back to the PCC and their decisions are discussed and passed as necessary by the full PCC.

The PCC met 6 times during the year.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The church of St Mary the Blessed Virgin is situated in Addington Village Road in the heart of Addington Village. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is The Parish Office, Addington Village Road, Croydon, CR0 5AS.

The PCC is a charity currently registered with the Charities Commission, No. 1142513.

PCC members who have served at any time from 18th March 2025 until 6th April 2026 are:

Ex Officio members:

- The Reverend Deborah Forman (Chair) (Incumbent)
- The Reverend Barbara Gentilella (Assistant Priest)
- Mrs Lynn Clarke (Churchwarden)

Deanery Synod Members (ex officio):

- Karen Holloway
- Christopher Parker
- Janet Davies

Elected Members:

- Pat Heady
- Teresa Lock
- Debbie Parker
- James Robinson
- Peter Wilson
- Neil Clark
- Judy Van Selm
- Lindsay Ould
- Claire Shapiro
- Linda Hines

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The Trustees
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Blessed Virgin
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27 October 2026

Dear Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Blessed Virgin (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Charity's accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



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ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN ADDINGTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Statement of Financial Activities	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	1	76,240	3,671	79,911	68,039
Charitable activities	2	11,568	-	11,568	12,402
Other trading activities	3	25,804	-	25,804	26,244
Investments	4	13,870	-	13,870	13,035
Other incoming resources	5	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		127,482	3,671	131,153	119,720
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Cost of services	6	8,433	-	8,433	11,583
Running costs	7	115,213	-	115,213	119,246
Church management and administration	8	11,182	-	11,182	5,839
Cost of charitable activities	9	5,949	460	6,409	2,143
Other expenditure	10	13,734	-	13,734	1,104
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		154,511	460	154,971	139,915
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(27,029)	3,211	(23,818)	(20,195)
Curate's house		-	-	-	-
Church Hall		-	-	-	-
Investments		-	31,570	31,570	6,607
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(27,029)	34,781	7,752	(13,588)
Fund balances at 1st January		159,527	1,654,223	1,813,750	1,827,338
FUND BALANCES AT 31ST DECEMBER		132,498	1,689,004	1,821,502	1,813,750

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN ADDINGTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Balance Sheet	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Curate's House	11	360,000	360,000
Church Hall	12	990,000	990,000
Work in Progress	13	55,937	53,757
Investments	14	283,833	252,142
		1,689,770	1,655,899
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	15	1,657	1,818
Cash at Bank	16	132,479	157,391
		134,136	159,209
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	17	(2,404)	(1,358)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		131,732	157,851
NET ASSETS		1,821,502	1,813,750
FUNDS			
Revaluation Reserve - Properties	18	1,329,076	1,329,076
Parochial Funds	18	358,327	325,147
General Reserve	18	134,099	159,527
		1,821,502	1,813,750

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 27/10/ 2026

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Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Addington meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is accounted for when received, except for associated gift aid income which is accounted for when the related donation is received.

Investments

Investments for which there is a quoted market value are valued at the bid-price ruling at the balance sheet date. Other investments are valued at their realisable market value. Investment gains and losses arising during the year are included in the SOFA.

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN ADDINGTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
1. Donations and legacies				
Planned giving	46,466	-	46,466	47,482
Collections	3,325	470	3,795	2,896
Sundry donations	17,423	-	17,423	4,265
Gift Aid Claimed	7,176	-	7,176	5,482
Henry Smith Fund	1,850	-	1,850	2,200
Hall Fund	-	3,201	3,201	4,273
Other Restricted Giving	-	-	-	1,441
	76,240	3,671	79,911	68,039
2. Charitable activities				
Funerals	9,695	-	9,695	6,648
Weddings	1,873	-	1,873	5,754
PCC fees income	-	-	-	-
	11,568	-	11,568	12,402
3. Other trading activities				
Hall hire	13,063	-	13,063	15,815
Magazine sales	644	-	644	713
Magazine advertising	75	-	75	286
Viney Bank rent	11,734	-	11,734	8,800
Catering	288	-	288	630
	25,804	-	25,804	26,244
4. Investment Income				
Dividends	13,870	-	13,870	13,035
	13,870	-	13,870	13,035
5. Other Incoming Resources				
Other income	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
6. Cost of services				
Gravedigging	350	-	350	1,100
Organist Fees	500	-	500	2,200
SLCF Fees	3,902	-	3,902	4,357
Subscriptions	941	-	941	1,543
Misc Costs of Services	2,740	-	2,740	2,383
	8,433	-	8,433	11,583
7. Running costs				
Diocesan Quota	76,410	-	76,410	74,100
Catering	-	-	-	327
Cleaning	5,786	-	5,786	4,164
Electricity and Gas	6,462	-	6,462	8,132
Expenses	1,721	-	1,721	4,109
Insurance	7,570	-	7,570	7,351
Misc Running Costs	1,977	-	1,977	1,589
Operating Lease Expense	-	-	-	276
Printing & Stationery Costs	2,420	-	2,420	5,682
Major Repairs & Maintenance	5,593	-	5,593	2,850
Routine Repairs & Maintenance	3,661	-	3,661	7,201
Telecoms	1,210	-	1,210	1,238
Waste Disposal	1,665	-	1,665	1,617
Water and Waste	738	-	738	610
	115,213	-	115,213	119,246
8. Management and Administration				
Salary	10,978	-	10,978	5,683
Bank Charges	118	-	118	89
Other expenses	86	-	86	67
	11,182	-	11,182	5,839
9. Cost of charitable activities				
Henry Smith Fund	348	-	348	500
Misc Charitable Giving	675	-	675	(834)
Bishop's Lenten Appeal	-	350	350	450
Fabric Fund	4,926	-	4,926	-
Other Restricted Giving	-	110	110	2,027
Hall Fund	-	-	-	-
	5,949	460	6,409	2,143
10. Other (Viney Bank)				
Viney Bank Insurance	351	-	351	402
Viney Bank Misc	12,783	-	12,783	600
Viney Bank Routine Repairs	600	-	600	102
Viney Bank Utilities and Tax	-	-	-	-
	13,734	-	13,734	1,104

Notes to the accounts	2025	2024
	£	£
11. Fixed Assets - Curate's House		
b/fwd 1st January	360,000	360,000
Gain / (loss) on revaluation	-	-
Balance c/fwd 31st December	360,000	360,000
12. Fixed Assets - Church Hall		
B/fwd 1st January	990,000	990,000
Gain / (loss) on revaluation	-	-
Balance c/fwd 31st December	990,000	990,000
13. Fixed Assets - Work in Progress - Church Hall		
B/fwd 1st January	53,757	25,676
Additions	2,180	28,081
Balance c/fwd 31st December	55,937	53,757
14. Fixed Assets - Investments		
Held by Southwark Diocesan Church Trust		
Balance b/fwd 1st January	252,142	245,534
Additions / (disposals)	121	1
Gain / (loss) on revaluation	31,570	6,607
Balance c/fwd 31st December at market value	283,833	252,142
15. Debtors		
Gift Aid - Tax Recovered	1,647	1,808
Sundry Debtors	10	10
	1,657	1,818
16. Bank Accounts		
Lloyds Bank Treasurer's Account	93,195	91,167
Nat West Bank Current Account	37,715	64,943
Catering Committee Account	1,569	1,281
	132,479	157,391
17. Creditors		
Key Deposit - Hall	405	405
Other creditors	1,046	-
Accruals	953	953
	2,404	1,358

18. Capital Funds	**31.12.2024 & 01.01.2025**	**Movement in Year**	**31.12.2025**
Curate's House Revaluation Reserve	339,076	-	339,076
Church Hall Revaluation Reserve	990,000	-	990,000
Parochial Investment	124,864	31,570	156,434
Hall Fund	198,389	3,201	201,590
Country Market	206		206
Lenton Appeal	1,261	120	1,381
Save the Children	244	-	244
Organ Fund	110	(110)	-
World Vision	73	-	73
General Reserve	159,527	(25,428)	134,099
Total Funds	1,813,750	7,752	1,821,502