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1. Our Aims and Purpose

Hornsey Parish Church seeks to make Christ known and to celebrate His presence among the people of Hornsey. We do this through worship and prayer, by ministering to the whole community – ensuring that the needs of the vulnerable are met – and by encouraging lay people to serve in a variety of roles. We are committed to nurturing and supporting children and young people, including through close partnerships with our schools. We also strive to maintain our church buildings as sacred places and high-quality resources for the wider community, and to be good stewards of our finances to fund our mission. For when there is a need for a deeper way of being, a place to belong, a place that cares, Hornsey Parish Church offers a way of prayer, presence, and peace.

2. Our Mission Objectives and Activities

Hornsey Parish Church is a community of open minds and full hearts. We exist to create opportunities for all to encounter God's love - through Christ, through one another, and through creation.

We believe we are called to be a Contemplative Church in Action: a community that nurtures the inner life of prayer so that we can live with greater love, wisdom, and compassion in the world. For those whose hearts long for a deeper connection with God through Christ, for a faith that is practiced as well as professed, and for stillness that transforms rather than escapes, we seek to offer a true spiritual home.

Living Our Vision & Values: Loving God, Loving Neighbour, Loving Creation

Our Vision is to be a thriving community of faith, rooted in Christ and living out our calling to Love God, Love Neighbour, and Love Creation. Our charism - nurturing the spiritual life through the Eucharistic Liturgy, contemplative prayer and compassionate action – shapes a distinctive and meaningful spiritual presence in the heart of our community.

The following are our ongoing mission objectives and core areas of activity:

Loving God

We are committed to deepening the spiritual life of our church through:

- **Traditional and Contemplative Eucharistic Worship**, offering reverence, beauty, and space for reflection.
- **Contemplative Prayer and Study**, including weekly contemplative prayer gatherings, Lectio Divina Bible Study groups, and deepening faith programmes such as *Soul's Odyssey*, which draws on the wisdom of the Christian mystics.

- **Quiet Days and Retreats**, providing opportunities for spiritual rest, renewal, and exploration of practices such as the Jesus Prayer and silent prayer, including our annual parish retreat.
- **Creative Expressions of Worship**, drawing on the gifts of our choir, musicians, and poetry appreciation groups to reflect the beauty of God through the arts.
- **Ecumenical and Interfaith Engagement**, fostering unity and dialogue across Christian traditions and with people of other faiths.

Loving Neighbour

We seek to serve and support our local community through:

- The **Open Door 60/60 Development Project**, our long-term building development initiative, designed to make our church more welcoming, accessible, and open to all.
- **Community Ministries** that care for the elderly, vulnerable, and isolated – including *Welcome Wednesdays* and the *Forget-Me-Not* group.
- **Youth and Young Adult Formation**, with ministries such as *Axios* (Young Adults Fellowship), school partnerships, Youth activity groups and Y Hornsey, chaplaincy with the YMCA and Air Cadets, and ecumenical children's workshops.
- **Support for Families and Children**, through offerings like *Noah's Ark*, our toddler group, and ongoing pastoral support for young families.
- **Practical Outreach**, including the continued operation of our *Community Larder*, which provides food and essentials for those facing hardship.

Loving Creation

As part of our commitment to care for God's creation, we aim to:

- **Embed Environmental Responsibility** in every aspect of our church life, following the Eco Church framework and reducing our carbon footprint.
- **Offer Eco-Education and Inspiration**, through our liturgy, prayer, talks, themed services, children's programmes, and outings to places like Walthamstow Wetlands.
- **Model Sustainability in Action**, with regular community gardening days, a rambling group, and ongoing encouragement of greener practices through initiatives like "Green Tips."

These objectives are regularly reviewed through our PCC discussions, helping us to remain faithful to our calling, responsive to the needs of our community, and aligned with the evolving vision God is unfolding among us.

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3. Achievements and Performance

The reports contained in this document reflect the rich and evolving life of Hornsey Parish Church as we continue to grow in faith, deepen our ministry, and serve our community with prayerful purpose and creativity.

This past year has seen a number of encouraging developments across our core areas of mission and ministry:

- **Worship and Prayer**: We have continued to offer regular and varied opportunities to worship God and grow in prayer, with a balance of traditional Eucharistic liturgy, contemplative services, and creative expressions of prayer and praise.

- **Ministry Across the Parish**: Our pastoral and sacramental ministry has extended not only to our regular congregation but increasingly to those in the wider parish – particularly through our open-air Eucharist at St Mary's Tower, strengthening our presence in the east of the parish and offering a visible expression of compassionate ministry.

- **Lay Leadership and Participation**: We continue to call and encourage lay people to serve in a wide variety of roles, both within the church and in the wider community, recognising and affirming the gifts of our members in the shared mission of the Church.

- **Children, Youth and Schools Ministry**: The spiritual formation of our children and young people remains a priority. This has been enriched through the work of YMCA Youth Worker **Nina Saint** and Lay Schools Worker **Naomi Malone**, who have helped extend our ministry to young people both inside and beyond the church.

- **Buildings and Community Space**: Our buildings have been well maintained, and their potential is being developed further through the *Open Door 60/60* community spaces renewal project, an initiative to open up our spaces to be more accessible, welcoming, and usable for a wide range of community and spiritual activities.

- **Financial Stewardship**: Thanks to careful budgeting, the support of our Treasurer, as well as active fundraising efforts by the *Open Door 60/60* Fundraising Team, the financial report reflects a stable and successful financial strategy for sustaining our mission.

- **Post-Pandemic Recovery**: While the pandemic inevitably led to a reduction in weekly attendance, we are now seeing encouraging signs of growth. A number of new people have begun worshipping with us, and we continue to offer a warm and welcoming environment for all.

- **Music and the Arts**: Our musical life continues to flourish under the leadership of our interim Music Director **Jeremy Jackman**. We look forward with hope and excitement to the appointment of a new permanent Director of Music in the near future.

- **Online Ministry and Adaptability**: Our ability to offer online services and maintain digital engagement, a legacy of the COVID-19 period, demonstrates our ongoing flexibility and commitment to reaching people wherever they are.

Together, these achievements reflect the depth, resilience, and creativity of our parish community as we continue to grow into the church God is calling us to be.

4. Financial Review

The past year 2025 saw big changes for Hornsey Parish.

The building works for the Open Door Project were carried out over the summer by H A Marks Ltd, and fundraising for the project continued in earnest with concerts. Along with some very generous donations towards the project, the Development Group organized a series of fundraising events, including a Quiz, wine tasting, Gardeners' Question Time, Musical soirees, and the like, pulling in a total of £35,790 towards the cost of the building works, architect's fees etc. The Parish also applied for and received some help from the Diocese consisting of a grant of £10,000 and an interest-free loan of £30,000 repayable over 2 years. The total outlay in 2025 for the Open Door Project came to £133,000 and was covered by the designated legacy of £65,000, fundraising £35,000 and the remainder from the Diocese loan. Our fundraising efforts should continue towards the loan repayment. Again, in 2025 there was a significant increase in Planned Giving on the year before, and plate collections held steady, also Sum Up (card reader) for collections appeared to become more popular with the congregation.

The Hall rental continued to be a significant income stream for the Parish under the expert management of Jenny, with total annual revenue touching almost £75,000, and after costs, still making a clear profit of £33,000 approx. Jenny left HPC in November, and her replacement, Katherine appears to be doing a great job with her youthful energy and excellent people-skills.

As mentioned in our report last year, the Recovery Plan set up by the Finance Team spent several months examining the accounts, finding ways of streamlining expenses, making savings by changing suppliers (candles!) and drawing up recommendations for future good governance. My thanks to Michael Baker for his good humor, sharp eyes and sound financial nous.

After Fr. Bruce-Julian's departure in September, Church Warden Lesley Matthew stepped in to help with her experience, support and wisdom to keep the finance wheels turning. Our Treasurer's assistant, Yvonne, also took over the Gift Aid claims, adding the process to the parish accounts software, and helping keep us on track.

It is to these people, Michael, Lesley, Yvonne, Angus, the finance panel, and of course Mthr. Clemency and Fr. Bruce-Julian that I owe a big thank you for their help and support, and it goes without saying, heartfelt thanks to you all, every one of you of the Parish and congregation, for your generosity and financial help, as Hornsey Parish continues on its journey to finding a new incumbent.

Lotti Wander
Treasurer

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5. Reserves Policy

The PCC policy is to set reserves aside to act as a buffer for any times of difficulty or of development. Reserves are identified within the various funds held by the PCC. Funds are designated as unrestricted for the general running and maintenance of the parish and its buildings or as restricted funds. A restricted fund can only be used in accordance with the purposes designated for it.

The PCC has reserves which were set aside for the HPC 60/60 Open Door project. To that effect, a separate savings account was opened, and funds from the hall account are now held there.

6. Plans for The Future

Looking ahead, we remain committed to making Christ known in line with our Vision and Mission Statement, and through the priorities set out in our Mission Action Plan. A central focus will be advancing the next stage in HPC 60/60 with our renewal and accessibility project *Open Door* – exploring and implementing our development plans for improving access, deepening our welcome, and extending the invitation to both our church building and our community life.

Led by our dedicated and talented Ministry Team, we continue to be open to new opportunities to serve the community – particularly the vulnerable and elderly – responding with love and care to the needs of our parish and beyond. We continue to seek growth not simply in numbers, but in depth, with discernment at the heart of all we do: listening to the Holy Spirit and remaining attentive to the needs – both seen and yet to emerge – of the community we are called to serve.

With the forthcoming departure of our Rector, Fr Bruce-Julian Batstone, in September, one of our key priorities will be navigating the period of interregnum with hope and unity, while supporting the process of discernment

and recruitment as we seek the right person to lead Hornsey Parish Church into the next chapter of its life and ministry.

7. Risk Management

The PCC is committed to identifying, managing, and, where possible, reducing the major risks that could impact the mission, ministry, and operations of Hornsey Parish Church. This includes regularly reviewing existing risks and responding promptly to new ones as they arise, ensuring that appropriate safeguards and mitigations are in place.

To support this work, the PCC receives professional advice and oversight from GreenTree Safety Ltd. who provide expertise in building management and health and safety compliance. As part of the Diocese of London, the PCC also benefits from diocesan guidance and support in fulfilling its responsibilities for governance and risk management.

This includes ensuring best practice in areas such as safeguarding, financial oversight, and compliance with legal and charitable obligations, all of which are integral to the faithful and responsible stewardship of our parish.

8. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council of Hornsey Parish Church is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity, and the appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC consists of the Rector, the two Churchwardens (each reelected annually for a maximum of up to six consecutive terms), twelve members elected by the APCM (each elected for a three-year term) and Deanery Synod members elected for a three-year term. Any other clergy attached to the parish are ex-officio members of the PCC. There can be up to three co-opted members as well. The PCC meets four to five times a year.

There is a Standing Committee made up of the Churchwardens, Treasurer, Clergy, and co-opted members which meets regularly and has the authority to make some decisions on behalf of the PCC.

Day to day management is carried out by the Rector, Fr Bruce-Julian Batstone, and his delegates.

Some PCC Policies:

The PCC is committed to ensuring that all policies and procedures reflect good governance, accountability, and pastoral care. Key policies currently in place include:

Complaints Policy and Procedure:
Internal complaints will be brought to Fr Bruce-Julian or the Churchwardens in the first instance. Depending on their nature they will either be responded to and investigated internally, or help will be sought from the London Diocesan structures (initially from the Archdeacon). Complaints about clergy will be taken to the Bishop and Archdeacon.

Bullying and Harassment Policy and Procedure:
The PCC has adopted the London Diocesan Harassment and Bullying Policy https://www.london.anglican.org/church-and-parish-support/human-resources-hr/diocesan-policies/harassment-and-bullying-policy/

Engaging Public Speakers Policy and Procedure:
The appropriate London Diocesan Safeguarding advice and procedures are followed when recruiting outside speakers.

Serious Incident Reporting Policy and Procedure:
Any serious incident will be reported according to Charity Commission guidelines and procedures. Appropriate advice and support will be sought from the Diocese of London.

9. The Diocese of London

Hornsey Parish Church is part of the Diocese of London, the largest and most diverse diocese in the Church of England. With over 500 churches and more than 750 licensed clergy, the Diocese is uniquely placed to ensure that there is a church presence in almost every London community – supporting its vision that *every Londoner might encounter the love of God in Christ*.

In 2024, the Diocese saw encouraging signs of growth and renewed vitality:

- 50 new deacons were ordained, and early data suggests that Average Weekly Attendance (AWA) increased by 7.5%, rising to over 60,000 people across London.
- Efforts to become a younger, safer, and more racially just Church continued to bear fruit:
    - 19 London Youth Apprentices engaged over 700 young people each week, and new funding was secured to launch five youth ministry roles in Hackney and Islington.
    - In a year that presented ongoing safeguarding challenges, referrals to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team rose significantly, reflecting increased trust in the safeguarding process. In total, 789 people completed safeguarding leadership training, and 3,808 DBS checks were carried out.
    - Churches across the Diocese actively participated in Race Equality Week, Racial Justice Sunday, and Black History Month, deepening reflection and commitment to racial justice.

Together with a wide range of parishes and Bishop's Mission Orders, we continue to nurture confident disciples, compassionate communities, and creative growth in diverse and inspiring ways.

Financially, the generous contributions of our family of local parishes in the London Diocese have included:

- Over £23 million to the Common Fund – an increase of almost £1 million over the previous year.

- In combination with £13.2 million raised by the London Diocesan Fund (LDF) and a further £3.6 million from LDF reserves, this helped sustain ministry and provided vital support to parishes across the Diocese.

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10. Pastoral Team, the PCC & Key Contacts

The Rector, Curate, Churchwardens and all elected members are trustees of the charity.

Ex-Officio members

Vacancy	Rector
Vacancy	Curate
Lesley Matthew	Churchwarden
Angus McIndoe	Churchwarden

Elected Members

Lotti Wander	Treasurer
Eddie Griffiths	PCC Member
Richard Hodges	PCC Member
Mercy Cleland	PCC Member
Denis Dugwell	PCC Member
Coral Lowcock	PCC Member
Michael Baker	PCC Member
Caroline Worster	PCC Member
Nina Saint	Deanery Synod
Hosein Mashayekhi	PCC Member

Co-opted Members

Natasha Warr	PCC Secretary
Matthew Johnston	PCC Member
Grace Readings	PCC Member

Key Contacts

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Churchwardens: Lesley Matthew Email:	 Angus McIndoe Email: angus@mcindoe.com
Lay Readers: Vicki Osborne Email: vicki@eqtwo.com	**Chaplain:** Pam Curran
Lay Schools Worker, Baptism enquiries, Noah's Ark: Naomi Malone Tel: 07776 588602 Email: naomi@hornseyparishchurch.org	**Children's Champions:** Naomi Malone, Nina Saint, Natasha Warr, Coral Lowcock

Church Visiting Team: If you, or someone you know, might appreciate a visit from us, please speak to Pam Curran (Chaplain) or one of the clergy.	
Wedding and Same Sex Blessing enquiries: Please contact Father Ben 0208 340 1300	**Music Director:** Dr Leah Stuttard music@hornseyparishchurch.org
Youth Fellowship (YMCA Youth Work): Nina Saint: nina@hornseyparishchurch.org	
Church Hall Information and Bookings: Katherine Milner Tel: 07423 113924 Email: hpchalls@gmail.com	**Church Secondhand Bookshop:** Open 1st and 3rd Saturdays 10-1pm. Speak to Cathy Edis/Pearl Larney email: thebasementbookshop@gmail.com
Evidence Checkers: Annie Perkins and Lorraine Fincham Email: dbs@hornseyparishchurch.org	

For all other information please check out our website:
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Safeguarding Statement

Hornsey Parish Church believes that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all those who are vulnerable (children, young people and vulnerable adults). We expect all our staff, volunteers and those who use our premises to share this commitment and value the support of those who worship here in achieving this.

If you have any concerns please contact:

The Safeguarding Officer:
Naomi Malone, safeguarding@hornseyparish.org
or any member of the Safeguarding Group.

Important numbers:

Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: Andy Goodwin 020 3837 5082
Thirtyone:eight helpline: 0303 003 1111
Family Lives (previously Parentline): 0808 800 2222
Childline: 0800 1111

THIS CHURCH IS CONCERNED ABOUT DOMESTIC ABUSE



Hornsey Parish Church:

- Understands domestic abuse to be the abuse of a person physically, sexually, psychologically, spiritually, emotionally, socially or financially within an intimate or family-type relationship, which forms a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour. This can include forced marriage and so-called 'honour crimes'.

- Holds that domestic abuse in all its forms is unacceptable and irreconcilable with the Christian faith and Christian way of living.

- Accepts that domestic abuse is a serious problem, which occurs in church families as well as in wider society.

- Undertakes to listen to, support and care for those affected by domestic abuse.

- Will always place the safety of adults and children affected by domestic abuse as the highest priority.

Speak to a member of the clergy or the Safeguarding Team if you are concerned about domestic abuse, either for yourself or someone you know

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE: 0808 2000 247

LOCAL HELPLINES

Hearthstone 0208 888 5362 open Mon - Fri 9-4pm

Solace Women's Aid 0808 802 5565 open Mon - Fri 10 - 4 Tues 6-8pm

Curate's Report

Introduction

It was with a heavy heart that I said fond farewell to this gorgeous parish last Easter. I firstly want to give a huge thank you to everyone who was involved and came to my final Sunday and leaving service. Everyone here has been tremendously supportive and encouraging throughout my curacy, but most especially since last September when Fr Bruce moved to Norwich. As much as the months since have been challenging, they have also been filled with joy and much for which to give thanks.

Young Adults Group (AXIOS)

It has been a real joy this year to continue running a group for the young adults (18-40) in our church. Having a young adults group means that we have more to offer our young people once they age out of groups like Youth Fellowship and helps the church welcome people new to faith or new to the area. This year the Young Adults grew significantly, and we had a range of activities, from a speaker to talk to us about interfaith prayer, to pub trips, to walks. I feel reassured that the group that now exists is one that has the ability to continue without my presence, and hope that it will continue to meet and welcome others for years to come.

Open Door and Fundraising

It has been a delight to be involved with a number of Open Door fundraising events for our 60/60 accessibility project. I have been delighted to see the enthusiasm and creativity for organising these events has continued. There have been returning events with the Quiz Night, the wine tasting and a summer concert; as well as a number of new events with the Auction of Promises being a particular jewel in the crown. The Christmas Market also ran again this year to much delight; it is a real credit to the parish in general and Lesley in particular that this was able to run even during our parish vacancy. I want to give a huge thanks to everyone who has supported these fundraising efforts, they do not organise themselves!

It was in this year that we were able to enjoy the fruits of our labour, with thanks also to a loan and grant from London Diocese. The beautiful new entrance to the church has been commented upon by many and offers a much more inclusive welcome to our church. The garden is also much more accessible with a side entrance that fits so well with the preexisting church building that a number of people have commented to me that they hadn't realised it was new! I hope that the garden will now be a much happier home for our gardening group as well as many others, particularly as spring and summer arrive at last.

Christmas and Easter

As usual our church was particularly busy during the periods of Christmas and Easter. This is always a real joy to those of us invested in our church's growth as well as wonderful to celebrate these important Christian feasts with such a

large number from our local community. Christmas includes a couple of great community carol services, with our ecumenical carols outside Sainsburys and Tower Carols (this year both included a brass band!). It was lovely to help spread the joy of Christmas to the whole local area, as well as celebrate with our church congregation. I would also like to offer particular thanks to Leah for such beautiful music throughout the year, but especially at our service of Lessons and Carols and our new Tenebrae service. I know that both were greatly appreciated by all who attended.

Holy Week is notorious for being a challenge among clergy and those involved with churches, this year I felt somewhat daunted to be facing that challenge without Fr Bruce. Yet, I was deeply touched by just how patient and hardworking everyone has been to ensure that we could continue to mark this most sacred of weeks in the church's year with the liturgy and care that it warrants. My favourite service of the year is often the Easter Vigil, and this year it was special to mark that service with readings in a range of languages, as well as a multi-cultural feast and celebration afterwards.

I want to give especial thanks to those who joined us from the YMCA and brought the most wonderful food with them!

YMCA

This year our church's ministry at the YMCA has grown with the wonderful addition of Harry Daniels as Assistant Lay Chaplain. Harry's involvement at the YMCA has come at a crucial time as we have accompanied the staff and residents with a sudden death, as well as accompanying residents from Iran during a time of war and crisis in their home country. Harry has been instrumental in helping to rethink what the chaplaincy can offer to the residents. This year we have run English classes, art groups, as well as day trips. A trip to St Paul's was particularly appreciated by residents who loved being able to go up the dome and take in the amazing views of London. There has also been an increase in participation in church from the YMCA residents, particularly those from Iran. This has involved some work on our part to offer multilingual service booklets, especially for Sacred Space. I am hoping that this will be the beginning of a wider conversation about how to better welcome and include those who have English as an additional language.

Conclusion

I will fondly look back on the immense grace and kindness of Hornsey Parish Church that I believe will carry the church forward in the weeks and months ahead. It is that grace and kindness that I will treasure as I begin my new role at St Cuthbert's and Emmanuel West Hampstead. It has been an utter joy and privilege to be your curate. I will continue to hold you all in my prayers as you prepare for the next chapter in Hornsey Parish Church's history.

I would like to say thank you to all who have made me feel so at home and supported here, and for the patience and kindness you have shown me. It has

also been great to have such talented and supportive colleagues in both the ministry team and church officers. Thank you to the ministry team: Nina, Pam, Naomi, and Jean; our Churchwardens: Lesley and Angus; Natasha our PCC Secretary, Lotti our treasurer, and the members of the PCC for their love, support, and encouragement.

Mthr Clemency
Curate

Churchwardens' Report

Our Parish Eucharist, at 10.30 on Sunday, continues to be a focus for our parish devotions. The number attending has increased this year again. In addition, on Sundays we have Morning Prayer at 9.45 in the Church Room, and Sacred Space, a Contemplative Eucharist at 6pm.

Social activities continue, with Welcome Wednesday, a weekly meeting time over lunch, preceded by the Eucharist. The Christmas market was again our major fundraising event, but we have had numerous other fundraising events for the 60/60 project (described elsewhere). This fundraising is ongoing.

In September 2025, our much-loved Rector Fr Bruce Julian Batstone, was called to a new ministry in Norwich, serving as a part time Vicar at St Mark’s Lakenham, and as Pilgrim Chaplain at the Julian shrine. We are very grateful to him for his wonderful ministry with us of 14 years and wish him all blessings in his new roles in Norwich.

Mthr Clemency, our curate, has very ably stepped up to lead the Church during the vacancy, and we have been blessed with her ministry from September 2025 until Easter 2026, when she too has accepted a call to St Cuthberts in West Hampstead.

Before the start of the search for a new Rector began, the Archdeacon Father John held a meeting on the 8th of September with the whole PCC (called a pre-Section 11 meeting). This was in order to explain the preliminary things that we needed to achieve before meeting again. The most significant of these was to draft a new parish profile and to elect two parish representatives who would be involved in the choosing of the new candidate.

We then engaged in a long and fruitful consultation with the whole congregation and the wider community in order to complete this new parish profile. Huge thanks are owed to Jean Wong who was instrumental in constructing a very detailed questionnaire and then incorporating all these results into the first draft. This was discussed with the PCC at the Section 11 meeting where we also chose our two parish representatives- Grace Readings and Angus McIndoe.

After further refinement this draft Parish Profile was discussed with our Bishop, Bishop Anderson, the Archdeacon, Father John, and the area Dean, Father Ben as well as our two parish representatives at the Section 12 meeting in January 2026 and suggested changes were made to produce the final draft. This profile is a very necessary step in discerning who we would like to fulfil the role of our new Rector and it was indeed used in our advertising for the post. We are very hopeful that we will find a suitable candidate to lead our church and its future worship.

This past year has been one of incredible change for Hornsey Parish Church and we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has managed to keep the church running so smoothly. We truly appreciate the extra effort that virtually everyone has made to achieve this.

Angus McIndoe and Lesley Matthew

Churchwardens

Fabric Report

Church

Quinquennial inspection, roof tiles

Paul Jackson carried out his quinquennial inspection on 7th October 2025. The main item requiring urgent attention was replacement of slipped 'Bambino' tiles on the main roof. The PCC accepted a £3,800 plus VAT quote from G & L Scaffolding and Roofing Ltd. 100 second-hand tiles were purchased, included in the quoted price, 50 of them were used and the remaining 50 are to be retained for the future. This work is now complete.

Electrical inspection

In February electrician Jim Bishop completed his EICR inspection of the church and hall and produced a long list of recommended remedial measures with costs attached. We need to find a way of deciding an order of priority for these items.

St Mary's tower and churchyard

Quinquennial inspection

Paul also carried out the tower quinquennial inspection, on 2nd June 2025. The main items within urgency categories 1, 2 and 3 were repair and repointing of external stonework, completion of electrical improvements, further repairs to eroding steps in the spiral staircase, and an inspection of the internal woodwork.

For the stonework repairs project the PCC approved acceptance of a quote from Mark Hooper in the sum of £12,950 + VAT. Unfortunately, there have been procedural delays around the DAC requirement for approval of scaffold. It is hoped this hurdle can be cleared before too much longer.

Richard Hodges
Clerk of Works

Safeguarding Report

The Safeguarding Group members are Naomi Malone (Church Safeguarding Officer), Annie Perkins (Domestic Abuse Awareness Advocate and Evidence Checker), Lorraine Fincham (Assistant Evidence Checker and Safeguarding Administrator), Nina Saint (Children's Champion) and Angus McIndoe (Church Warden). Coral Lowcock and Kathryn Johnson are safer-recruiting.

Many thanks to Annie Perkins for processing all the DBS clearance applications as Lead Recruiter and Evidence Checker and Lorraine Fincham for assisting. These roles are combined at HPC as they are both part of the DBS process.

The Safeguarding team meets three times a year, to discuss and adopt Diocesan advice, address specific Safeguarding issues, and to report on progress on various developments at the Pastoral meetings. This reflects the fact that many of the protocols for Safeguarding are now in place, and that the work of the group is now focused on offering support to those who need it. As this conflates with much of the pastoral work of the ministry team, it makes sense to hold our meetings together. Hornsey Parish Church takes its safeguarding responsibilities very seriously, and Safeguarding is an agenda item for every PCC meeting, in addition to the full annual report to the APCM and another to the PCC in May or June. This year the annual report to the PCC is for the June meeting.

We are a Domestic Abuse Aware Church. As a church and as individuals we have increased our understanding of some of the issues around this difficult and distressing subject and also have a greater understanding of healthy relationships. There are information leaflets posted around the church and Hall for anyone needing further advice and support.

If you or anyone you know is affected by Domestic Abuse, you can speak to any member of the Safeguarding Group or the Church Wardens. We have requested that anyone with a role in church, whether voluntary or not, sign the Confidential Declaration form. Thank you to those who have signed this, and also those who have completed the online Safeguarding Training when requested.

During the past year the Safeguarding Group has:

- Continued to employ a Safer Recruitment process.
- All members of the PCC and the choir have completed the Diocesan e-learning Safeguarding training. Thank you Lorraine for sending out the training links and for helping people navigate the training. Anyone with a

role in church signs the Confidential Declaration, and a Code of Conduct. In 2025:

- Mthr Clemency and I offered in person training for the Basic level in February, the Foundation level on the 12th of May and the Domestic Abuse awareness training on the 9th of June.
- Lorraine and I regularly update the Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard and the Safeguarding Hub. We have assigned people to their roles, and we have added their training. Hopefully in the future this will link to the Dashboard. The Diocese is able to access this information.
- Last November we held a Safeguarding Sunday. Sarah from Safe Spaces came to talk to us about the great work of the charity and she devoted time to speak to people individually.
- Safe Spaces offer support for adults affected by church-related abuse 0300 303 1056

Safeguarding Statement

Hornsey Parish Church believes that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all those who are vulnerable (children, young people and vulnerable adults). We expect all of our staff, volunteers and those who use our premises to share this commitment and value the support of those who worship here in achieving this.

If you have any concerns, please contact Naomi Malone:
safeguarding@hornseyparishchurch.org or any member of the Safeguarding Group or our Church Wardens.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:
Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor: Andy Goodwin 020 3837 5082
Thirtyone:eight helpline: 0303 003 1111
Family Lives: (Previously Parentline) 0808 800 2222 Childline: 0800 1111

Naomi Malone
Church Safeguarding Officer

Deanery Synod, Report

In the Church of England, Deanery Synods have the unfortunate reputation of being among the dullest gatherings known to humanity. But this is emphatically not true in Haringey! Our Deanery has, for the past few years, invited informative and inspiring speakers to help the parishes of Haringey address issues of diversity and inclusion, connect more fully with our community and minister more effectively.

We started with a visit from our Area Bishop, Bishop Anderson Jeremiah, who came to talk about his brief as Bishop for Racial Justice. He pointed out that last year in the Diocese we ordained 56 people--not a single one of them a person of colour. There is clearly work for us to do!

We then had an interesting session at Holy Innocents with Peray Ahmet, the leader of Haringey Council. She talked about the Council's work and priorities--particularly the need for more local housing and then opened the floor to questions on any topic at all of concern.

In February we had a visit from the London Diocesan Net Zero Team, who gave practical tips on how parishes could move towards net zero carbon emissions.

Coming up--on Wednesday, 3rd June, we are hosting here at Hornsey Parish Church a talk from the distinguished biblical scholar Dr. Paula Gooder, who will be talking about women in the Bible. It is sure to be fascinating, and all are very welcome. Do come join us!

We would love to see you there!

Nina Saint
Deanery Synod Representative

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Electoral Roll Report

There have been no changes to the Electoral Roll this year.

Nurture and Reflection Groups

Nurture Group: Bible study and Lectio prayer group

Led by Stephen Driver and Annie Perkins

The Bible Study/ Lectio prayer group continues to meet weekly on Zoom and is now in its seventh year. Over the years we have grown into a discursive and prayerful group, devoting time to reading the bible prayerfully and participating in a period of Benedictine Lectio prayer. Some of the group are only able to join us occasionally but are kept in touch by our sharing the study material with them.

Our bible reading this year has been varied. Taking us through the spring and summer, we read the Easter part of the Gospel of St John, the Old Testament book of Joel, and the letter of St James from the New Testament. Inspired by experiencing such richness in St John's gospel Easter writings, since September we have been reading the whole of St John's Gospel, starting at the beginning. The very humanness and spirituality of St John's Gospel have moved us all.

Our lectio choices are paired to complement the reading of the day. Sometimes we choose verses from the psalms or Old Testament prophets. Other times verses from the letters of St Paul, or parallel verses in the synoptic gospels are selected.

During Advent and Lent we take on a different theme. In Advent this year we read Howard Thurman's seminal work "Jesus and the Disinherited". During Lent we examined the meaning of The Cross and Christ's walk to Calvary, and its expression in art and music. Many thanks to Mthr. Clemency, Nina Saint and Leah Stuttard for their contributions to these
sessions.

Each session lasts between 45 minutes and an hour and we are always open to new members joining.

Annie and Stephen

Music is important in the life of Hornsey Parish Church. We are very lucky to have dedicated members of the choir as well as a large pool of musical friends who help to enrich worship as well as bring in the local community for musical events that strengthen community outreach.

Jeremy Jackman led the choir until Dr Leah Stuttard started in the post of Music Director in June 2025. The choir sing at every Sunday service as well as on special occasions such as the service saying farewell to Fr Bruce in September 2025.

Caroline Worster and other previous music directors are still very much involved. Caroline organised a fundraising concert in aid of Open Door in July 2025 in which 4 previous directors participated as well as Leah. This was a wonderful opportunity to get to know the choir and the wider capability of the HPC community. It was also a successful occasion that has helped with the cost of making the church and church garden more accessible.

Our service of Lessons and Carols included a broad variety of known and less well-known carols and included examples of medieval chant and sixteenth-century Christmas song specially edited by Leah, whose chief expertise is in medieval music. She brings her skills with the medieval harp, as well as being an accomplished harpsichordist that is of significant assistance in her transition to organist.

Both pianos and the organ have been well maintained during the period.

Leah Stuttard
Music Director

HPC 60/60 Development Group

Development Group Committee: Present: Nina Saint, Lesley Matthew, Annie Perkins (Chair)

This is the annual report for the HPC 60/60 Open Door Project for the period May 2025 – April 2026.

Overview

Thanks to the generosity of individual donors, alongside a grant and loan from the diocese, the church was able to go ahead with putting the planned building works for improving accessibility to and within the church into action. During the summer and early autumn our builders H. A. Marks, completed the heavy building works. For pedestrians there is now a gently sloped entrance to the church front porch, enabling safe, easy access for everyone including those in wheelchairs or with pushchairs. At the bottom, either side of the pedestrian path, there is a planting quadrant, which will shortly be planted up. The planting is important as it will prevent vehicles inadvertently driving over the brick edging to the slope and causing damage. To provide additional security for pedestrians, the top gate is now kept

closed and bollards restrict access from the carpark. The tarmac which surrounds the path is a rich red, matching the original tarmac colour used in front of the church, distinguishing it from the more mundane black of the main carpark.





Inside the repainted porch, automatically opening glass electric doors have been installed. To reflect the ecclesiastical nature of the building a manifestation designed by Phil in the shape of the arches on the stained glass window has been applied to the doors. As commented by one parishioner “it’s more church and less supermarket”.





There are several changes inside the church too, which increase accessibility. Two pews in the main body of the nave either side of the aisle, and three pews beside the Middlesex chapel, have been shortened providing wheelchair and buggy spaces. The shortening of the pews beside the Middlesex chapel has the added advantage of providing a more comfortable seating area for services and private prayer in front of the Middlesex altar. The monuments from the original St Mary's church have been hung on the wall next to the chapel, providing a secure place for safekeeping and viewing.

Access to the Lady chapel has been improved by the addition of a handrail on the steps into it. Unfortunately, it was not possible to provide step free access here, but the rail will be of help to some.







There is a new large wooden door in the side of the nave giving level access out into the top garden, which has been extensively repaved. For the first time this garden is accessible to all and we hope it will provide a tranquil meeting point and a venue for Parish gatherings in the summer months. The garden and door were used liturgically for the first time at the Palm Sunday procession back in March.

The door also gives level access to the memorial garden. Here more space has been created to sit quietly and remember departed loved ones. A new plaque featuring Julian of Norwich's comforting words: "All is well and all shall be well…" has been designed by Paul Jackson as a focus for contemplation.



We still have to install wheelchair friendly raised beds, put in more water butts and continue to plant the garden, but the main contractors have finished their job. The remaining tasks will be done by our handyman, Sean, and the gardening club.

The building works were much less painful than feared. This was due both to the workmen being considerate and organised, and in no small part to the efforts of Jean Ruskin who quietly kept the church clean and dusted for all the services.

Funding

We are on the way to covering the cost of the project. The very generous contributions from members of the congregation this year and fundraising events are helping us to repay the loan and complete the final touches to the scheme. For one such touch, our local branch of Nisa have donated money for a table and chairs in the garden.

Amongst the fundraising events we held were:

- a “Songs from the Shows” night packing the church out
- a beautiful summer concert
- a Pride Karaoke night,
- a very profitable Auction of Promises
- a jumble sale
- a repeat quiz night
- a second wine tasting evening.

Many thanks are due to everyone who organised and helped on the nights to make all of these events such a success. Continuing the fundraising will be a Barn Dance on 20th June, when Chris Ward and his band will be playing and leading the dancing. Amongst other events planned are a “Pimm’s and barbecue” in the new garden space, and another Quiz night. Please continue to support these events and to make donations.

Thanks are due to many people involved in the project: I would like to thank all past and present committee members whose valuable contributions have helped get this project over the line. Paul Jackson, our architect who sensitively realised our needs and then helped us through the planning procedures and project managed the building works has been a huge part in its success. We are very grateful to our
benefactors for their generous donations and to everyone who has worked on the fundraising events.

Thanks are also due to the congregation for supporting these fundraising events and for their words of encouragement. We hope that everyone will enjoy the benefits of a more accessible church and tranquil garden.



Annie Perkins

Children and Youth Report

Well, this has been a busy year!

For the last few years, our work with children and youth has been going through a shift, in line with many London parishes. As many families move away from London, we have lost families both from the parish and, quite dramatically, from our school. At the same time, the needs of families have grown, as has the need for help in our school, which is now the main focus of our work.

Supporting our Parish School

We are very proud of our parish school, St. Mary's, which offers a high quality of education and pastoral care to children with a wide variety of needs. The school is currently going through a challenging time. In common with all London schools, its roll is shrinking; the school is not only downsizing but also consolidating its two sites into one - a move which will be completed by September 2026.

On the parish's behalf, we offer a lot of hands-on support to the school, with one or other of us in school almost every day. We provide pastoral and spiritual support to the staff, parents and pupils, as well as to the families of many former pupils throughout the community. In addition, we provide:

Assemblies every week

We take school assemblies every week for both the younger children (Reception-Year 2)

and the older ones (years 3-6). In the midst of the school's busy week, we use liturgy to
provide a space of peace and calm, and to tell the extraordinary, miraculous and inspiring
story of Jesus' life.

Two lunch clubs every week

Every week we run two lunch clubs--one for Years 1-2, and one for Years 3-6. It is a
relatively unstructured time for children to do crafts, "hang out" and chat about whatever is on their minds.

Major Festivals

St Mary's School comes to church three times a year, near Christmas, Easter and for their
end of the summer term service, at St Mary's Tower. The children lead these services, and they are particularly beautiful. During Lent, we traditionally hold "Donkey Day", our recreation of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, when we have a procession following a real donkey down Hornsey High Street, waving palms!

Admission to Communion/Confirmation

Every year we run a group to prepare children for Admission to Communion and/or Confirmation. We place a great emphasis on group formation and what it means to create and be part of a Christian community, and also on Biblical teaching, particularly how we deal with the more challenging parts of Christian faith.

RE Support

We also provide curricular support to class teachers, teaching individual lessons or whole
units on the eucharist, other sacraments, and other aspects of the Christian life and faith, as well as hosting visits to church.

Work within the Parish

Our parish team has obviously shrunk a great deal in the past couple of years; perhaps the biggest loss was no longer having a Pastoral Assistant to enable us to run Youth Fellowship.
We run Noah's Ark and Sunday mornings with a small group of helpers and are extremely grateful to Jean Ruskin, Lorna Shannon, Mercy Cleland, Coral Lowcock, Natasha Warr and Peta Robertson, who provide invaluable support.

Noah's Ark

Our stay and play group, for babies and children up to four years old, has been running for thirty-four years, on a Wednesday and a Thursday, in term time. In September 2026 we will only run the group on a Thursday, as our numbers have been falling on a Wednesday and there is high demand for hiring of the hall.

Children's Church

Our numbers have increased, as we have four new children. Our approach to sharing the faith with children is based on The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Godly Play–gently allowing children to connect with the stories of our faith in their own way. We follow a developmentally appropriate version of the liturgy–we start with a gathering/greeting (and sharing of news), followed by a time to let go of any barriers to connecting with God, and hear how much God loves us (our version of the Confession and Absolution), and a time to give thanks (our version of the Gloria). We then hear and respond to the Word of God, have a time for contemplation and intercessions, and join the congregation for communion or a blessing.

Work in the Community

Ecumenical Children's Workshops

We held a children's workshop last year for Harvest, one for Lent, and we are planning one for the 28th of May, with the local Hornsey churches. We will be looking at Pentecost. There will be drama, craft and games. This is for children from six to eleven.

Pastoral Care

We continue to provide pastoral and spiritual care for some of the most challenged children and families in the community, largely through the Y Hornsey project.

Naomi Malone and Nina Saint

Y Hornsey

Y Hornsey is the parish's collaboration with the YMCA London City and North to reach out to children, youth and families in the local community, particularly those most in need and with least support. Our work is focused on improving the lives and long-term outlooks of the children, young people, and families we serve; we work in a flexible way to meet whatever needs we encounter.

While we continue to work with families in the community who approach us or with whom we have links through previous work at Campsbourne School or the Kurdish Advice Centre, most of our work is currently focused in our parish school, St. Mary's. Children are referred to us by class teachers or senior staff, and we provide both one-to-one sessions and group work, depending on the needs of the child; we also provide support for parents and work with families at home when appropriate.

The one-to one work is generally attachment-based, and we use a variety of activities designed to engage the whole person (physical, emotional, social, cognitive, and spiritual) including talk, games, crafts, drama and art therapy, and using natural materials such as water or sand trays; we also grow and tend plants. Some children ask us to help them with their self-management skills; we work with them to identify their goals, which are usually around impulse control, anger management and interpersonal problem-solving, and then do exercises to improve their ability to make good choices for themselves. We strongly emphasise social skills, teaching children how to have respectful and appropriate interactions with peers and adults. We begin by modelling this ourselves--ensuring that as far as possible we always address children with courtesy and respect. This is often a surprise for those who spend most of their time being nagged or told off!

We continue to have very positive feedback about our work from children, parents, and staff, as they all face increasing challenges with ever-shrinking resources. While we are still coping with the long-term effects of the pandemic, we have also seen an exponential rise in issues arising from children's lives online, where they can end up involved in violent video games and social media feuds.

Finding funding to support Y Hornsey is a continual challenge. This year we have received grants for our work from the Greig Trust and from Hornsey Parochial Charities, to whom we are deeply grateful, and a contribution from the YMCA.

Nina Saint

Mothers' Union Report

I would like to start by thanking every member of our MU group for all their help and encouragement during the past year. We have had another varied programme over the last 12 months.

Our recent May meeting saw us all having fun doing Chair stretching exercises.

Our Strawberry Tea afternoon was great fun, and we enjoyed our talks on interesting
subjects. Mthr Clemency joined us during our Lent meeting.

We raised £350 during the year which will be sent to the MU to be divided between
Away from it all holidays, Prison work and overseas.

We continue to make up Toilet bags for the YMCA and the Daffodil bunches for Mothering Sunday plus a cake table to raise funds for the MU.

Our New Year meal together in January is proving to be very popular as only 2 members were unable to be with us this year.

Please come and join us in the Church room on the first Monday of every month at 2pm.

Pearl Larney

Hornsey Food Bank

Our Mission

This year the Hornsey Food Bank has continued to grow; this may be seen as a bit odd because growth indicates a success?

But I see it as a positive that the army of wonderful volunteers meet a real need every week to give people in need in our community food helping them in financial difficulties.

Every Thursday morning the queues outside Middle Lane Methodist Church are long proving that there is still a need for it. I belief that our job is only complete when they are not needed any more.

I am proud to be a be a volunteer for Hornsey Food Bank and as Christ said, if you do this for your brothers and sisters you do it for me

Paul Little

Holy Trinity Foodbank Stroud Green

Holy Trinity Food Bank Stroud Green is now an independent charity, but we remain grateful for the continued support that we receive from Holy Trinity Stroud Green (out of whose hall we operate), and other local organisations including Hornsey Parish Church, St Mary's and St Aidan's Schools and Hornsey Parochial Charities.

In 2025, our food bank continued to provide food for an increasing number of households in our local area, including Hornsey Parish. We provided a total of 3,811 food parcels over the year, compared to 3,365 in 2024, serving 281 distinct households (around half of which were new to us), compared to 256 in 2024. Based on the numbers that clients tell us they are collecting for, that means more than 10,500 'mouths fed' over the year.

Some clients come just for a few emergency visits; others visit us on a more regular basis. We always aim to provide a warm and friendly welcome, alongside a balanced food offering of cupboard staples and fresh produce; and essential toiletries. We are open 13.30-15.30 every Sunday, currently in the Holy Trinity church hall on Stapleton Hall Road, and no referral is necessary for new clients.

Whilst we benefit from supermarket surplus, food redistribution schemes and local donations, we also buy in a significant proportion of our food offer. Rising food prices have significantly increased our operating costs, and we are extremely grateful to our local supporters who provide donations in kind, or who contribute financially.

Approximately 70% of our clients live in the area of benefit for Hornsey Parochial Charities and this is reflected in the generous support they give us each year. We are currently looking at how we can increase our income to cover costs - if anyone is interested in supporting the foodbank financially, our treasurer can be contacted at: donate@holytrinityfoodbank.org.uk

We are delighted to have a great team of volunteers, and we always welcome interest from potential new recruits. Anyone with some free time on a Sunday afternoon can contact volunteers@holytrinityfoodbank.org.uk

Grace Readings

Loving Creation Report

It was a quiet year for the Loving Creation group. The last of its two-monthly meetings was in September and it has been without a chairperson since Georgie and Jean stepped back. It is also short of clergy support following the departures of Fr. Bruce-Julian and Mthr. Clemency.

The LC project was begun by Fr B-J in 2020. Its mission is to conserve, protect and nurture the church and the parish from an environmental point of view – and to heighten awareness of the natural wonders of the world, especially in this small corner of the world.

One of God's gifts of nature is the animal kingdom and, with this in mind, there was a pet blessing as part of the harvest festival.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of the LC project during the course of the year was HPC receiving a Silver Eco Church Award, a step up from the bronze award already held. This is awarded through the nationally recognised and official A Rocha Eco Church scheme. The amount of work Jean put in applying for the award was phenomenal.

The LC group works closely with the Gardening Club with which there are many overlaps. Gardening mornings were held on the first Saturday of each month from spring to autumn. These mornings continue to be open to everyone as, indeed, are LC meetings.

The garden underwent upheaval last year, because of the Open Door development, but flowers and vegetables were still grown on all borders of the church, including in the planters outside the church hall.

Rats were a problem and the LC group worked with Richard to manage the issue as humanely as possible.

Green tips continue to be published in the weekly sheet, an LC initiative.

The LC group takes responsibility for obtaining an annual energy footprint which, inter alia, is useful for grant applications. Once again, Lotti helped with the energy footprint form-filling, providing information on energy usage from invoices.

Jean kindly organised HPC's walking/rambling group rota last year. These walks drew us closer to nature, also allowing us to see new parts of England. Richard has kindly volunteered to organise the rota this year. All are welcome to walk - and to lead a walk.

Let's leave the last word to Fr Bruce-Julian who wrote this in his final rector's jottings:

*Our **LOVING CREATION** priority is one of three that run like gold threads through our life at HPC, the other two being **LOVING GOD**, which includes our worship, contemplative prayer and music, and **LOVING NEIGHBOUR** which includes our community outreach and inclusion agenda.*

These three priorities reflect the journey I have made with you over these past fourteen years, as we have created together what we believe we, the church, is called to be in this place.

Ricardo Williams

Church Hall and Studio Lettings

Lettings

Our single user bookings continue to perform very well, particularly during the colder months
when demand for children's parties is especially high. Some weekends have seen three or four separate party bookings, which is very encouraging. Over the coming year my aim is to maximise party bookings throughout the whole year by advertising more directly for children's party hire. I plan to produce a dedicated leaflet highlighting the strengths of our hall spaces, including the use of the kitchen facilities and the space available for bouncy castles. It may also be worthwhile considering an external banner for promotion if deemed appropriate by the Church.

Following discussions with Lesley, we also agreed to alter the pricing structure for standard
weekend bookings. Previously, bookings were charged at £60 per hour, with one hour charged at half price to allow for set up and tidy up time. This meant that a typical three-hour booking cost £150. However, if users wished to add an additional hour, this was charged at the full hourly rate which often appeared confusing and seemed to discourage longer bookings. We have therefore simplified the pricing structure so that a standard booking is now charged at £180. Having checked comparable local venues and hall spaces advertised on Sharesy, this pricing remains competitive and will also increase weekend income by approximately £30 per booking.

With regard to regular bookings, we have secured a week-long morning booking for the first
week of September before many of our regular users return. The booking is with early years play company and is particularly welcome as this is traditionally a very quiet week for the halls. Holiday periods do still tend to be quieter overall, although one of our regular ballet users will also be running morning ballet camps during the Summer. Unfortunately, our Tuesday morning toddler group has now left, and Noah's Ark will be reducing the number of days they use the hall. This means that Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings are currently vacant in the main hall. Morning slots can be more difficult to fill as they are most suited to groups for children under five and their carers. Over the coming

months I plan to contact groups operating just outside the local area, many of which can be found through Happity, a website commonly used by parents to search for baby and toddler activities. We may also consider offering an introductory incentive package, such as a reduced rate for the first half term, to encourage new groups to establish themselves here.

Feedback from both the toddler group who recently left and from existing users has highlighted a desire for a more prominent external advertising space for classes and activities. Space on the current noticeboard is limited; however, I will investigate whether we can introduce a more visual “What’s On” style poster displaying details of the groups currently using the halls. We also have a new user trialling the studio on Thursday evenings this month. They previously operated from premises on Park Road but have expressed a preference for our facilities. If successful, they hope this will become a regular monthly booking.

All other regular users remain in place, and our weekday usage continues to be strong, with Monday evenings and late afternoons fully booked in the main hall and most studio evening
and afternoon spaces also occupied.

Cleaners

I have continued to meet regularly with the cleaning company approximately every four to six weeks and improvements in standards have been noticed over the course of the year. I intend to discuss the possibility of adjusting the cleaning schedule, as having a cleaner attend on Saturdays would be particularly useful following busy weekend usage. I have also noted from Jenny’s previous report that arrangements had been made for two cleaners to attend sessions. However, whenever I have been present there has only been one cleaner working. I will therefore investigate this further to ensure that the service we are receiving remains competitive and appropriate for the level of use within the halls.

Improvements

A number of maintenance and safety improvements have been carried out over the course of
the year. The lock on the studio door has now been repaired and is functioning properly again. With many thanks to Angus, the BT full fibre broadband is now operational, and streaming speeds are good in the hall and studio. Precision carried out their annual inspection and were satisfied with the improvements that had been made to the hall spaces. They made several recommendations regarding signage, which I have since actioned. There were also several small changes required, including adjustments to the disabled toilet door and the fire key box located between the studio and the hall. Sean was extremely helpful in carrying out these works. In addition, I have introduced a log system to demonstrate that we are carrying out regular checks on the functionality of the emergency fire escape lighting.

Many thanks to all of you for your patience and kindness whilst I have adjusted to this role.

Katherine Milner
Halls Manager

The Church Bookshop

The bookshop continues to thrive in the basement of Hornsey Parish Church, with access just behind the bus stop on Park Road. Opening hours are as follows:

10.00 to 12.00noon Friday morning (on alternate weeks)
10.00 to 1.00pm Saturday morning (on alternate weeks)

The bookshop has been going for well over 40 years. It was started by Arthur Meacock who just set the books out on a table outside the entrance to the basement. This endeavour has taken root so that it is used for the buying and selling of books by the local community. People in the surrounding community know that they can leave their books in the yellow box outside the church room. We sort these; some go straight to charity and others we take down into the bookshop to sell.

This year we have made something in the region of £1000. All our profits (and we don't earn any wages!) go towards the church and everything it does.

Many thanks to all who help us in this endeavour, especially Wendy, Elaine and Ricardo.

If you have any books you'd like to donate, please get in touch via our email address:
thebasementbookshop@gmail.com, or ring Cathy on 07779 264085.

Also, if you'd like to volunteer, we'd love to hear from you. Besides our opening times, we also need to sort books on a regular basis and to turn over stock to keep it fresh. It'd be great to have some new people.

Those of you in the congregation who haven't yet discovered us, please come and look around!

We have a wide variety of stock, lots of children's books, fiction, non-fiction, crime. All sorts.

We look forward to seeing you!

Cathy and Pearl

Friends of Hornsey Church Tower

INTRODUCTION

Friends of Hornsey Church Tower (FoHCT) continue to act as agent to the Rector to assist in respect of maintenance, repair and improvement works to the Tower, Churchyard and Garden of Remembrance. FoHCT is a registered charity and was founded in 1989 with the specific purpose of rescuing the Grade ll* listed Tower from a state of accelerating dereliction. The current membership of FoHCT is still dwindling and much effort is needed to gain more members. The committee consists of eight members. Of these, Richard Hodges represents the PCC, and Chris Arnold, The Intimate
Space. We currently have no Hornsey Historical Society representative.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The Summer Open Day was very successful, with many tours of the Tower made up to roof level. The merchandise, games, tea and book stalls were well attended. The Chapel was open, with Janet Owen from the Hornsey Historical Society there to provide information about the Tower. The teddy bear zip wire experience was popular.

We also participated in London Open City in September. As on previous years only a small proportion of the many visitors came as a result of their publicity.

A service was held by Mthr Clemency in the Chapel to mark the 75th anniversary of the Garden of Remembrance. We ran stalls at both the St Mary's Primary School Christmas Fair and the Church Christmas Market. We were able to illuminate the Tower with Christmas lights as usual. Two generous donations enabled us to purchase additional lights to make an enhanced display. Comments we received showed that the display was again much appreciated. This coming Christmas we would greatly welcome more help to install and remove the lights.

The annual Christmas Carol Service was also held and was extremely well attended. As usual, mulled wine and mince pies were provided by FoHCT, plus mulled apple juice provided by a parishioner. FoHCT ran a fundraising merchandise stall. The Garden of Remembrance was attractively decorated with coloured lights organised by Chris Arnold. Richard Hodges and Jennifer Harmsworth ran a FoHCT stall at the annual Lauderdale House Heritage Weekend in February.

Throughout the year, thanks to the organisation carried out by FoHCT members Jill Letten and Frances Sanders, the FoHCT volunteer group ‘Keep Growing Going’ has carried out gardening work in the Churchyard and Garden of Remembrance. This group meets every fortnight throughout the year, generally on alternating Saturdays and Sundays. This work has helped maintain both in a condition that makes them such attractive and usable spaces. This small group is always keen to gain new members. The attractiveness of the Garden of Remembrance is an important factor in the hiring of the Tower organised by Chris Arnold.

We have continuously held a Green Flag Community Award for the Churchyard and GoR since its inauguration. Judging for the 2025 -2026 period took place and we were again awarded the highest rating given. Key to this success is the work done by the “Keep Growing Going’ volunteers. The infant school Easter Egg Hunt took place this year and trips up the Tower were organised by FoHCT for the children, accompanied by adults, and for other visitors. A number of gigs and other events have taken place utilising both the Tower and Garden of Remembrance. Arrangements for these were made by Chris Arnold, through The Intimate Space. These continue to bring in vital revenue to help maintain the Tower, and improve the Churchyard and GoR.

Twelve trees were planted in 2023 through the ‘Trees for Streets’ scheme as part of the ‘Churchyard Tree Project’ including a replacement memorial tree for Fr. Geoffrey Seabrook. One of these died and was replaced by the Council. Unfortunately, another, planted later by the Council to commemorate Cllr. Adam Jogee’s two terms as mayor of Haringey, has recently died and a tree funded by FoHCT has disappeared, possibly stolen. We hope to get these replaced during the next planting season. We are collaborating with the Hornsey Historical Society to create ‘The Hornsey Village Project’, the aim of which is to increase public awareness and appreciation of Hornsey Village and Hornsey generally as a place in its own right. We believe that, if the project is successful, Hornsey Church Tower would benefit.

FUTURE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- Future Committee Meetings - 28 May, 2 July, 3 September, 1 October, 5 November.
- Keep Growing Going Gardening Mornings - 8 March, 21 March, 12 April, 25 April, 10 May, 23 May, 7 June, 20 June, 5 July, 18 July, 2 August, 15 August, 6 September, 19 September, 4 October, 17 October, 7 November, 22 November, 6 December, 14 December.
- Summer Open Day - 11 July.

- Autumn Open Day - 12 September.
- AGM - 15 October. at 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm at the Church Room Hornsey Parish Church, if this time and location is approved by the PCC.
- Church Christmas Market - last Saturday of November – 29 November.
- St Mary’s School Christmas Fair - first Friday of December – 5 December.
- Carol Service- last Saturday before Christmas – 20 December.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Following funding of works noted below and reported on in our 2025 report, the FoHCT funds are now low and to be able to carry out further works more will be required, necessitating serious fund raising. The FoHCT website urgently needs remaking, which will further decrease our funds.

WORKS CARRIED OUT

The FoHCT have funded:

- Removal of the defective boarded ceiling in the basement.
- Removal of the temporary lighting in the basement and installation of permanent lighting.
- Installation of permanent external electrical socket outlets at main and turret roof levels for the Christmas lights.

To mark the 75th anniversary of the creation of the Garden of Remembrance the FoHCT carried out the following:

- Repair of the dwarf stone walls lining the paths to and around the GoR.
- Repair and re-painting of the GoR entrance gates from the High Street.
- Renovation of the tombstone for Gerrit van de Linde, a poet celebrated in Holland and a schoolmaster in England, has been completed. This was funded by a Dutch charity. Work was initiated by Prof. dr. Marita Mathijsen-Verkooijen of Amsterdam University with whom the FoHCT worked closely.
- A metal handrail has been installed to the external steps down to the basement entrance. This was fully funded by a FoHCT member.
- A new bench has been installed in the churchyard to commemorate the grandfather of a parishioner, which has proved to be very popular.

PLANNED & NECESSARY WORKS

- Installation of external lighting to illuminate the terrace and steps.

- A replacement vertical tomb stone is proposed for the grave of Joshua Toulmin Smith, first president of the Geologist's Association, constitutional lawyer. radical Unitarian and historian. This is to be fully funded by a direct descendant whose family have agreed for the existing flat stone to be preserved in the tower basement.

It was not possible due to lack of funds to:

- Resurface the paths to and around the GoR with bound gravel.
- Carry out the work to the terrace noted below.

The FoHCT made an unsuccessful bid for funding the terrace works from the money available for the Stroud Green and Hornsey NCIL Spending Round 2. The rebuilding of the south retaining wall to the terrace is urgently required to safeguard the terrace. Should it completely collapse the terrace could become unsafe to use and it would then be impossible to enter the Chapel.

Much further work remains to be done, including that noted in the 2020 and 2025 Quinquennial Reports. We are pleased that the PCC is commissioning some of the external masonry repair work to the Tower identified in the latest report. We were pleased to be able to assist the undertaking of the 2025 quinquennial survey by enabling Paul Jackson, the church's architect, to have full use of an aerial photographic survey professionally carried out by drone at no cost.

CHURCHYARD MANAGEMENT

No progress has been made in respect of the signing of the Churchyard Management Agreement between the PCC and Haringey Council. Who is responsible within the Council for the overall management of the Churchyard still remains a mystery. Glynis Kirkwood-Warren, Parks Zonal Manager, continues to be our contact person for general matters concerning the Churchyard and we have informal contact with the Parks Department team at Priory Park, which is responsible for grass cutting and removal of non-compostable garden waste created by the FoHCT Keep Growing Going gardening volunteers. We liaise with Alex Fraser, Council Tree & Conservation Manager on any urgent matters to do with churchyard trees.

During 2019 Haringey carried out a tree condition survey within the churchyard, which identified a number of trees at risk and a tree felling schedule was produced. A number of these are still in place and we had understood that a further survey was considered necessary before these could be attended to, but, so far, we are not aware that this has been done.

As noted in the 2023 Report, we had many times reported malfunctioning of the street and flood lighting within the Churchyard. Some malfunctioning has re-occurred and, despite further reporting, one of the flood lights lighting the Tower is on continuously.

WATER SUPPLY

The Tower has no connection to the water mains and the FoHCT have established an informal agreement with St. Mary's Infant School's school manager, Dennis Murphy, that water can be taken from a tap within the school grounds when pupils are absent. Water is stored in a large water butt in the tower basement, filled by hose connection. Water is vital for gardening and building works. It will be required, for example, for the intended external stone repairs. Occasionally, a direct mains water connection is needed, as when high temperature steam cleaning was carried out to the van de Linde tombstone. This was done by hose connection from the school supply to the steam heating equipment. As St. Mary's Infant School is shortly to be relocated to the Rectory Gardens site this arrangement will cease and water will be unobtainable. We urgently need to ensure that a permanent water supply is available. We have previously investigated having a new mains supply installed from the High Street, but this was prohibitively expensive. A solution would be to have a short connection made from the current School supply to a stand pipe at the Churchyard/School boundary, located in a lockable enclosure. As the majority of water is used for the Churchyard, which is managed by Haringey Council, the Council should be supportive of this. Urgent action is required to make sure that water supply is maintained for both Tower and Churchyard use.

ELECTRICAL SUPPLY

Whilst there is adequate electrical supply within the Tower, there is no electrical supply within the Churchyard unless taken by cable from the Tower. Most events within the Churchyard require a mains supply, sometimes in locations distant from the Tower involving lengthy cable connections. This situation would be greatly improved with the installation of external socket outlets located in lockable enclosures within the Churchyard. Electrical connections could be made to the mains supplies to the existing street lighting. We suggest that this is taken up with the Council. Many parks and open spaced managed by the Council have such supplies.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PCC

FoHCT will continue to communicate with the PCC via Richard Hodges.

FR. BRUCE AND MTHR. CLEMENCY

We were grateful to Fr. Bruce for his continuing support and encouragement during his fourteen years as Rector and we look forward to working with the future incumbent to help look after the Tower and develop its use.

We also appreciated Mthr. Clemency's support of our work during her period as curate and we wish her well in the new roles she has taken up.

CONCLUSION

The FoHCT is an organisation with a very limited number of active members. We would be grateful if every effort could be made to encourage more of those associated with St Mary with St George to become Friends of Hornsey Church Tower and, if possible, to become actively involved. We all need to ensure that the FoHCT can continue to assist looking after the Tower, Churchyard and Garden of Remembrance. For this, a larger and more involved membership is required. Securing a mains water supply is vital.

Peter Sanders
Chair: FoHCT

Intimate Space - St Mary's Tower

EXAMPLES OF USE
Educational classes
Workshops
Discussion groups
Spoken word – literature / poetry
Music (of every kind)
Film
Comedy
Exhibitions (art, photography)
Kids parties
Meditation
Yoga
Drama
Music examination
Rehearsal
Study
Filming
Recording
Photography
Summer Listening
Launches (books, albums)
Tower Choir
Many examples here: https://www.intimatespace.co.uk/



One of the amazing projections we put on the Tower during the Tower Music Festival

Many events are privately run. As such we do not organise many events inside the Tower, except during the Crouch End Festival.

INTERNAL "THE INTIMATE SPACE"
"London's smallest and coolest performance space, in a 500 year old Tower."
The Tower is a historic icon of Hornsey and sits at the centre of Hornsey Village –the oldest recorded village in London (1202, Book of Middlesex). It is the centre of both the old and new community of Hornsey (Hornsey Village, Hornsey Park, Hornsey Vale and parts of Crouch End). The Tower has become a popular venue for a vast variety of activities. And gained a reputation for fringe performances.



“The Intimate Space” has become a recognised brand name for the venue. This year we have seen a variety of new users and events. And sadly, a few have moved on to bigger venues, like Magician Chris Dodds, whose shows have become very popular. TDC Tunes have run many electronic music nights there but now moved to a bigger venue.

We do encourage performers to stay local, and we can offer Holy Innocents (aka The Holy Eye) which we help manage and provide PA and lighting for. It is a much bigger venue (seats 300) but what would be ideal would be a medium-sized venue with about 100 capacity (like the upper hall at HPC). It’s certainly established itself as a centre piece of the Hornsey community - many of our users are locals, so it is providing a valuable community resource, as a low-cost venue, it has enabled many to use it and do performances that could not have economically been done, so has become an essential supporter of the arts.





We also supply support, in the form of publicity (social media), a PA, a projector and even lighting, and we have just invested in a new lighting unit for events.

All fees go to the FoHCT, with a very small amount covering minimal costs like website hosting and cleaning. Despite the fact we work on a principle of trust, the users borrow the key and unlock and lock up afterwards, we have had no

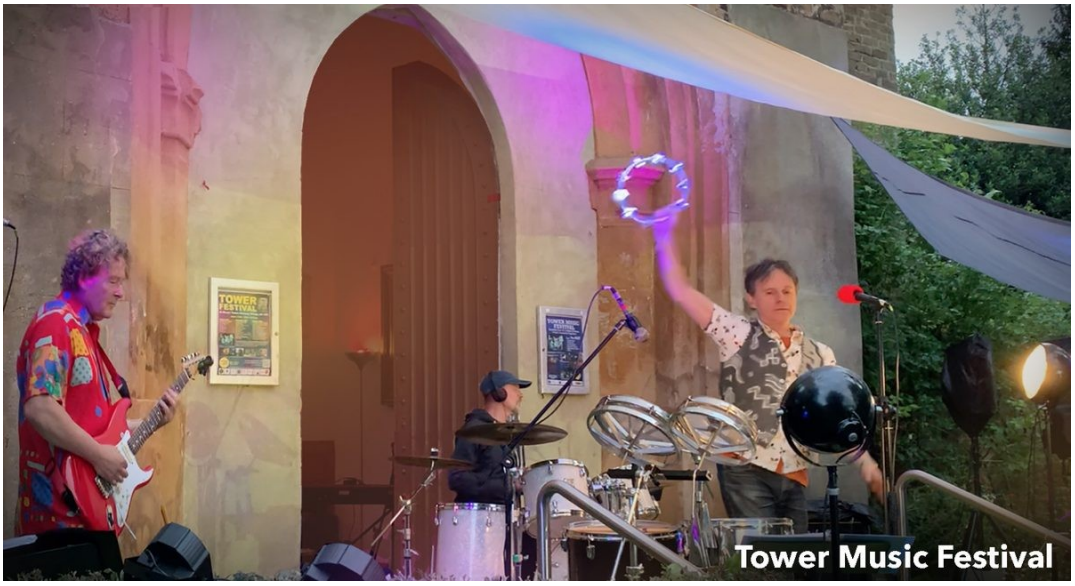
problems or abuse. As a venue it is managed by Chris Arnold on a voluntary basis.

We have recently put it on Sharesy.com, a website for venues. While this has increased bookings a bit, it has dramatically increased admin as many requests are for information. Most bookings are for rehearsals. The downside is that users are rarely local and one off. The average booking is 2 hours, but we plan to make most performance hires a min of 3 hours.

Because it's a limited space – only seats 25 - and lack of facilities (toilets), many potential bookers don't book. We have discussed installing toilets at the FoHCT but this would be a major financial cost. It's also cold in winter and hard to keep warm. The addition of the new metal storage unit alongside the path has helped us declutter
the Tower room for non-seated events.

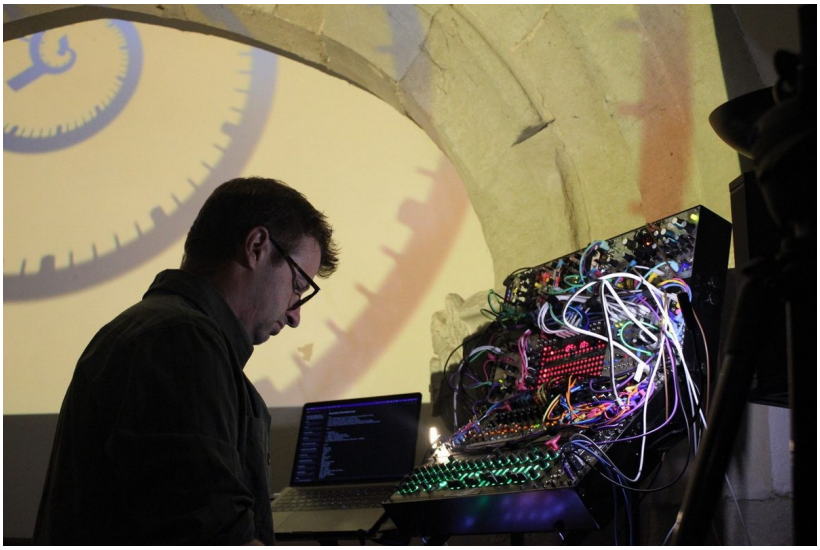
EXTERNAL EVENTS
Externally, the steps make a great stage especially for musical events in summer. In previous years we did allow people to rent it for musical events, but we have stopped that as it disturbed the neighbours. However, what makes it a great external venue is that you don't need a big sound system to do concerts. As we have all the PA gear, it makes it very inexpensive to put
on a show. Longer term, it would be ideal to rebuild the crumbling steps into a bigger stage for
theatre performances.





Crouch End Festival
June 2025, on a Saturday we held the Tower Music Festival – a night of local bands,
as part of the Crouch End Festival. As the sun sets Bubble Vision, a local lighting company, projects onto the tower an awesome light show – think Pink Floyd. This has become a sight to see. On the Sunday we have the Jimmy C Blues Community Picnic, a family day of blues
bands, with lots of activities and entertainment for kids – again, part of the Crouch
End Festival.

This year (2026) we have relocated the Tower Music Festival and Family Day to Priory Park as it is their 100th Year Anniversary. However, The Jimmy C Blues Picnic will still happen at the Tower in July. The Tower Music Festival will return to the Tower in 2027 as a full day festival event this time and as part of both the Crouch End Festival and the Haringey, London Borough of Culture.



SEASONAL USE
Winter sees very limited use of the Tower or gardens, due to both weather and the
place is cold. The Tower and gardens have really established itself as a centre for the Hornsey
community. And as an open-air venue ~It has been described in Time Out as “North
London’s great undiscovered open-air venue.”

December
We now have an annual Christmas Grotto – a fundraiser for Weston Park School – and probably the best grottos in N London.

The Happen’ Place holds a major fundraiser for Great Ormond Street Hospital, and we have the candle lit Christmas Carols on the Saturday before Christmas that now draws in almost 300, many families (and not all religious). It’s become a key calendar event for locals.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES
These have been reduced due to poor attendance, being replaced by pray groups inside the Tower. Services only run from Easter to Autumn. Since the departure of both Father Bruce and Mother Clemency, there are currently no planned services in the Tower. However, there are many possibilities for its use to extend our church to the other side of Hornsey.

POTENTIAL
The Tower has a lot of potential and is now an essential part of the local community and the arts community. It has become a valuable community resource. While it generates a small income the most important benefit is that it serves a community.

If we could get funding – Arts Council, Haringey, etc – we could start organising key events there. For example, The London Fringe Music Festival or a Christian music festival, a book festival, etc.



Chris Arnold

PCC Secretary's Report

PCC Meetings and Business

The PCC met 5 times during 2025-2026.

As well as routine PCC business, such as finance, fabric and safeguarding, there were discussions on a number of topics and planning of events affecting the parish listed below.

1. The HPC 60/60 Project (detailed report above)

2. The Inauguration

3. Loving Creation Events (see full report)

More information about the routine topics is given in relevant sections of this Annual Report.

I am grateful to the clergy team and the other church officers, for their support, cooperation and efforts in managing and progressing PCC business. I offer my deepest gratitude to Fr Bruce-Julian for his support and direction over the years, and it was a great pleasure to go to Norwich for his Installation at St Mark's Lakenham where we wished him all the very best in his new role. Mthr Clemency was excellent in leading the Church after Fr Bruce's departure and we had a wonderful Celebration for her and wish her the very best in her new role as Associate Vicar of St Cuthbert's and Emmanuel, West Hampstead.

Natasha Warr

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Held on Sunday 25 May 2025 12pm

First Meeting: Vestry and Parishioners' Meeting

1. Appointment of Chairman of the Meetings
The meetings were chaired by the Rector, Fr Bruce Batstone.

2.Appointment of Clerk to the Meetings
Natasha Warr was appointed Clerk and proceeded to take the Minutes of the Meetings.

3.Election of Churchwardens
Fr Bruce mentioned that the role of a Churchwarden is a very important and traditional one offering a huge support to the Clergy. He offered enormous thanks and gratitude to Jean Wong for her outstanding service as a Church Warden. Jean had agreed to serve for one year and will now stand down to concentrate on other aspects of Church service that she is involved with including the HPC 60/60 Group, Loving Creation Group and many other areas of exceptional ministry.

This leaves a vacancy for a Churchwarden, Lesley Matthew who previously served in this role was elected to serve as a new Churchwarden:

(Proposed by Pam Seabrook and Seconded by Pam Curran)

He also offered gratitude and thanks to Angus McIndoe for completing his second year as a
Warden. He was elected to serve his third year of a five year term.

(Proposed by Richard Hodges and seconded by Lotti Wander)

The Vestry and Parishioners' Meeting was concluded.

Second Meeting: Annual Parochial Meeting

1.Minutes of the previous meeting
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 May 2024 had been circulated and made available in the 2025 APCM Report Pack. The Minutes were agreed and signed off by Fr Bruce.

2.Presentation of the Electoral Roll by the Electoral Roll Officer

Father Bruce thanked Hosein Mashayekhi for maintaining the Electoral Roll and encouraging membership. There are **110** members on the Electoral Roll compared to 129 in 2024. Every 6 years the roll is revised and as this was the 6th year the revised list is now more representative of the congregation and those involved with the church. He was also very confident that this number will grow significantly.

The Electoral Roll will reopen immediately after the APCM.

3.Presentation of the Annual Report

Fr Bruce thanked Natasha Warr for organising and assembling the Annual Report and thanked everyone who had submitted contributions covering the business and activities of the parish. The Annual Report had been made available to the congregation in advance of the meeting. Hard copies are available upon request.

The Report provided coverage of the wide scope of different activities that the Church had been involved in over the past year including our community involvement and spiritual development. Fr Bruce thanked all who donated both financially and with their time and re-iterated that every donation is gratefully received and appreciated. The accounts were made available on the website and again hard copies will be available on request. They will also be published on the Charity Commission's website. Fr Bruce expressed his gratitude to Lotti Wander for her hard work in the preparation of these. Lotti was available to answer any questions relating to them.

4.Questions relating to the reports or any aspect of church life

There were questions relating to the grant funding applied for from the Diocese and Fr Bruce said that we had virtually been assured that HPC would receive this. This will be a total of £40k which would be both half loan and half grant. The loan is interest free. Fr Bruce was confident of the repayment of the loan by fundraising but that it could be underwritten if needed. Smaller aspects from the original plans such as installation and the mounting of plaques would be put on hold for now whilst the main aspects of the project would begin with effect from September 2025. This would include installing the new entrance door and at the present time we are just waiting for confirmation from the Architect/Builder for the change to the Western aisle. There would be roughly three months of disruption.

5.Elections

5.1 Deanery Synod

Nina Saint will continue as our representative on the Deanery Synod. Our current representation is set at one.

5.2 Nomination of PCC members

Fr Bruce explained that elected PCC members serve for three year terms. He thanked the

retiring members, Hazel Griffith and Chris Arnold for their excellent service. He also gave

an enormous thanks to Lotti for her outstanding service as Treasurer.

Fr Bruce thanked Natasha Warr for her 4 years' service as PCC Secretary and

presented her
with a gift from the PCC.

Members normally stand aside for at least 1 year before being available for nomination for
re-election. In particular circumstances, where their contribution or role meets a current need,
someone can be asked to stay on the PCC as a co-opted member.

There were vacancies for four members of the PCC. The following nominations had
been received:

Richard Hodges (proposed: Lotti Wander, seconded: Lorraine Fincham)
Eddie Griffith (proposed: Cynthia Goding, seconded: Paul Little)
Caroline Worster (proposed: Nina Saint, seconded: Mari Wyne Burley)
Rachel Cloney elected on to the PCC to serve as PCC Secretary
(Proposed: Natasha Warr, Seconded: Naomi Malone).

The above were duly elected, to serve for 3 years.

Matthew Johnston was co-opted onto the PCC. Matthew will represent the PCC on the Greig Trust.
Lotti Wander was co-opted onto the PCC to serve as Treasurer.
Jean Wong was co-opted onto the PCC.

For information, the following were previously appointed to the PCC and their terms of
office expire in the year indicated:

2026: Michael Baker, Mercy Cleland, Hosein Mashayekhi
2027: Coral Lowcock, Denis Dugwell

The Wardens, the Member of the Deanery Synod and the Rector are also members of the
PCC with full voting rights.

5.3 <u>Request for Volunteers on the Rotas</u>
Thanks was given to all those who help with the organisation of rotas with a special mention to Ricardo for opening and closing the Church and the organising of reading rotas and to Mthr Clemency for the intercessions and sidespeople rotas.

Further volunteers were encouraged. Fr Bruce encouraged anyone who has an idea for a group or activity that they may like to start/lead, an idea to raise the Church's profile or for fundraising to fill out a form and to put it in the suggestion box.

All volunteers are to be asked to sign a safer recruitment form which is given to Annie Perkins and Lorraine Fincham to then carry out a DBS check. This contributes to the safer recruitment policy in Church and a big thanks was given to Annie and Lorraine for their service as Evidence Checkers.

5.4 Appointment of an independent examiner of accounts
AL Markham were appointed external examiner for the accounts.

(Proposed by: Lotti Wander, seconded: Michael Baker)

5.5 Any other business

Third Meeting: Meeting of the Parochial Church Council

The newly elected Parochial Church Council met with Fr Bruce as Chair. The following were present: Mthr Clemency, Mercy Cleland, Michael Baker, Denis Dugwell, Caroline Worster, Nina Saint, Richard Hodges, Eddie Griffith, Coral Lowcock, Lotti Wander, Jean Wong and Natasha Warr

Apologies: Rachel Cloney

A very short PCC meeting had taken place at the last APCM. It was noted on the minutes that Rachel Cloney had been elected as the new PCC Secretary. Rachel has since decided that she is unable to take on the role so Natasha Warr the previous secretary took the minutes.

Angus McIndoe was appointed as the Vice Chair of the PCC.
(Proposed: Nina Saint, seconded: Michael Baker)

Matthew Johnston was co-opted onto the PCC. Matthew will represent the PCC on the Greig Trust replacing Michael Baker as PCC representative.

Fr Bruce welcomed Caroline Worster onto the PCC.

Jean Wong was co-opted onto the PCC. Jean had previously held the role of Churchwarden for the agreed period of 1 year. Fr Bruce thanked her for her outstanding service, and Jean will now focus on her many different ministries of Church life including the Open Door Project and mission and communications.

Fr Bruce-Julian offered enormous thanks to Lotti who was co-opted onto the PCC to continue as Treasurer.

The next meeting of the PCC has been scheduled to be held on Wednesday 16 July 2025.

The meeting concluded with the Grace.

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ST. MARY WITH ST. GEORGE, HORNSEY, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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ST. MARY WITH ST. GEORGE, HORNSEY, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF ST. MARY WITH ST. GEORGE, HORNSEY, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report to the Members on my examination of the financial statements of St. Mary with St. George, Hornsey, Parochial Church Council (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Members 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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements 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 the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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.

Signed by:



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ST. MARY WITH ST. GEORGE, HORNSEY, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Current financial year	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	**3**	120,414	28,150	148,564	100,613
Charitable activities	**4**	92,675	180	92,855	89,290
Investments	**5**	2,920	3,429	6,349	6,616
Total income		216,009	31,759	247,768	196,519
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	**6**	1,841	-	1,841	4,604
Charitable activities	**7**	285,551	31,836	317,387	188,798
Total expenditure		287,392	31,836	319,228	193,402
Net gains/(losses) on investments	**12**	-	(4,789)	(4,789)	2,742
Net income/(expenditure)		(71,383)	(4,866)	(76,249)	5,859
Net movement in funds	**9**	(71,383)	(4,866)	(76,249)	5,859
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 January 2025		144,845	285,489	430,334	424,475
Fund balances at 31 December 2025		73,462	280,623	354,085	430,334

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

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ST. MARY WITH ST. GEORGE, HORNSEY, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Prior financial year	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	**3**	82,463	18,150	100,613
Charitable activities	**4**	86,325	2,965	89,290
Investments	**5**	3,161	3,455	6,616
Total income		171,949	24,570	196,519
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	**6**	4,604	-	4,604
Charitable activities	**7**	167,295	21,503	188,798
Total expenditure		171,899	21,503	193,402
Net gains on investments	**12**	-	2,742	2,742
Net income		50	5,809	5,859
Transfers between funds		410	(410)	-
Net movement in funds	**9**	460	5,399	5,859
Reconciliation of funds:				
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		144,385	280,090	424,475
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		144,845	285,489	430,334

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ST. MARY WITH ST. GEORGE, HORNSEY, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**14**		105,847		105,918
Investments	**15**		119,874		113,664
			225,721		219,582
Current assets					
Debtors	**16**	40,064		20,753	
Cash at bank and in hand		140,051		211,497	
		180,115		232,250	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**18**	(21,751)		(21,498)	
Net current assets			158,364		210,752
Total assets less current liabilities			384,085		430,334
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	**19**		(30,000)		-
Net assets			354,085		430,334
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**20**		280,623		285,489
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	**21**	-		70,283	
General unrestricted funds		73,462		74,562	
			73,462		144,845
			354,085		430,334

The financial statements were approved by the Members on 31 May 2026 | 8:48 AM PDT

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ST. MARY WITH ST. GEORGE, HORNSEY, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

St. Mary with St. George, Hornsey, Parochial Church Council is a religious charity governed by the provisions of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and by the Church Representation Rules.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). 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 applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 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 Members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Members 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 Members 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.

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1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

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.

1.5 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.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the obligation can be measured reliably. it is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds only applicable where there is a special appeal
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the running of the church and church hall; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. It is not the practice of the the charity to award grants that are conditional on performance.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets 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 bases:

Leasehold land and buildings	5% Straight Line
Fixtures and fittings	20% Reducing Balance

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 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed 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).

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1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.9 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.

1.10 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.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors 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 creditors 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 creditors 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 creditors 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.

1.11 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.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Members 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 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025	**2025**	**2025**	2024	2024	2024
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	120,414	-	120,414	73,963	-	73,963
Legacies receivable	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
Performance related grants	-	28,150	28,150	7,500	18,150	25,650
	120,414	28,150	148,564	82,463	18,150	100,613
Donations and gifts						
Standing orders and envelopes	42,627	-	42,627	38,545	-	38,545
Other donations and gifts	49,606	-	49,606	26,824	-	26,824
Donations and appeals	-	-	-	8,594	-	8,594
Gift Aid Reclaims	28,181	-	28,181	-	-	-
	120,414	-	120,414	73,963	-	73,963
Legacies receivable						
Sally Allender	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000

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3 Donations and legacies (Continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
Grants receivable for core activities						
St. Mary's C.E School (Greig Trust)	-	18,150	18,150	-	18,150	18,150
Haringey Council	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
Benefact Trust Grant	-	-	-	6,500	-	6,500
London Diocesan Fund	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-
	-	28,150	28,150	7,500	18,150	25,650

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sale of goods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	92,675	180	92,855	86,325	2,965	89,290

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
C.B.F. Income Shares	-	3,429	3,429	3,455
Interest receivable	2,920	-	2,920	3,161
	2,920	3,429	6,349	6,616
For the year ended 31 December 2024	3,161	3,455		6,616

6 Raising funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising and publicity		
Staging fundraising events	1,841	4,604
	1,841	4,604

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2025 £	Charitable Expenditure 2024 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	18,523	17,750
Depreciation and impairment	2,121	1,814
Charitable expenditure	294,769	167,644
	315,413	187,208
Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)		
Governance	1,974	1,590
	317,387	188,798
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	285,551	167,295
Restricted funds	31,836	21,503
	317,387	188,798

8 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Governance costs	1,974	1,590
Analysed between:		
Charitable Expenditure	1,974	1,590

9 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	1,974	1,590
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	2,121	1,814

10 Members

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

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11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
	4	4

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	18,523	17,750

During the year the Parochial Church Council (PCC) employed a lay worker, a church hall manager, a book-keeper and a YMCA Chaplain: none of whom were paid £60,000 a year or more. No member of the PCC has received emoluments or has been reimbursed expenses for services as a member of the PCC.

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

12 Gains and losses on investments

Gains/(losses) arising on:	Restricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2024 £
Revaluation of investments	(4,789)	(4,314)
Sale of investments	-	7,056
	(4,789)	2,742

13 Taxation

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

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14 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2025	136,092	6,038	142,130
Additions	-	2,050	2,050
At 31 December 2025	136,092	8,088	144,180
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2025	32,239	3,973	36,212
Depreciation charged in the year	1,298	823	2,121
At 31 December 2025	33,537	4,796	38,333
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2025	102,555	3,292	105,847
At 31 December 2024	103,853	2,065	105,918

15 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2025 & 31 December 2025	113,664
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2025	113,664
At 31 December 2024	113,664

16 Debtors

	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	36,908	18,816
Other debtors	3,156	1,937
	40,064	20,753

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17 Loans and overdrafts

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other loans	30,000	-
Payable after one year	30,000	-

The Diocese provided a two year £30,000 loan to assist with the "Open Door" project. This loan will be repaid when it falls due in 2027.

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Payments received on account	12,100	12,100
Trade creditors	4,896	3,934
Other creditors	262	319
Accruals and deferred income	4,493	5,145
	21,751	21,498

19 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Borrowings	30,000	-

The loan is an interest free loan from the London Diocesan General Fund. The loan was granted to assist with the reordering and improving accessibility to the church building. The loan is for a period of two years and is repayable in full by November 2027.

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20 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

		Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Balance at 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Catechist Funds	272,516	3,429	(1,298)	(4,789)	269,858
Field Property	19	-	-	-	19
Angel Fund	4,059	-	-	-	4,059
Urban Quiet	2,429	180	(2,015)	-	594
Hornsey Parochial Charities	4,973	-	-	-	4,973
St. Mary's C.E. School (Greig Trust)	1,493	18,150	(18,523)	-	1,120
London Diocesan Grant	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
	285,489	31,759	(31,836)	(4,789)	280,623

a. Hornsey Parish Catechist Funds are held in connection with the Church of England (registered charity No 260693) and were amalgamated with the Parish Hall Charity under a Schedule of the Commissioners dated 8th August 1986 and comprises funds from the sale of St. Mary's Church Hall. The capital is permanently endowed to provide land and buildings for the use of the Church of St. Mary with St. George in the Parish of Hornsey, and currently consists of the curate's flat and shares in the Central Board of Finance. The income is to be used for general purposes. The London Diocese Fund is the custodian trustee. The members of the PCC are the managing trustees.

a. The Church Field Ecclesiastical Charity (registered charity no 260694) is governed by a scheme dated 5th June 1953. The capital is permanently endowed and the income is to be used to maintain and repair the fabric of the church. The members of the PCC are the managing trustees.

a. Friendly Hand have provided funds for Christian Youth Activities. Funds given in previous years remain in the Angel Fund.

a. Urban Quiet consists of funds raised through remuneration to the current incumbent for teaching and training duties undertaken. Income is to be used for clergy training and development and for the support of retreats and spiritual direction for members of the congregation.

a. Hornsey Parochial Charities have provided funds in order to help the acquisition of an electric piano for the Kindle choir.

a. The Greig Trust, via St. Mary's C.E School provides a grant to support the salary costs of the parish's Lay Schools Worker.

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21 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
	£	£	£	£	£
Church Development Fund	70,283	45,791	(121,006)	4,932	-
General funds	74,562	170,218	(166,386)	(4,932)	73,462
	144,845	216,009	(287,392)	-	73,462

Previous year:	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Church Development Fund	53,383	20,945	(4,045)	-	70,283
General funds	91,002	151,004	(167,854)	410	74,562
	144,385	171,949	(171,899)	410	144,845

In 2016 St. Mary with St. George Hornsey Parochial Church Council (PCC) was left 1/6th of the Estate of the late Mr. John Tibbit which amounted to £262,960.The PCC has agreed that this should be a designated fund, split as follows;-

a) £10,000 to be used as an ongoing memorial to John Tibbit and his ministry and
b) The balance to be designated as a Parish Development Fund, for the development of the ministry and when approved by the PCC, for future maintenance of the ministry development.

In 2017 work commenced on a development project, Hornsey 60/60, and the PCC agreed to use money from the John Tibbitt Legacy to fund initial works, up to and including a planning application. An additional £65,000 from a legacy received in 2023 was also used to pay for the "Open Door" building works, consisting of opening a side door into the church garden, having the garden re-laid. The main church door access was improved with a slope, sliding doors, and some church pews where shortened to allow space for mobility aids and pushchairs.

When the church contributed to the costs of the Youth Worker in 2024, church cash flow at the time meant that funds were low and so £11,000 was used from the Catechist Funds to meet this cost, it being within the objective of that restricted fund. This was replaced during the 2025 financial year.

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22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£
At 31 December 2025:			
Tangible assets	3,292	102,555	105,847
Investments	-	119,874	119,874
Current assets/(liabilities)	100,170	58,194	158,364
Long term liabilities	(30,000)	-	(30,000)
	73,462	280,623	354,085

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£
At 31 December 2024:			
Tangible assets	2,065	103,853	105,918
Investments	-	113,664	113,664
Current assets/(liabilities)	142,780	67,972	210,752
	144,845	285,489	430,334

23 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF ST. MARY WITH ST. GEORGE, HORNSEY, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report to the Members on my examination of the financial statements of St. Mary with St. George, Hornsey, Parochial Church Council (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Members 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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements 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 the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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.

Signed by:



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