Christ Church, Croydon

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31st December 2025

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH BROAD GREEN CROYDON

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Christ Church Sumner Road Croydon CR0 3LJ
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS	PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2011
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1207486

MEMBERS OF THE PCC

Ex Officio members:

Revd Les Jesudason	Incumbent
Kim Sharkie	Church warden
Sam Quaye	Church warden
Abiodun Daramola	Deanery Synod rep
David Pink (appointed May 2026)	Deanery Synod rep
Vivia Shaw	Deanery Synod rep

Elected members

Sharron Gordon	
Elizabeth Jinadu (appointed May 2026)	
Earnest Johnson (resigned May 2025, appointed May 2026)	
Grace Kisira	
Esther Mukeme	
Onyinye Nwosu	
Olayemi Peterside	
Sam Subamani (resigned May 2025)	
John Raj (resigned May 2026)	Treasurer
Norma Wapshott	Licensed lay worker
Viviene Witter	

BANKERS	National Westminster Bank Plc. CCLA Investment Management Limited
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH

REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements
See appendix for 26 page report.

Financial review
The brought forward figures have been restated in the accounts. See Notes 1 and 8 to the accounts.
During the year income increased by £5,100, to £105,400, and expenditure decreased by £2,000, to £98,800. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £6,600, to £92,300, of which £65,200 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves policy
The PCC has determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £50,000 (which equates to about 6 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £65,200 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Other matters
The last quinquennial inspection was held in April 2026; no significant immediate work is required. The architect has recommended to the PCC to lay aside an annual amount of £12,000.

Responsibilities of trustees
Charity law requires the PCC to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.
The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.
We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval
This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Les Jesudason
Les Jesudason (Oct 25, 2026 22:42:44 GMT)

Revd Les Jesudason

Date: Oct 25, 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH BROAD GREEN CROYDON

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christ Church, Croydon ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 on pages 6 to 8 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:
1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

J. Young
J. Young (Oct 26, 2026 09:51:05 GMT)

Jaimée Young
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
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Date: Oct 26, 2026

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH BROAD GREEN CROYDON

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income receipts						
Voluntary receipts	2(a)	53,568	-	10,514	64,083	54,719
Fundraising income	2(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Church activities	2(c)	36,752	-	-	36,752	41,057
Investment income	2(d)	2,392	-	-	2,392	2,695
EDF energy refund		-	-	-	-	1,829
Insurance claim		1,700	-	-	1,700	-
Miscellaneous income		498	-	-	498	-
Total receipts		94,910	-	10,514	105,425	100,300
Payments						
Church activities						
Parish share		51,000	-	-	51,000	51,000
Clergy and staffing costs	3(a)	213	-	-	213	813
Church running expenses	3(b)	41,278	-	-	41,278	45,154
Hall running costs	3(c)	-	-	-	-	-
		92,492	-	-	92,492	96,968
Fundraising expenses	4	-	-	-	-	-
Mission giving and donations	5	4,945	-	1,381	6,326	3,886
Total payments		97,437	-	1,381	98,818	100,853
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(2,527)	-	9,134	6,607	(553)
Transfers between funds	7	(753)	-	753	-	-
Net movement in funds		(3,280)	-	9,887	6,607	(553)
Cash funds as at last year end (restated)		67,285	1,177	17,215	85,677	86,230
Cash funds at this year end	A	64,006	1,177	27,102	92,284	85,677

The notes on pages 6 - 8 form part of these accounts.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH BROAD GREEN CROYDON

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted Funds				
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	24,695	1,177	-	25,872	21,657
Notice deposits	39,311	-	27,102	66,412	64,021
	64,006	1,177	27,102	92,284	85,677
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	7,105	-	-	7,105	7,230
Other debtors	2,550	-	-	2,550	300
	9,655	-	-	9,655	7,530
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Fee for Independent Examination	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Accrued expenses	866	-	-	866	2,450
	2,866	-	-	2,866	2,450

D Assets retained for charity's own use

Consecrated property, beneficed property and moveable church furnishings which require a special faculty for disposal are excluded.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Les Jesudason
Les Jesudason (Oct 25, 2026 22:42:44 GMT)

Revd Les Jesudason

Date: Oct 25, 2026

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

In the previous year the charity prepares its accounts on an accruals basis. As the charity's income is less than £250,000, it has taken advantage of the option to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis and the results reported previously have been restated; further information is given in note 8 below.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

		Unrestricted Funds				
		General funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
2 a)	**Voluntary income**					
	Donations	41,338	-	2,191	43,529	43,926
	Legacies	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
	Grants	-	-	8,324	8,324	8,080
	Gift aid recovered	7,230	-	-	7,230	2,713
		53,568	-	10,514	64,083	54,719
b)	**Fundraising income**					
		-	-	-	-	-
c)	**Church activities**					
	Fees for weddings and funerals	2,152	-	-	2,152	592
	Lettings for community use	34,600	-	-	34,600	40,465
		36,752	-	-	36,752	41,057
d)	**Investment income**					
	Interest from cash deposits	2,392	-	-	2,392	2,695
		2,392	-	-	2,392	2,695

		Unrestricted Funds				
		General funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
3 a)	**Clergy and staffing costs**					
	Clergy expenses	213	-	-	213	813
		213	-	-	213	813

Revd Les Jesudason (a clergy member of the PCC) receives a stipend from the Diocese; the cost of these stipends is not included in the above costs however it should be noted that some of the Parish share is used to help pay the stipends. He also incurred expenses whilst serving as clergy and these costs are disclosed in the above note.

b)	**Church running costs**					
	Repairs, cleaning and maintenance	16,781	-	-	16,781	11,719
	Utility bills	10,032	-	-	10,032	8,952
	Roof repairs and boiler	-	-	-	-	10,181
	Children and youth	1,009	-	-	1,009	825
	Ministries and services	6,657	-	-	6,657	6,836
	Insurance	4,217	-	-	4,217	4,291
	Fees payable to Diocese	775	-	-	775	158
	Admin and support costs	1,118	-	-	1,118	1,264
	Telephone	690	-	-	690	928
		41,278	-	-	41,278	45,154
4	**Fundraising expenses**					
		-	-	-	-	-
5	**Mission giving and donations**					
	Missionary and charitable giving	-	-		-	2,297
	Tearfund	800	-	1,191	1,991	700
	The Fisherman Trust	845	-	190	1,035	700
	Grants under £1k to organisations	3,200	-	-	3,200	189
	Individuals	100	-	-	100	-
		4,945	-	1,381	6,326	3,886

6 Transactions with related parties

S Quaye, V Shaw and K Sharkie, trustees, were paid fees for various practical roles (not for serving as a trustee). The total fees were £383, £584 and £889 respectively.

7 Movement on designated, restricted and endowment funds

	Opening balance £	Adjustments (see note 8) £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	67,285		94,910	(97,437)	(753)	64,006
Designated funds						
Vicar's and Wardens' discretionary	751		-	-	-	751
Christ Church Youth	426		-	-	-	426
	1,177	-	-	-	-	1,177
Restricted funds						
Missionary giving	7,560	1,129	-	(190)	-	8,499
Grants (C&F, roof repair, boiler)	12,922	(8,324)	8,324	-	(12,922)	-
Kitchen and foyer refurbishment	-	-	709	-	4,922	5,631
Children and Family worker	-	-	988	-	8,000	8,988
Christ Church Youth Funds (Covies)	495	-	-	-	-	495
Vicar's and Wardens' discretionary	1,291	-	-	-	-	1,291
Digital inclusion	2,126	-	-	-	-	2,126
Charities Collection	15	-	-	-	-	15
Tearfund appeal	-	-	437	(1,191)	753	-
Children's Society	-	-	57	-	-	57
	24,409	(7,194)	10,514	(1,381)	753	27,102
Total funds	92,871	(7,194)	105,425	(98,818)	-	92,284

Missionary giving: this relates to collections for specific partners. The balance is expected to be paid out in 2026.

Grants (C&F, roof repair, boiler): this fund was previously used for all grants received. The remaining balance has been split to better track the use of these funds: £3,500 relates to a grant for the kitchen and foyer refurbishment and £1,422 relates to other donations for this fund, and £8,000 relates to grants received for the Children & Family worker fund.

Christ Church Youth Funds (Covies): the remaining funds will be spent on the youth programme in 2026.

Vicar's and Wardens' discretionary: this is for the purpose of charity work and is expected to be spent in 2026.

Digital inclusion: the remaining balance is expected to be used up in 2026.

Charities collection: this will be paid out in 2026.

Children's Society: this will be paid out in 2026.

8 Restatement of opening balances

The previous years' figures included historical reconciling items, and the accounts had been prepared using the accruals basis. The brought forward balances from 2023 have been restated and the 2024 comparative figures have been restated as follows:

	General funds £	**Designated funds** £	**Restricted funds** £	**Total** £
Brought forward balance per 2024 signed accounts	63,590	1,177	17,615	82,382
Adjustments made to 2023 closing balance	3,849	-	-	3,849
Restated 2024 opening balance	67,438	1,177	17,615	86,230
Cash movement per 2024 accounts	4,038	-	6,794	10,832
Adjustments made to 2024 income	(4,817)	-	(8,324)	(13,141)
Adjustments made to 2024 expenditure	626	-	1,129	1,756
Restated 2024 closing balance	67,285	1,177	17,215	85,677









Christ Church Croydon

Annual report 2025



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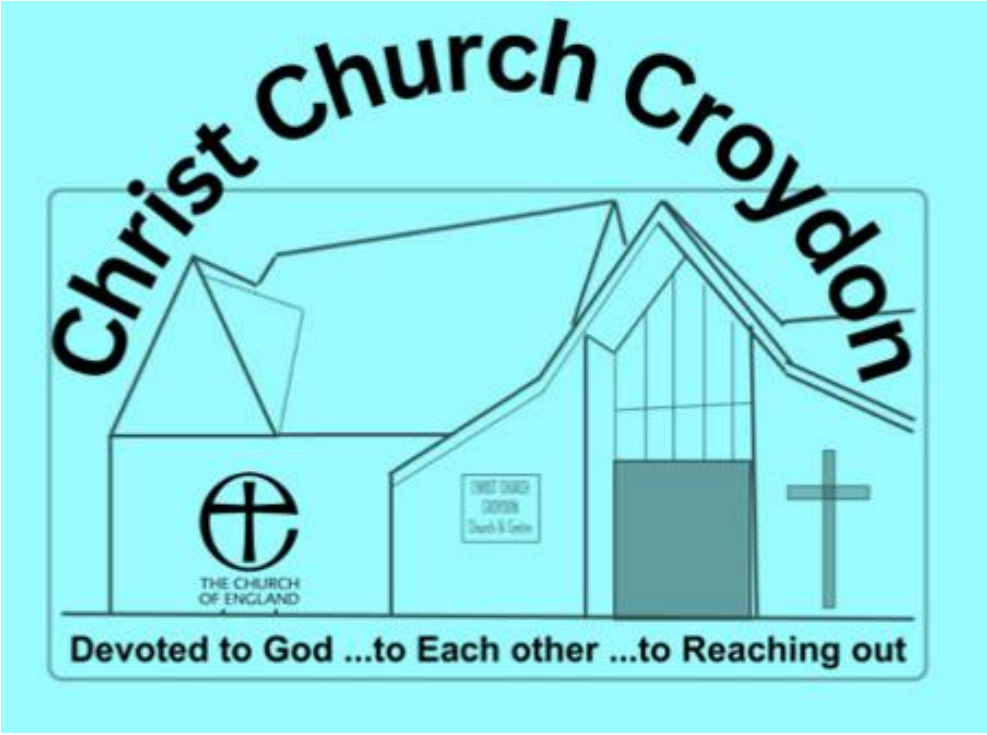
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by PCC Treasurer, John Sundar



Introduction from the Vicar

Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth…For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.
1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Being God's fellow workers is such a privilege, as we are called to bear fruit for Him and build His church. The enormity of the needs requires a united effort, envisioned by God, to bring honour to His name.

The variety of ministries that have been accomplished are by the grace of God and the generosity of many, as you have contributed your time, effort, finances and prayers. Thank you! Some have been fellow workers in the background, with many unseen tasks, others, however, have had more prominent roles – both are valued and needed in building God's church. God, the master builder, sees and will reward.

The report shows the wide variety of gifts and abilities entrusted to us as God's servants. Our achievements are through God's power working in us, our dependence on each other and partnerships with local churches and other like-minded mission agencies. It's a proud moment to see our children and youth as they have developed in their faith and service to God.

As our society grows more insular and secular, we are called to be a sending church seeking innovative ways of reaching those outside the church. This will mean greater personal sacrifice and cost, but the rewards are eternal.

Our greatest confidence is that we belong to Christ and hold out the saving message of Jesus, which is for all.

Reverend Les Jesudason

AIMS and PURPOSES

Christ Church Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent Rev'd Les Jesudason, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish.

The PCC is also wholly responsible for the maintenance of Christ Church centre premises and grounds.

OBJECTIVE and ACTIVITIES

Since the original church was built on the site in 1852, Christ Church has developed through God's grace to be an evangelical, vibrant, family-oriented fellowship of diverse ethnicities. It seeks to glorify God in Christ through cross-centred worship, Bible teaching, Prayer, and fellowship. Its mission is to share the saving news of Jesus, to serve the immediate community in Croydon and prayerfully support the national and global church. As a welcoming church community, it seeks to provide a place of care, comfort, and hope for those going through life events of bereavement, illness and difficulties. It seeks to share with the community in their joys through celebrations of marriage, thanksgiving and special anniversaries. In partnership with other Christian denominations in Croydon and in partnership with selected mission societies our desire is to make the gospel of Jesus known in the local area, the nation and throughout the world.

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

Vanitha Thomas, Electoral Roll officer, maintains the Electoral Roll for the parish and whose services we are grateful for. The Electoral Roll currently stands at 104 adults, representing an increase from 84 at the 2025 revision.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Giving thanks for all that God enabled us to achieve.
The highlights of 2025 were as follows;

- The PCC agreed that the Focus for 2025 would be *'Growth and establishing' in the local community.* Using the Bible verse from Jeremiah 29:7 '*Seek the welfare of the City where I have sent you…pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.'*

- The Church Office computer, Church AV Computer and screens were replaced due to the requirement of Microsoft Windows 11.

- The British Heart Foundation provided a defibrillator, which has been installed for church and community use. It's fitted externally, adjacent to the exit door to the Car Park.

- Provided sandwich meals for the Homeless through Croydon Churches/Nightwatch and a Harvest Food collection for the Foodbank.

- Several Maintenance items were accomplished, including LED lighting in the church Car Park, Dais lighting, Repairs in the Foyer and Church Office due to a break-in, alongside routine maintenance.

- A team of volunteers painted and decorated the Foyer and stairs areas, and the Notice boards were replaced.



- We welcomed the following visiting preachers/speakers Dr Chris Howles (Oakhill college), Ven Greg Prior, Rev Gary Jenkins, Mr Jo Silcock (Tearfund rep), Rev Prasad Phillips and Mission partners Donald & Becky Kamese.

- The Lent course (Christianity Explored), an Advent course (The case for Christmas by Lee Strobel), and the 321 course for enquirers.

- A variety of Children/families and schools outreach events held in the year were: Easter Trail and Nativity Trail. Toni with the Sunday school team and other volunteers, jointly ran Community Afternoon in the church garden. Two local schools attended the church for a workshop on Prayer, Easter Trail and 'Come Along Christmas' presentation.

- We rejoiced in seeing Bishop Precious Omuku *(Hon Retired Bishop*) confirm 15 candidates at Christ Church in May 2025.

- The Archdeacon Greg Prior met with representatives of church groups and PCC members for a Parish visitation.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

2025 began with the continued focus of 'growth and building', following on the theme of Discipleship from the previous year.
The pattern of Sunday services are two services of Holy Communion monthly, with an All Age service and Morning Praise (Service of the Word) alternating. One (Infant) Baptism and two (Youth) Baptisms were held, six funeral services and the parish Memorial service. There were no Weddings or Wedding Banns published.

In following the example of the early church, of devoting themselves to Prayer and the Word of God. These are vital aspects of ministry at Christ Church.

Sermon series were compiled to aid the Congregation in their growth and edification, with the view of following the focused theme of 2025, giving confidence in mission and outreach.

- We began the year looking at 'Faithful Exiles'. With topics such as 'the Beginning of Exile', Contending, Song, Hope, Prayer and the Holiness of Exiles.
- Luke's gospel was the basis of sermons during Lent and Easter as we focused on Jesus' journey to the Cross and triumph over sin and death.
- Readiness for evangelistic Mission was the theme in early Summer, with topics of Prayer, Being Prepared, Personal evangelism, which led to a Guest service with Will Thorburn from London City Mission as the preacher.
- Summer sermon series gave us a valuable look at the characters in the book of Judges. From Othniel to Samson: their strengths and their flaws. Their achievements and their disgraceful actions.
- With a brief return to themes from Luke's gospel in the Autumn, we ended the year learning lessons from the Seven churches in Revelation.



A global mission perspective was given as we welcomed Chris Howes (Uganda) and Donald and Becky Kamese (Mexico) from Serving in Mission (SIM) updating us on the joys and challenges of the global church.

Prasad Phillips shared from his theological and world mission experience, at the Diversity service and spoke of the 'Unity and Diversity' we are given in Jesus.
Archdeacon Greg Prior and Estates minister Rev Gary Jenkins helped us to connect with the vision of the wider Diocese of Southwark.

The monthly Church Prayer meetings held on a Thursday evening and a Saturday morning Prayer meeting was launched by Viviene and Elizabeth. It's an encouragement and strength as we seek God's resourcing in all our ministry endeavours.







The seasonal services were well attended, with celebrations for Mothering Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Harvest Thanksgiving and meal, Diversity event and meal.







The Confirmation service gathered many extended families and friends as they came to support the Candidates who were confirmed by Bishop Precious.







SUNDAY SERVICES



Sunday attendance in 2025 remained steady with some families moving away from the Croydon area throughout the year, and the frailty of older members with health concerns being unable to attend. The average weekly attendance was 64 (61) adults and 12 (12) children *(2024, figures in brackets),* with peaks at the seasonal services (Easter, Harvest, Christmas) and an exceptionally good attendance for the Confirmation service.
The year was marked with changes, as individuals and families moved away from the area for a variety of reasons (emigrated, retired closer to family, were re-housed in other London Borough's, unable to secure residential/work visas). As well as the loss through the death of some long-established church members.
This affected church attendance, financial giving and reduced the number of people who could serve in various volunteer capacities.
We are very grateful to all who took on more responsibilities as sides-persons, welcomers, counters, etc. and gave freely of their time in regular ministry. Sam Quaye and Kim Sharkie as Wardens, and Vivia covered many practical tasks in the background to maintain the smooth running of the services and day-to-day activities.





New songs were introduced, which enhanced the morning worship as the Music groups led them in a lively and joyful manner. The regular commitment of Music groups led by Frank Oko/Nova Veen and Ernest Johnson/Isaac Clement is to be commended. Music led by the groups is often a highlight for visitors.



Norma Wapshott, leading and preaching at services,

has been appreciated.

Norma's 80th birthday was also celebrated.

SONGPRO and AUDIO VISUAL

SongPro software continues to be a great blessing to our church family. This software allows us to display our worship song lyrics, Bible verses, Prayers and other elements that support our Sunday worship and special services. Many in the congregation have expressed how much they appreciate the clarity, ease, and smooth flow it brings to our times of praise and thanksgiving. Short Video clips are also used, which add an extra dimension with interviews, testimonies and news for praise, prayer and learning.
Young people are encouraged to serve by operating SongPro during the service. It has been wonderful to see them grow in confidence and take joy in using their gifts for the Lord. This small but meaningful act of service helps them take an active part in ministry, and we are grateful for their willingness and dedication.
Christina and Nova coordinate and upload the digital content required for the services every week and report on copyright licensing requirements.
We are grateful for them and the other members of this team.

CHURCH FLOWER DECORATIONS – *Christina J*

On special occasions throughout the church calendar—such as Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Remembrance, weddings, and other thanksgiving services—church families come together in a wonderful spirit of unity to decorate the church. We are grateful to everyone who faithfully supports this ministry—those who make the flower arrangements and share their creative skills.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Thessalonians 1:2,3

The small groups that meet together regularly are a great way of encouraging and building up one another in faith. The monthly Prayer meetings, Tuesday Bible study and Ladies Bible studies and the seasonal Lent and Advent courses have been a helpful way of drawing around God's word, learning, sharing and praying together.
We are grateful for Delores, Lyn, Jenny, Viviene, Elizabeth and others who lead these groups.
House-bound members and others in residential care have received a monthly visit, usually with Holy Communion. When there has been a notification, others have been visited to support them through bereavement, illness or personal issues.
With a link formed at the Residential care home where Margaret Webb stayed, a group from Christ Church visited to hold a short service of Christmas carols. The guests were delighted to have visitors leading them in carols.

BIBLE STUDIES AND SMALL GROUPS - *Delores*

Bible study takes place fortnightly on Tuesday in the church lounge. We are a group of approximately 5 regular people who come along.
Our bible study usually starts with a prayer followed by an open discussion on how we've been through the day, and our struggles.
The Bible study followed was from teaching accessible on YouTube, with a verse-by-verse study of the Bible passage.
To date, we have studied the New Testament books - Timothy 1+2, Titus and 1 Thessalonians.
We then have a discussion on what has been taught and pray through those points, as well as any issues we may have.
We continue to pray that other members of the church family will be able to come along to share in this time of fellowship and learning.

LADIES' DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY – *Lyn J*

We meet at the Vicarage on the 2nd and 4th Friday each month from 11:30 am-12:30 followed by lunch together.
Our meetings are advertised on the church WhatsApp and in the notices at the Sunday Service. All are welcome.
Up to 10 of us meet together regularly for Bible Study and fellowship.
Lyn Jesudason and Jenny Arnold alternated in leading the discussions based on a Bible passage until July, when Jenny and Hugh moved away from Croydon.
The Bible Study resource books we have used over this period were in the Cover to Cover series:
'I Am's' Who is Jesus? By Chris Leonard.
Philippians. Living for the sake of the Gospel by John Houghton.
Through our studies and discussions together, we have grown in our knowledge and love of Jesus.
We have grown in our understanding of how God wants us to live as believers in Christ, through studying the Book of Philippians: Learning about being Partners in The Gospel, Advancing the Gospel, The Heart of the Gospel, Demonstrating the Gospel, The Power of the Gospel, The Destiny of the Gospel, and The Blessings of the Gospel.
We are encouraged and built up in our faith through Bible Study and discussion together. We enjoy the contribution that everyone brings to the discussion and the insights we gain from one another. We always take time to pray each time we meet for world events, Christchurch, ourselves, loved ones and neighbours.
We plan to continue meeting, growing, sharing and loving one another in Christ and reaching out to others.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Toni, Mark and Della have led the Sunday school, teaching Bible stories with related activities. Mark has been a wonderful mentor to the younger boys, helping them to engage with the Bible stories. Della, following her committed service to Children's activities, also retired and was planning to spend time abroad. An appreciation of Della's love and work for the children was shown at the Sunday service.

The Remembrance Sunday service with wreath laying organised by Toni was well attended, with representation from the Brownies/Guides groups, leaders and parents.

The Nativity and Christingle were joyful, lively and entertaining events with wide representation and including superheroes at the Nativity scene.
The children have worked hard throughout the year, learning about diversity and how God loves everyone. They have learnt about the parables, mainly that we are all important to God no matter who we are.
Mark and I are so proud of the children and their willingness to learn each week. They never forget what they've learnt and ask
relevant questions. The children help each other without having to be asked and always have respect for one another.
We feel truly blessed to be able to be part of their spiritual journey.

The church still requires volunteers to run the Creche during the Sunday services, to allow parents to attend the service.





YOUTH MINISTRY (COVENANTERS) – *led by Viviene, Grace & Sunitha*

Teaching young people the Word of God is a crucial, daily responsibility for parents and the community to ensure faith is passed to future generations. According to scripture it calls for consistent, diligent instruction at home and in daily life so as to build a foundation of wisdom, righteousness and obedience to God.. Deuteronomy 6:7

Throughout the year, we have endeavoured to impart the word of God to our young people. As always, it has been a privilege to have the opportunity to do so. We are aware that the numbers have diminished and continue to do so as our young people fly the nest, so to speak, going off to Higher Education. We currently have 8 young people in the Covenanter's group, and each Sunday an average of 3 to 4 engage regularly. We will continue to ask the Lord's blessings and guidance over them.

We can say we have been blessed to have young people who want to know and learn about God's word and want to follow Jesus.
When we have discussions, the young people have been honest when asked questions about their faith – some have responded that it is hard to commit and are not quite sure. We recognise that there are many distractions in life that will draw young people into the secular lifestyle, which can be enticing and seem attractive. However, we have to trust the Holy Spirit to have a bigger pull whilst we continue to pray over our young people.
Throughout the year, we have covered a range of topics to encourage their growth and spiritual development. We use materials from Youth to Ministry, Tearfund and other Sources.
We have covered topics such as:
Putting others first – with reference to Philippians 2:3—8
Game on Identity with reference to Col. 3: 1-3
The Sermon on the Mount – How do we live in God's kingdom. Matt 5:13-16
Jesus is worthy of our worship – Col 1: 15-17; Gen 1:27 John 1: 1-6
Special People
Paul's transformation - Acts 9: 22 26, David – 1 Sam 17, Solomon – Ecclesiastic 12:13 Matt 22: 36-40
More widely, the topics that we cover not only serve to help our young people grow in faith, but they also help them in their social interactions outside of church. The young people are eager to learn about the Lord and want to have moments of real connection, and I am happy that we will have the opportunity to have more input from our Mission Practitioner, soon to be appointed.
The young people continue to play a significant role in the church by singing, playing instruments, AV, participating in Bible reading/ prayers and special services.
They look forward to attending Sorted (a London-wide Christian event for young people) with teaching and fellowship.
Organised by Les, Grace and Lyn.







CHRIST CHURCH COMMUNITY OUTREACH
DROP IN (WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MONTHLY)

The years fly by so quickly, and we are pleased to report that we are continuing to meet together to welcome all who come through our doors. Drop In has been running in Christ Church for at least 18 years it started during Bill and Mary's time. We welcome everyone, we chat, we enjoy tea, coffee and food, provided by the members. We are a safe and warm space we manage to keep the number of people coming who come from different cultures and backgrounds. Our members are very faithful, and even in the worst of weather, they still come.





Last year was a sad year for us with the death of two of our members, Zeena and Rosemary, who are remembered and missed. Jenny and Hugh left to move to Worcester. We always welcome all who come through our doors, and we continue to find that people pop in, some stay, and some we don't see again, but that is the nature of the group. We had a lovely surprise when Keith Wolley came back to our last meeting, as we hadn't seen him for a long time. We have speakers coming to us now and again, and Hilary takes a card-making session, which is very popular.

Thank you to all who come, who generously bring food, who give their time and energies, who are part of the Drop In family. Thank you to all those who work for Drop In, make the tea and coffee, preparing the food for the table; you are appreciated. Most of all, we give thanks to God that we have this space to welcome people every month and show a little of God's love to those who walk through our doors. Thank you, Christ Church, for your encouragement.

DRUMS WITH ANTHONY - *Anthony & Nicola Facey, Rita M Jones*

We currently have twenty-one students learning the drums and six available spaces. Our current students' age range is from primary school age to 50+. We have five students who have passed Grade One exams with our current examination body, Trinity College, all achieving distinction passes. We also have two students who passed Grade Three with distinction marks of 91–96. Four students are moving from Grade Three to Grade Four. Two students are currently awaiting the results of their Grade One exams. Two students, having passed Grade Three, are now studying towards Grade Four. Three students are currently studying for Grade Three.
We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rita for her continued support, as well as Sam and Vivia. We continue to go from strength to strength, with God's good grace, and remain committed to serving the community.

WINTER HOMELESS SHELTER (FEBRUARY 2025)



Every year from October to March, we have the privilege of taking part in the Croydon Nightwatch charity, serving some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Christ Church has been involved from the very beginning, faithfully standing in the gap and showing the love of Christ in a practical and meaningful way. This ministry has always been rooted in compassion and generosity.

Each February, Christ Church is scheduled to provide sandwiches for 4–5 Saturdays, and our church family comes together beautifully to meet this need. We typically prepare 80–85 loaves, which make up nearly 700 sandwiches over the course of those Saturdays. Every sandwich is made with care, hygienically wrapped, clearly labelled, and prepared with the prayer that each person who receives it will feel nourished, valued, and remembered.

Once prepared, all the sandwiches are collected and delivered to the central hub near East Croydon, where they are distributed to individuals accessing the night shelter programme.
We are especially grateful for the 4–5 families from Christ Church who volunteer each week to prepare the sandwiches. Their willingness to serve behind the scenes is a true reflection of Christian love in action. Through this

ministry, we see the church living out its calling—to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our local community.
We thank God for sustaining this work each year, and for the privilege of serving His people with kindness and dignity

The plan to start a Croydon Winter Night Shelter came to fruition and began in January 2026. A steering group brought together a number of Charity/agencies and volunteers from Croydon churches to run the shelter from January to April 2026. Nine members of Christ Church volunteered by serving as hosts, cooks, and befrienders to many homeless guests who stayed at the shelter, based at West Croydon Baptist church.

Packed and tinned food Collections were also made during the year for distribution through the Foodbank and Croydon Day Refugee Centre. The demand for this continues to grow along with the need for good quality clothing.

LOCAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY



Following government's introduction of legislation, Loving Hands pre-school Nursery extended its hours to provide 30 hours per week. They have had a good intake of children. Opportunities to take Christmas, Easter and end-of-year assemblies have been taken up by the Vicar.

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Rangers group meet on Friday evenings led by their volunteer leaders Julie and Jaime. There is a good attendance of girls from the community. The group support the Remembrance Sunday service at Christ Church.

Harris Primary School Croydon (HPAC) and West Thornton Primary School.










The links with Harris Primary and West Thornton have grown, especially in the last three years. The link with Harris was revived when I joined in 2019 and West Thornton started with church visits in 2022. With the gospel partnership with Laurah (Schools ministry) at London City Mission, we looked at how our engagement with schools could be enhanced. Using the models of the Easter and Nativity Trail along with the programme for school visits. Laurah gave much-needed input, with her enthusiasm for children and creativity making them sharper in focus and more interactive for the children. With the team of volunteers we have welcomed the schools and led the events. The children, school staff and accompanying parents have greatly appreciated the visits to Christ Church. Although Sunday church attendance for children and youth, has decreased hugely across the nation. We can be thankful that children in our community are being offered the opportunity to ‘come and see’ for themselves what the Christians believe.

Some of the volunteers from the teams, helped run the Easter Trail on Good Friday morning and the ‘Come Along Christmas’ trail at the start of the Christmas school holidays. These were open to families from the community.

Community Afternoon

The church garden was a pleasant venue, to invite people from the neighbourhood and join the fun activities: face painting, shooting with water gun, bouncy castle, drumming, and tea, cakes and soft drinks.

We are grateful to Toni and the many helpers who made the Summer afternoon enjoyable. It was good to make contact with neighbours in the community in a relaxed way.





MISSION - CHRIST CHURCH EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH

Hugh and Jenny faithfully led the Evangelistic outreach for the first half of the year.
The Evangelistic outreach team were joined in the latter half of the year by Will and Juliana from London City Mission.
This has been an encouragement as we have visited homes in the parish, initiating conversations of faith and inviting householders to seasonal services and activities. It's always invigorating when there is a longer, engaging conversation on the doorstep about faith and if they attend the service the following Sunday morning.
The regular team has consisted of: Lucian, Dorothy, Benitta, Les and Dominique. With recent joiners including Vivia, David, Peter and Ianthe.
LCM have provided training for us covering how to share your testimony, school's ministry, confidence in door-to-door ministry and engaging people in conversations of faith.







GLOBAL MISSION

The PCC reviewed and renewed the commitment to the Mission links supported by the church - Tearfund, YWAM (Rosemary James) Asia, Fisherman's Trust (Raj Moorthy), India, Bible Society and SIM (Donald & Becky Kamese), Mexico, by prayer and financial support.

Donald & Becky Kamese with sons Ben, Elliot & Ethan visited with Donald preaching and Becky sharing about their ministry and children's progress. Answers to Prayer could be seen with the Bible teaching ministry to church leaders, and many more demands from other churches for their training needs. The English school, Bible studies and family outreach were also bearing fruit in their community.

Tearfund was the focus for the Harvest project, with a visiting speaker who informed us of their ongoing projects. The Harvest collection was taken for their work.

YWAM team have kept the church updated on their visits to the country by supporting churches and people they partner with. There were outbreaks of persecution, but, despite these struggles, the demand and hunger for the Word of God in their mother tongue continues.

The work of the Fisherman Trust faced a number of challenges with Raj stepping down as director. New team members were appointed, and youth camp and activities continue.

Bible Society is supported with the prayer news and display of their publicity.

Church members receive regular news of the Mission links as distributed through the church WhatsApp group. A mission society is regularly prayed for in the Sunday services.

The importance of seeing the global church as one family in Christ, helps us to see our responsibility to our Christian brothers and sisters wherever they are.

CHURCH BUILDING AND FABRIC

The Wardens (Sam Q and Kim S) oversee all the work that requires to be done by giving access to Tradesmen and ensuring the work is completed. Purchases for supplies, Bill payments, Banking, Correspondence, Hall Hire bookings and Cleaning take quite a large amount of time for Sam, Kim and Vivia.

The routine inspections and checks have been completed, which included Boiler servicing and Safety check, PATS testing, Fire system and Extinguisher checks and the Inspection of the church alarm system



- External LED lighting was fitted at the Car park and Church East end.
- Damaged electrical power sockets were replaced.
- Lightning conductor checks were carried out.
- The 5-yearly electrical system check and rectification was completed.



- Church Foyer and stairs area, wall and ceilings were decorated, and Noticeboards replaced with fire-resistant materials.
- Following a break-in, the church office door and locks were replaced. The door frame was repaired and the broken window in the Foyer was replaced.



A number of large maintenance works are required, which include the following.

1. Kitchen refurbishment.
2. Replacing the flooring in the Foyer and entrance areas.
3. Boundary wall repairs.
4. A robust all-weather outdoor storage for all the garden maintenance tools.

CHURCH GARDEN AND GROUNDS - *Vivia, James, Sam, Lyn*

Constant upkeep of the church and gardens is required, and Vivia manages volunteers to tackle sections of the garden in the different seasons.
The effort put into this work is seen by all in the spring and summer. In the midst of a built-up area, a well-tended and colourful garden is a wonderful sight.
There are trespassers onto the grounds when the church is closed, and sometimes, rough sleepers, which can create problems.

DEANERY SYNOD AND LOCAL CHURCHES

The Deanery synod met three times in 2025 (February, June and September)

We have two members from Christ Church representing, Abiodun Daramola and Vivia Shaw.

Topics presented were as follows.

In June, meeting at Emmanuel Croydon with guest speakers The Venerable Carol Ann Coslett and Michael Brockett a presentation of Lay ministry was given. God calls each of us to serve using our unique gifts. Most Christians live out their faith in their communities and local churches, sharing in mission and activities. Some have a ministerial calling and are Affirmed, Commissioned, or Licensed as lay ministers.

Two guest speakers at the September meeting at St. Mary Magdalene with St. Martin Church. were Katie McMullen and Claudia Almeida represented the Addiscombe Neighbourhood Care Association (ANCA). This began in the 1960s at St. Mildred's church and later became the welfare arm of the Addiscombe group of churches. Their lunch clubs offer more than meals, they provide friendship and connection. Shopping trips help those who might be housebound stay connected to the outside world. ANCA's activities promote independence and wellbeing for seniors at home and in the community.

The main speaker was Jason Perry, Executive Mayor of Croydon, who spoke about the borough. Croydon attracts 140,000 daily visitors. The Allders Parade will soon open with six new shops. The Westfield partnership focuses on the Whitgift Centre, North End, and Centrale, linked by a new Wellesley Road crossing. And other developments in the town.

Our first Deanery Synod of 2026 was held at St. Matthew's Church, where Rev. Ruth Chapman was formally commissioned as our new Area Dean. Leondre Douglas, Secondary School Faith Adviser and Chaplaincy Development Officer, was our guest speaker. The Southwark Diocesan Board of Education aims to offer emotionally safe, inclusive, and trauma-aware chaplaincy that nurtures the spiritual and personal well-being of learners in Croydon.

Bishop Christopher informed the Clergy at the day conference in September, that he would be retiring in 2026. Bishop Rosemarie will be the interim Bishop until the next Bishop is installed.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
Christ Church Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish.
The appointment of PCC members follows the guidance as given in the Church Representation Rules (2020).
The Parochial Church Council 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 – number 1207486.
The PCC also has a related charity - STEPHENSON CLARKE'S CHARITY, number 204625. The Vicar & Wardens are appointed as trustees and administer small gifts to individuals/families annually, in the parish area of Christ Church.

At Christ Church the PCC consists of the incumbent (ex-officio), church wardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church and present at the Annual meeting. All who regularly attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and are allowed to stand for nomination to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including decisions on how the funds of the PCC are spent.
The PCC Standing Committee consists of the incumbent, the church wardens, the Treasurer and at least one other member of the PCC. The Standing Committee holds the power to transact any urgent business of the PCC.
The full PCC met 10 times in 2025.

The following business was transacted by the PCC in 2025

- Reviewed the Mission policy with the five Mission links (through financial support, Prayer, and monthly focus during intercessions)
- Discussed and approved the 2026 Finance budget.
- Reviewed and agreed on the Hall hire rates for 2026
- The church Inventory was updated (April 2025)
- Grant funding was requested, towards the refurbishment work required for the Kitchen and replacement flooring in the Foyer and entrance areas. The Congregation and General Trust have awarded a grant of £12,300 *(with conditions),* towards the required project work.

The PCC received quotations for the work required from contractors. Faculty applications have been made to the Diocese (DAC). The PCC has sought advice and guidance from the church Architect.

- The PCC agreed to schools' outreach and children's events – Easter Trail, Nativity Trail, Community afternoon in the church & grounds.
- Discussed and agreed on a formal partnership with London City Mission, with two of their Mission workers supporting Children's ministry and Evangelism outreach. A donation of £200 monthly is given towards LCM ministry.
- Discussed pastoral, and administrative matters for the parish
- Received regular reports from Esther Onyeanuna, the Parish Safeguarding Officer
- The PCC, as agreed, made the Diocese PSF payment through the CEEC Ephesian Fund to safeguard payments for Gospel ministry.
- The PCC agreed to enter into a Gospel partnership with London City Mission, for Evangelism & Children's outreach.
- The PCC reviewed the policy and agreement, which allows three car parking spaces to be let during the week.
- Agreed, the focus for 2026 – *By this my father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. John 15:8.*

Some church members volunteer their time to cover the administration (Vivia S & Kim S), John S - finance (Rita MJ - accounts, Abiodun D - gift aid) and other regular necessary tasks for which we are very grateful.

SAFEGUARDING – Parish Safeguarding Officer, Esther Onyeanuna

In recent years, the Church of England has significantly clarified and strengthened its expectations regarding safeguarding practice and principles across all parishes. Christ Church continues to benefit from the guidance and support provided by the Diocese of Southwark, including the monthly safeguarding bulletin, regular training updates, and the annual safeguarding events held each autumn.
The introduction of the Church of England's online safeguarding training platform, known as the Dashboard/Portal, has greatly improved access to training and compliance monitoring. This system enables us to ensure that all safeguarding measures are in place for those responsible for the care of children, young people, and vulnerable adults within the church. The training

and resources available through the Dashboard equip both individuals and the wider church community to engage meaningfully with safeguarding in ways that are both practical and theologically informed. The Dashboard also highlights required actions, alerts us to upcoming renewals or reviews, and generates a Safeguarding Action Plan for the PCC.

Compliance with the House of Bishops' Code of Practice

The House of Bishops requires this report to confirm whether the PCC of Christ Church, Summer Road, is complying with the safeguarding code of practice issued under Section 5A of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, as amended by the Safeguarding (Code of Practice) Measure 2021. I can confirm that the PCC is meeting all responsibilities assigned under this legislation. These responsibilities include:

1. Adoption of the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy **-** the PCC has adopted *Promoting a Safer Church: Safeguarding Policy and Statement*. This policy is publicly available on the church website and displayed on noticeboards within the church buildings.
2. Appointment of a Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) -The parish has appointed an appropriately experienced Safeguarding Officer. My professional background includes nursing and safeguarding work, and I have completed all Church of England safeguarding training modules required for this role.
3. Safe Recruitment, Support, and Training - All individuals working with children, young people, and vulnerable adults are recruited in accordance with safer recruitment principles. This includes DBS checks, Confidential Declaration Forms, and references where appropriate. Leaders and helpers involved in children's and youth activities are required to complete the Basic and Foundation safeguarding modules. As trustees of a charity working with vulnerable groups, all PCC members undergo DBS checks and complete the required safeguarding training, including the Awareness of Domestic Abuse module. All checks and training are currently up to date.
4. Display of Safeguarding Information: Information regarding safeguarding policies, designated safeguarding officers, diocesan safeguarding contacts, and procedures for reporting concerns is displayed on the church website and throughout the church buildings. Copies of the *Church Safeguarding Handbook* are also available.
5. Regular Review and Reporting-Safeguarding is a standing agenda item at every PCC meeting. This may take the form of a written report or a detailed discussion of a specific safeguarding matter. Important /urgent

safeguarding matters are also addressed in church services during notices.

6. Fostering a Culture Where Concerns Can Be Raised-Creating an environment in which safeguarding concerns can be raised openly and respectfully remains central to our safeguarding practice. This is an ongoing commitment, and we recognise that continuous vigilance is essential. I extend my sincere thanks to all who have contributed to safeguarding at Christ Church over the past year, with particular appreciation for the support of the PCC.

Priorities for 2026–2027

- Strengthening the visibility of safeguarding within the life of the church by developing a dedicated safeguarding display to support engagement and information sharing.
- Reviewing the storage and management of confidential safeguarding records to ensure full compliance with GDPR requirements.
- Reviewing the safety of children and young people within all buildings used for their activities, ensuring that environments remain secure, appropriate, and well-supervised.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Ex Officio members:

Clergy
Revd Les Jesudason – Vicar, Chair

Wardens

Kim Sharkie (since May 2024)

Sam Quaye (since 2021)

Deanery Synod Reps.

Abiodun Daramola (2026-2029)

Vivia Shaw (2026-2029)

David Pink (2026-2029) – PCC Secretary

Elected members

Norma Wapshott (2026-2028)

Onyinye Nwosu (2025-2028)

Viviene Witter (2024-2027)

Sharron Gordon (2024-2027)

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Grace Kisira (2026-2029)

Yemi Peterside (2025- 2027)

Elizabeth Jinadu (2026-2029)

Ernest Johnson (2026-2028)

Approved by the PCC in October 2026 and signed on their behalf by

PCC Chair - *Revd Les Jesudason*