# St. John the Apostle Parish Church
# Whetstone, London N20

**Registered Charity 1209469**

ST JOHN'S

WHETSTONE, N20

## Annual Report

## And

## Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025

## Of the

## Parochial Church Council

**Priest-in-Charge:**
The Revd Kim Quak-Winslow

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**ST JOHN THE APOSTLE CHURCH, WHETSTONE**
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT**
**OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

## Administrative Information

St John the Apostle Parish Church is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England. The correspondence address is 1163 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 0PG. The PCC is a corporate body (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011), and, from 7th August 2024 is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under charity registration number **1209469**. Registration is in the name of **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Whetstone in the Diocese of London**

PCC members who have served until the date this report was approved are:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Priest in Charge:* | The Revd Kim Quak-Winslow * | Chair | |
| *Curate:* | The Revd Ruth Copping | | |
| *Wardens:* | Mr Brian Wakeham * | Vice Chair/Treasurer | |
| | Mr Robert Wright * | | |
| *Licensed Lay Minister:* | Mrs Meg Wakeham | | |
| *Representatives on the Deanery Synod:* | | | |
| | The Revd Kim Quak-Winslow | | |
| | Mrs Marguerite Brereton | | 2026 |
| | Mrs Alison Jackson | | 2026 |
| *Elected members:* | | | |
| | Mrs Alison Jackson* | Secretary | 2028 |
| | Ms Brenda Marshall | | 2028 |
| | Mrs Gillian Jones | | 2026 |
| | Mrs Heather Kashi | | 2026 |
| | Mrs Heather Tsioupra | | 2026 |
| | Mrs Marguerite Brereton | | 2027 |
| | Mrs Mary Longfellow | | 2027 |
| | Mr Jamie Dempsey | | 2027 |
| *Co-Opted* | Ms Chandrika Cycil (Children's Advocate) | | 2026 |
| *Safeguarding Officer:* | Mrs Katherine MacCarthy | | Ex-Officio |
| *Electoral Roll Officer:* | Mr Robert Wright | | Ex-Officio |
| *Standing Committee* | PCC Members as above with * | | |
| *Head St John's School* | Mr Curtis Sweetingham/Mrs Catherine Mitri | | Ex Officio |
| *Bankers:* | Barclays Bank UK plc, | | |
| *Investment Managers:* | CCLA Investment Management Limited, The CBF Church of England Funds | | |
| *Organists* | Mr Ian Cutts, Mr Terence Atkins | | |
| *Director of Music* | Dr Faith Taylor (Resigned August 2025); Mrs Lucy Moore (From October 2025) | | |
| *Independent Examiner:* | Mr. Roger Seaton FCA, 23 Greenhill Park, New Barnet, EN5 1HQ | | |

## Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and all members of the Electoral Roll are encouraged to consider nomination to the PCC.

## Role of the PCC

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the body that, with the minister, steers the life of the church in its mission, witness and service in the parish. The PCC's role is governed by law (the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956). It is a charitable trust and PCC members are charitable trustees, and so all the provisions of charity law apply to their corporate responsibilities, financial management and decision making. This is true whether or not the charity is registered with the Charity Commissioners.

The PCC met on a regular basis to consider the day to day running, the upkeep of the building and the financial provisions of the Parish Church. In addition, the PCC approves the Annual Accounts and Reports.

A Sub- Committee tasked with responsibility for matters relating to the new hall building project met regularly and reported on such matters to the PCC.

## Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll has been renewed as needs to be done every 6 years and as a result, there are **102 (92)** parishioners on St John's revised Electoral Roll of which **55 (49)** are resident in the parish and **47 (43)** are not resident in the parish.

There were **5** baptisms, **4** funerals and no marriages in church during the year.

## Safeguarding

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

## Financial Report (*PROVISIONAL subject to final Audit*)

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were **£115k**, of which **£21.6k** (not all eligible for Gift Aid) was unrestricted planned voluntary donations, and a further **£9.8k** was from Gift Aid. Unrestricted Legacy and Grant funds amounted to **£71k**. Designated income of **£80.4k** was also received, all of which was Legacy, Dividends and Interest on our investments.

The planned giving through the Parish Giving Scheme increased from **£12.5k** to **£16.6k** and Standing Orders remained static. Contactless Giving (via Sum-up/Payaz) increased from **£7.1k** to **£8.2k**. Cash based Church Collections (GASDS – Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme) showed a small increase from **£3.1k** to **£3.2k**.

**£205k** was spent from unrestricted/designated funds to provide the Christian ministry from St John's Church, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share - **£71.2k –** which largely provides the stipends for the clergy. **£46.6k** was spent on replacing our pews with the chairs; a further **£18k** was spent on architect's fees; salaries of our Parish Administrator & Director of Music account for **£34k**. We also have a new experienced Organist in Terence. Our fixed price electricity contract came to an end resulting in an increase of **£4.1k** in our energy costs.

During the year, the negative movement on unrestricted funds was **£3.8k** and on designated funds, **£4.9k**. The total fund balances decreased from **£2,496,240.27** to **£2,466,037.72.**

In 2026 we have committed to pay Common Fund of **£62k** to the Diocese. A full time incumbent costs the diocese **£100k**. Our situation with Revd Kim is that we do not pay the housing portion but pay the National Church costs in full. This reduces St John's cost to **£73.3k** which is a more achievable target and that can be done if we all look at our commitment to St John's.

Our weekly collections are the main source of income in the church. We would ask you all to think very prayerfully about this. Your **£10.00** would become **£12.50** if you are a basic rate taxpayer and you Gift Aid your donation. The **Parish Giving Scheme** is a user-friendly way in which your donations can be made.

We claim Gift Aid on miscellaneous Cash Donations when you are in church on Sundays, and we thank you very much for that. However, if you are away on holiday or business, then unfortunately St John's does not get your valuable and generous donation.

**There are now a number of ways in which donations can be made:**

1. **Online donation using link provided.**
2. **Using QR Codes**
3. **Contactless payment using card readers or our Payaz Donation Station.**
4. **Parish Giving Scheme.** *This is the most efficient means to support your Parish Church financially. Further details of the scheme are available.*

## Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments (equates to approximately £30k), to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. After making a transfer of **£20k** from designated funds the unrestricted fund stands at **£30.6k** at the year end.

**ST JOHN THE APOSTLE WHETSTONE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

| | Unrestricted funds | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | General funds | Designated funds | Restricted funds | Total funds 2025 | Total funds 2024 |
| **Income** | | | | | |
| Voluntary income (note 1) | £115,034.19 | | £103.75 | £115,137.94 | £434,560.83 |
| Income from investments - interest | £646.51 | £80,377.21 | | £81,023.72 | £56,307.47 |
| Income from church activities - fees | £927.00 | | | £927.00 | £358.00 |
| **Total income** | **£116,607.70** | **£80,377.21** | **£103.75** | **£197,088.66** | **£491,226.30** |
| **Expenditure** | | | | | |
| Church activities (note 2) | £120,417.72 | £85,281.41 | £453.32 | £206,152.45 | £176,392.19 |
| **Total expenditure** | **£120,417.72** | **£85,281.41** | **£453.32** | **£206,152.45** | **£176,392.19** |
| **Net (expenditure) income before investment gain and transfers** | (3,810.02) | (4,904.20) | (349.57) | (9.063.79) | £314,834.11 |
| Net (loss) gain on investments - unrealised | | (21,138.76) | | (21,138.76) | £51,348.03 |
| Transfers | 19,659.53 | (20,000.00) | 340.47 | | |
| **Net movement in funds** | **15,849.51** | **(46,042.96)** | **(9.10)** | **(30,202.55)** | **£366,182.14** |
| Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2025 | £14,753.74 | £2,477,043.29 | £4,443.24 | £2,496,240.27 | £2,130,058.13 |
| **Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2025** | **£30,603.25** | **£2,431,000.33** | **£4,434.14** | **£2,466,037.72** | **£2,496,240.27** |

The attached notes form part of these accounts.

**ST JOHN THE APOSTLE WHETSTONE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**
**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025**

| | | 2025 | 2025 | 2024 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fixed assets** | | | | | |
| Tangible assets (note 4a) | | | £2,517.52 | | £3,757.50 |
| Investments (note 4b) | | | £1,989,079.20 | | £2,010,217.96 |
| | | | £1,991,596.72 | | £2,013,975.46 |
| **Current assets** | | | | | |
| Debtors | (note 5a) | £3,770.02 | | | |
| Short term deposits | | £469,017.13 | | £401,006.84 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | £7,824.41 | | £83,788.77 | |
| | | £480,611.56 | | £484,795.61 | |
| **Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year** | (note 5b) | £6,170.56 | | £2,530.80 | |
| **Net current assets** | | | £474,441.00 | | £482,264.81 |
| **Net assets** | | | **£2,466,037.72** | | **£2,496,240.27** |
| **Parish funds:** | | | | | |
| Unrestricted; | | | | | |
| General | | | £30,603.25 | | £14,753.74 |
| Designated | (note 6) | | £2,431,000.33 | | £2,477,043.29 |
| | | | £2,461,603.58 | | £2,491,797.03 |
| Restricted | (note 7) | | £4,434.14 | | £4,443.24 |
| | | | **£2,466,037.72** | | **£2,496,240.27** |

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 24/5/ 2026
and signed on its behalf by:

Revd Kim Quak-Winslow (Chair)

Brian Wakeham (Hon Treasurer)

The attached notes form part of these accounts.

**ST JOHN THE APOSTLE WHETSTONE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

| | General funds | Designated funds | Restricted funds | Total funds 2025 | Total funds 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Income** | | | | | |
| **1.Voluntary income** | | | | | |
| Planned giving | £21,667.84 | | | £21,667.84 | £18,160.00 |
| Tax recoverable under gift aid | £9,804.10 | | £52.50 | £9,854.60 | £7,127.59 |
| Contactless giving | £8,186.95 | | £20.00 | £8,206.95 | £7,105.00 |
| Collections at services | £3,233.76 | | | £3,233.76 | £3,507.22 |
| Donations | £117.62 | | £31.25 | £148.87 | £664.16 |
| Legacy | £69,428.86 | | | £69,428.86 | £306,070.12 |
| Grants | £1,575.00 | | | £1,575.00 | £91,575.00 |
| Sundry income | £1,020.06 | | | £1,020.06 | £351.74 |
| | **£115,034.19** | | **£103.75** | **£115,137.94** | **£434,560.83** |
| (2024 | £38,144.00 | £396,070.00 | £347.00 | £434,561.00 | ) |
| **Expenditure** | | | | | |
| **2. Church activities** | | | | | |
| Diocesan parish share | £71,259.00 | | | £71,259.00 | £52,000.00 |
| Vicar's working expenses | £1,830.93 | | | £1,830.93 | £1,779.89 |
| Accommodation costs of vicar and curate | £578.69 | | | £578.69 | £1,303.00 |
| Church utilities | £14,337.50 | | | £14,337.50 | £10,104.00 |
| Church repairs and maintenance | £855.40 | | | £855.40 | £10,283.14 |
| Organ maintenance | £726.40 | | | £726.40 | £844.33 |
| New hall project costs | -£150.00 | £64,658.17 | | £64,508.17 | £38,882.00 |
| Staffing costs: | | | | | |
| Organist fees | £4,135.00 | | | £4,135.00 | £1,715.00 |
| Adminstrator costs | | | | | £3,549.00 |
| Director of music | £14,043.30 | | | £14,043.30 | £7,238.40 |
| Project manager | £20.00 | £20,191.74 | | £20,211.74 | £11,111.82 |
| Services and events | £7,913.06 | £431.50 | £453.32 | £8,797.88 | £8,688.00 |
| Charitable donations | £170.00 | | | £170.00 | £170.00 |
| Donation to St John's School | | | | | £25,000.00 |
| Admistration | £3,336.14 | | | £3,336.14 | £2,429.00 |
| Bank charges | £122.32 | | | £122.32 | £235.00 |
| Depreciation | £1,239.98 | | | £1,239.98 | £1,252.00 |
| | **£120,417.72** | **£85,281.41** | **£453.32** | **£206,152.45** | **£176,584.58** |
| (2024 | £93,619.00 | £78,120.00 | £4,842.00 | £176,581.00 | ) |

**3. Staff costs**

Two members of staff have been employed on a part-time basis since January 2025.
The gross cost of **£35,545** includes employers pension contributions of **£986**.

**ST JOHN THE APOSTLE WHETSTONE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

| | General funds | Designated funds | Restricted funds | Total funds 2025 | Total funds 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Income** | | | | | |
| **1.Voluntary income** | | | | | |
| Planned giving | £21,667.84 | | | £21,667.84 | £18,160.00 |
| Tax recoverable under gift aid | £9,804.10 | | £52.50 | £9,854.60 | £7,127.59 |
| Contactless giving | £8,186.95 | | £20.00 | £8,206.95 | £7,105.00 |
| Collections at services | £3,233.76 | | | £3,233.76 | £3,507.22 |
| Donations | £117.62 | | £31.25 | £148.87 | £664.16 |
| Legacy | £69,428.86 | | | £69,428.86 | £306,070.12 |
| Grants | £1,575.00 | | | £1,575.00 | £91,575.00 |
| Sundry income | £1,020.06 | | | £1,020.06 | £351.74 |
| | **£115,034.19** | | **£103.75** | **£115,137.94** | **£434,560.83** |
| (2024 | £38,144.00 | £396,070.00 | £347.00 | £434,561.00 | ) |
| **Expenditure** | | | | | |
| **2. Church activities** | | | | | |
| Diocesan parish share | £71,259.00 | | | £71,259.00 | £52,000.00 |
| Vicar's working expenses | £1,830.93 | | | £1,830.93 | £1,779.89 |
| Accommodation costs of vicar and curate | £578.69 | | | £578.69 | £1,303.00 |
| Church utilities | £14,337.50 | | | £14,337.50 | £10,104.00 |
| Church repairs and maintenance | £855.40 | | | £855.40 | £10,283.14 |
| Organ maintenance | £726.40 | | | £726.40 | £844.33 |
| New hall project costs | -£150.00 | £64,658.17 | | £64,508.17 | £38,882.00 |
| Staffing costs: | | | | | |
| Organist fees | £4,135.00 | | | £4,135.00 | £1,715.00 |
| Adminstrator costs | | | | | £3,549.00 |
| Director of music | £14,043.30 | | | £14,043.30 | £7,238.40 |
| Project manager | £20.00 | £20,191.74 | | £20,211.74 | £11,111.82 |
| Services and events | £7,913.06 | £431.50 | £453.32 | £8,797.88 | £8,688.00 |
| Charitable donations | £170.00 | | | £170.00 | £170.00 |
| Donation to St John's School | | | | | £25,000.00 |
| Admistration | £3,336.14 | | | £3,336.14 | £2,429.00 |
| Bank charges | £122.32 | | | £122.32 | £235.00 |
| Depreciation | £1,239.98 | | | £1,239.98 | £1,252.00 |
| | **£120,417.72** | **£85,281.41** | **£453.32** | **£206,152.45** | **£176,584.58** |
| (2024 | £93,619.00 | £78,120.00 | £4,842.00 | £176,581.00 | ) |

**3. Staff costs**

Two members of staff have been employed on a part-time basis since January 2025.
The gross cost of **£35,545** includes employers pension contributions of **£986**.

## 4. Fixed assets

### 4a. Tangible assets

| | |
|---|---|
| Cost: 1 January 2025 | £5,010.00 |
| Addition in year | |
| Cost : 31 December 2025 | £5,010.00 |
| Depreciation : 1 January 2025 | £1,252.50 |
| Depreciation for the year | £1,239.98 |
| Depreciation : 31 December 2025 | £2,492.48 |
| | |
| Net book value: 31 December 2025 | **£2,517.52** |
| Net book value: 31 December 2024 | £3,757.50 |

### 4b. Investments

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| CBF Church of England investment fund | | |
| 47,198 units valued at | £1,047,717.14 | £1,091,347.04 |
| CBF Church of England short duration bond fund | | |
| 616,195 units valued at | £941,362.06 | £918,870.92 |
| | **£1,989,079.20** | **£2,010,217.96** |

### 5a. Debtors

| | |
|---|---|
| Accounts receivable | **£3,770.02** |

### 5b. Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Accounts payable | £3,896.31 | £2,105.02 |
| Other creditors | £2,274.25 | £425.78 |
| | **£6,170.56** | **£2,530.80** |

### 6. Designated funds

The following designated fund has been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the PCC for specific purposes:

| | At 01/01/25 | Incoming resources | Transfer out | Resources expended | Losses | At 31/12/25 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St John's mission fund | **£2,477,043.29** | **£80,377.21** | **£20,000.00** | **£85,281.41** | **21,138.76** | **£2,431,000.33** |

**7. Restricted funds**

The funds of the PCC include restricted funds comprising the following balances of donations to be applied for specific purposes:

| | At 01/01/25 | Incoming resources | Transfer in | Resources expended | At 31/12/25 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Inspire Barnet | £34.61 | | | | £34.61 |
| Flowers | | £103.75 | £162.85 | £266.60 | |
| Junior church | £966.97 | | | £9.10 | £957.87 |
| Night shelter | £271.32 | | | | £271.32 |
| Sound system upgrade | | | £177.62 | £177.62 | |
| Organ | £3,170.34 | | | | £3,170.34 |
| | **£4,443.24** | **£103.75** | **£340.47** | **£453.32** | **£4,434.14** |

**8. Analysis of net assets by fund**

| | General funds | Designated funds | Restricted funds | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fixed assets | £2,517.52 | £1,989,079.20 | | £1,991,596.72 |
| Current assets | £34,256.29 | £441,921.13 | £4,434.14 | £480,611.56 |
| Current liabilities | (6,170.56) | | | (6,170.56) |
| | **£30,603.25** | **£2,431,000.33** | **£4,434.14** | **£2,466,037.72** |

**9. Related party transactions**

The PCC members are considered the key management personnel of the church. No remuneration is paid directly to key management personnel, although the church contributes to the diocesan fund and the incumbent, who has overall responsibility for promoting the whole mission of the church, is remunerated directly by the diocese.

Income from planned giving includes £7,680 received from PCC members.

## ST JOHN THE APOSTLE WHETSTONE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's and with the Regulations 'true and fair view' provisions, together with FRS102 (2016) as the applicable standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS102).

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention on an accruals basis.

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

### Fund accounting

The general fund represents the unrestricted fund, which is available for use at the discretion of the PCC members in furtherance of the general objectives of the church.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by PCC members for a particular purpose.

Restricted funds represent funds which are to be used in accordance with specific instructions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the church for particular purposes.

### Income

All income is recognised once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income to which they relate is received. Legacies are accounted when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain, and the amounts are readily quantifiable. Dividends and interest are accounted for when received.

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) donated services and the time spent by volunteers, of which the church is heavily dependent in order to achieve its aims, are not included in income as the economic benefit cannot be measured reliably.

### Expenditure

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

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the church. However, the support costs are considered negligible and difficult to determine.

### Fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. All expenditure incurred during the year to renew, improve or add to them is written off as an expense.

Office equipment used within church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

**Debtors**
Other debtors and prepayments are included in the accounts at the amount owing to the PCC at the balance sheet or expenditure that has been prepaid as at that date.

**Cash at bank**
Cash at bank includes cash held on short term deposit.

**Creditors and provisions**
Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount where the church has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

**Financial instruments**
The church only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST JOHN THE APOSTLE WHETSTONE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages 5 to 11.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

### Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

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25 May 2026

## Regular pattern of services

### On a weekly basis

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| Tuesday: | 10:30 Said Midweek Mass |
| Sundays: | 9am Low Mass or Communion from the Reserved Sacrament |
| | 11:15am Parish Mass with children's church |

### On a monthly basis

- St John's School come into church for a whole school worship.
- All Age Parish Eucharist
- Messy Church
- Healing service

### On a yearly basis

- Reception children and parents welcome service
- Year 6 leavers service
- School carol service
- School Easter Service
- Confirmation service
- Light party

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ST JOHN'S

Monday 14th April

7:00 pm | Healing Service

Tuesday 15th April

7:00 pm | Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 16th April

7:00 pm | Meditative Reflections

Maundy Thursday 17th April

7:00 pm | Liturgy of the Last Supper

Good Friday 18th April

10:00 am | Easter Children's Activities
12:30 pm | Reflections of the Cross
2:00 pm | Liturgy of the Cross

Easter Saturday 19th April

7:30 pm | Easter Vigil with fireworks, prosecco and hot chocolate

Easter Sunday 20th April

11:15 am | All-Age Easter Service with Easter Egg Hunt

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Joy to the world
CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHNS, N20
Sunday 14 December | 6pm | Candlelight Carols
Festive carols accompanied by 12 piece brass band
Tickets must be booked at stjohnsn20.org.uk
Tuesday 16 December | 7pm | Blue Christmas
A chance amongst the busyness to pause and remember those we love and see no longer
Saturday 20 December | 4pm | Christingle
Enjoy the magic of our candlelit candy celebration
Wednesday 24 December | 9pm | Mass of the Nativity
Relax with a mug of mulled wine and enter this candlelit celebration of the Birth of Christ
Thursday 25 December | 10:30am | Christmas Day
An engaging, all-age, interactive Christmas Service

## Discipleship and Prayer

- Weekly Bible study led by our LLM, Meg
- Lent and Advent study and prayer groups.
- Monthly prayer meeting led by Revd. Ruth
- Monthly TOAST (The Old Testament Appreciation Society) led by our LLM, Meg

## Community life

- Monthly community lunch
- Weekly coffee afternoon
- Church cleaning
- Church grounds team
- Charity fund raising events (coffee mornings and fetes)
- Lunch club on 1st and 3rd Thursdays
- Poetry Club on 1st Thursday after Lunch Club
- Songs of Praise Cream Tea every three months
- Messy Church

## Junior Church

We have a large number of children at the services and continue to provide a vibrant weekly programme for both groups of children in Junior Church which centres on the readings in the lectionary for the year. The programme has puzzle sheets, colouring, a craft for both groups and additional activities, discussions and prayers for the older group.

We provide interactive play for the younger children both inside and outside using our extensive range of toys and books.

During the year we have run several Messy Church sessions which are open to church and non-church children. These sessions are often oversubscribed as we can only provide space for 40 children. We have a wide range of themed activities with a worship period and a meal. These include the light party, messy church goes outside, Mardi Gras party, Good Friday children activities and making the Easter garden, Christmas Messy Church.

We held a Christingle service which was very well attended with almost 100 children attending, and the Nativity play was popular with the children dressing up and acting in the nativity story during the morning service.

## Highlights to note:

- Baptisms
- Confirmations
- A fantastic Nativity service
- Remembrance Day parade
- Fantastic, well attended Easter and Christmas services
- (Christingle, Easter Vigil, Blue Christmas, Mothering Sunday)

## Deanery Synod

The deanery synod met twice during the year and appointed 2 lay members to the diocesan synod.
There are a number of vacancies for school governors across the deanery.
The Diocese will be audited for safeguarding in the Autumn, and this will include a selection of parishes.
We had an interesting talk by Age UK Barnet, who explained the wide range of services they provide and how to access them. A poster was placed on the church notice board. At the last meeting of the Deanery Synod in November we had a presentation about Climate Justice & Eco Churches. All churches in the Diocese are being encouraged to take action to become a recognised 'Eco Church.' This is something we hope to be working towards.

## Fabric Goods and Ornaments

During the calendar year of 2025 to which this report refers the fabric of the church was in quite good order and has remained so up to the present time with one exception. A recent leak in the roof above the pulpit led to a wider inspection of the slates on the south side of the main roof which showed that a significant number of them were poorly fixed. Since to our knowledge this is the original roof the decision has been taken to replace the church roof in its entirety. Going back to 2025, early in the year the annual gutter and downpipe inspection and clearance was carried out as were repairs to the lightning conductor. At the beginning of June all but 4 of the pews were removed and replaced with wooden chairs.

There have been a few additions to the goods and ornaments of the church during the year. 154 oak veneer chairs, 22 with arms, were bought to replace the pews, along with 5 trollies to store them. Removal of the pews revealed that the floor was very uneven in places so 2 carpets were purchased to cover the worst areas and enable chairs to be placed there. It was then found that a carpet runner which had already been given to the church was sufficient to cover the uneven floor on one side of the church which released one of the new carpets for use in providing a comfortable play area for the newly established St John's toddler group. A 3rd carpet of the same type was then purchased to extend the play area.

One of the handles of the larger of our two silver plated communion trays had worked loosed over time but has proved too expensive to repair so the tray has been disposed of.

## Charity Support

The church continues to support various charities on a regular basis –

Homeless action in Barnet (HAB)/Together in Barnet - £457
North London Hospice - £198
Christian Aid - £469
Children's Society - £245

We have continued to support Together in Barnet Night Shelter which is now a project within Homeless Action Barnet. The shelter ran as usual in three cycles this time from the end of October 2024 to the end of April 2025. With St Mark's Barnet Vale unable to provide us with a venue we approached St Mary's Finchley and they kindly offered the use of their church hall to run, with our St John's volunteers, Sunday nights in the second cycle from the beginning of January to the end of February

The Parish continues to have links with the Community of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Makhanda (Grahamstown), South Africa and supports the Amasango Career School in Makhanda (Grahamstown), South Africa through The Friends of Amasango (UK).

## Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is strong at St Johns. We live as community, pray for one another, look out for one another and give practical help to any in need. It would be good to develop a pastoral group in the near future to further enhance our care of one another.

## Building project plans for full planning application

