

All Saints' Annual Report 2023



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

SOUTH WIMBLEDON

Annual Report on the proceedings of the
Parochial Church Council, and the general
activities of the Parish

Prepared for the A.P.C.M. 28th May 2023

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Church, South Wimbledon works together with our Parish Priest – Father Christopher Noke – to promote the worship, mission, outreach and care of the parish.

All Saints' is a 'Society Parish' and 'Episcopal Oversight' is provided by the Bishop of Fulham. However, we also seek to co-operate fully with the Diocese of Southwark, making sure that we are properly represented on Synod, and that we engage with, and support, as many Diocesan initiatives as possible.

Promoting and nurturing the links that exist between the church and our primary school is also part of the council's remit, and several members serve on the Governing Body. "Growing stronger together in God's Love" is the collective ethos for both church and school.

Safeguarding, Serious Incident Reporting and Health and Safety are regular agenda items, and the council is tasked with ensuring that all the relevant training, Risk Assessments and reporting procedures are kept up-to-date and adhered to. This was particularly important during the recent Pandemic, when a specific Risk Assessment based on both Government and Church of England's guidelines was approved. Although all statutory restrictions have now been lifted the Council has determined that some precautions will remain in place for as long as deemed necessary. The regulations also require the council to check the proper maintenance of all gas appliances, electrical installations and fire extinguishers, to make sure that all certificates are current, and to check that necessary performance licences are kept up-to-date. All relevant paperwork is checked by the Archdeacon (or his representative) at the Annual Visitation which usually takes place in the spring.

The Council's responsibility for the care and maintenance of the church buildings also extends to the church hall which is normally used on a regular basis for a wide range of activities, and also as a meeting place for several community groups. That this building should continue to function, despite ongoing deterioration, will be a major challenge for All Saints'. However, thanks to a very generous legacy we are now in a position to press forward with plans to consolidate and repair the structure of the church and replace the hall with a new building. You can read more about our plans, and how they are progressing, on page 10.

The Parochial Church Council also bears overall responsibility for the finances of the parish, and there will be more information on this later in this report.

As in all matters the Council is required to follow the Data Protection regulations as applicable.

Objectives

To grow and foster our Parish Community is one of the prime objectives of the P.C.C. All Saints' has a tradition of 'Anglo Catholic' worship stretching back over many years, and the council is anxious to maintain this. However, the age profile of our current congregation necessitates the need to explore new initiatives that will encourage not only

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children and their parents to join our worshipping community, but also those who might otherwise pass us by. In this context our 'Mission-Action-Plan' continues to be of increasing importance.

We also try to ensure that we 'keep in touch' with those who, for whatever reason, cannot attend church regularly. This may be by phone or e-mail, but also with personal visits wherever possible. The pandemic presented us with new challenges, and important lessons were learnt that have enabled us to improve our service to our community. Every December the council, in conjunction with our Social Committee, approves a calendar of events for the coming year which aims to appeal to as many people as possible through its variety and accessibility. These activities are promoted on our website, in our school, in the parish magazine and, in the case of Jumble Sales, on local radio.

Worship – Congregational

The P.C.C. has ensured that access to the church is easy for the disabled and for those who are less mobile. A lit and level path to the west end of the church allows disabled access through the south door, which is wide enough for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Handrails have also been installed to either side of the steps leading to the main door, as well as additional grab rails on the doors themselves. The main doors can also be securely fixed in an open position. Sidespersons are on duty at all points of entry to assist as necessary. Toilet facilities incorporate special provision for the disabled, as well as a baby changing station for those with younger children. As part of our building plan we hope to further improve disabled access by constructing a new ramped entrance via the north door.

1. Sunday worship is centred on our main Sunday service of Solemn Mass at 11.00.a.m. which generally attracts a congregation of between 35 - 45 people. Incense is used and the service is choral. There is also a team of servers, which will comprise a Master of Ceremonies, Thurifer, boat boy, Crucifer and two acolytes. There are also normally one or two Eucharistic Ministers who will administer the Chalice. Lay persons are encouraged to join our 'reader's list' and they will read one of the lessons on a regular basis. Other members of the congregation lead the intercessions. We also actively encourage people to join our choir (Contact Mr. David Coram, organist), and serving team. (Contact Mr. Patrick Wood, Sacristan) After the service coffee and biscuits are served by volunteers at the back of the church and on occasions there are homemade cakes for sale.
It is important to us that we ensure everyone receives a friendly welcome, and that any newcomer is greeted warmly and invited to stay behind afterwards to join us for coffee and a chat.
2. There are normally two Low Masses during the week – at 7.30.p.m. on a Tuesday evening and at 11.00.a.m. on a Thursday morning. These services may expect a congregation of between 8 – 12 people on a regular basis. Mass on a Thursday is usually followed by coffee at the back of the church.
3. With the exception of September, Solemn Evensong and Benediction is held on the third Sunday of each month. It is a sung service with both choir and servers present. Attendance is usually between 10 – 16 people. The time of this service varies according to the season.
4. Information regarding Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals etc., are invited either by e-mail or telephone and anyone wishing to see Father Christopher personally can arrange a mutually convenient meeting using the same means.
5. Our Walsingham Cell usually meets bi-monthly, on a Saturday in Church at 12 noon for a Mass dedicated to Our Lady, followed by refreshments and a meeting. The Cell, which has members from other nearby

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churches, aims to make a weekend pilgrimage to the Shrine once a year. We also have a small, but dedicated Rosary Group which meets on the first Sunday in the month at 6.00.p.m.

6. There are of course additional services at various times throughout the year. These include Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, certain Saints' Days, and on days surrounding the Great Festivals. In addition we often host the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary – Fr. Christopher being chaplain to the Chapter of The Incarnate Word, S. Alban & S. Edward.
7. For the festival of Corpus Christi we lay a carpet of flowers down the main aisle of the church. Provided that the school is not on holiday, we encourage some of the children to bring along their own petals and to lay their own design.
8. Additional services are always advertised on our notice boards outside the church and hall, in our weekly news sheet, in our magazine and on the parish website.



Worship – For The Children

1. 'Teddy Bear' Church

As part of our initiative to encourage families with young children to join our worshipping community 'Teddy Bear' Church meets on the second Sunday each month in the S. Michael Chapel. Beginning at 10.00.a.m., it lasts for about 30 mins. Each meeting features a theme for the day which includes songs, prayers and activities in which all the children can take part. Parents and friends are all welcome to join in with the fun! Roger Stanley, who leads the group, has expanded the programme to include sessions in our school, and is always looking at varying the format to widen its appeal.



2. Sunday School

On Sundays when there is no 'Teddy Bear' Church, Roger Stanley leads an informal Sunday School in the church hall or, when the weather is fine, in our 'Quiet Garden'. These sessions run in tandem to our Sunday Mass and the children come back into church prior to the administration of Communion.

3. All Saints' C of E School



Several members of the Parochial Church Council serve on the Governing Body of the school, either as P.C.C. or S.D.B.E (Southwark Diocesan Board of Education) governors. The present chair of the school's Governing Body is a member of the P.C.C. and the council is also represented on the school's Faith Group which seeks to develop and strengthen the links between school and church.

These links are highly valued, and the children experience Christian worship as part of their everyday life. Father Christopher leads assemblies in the school, and the whole school meets in the church throughout the year for services to mark the beginning and end of each term, and to celebrate the important festivals of the Church calendar. They also gather at All

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Saints' for a service to mark All Saints' Tide, and for their Christmas Carol services. On many of these occasions we welcome parents and friends to the church when we hope they will find us to be both welcoming and inclusive.

As part of a new initiative, some of the older children have attended one of our weekday Masses to learn more about the meaning of the Eucharist. Children also come into church to learn about various aspects of the faith and the meaning behind some of the symbolism used as part of our worship.

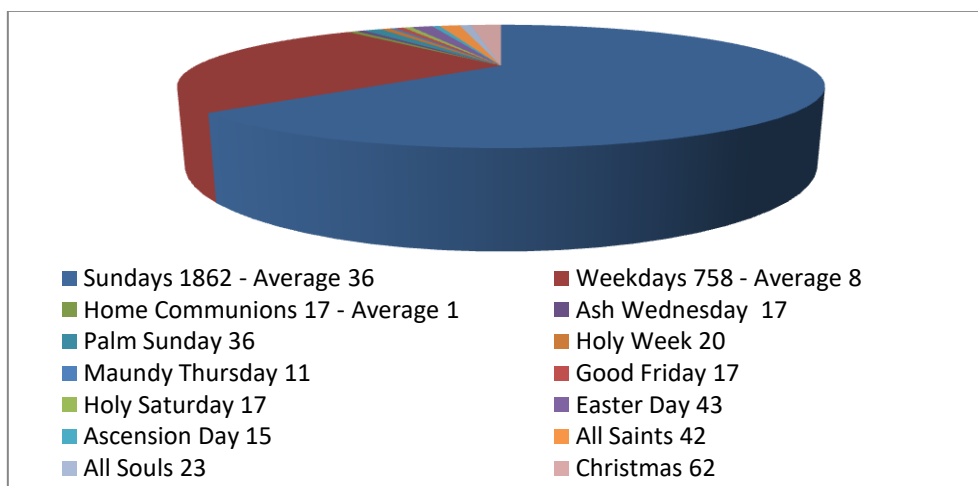
Worship and Outreach

1. Our parish website gives up-to-date and detailed information on all our services, and also provides links to the other relevant sites of interest such as The Society, the Bishop of Fulham and the Diocese of Southwark. There are also additional resources for those unable to attend public worship including our own 'Facebook' page. Our monthly 'Parish News' Parish Magazine is published each month and is not only available in church, but is also posted out to as many people as possible. Many of the articles – including Fr. Christopher's letter and the school news – are posted on our website.
2. Every year as part of our Lenten observance we hold a 'Walk of Witness' in the parish. This invariably receives a positive response with people often joining us either in prayer, or in the singing of some of the more familiar Lenten and Passiontide hymns.
3. Christmas is a joyful time for most and at All Saints' we try to make it as traditional as possible. Our Carol Service by candlelight is particularly popular, attracting a number of people who might not otherwise attend church. Mulled wine and mince pies in the hall afterwards give the opportunity to strike up new acquaintances in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere, and hopefully encourage some to return on a more regular basis. On Christmas Eve we hold our 'Christingle' service, which is particularly aimed at young children. This has become increasingly popular - the children carefully carrying and placing the crib figures, holding their lighted 'Christingles' and joining with their parents as, in a darkened church, they gather round to sing 'Shine, Jesus, Shine.' A moment to treasure.

Although in recent years we have discontinued our 'Carol Singing' around the parish our choir continue to sing in the Sultan Public House on Christmas Eve, collecting on behalf of the Children's Society. By closing time the boxes will be full, some of the customers will be in church, and the choir standing ready to lend their vocal talents to our Midnight Mass.

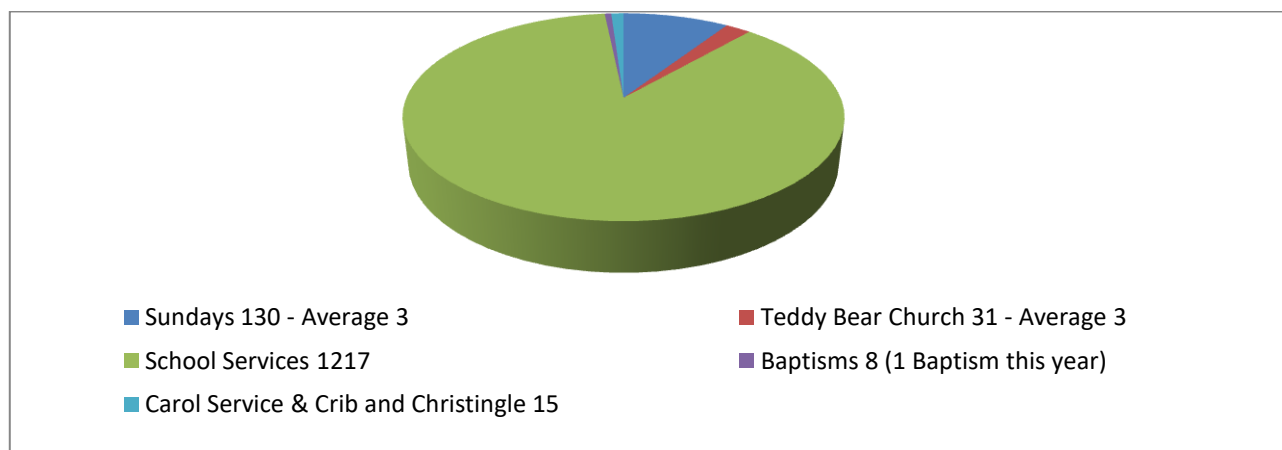
Worship – Statistics

Communicants – January – December 2022

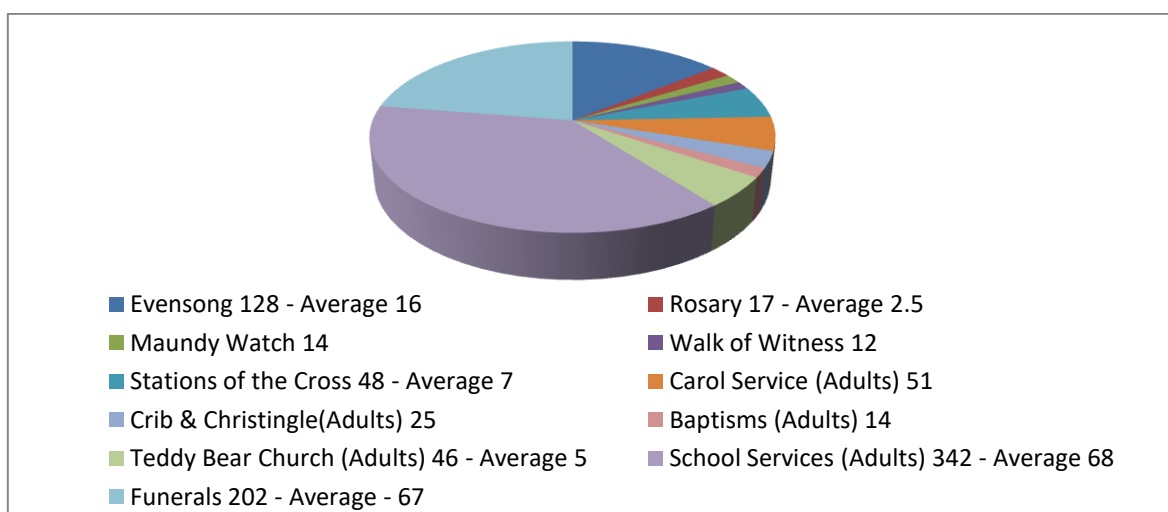


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Children's attendance – January – December 2022



Other attendance – January – December 2022



Activities

Overview

The P.C.C. appoints a Social Committee at its first meeting after the A.P.C.M. This group comprises primarily P.C.C. members, but also has the power to co-opt other members of the congregation who have particular gifts and talents that could be of benefit in making decisions with regard to the forward planning strategy. In partnership with the Priest-in-Charge, the Churchwardens and the whole council, the Social Committee formulates a plan of activities for the coming year, encompassing not only events primarily aimed at fund-raising, but also planning occasions that appeal to the wider community and social gatherings that relate to the times and seasons of the year.



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1. Church-Centred

a. 'The Quiet Garden'



The Quiet Garden was born out of the small plot of land to the south west of the church that remained after the Vicarage garden was fenced off. Dedicated by the Bishop of Kingston on 20th March 2019, when children from our school helped plant an apple tree and some bulbs, it is now not only a place for prayer and quiet reflection, but also an outdoor space that can be utilised in the warmer weather by 'Teddy Bear' Church and by our Sunday school children. The P.C.C. agreed that the garden should be affiliated to the 'Quiet Garden Movement' and listed on their website. It is always open at the same time as the church, and also by prior appointment. It is also open on Friday mornings in conjunction with 'Open Church.' Access is either via the church or along the path that runs from All Saints' road and under the west window.

b. 'Open Church'

'Open Church' is an initiative designed to welcome anyone into church on a Friday morning. Coffee and biscuits (sometimes homemade cakes!) are served and church members are always on hand to greet visitors, some of whom may never have visited All Saints' before. There is also the opportunity to light a candle for someone, to sit in silent prayer, or to just soak up the atmosphere of the building. During the season of Lent it is expanded to include a 'Lent Lunch,' the proceeds of which usually go to the 'Bishop of Southwark's Lent Appeal.'

c. 'Working Party'

Our 'Working Party' comprises a small, but dedicated band of people that meet regularly on a Wednesday morning to maintain the church gardens, clean the church itself and do all those smaller jobs that would otherwise involve the church in extra expense. Our flower arrangers often join the group, and at Easter their numbers swell as people come along to help with the annual 'spring clean' of the church. Working together like this fosters love and care not only for the church buildings, but also for each other. It is very much the case that a Church that works together, stays together.

2. For the Church and Community

a. 'Eating Out!'

The real joy of food is being able to share it with friends, and one of the great joys of friendship comes from eating together. At All Saints' this has become part of our social calendar, and we now plan a number of celebratory lunches each year – more if the occasion warrants it! Our lunches are open to all and aim to be as informal as possible. In May we celebrate the Dedication of our church and as autumn begins we sit down for a traditional 'Harvest Supper.'

Some of our social evenings now feature food from other cultures, and for the first time we have celebrated Burns Night in traditional style, complete with Haggis and a 'wee dram'! A summer barbeque and cream teas afternoon also form part of the mix.

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b. 'Fun and Funds'

You will see from the financial statements that All Saints' needs to raise additional funds to meet its liabilities each year, and to set aside money for future projects. The P.C.C. and Social Committee therefore plan a number of events each year to fulfil this need.



The Christmas and Summer Fairs are our largest undertakings and involve the most planning and commitment. As well as stalls run by the church, we have furthered our outreach by inviting third parties to run stalls of their own, and by asking the uniformed organisations to add their contribution to the mix. The added attraction of refreshments and lunches, plenty of advertising and attractive prizes, hopefully helps to encourage as large an attendance as possible. In 2022

our Summer Fair was themed to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and this year it will celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

Our 'Cream Teas' afternoon – which also incorporates a few stalls – is another opportunity to welcome people to our church in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. If the weather is fine tables are set up in the 'Quiet Garden' where tea, scones, strawberry jam and lashings of fresh cream - quintessential elements of an English summer afternoon - can be enjoyed in peace and tranquillity. For those seeking an intellectual challenge we run two quizzes each year. The first - aimed specifically at the younger members of the congregation and family groups - is our 'Family Quiz.' This light-hearted gathering usually includes something to eat and a selection of questions appropriate to the occasion, and we hope that the popularity of this will grow as time goes on. Our Annual 'Inter-Church Quiz Nite' is timed to coincide with our Patronal Festival celebrations. Planning for this popular event starts in the early autumn when invitations to take part are sent out to a number of local churches, as well as to our school. About eight teams take part and, despite the rivalry and maybe the occasional dispute, good humour abounds and a fun evening is had by all.

c. 'A Walk in the Park'

Every year, on or around the August Bank Holiday, we hold our 'Sponsored Walk' – a leisurely stroll through country or town, taking in places of interest, and often visiting unfamiliar locations. People are invited to sponsor the walkers – the money raised usually specifically targeted at a particular project or need that the church might have. Purely for pleasure, and for a chance to get out together, Roger often organises walks at weekends throughout the year. These form part of our Mission-Action-Planning strategy and are open to all. We hope to resume these this year.



3. 'Pile it High and Sell it Cheap'

a. 'Jumble Sales'

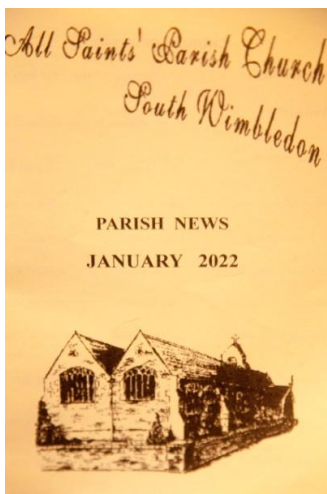
Jumble Sales are on the decline. Once prolific, and a regular happening on a Saturday morning, they are much harder to find today. However, at All Saints' we are keen to maintain the 'Jumble' tradition. The Social Committee organise a few sales during the year, and there seems to be no shortage of clothes, books, bric-a-brac and miscellanea to sell. The sales are well advertised and generally well attended – many familiar faces turning up on a regular basis in search of that elusive bargain. We also offer coffee and tea, as well as a selection of filled rolls, all at very reasonable cost.

4. 'Spreading our Wings'

a. 'Concerts'

In December we held a very successful concert which combined the talents of the Aber Valley Male Voice Choir with those the choir from our school. Despite the freezing temperatures the audience thoroughly enjoyed the performance, and the combined sounds of the male voices and those of the children were a joy to hear. We are planning a repeat concert in 2023 at a time when the weather will be somewhat warmer!

b. 'Here we are!'



Every month the parish publishes a **Parish Magazine** which contains a letter from Father Christopher and news from our school and the wider parish. It also gives up-to-date information on services, impending events and those planned for the future. No charge is made for this, but donations are welcome. The magazine is distributed to all members of our regular congregation – to their homes if necessary – and is also available at the back of the church to anyone who might like one.

In tandem with the magazine the church has its own **website** packed with information on the church and its history, as well as the full church calendar, information on our church officers and details of contacts. In 2020 the website was completely overhauled, not only to improve its appearance and ease-of-use, but also to ensure that it meets current security protocols.

We also now have our own **facebook** page and every Sunday a **weekly news sheet** gives the congregation information on the readings for Mass, the current parish prayer list and a list of events and services for the coming week. This is designed to be taken away and referred to during the week.

Our notice boards, which were dedicated by the Bishop of Fulham last August, also carry detailed information about services and events happening in and around the parish.



Going Forward

1. Our Church Hall

The Church Hall fulfils an important role as a meeting place for the church, as a venue for many of our fund-raising events and as a facility that can be used by the wider community. For a very reasonable hourly fee, and subject to the approval of the P.C.C., the hall can be hired for a variety of functions and its use has increased considerably in recent times.

In addition to its use by our own church community, various groups and clubs use the facility on a regular basis, and there are children's parties that often grace the hall on a weekend.

The money raised from our hall lettings forms a significant part of our income, but the state of the hall building itself is giving increasing cause for concern. Built in the 1950's and with a concrete-bound asbestos roof, the building is now barely watertight. The floor slab suffers from the ingress of damp and there are settlement cracks to some of the walls.

We have made some improvements in that we have now installed L.E.D. lighting throughout, but the P.C.C. accepts that there will come a time when complete replacement of the structure will be necessary. Later in this report you will find details of how we are progressing our plans.

2. Our Church

a. The Building

Our Quinquennial inspection – a Diocesan requirement – was last carried out in 2021 and will be due again in 2026. This comprehensive examination of the church buildings was completed by our architect, who provided a detailed report highlighting what work was required along with a suggested timescale for completion. Following these recommendations we now have a plan for stabilising the structure of the church for the future and you will find details later in this report.

In the interim however, the council is mindful to mitigate the need for emergency repairs by ensuring that a routine schedule of maintenance is in place, and that all roof slopes, gutters and rainwater goods are inspected on an annual basis.

Our five-yearly electrical inspection fell due at the end of 2021 and all the wiring was passed as safe. In addition all portable items were checked as to their safety. With regard to our gas appliances, these are checked annually with regard to their safe operation.

b. A 'Green Church'

The Diocese actively encourages churches to be as 'green' as possible. However, a building such as ours is inevitably costly to heat and light – even more so now following the unprecedented rise in the cost of fuel. The 'energy footprint' that the Diocese requires us to complete each year unsurprisingly reveals that our energy consumption is high and our efficiency low. However, all lighting has now been converted to L.E.D. which should help to reduce our electricity usage, and we are restricting the use of gas as much as possible despite the challenges faced in trying to heat the building to a comfortable temperature. At all times the council seeks to get the best available energy deals and, as you will see from our Building Plan, we are actively pursuing improvement to the insulation of the buildings, the provision of more efficient heating and the installation of photo-voltaic cells to the roof slopes.

As part of our service to the community we have also raised funds to buy and install a defibrillator which is situated in the hall passageway so that it is available to users of both church and hall.

c. 'Seating'

The chairs in the church are probably original to the building and an increasing number are showing signs of instability. The 'church working party' aims to keep them repaired and stable, but those with the most serious defects have had to be removed. Fortunately the installation of pews in the chapel has released more chairs for use in the main body of the church. The council has set aside funds for the eventual replacement of some of the seating, and already a number of lightweight benches have been purchased for use by the children when the school visit. To date various forms of seating have been appraised, and some designs considered, but no decision has been reached. We hope to forward this in the future.

3. 'The Benefice'

The Diocese wrote in September 2021 to confirm that the 'Benefice' of All Saints' was to be suspended for a further five years, citing possible 'pastoral re-organisation' as the reason behind their decision. The P.C.C. made a considered response to the letter, but the situation is not likely to change.

Subsequently the P.C.C. has met and discussed the situation with the Bishop of Fulham, the Area Dean and the Archdeacon of Lambeth. Following these deliberations a decision has been made that, although Father Christopher will no longer be able to continue as Priest-in-Charge when his licence expires in early March, he will be given 'Permission to Officiate' by the Bishop of Southwark and thereby continue to exercise his ministry at All Saints'. This will be reviewed after eighteen months. Although the P.C.C. and congregation are very pleased that Father Christopher will stay with us, the parish will still be in interregnum and forward-planning will be a necessary concern for the parish.

Building for the Future

You will have read earlier in this report of the ongoing concerns regarding certain aspects of the main church building and of the structural integrity of the church hall. For some time now we have been trying to save some of the money from our hall lettings to build a fund for reconstruction of the hall, but progress has been slow. Similarly we have struggled to find money for increasingly urgent repairs to the church itself.

However, I am pleased to report that in 2022 the church was in receipt of a very generous legacy from the estate of the late Gwen Watts – a lifelong worshipper and supporter of All Saints'. This has enabled us to embark on an ambitious plan of refurbishment and rebuilding that we hope will secure the future of All Saints'.

In conjunction with our architect, Marcus Beale, plans have now been drawn up detailing various options for both the church and hall and these are available for all to see at the back of the church.

In all cases essential work would be carried out to the church building itself, including repairs to (or complete replacement of) the roof and repairs to the stonework. With regard to the hall there are effectively three options: -

- a) To retain and re-furbish the existing building.
- b) To demolish the existing building and rebuild a slightly larger single-storey hall.
- c) To demolish the existing building and rebuild a three-storey hall with lifts and two hall areas.

In addition to these fundamental plans there are options to install solar panels, under-floor heating in the church, a new disabled entrance to the north, a tea and coffee point at the back of the church, new vestries, a roof terrace, new kitchens and dedicated meeting rooms.

This is a very exciting project and we welcome any thoughts and ideas that people might wish to impart. Of course much will depend on the costs involved, but grants should be available that will go some way to matching our own funding.

Whatever plan or configuration we finally settle on it will make a huge difference for both church and community and a fitting memorial to all those who over the years have given so generously to our church.

Finance



The Parochial Church Council has overall responsibility for the finances of the parish. The church treasurer is appointed at the first meeting of the council following the A.P.C.M., and we also have a secretary who deals specifically with our Covenanted Giving and 'Gift Aid' returns. The finances of the parish are an agenda item for every meeting of the council and, in conjunction with the treasurer's report, the council will discuss and decide our money management going forward. It will also consider the administration of the Reserve Account, with regard to both 'restricted' and 'unrestricted' funds, and how these might be used for future projects, or to meet unexpected expenditure.

Every year the council is required to determine the sum of money to be set aside for 'The Parish Support Fund.' This is an annual payment to the Diocese of Southwark – sent in monthly instalments - which helps to pay for the centralised support given to parishes. Careful consideration has to be given to this with due regard to our actual and expected income and the council is always mindful of the fact that this sum has to be affordable.

This year concern was raised as to the potential cost of fuel and the fact that there was some uncertainty regarding the amount of government support available to us. Early in the autumn Allison - our Treasurer - provided an update on our Budget, detailing the current financial situation, and suggested that the maximum amount that we could pledge for 2023 would have to be £9,000. – an increase of £2,000 on the previous year. This was agreed by the council.



I mentioned earlier our 'Energy Footprint' return. By submitting details of our energy usage in conjunction with the size and construction of the building an estimate of energy efficiency can be ascertained.

Unsurprisingly, given the nature of construction of the building and general lack of insulation, All Saints' does not score well! However, we have now totally replaced all our lighting – in hall, vestries and church – with L.E.D. fittings which we hope will save considerably on our electricity costs. In addition as part of our building project we will be seeking to further reduce our carbon footprint utilising greater insulation and greener energy sources.

With regard to the overall financial position of the parish, the Parochial Church Council will approve the accounts prior to the A.P.C.M. These accounts are examined by our Independent Examiner.

A full financial report will be given by the Treasurer at the Annual Meeting and all the accounts will be available for inspection.

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The P.C.C. is a Charity and its members are appointed as set out in the Church Representation Rules.

At All Saints' the membership of the P.C.C. comprises the Priest-in-Charge, churchwardens, ex-officio members of Diocesan and Deanery Synods, and members elected by persons recorded as being on the electoral roll of the church. The Council also has the power to co-opt additional members as it sees fit. All those who are eligible are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the P.C.C.

The P.C.C. has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.) The Council has also voted to adopt both the 'House of Bishop's 2017 Statement on Safeguarding' and the 'Diocesan Safeguarding Policy.' Council members are encouraged to complete safeguarding training and any other training pertinent to posts held.

To date the Council has met six times since the last A.P.C.M. with an average attendance of 15 members (88%). A seventh meeting will be held before the A.P.C.M. to approve the accounts and this report.

At the first meeting of the council following the A.P.C.M., the Vice Chair, Treasurer, Electoral Roll Officer and Secretary are elected. A list of those wishing to serve as sidespersons will also be approved. At various times, and as appropriate, the P.C.C. will appoint two 'Safeguarding' Officers, two 'Serious Incident Reporting' Officers and P.C.C. governors to the school.

The council also normally appoints two committees: - The Standing Committee and The Social Committee. The Standing Committee has the power to transact the business of the Council between P.C.C. meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. The Standing Committee's role is therefore subservient to the P.C.C. The Social Committee is primarily charged with the planning and delivery of all social events that may be held throughout the year and has the power to co-opt additional members as and when it sees fit. As we are currently pursuing a major building project the Council has also appointed a Building Committee to oversee this undertaking.

Administrative Information

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2. Parochial Church Council

P.C.C members who have served at any time from the date of the last A.P.C.M until the date this report was approved are:-

a. Ex Officio members: -

Father Christopher Noke.....	Priest-in-Charge. Chairman of the P.C.C.
Mr. Roger Stanley (Vice Chair).....	Churchwarden.
Mr. Christopher Maurice	Churchwarden.
Mr. Patrick Wood.....	Diocesan Synod Representative.
Miss Jenny Hardy.....	Deanery Synod Representative.
Mrs. Linda Maurice.....	Deanery Synod Representative.
Mrs. Shirley Walker-Grant.....	Deanery Synod Representative.

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b. Elected members: -

Mrs. Joan Barrow.	Mr. David Coram.
Miss. Margaret Francis.	Mr. Nigel Grinsted.
Mrs. Elizabeth Hayter.	Mr. Martin Kelly. (Deputy Churchwarden)
Mrs. Allison Scandrett.	Mr. Peter Scandrett.
Ms. Eileen Walker.	

c. Co-opted member: - Mr. Malcolm Ford

d. Officers of the P.C.C.: -

Parish Secretary.....	Mrs. Linda Maurice
Church Treasurer.....	Mrs. Allison Scandrett
Free-Will Offering/Gift Aid.....	Mrs. Allison Scandrett
Electoral Roll Officer.....	Miss. Jenny Hardy
Safeguarding Officers.....	Mr. Peter Scandrett, Mrs. Linda Maurice
Serious Incident Reporting Officers...	Fr. Christopher Noke, Mr. Martin Kelly
P.C.C. School Governors.....	Mr. Martin Kelly, Mrs. Allison Scandrett, Mr. Roger Stanley.

e. Committees of the P.C.C.: -

Standing Committee:-

Ex Officio: - Fr. Christopher Noke (Chair), Mr. Roger Stanley, Mr. Christopher Maurice, Mrs. Allison Scandrett, Miss Jenny Hardy, Mrs. Linda Maurice.
Elected Members: - Mr. Martin Kelly, Mr. Nigel Grinsted

Social Committee: -

Mrs. Elizabeth Hayter (Chair), Miss. Jenny Hardy, Mrs. Shirley Walker-Grant, Ms. Eileen Walker, Mr. David Coram, Mr. Nigel Grinsted.

Building Committee: - Fr. Christopher Noke, Mr. Roger Stanley, Mr. Christopher Maurice, Miss. Jenny Hardy, Mrs. Linda Maurice, Mr. Martin Kelly, Mrs. Elizabeth Hayter

f. Business of the P.C.C.: -

The business of the council is based on a standard agenda with supplementary items added as necessary. The council will discuss and accept the previous meeting's minutes, receive any notices from the chair and note any recent correspondence. There will be updates on our finances, the church fabric and reports from the safeguarding and serious incident reporting teams. If the council agrees other items may be considered at the end of each meeting.

g. Parish Administrator: - Miss. Jenny Hardy

h. Independent Examiner: - Mr. John Helm (Tandem Accounting) N19 3AL

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4. Elections 2023

a. **Merton Deanery Synod:-**

Three persons to be elected* (to hold office for three years)

**Dependent on the number of names recorded on the Electoral Roll*

b. **All Saints' Parochial Church Council: -**

Three persons to be elected. (to hold office for three years)

The terms of office of the current elected members are as follows:-

To stand down in 2025: - Mrs. Allison Scandrett, Mr. Martin Kelly, Mr. David Coram.

To stand down in 2024: - Mr. Nigel Grinsted, Mr. Peter Scandrett, Ms. Eileen Walker.

To stand down in 2023: - Miss. Margaret Francis, Mrs. Joan Barrow, Mrs. Elizabeth Hayter

c. **Southwark Diocesan Synod: -**

No elections this year

Secretary's Concluding Remarks

This year has seen a return to something approaching normality as far as our church is concerned and, with our building plans very much a reality, we should all feel optimistic for the future. I am also pleased to report that, for the first time – on June 14th 2023 - All Saints' will be hosting the Archdeacon's Visitation Service. Churchwardens for the coming year are 'sworn in' during the Mass and as we will be providing refreshments and welcoming a number of visitors from other churches I do hope that you will all make every effort to attend.

I am also pleased to report that James Hayter has been admitted to Holy Communion and that his brother Christian has taken on the role of 'Boat Boy.' It is good to see our young people taking an active part in the life of All Saints.

On a sadder note I have to report that three more of our most long-standing worshippers died during 2022. (Joyce Ogle, Tony Somerton and June Woodley). Their devotion to, and love for, this church and parish was unwavering and we owe a great debt to them all. May they rest in peace.

To our present congregation I express my thanks for their ongoing support that is shown in so many ways. Thank you too to the P.C.C., its officers and committees who give so much of their time and commitment to the work of All Saints'. But most of all I thank Fr. Christopher, who gives us his love, his support, and his care every day of the year.

The next year will see the parish in interregnum, but we are thankful that Fr. Christopher will remain with us as Parish Priest. As we plan for the future we should thank God for all the benefits bestowed upon us as a parish and congregation, and pray that He will guide us along the right path for the future.

Linda Maurice, Secretary to the P.C.C. – April 2023

Approved by the P.C.C and signed on their behalf by:-

Date: - _____