



Annual Report 2022

**St Luke's Church,
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ST LUKE'S CHURCH, VICTORIA DOCKS ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Administrative information

St. Luke's Church is situated in Ruscoe Road, Canning Town. It is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Vicarage, 16^a Ruscoe Road, Canning Town, London. E16 1JB.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS (2)

Revd. Amy Stott
Carole Davison

INCUMBENT & CHAIRMAN AND ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER
LAY READER, ACTIVE CHURCH, AND SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

CHURCHWARDEN MEMBERS (3)

Liz Farrell
Yomi Jegede
Ayomide Sotubo

JOINT VICE CHAIRMAN (TO 24 APRIL 2022)
JOINT VICE CHAIRMAN
JOINT VICE CHAIRMAN (ELECTED ON 24 APRIL 2022)

DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES (2)

Geofery Addy
Gill Holt

PARISH EVANGELIST/DEPUTY WARDEN
SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR/TREASURER

ELECTED MEMBERS (11)

Geraldine Abbey
Susan Cox

PCC SECRETARY (CO-OPTED)
TREASURER (CO- OPTED)

Joe Farrell
Theresa Lartey

SIDESMAN (TO 24 APRIL 2022)
(TO 24 APRIL 2022)

Marvis Cudjoe
Ann-Marie Kargbo
Stella Jones

WEB MASTER

Aderenle Olaofo
Jason Branche
Dawn Collins
Fiona Suubo

DEPUTY WARDEN (ELECTED ON 24 APRIL 2022)
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A TOTAL OF 18 PEOPLE SERVED ST. LUKE'S CHURCH ON ITS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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 stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St Luke's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Reverend Amy Stott, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. It also has maintenance and running costs responsibilities for the Church Centre complex of St Luke's, Canning Town, London.

Following the decreased prevalence of COVID-19, St Luke's has adapted to worship and fellowship in-person. Governmental regulations and the supplementary guidance from our diocesan leaders have guided decisions made by PCC. Our objective is to:

- Ensure the church and worship is inclusive and accessible to our entire parish and beyond,
- Maintain a flourishing partnership with St Luke's primary school and our community connections,
- Continue to grow in faith together and take God's work and message into the community.

The Church PCC are required to complete good legal work and update members and representatives with church matters. The Church remains diligent regarding safety of congregants and focused on its mission and work within the community.

Achievements and Performance

Church attendance:

All are welcome to attend our regular services on Sunday mornings in the church building. Services were streamed online via Facebook and Instagram, and later in the year streamed from YouTube Live. Audio recordings are distributed to those unable to access online platforms.

Our outreach projects have introduced the community to St Luke's and church attendance continues to increase. Following the recent revision of the Electoral Roll we now have 113 people on the Electoral Roll, 55 living outside the parish and 58 living within.

Review of the year:

Our community navigated through various life milestones: our first in-house confirmation service in over 10 years, with Bishop Guli of Chelmsford, saw 11 people confirmed.

Additional celebrations included 1 wedding and the baptisms of 1 adult, 3 teenagers, 2 children and 3 infants.

St. Luke's continues to be blessed with development funding to reach more people in our parish and encourage growth, giving and sustainability for the future. This investment enabled 3 new people to join the church staff team and the completion of the audio and visual upgrade during the services. The SDF money also allowed new community projects to begin and further contacts to be made in and with our parish.

The full PCC held hybrid meetings 6 times with an average attendance level of 83%. All business was conducted and agreed by the PCC to benefit and nurture our parish, whilst taking the necessary measures, checks and procedures to incorporate Communion and Peace safely into the service, limit the spread of COVID-19 and promote the safeguarding of our congregation.

Our initiatives this year included:

- Financial aid, outreach projects and volunteering work for those in need e.g., The Foodbank and the New Dawn Homeless Project.
- Ensuring all volunteers are DBS checked and have completed the basic Safeguarding training.
- Reinventing our Youth and Children's programmes during the service and during the week: Sunday Creche, King's Kids, Level Up Youth, Luke's Little Lions, Shine Club, Holiday Clubs and during the summer: St Luke's at the Movies.
- Supporting and strengthening our partnership with the school with e.g., assemblies, chaplaincy and workshops and building connections and offering assemblies to a new school.
- Encouraging our congregation through pastoral courses, Alpha and Youth Alpha, in-person/ online bible studies, the church choir, under 18 music lessons, leadership opportunities and the CAP training courses to focus their gifts and share how they can serve in church.
- Fellowship was offered to the community and the congregation at prayer meetings, Connect Group, church breakfasts, Thursday Lunch at Roscoe Road Sheltered Housing Complex, and prayer walks.
- Community Days on Holy Saturday and at the annual football tournament. Also 250 people attended our community street party on Pentecost for the Queen's Jubilee.
- Welcoming curates from the diocese to learn more about leading from our incumbent and church and welcoming the YWAM mission group from Brazil into our church family.
- Services included sermon series from the staff team and supported from retired Revd. Ian Harper (PTO) and guest speakers from charities Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and Open Doors.

- A fully packed Christmastime programme to celebrate and reach our local community throughout the season, including quiet Christmas Service to Remember for the bereaved.

St Luke's aim is to continue supporting its congregation whilst responding to the needs of the parish and local community.

Financial Review

The accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 show total receipts from collections, online giving and our Gift Day of £37,828, Gift Aid reclaimed of £8,629, fees of £158 and interest of £1,178. We also received contributions towards Community Projects totalling £2,353. Apart from these contributions, which were spent on the various projects, the total income shows an increase of £21,205 compared to 2021 which is primarily due to the Gift Aid reclaims and an increase in giving of £11,568.

£36,510 was spent to provide the Christian ministry during 2022. This was at a similar level to 2021 and includes the amount of £2,353 relating to the Community Projects and a contribution towards school repairs so overall our running expenses are lower than in 2021.

The net result for the year is a surplus of receipts over payments of £13,652.

The balances carried forward on 31st December 2022 for unrestricted funds totalled £38,948.25.

In addition, we received grants from the Strategic Development Fund of £86,581.76 during 2022 in reimbursement of salary related costs and running expenses relating to projects incurred in connection with the plans to grow the Church.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately six months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £38,948.25 on unrestricted funds at the year-end exceeds this target but the trustees consider this situation to be acceptable because of the plans to grow the Church significantly over the next 4 years with the support of the Strategic Development Funding provided by the Diocese.

It is our policy to invest our funds balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund which is managed by CCLA Investment Management Ltd.

The Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance Trust Funds included within the restricted funds are administered by the Diocese. The Diocese holds these endowment funds as Custodian Trustee on behalf of the Parish and the capital values for 2021 and 2022 are included within the accounts. The Parish has access to the income from these endowment funds but not to the capital.

Approved by the PCC on 23rd March 2023 and signed on their behalf by Revd. Amy Stott.

St Luke, Victoria Dock, London, E16

Receipts and Payments

1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Incumbent:

Rev'd Amy Stott
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Bank:

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Independent examiner:

Mr M Charlesworth
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St. Luke, Victoria Dock

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on the attached sheets.

Respective responsibilities of the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) and examiner.

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Martin Charlesworth
Retired Bank Manager
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8 April 2023

Victoria Dock, St Luke
Receipts and payments
1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
General Fund (Unrestricted)			
Receipts			
Voluntary income			
Planned giving		30,613.95	19,081.20
Collections and other giving		6,337.11	5,967.85
Gift Day		877.00	1,211.70
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		8,629.09	
	Total Voluntary income	<u>46,457.15</u>	<u>26,260.75</u>
Other voluntary income			
	Donations and fees	158.00	274.00
	Total other voluntary income	<u>158.00</u>	<u>274.00</u>
Other income			
Homeless breakfast donations		210.00	
Contributions towards activities		1,497.03	
Donations to Jubilee party		645.68	
Bank interest		1,194.43	70.05
		<u>3,547.14</u>	<u>70.05</u>
Total receipts		<u>50,162.29</u>	<u>26,604.80</u>
Payments			
Grants			
Parish Share		21,093.96	20,980.08
St Luke's School - contribution towards running costs		4,671.79	4,500.00
St Luke's School Governors		500.00	0.00
Donations		200.00	500.00
	Total Grants	<u>26,465.75</u>	<u>25,980.08</u>
Parish expenses			
General insurance, stationery, Church supplies		4,127.46	4,362.51
Community activities		2,352.71	
Contribution to School Repairs/Sound system		2,309.37	4,309.58
	Total Parish expenses	<u>8,789.54</u>	<u>8,672.09</u>
Incumbent - telephone and broadband		1,254.87	512.50
Reimbursement of necessary parish expenses		<u>1,254.87</u>	<u>512.50</u>
Total payments		<u>36,510.16</u>	<u>35,164.67</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		<u>13,652.13</u>	<u>(8,559.87)</u>
Brought forward balance		25,296.12	33,855.99
Total carried forward		<u>38,948.25</u>	<u>25,296.12</u>

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Receipts and payments
1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
Jack Petchey Fund (Restricted)		
Total receipts		
Payments	250.00	
Refunded	250.00	
Total payments	500.00	0.00
Excess of Receipts over Payments	(500.00)	0.00
Brought forward balance	500.00	500.00
Total carried forward	0.00	500.00
Strategic Development Funding (Restricted)		
Total receipts	86,581.76	39,965.24
Payments		
	91,901.11	31,024.21
Total payments	91,901.11	31,024.21
Excess of Receipts over Payments	(5,319.35)	8,941.03
Brought forward balance	8,941.03	
Total carried forward	3,621.68	8,941.03
Youth Work (Designated)		
Total receipts		
Payments		
Youth expenses	473.98	1,923.32
Total payments	473.98	1,923.32
Excess of Receipts over Payments	(473.98)	(1,923.32)
Brought forward balance	20,926.27	22,849.59
Total carried forward	20,452.29	20,926.27
Sale of Clergy House/Insurance Proceeds (Endowment)		
Brought forward balance	430,706.24	367,407.98
Revaluation	- 39,412.13	63,298.26
Total carried forward	391,294.11	430,706.24
Sale of Boyd Institute land (Endowment)		
Brought forward balance	75,000.00	75,000.00
Revaluation		
Total carried forward	75,000.00	75,000.00

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Fund Totals - Details
1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Opening Balance 01/01/2022	Closing Balance 31/12/2022
General Fund		
Unrestricted	25,296.12	38,948.25
Jack Petchey		
Restricted	500.00	-
Strategic Development Funding (Restricted)	8,941.03	3,621.68
Youth Work (Designated)	20,926.27	20,452.29
Sale of Clergy House/Insurance Proceeds (Endowment)		
Endowment	430,706.24	391,294.11
Sale of Boyd Institute land (Endowment)		
Endowment	75,000.00	75,000.00
	561,369.66	529,316.33

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

Santander		
Current account		
General Fund	11,949.90	27,430.03
Jack Petchey Fund	500.00	-
Strategic Development Funding	8,941.03	3,621.68
Deposit account		
General Fund	3,600.07	3,604.20
CCLA Investment Management - CBF Church of England Funds		
General Fund	9,654.65	7,870.52
Youth Fund	20,926.27	20,452.29
Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance		
Sale of Clergy House Fund	430,706.24	391,294.11
Boyd Institute land proceeds	75,000.00	75,000.00
Cash in hand		
General fund	91.50	43.50
	561,369.66	529,316.33