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St Luke's Church
BUILDING BRIDGES WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Annual Report 2023

**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 2023**

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 exempt from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2023 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 AND SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

CHURCHWARDEN MEMBERS (2)

Yomi Jegede
Ayomide Sotubo

JOINT VICE CHAIRMAN
JOINT VICE CHAIRMAN

DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES (4)

Geraldine Abbey

PCC SECRETARY (UNTIL 29TH APRIL 2023)
AND DEANERY SYNOD SINCE 29TH APRIL 2023)

Martins Lawal

(Since 29th April 2023)

Gill Holt

(UNTIL 29 APRIL 2023 and Treasurer from 29th April 2023)

Geofery Addy

(UNTIL 29 APRIL 2023 AND Deputy WARDEN)

(ELECTED MEMBERS 8)

Gloria Agbonifo

Jason Branche

DEPUTY WARDEN

Dawn Collins

(SECRETARY FROM 29TH APRIL 2023)

Marvis Cudjoe

WEB MASTER

Stella Jones

Ann Marie Kargbo

(UNTIL 29 APRIL 2023)

Aderenle Olaofe

Fiona Suubo

(CO-OPTED MEMBERS 1)

Susan Cox

TREASURER (CO- OPTED UNTIL 29TH APRIL 2023)

**A TOTAL OF 17 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.

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 are streamed online via YouTube Live.

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 124 people on the Electoral Roll, 61 living outside the parish and 63 living within.

Review of the year:

2023 was a wonderful year at St Luke's and there are many reasons to say thank you to God and to all those who make up our church family and wider community. 2023 year was a year of comings and goings. As a church family we grieved the passing away of Fr Ian Harper who was so dear to us. We also though welcomed new members of staff, clergy team and many, many new people to our church family of all ages. 2023 was a year in which we celebrated over church lunches, community parties and baptisms together. We studied God's word and grew in what it means to be disciples of Jesus. We built bridges with our community through various projects and initiatives and prayed that Canning Town would be transformed by the love of Jesus Christ.

St. Luke's continues to be blessed with strategic development funding (SDF) to reach more people in our parish and encourage growth, giving and sustainability for the

future. 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 81%. All business was conducted and agreed by the PCC to benefit and nurture our parish, whilst taking the necessary measures, checks and procedures to enable our church services to flourish, community events to happen and for safeguarding to be promoted and prioritized in all we do.

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 encouraging all to complete the basic Safeguarding training.
- Continuing to reach out to children, young people and families through various youth and children's projects and initiatives. Little Lions grew and we took on a new youth drop in space on Thursdays.
- 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. We also began RE lessons in Keir Hardie and doing assemblies and RE in Hallsville.
- 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. We also had Walk through the Bible Old Testament which was a significant day in 2023 for us.
- Fellowship was offered to the community and the congregation at prayer meetings, Connect Group, church breakfasts and Together Thursdays at Ruscoe Road Sheltered Housing Complex.
- Community Days on Holy Saturday and at our Summer Coronation Party.
- Welcoming Rev Kat and Rev Raquel as curates whom we have benefitted much from.
- We loved having the DTS team from YWAM Chapada in Brazil alongside receiving missionaries from other parts of Brazil into our church family.
- Services included sermon series on Elijah, the Lord's prayer, the armour of God, encounters with the risen Lord Jesus and stories Jesus told to name a few.
- A fully packed Christmastime programme to celebrate and reach our local community throughout the season, including quiet Christmas Service to Remember for the bereaved and a busy Christmas Fair.

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 2023 show total receipts from collections, online giving and our Gift Day of £32,933. Gift Aid reclaimed £9,144, fees of £54, Energy Grant received £1,140 and interest of £3248. We also received contributions to Community Projects and events £6,634, and contributions towards Fr Ian's Funeral of £597. Overall, the total income shows a decrease of - £1,265 compared to 2022. The decrease in planned giving of £4,895 was offset by the increase in bank interest, gift aid reclaims and other voluntary income.

£37,037 was spent to provide the Christian ministry during 2023. This is a similar level to 2022.

The net result for the year is a surplus of receipts over payments of £16,714.

The balances carried forward on the 31st December 2023 for unrestricted funds totalled £55,662

In addition, we received grants from the Strategic Development Fund of £105,104 during 2023 in reimbursement of salary related costs and running expenses relating to projects incurred in connection with the continued plan 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 £55,662 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 3 years with the support of the Strategic Development Funding provided by the Diocese.

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

The Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance Trust Funds included with 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 2022 and 2023 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 21st March 2024 and signed on their behalf by Revd. Amy Stott

St Luke's, Victoria Dock, London, E16

Receipts and Payments

1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Incumbent:

Rev'd Amy Stott

The Vicarage

16a Ruscoe Road

Canning Town

London, E16 1JB

Bank:

Santander

Bridle Road

Bootle

Merseyside. L30 4GB

Independent examiner:

Mr M Charlesworth

65 Rous Road

Buckhurst Hill

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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 2023, 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
65 Rous Road
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19 March 2024

Victoria Dock, St Luke
Fund Totals - Details
1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023

	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
	01/01/2023	31/12/2023
General Fund		
Unrestricted	38,948.25	55,662.25
Jack Petchey		
Restricted	-	-
Strategic Development Funding (Restricted)	3,621.68	376.96
Youth Work (Designated)	20,452.29	19,587.29
Night shelter/Food bank		1,193.00
Sale of Clergy House/Insurance Proceeds (Endowment)		
Endowment	391,294.11	440,705.33
Sale of Boyd Institute land (Endowment)		
Endowment	75,000.00	75,000.00
	<u>529,316.33</u>	<u>592,524.83</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

Santander		
Current account		
General Fund	27,430.03	33,546.85
Jack Petchey Fund	-	
Strategic Development Funding	3,621.68	376.96
Food bank/Night shelter		1,193.00
Deposit account		
General Fund	3,604.20	3,604.20
CAFBank		
Current account		
General Fund		3,514.11
CCLA Investment Management - CBF Church of England Funds		
General Fund	7,870.52	14,854.59
Youth Fund	20,452.29	19,587.29
Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance		
Sale of Clergy House Fund	391,294.11	440,705.33
Boyd Institute land proceeds	75,000.00	75,000.00
Cash in hand	43.50	142.50
General fund		
	<u>529,316.33</u>	<u>592,524.83</u>

Victoria Dock, St Luke
Receipts and payments
1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
General Fund (Unrestricted)		
Receipts		
Voluntary income		
Planned giving - Direct Debit/Envelopes	22,334.04	30,613.95
Collections and other giving - Sum up & Cash	3,324.00	6,337.11
Gift Day	7,275.80	877.00
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	9,144.08	8,629.09
Total Voluntary income	42,077.92	46,457.15
Other voluntary income		
Energy grant	1,140.00	
Donations and fees	54.00	158.00
Total other voluntary income	1,194.00	158.00
Other income		
Homeless breakfast donations		210.00
Contributions towards activities	5,420.01	1,497.03
Donation to Jubilee party		645.68
Coronation Party Event	624.55	
Candle Collection	24.82	
Children Of the Light	70.00	
Christmas Fair	494.72	
Donations Fr Ian funeral	597.00	
Bank interest	3,248.53	1,194.43
	10,479.63	3,547.14
Total receipts	53,751.55	50,162.29
Payments		
Grants		
Parish Share	17,803.20	21,093.96
St Luke's School - contribution towards running costs	5,616.18	4,671.79
St Luke's School Governors	(500.00)	500.00
Donations	0.00	200.00
Total Grants	22,919.38	26,465.75
Parish expenses		
General insurance, stationery, Church supplies	11,399.83	4,127.46
Community activities/Fr Ian	600.84	2,352.71
Music Pastor	1,427.50	
Sound system, hall windows	0.00	2,309.37
Total Parish expenses	13,428.17	8,789.54
Incumbent - telephone and broadband/Electric	690.00	1,254.87
Reimbursement of necessary parish expenses	690.00	1,254.87
Total payments	37,037.55	36,510.16
Excess of Receipts over Payments	16,714.00	13,652.13
Brought forward balance	38,948.25	25,296.12
Total carried forward	55,662.25	38,948.25

Victoria Dock, St Luke
Receipts and payments
1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Jack Petchey Fund (Restricted)		
Total receipts		
Payments	0.00	250.00
Refunded		250.00
Total payments	0.00	500.00
Excess of Receipts over Payments	0.00	(500.00)
Brought forward balance	0.00	500.00
Total carried forward	0.00	0.00
Strategic Development Funding (Restricted)		
Receipts		
Salaries/pension contributions	79,502.05	
Activities/running expenses	25,602.18	
Total receipts	105,104.23	86,581.76
Payments		
Salaries/pension contributions	82,746.77	91,901.11
Activities/running expenses	25,602.18	
Total payments	108,348.95	91,901.11
Excess of Receipts over Payments	(3,244.72)	(5,319.35)
Brought forward balance	3,621.68	8,941.03
Total carried forward	376.96	3,621.68
Youth Work (Designated)		
Total receipts		
Payments		
Youth expenses	865.00	473.98
Total payments	865.00	473.98
Excess of Receipts over Payments	(865.00)	(473.98)
Brought forward balance	20,452.29	20,926.27
Total carried forward	19,587.29	20,452.29
Night shelter/Food Bank		
Total receipts	1,493.00	
Total payments	300.00	
Total carried forward	1,193.00	
Sale of Clergy House/Insurance Proceeds (Endowment)		
Brought forward balance	391,294.11	430,706.24
Revaluation	49,411.22	- 39,412.13
Total carried forward	440,705.33	391,294.11
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