

## Hook: St Paul 2017 Return of Parish Finance

### Included Churches

Churches Included	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hook: St Paul
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Fresh Expressions of church included:

Names:	
Description	

### Incoming Resources

#### Receipts

Voluntary receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted
1 - Tax efficient planned giving	44274	0
2 - Other planned giving	4749	0
3 - Collections at services	5991	0
4 - All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	364	0
6 - Gift Aid recovered	10199	0
7 - Legacies received (capital value)	0	0
8 - Grants (Include recurring and one-off)	0	0
TOTAL	65577	0

Activities for Generating Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted
9 - Gross receipts from fundraising activities	6814	0

Investment income	Unrestricted	Restricted
10 - Dividends, interest, receipts from property etc.	12242	0

Church Activities	Unrestricted	Restricted
11 - Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	2854	0
12 - Gross receipts from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	30611	0

Other receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted
13 - Any other receipts not already listed	0	0

## TOTAL RECEIPTS (from Financial Statements.)

Unrestricted	118098
Restricted	0
Total	118098

## Planned Givers and Legacies

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14 - Number of tax efficient planned givers	62
15 - Number of other planned givers	12
16 - Number of new legacies received	0
For your information, weekly average total planned giving per total planned giver	12

## Resources Expended

### Payments

All expenditure from any fund under the control of the PCC needs to be accounted for on this form. This does **NOT** include money transferred out of one PCC fund into another.

Costs of generating funds	Unrestricted	Restricted
17 - Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	175	0

Church Activities	Unrestricted	Restricted
18 - Mission giving and donations	4006	0
19 - Diocesan parish share contribution	53855	0
20 - Salaries, wages and honararia	14722	0
21 - Clergy and staff expenses	0	0

Church expenses	Unrestricted	Restricted
22 - Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	0	0
23 - Church running expenses ( <i>Including Governance</i> )	16843	0
24 - Church utility bills	5893	0
25 - Cost of trading	6662	0

Major capital expenditure	Unrestricted	Restricted
27 - Major repairs to the church building	5174	0
28 - Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration	20668	0

Major capital expenditure	Unrestricted	Restricted
29 - New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing, or other PCC property	0	0
SUB-TOTAL of all expenditure payments items above:	127998	0

	Unrestricted	Restricted
99 - Other payments not already listed	0	0

## TOTAL PAYMENTS (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)

Unrestricted	127998
Restricted	0
TOTAL	127998

## Cash and Investment Balances

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	Unrestricted	Restricted
31 - Cash and deposit balance as at 31st December	82608	10087
32 - Investments as at 31st December	0	0

Looking back across 2017, were there any exceptional circumstances or significant changes that may have led to unusual figures? Please provide details in the box below.	We have been raising funds for electric works over the past 3 years, however we hadn't shown this as restricted, we have transferred this in 2017 accounts to ring fence this money.
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# ST PAUL'S CHURCH



## REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2017



## **THE VICAR'S REPORT –APRIL 2018**

As most of you will know by now we have an agreed 'Mission Statement' which is as follows:

***Our Mission is to worship God; to grow as disciples; to love and care for all; and to reach out with the Good News of Jesus Christ.***

This is a good mission statement and, frankly, it's hard to see how anyone could have a problem with it. It is clearly an accurate reflection on the mission that Christ handed to the Church.

The real questions are:

- How effectively are we currently fulfilling this mission? And:
- How can we fulfil this mission better?

Let's consider each aspect of our mission in turn.

### **1. Our mission is to worship God.**

The Bible describes worship in two ways. Firstly, worship is the act of declaring the greatness of God in our words and music. This is traditionally what people mean by worship: the singing of hymns and songs, and the recitation of liturgical acclamations.

But the Bible is also very clear that 'real worship' is when our lives give glory to God.

***"I urge you, brothers and sisters, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God -this is your true worship."*** (Romans 12v1)

Therefore, in order to fulfil our mission 'to worship God', we must live lives that honour him, whilst also honouring him with our songs and our words.

To a degree we perform both aspects of worship as well as we can, given our limited resources. But a couple of points are worth making.

- i. Regular attendance at Church. It is part of our Christian calling to gather together each Sunday to offer our worship to God. In fact, the third commandment instructs us to do so. It therefore seems to me that it should be rare for us to not come to Church. God deserves our worship, every week. So, I encourage you to make Sunday worship a priority.

- ii. 'Heartfelt praise.' We are not the best singers here at St Paul's. I think, perhaps, that small numbers can make us embarrassed to sing up. However, I was reading recently in 1 Chronicles 15 about David bringing the 'Ark of the LORD' into Jerusalem. He was "*dancing and celebrating*" (1 Chron 15v29) as the Ark arrived because he was so full of joy. So, may I encourage each of us to sing up and celebrate with joy at the love that God has for us in Jesus Christ.
- iii. 'A life of worship'. God calls us to express our love for Him in lives committed to Him. May we all do so, myself included.
- iv. Our relative lack of musicians and singers. I am so grateful for John Deacon and for Dave and Carol Disspain. What a blessing they are to us. But we really do need more musicians and singers to complement and add to their gifts. Please pray that God will bring more such people to us. And, if you have musical gifts that you are keeping hidden 'under a bushel', please speak to one of us and offer your gift in God's service.

## 2. **Our mission is to grow as disciples.**

A disciple is, literally, a learner. The sermons preached at Church should be a highlight for each of us: an opportunity to listen, to learn more, and to grow as disciples. I would love to see more of us opening the Bibles and reading the passage as it is read to us. We could also usefully keep the Bible passage open during the sermon, to help us as we take in the message. We could even take notes as the sermon is preached.

Psalm 1 says: "*Blessed are those who delight in the law of the LORD and meditate on his law day and night.*" So, let's 'delight' in the Bible as it is read and preached to us; and let us also read the Bible daily in a time of personal spiritual discipline. You might also consider joining one of the weekly Bible study groups. We currently have three, let by Ann Fernihough, Ian Reid, and one led by Luke and Sarah. Please speak to any of us if you would like to join the respective group. And if too many people want to join, we'll just start a new group.

Growing as disciples doesn't just happen. It is something we need to work at, but it gives great blessing. Psalm 1 continues by saying that those who do delight in the law of the LORD:



***"are like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither -whatever they do prospers."***

(Psalm 1v3)

So, sink your roots deep into the Word of God, and you will be richly blessed, and more fruitful.

### **3. Our mission is the love and care for all.**

I think this is probably our 'strongest suit' at the moment. We are a caring and welcoming congregation, and we have a number of meetings and groups that 'love and care for' their members. These include the Women's Fellowship, the Mothers Union, the monthly 'Fish and Chip' supper and the Thursday Communion congregation. We also have three Bible study groups that provide love and care for their members, whilst also encouraging their members to grow as disciples.

Nevertheless, in spite of our relative strength in this area, the call remains for each of us to love and care for each other, and for those who do not yet attend Church.

It is worth reminding ourselves that Jesus said that our Christian faith can be summed up in two great commandments: 'Love God, and love your neighbour as yourself.' If the first of these commandments relates to our 'mission' to worship God, then surely the command to 'love your neighbour as yourself' relates to this third aspect of our mission. It is Christ's command that we love one another, so let's make this a hallmark of our Church.

### **4. Finally, our mission is to reach out with the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

If 'love and care for all' is our strongest suit, this is perhaps our weakest. But it's not just us; the whole of the UK Church is in decline and has lost confidence in Christ's call to preach the Gospel.

Fifty odd years ago Billy Graham personified confident Christian evangelism. Twenty years ago, the Alpha Course used small groups to share our faith. I wonder what will work today? Perhaps we should run the Alpha Course. It certainly might be worth a try. But I think the days of Billy Graham style mass evangelism are largely over.

But whatever means we use, it remains true that Jesus Christ commissioned his Church to "*go and make disciples of all nations.*" (Matthew 28v19-20.) I am concerned that the Church in the UK seems quite happy to disregard this call. Surely, we should take the explicit command of Jesus very seriously? Perhaps some of you share my concern and my desire to 'proclaim the gospel afresh to this generation.' If you do, please speak to me. Perhaps we could meet, pray, listen to God, and discern together how we might reach the people of Hook with the good news of Jesus Christ. May God help us to do so.

Thank you all for granting me the privilege of serving as your vicar. May we together fulfil the mission that God has given us.

*With love in Christ, Luke.*

## **BAPTISMS 2017**

We had a drop in the numbers of baptisms towards the end of last year. All baptisms were carried out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12 noon. This seems very popular with the families involved. They come to be introduced to the congregation the Sunday before, usually at the 10.30am service, and the Sunday after the baptism they come to be welcomed into the family of the church and are presented with 'My First Bible' and certificates for their baptism and for each of their Godparents.



During 2017 we welcomed the following children to baptism: Charlie, Albert, Eloise, Charlotte, Hayden, Kieran, Benjamin, Rourke, Jayden, Leo, Caiden, Dylan and Charlie.

## **CATERING TEAM**



The Patronal Festival was wine and nibbles in the Mary Wise Room, which was well attended. Our Harvest Festival lunch was enjoyed by 62 adults and 7 children (who had a great time). This is always a very social occasion, especially for those who are on their own.

As usual, we had light refreshments after the Memorial Service in November and mince pies after the Carol Service.

I would like to thank the committee who help organise these events – Val, Carole, Prue, Alison, Mary and Gill. Sadly, Rosemary passed away during the year and she is greatly missed by us all.

Refreshments are served after the 10am Thursday Communion Service and during the year we raised £450 from our raffles. Thank you to everyone on the rota and those who donate raffle prizes.

*Diane Tink*

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY



**The  
Children's  
Society**

**making childhood better**

The main event to support 'The Children's Society' charity is held annually; this year's Box Opening Day was held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at St Paul's Centre. The large amount of small change from the boxes was counted and totalled £1,416.79, which

was up by £275 on last year. The Children's Society Christmas cards were on sale and there was also a raffle, lunch and refreshments to enjoy. A further £166.80 was sent to The Children's Society from this and profit from the cards will add to that total.

Our support will help change the lives of extremely vulnerable children across the country and shows our love and care for all.

If anyone would like to help us raise funds for The Children's Society, please speak to Graham and Jill Cocks and they will let you have a box to start collecting in.

*Sarah (Earl), Vanessa (Kearns) & Nigel Ling*

## CHRISTIAN AID



I would really like to thank all those who delivered, collected and counted last year's Christian Aid week collection. Together with our Parish we managed to raise in excess of £1,200 towards the world's most pressing needs.

I have really appreciated all the wonderful help and support that has been given to this cause by the church since I took over from John Woodman in late 2002. We've raised some staggering amounts in that time!

*Dave Disspain*

## **CHURCHWARDENS**

A Diocesan Quinquennial inspection was made in October 2016 and the architect's report received at the beginning of the year. It listed a number of maintenance items that require our attention, some urgent, some less so. We have repaired the kitchen roof, which was letting in water during heavy rain. We are also intending to re-point the South wall during the Summer. Other work will be done when funds allow. We received a faculty to place a further three memorial plaques on the West wall. These have been fixed and inscribed with the names of those whose ashes are interred in the new Garden of Remembrance.

The electrical wiring in the church has been needing replacement for a long time. Steve Griffiths drew up plans for a new electrical and lighting layout some time ago. We have now commissioned an electrical contractor with wide experience of church work to refine those plans and help us through the Faculty process for a complete re-wiring and new lighting. We have already put some funds away for this exciting project and soon we will have more accurate forecasts of the cost. It will require significant fundraising.

Finally, our thanks to all who have helped with the maintenance and decoration of the church and the churchyard over the last year. Without volunteers willing to give up their time St. Paul's would be a much poorer place.

*Sue Russell and Graham Cocks.*

## **CHURCHYARD & GARDENS**



The Churchyard continues to be admired by all.

In July we had a fantastic turnout – 19 people – for the churchyard work day. Much clearing on and around the gravestones and cutting back brambles, bushes, etc., was achieved.

And the work continues, Sue and Graham have pruned the bushes at the front of the church by the car park. Now the grass cutting season is upon us. Ideally, it would be nice to have a monthly workday to keep the churchyard looking good for everyone to enjoy whilst having a quiet sit down.

*David Freeman*

## **DEANERY SYNOD**

The Deanery Synod meets three times a year and the first part of the meeting is open to everyone.

The first meeting, in June was held at St George's Tolworth, and was mainly an introduction to new members of the Synod. The formal business of this meeting was election of roles within the Deanery Synod.

The second meeting in October was held at St Paul's Kingston Hill. The subject of the open part of the meeting was given by Ian Christie, a Senior Fellow in the Centre for Environmental Strategy at Surrey University and Environmental Adviser to Southwark Diocese and the Bishop of Kingston. His subject was Reducing our impact on the environment: a theological and practical response.

The third, and final meeting for this year was held in February at Emmanuel Church Tolworth. The first part of this meeting was a presentation by Joanne McCrone, Refugee Co-ordinator, on the role of Southwark Diocese's Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Department. This is a small team of 7 who advise the Diocesan and Suffrage Bishops, and parishes on social justice issues. Rev'd Peter Holmes of St Peter's Norbiton said he had received a lot of practical help from them when setting up the Joel Project.

The first meeting of the New Year will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at St John the Divine Church, New Malden. The speaker will be Anne Deering, Chair of the Lay Ministry Advisory Group. You are welcome to join Ian Reid, Pam Ingram, Prue McPherson and myself for the first half of this meeting.

*Sue Fry*

## ELECTORAL ROLL

*"The Church Electoral Roll is the official membership list of the Church of England."*

Anyone baptised and over the age of sixteen is entitled to be included if they live in the parish and/or attend the church regularly.

It gives the right to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where elections take place for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and for the parish's representatives on the Deanery Synod.

The roll is updated annually and each name represents a valued, special member of the Church family here at St Paul's Hook.

This year, there are 9 additions and we are delighted to welcome:

Ms Claire Booty	Mrs Amy Cosgrave	Mrs Susan Hardman
Miss Belinda Lee	Mrs Paula Thompson	Mr Roman Panas
Mrs Svetlana Panas	Mr Darryl Van Eeden	Mr Andrew Watson

Each year there are deletions from the Roll for various reasons and this year there are 6, they are:

Dr Derek Chambers	Mrs Elizabeth Coton	Mr Alan Dean
Mrs Rosemary Emanuel	Ms Neeley Smith	Mrs Vera West

We miss Derek and the huge contribution he made to St Paul's but know that he will be welcomed into his new church family.

Neeley has moved from the area and we wish her and her family happiness in their new home. Vera has also moved away and we hope she will be happy in her new home.

Sadly, Elizabeth, Alan and Rosemary passed away this year. They had been loved members of our church family for many years and we are thankful for all they gave to enrich our lives at St Paul's.

We shall miss them all but will always remember them with love.

The Roll revised this month contains 155 names and produced 6 deletions and 9 additions.

I wish to thank all those of the congregation who helped me with checking of names and updating details.

My special thanks to the Parish Administrator, Joanne Griffiths, for all her work (especially during the busy Easter time) in the preparation of the new roll.

The Church Electoral Roll of the Parish of St Paul at Hook with Southborough for 2018 is duly presented.

*Marlene Whitlock, Church Electoral Roll Officer*

## **HOME COMMUNION**

Home communion is an important part of the church's mission and is offered to all those who for one reason or another are unable to attend church, be it on a single occasion or longer.

During the past year the team of Eucharistic Ministers has taken home communion out from Saint Paul's. I am grateful to the team members for their commitment to this essential service of the Church.

If there are those who would like to be added to the list of those who receive the church's Eucharistic ministry at home would you please let the parish office know.

*Ian Reid*

## **2<sup>ND</sup> HOOK (ST PAUL'S) SCOUT GROUP**



Since starting in my role as Group Scout Leader in September 2017, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hook (St Paul's) Scout Group has continued to provide a wide and varied programme for the young people in our local area.



At both Beaver and Cub section meetings we continue to work towards achieving activity and challenge badges. Recently our Beaver colony, along with 7<sup>th</sup> Malden Beavers, enjoyed a night away at PGL at Marchants Hill. We have a strong and flourishing Cub pack at present. They recently enjoyed an action-packed sleepover at the HQ, during which the young people completed a hike to Surbiton and several DIY and craft activities.

As written in our previous report, we still do not have a Scout troop at 2<sup>nd</sup> Hook. This is something I wish to re-open in the very near future as we have a number of young people who would be keen to join. However, without a uniformed Scout leader this is not possible at present.

Our Group Executive and Fundraising committee continues to work hard to ensure our Scout group runs successfully. We recently had a very successful bingo evening, which approximately 50 adults and young people attended. This raised approximately £250 towards very much needed HQ renovations.

As a Scout Group we currently attend three church parade services per year including Remembrance Sunday. I am currently working with Luke to make these services enjoyable and promote them to our young people.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the leaders and supporters of 2<sup>nd</sup> Hook (St Paul's) Scout Group for their continued hard work and support, as this Group would simply not be a success without each one of them. In order to continue to grow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hook requires continued support. If there is any way, big or small, you may be able to assist our Group then please do get in touch with myself.

*Emma Nash, Group Scout Leader*

## **LINK PARISH – ST MARY'S CHIDDINGFOLD**



**St. Mary's Church**  
Chiddingfold

St Mary's Chiddingfold and St Paul's have shared a link of friendship for a number of years, and we are grateful to God for bringing us together.

This is a Key year for St Mary's as Sarah moves on and they enter a period of interregnum. Our love, support and prayers will be especially needed during this time of change.

As ever a goodly contingent from St Paul's went to the Advent Carol service, which was a wonderful and uplifting occasion; and members of St Mary's joined us for our Patronal festival and meal. It was so lovely to have them with us.

I do feel that we at St Paul's should be thinking about how we can maintain and strengthen the relationship from our end, and I hope we can think about events and occasions to which we can invite our dear friends from Chiddingfold. The link that we have is precious and very beneficial to both parishes. We send our love.

*Luke Wickings*

## **MEN'S MINISTRY**

Our men this year have teamed up with those of St George's and St Matthew's. As well as our regular men's breakfasts, we have had curry nights, a Midsummer's walk along the Hogsmill, as well as bowling and crazy golf events. My thanks to Rob at St George's and Simon at St Matthew's who have been a delight to work with on planning the programme of events across our churches.

*Neil Meehan*

## **ST PAUL'S HOOK, MOTHERS' UNION**



St Paul's Hook Mothers' Union meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 10.30am to 12 noon.

The MU meets in the Mary Wise Room with coffee served from 10am. Our meetings open and close with prayer. We've had speakers on a variety of subjects including the Vicar on Umoja Street Children in Kenya; a very amusing talk by Trish Hayward Brown, former Worldwide MU President on "Bathrooms I have visited" and Prof Richard Thompson on the "Hadron Collider" which we found interesting but quite challenging!

The Knit and Natter Group meet on Monday afternoons and make shawls and matinee jackets for 'Born too Soon' and other charities as well as lots of "Cross in a pocket" for the chaplaincy team at the hospital.

The Deanery MU Lady Day service and lunch in March was held here at St Paul's. In August we had our Garden Party in the Church Centre and raised money for various MU overseas projects. We have entertained residents from Firs Court on two Sunday afternoons with tea, games and songs. Two Ladies' breakfasts have proved popular both as a time to socialise and an opportunity to reflect on our own faith. The monthly MU Prayers at the Cathedral followed by lunch is also a good experience.

Mothers' Union is open to anyone who is a baptised member of the Church. It has a worldwide membership of 4 million strong working to strengthen family life, improve the lives of children and put an end gender-based violence. All this is underpinned by daily prayer.

Our new MU Cloth made by a MU Branch in Uganda reminds us of our overseas links. We are grateful to Val Edwards who has ably led the Branch during her term of office and has now handed over to Carole Noakes. All are welcome to our meetings.



For further information, please contact Carole Noakes 020 8397 1558.  
*Ann Fernihough*

## **MUSIC GROUP**

Music group meets every two weeks on Wednesday evening in church at around 8pm and is led by Carol Disspain.

We seek to provide live music whenever possible for our 10.30am service. We hope to bring an exciting and thoughtful means of worshipping God through songs and music that everyone can join in with.

We really do need more musicians and singers, especially as at the moment we can only bring live music every two weeks to church due to the working restraints of our band members. Guitarists, Pianists and Singers would be especially welcome so please do contact Carol if you can help out.

*Carol Disspain*

## **PARISH OFFICE**

The St Paul's Parish Office is open Monday through to Thursday from 9.15am to 12.15pm, term time only. Joanne Griffiths is the Parish Administrator.

The office deals with all enquiries, weddings, baptisms, funerals; etc., keeps the congregation informed via the notices and email of what is happening within the Church and provides the necessary service sheets for all the different types of services we have within church.

The administrator is sometimes the first point of contact for anyone coming to or making enquiries about the church. The office also deals with and looks after all the Parish Hall and Mary Wise Room lettings.

*Joanne Griffiths*

## PARISH PREMISES



The Parish Hall is located 300 meters up the road from St Paul's Church. It is a large hall that is widely used during the week by many different groups within our community. At the weekends it is used mainly by families for children's parties and also for fundraising events by both St Paul's Church and other charities.

With regards to the upkeep of the hall, we re-invest the funds from the hire of the hall in to maintaining and improving the facilities. In the summer holidays of 2017 we modernised and updated the kitchen which was our major 2017 project. These works are still ongoing with the intention to install a larger cooker and a dishwasher to allow more varied functions to be held there. This has vastly improved this area and we have received a lot of positive feedback and compliments.

We have a programme of improvements lined up for future years which include new heating (please note this was on the list but has been pulled forward due to it failing in January 2018 - more about that next year.....), new front doors, outside signage display, replace windows not already replaced, flooring, the list goes on..... If you have any ideas you would like us to consider, please let the Parish Hall Committee know. In addition, we now have morning cleaning in the hall that happens before the first users arrive - if you see the lights on at 6am, this is our new cleaner, Charlie, who is supporting Bob, who does a mid-afternoon clean to help keep the hall tidy for our evening users.

If you would like to book the hall, please contact the Parish Office on [020 8391 2362](tel:02083912362) or email: [premises@stpaulschurchhook.org.uk](mailto:premises@stpaulschurchhook.org.uk)  
*Steve Griffiths*

## **PASTORAL TEAM**

The pastoral team aims to meet every six weeks. We are there to help those members of the congregation who are struggling, maybe on a temporary basis, after an operation or changes in their circumstances. We have also set up a visiting team. Part of the role of the visiting team is to visit anyone on their own or it may be a telephone call. It is confidential. If you wish to have a visit please contact either Sue Liptrot or Luke.

*Sue Liptrot*

## **PRAYER MINISTRY / PRAYER CHAIN**

Prayer ministry happens at the gam service during communion. We offer a confidential opportunity for those who may need a prayer. It may be a prayer of thanksgiving or a prayer of healing. The prayer chain sends messages via email. There is a board at the back of church where you can also leave a prayer.

If you wish to have someone prayed for please contact Sue Liptrot on 020 8397 6971

*Sue Liptrot*

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Safeguarding is a word heard more and more in modern society, and the Church of England is no exception. The Parochial Church Council together with the incumbent carries a duty of care for the safety of those who attend or use the church. We have a statutory legal duty to pay "*due regard to guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.*"

What does this mean in practice? As a church family we aim to 'love and care for all'. Our PCC members, Vicar, Readers, SPAs, Churchwardens and Parish Administrator have undertaken Safeguarding training relevant to their role within the church, and Safeguarding is an agenda item at each PCC meeting. Those working with children and vulnerable adults have received a DBS check.

We have designated Safeguarding Officers and their details can be found on several posters around the church buildings. A link to 'A Safe Church' can be found on the parish website.

<http://southwark.anglican.org/safeguarding/diocesan-policies-and-procedures>

Any queries or concerns you may have should be addressed to Luke Wickings, or the Safeguarding Officers – Hannah Johnson and Sue Russell.  
*Sue Russell*

## **SERVERS / SACRISTAN**

As an integral part of most Eucharistic or Communion services currently held here at St Paul's we have a small team of servers, currently just five of us. Our role is to 'serve' not just the Priest or whomever is 'Presiding', but also to 'serve' the congregation. However, it's not just limited to these areas just mentioned, as we also 'serve each other' in supporting one another in carrying out our various 'serving' tasks. The rota normally now has two servers on duty to serve at most Sunday Eucharist services but also at other major festival services. The change has come about through an increased need to try and 'even the duties out', this also allows us to also serve each other much better. We all have times when we become either physically or mentally challenged (sometimes both) and it's at these times that we do all serve each other, not just in the physical serving activities but also pastorally. Having another server 'on hand' does allow for help to be offered or given to parishioners and congregation in different ways especially when they are in the vicinity of the sanctuary or chancel area.

Whilst we are only a very small team of servers, we are always looking for others to join us in this very rewarding way of serving the church. If you wish to know more of what our role is and how you might join us, do please speak with me or contact me directly: - **Graham Robini- Sacristan**- *contact details are in the parish Directory.*

*Graham Robini*

# ST PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



St Paul's school continues to offer the children of Hook excellent education and care. Indeed, one of the highlights of the last year was the successful OFSTED inspection which culminated in the school being quite rightly assessed as 'Good'. It certainly is a good school and great credit goes to Kathryn Hemming, the Head, and to all of the staff, and of course to the pupils.

But we are not resting on our laurels. As a school, we are continuing to build on the excellent progress which the school has made in the past few years. Pupil progress, enjoyment and engagement are closely monitored and pupil voice is highly valued.

Another recent significant development was a recent INSET day at which the staff and governors reconsidered and re-wrote the school purpose and values. This was an excellent day that I attended as governor.

The outcome was an agreement that our Core Purpose is:

*We aim to provide a safe and nurturing environment, based on Christian values, where all feel confident to learn, face challenges and take risks. We ensure that all are motivated, engaged and supported in becoming the best possible version of themselves.*

We also revisited Our School Values and agreed that we all aim to be: Confident, Respectful, Curious, Resilient, Creative, Hard-working, Caring, Aspirational, Collaborative, Reflective and Happy.

I'm sure you'll agree that the outcome of the INSET day was a very positive and instructive Purpose and Vision Statement.

One final piece of news that you may all wish to know is that I have now taken on the role of Chair of Governors at the school. Whilst this does increase my workload I'm sure you'll agree that supporting the work of the school is a valuable and important part of my role as your vicar.

*Luke Wickings, Chair of Governors*



## **ST PAUL'S SOCIAL GROUPS & FUNDRAISING**

### **Fish & Chips**

We continue to meet monthly for a get together and enjoy a plate of fish & chips, this is always followed with a pudding, provided by different people, and a glass of wine.

We have been meeting for many years now and hopefully will continue to do so.

Meeting together is so important, having a chat and getting to know people we worship with.

*Pam Ingram & Ian Reid*

### **Knit & Natter**

Knit & Natter meet on Monday afternoon in the Mary Wise room. We knit and crochet and natter a lot. Most of the work we do is to knit blankets and hats for 'Born Too Soon' at Kingston Hospital. When a premature baby is ready to go home, they are given one of our blankets to keep. We put our name tag on, so Mum knows who has donated it. We also knit for an orphanage in Malawi and we make up baby boxes for charity in Jersey. Everyone is welcome, you can just come and natter if you wish and have a cup of tea and cake. We are part of the Mothers' Union Out Reach and Our Mission.

*Pam Ingram*

### **Cream Tea**

We once again held our afternoon cream tea in June. This is such a wonderful social afternoon, where members of the church and the community are able to sit and chat whilst enjoying homemade sandwiches, scones and cakes along with an amazing amount of tea and coffee!! Thank you to all the lovely ladies who give up their day to help prepare and serve the tea. The money raised from this was put to the Church Electrical Fund.

*Joanne Griffiths*

## Winter Fair

St Paul's Winter Fair, held in November in the Parish Hall, is an opportunity to raise funds for the day to day running of our church and also to reach out to the wider community of Hook.

The community spirit was certainly seen this year with a lady popping in as we were setting up, volunteering to make cakes, and returning later with her offerings. We also welcomed many young people and their families later in the afternoon as Emma Hammond's pupils danced and recited.

A first this year was Kirsty filming and posting on Facebook as Luke took on the role of judge for our own 'Cake bake competition'.

Due to the hard work of all our volunteers, our contributors and the buyers we raised £1,871.57 on the day. With the money received from the estate agent boards advertising the fair we raised a little over £2,200.

Our next Fair is **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018** please save the date. We would also welcome new volunteers to take an active part in planning the day – if this interests you please speak to Sue Russell.

*Sue Russell*

## SATURDAY STALL

Each Saturday two people sell our variety of pickles, jams and marmalades. Weather permitting, we sit outside the church. We work as a team especially in September when we prepare onions to make many jars of pickled onions. We also sell our produce at the winter fair.

If you are able to offer help, please contact Sue Liptrot 020 8397 6071

*Sue Liptrot*

## STREET PASTORS



Street Pastors meet every Friday and Saturday night in the United Reform church in Kingston. We go out as a team of 4 onto the streets. Two prayer pastors stay behind to pray for any situations that happen whilst the Street Pastors are out on the streets.

We go out from 10pm–4am with comfort breaks in between. At present we meet many homeless people on the street.

It fulfils our mission statement as we care for our neighbours. If you want to get involved you need to contact Charlie Bamford on 020 8547 0566 or email: [kingston@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:kingston@streetpastors.org.uk).

Some statistics are below: -

Deployed [4,933 Street](#) Pastors. Which equates to:

- 1,233 separate patrols
- 2,311 Prayer pastor shifts
- A total of 43,464 volunteer hours
- Calmed 435 aggressive situations
- Supported 3,242 vulnerable people
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Given out...

- 1,019 space blankets
- 6,061 pairs of flip flops
- 3,071 bottles of water (or hot drinks)
- Given first aid to 261 people
- Collected 59,337 glass bottles!

*Sue Liptrot*

## **STUDY GROUPS**

As a part of our learning and understanding our Bible and thus growing in our faith our study group meets on a Thursday evening in the Mary Wise Room. We start at 7.30pm with tea or coffee and a chat and then from 7.45pm until 9pm we look at the Bible passage we are studying.

During this past year we have continued in the main with our studies and we have also had our seasonal Lent and Advent Study Courses.

You are more than welcome to come and join us. It is not as dull as it might seem and really quite enjoyable and with the occasional hearty laugh.

*Ian Reid*

### **Reading the Bible Together – Monday Mornings 10.30am-12 noon**

These sessions are usually at Ann and Christopher's, 36a Hunter's Road, Hook (020 8397 5954)

Coffee and chat commence from 10.30am, then we start with prayer at 11am remembering the needs of people we know and asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

During 2017 about ten of us have continued to meet regularly each week to read the Bible. During this past year we have reread St Luke's Gospel, and the Epistles of Peter and started on the Acts of the Apostles. We discuss and try to understand what God is saying to us through the pages of Scripture as we grow in discipleship, as part of our mission.

The group decide what they would like to do next. No preparation or previous knowledge required.

Everyone is welcome. Come and see if this is for you.

*Ann Fernihough (e-mail: [ann.fernihough@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.fernihough@btinternet.com))*

## **SUNDAY INTER-SERVICE REFRESHMENTS**

Our slowly growing team has continued to provide delicious refreshments to the congregations between the 9 o'clock and 10.30am services each Sunday morning. We try not to moan too much when we have to be in church early to set up tea/coffee in the kitchen and plates of cakes and other delights in the Mary Wise Room!

We aim not to just provide for the physical needs of people who may not have had time for breakfast, but to be cheery, friendly faces demonstrating love and care for all. The aroma of fresh coffee and the provision of home baked delicacies are still commented on favourably by regular church goers and visitors alike. Ian has recently branched out into baking various flavoured shortbread – a 'must try'!!

We are really grateful to those who have joined our team but would be pleased to welcome any new comers. Please speak to any of us if you feel you could help in any way, however frequently or infrequently. We'll be behind the urn and the cafetières in the kitchen!

*Ian and Jane Jarman, Pam Ingram and Maggie Dowd*

## **TECHNOLOGY**

The visual side of our worship was one of the things that attracted Denise and I to come and worship here. After Derek moved last year, I started getting my head around what we had. Derek has done a great job installing the video side of things and he's left us with a good legacy.

Sound wise, I think most people know that the system in the church is not as effective as we'd like it to be. I've tried to set up the amplifier in the vestry so that it's as optimal as it can be, but it can still be too quiet when there are other noises during the service. However, we have a system in place to help the band vocals cut through more effectively and I think that does work well.

Luke, Julia and I, produce the PowerPoint files each week for Worship for All and also play in music tracks when the band aren't playing. We need another person to share the work out a bit more. A group of people also play in the organ tracks and Eucharist music for the gam service when we haven't an organist. I think it's really healthy if these things are shared around so that one person doesn't dominate with mysterious knowledge. We're always open for feedback about how these elements of our worship are working.

*Brian Dale*

## **TREASURER'S REPORT 2017**

2017 has been a more demanding year in terms of the Church finances compared with 2016 and as you will see this has had an impact on our bottom line with a final deficit of £9,900 compared with a profit of £30,598 in 2016.

If we turn to the Statement of Financial Activity on pages 4 & 5 we can review the main causes of this.

Collections and Planned Giving has remained fairly consistent on 2016 with a slight increase of £1,330. I have split out the Gift Aid figures as requested and this shows that the value for 2017 is slightly lower than 2016, this is because Gift Aid collections have been delayed for 2017. £9,440 of the 2017 figure Gift Aid is the claim for 2016.

A claim for 2017 is still to be made and is expected to be in the region of £12,000. I have not provided an accrual for this as agreed with the Church Warden and Vicar as we prepare the accounts on a cash basis, we will therefore see this amount come into the 2018 accounts.

Moving down you will also see a significant decrease in donations this year, we received over £7,000 more one-off donations in 2016. We do recognise this was exceptional and cannot necessarily be replicated, or expected, going forward and we do thank you for your generosity and your continued support.

The other significant decreases in income to note are for Weddings, Funerals and Memorials due to the decrease in weddings in 2017, unfortunately we also do not have any weddings booked for 2018 as yet either.

Fundraising and fete income has increased by nearly £1,000 this year.

This year saw an increase in Total Expenditure of £24,875. The two main causes of which are the increased payment to the Diocese by £6,000 (however this is still £6,000 lower than we paid in 2015). Our pledge for 2018 has increased by just 2% to £53,652. The second is the Parish Hall expenses that have increased this year due to building works costing just over £20,500, however general upkeep has reduced by £5,000 seeing a net increase in Parish Hall expenses of around £15,000.

Another increase in expenditure worthy of mention is in the Repairs & Renewals line which was due to the Mary Wise kitchen roof repairs costing £1,464.

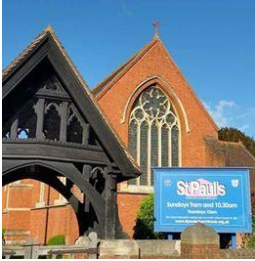
Moving to the Balance Sheet on pages 2 & 3, this represents the cash we hold in our bank accounts. This totals £92,695 split between the Church accounts of £59,652 and the Parish Hall accounts of £33,043.

I have also now split out the electrics fund to represent this as restricted funds.

This concludes my report on the finances.

*Carole Phillips, PCC Treasurer*

## **WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA**



You can find St Paul's online at our website ([www.stpaulschurchhook.org.uk](http://www.stpaulschurchhook.org.uk)) and Facebook page (stpaulschurchhook). Thanks to Kirsty for keeping the Facebook page up to date and to everyone who provides news and images for both.

If you would like to receive regular updates from St Paul's by email, then contact

[webmaster@stpaulschurchhook.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@stpaulschurchhook.org.uk)

Mary Reid ([mary@maryreid.org.uk](mailto:mary@maryreid.org.uk))

## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

We are a friendly group of ladies who meet on the second Monday of each month, except August, at 8pm in the Mary Wise Room. We have speakers most months who give interesting and informative talks on a variety of subjects. We also enjoy social evenings which include an American-style supper in January and July.

Diane Tink is our Chairman.

We aim to reach out to people in the community in fellowship and support various charities.

If you should wish to join us contact either Diane Tink or Suzanne Puckle, secretary.



Just a few of the ladies in our Fellowship.

*Suzanne Puckle*

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PAUL'S, HOOK

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO  
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PAUL'S HOOK

This report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2017, which are set out on pages two to six, is in respect of an examination carried out under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and S.145 of the Charities Act 2011.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINERS

As the members of the Parochial Church Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and section 14(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) do not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our 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 commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by these accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

1. Which gives us 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 to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997

have not been met; or

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

*George Mitchell*

*24 March 2018*

*GEORGE MITCHELL*

*51 LANGDON PARK*

*REDDINGTON*

*M. DDx*

*2011 APR*

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PAUL'S, HOOK  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2017

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>	
		£	£	£	£
<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>					
Church Accounts:					
National Westminster Bank		43,040		43,839	
CBF deposit fund		16,596		16,572	
Cash in hand		<u>16</u>		<u>18</u>	
			59,652		60,429
Parish Hall Accounts:					
CAF - Gold		27,310		38,955	
CAF - Cash		5,209		2,765	
HSBC		<u>524</u>		<u>445</u>	
			33,043		42,165
			<u>92,695</u>		<u>102,594</u>

FUNDS

Unrestricted Accumulated Funds

Church Accounts:

As at 1st January 2017		43,857		(82,200)	
Excess of receipts over payments/ (payments over receipts) for year	2	<u>(802)</u>		<u>22,475</u>	
		43,056		(59,725)	
Transfer (to)/from unrestricted designated funds		-		103,582	
Transfer (to)/from restricted funds	3	<u>(10,087)</u>		<u>-</u>	
			32,969		43,857

Parish Hall Accounts:

As at 1st January 2017		42,165		34,042	
Excess of receipts over payments/ (payments over receipts) for year	2	<u>(9,122)</u>		<u>8,123</u>	
			33,043		42,165
Carried forward			<u>66,012</u>		<u>86,022</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PAUL'S, HOOK  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2017 (CONT)

	<u>Notes</u>	£	<u>2017</u>	£	£	<u>2016</u>	£
Brought forward				66,012			86,022
<u>Unrestricted Designated Funds</u>							
Legacies:							
Mary Wise as at 1st January 2017			16,572			16,572	
Interest			<u>24</u>			<u>-</u>	
				16,596			16,572
<u>Restricted Funds</u>							
Electrics	3			10,087			
				<u>92,695</u>			<u>102,594</u>



Carole Phillips  
Treasurer



Graham Cocks  
Church Warden

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PAUL'S, HOOK

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>							
<u>Incoming Resources from Donors</u>							
Collections and other giving		5,991			5,091		
Planned giving		49,023			48,593		
Gift Aid on planned giving		10,199			12,219		
				65,214			65,903
<u>Other Voluntary Incoming Resources</u>							
Donations and voluntary income		364			7,744		
Fetes and bazaars		2,355			2,153		
Outside charities		425			1,457		
Weddings, funerals and memorials		2,854			7,741		
				5,998			19,095
<u>Income from Investments</u>							
Dividends and bank interest		24			324		
				24			324
<u>Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading</u>							
Bungalow income		6,050			7,150		
Church property income		6,168			5,459		
Fundraising income		4,034			3,302		
Hall account	1	29,924			31,638		
Other parish income		687			880		
				46,863			48,429
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>				<u>118,099</u>			<u>133,752</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PAUL'S, HOOK  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017  
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (CONT)

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>	
		£	£	£	£
<u>PAYMENTS</u>					
<u>Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church</u>					
2nd Hook Scouts		250✓		250	
Alter expenses - upkeep of services		1,051✓		1,079	
Bungalow expenses		6,602		6,245	
Payments for outside charities		2,695✓		3,727	
Diocese		53,855✓		47,483	
Fire inspection and insurance		2,882✓		2,693	
Fundraising outgoings		175✓		539	
Hall account	1	39,046		23,515	
Heat, light and water		2,523✓		1,586	
Ordinary parish expenditure		1,021✓		859	
Repairs and renewals		5,174✓		3,327	
Salaries and honoraria		9,476✓		8,559	
Youth work		1,061✓		1,075	
		<u>125,811</u>		<u>100,937</u>	
<u>Church Management and Administration</u>					
Parish office and magazine		<u>2,187✓</u>		<u>2,217</u>	
			2,187		2,217
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>		<u>127,998</u>		<u>103,153</u>	
<u>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS/ (PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS)</u>	2	<u>(9,900)</u>		<u>30,598</u>	



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PAUL'S, HOOK

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017

**1 PARISH HALL ACCOUNT**

	<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Lettings	29,794		31,465	
Interest from investments	101		148	
Electric refund	29		25	
	<hr/>	29,924	<hr/>	31,638
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Caretaker	5,246 ✓		4,462	
Electricity (main building)	1,147 ✓		976	
Electricity (annexe)	131 ✓		246	
Gas	2,064 ✓		2,413	
Water	28 ✓		552	
Insurance	2,031 ✓		2,411	
Fire protection services (main building)	345 ✓		207	
Hire and clearance of refuse bin	1,391 ✓		1,409	
Telephone	61 ✓		52	
General upkeep and repairs	95 ✓		5,846	
Cleaning material and sundries	1,412 ✓		784	
Stationery	116 ✓		414	
PCC administration charges	3,900 ✓		3,600	
Small Purchases	-		113	
Key cutting / deposit return	30 ✓		30	
Bank fees	60		-	
Building works	20,668 ✓			
Pre-School lease	321 ✓		-	
	<hr/>	39,046	<hr/>	23,515
 EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS/ (PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS)		<hr/> <hr/>		<hr/> <hr/>
		(9,122)		8,123

**2 EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS/  
(PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS)**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	£	£
Church accounts (unrestricted accumulated)	(802)	22,475
Church accounts (restricted designated)	24	0
Parish Hall accounts	(9,122)	8,123
	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	(9,900)	30,598

**3 TRANSFER TO DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The transfer from unrestricted accumulated funds to restricted funds reflects an amendment to the presentation of reserves to recognise monies raised or donated for the electrics fund. This money is ringfenced for the works required on the Church lighting and electrics.