

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



Annual Report

And

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December, 2016

Of the

Parochial Church Council

Priest-in-Charge:

The Reverend Lynn Davidson

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**ST JOHN THE APOSTLE CHURCH, WHETSTONE
ANNUAL REPORT AND OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2016**

Administrative Information

St. John's Church is situated at 1163 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 0PG. It is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 1165 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 0PG.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers measurement 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from 24th April 2016 until the date this report was approved are:

Priest in Charge: The Rev'd Lynn Davidson * Chair (From 20/Sept/2016)

Wardens: Mr Brian Wakeham * Vice Chair/Treasurer

Mr Robert Wright *

Licensed Lay Minister: Mrs Meg Wakeham

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mr Jaime Goumal 2017 Ex-Officio

Mr Robert Michell (Resigned July 2016) 2018 Ex-Officio

Ms Camille Fraser (appointed August 2016) 2019 Ex-Officio

Representative on Churches Together:

Mr Brian Wakeham

Elected members:

Mrs Alison Jackson* Secretary 2019

Mrs Mary Longfellow 2018

Mrs Janet Hollington* Stewardship Recorder 2018 Ex-Officio

Mr Paul Bird* (Resigned 2016) 2017

Mrs Heather Kashi 2017

Mrs Marguerite Brereton (Children's Advocate) 2018

Mr Tom Hall (Resigned 2016) 2018

Mrs Joanne Mason 2017

Mr Iain Phillips 2017

Ms Sam Somerville (Resigned 2016) 2017

Mrs Binnaz Harris 2017

Mrs Gillian Jones co-opted 2016

Mr Jaime Goumal 2017

Electoral Roll Officer: Mr Robert Wright Ex-Officio

Standing Committee PCC Members as above with *

Head St John's School Mr Curtis Sweetingham (From September 2015) Ex Officio

Bankers: Barclays Bank plc, Whetstone Branch

Organist Mrs. Angela Richards

Independent

Examiner: Mr. Roger Seaton FCA, 23 Greenhill Park, New Barnet, EN5 1HQ

The parish was in an interregnum from January 15, 2016 to September 22, 2016, during which we were ably supported by local clergy especially: Venerable John, Archdeacon of Hampstead, Rev Gregory, Area Dean, Rev Paul, previous Area Dean, Father Ben, Mother Karen, and Father Marius.

During the year we sold our church hall and plan to build a new hall adjacent to the church, which will enable us to expand our service and mission activities.

Structure, governance and management

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

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

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

Financial Reports

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds (*funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes*) were £61,349 (2015 £60,188) and are detailed in the Financial Statements. Restricted income (*revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor*) for 2016 was £7,529 (2015 £1,189).

The total freewill offerings showed a decrease from £21,324 in 2015 to £21,162 in 2016 all of which was paid under Gift Aid (*if you are a tax payer, by Gift Aiding we can retrieve an extra 25% from HMRC*). This figure includes giving in the “occasional envelopes” which showed a 20% decrease in revenue from £6,296 in 2015 to £5,088 in 2016. At the end of the year, there were 23 (25 in 2015) regular donors under the gift aid scheme. In addition to the committed givers, **137** (265 in 2015) people used the “occasional envelopes” for their giving. Hall letting income has decreased from £9,776 to £7,987 – this is mainly due to the hall having been sold.

£66,013 (£65,538 in 2015) was spent on administering the Church and the Hall, including the annual contribution to the London Diocesan Fund (£40,000), which largely provides the stipends, pension contributions and housing for the clergy (in our case housing only for most of 2016). In 2017 our common fund contribution is £42,000 and, as we once again have a full time vicar, this amount is likely to increase dramatically in the coming years.

2016 showed a net deficit at the end of the year of £4,592 (2015 £4,160).

The hall property was successfully sold in December and the plans to rebuild a new hall adjacent to the church are proceeding well. The funds generated from this sale are designated for the proposed new Church Hall and as such cannot be utilised for any other project.

A new noticeboard costing in the region of £2,000 will be erected. Donations totalling £1,250 including Gift Aid have been received towards this. Additionally, the sound system in the church will be upgraded at a cost of about £14,000 of which we have had donations totalling £6,250 including Gift Aid. Both of these projects will go ahead shortly and any further donations to fund these, however much, will be gratefully accepted. If you can Gift Aid then so much the better. There are still items on our wish-list which are (rough estimates in brackets):

- Replace current lights in the church (+/- £5,000)
- Replace the Bell Tower (£90,000 +)
- Damp proofing the church + re-plastering (+/-£30,000)

However, as before we cannot begin to think about these projects based on the funds we currently have available. St John's is growing and we have now returned to having a full time Vicar. So that we can afford this it has to be all hands on deck to make this happen not only in a financial sense, although that is an important factor, but also by using the talents each one of us has.

At the end of 2016 our Electoral Roll had **195** people.

In 2017 we are committed to pay £42,000 to the Diocese. A full time incumbent would have cost £80,000 per annum in 2016 but we appreciate that we do not have the finances to reach that target. A more achievable target is £50,000 and that can be done if we all look at our commitment to St John's. The Electoral Roll shows an increase to 211 after the current revision.

Our weekly collections are the main source of income in the church. We would ask you all to think very prayerfully about this. Your £10.00 would become £12.50 if you are a basic rate taxpayer and you Gift Aid your donation.

Many of you use the white envelopes and we thank you very much for that. But of course if you are away on holiday or don't make it to church on a Sunday, the amount you kindly give on other Sundays does not materialise.

There are a couple of easy ways to remedy this.

1. ***Standing Order*** for a regular amount either monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually not necessarily under Gift Aid. But if you are a tax payer by Gift Aiding as well we can retrieve that extra 25% from HMRC e.g. if you give £10 per month, over a year that amounts to £120 and we claim £30 from HMRC. The amount you decide to give will be treated in strict confidence and only the Stewardship Recorder and Treasurer will be aware of the amount of your donation.
2. ***Freewill Offering Scheme***. You may have seen a few people with green envelopes. This is for people who may not wish to create a standing order for a regular fixed amount but who would like to pledge an amount in confidence again not necessarily under Gift Aid. Only the Stewardship Recorder and Treasurer will be aware of the amount of your pledged donation.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments (equates to approximately £16,500), to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. However, as you can see from the figures above we have reached a point where the reserves have dried up.

St John the Apostle Parish Church, Whetstone

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2016 to 31 December 2016

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	£28,800.17	—	£6,392.50	—	£35,192.67	£29,099.96
Activities for generating funds	£3,427.50	—	£844.45	—	£4,271.95	£2,164.67
Investment income	£19.56	—	—	—	£19.56	£40.12
Incoming resources from charitable activities	£27,189.25	—	—	—	£27,189.25	£28,394.50
Other incoming resources	£1,927.97	£2,130,853.64	£279.40	—	£2,133,061.01	£1,677.88
Total income	£61,364.45	£2,130,853.64	£7,516.35	—	£2,199,734.44	£61,377.13
Expenditure						
Cost of generating funds	£100.00	—	—	—	£100.00	£100.00
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	£4,255.92	—	—	—	£4,255.92	£5,808.61
Charitable activities	£51,388.55	—	£700.00	—	£52,088.55	£50,680.58
Other resources used	£10,293.52	—	£903.96	—	£11,197.48	£8,948.87
Total expenditure	£66,037.99	—	£1,603.96	—	£67,641.95	£65,538.06
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(£4,673.54)	£2,130,853.64	£5,912.39	—	£2,132,092.49	(£4,160.93)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	£128.00	—	£48.00	—	£176.00	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(£48.00)	(£8.00)	(£120.00)	—	(£176.00)	—
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(£4,593.54)	£2,130,845.64	£5,840.39	—	£2,132,092.49	(£4,160.93)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	£298,403.34	£55.90	£8,430.06	—	£306,889.30	£311,050.23
Total funds carried forward	£293,809.80	£2,130,901.54	£14,270.45	—	£2,438,981.79	£306,889.30

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Balance sheet (Church of England)

As at: 31 December 2016

	As at 31/12/2016	As at 31/12/2015
Fixed assets		
Church Hall at Valuation		£300,000.00
		<u>£300,000.00</u>
Current assets		
Fairtrade Stock	—	£3.67
Proceeds of Sale of Church Hall	£2,430,901.54	—
Sundry Debtors	£1,830.14	£3,492.73
National Savings Premium Bonds	£25.00	£25.00
Cash at bank and in hand	£11,540.83	£9,736.78
	<u>£2,444,297.51</u>	<u>£13,258.18</u>
Liabilities		
Amounts falling due in one year	£5,315.72	£6,368.88
	<u>£5,315.72</u>	<u>£6,368.88</u>
Net current assets	£2,438,981.79	£6,889.30
Total assets less current liabilities		
Net assets	<u>£2,438,981.79</u>	<u>£306,889.30</u>
Parish Funds		
Unrestricted	£293,809.80	£298,403.34
Designated	£2,130,901.54	£55.90
	<u>£2,424,711.34</u>	<u>£298,459.24</u>
Restricted	£14,270.45	£8,430.06
	<u>£2,438,981.79</u>	<u>£306,889.30</u>

Approved by

(Priest-in-Charge)

(Treasurer)
29th April 2017

St John the Apostle Parish Church, Whetstone

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2016 to 31 December 2016

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income						
<i>Income from generated funds</i>						
0101 - Planned Giving SO	£13,310.00	—	—	—	£13,310.00	£9,855.00
0102 - White Envelopes SO GA	£641.20	—	—	—	£641.20	£2,408.50
0103 - White Envelopes Occasional GA	£5,088.98	—	—	—	£5,088.98	£6,296.65
0104 - Planned Giving SO - Non GA	£770.00	—	—	—	£770.00	£405.00
0110 - Envelope scheme	£305.00	—	—	—	£305.00	£696.00
0301 - Church collections NON GA	—	—	—	—	—	£275.00
0302 - Church collections GA	£1,818.40	—	—	—	£1,818.40	£2,069.41
0303 - Epiphany Gifts NON GA	£3.65	—	—	—	£3.65	—
0304 - Epiphany Gifts GA	£448.75	—	—	—	£448.75	—
0501 - Donations - GA	£450.00	—	£5,010.00	—	£5,460.00	£680.78
0502 - Donations NON GA	£16.00	—	£130.00	—	£146.00	£289.45
0601 - Income tax recovered	£5,948.19	—	£1,252.50	—	£7,200.69	£5,374.17
0701 - Legacy Received	—	—	—	—	—	£750.00
0305 - Sundry Income JAM	—	—	£844.45	—	£844.45	£889.11
0901 - Fund Raising	£3,427.50	—	—	—	£3,427.50	£1,275.56
1020 - Interest received	£4.56	—	—	—	£4.56	£40.12
1030 - Rent	£15.00	—	—	—	£15.00	—
Total Income from generated funds	£32,247.23	—	£7,236.95	—	£39,484.18	£31,304.75
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						
1101 - Parochial Fees - weddings etc	£852.00	—	—	—	£852.00	£568.00
1240 - Hall lettings	£7,987.25	—	—	—	£7,987.25	£9,776.50
1241 - Hall Car Park	£18,350.00	—	—	—	£18,350.00	£18,050.00
Total Income from charitable activities	£27,189.25	—	—	—	£27,189.25	£28,394.50
<i>Other income</i>						
0401 - Donation Recurring NON GA	£1,200.00	—	—	—	£1,200.00	£1,200.00
0503 - Sundry Income	£727.97	(£47.90)	£279.40	—	£959.47	£477.88
1242 - Sale of Hall	—	£2,130,901.54	—	—	£2,130,901.54	—
Total Other income	£1,927.97	£2,130,853.64	£279.40	—	£2,133,061.01	£1,677.88
Grand Total Income	£61,364.45	£2,130,853.64	£7,516.35	—	£2,199,734.44	£61,377.13

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Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2016 to 31 December 2016

Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Cost of generating funds						
1701 - Fund Raising Expenses	£100.00	—	—	—	£100.00	£100.00
2235 - Depreciation of office equipment	—	—	—	—	—	£238.00
2510 - Hall Insurance	£617.76	—	—	—	£617.76	£635.77
2511 - Hall Heating, Light and Water	£934.41	—	—	—	£934.41	£1,773.35
2512 - Hall Caretaker & Cleaning	£2,160.00	—	—	—	£2,160.00	£2,560.75
2513 - Hall Maintenance & Repairs	£543.75	—	—	—	£543.75	£600.74
Total Cost of generating funds	£4,355.92	—	—	—	£4,355.92	£5,908.61
Charitable activities						
1901 - Common Fund	£40,003.63	—	—	—	£40,003.63	£39,000.00
2001 - Organist	£2,880.00	—	—	—	£2,880.00	£2,565.00
2202 - JAM Expenses	—	—	£700.00	—	£700.00	£700.00
2234 - Service books	£102.17	—	—	—	£102.17	—
2301 - Church Insurance	£2,291.17	—	—	—	£2,291.17	£2,240.82
2304 - Organ Maintenance	£422.01	—	—	—	£422.01	£404.00
2305 - Sacristy	£622.06	—	—	—	£622.06	£450.85
2440 - Church Heating, light and water	£5,067.51	—	—	—	£5,067.51	£5,319.91
Total Charitable activities	£51,388.55	—	£700.00	—	£52,088.55	£50,680.58
Other expenditure						
1801 - St Luke's Hospital	£50.00	—	—	—	£50.00	£50.00
1802 - Friends of Amasango	£120.00	—	—	—	£120.00	£120.00
1803 - Mission Giving and Donations	—	—	—	—	—	£88.96
2101 - Vicar Expenses	£20.00	—	—	—	£20.00	£560.78
2102 - Vicar Telephone	£191.08	—	—	—	£191.08	£129.71
2103 - Sundry Vicarage Expenses	£74.09	—	—	—	£74.09	£33.16
2104 - Vicarage Utilities	£924.21	—	—	—	£924.21	£1,658.10
2201 - Junior Church Expenses	—	—	£232.83	—	£232.83	£323.16
2236 - Depreciation - Other	—	—	—	—	—	£777.46
2302 - Church Maintenance	£4,440.20	—	—	—	£4,440.20	£2,007.67
2303 - Church Cleaner	£500.00	—	—	—	£500.00	£444.00
2306 - Parish Room Expenses	£116.14	—	—	—	£116.14	£252.00
2307 - Sundry Expenses	£3,857.80	—	£671.13	—	£4,528.93	£2,503.87
Total Other expenditure	£10,293.52	—	£903.96	—	£11,197.48	£8,948.87
Grand Total expenditure	£66,037.99	—	£1,603.96	—	£67,641.95	£65,538.06

St John the Apostle Parish Church, Whetstone

Fund movement summary

Selected period: 01 January 2016 to 31 December 2016

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Coffee - Community Coffee Morning Fund	£47.90	£225.50	—	—	—	£273.40
Damp - Damp Course	£1,516.19	—	—	—	—	£1,516.19
Fabric - Fabric Fund	£2,428.65	—	—	—	—	£2,428.65
Flowers - Flower Fund	-£215.94	£130.00	£266.14	—	—	-£352.08
Keys - Hall Key Deposit	£120.00	—	—	-£90.00	—	£30.00
JAM - Jesus and Me Fund	-£183.13	£844.45	£700.00	—	—	-£38.68
Junior - Junior Church Fund	-£444.19	£18.50	£232.83	£18.00	—	-£640.52
Marquee - Junior Church Marquee	£2,524.38	—	£237.98	—	—	£2,286.40
Music - Music/Choir Fund	£8.00	—	—	-£8.00	—	£0.00
Shelter - Night Shelter Fund	-£400.74	—	£167.01	—	—	-£567.75
Organ - Organ Fund	£3,173.80	—	—	—	—	£3,173.80
SOUND - Upgrade Church Sound System	—	£6,250.00	—	—	—	£6,250.00
General - General fund	£298,403.34	£61,453.41	£66,126.95	£80.00	—	£293,809.80
None - Agency collection	-£88.96	—	—	—	—	-£88.96
Building - New Building fund	—	£2,130,901.54	—	—	—	£2,130,901.54
Totals	£306,889.30	£2,199,823.40	£67,730.91	£0.00	—	£2,438,981.79

St John the Apostle Church

Accruals 2016

Accrued Amounts Receivable

HMRC - OCT - DEC 2016	£1,417.07
HMRC - OCT - DEC 2016	GASDS £192.56
HALL SALE	£2,430,901.54
MISCELLANEOUS	£220.51
	£2,432,731.68

Accrued Amounts Payable

FRAMA	£22.35
BISH DISC	£66.89
NLH	£120.96
HAB	£151.51
CS	£454.01
LAWSONS PAYMENT 2016 RETURN	£4,500.00
	£5,315.72

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER
2016**

**3. Analysis of expenditure on charitable
activities**

	Ministry	Support	Total	Total
	costs	costs	2016	2015
Missionary and charitable giving	£170.00	£100.00	£270.00	£358.96
Diocesan parish share	£40,003.63		£40,003.63	£39,000.00
Staff costs	£500.00	£2,880.00	£3,380.00	£3,009.00
Clergy and staff expenses and training	£1,209.38		£1,209.38	£2,381.75
Church running expenses	£9,190.02		£9,190.02	£8,667.58
Church repairs and maintenance	£4,440.20		£4,440.20	£2,007.67
Hall Costs	£4,255.92		£4,255.92	£5,570.61
Services and events	£1,505.75		£1,505.75	£0.00
Expenditure of church organisations	£932.83		£932.83	£1,023.16
Sundries	£2,454.22		£2,454.22	£2,503.87
Equipment depreciation	£0.00		£0.00	£1,015.46
	£64,661.95	£2,980.00	£67,641.95	£65,538.06

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

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 which are set out on pages 5 to 10 & the accounting policies on pages 12 & 13.

Respective responsibilities of PCC members and examiner

The church's PCC members are responsible for the preparation of financial statements and they 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 financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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 church and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as PCC members 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 financial statements 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 the section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Roger Seaton FCA
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**ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH CHURCH, WHETSTONE
ACCOUNTING POLICIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

Basis of preparation

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

Under the rules of the Charity Commission the 'gross income' of the PCC excludes the proceeds of the sale of the church hall and therefore an income figure of £250,000 is not exceeded.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of the church hall in the comparative figures, which was shown at fair value.

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

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

In preparing the financial statements the PCC members have considered whether, in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the restatement of comparative items is required. The PCC members confirm that the policies applied under the previous accounting framework were not materially different and therefore that no such restatement is necessary.

Fund accounting

The general fund represents the unrestricted fund, which is available for use at the discretion of the PCC members in furtherance of the general objectives of the church, and which has not been designated for any other particular purpose.

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

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

Income

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

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

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

Expenditure

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

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

Fixed assets

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

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

Proceeds of sale of church hall

The church hall was sold on 22 December 2016 for £2,555,000 less costs of £124,098. The net proceeds were paid to the London Diocese and only remitted to the parish on 10th January 2017. The funds are designated for the construction of a new hall.

Sundry debtors

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

Cash at bank

Cash at bank includes cash held on short term deposit with Barclays Bank plc.

Creditors and provisions

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

Financial instruments

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

Objectives and Activities

St John the Apostle Church aims to make known the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the parish of Whetstone, and to do this by ensuring the church serves as a community resource available to all who reside in the parish.

St John's PCC is responsible for cooperating with the Priest in Charge (Reverend Lynn Davidson) to promote in the Ecclesiastical Parish, the whole mission of the church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is responsible for the maintenance of the parish buildings and grounds.

Electoral Roll

With two members of the Electoral Roll having passed away, and 17 additions, there are 211 parishioners on St John's electoral roll of which 102 are resident in the parish and 109 are not resident in the parish.

During this last year, there have been five baptisms and there are three more booked.

One marriage took place in church.

One funeral took place in church and the Priest in Charge conducted several more in local crematoria and cemeteries.

Following several enquiries from potential Confirmation candidates, Confirmation classes will be started soon with a view to a Confirmation service being held later this year.

Worship

St John's offers three Eucharistic services each week, 9.00am and 10.30 am on Sundays, and 10.30 am on Wednesdays. The 10.30 Sunday service is a vibrant, lively time of worship with an emphasis on being child friendly and inclusive. These services are well attended, with a high proportion of young families. As we have no current hall space, the children remain in church during all services. During standard services, the children engage in a programme of teaching, art and crafts relating to the lectionary readings. These activities are taught by the

very committed and able children's workers. On the first Sunday of the month, the 10.30 service is a family service and the children's activities are further enhanced by interactive children's talks and other creative ways of including the children in the service, such as readings and prayers. The 9.00 service is a quieter, more reflective service. Numbers have been growing steadily over the last few months. The Wednesday service provides a valuable opportunity for mid-week worshippers to receive Communion, meet together for coffee and then participate in one of the weekly Bible study sessions.

On the third Sunday of the month, the three o'clock club takes place in church. This is an opportunity for families with young children to attend church in a format similar to Messy Church, where the children's workers deliver teaching through stories, art and crafts based on the Roots Bible Study themes, and include prayer and singing.

Special services have been held throughout the year such as Easter, Harvest, All Souls, Carol and Christmas services.

Reverend Lynn leads a Communion service in Baxendale Residential Home for the residents on the first Tuesday of the month.

Reverend Lynn leads collective worship in St John's School on a weekly basis, with the whole school coming to church for a service on the first Tuesday of the month.

Mission and Outreach

The PCC and the wider congregation have been meeting to discuss the church Mission Action plan update, looking at how we might incorporate the London Diocese Capital Vision 2020 call to be Confident, Compassionate and Creative in how we serve our local community with the love of Christ.

JAM (Jesus and me), the church toddler group has been an important means of outreach into the local community. In spite of the challenges of moving this group from the church hall into the church, it has continued to be well attended. As Jo, the group leader will be standing down after Easter due to her house move, the future of JAM is uncertain unless another leader can be found.

A coffee morning is held in church on Friday mornings during school term time. This continues to be a valuable opportunity for young parents and others to meet up and form friendships. It also facilitates relationships with church. Reverend Lynn has begun to meet with some of the young mothers from this group to pray.

We held our regular community carol service in early December which draws on talented members of the wider community to participate in a joyful evening of talents and gifts

We hold joint summer and Christmas fetes with St John's Primary School, which are enjoyable and exhilarating days.

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

Homeless action in Barnet (HAB)

North London Hospice

Friends of Amasango, United, Kingdom

Christian Aid

Children's Society

The parish continues to support Together in Barnet Night Shelter, with Rob Wright taking the lead on organising volunteers for this important venture each winter.

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

Pastoral Care

Reverend Lynn visits members of the parish who are unable to attend church, either in their homes or in hospital. She is one of two Church of England Chaplains at the North London Hospice. She visits Baxendale Residential Home regularly to lead Communion Services and to visit residents.

An informal network exists, whereby congregation members support each other by providing lifts to church, hospital appointments, shopping trips and visiting sick people. Plans to develop a more formalised pastoral care group are under way.

Discipleship

Reverend Lynn has initiated morning and evening Bible study groups each Wednesday. These sessions are designed to encourage participants to explore their faith at a deeper level.

The school collective worship sessions challenge and hopefully equip the children to make informed choices about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. The children, and in particular the older ones, are encouraged to have follow up conversations about the sessions. This is helping to generate some deep thinking and exploration around faith matters.

Deanery Synod

This has been another exciting year for the Deanery Synod as it continues to develop the deanery's efforts towards the Capital 2020 vision and Bishop Rob's drive to make more of us Ambassadors for Christ.

The deanery Synod is a statutory body. It acts as an intermediary between the parochial church councils of each parish in its deanery and the synod of the diocese as a whole. The deanery Synod is responsible for discussing common issues within the deanery and passing information and policies to and from the diocesan and general synods to parishes within the deanery. In England its lay members also elect the deanery's lay representatives to the diocese's synod and the diocese's members of the House of Laity in the General Synod of the Church of England.. Father Gregory has settled in well to his role as Area Dean bringing good humour to the Deanery and building on the work of Father Paul. This is first year that Rev Lynn has been part of this deanery, and she has been welcomed into the fold. All churches in our area are happy that we have a new incumbent, which answered prayers during the interregnum.

Statistics on the deanery are positive, in particular in the main two areas: congregational attendance and finances. Full details are on the London Diocese website.

Locally, the deanery appointed Alice Atashka as the Deanery Synod governor to the governing body of our school, St. John's C.E. Primary School, Whetstone N20.

On a broader scale, Archdeacon John is compiling and circulating an Edmonton newsletter, which gives us a chance to showcase St John's strengths to both the deanery and wider bishopric. We are encouraged to send information on any of our more interesting or ground-breaking projects for inclusion in this newsletter.

Fabric Goods and Ornaments

The Fabric of the church is in good order. In the period January to December 2016 to which this report refers there have been no significant changes to the fabric goods and ornaments of the church.

Report Approved

Report approved by the PCC on 30th March 2017 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Lynn Davidson (PCC chairman)