

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020

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PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT

This report is officially the report of the Parish Council – the “PCC”.

The Parochial Church Council has the responsibility for co-operating with the Parish Priest in promoting the whole vision and mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical – within the parish. The PCC is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the Church, Churchyard, Hall and moveable objects.

The PCC is a charity. They have overall charge of all expenditure and are also trustees, which entails various responsibilities under charity law.

Members of the PCC are either Ex Officio or elected by the parochial church meeting in accordance with the Church representation rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

During 2020, the following served as members of the PCC ex officio, with some members stepping down and replacements or new members to fill an unexpected vacancy.

- Father David Lambert Parish Priest PCC Chair
- Carlotor Lovell Treasurer
- Norma Watt Churchwarden
- Antonio Joseph Churchwarden, Deanery Synod Representative
- Jan Lord Safeguarding Officer
- Maxine Leonard Lead Recruiter on Disclosure and Barring Screening

The following served as elected members of the PCC during 2020 or part of the year, whether joining or stepping down

- Roslyn Seymour Children's Champion
- Yvonne Nichols
- Rosalind Black Secretary
- Sheryl Payne Electoral Roll Officer
- Ruth Whitehead
- Joy Ahunanya

Mr Stephen Jasper, our Organist, is an honorary member of the PCC.

The PCC met 1 time during 2020 (due to the Covid 19 epidemic), Attendance was 10.

The main items for discussions related mainly to our accounts, church maintenance, raising funds, Mothers' Union and future events.

We have strong links with our School, local community and furthering our mission action plan, which is available alongside our annual report.

The independent examination of our accounts for 2020 have been completed; thanks to the hard work, time, dedication and commitment of our Treasurer, Carlotor Lovell.

Throughout the year our Church Wardens have continued in keeping accountability.

Church attendance cannot be accounted for due to the Churches being closed during the pandemic (Covid 19). However, members of the congregation have continued to support the Church by sending their offerings or have signed up to paying by standing order/direct debit.

The PCC is supported by a Standing Committee which is the only committee required by law, comprising Chair, Vice-Chair, Churchwardens, Treasurer and Secretary. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

PCC member positions are open to church members on the Electoral Roll to which one can nominate themselves to. Nomination forms are available at the back of Church and should be submitted before our Annual General meeting.

Our next Annual General meeting is to be held on Sunday 18th April 2021, 12:30pm.

This meeting will also be live streamed online to reach our parishioners unable to attend Church, especially those who are shielding.

PCC

To find out what your responsibilities will be in accepting roles within the Church, please speak to our Churchwardens or Fr David, or ask to have access to read the book 'ABC for PCC members' which will give you an informed expectation of the Role you may wish to be nominated to. It is also important that you read the Safeguarding Book, which you can sign out and return once read (Please speak to the Church Wardens). This book is also available online (free of charge).

We have approximately 49 people registered on our Electoral Roll which was updated in January 2020. The list of names is available for inspection at the back of church. If you have missed out in registering on our Roll for 2020, you can still complete an application after our APCM.

You are encouraged to join, so you can have a more active say in your Church. Please take this opportunity to complete an Electoral Roll application form, available from Sheryl Payne (Electoral Roll officer) or the Church Wardens.

Parish Priest

Our Parish Priest, Fr David, has continued to minister to the congregation during this pandemic. Sunday services have continued (albeit with fewer attending and social distancing being adhered to) and services being live streamed.

Fr David has been dedicated in ensuring that our faith is not diminished. He has posted or hand delivered weekly news letters and readings, in order to reach those unable to attend Church due to shielding.

We can only hope and pray that we will get through these testing times, during this pandemic and with much prayer, we can all come together soon and continue in proclaiming the Gospel, to the Glory of God.

Rosalind Black

PAROCHIAL CHURCH SECRETARY

VICAR'S REPORT

What a year 2020 was, and obviously will be remembered for all the wrong reasons. In all the 15 years of being here, it is the strangest and hardest report to capture the glory moments and to share what would normally be a very enthusiastic marvellous moments in the history of St Matthias.

However, for all that it is worth, let us remain positive and upbeat because of the faithful commitment and support of the wonderful people of this parish church. I have been overwhelmed by the love that has been shown through those who responded to the direct debit response and requesting voluntary donations be paid via bank transfer, and there are those who have continued to pay via envelope scheme. Most of all, it is really encouraging that none of us have given up in offering our prayers, which is paramount to anything else we do, along with offering the Eucharist.

It would be quite easy to write about the negative, and no doubt, 2020 has been an incredibly difficult, challenging year for all, and for some, more difficult than others. At first, when we went into lockdown in March '20 none of us knew what to expect and many thought it was a Government Draconian way of having control over a population. Many thought and believed that the Covid 19 was a hoax, but as time went on, it became evident that the Pandemic was real and many started losing their lives, and I am confident that many of us have been affected by the loss of someone we know to the dreaded virus that has effected not only this nation, but the population of the world,

and millions have lost their lives, despite the protest marches and the ignorance and stupidity of a minority who continue to bring disarray and misery to those who try to offer support, such as the Police and the NHS, and all emergency services who have had to take on different roles in their daily lives, such as the fire services and those who have been requested to drive ambulances.

But out of negativity, comes along the positives, and I know that all of us have been touched by the overwhelming simple acts of those who did things that would normally be overlooked, or acts of kindness and generosity that very few would acknowledge. The support given by services and agents for those who are most vulnerable and have had to shield or self-isolate and continue to do so. It has been a most challenging and dreadful year, and for the likes of myself, I have never had to endure or experience anything like this, but on the other hand, there is the generation that not only experienced the War years but are now having to endure another world life changing experience.

I may hear you be asking, “what has this got to do with a Vicar’s Report? Well, I write it for the history books, but we cannot help but write about such atrocities as it does affect the parish and all of us who attend St Matthias. At first lockdown, the Bishop’ Council implemented an order to shut all churches until further notice was given. This was a shock to all, and clergy were threatened with disciplinary action if they entered their church premises! Of course, there was a reaction from the majority of clergy condemning the decision to shut churches, and surprisingly, residents were asking me why the churches are shut! It should have been the one place whereby individuals could come and find solace and hope in times of despair.



At the next lockdown, we were advised that we could offer services with a limited number of attendees, and there were times when there were about four people in church saying and offering mass! Gradually, more and more started to attend with socially distancing guidelines being implemented and it has been very encouraging that we have on average about 25 attendees on a Sunday morning. This is a long way off from our regular Sunday worshipping family, but I know that we have all been connected in our journey of Christian Discipleship and continue of seeking ways to be connected!

One way of achieving this was using modern technology and advancing towards online streaming services. Many churches took the opportunity of carrying out their services via the network media services, and we began live streaming services from Ash Wednesday and continue to do so on Sunday mornings 2021! Although it now seems to be the normal way of doing things, I was very reluctant to begin online streaming as not all have access to the internet, and therefore, not all could be a part of engaging worshipping community. We have yet to decide whether to carry on with live streaming when we come out of lockdown, as there is no supplement than a family gathering, and participating in the Eucharist...I long to see us all back together soon.

In reporting on our activities of last year, there were very few services, and considering that we usually have services throughout the week, we have been most deprived of these privileges.

It was almost soul destroying that we were unable to have the remaining Lent services and we went into lockdown March 23, before Mothering Sunday, therefore, all the major feasts were deprived; no Holy Week; no Easter; no Patronal Festival...it was the first time I have ever known St Matthias to be “lifeless”, and it was certainly an eerie, odd experience.

However, saying this, prayers were offered, and candles lit, so it was not completely lifeless, and it was evident that a light does shine in the darkness of a darkened world, giving a flicker of hope, and out of that darkness came light, and the darkness has never overcome it!

We were of course deprived of all social events, and our usual activities of a quiz night; day trip; high tea garden party; barbecue were not held, along with other events, these being the concerts from Ruth and the Chorus of Dissent; the regular concerts from the Old St Pancras Church were not bringing in the usual funding support that we rely on, and this has of course, long term impact on our resources. No doubt you will read from the Churchwardens report how we have managed to carry out some works to maintain our church building and we are fortunate and blessed to be able to do these things. Thanks goes to Ruth Whitehead & Associates for their very generous donation of £4K towards the refurbishment of the church floor!

The PCC were unable to meet, but the Standing Committee did take on some responsibilities and I am thankful for their continual support and encouragement, and grateful for their perseverance in the love of God.

As I sit and write this report, I look to the future whereby, at least this year, we will have an opportunity of celebrating Holy Week and Easter, albeit a very scaled back edition of worship. We are once again deprived of our Seder Passover meal; the act of the washing of the feet ceremony, but at least we will have the privilege of worship, something that I have learned not to take for granted and it remains for me to be blessed and very privileged to be here at St Matthias.

It is an honour and joy for me to be serving as your parish priest, may it continue to be so.

Blessings and peace to you all.

Fr David Lambert

PARISH PRIEST

CHURCHWARDENS REPORT

Although our church has been closed for a significant majority of the year, work to maintain the church has continued throughout the year.

One of the most significant projects to take place was the flooring. Over the course of one week in August all the pews were removed from the church, the floors sanded and then revarnished.

In addition to this carpet was tacked down onto the bottom of all pieces of furniture to protect the floor for future generations.



Lady Chapel

The plaster on part of the wall in the Lady Chapel has fallen down. Our architect has surveyed this and there does not seem to be any lasting damage done to the rest of the fabric of the church. Thankfully no one was hurt but this is something that will have to be added to our list of repairs.



2021 and beyond

There are many issues that still need to be looked at regarding the church, below is a list of the key issues that we face within our church that require our attention.

- Phase 2 of the Roof Project
- Ramp at Entrances to improve Disability Access
- Heating System
- Repair of Pipe Organ or replacement Organ
- Church Toilets and surrounding areas
- Repair of Church Tower with immediate focus on Louvres
- A continued focus on our Mission Action Plan

We would like to thank the PCC and members of this church for their continued support which has enabled us to serve as your Churchwardens.

There is still a lot of work that has to be done in this church but with God's grace we shall all persevere and yield the results of our labours.

Norma Watt
Antonio Joseph

CHURCHWARDENS

MUSICIANS REPORT

Covid-19 brought about lockdown in the country a year ago, and singing has been prohibited in churches for this time. The familiar musical setting of the mass has not been heard here for a year. Recorded hymns have been supporting the said masses, but no hymns have been sung with organ accompaniment for a long time. This is all most regrettable. We have experienced nothing like it in our lifetimes.

Nonetheless, services are continuing in spite of everything, and we need to keep up our belief that when we emerge from this lockdown the musical life of the church to support these services can be revived before too long. The organ is not in a good state, as reported every year. We still have some big and expensive decisions to make about the organ. but it can still make a glorious sound, and I look forward to playing it again when this is possible.

It will be great too to welcome the Chorus of Dissent and Elastic Band back to our services. We owe a lot to them.

Patience is needed: we may have more Corona spikes and new variants. However, our future is secure if we keep believing in it.

Stephen Jasper

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

ST. MATTHIAS PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Since I joined St Matthias school in September 2019, the relationship with the church has gone from strength to strength. We are immensely proud that the church plays an active role in the life of the school. From the sharing in weekly collective worship and the role in governance as a lay member, Father David is a key stakeholder at St Matthias school.

The church sits in the centre of our site and is at the heart of all we do. During lockdown, the support from the church ranged from the provision of care packages and food vouchers to virtual blessings shared online with our community.

We are incredibly grateful that the church grounds have been opened to the school, doubling the footprint of the site. Here children engage in forest school activities, team building and science lessons ranging from volcano eruptions to bug hunting. In August, the space was used for a wellbeing summer camp where children swung from trees, toasted marshmallows, and made bread, all within the safety of the beautiful church grounds.

Now back in school, each day children can access the sides of the church for play times. They have created their own garden to grow and cultivate vegetables and we have been able to use all the gates to spread the children to different entrances in the morning to aid social distancing. With so many of our families having little access to gardens, this space has been a real blessing, especially in the throws of lockdown.

We are blessed and fortunate that both school and church work closely with each other in organising key events in the Christian calendar and that we have been given access to the church to host large community events, such as our black history celebration, as well as our on-line Nativity Play.

We also work in close collaboration with the St Matthias halls who have contributed to fundraising for the school, creating the perfect union between community, school and church, and we are very grateful for the ongoing support from Ruth Whitehead and her team.

We are proud to be part of St Matthias church and look forward to the flourishing of this symbiotic relationship.



Lucy Blewett

HEADTEACHER

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

It is both an honour and a pleasure to be writing to you as your Deanery Synod Representative. 2020 has been a very unprecedented year and one which we hope will be confined to the history books. We welcomed a new Area Dean Fr Andrew Wilson of St John of Jerusalem and bid farewell to the Rev Prebendary Rosemia Browne.

The main functions of the Deanery Synod are to:

- Act as a point of contact between parishes and Diocesan Synod.
- Consider matters of concern within the Church of England and make provisions for them.
- To promote the mission of the church through pastoral and social means.

The Deanery Synod meets four times a year at various host churches throughout Hackney. This year our meetings took place via zoom.

These meetings are open to all, the only exception is that if you are not a synod representative you may not vote on synod business.

Over the year we have discussed:

- Mission and strategy.
- Black Lives Matter
- New Capital Vision
- Church growth and finance

Due to the pandemic all Diocesan and general synod elections have been deferred to 2021.

In addition to holding the position of Deanery Synod Representative, I am also the Deanery Synod Lay Chair, of which I was re-elected (unopposed).

I currently hold membership of the following groups:

- 1) Stepney BAME Advisory Group
- 2) London Diocesan Synod
- 3) London Diocesan Board of Finance (Stepney Area Council Representative)

If you would like to know more about Deanery Synod or my various roles within the Diocese, please feel free to speak to me.

Antonio Joseph

DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE

ST MATTHIAS HALLS REPORT

Despite having to close the halls in March 2020 and cancel all bookings, we so passionately believe in supporting St Matthias Church that we continued to pay full rent anyway.

We have really missed hosting our regular community groups – Pets Against Loneliness, Young Dissenters, Stoke Newington History Talks, Yoga, Karate, the toddlers' Stay & Play, theatre, and choir rehearsals – and missed people generally enjoying themselves and getting together in our spaces. We look forward to the halls being in use again.

We have continued our promotion of St Matthias Church as a beautiful space with an amazing acoustic for live gigs, filming, and recording, and been continuing to hire to small creatives, providing they follow guidelines. Over the past year (including lockdowns) we have raised £2860 for the church from booking the space to pianist Josef Salvat, indie singer Ajimal, Her Orchestra female string ensemble, singer Janet Devlin, local actors' charity revue Money for Old Prose, Septura brass group, and community choir Wing-It Singers.

We look forward to St Pancras Old Church Music starting their live indie gigs at St Matthias again in June, and the church bringing together all sections of the community to enjoy live music and performance once again.

We have continued supporting Father David with general admin and will shortly be re-starting our fundraising initiative to pay for essential repairs to the tower and roofs, working with the PCC.



'Her Orchestra' making a socially-distanced recording in December 2020

CHORUS OF DISSENT (COD) REPORT

After eighteen months of enforced silence, Chorus of Dissent cannot wait to perform two live concerts at St Matthias in June.

Magnificat on 5th June will celebrate our socially distanced comeback in fine style with the Bach Magnificat, the mighty St Matthias organ, and lots and lots of trumpets.

The second concert, Genesis, will (we pray) allow the full forces of the choir and the Elastic Band to join at last in an exuberant performance of one of the most exuberant pieces of music ever written, Haydn's Creation.

As always, we will intersperse the main work with other songs of joy and reflection from many different genres.

Do come along to either or both of Chorus of Dissent's roars of delight at being together again in our beloved church.

We were disappointed not to be able to support the church in the way we have been proud of doing over the past three years, filling the building with wonderful music, showing off the magnificence of St Matthias to new audiences, and donating money from our events.

Despite cancelling two concerts last year, we filmed two performances, sponsored others, and raised a total of £1820 for the church.

We will also be donating £4,000 from Ruth Whitehead Associates towards the sanding and polishing of the floor.



'Chorus of Dissent' singing in their 'All We Need Is Love concert'

Ruth Whitehead

COD DIRECTOR

MISSION ACTION PLAN REPORT

Our Mission Action Plan (MAP) was formally adopted in 2019, which was due for review and renewal at the end of 2020. Due to the COVID19 Pandemic the review and launch will hopefully take place later this year (2021). Further on in this document you will see a proposed timeline for implementation.

The purpose of a MAP is a tried and tested way of putting flesh on to what we say of ourselves as a Church and Parish, exploring our strengths and the challenges that face us, and putting together a realistic plan for the way forward that God is calling us to.

Completed MAP Aims

- Working in partnership with St Matthias
- Stronger links with the schools in the area

Despite our church and the nation being in lockdown our church managed to meet the above two aims of its MAP. This was accomplished by the opening of the church and vicarage gardens to both St Matthias and the Garden school. This action allowed two of the following:

- Classes to be allowed in a socially distant outdoor environment.
- Pupil drop off and collection to take place in a better socially distanced setting.

Timeline

November/December 2021	Review of current MAP
January/February 2022	Consultation on new MAP
March/April 2022	Launch of new MAP with adoption at APCM

This timeline is not a finalised version and may be adjusted to reflect the current pandemic situation and the expected launch of the new Diocesan Capital Vision.

Antonio Joseph

MISSION ACTION PLAN COORDINATOR

MOTHER'S UNION REPORT

It is with a great sadness that I write what is St Matthias Mothers' Union final report.

2020 should have been the year that we closed our branch with a service followed by a reception that would have celebrated the joys we have had over the years as a Mothers' Union family.

We give thanks that we are all still alive throughout this pandemic and look forward to the day that we can meet up once again in person and not via a computer or mobile screen.

However although the St. Matthias Branch does not exist. The members have made their individual choices to become Diocesan Members as we still have an interest in the work of the Mothers Union and we support the interest.



Icilma White

MOTHERS UNION BRANCH LEADER

FINANCIAL REPORT

This report is for the financial year 2020 for St Matthias Church, Stoke Newington. The accounts are structured to show the Church finances separately.

Unrestricted Funds

The total receipts on unrestricted funds were £69,230. Breakdown as follows:

- Planned Giving was £9,965, (10.90%) lower from that of last year.
- Collection at services was £1,321, (84.48%) lower than that on last year.
- Voluntary donations and fundraising were £790.
- Gift Aid scheme collected due from HMRC will be £2,491. This amount will be reflected in the year 2021.
- As for the Church Hall is concerned, the income generated was £47,004 and Church Hire for concerts in the last year was £4,042 (see note 4).

The Church's main source of income to meet day to day running costs is the voluntary giving of the congregation in accordance with the principles of Christian Stewardship, which is added by tax recovered under the Gift Aid scheme.

Unrestricted Funds can be used by the PCC for general use in promoting any of the church's purpose. However, the PCC may decide to set aside some part of the Unrestricted Funds for specific projects, which then becomes Designated Funds. This can always be re-designated back to Unrestricted Funds if the PCC chooses.

Restricted Funds

Incoming resource on restricted funds were transfers made to and from the unrestricted account, along with fundraising and donations (see note 3).

Restricted Funds can only be spent on the purpose for which they were given. They cannot be transferred to Unrestricted Funds without the consent of the donor or the clarity commission.

The balance of the Restricted Account as at the 31 December 2020 was £15,736.

Expenditures

Expenditures incurred during the year amounted to £71,224 from the unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry of the Church, including contribution to the common fund, the amount of which, remained the same as last year.

Reserve Policy

It is the PCC policy to maintain a balance on the 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 as at the 31 December 2020 was £7,182 for the CCLA Fabris Fund Account. Balance for the CCLA Fundraising Account as at the 31 December 2020 was £168.

The principal Unrestricted Fund account is the general fund, which is administered through a bank account held with HSBC Plc.

It is our policy to invest our Restricted Fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund. The above policy will be reviewed annually.

Summary

The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts of £1,994 on Unrestricted Funds.

After a transfer of £15,032 between funds adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward for the Unrestricted Funds as at the 31 December 2020 totalled £17,046.

The balance on the bank accounts for the Unrestricted and Restricted Funds, effectively, as at the 31 December 2020 totalled £40,932.

Mission Giving Policy

Whenever possible, an agreed amount is donated to approve Missions. Past PCC meetings have decided upon the charities that are supported year on year. Where income improves, it allows the PCC members to recommend agreed charities.

Plan for the Future

The year 2020 was an unusual and challenging year with the Church operating on restricted opening hours and the Government Social Distancing Rule being applied within the church, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, sweeping the country.

Our thanks to Ruth Whitehead and her team, who continued provide their full monthly hall rental payment, despite the difficult they would have experienced, during the Covid-19 period in 2020.

Year 2021 will also be another unusual year, due to the on-going Covid-19 situation, with its own challenges and changes.

Furthermore, on-going talks for projects such as the second phase of the roof project, disabled access, toilet facilities, heating, sink and new kitchen area will hopefully be part of the National Lottery Heritage funding applications.

Restoration of the pipe organ will be a separate matter and other plans for the year ahead should be ensure the upkeep and continued well-being of the Church.

Parishioner Involvement

Thanks, and appreciation to everyone who gives on a regular basis, either by standing order or using the gift envelope systems and collection plate, whether leading to a tax reclaim or not. I would recommend that all those on the electoral roll last year, to please consider joining this group of people. Although we have secured the faculty and funding, we still have the on-going challenge of securing all the funds to cover the expenses of the Church electrical re-wiring.

In view of the above, I appeal to you all to please support these projects and make a financial contribution whatever the amount you can give. It doesn't matter how small you give as it will still make a difference and it does count. Every donation is very much appreciated.

'Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen and others make it happen'.

Please continue to support our Church!

Carlotor Lovell

PCC TREASURER

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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of the St Matthias Church, Wordsworth Road, Stoke Newington, London N16 8DD

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

Respective responsibilities of Trustee and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustee considers 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 Commissioners, section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to 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 charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

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; or
 - To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. To which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Mr D Pennell

Date:



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ST MATTHIAS CHURCH, STOKE NEWINGTON
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

NOTES

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2 FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted Funds may be used by the church for any of its ordinary purposes.

Designated Funds represents unrestricted funds set aside by the church for specific designated purposes; they can be

Fund name & purpose	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Transfer for year £	Balance c/fwd £
CCLA Fabric account	3,560	-	-	3,622	7,182
Current account	800	-	-	-	800
CCLA Fundraising account	167	-	-	1	168
Total	4,527	-	-	3,623	8,150

trust of bequest, or donations or grants received or invited for a specific purpose. These funds can only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund for future expenditure on that specific purpose, or returned; it cannot be absorbed into general funds.

Fund name & purpose	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Transfer for year £	Balance c/fwd £
Sub/Restricted account	4,327	-	-	11,409	15,736
Total	4,327	-	-	11,409	15,736

3 Fundraising and donations

	Unrestricted Fund (£)	Designated Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	This Year 2020	Last Year 2019
Fundraising - roof/electric	790	-	-	790	11,646
Donations	1,512	-	-	1,512	17,599
Donations for candles/flowers	38	-	-	38	195
Vehicle appeal	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2,340	-	-	2,340	29,440

4 Property Income

Church Hire for Music Events	4,042	-	-	4,042	7,855
Hall lettings income	47,004	-	-	47,004	47,004
Total	51,046			51,046	54,859

5 Church Running Costs

Utilities	8,272	-	-	8,272	11,899
Insurance	7,632	-	-	7,632	8,007
Maintenance and minor repairs	14,098	-	-	14,098	11,276
Stationery and photocopying	1,627	-	-	1,627	1,538
Total	31,629			31,629	32,720

6 Electrical Upgrade

Electrician's fees	4,843	-	-	4,843	61,326
Architect's fees	-	-	-	-	2,340
Total	4,843	-	-	4,843	63,666

7 Hall Running Costs

Hall running costs	4,095	-	-	4,095	5,862
Repairs	-	-	-	-	2,600
Total	4,095	-	-	4,095	8,462

ST MATTHIAS CHURCH, STOKE NEWINGTON
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Designated Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	This Year 2020 Total (£)	Last Year 2019 Total (£)
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary receipts:						
Planned giving		9,965			9,965	11,184
Collections at services		1,321			1,321	8,511
Fundraising & Donations	3	2,340			2,340	29,440
Gift Aid Recovered		-			-	4,528
Parochial Fee		2,225			2,225	2,099
Property income	4	51,046			51,046	54,859
Other credits		2,294			2,294	18,232
Bank interest & investment income		39			39	94
Total Receipts		69,230	-	-	69,230	128,947
PAYMENTS						
Common Fund		21,000			21,000	20,110
Church running costs	5	31,629			31,629	32,720
Electrical Upgrade	6	4,843			4,843	63,666
Hall running costs	7	4,095			4,095	8,462
Organist and music		1,870			1,870	2,452
Clergy expenses reimbursed		3,845			3,845	3,040
Cost of services		871			871	2,858
Vehicles costs		-			-	303
Parochial Fees		2,568			2,568	744
Fundraising costs		503			503	2,427
Other expenses		-			-	155
Total Payments		71,224	-	-	71,224	136,937
NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)		-1,994	-	-	-1,994	-7,990
TRANSFER between funds		-15,032	3,623	11,409	-	-
CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 January 2020		34,072	4,527	4,327	42,926	50,916
CASH FUNDS c/fwd 31 December 2020		17,046	8,150	15,736	40,932	42,926
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES						
Monetary assets						
Current account		17,036	800	-	17,836	34,862
Sub/Restricted account		-	-	15,736	15,736	4,327
CCLA Fabric fund account		-	7,182	-	7,182	3,560
CCLA Fundraising fund account		-	168	-	168	167
Petty Cash		10	-	-	10	10
Total monetary assets		17,046	8,150	15,736	40,932	42,926

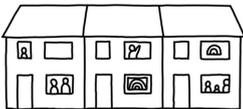
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APPROVED by the Meeting of the PCC held on 9th March '21 and signed on its behalf by
 (Name) Blambert (Signature) [Signature]

BEATITUDES

FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO STAY INDOORS



FOR THEY HAVE PROTECTED OTHERS

BLESSED ARE THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE SELF-EMPLOYED



FOR THEIR NEED OF GOD IS GREAT

BLESSED ARE THE CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE PURVEYORS OF SCARCE THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL WORKERS



FOR THEY ARE THE BRINGERS OF ESSENTIAL THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL WORKERS; THE AMBULANCE CREWS, THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE CARE ASSISTANTS, AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND THE GRAVE, AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS SURELY THEIRS

BLESSED ARE THE CHECKOUT WORKERS



FOR THEY HAVE PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF OVERWORK AND FRUSTRATION

BLESSED ARE THE REFUSE COLLECTORS



FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD DESPITE THE MOUNTAINS OF WASTE

BLESSED ARE THE TEACHERS



FOR THEY REMAIN STEADFAST AND CONSTANT IN DISTURBING TIMES

BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH WORKERS; THE DEACONS, PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING PRESENCE IN A HURTING WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD

BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE PARENTS,



FOR THEY ARE COPING ALONE WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THERE IS NO RESPIRE

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ALONE.



FOR THEY ARE CHILDREN OF GOD AND WITH HIM THEY WILL NEVER BE LONELY

BLESSED ARE THE BEREAVED,



FOR WHOM THE WORST HAS ALREADY HAPPENED. THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ISOLATED WITH THEIR ABUSERS



FOR ONE DAY - WE PRAY - THEY WILL KNOW SAFETY

BLESSED ARE ALL DURING THIS TIME WHO HAVE PURE HEARTS; ALL WHO STILL HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE; ALL WHO WORK FOR PEACE AND WHO MODEL MERCY



MAY YOU KNOW COMFORT. MAY YOU KNOW CALM. AND MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN