

# **St Mark's Annual Church Meeting**



**Sunday 14 May 2023  
11.30 am**

**Held in St Mark's Church**

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St Mark's: The Church at the Heart of Wimbledon

### **Our mission statement, purpose, and reason for being here:**

To be enriched by the love of God  
To extend the welcome of God  
To express the compassion of God

### **Agenda**

1. Opening prayer: Vicar
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Approval of minutes of last meeting.
4. Matters arising: none.
5. Presentation of electoral roll.
6. Election/Confirmation of officers:
  - Wardens
  - Deputy Wardens
  - Treasurer
  - DCC members
  - PCC representatives
  - Electoral Roll Officer
  - Deanery Synod representatives
7. Reception of the Annual Report
8. Comments from the Vicar
9. Safeguarding issues: Kathy Pring (our Safeguarding Officer)
10. AOB (to be notified to the Vicar by noon on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at [clivegardner@outlook.com](mailto:clivegardner@outlook.com), 020 8944 0184, or 55 Alwyne Road, SW19 7AE.)
11. Closing prayer: Vicar

**Notes from St Mark's Annual Church Meeting**  
**Sunday 22nd May 2022, 11.30 am**

#	Subject	Notes
1.	Opening prayer	Led by Revd Clive Gardner (CG, Team Vicar)
2.	Apologies for absence	None
3.	Approval of minutes of last meeting	Approved unanimously
4.	Matters arising	None
5.	Presentation of electoral roll	The number on the roll has increased from 117 to 121. 10 have been added and 6 removed. CG thanked Shelagh Nicholls for her work as electoral roll officer.
6.	Proposal	CG proposed adopting a new Governing Document (see pages 6-8 of the Annual report). This change has been precipitated by the PCC's desire to move to a District Church Council (DCC) model of governance. If adopted by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 25 May this will mean that the St Mark's Church Committee will become a DCC. CG explained that the Team Rector wanted to make the distinction clearer between the central responsibilities of PCC and those of individual churches. The central PCC will continue as previously. The changes have not been imposed and are not radical. They are desirable as they harmonise us more neatly in the way other bodies work. Mostly the changes simply formalise existing practices, but some are specific to St Marks, for example the Warden's term of office will now be three years, with possibility to renew for three more (previously the term was four years). Sandy Blewitt represented St Marks in the small group overseeing the process and CG thanked her for her work. Alex Youel proposed the motion, Nick Wolff seconded. It was approved unanimously.
7.	Election/Confirmation of officers	
	<i>Wardens</i>	Alex Youel is stepping down from his role as warden. CG is extremely grateful for his work which has always been done in a loving kind way, with good grace and good humour. CG said that Alex has been truly outstanding as church warden, and that we have been incredibly fortunate to have him as warden. CG presented a gift to Alex. Alex responded by saying it had been an honour and privilege to work alongside the church members, and that he stood on the shoulders of giants that preceded him. Alex presented the wand and keys to Nick Wolff who was elected as Warden.

		Nick was grateful that Alex will continue his involvement with projects, for example the installation of the new AV system.
	<i>Deputy Wardens</i>	There were no nominations for the role of Deputy Warden.
	<i>Treasurer</i>	Colin Dadswell of Caladine Ltd. will continue in the role as treasurer.
	<i>DCC members</i>	<p>Carol Youel, Morgen Brits, Lori Semaan and Veronica Tuffrey are stepping down having reached the end of their committee term.</p> <p>CG thanked them for everything they've done, especially considering they stood for an extra (fourth) year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>CG thanked Veronica (secretary) for taking notes at meetings, and for recording the proceedings with the right level of detail.</p> <p>New members David Jennings, Jenny Alderman, Chris McTernan and Sandy Reynolds (Blewitt) were welcomed to the committee.</p> <p>Paula Thorvaldsen is an automatic member, as is Nick Wolff as Warden.</p> <p>Majed Najjar and Liz Aram are prepared to continue.</p> <p>The number of proposals did not exceed the number of vacancies so all were elected.</p>
	<i>PCC representatives</i>	The role of PCC representative is traditionally held by the two church wardens from each church, so Nick Wolff will be our representative. There is one vacancy. The DCC can elect another representative during the year.
	<i>Deanery Synod representatives</i>	<p>Paula Thorvaldsen continues to be a Deanery Synod representative.</p> <p>David Jennings used to be a representative but is stepping down.</p>
	<i>Electoral Roll Officer</i>	Shelagh Nicholls is standing again as electoral roll officer, and was elected.
	<i>DCC Secretary</i>	The position of DCC secretary is vacant. The DCC can elect a member of the committee into this role later.
	<i>Vacancies</i>	There are vacancies for one warden, two deputy wardens and two committee members.
8.	Reception of Annual Report	Approved
9.	Comments from the Vicar	<p><i>Vicar's report:</i></p> <p>CG thanked a number of key people and presented gifts</p>

	<p>on Vicar's Report, and other reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Charles Esdale, reader, who always delivers wonderful sermons including one earlier in the day;</li> <li>- Paula Thorvaldsen, for all she does in her pastoral ministry;</li> <li>- Tom Coxhead for transforming the music provision at St Marks;</li> <li>- Beccy Broadley for contributing hugely managing the bookings for church buildings, she is responsible for the vast majority of income to St Marks. Things would be much worse financially without her.</li> </ul> <p><i>Deanery Synod:</i> See written report; no further comments made. CG intended to present David Jennings with a gift in gratitude for his many years' service on the Deanery Synod.</p> <p><i>Bishop Gilpin School:</i> Paula and Clive have been approached to contribute to other schools' Christian activities.</p> <p><i>Book group:</i> Kathy Pring has led the book group since 2013. Meetings continued through the COVID-19 pandemic. All are welcome to attend, and it's not required to have read the book to attend the discussion.</p> <p><i>Home group:</i> See written report; no further comments made.</p> <p><i>Music:</i> See written report; no further comments made.</p> <p><i>Pastoral:</i> See written report; no further comments made.</p> <p><i>Treasurer's report:</i> Energy bills have greatly increased, and we expect them to increase more this year. It was not budgeted for. We will be holding stewardship campaign in June, when congregation members will be invited to review their giving. CG is very grateful to Sheila Dunman, our planned giving officer.</p> <p><i>Warden's Report:</i> See written report; no further comments made. Alex thanked Nick Wolff for his work as deputy warden often in the background.</p> <p><i>Youth and Children:</i> See written report; no further comments made. CG is very grateful for their work.</p>
10.	Safeguarding issues	<p>Kathy Pring is our Safeguarding Officer. She coordinates the DBS checks, and recently attended a course.</p> <p>CG said this role was crucial to the church's life, and thanked Kathy.</p>
11.	AOB	<p>The church is moving to use of a database system called Church Suite, to store information on members. Currently we store our data on a spreadsheet. For members, the change will mean we will receive an email to invite us to look at the data stored about each of us. We will be able to check and add to it, and need to give consent for St Marks to continue to store the information, as well as specify our communication preferences.</p>

		<p>The system will improve the way information is shared. All who opt in will be sent copy of notices every week (the first is likely to end up in spam folder).</p> <p>Members will only be able to access data that relates to them. The parish GDPR policy is on parish website, so anyone interested or concerned can examine. Next year we will receive the papers relating to the parish meeting via email. Those who opt out will receive notices via Royal Mail (already true for some members).</p>
12.	Closing prayer	The closing prayer was led by the Vicar

May 30th 2022

## St Mark's Annual Report, 2022

### Vicar's Report

*But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine."  
(Isaiah 43:1)*

2022 was a year of consolidation for St Mark's, during which we began to say good-bye to the pandemic and its effects.

A recent report looking at attendance data across five dioceses showed that Anglican Sunday church attendance fell by 22% between 2019 and 2022. This was broadly reflected at St Mark's, though with two caveats: firstly, in recent weeks we have seen a strengthening of numbers with new people joining us and more 'old timers' returning. And secondly, our Wednesday lunchtime service has maintained/increased its numbers. Perhaps one reason for the latter is that the service is now much more participative—instead of a conventional homily, more often than not, we have a discussion on one of the set readings. This has been well-received and seems to have led to a strengthening of fellowship and bonds of friendship—people sometimes even spontaneously bring cake to share after the service!

Our finances held up during the year, and we had a comfortable surplus of almost £14k. This was caused in part by a particularly generous one-off donation during the year. We were partially shielded from rising gas and electricity prices during the autumn as two of our four contracts were fixed term ones (lasting until September 2023), but we will need to brace ourselves for significantly higher energy bills in 2023. One reason why our finances continue to be relatively healthy is the extraordinary and dedicated work of Beccy Broadley who deals with our more significant lettings.

During 2022 St Mark's ran the home-grown course *The Wisdom of the Christ: A Practical Introduction to Christian Spirituality*. This was then used as the parish Lent Course for 2023, and will be continued later this year. The course was well-received with 97% of participants saying it had helped them grow spiritually, and that they would recommend the course to others.

Some of our key personnel changed over the year. Tom Coxhead found a bigger (and better paid!) job, and so left us in September. We were very sorry to see him go, but delighted to employ Anian Wiedner in his place. Anian is exceptionally talented—anyone who came to our recent Silent Movie Night (Charlie Chaplin's *City Lights*), where Anian improvised the music, can attest to that. He definitely 'hit the ground running' as he started just before Christmas and did a magnificent job in putting together the music for our carol service.

Hayley Rheinlander moved away from the area to study in East Anglia, after seven excellent years as our Administrator. She is continuing to work for us remotely in the smaller role as our Finance Administrator, though most of her previous post is now done by Becky Bryant, who has very ably stepped into Hayley's shoes.

Our Sunday Club continues under the brilliant leadership of Steph Hendries and Beccy Broadley. They ensure that our children have an exciting and enriching experience Sunday by Sunday. It is always a joy when they tell us during the notices part of the service what they have been learning about that morning.

I am so grateful to Charles Esdale, our Reader, who, as well as providing excellent sermons on a Sunday morning does numerous practical jobs around the site—many of us have seen him with a bin bag picking up litter before the Sunday service! Paula Thorvaldsen likewise produces consistently first-class sermons both on a Sunday and at our Wednesday services. As our Pastoral Minister, she also has a pivotal role in assisting in the wellbeing of so many members of our church (and further afield), especially those who are vulnerable. She also works with me in Bishop Gilpin School in delivering collective worship, lessons, RE days, and pastorally supporting the staff. As well as all this, she, like Charles, has assisted in many practical issues around the church. I am very grateful to God for them both.

Nick Wolff took over as our churchwarden from Alex Youel, who stepped down after three very fruitful years in the role. Nick has done a fantastic job, faithfully doing the amazing variety of tasks that fall under his remit—and he does them with good grace, combining them with a passion to see the church grow and flourish. We are blessed to have him.

We had the first year of our District Church Council (DCC), which replaced the old Church Committee. As well as a host of business-type things relating to the running of the church, the DCC is also prioritizing for the rest of 2023 our marketing and communications, and growing the congregations spiritually. I am grateful to all members of the DCC for their contributions.

My thanks also go to everyone else who makes St Mark's such a special place including the flower arrangers, intercessors, various officers (Planned Giving, Safeguarding, Electoral Roll), servers, readers and choir members.

*Revd Clive Gardner*

### **Bishop Gilpin and other Schools**

Bishop Gilpin Primary School is a large part of Clive and my ministry. We are both part of the Faith Group, which steers the school, ensuring it has a strong Christian ethos and values permeating through everything. Besides Collective Worship each Monday, we also take RE lessons, deliver workshops on RE days, lead reflections, support teachers, answer questions they may have about RE, and offer pastoral support to the whole school community.

In recent months, contact has been made with other schools in the area, including Wimbledon Girls High and The Park Academy. We have delivered interactive RE lessons and supported children's learning about Christianity. Whenever I visit a school, I take some leaflets advertising our services, especially at Christmas and Easter. Clive and I are always looking to strengthen these relationships and do all we can to support schools.

*Paula Thorvaldsen*

## **Book Discussion Group**

The book discussion group has been going since 2013.

We carried on during all the Covid crisis with sessions via Zoom.

We have now returned to meeting in person at regular intervals usually at my home.

We discuss the book for over an hour and conclude by giving it a rating from 1-5 at the end of the discussion. The next book is suggested, discussed and agreed upon and a date is set. We then carry on chatting and socialising over drinks and nibbles.

There are a few core members who generally attend most discussions, but we welcome people who can only come on an occasional basis or who are just interested in the book selected.

We mainly read novels, both from established writers and from more modern ones. The books chosen are recommendations from individuals, either because they have read other books by the same author or because one or other titles and reviews have interested them.

Members in the group all bring a different twist to the discussion and even if the book has not been particularly enjoyed by one or more members, it is interesting to hear how the book has been received by others. Some of the titles chosen have been 'outside' what people might choose to read, and this is part of the interest of the group.

All are welcome to attend, and it is not even necessary to have read the book. The discussion generates quite a lively cross exchange of thoughts and views.

*Kathy Pring*

## **Deanery Synod Report**

After a very long break because of Covid and for other reasons, the Deanery Synod met again on 12 January 2023. At the meeting a new Lay Chair was elected who is Rupert Cowan of St Andrew's Church, SW19.

After much discussion and debate, the Dean, Revd Alison Judge presented two motions on fossil fuels and investments. These are:

1. Commitment by the Diocese to divest investments from fossil fuel companies by 31st December 2024.
2. Commitment by the Diocese to only invest in ethical funds by 31st December 2024.

The accounts for 2021/22 were also presented. After a vacancy of many months, a new Deanery Administrator, Ruth Ferreira, has recently been appointed.

The Deanery will be welcoming the new Bishop of Kingston, Bishop Martin, at a service on Thursday 4th May, at 7.30pm, at St Barnabas Church, Mitcham.

*Paula Thorvaldsen*

### **Electoral Roll**

This report will be presented at the Annual Church Meeting.

*Clive Gardner*

*Shelagh Nicholls (Electoral Roll Officer)*

### **Home Group**

The group was active through the year and covered a variety of subjects as well as studying chapters of the Bible. The group meets in people's homes where it opens in prayer, looks at a subject chosen by the group and where a member offers to lead discussion/examination of the topic.

Subjects in the year have ranged from looking at illustrations of the Annunciation in art, to considering how toleration and free speech sit together (prompted by a Reith lecture), to thinking about how the Church should or should not be involved in politics, to an illustrated talk by group members who had been on pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

The group always welcomes new members; and participants are reassured there are no obligations in terms of hosting, leading or regular attendance.

A short prayer time occurs at the end of each meeting.

*Charles Esdale*

### **Music**

I have started my position as Director of Music at St Mark's this past November and have thoroughly enjoyed my time there so far. Having started very close to Christmas, I only had a couple of weeks to pull together the Carol Service at the end of last year which was not an ideal situation and will hopefully be organized a bit smoother at the end of this year.

However, I have already started to try out different out ideas and see what works and what doesn't with both the congregation and the choir. I have held regular choir rehearsals, performed a Mozart Mass on St Mark's Day and performed a live improvised soundtrack to a Charlie Chaplin silent film. I will continue to bring in new ideas and see what can enhance the musical life at St Mark's. The search for Choral Scholars has been rather challenging, but we are keeping our eyes open and will hopefully find the right people to elevate the choir eventually.

I am very grateful for having been welcomed so warmly into St Mark's and am looking forward to everything that is to come!

*Anian Wiedner*

## **Pastoral Care**

Pastoral care is such an important part of our lives at St Mark's. We always aim to be understanding, supportive and caring to anyone going through a difficult time, ready to listen and to come alongside individuals and families, whatever the circumstances. I am aware that many of you reach out to members of the congregation, and in doing so, you fulfil God's calling to us to be a loving family, faithful and kind in care for one another.

Clive and I continue to visit people and keep in touch by phone and post. We also take home communion to a number of the members of our congregation who, for a variety of reasons, are no longer able to get to church each week.

I continue to offer an emergency food cupboard providing supplies to people in need. Even in leafy Wimbledon, some people struggle to feed themselves and their families. A huge thank you to everyone who generously contributes and helps alleviate suffering among those in our community.

During the past year we have continued to support of the Dons Local Action Group and Food Bank. Every week when I empty the wicker basket in the narthex I pray for all those who have donated and also for those who will receive the food you have left. Thank you for your most generous donations. One off projects we have contributed to include sending donations to Turkey and Syria after the earth quakes there. Last year, we also sent parcels to those fleeing the war in Ukraine.

The Thursday Group continues to meet occasionally. All those who attend say it is a valuable opportunity to share and support one another. We usually meet on a Thursday or Friday, at Ely's Restaurant. So come along and join us. It is a very relaxed, friendly group where stories are shared, burdens eased, and joys celebrated together.

Pastoral care is a joint ministry and one for everyone in the church. Of course, Clive and I can only respond if we are aware of a situation; please do let us know if you or someone else is in need of pastoral care.

It is a privilege and joy every day to serve God and play a small part in His mission in Wimbledon.

*Paula Thorvaldsen*

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Overall review of the year**

I am pleased to report that, with Covid restrictions lifted, the finances of St Mark's were on a more solid footing during 2022. Letting of the building was fully available during the year which boosted our main source of income. A number of expenses increased when compared to 2021 including the cost of light and heat but our God has richly supplied all of our financial needs.

I am thankful for the ongoing generosity of our regular donors with planned giving ending the year above budget. There were also generous one-off gifts of £16,000 which were completely unexpected and budgeted for. Total income from letting of the building and car park amounted to £147,569 which was more than £23,000 over budget. Income from collections at services improved greatly from 2021 though still below budget which reflects the change in giving habits from cash to standing orders. We did see increasing use of the contactless giving device which received £746 in gifts during the year.

In our budget we had allowed £10,000 for the Hall Roof Repairs which have been deferred to the future. If we remove that from the budget, expenditure was over budget by £6,674 driven in part by higher energy costs as well as an overspend in major repairs which included the new audio visual system.

The overall result for the year was a surplus of £13,888, which, considering the budget was for a deficit of £19,879 (excluding the hall repair amount), having recorded a substantial surplus is testament to God's goodness.

There was a decrease in value of the investments held. This is not a cash movement and the Church would only see this in real terms were the investments to be sold. The movement on the investments was as follows:

#### **The Church of England Investment Fund – Income Shares**

Value as at 31 December 2022	£26,821.50	(2064.59 pence per share)
Value as at 31 December 2021	<u>£30,382.13</u>	(2338.67 pence per share)
Increase in value	<u>(£ 3,560.63)</u>	

Dividends received in 2022	£ 798.32
2022 Dividend Yield	2.8%

#### **The Church of England Fixed Interest Securities Fund – Income Shares**

Value as at 31 December 2022	£ 8,681.92	(136.61 pence per share)
Value as at 31 December 2021	<u>£10,040.68</u>	(157.99 pence per share)
Decrease in value	<u>(£ 1,358.76)</u>	

Dividends received in 2021	£ 250.40
2022 Dividend Yield	2.7%

The reduction in value is not surprising considering the financial climate over the last 12 months.

Looking at expenditure in more detail, overall costs were up in 2022 compared to 2021 by some 18.6% coming in at £202,626 compared to £170,873 the previous year. Some costs increased year on year with others remaining consistent. Cleaning costs increased as a full year of the normal cleaning routines was undertaken – last year this only kicked in part way through the year after Covid restrictions were lifted. Insurance costs increased from £3,052 in 2021 to £3,603 in 2022 with Gas and electricity costs increasing by almost £2,000 to £14,042.

General property maintenance expenses reverted to previous levels at £13,128 being around £6,000 lower than in 2021. Major property repairs amounted to £29,096 which was the overall cost for the new AV equipment, installation and electrical work.

The Diocesan Quota remained the same as 2021 at £72,000, but the Team Contribution to cover Parish costs increased to £13,100 compared to £10,191 in 2021.

Looking at the finances as a whole, the Church began the year with reserves of £143,808 and the overall result for the year was a surplus of £13,888 (2021: Surplus of £277). Reserves carried forward into 2023 therefore amounted to £157,696.

#### Cash Position

At 31 December 2022 the bank current account balance was £50,347 (2021: £28,527).

The CCLA Deposit account balance at the end of the year was £48,890 (2021: £53,621) with interest being deposited into the current account quarterly. Total cash at the end of the year was up £17,934.

As reported above, the church also holds continues to hold two Investment Funds with a balance of £35,503 (2021: £40,423).

Looking at the position at the end of December 2022, everyday cash held in the current account, plus amounts due to the Church less amounts owed:

<b>Cash</b>	£50,347	
<b>Creditors:</b>		
Key fob deposits held	£ 900	
Accruals	<u>£ 10,840</u>	(£11,740)
<b>Debtors:</b>		
Invoiced/Accrued Letting income	£ 25,535	
Parish Inter-co	£ 478	
Prepayments	£ 473	
Other debtors	£ 1,153	
Gift Aid Debtor	£ 6,211	
<b>Net Current Asset Position</b>	<b>£33,850</b>	

The accruals figure of £10,840 includes the charitable giving tithe of £2,796, electricity and gas bills £5,656, a share of the Accounts and Audit Fees £1,680 along with some other smaller creditors.

Here follows the main income and expenditure statements along with the balance sheet as at 31 December 2022.

*Colin Dadswell*  
*Caladine Ltd*

**St Mark's Church**  
**Income and Expenditure vs Budget**  
**January - December 2022**

	Total		Variance
	Jan - Dec 2022	Jan - Dec Budget	
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Collections</b>	3,135.17	6,750.00	( 3,615 )
<b>Donations</b>			
Planned Giving	33,330.00	31,564.00	1,766
Other Giving	17,225.00	1,600.00	15,625
<b>Total Donations</b>	£ 50,555.00	£ 33,164.00	
<b>Grants Received</b>	700.00	0.00	700
<b>Investment Income</b>	1,910.41	1,126.00	784
<b>Lettings</b>			
Church and Hall	136,773.39	114,907.00	21,866
Car Park	10,795.50	9,152.00	1,644
<b>Total Lettings</b>	£ 147,568.89	£ 124,059.00	
<b>Magazine &amp; Bookstall Income</b>	80.00	-	80
<b>Other Incoming Resources</b>			
Furlough	0.00	-	-
Insurance claims	2,366.00	-	2,366
Unrestricted other income	607.89	-	608
<b>Total Other Incoming Resources</b>	£ 2,973.89	£ 0.00	
<b>Special Appeals - Restricted</b>	2,178.02	1,796.00	382
<b>Tax Recovered - Gift Aid</b>	12,332.26	9,178.00	3,154
<b>Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments</b>	-4,919.39	-	( 4,919 )
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>216,514.25</b>	<b>176,073.00</b>	<b>40,441</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
<b>Accountancy</b>	1,786.11	-	1,786
<b>Charitable Contributions</b>	3,906.10	3,831.00	75
<b>Church Mission Expenses</b>			
Away Day	0.00	-	-
Donkey for Palm Sunday	153.53	-	154
Children's Ministry	400.00	200.00	200
Fetes & Bazaars		500.00	( 500 )
Sacraments & Consumables	569.93	-	570
Social Events	577.68	-	578
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	70.00	-	70
<b>Total Church Mission Expenses</b>	£ 1,771.14	£ 700.00	
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>	33,273.76	36,675.00	( 3,401 )
<b>Church Utilities</b>	15,439.76	11,399.00	4,041
<b>Parish Support Fund</b>	85,231.92	85,100.00	132
<b>Major Church Repairs</b>	29,095.98	25,000.00	4,096
<b>Major Hall Repairs</b>	-	10,000.00	( 10,000 )
<b>Property Maintenance</b>	13,128.78	14,370.00	( 1,241 )
<b>Salaries, Wages and Honoraria</b>	18,992.78	18,877.00	116
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>202,626.33</b>	<b>205,952.00</b>	<b>( 3,326 )</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>13,887.92</b>	<b>( 29,879.00 )</b>	<b>43,767</b>

**St Mark's Church**  
**Financial Activities**  
January - December 2022

	Total	
	Jan - Dec 2022	Jan - Dec 2021
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Collections</b>	3,135.17	1,137.46
<b>Donations</b>		
Away Day	80.00	180.00
One-off donations (Gift Aidable)	15,600.00	70.00
One-off donations (non-Gift Aidable)	1,545.00	1,457.00
Planned Giving (Gift Aidable)	30,715.00	32,655.00
Planned Giving (non-Gift Aidable)	2,565.00	3,413.00
Planned giving by CAF	50.00	200.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>£ 50,555.00</b>	<b>£ 37,975.00</b>
<b>Grants Received</b>	<b>£ 700.00</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>	<b>£ 1,910.41</b>	<b>£ 1,102.00</b>
<b>Lettings</b>		
Ark and/or vestries	24,906.59	21,492.96
Bishop's rooms, one-off hirers	0.00	127.50
Bishop's rooms, regular hirers	24,322.58	2,337.46
Counselling rooms	280.00	122.50
Hall, one-off hirers	10,845.50	7,841.25
Hall, regular hirers	51,771.72	52,547.95
Main body of Church, one-off hirers	3,446.00	2,797.50
Main body of Church, regular hirers	21,201.00	14,035.25
<b>Total Church and Hall Lettings</b>	<b>£ 136,773.39</b>	<b>£ 101,302.37</b>
<b>Magazine &amp; Bookstall Income</b>	80.00	-
<b>Other Incoming Resources</b>		
Furlough	0.00	628.55
Insurance claims	2,366.00	1,508.00
Unrestricted other income	607.89	211.00
<b>Total Other Incoming Resources</b>	<b>£ 2,973.89</b>	<b>£ 2,347.55</b>
<b>Rents Received</b>		
Car Park Rental	10,795.50	12,361.00
<b>Total Rents Received</b>	<b>£ 10,795.50</b>	<b>£ 12,361.00</b>
<b>Special Appeals - Restricted</b>	<b>2,178.02</b>	<b>3,529.72</b>
<b>Tax Recovered - Gift Aid</b>	<b>12,332.26</b>	<b>8,285.19</b>
<b>Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments</b>	<b>-4,919.39</b>	<b>3,110.17</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>216,514.25</b>	<b>171,150.46</b>

**Expenditure**

<b>Accountancy</b>	<b>1,786.11</b>	<b>1,416.00</b>
<b>Charitable Contributions</b>	<b>3,906.10</b>	<b>3,770.61</b>
<b>Church Mission Expenses</b>		
Away Day	0.00	650.13
Donkey for Palm Sunday	153.53	0.00
Children's Ministry	400.00	53.88
Sacraments & Consumables	569.93	343.62
Social Events	577.68	128.00
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	70.00	74.00
<b>Total Church Mission Expenses</b>	<b>£ 1,771.14</b>	<b>£ 1,249.63</b>
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>		
Accounting software	0.00	164.10
Bank Charges	1,041.93	954.48
Church Office Expenses	2,665.96	2,154.51
Cleaner	14,032.00	11,875.00
Cleaning expenses (consumables)	2,443.33	1,961.32
Flowers	260.88	117.90
Fundraising activitied	329.00	0.00
Insurance	3,603.02	3,052.23
Legal & professional fees	483.00	50.00
Music Expenses	2,362.81	1,293.07
Pastoral Expenses & Gifts	912.25	415.75
Resources for Church Groups	68.51	0.00
Subscriptions	751.07	732.28
Treasurer Fees	4,320.00	4,176.00
<b>Total Church Running Expenses</b>	<b>£ 33,273.76</b>	<b>£ 26,946.64</b>
<b>Church Utilities</b>		
Electricity & Gas	14,041.87	12,068.70
Waste	1,086.26	1,461.99
Water	311.63	166.53
<b>Total Church Utilities</b>	<b>£ 15,439.76</b>	<b>£ 13,697.22</b>
<b>Parish Support Fund</b>		
Curate's Housing Costs	132.00	0.00
Parish Support Fund	72,000.00	72,044.00
Team Contribution	13,099.92	10,191.00
<b>Total Parish Support Fund</b>	<b>£ 85,231.92</b>	<b>£ 82,235.00</b>
<b>Major Church Repairs</b>	<b>29,095.98</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Property Maintenance</b>		
Property Maintenance (Church)	6,469.48	14,152.83
Property Maintenance (Grounds)	5,820.50	4,713.40
Property Maintenance (Hall)	838.80	488.20
<b>Total Property Maintenance</b>	<b>£ 13,128.78</b>	<b>£ 19,354.43</b>
<b>Salaries, Wages and Honoraria</b>		
<b>HMRC costs</b>	339.04	1,246.79
<b>Honoraria</b>	302.80	3,351.42
<b>Pension costs</b>	611.32	806.42
<b>Wages and salaries</b>	17,739.62	16,799.04
<b>Total Salaries, Wages and Honoraria</b>	<b>£ 18,992.78</b>	<b>£ 22,203.67</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>202,626.33</b>	<b>170,873.20</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>13,887.92</b>	<b>277.26</b>

**St Mark's Church**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of December 31, 2022

	Total	
	As of Dec 31, 2022	As of Dec 31, 2021
<b>Fixed Asset</b>		
<b>Investments</b>		
Satchell F - Fixed Interest	8,681.92	10,040.68
Satchell S - Investment Fund	26,821.50	30,382.13
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>£ 35,503.42</b>	<b>£ 40,422.81</b>
<b>Total Fixed Asset</b>	<b>£ 35,503.42</b>	<b>£ 40,422.81</b>
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Deposit CBF (137002315D)	50,347.12	28,526.71
Deposit CCLA (637073001D)	430.56	0.00
Petty Cash	48,890.15	53,620.67
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>£100,081.63</b>	<b>£ 82,147.38</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Debtors</b>		
Debtors	25,534.77	1,518.12
Intercompany - Parish	477.70	( 3,776.27 )
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>£ 26,012.47</b>	<b>-£ 2,258.15</b>
<b>Other Debtors</b>		
Accrued Income	0.00	22,625.11
Income Tax Refunds	6,211.38	4,178.60
Rent deficit (Baby Drop)	1,153.44	2,883.36
Other Debtors - Restricted	0.00	3,529.72
Prepayments	473.40	451.30
<b>Total Other Debtors</b>	<b>£ 7,838.22</b>	<b>£ 33,668.09</b>
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>£ 33,850.69</b>	<b>£ 31,409.94</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accounts Payable	900.00	1,000.00
Accruals	10,839.58	9,171.89
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>£ 11,739.58</b>	<b>£ 10,171.89</b>
<b>Net current assets (liabilities)</b>	<b>£ 22,111.11</b>	<b>£ 21,238.05</b>
<b>Total net assets (liabilities)</b>	<b>£157,696.16</b>	<b>£143,808.24</b>
<b>Charity funds</b>		
Unrestricted Funds brought forward	143,808.24	143,530.98
Surplus/(Deficit)	13,887.92	277.26
<b>Total Charity funds</b>	<b>157,696.16</b>	<b>143,808.24</b>

## **Warden's Report**

This is the end of my first year as Church Warden, (officially Deputy church warden, the ones at St Mary's are senior ones). I am happy to continue and even confess to enjoying the role. However, I must make it quite clear that this has only been possible thanks to the input from several people; primarily, but not exclusively the 2 previous warden's Alex and Charles, who have been unfailingly helpful throughout. The other huge asset to St Mark's, though he may not realize just how valuable his input has been, is Ken Cooper, our when we need him handyman. Ken is someone who can turn his hand to most things and always looks for the simplest and most cost-effective solution.

Amongst the many tasks around the extensive church property, which have been tackled in the last 12 months, would include: renewing the sliding doors leading to the choir vestry, a new water heater in the church kitchen after the old one in the Ark sprang a leak, lots of remedial work on the church roof, visits from the electricians to ensure we are up to date with safety regulations and of course the final stage of the work begun quite a while ago on our new AV system, which was installed last Autumn and seems to be working well.

The church buildings and grounds will always need attention and are in fact quite extensive, which can be seen so clearly if you ever get up on the roof, the space as seen from up there is strikingly large and in due course will need serious attention, (for now we are trying to keep it in hand). Our appointed church architect, Marcus Beale, came on his 5 yearly visit recently and seems happy with what he saw, though his report may have something to say when we finally get it.

One important point for me is our relationship with the many tenants we have, who contribute as part of our focus as a centre for so many in the community who are not church goers, and of course help us so much financially. The new Bishop of Kingston, Dr Martin Gainsborough, and his team seem to have settled in well, the Butterfly nursery has new pupils, the choirs who use the church on most evenings do so seamlessly and there are many others, including 'flying fantastic' who use the Hall regularly. We have much to be grateful for and many unsung heroes to thank for what they do which goes by unseen.

*Nick Wolff*

## **Youth and Children**

The St Mark's Sunday Club is a small but steady number that currently meet as one group in the hall, with ages ranging from four to nine, during the 10am Sunday service. Though we have seen no growth in our number post-pandemic, our hope is that we will one day resume our separate Doves and Eagles groups for younger and older age groups. We are extremely grateful to those members of the congregation who help support the Youth activities that simply would not be possible without their involvement.

### **Sunday Club**

Over the past year, we were pleased to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Harvest, and be able to share our annual nativity performance and Christingles in the 10am service. Our first Fireworks Party since 2019 was a great success.

Important to us is the time that we can come together on a Sunday to share our weekly activities together with the congregation in the service, allowing us to connect us as a Church family and a lovely opportunity to share growing confidences.

Thank you to our five volunteer leaders and helpers who invest time and energy to prepare the Sunday club sessions for the children. Over the past year we have looked at Christian commitments, handling emotions, and are enjoying our current series on Old Testament stories from Genesis, as well as the King's coronation and celebrations in our Christian calendar.

We currently have eight registered children for Sunday Club, with no new joiners over the past year. We pray that in the year ahead our numbers will grow and that the St Mark's community can help support our offering. If you think you may be able to contribute, we would love to hear from you.

*Beccy Cox & Steph Hendries (with thanks to all those involved in St. Mark's Youth and Children's work).*