



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2022 To 31 December 2022

Charity name: Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of East Greenwich

Charity registration number: 1175274

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular public worship open to all. • The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. • Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved. • Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups • Taking of religious assemblies in schools. • The provision of a youth club with a Christian ethos. • Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings, and the distribution of literature. • Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special need groups. • Supporting other charities
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm this

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	As COVID restrictions were lifted, the churches were able to return to worshipping in person within the church buildings. In addition, study and discipleship groups could meet in person. The Sunday services continued to be available online and some study groups continued to meet online or in a hybrid style, making them accessible to individuals who are unable to attend in person. The Parish's youth work was enhanced by the hire of a youth worker during 2022.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	There was overall a small growth in reserves during the year. There is expected to be a small deficit during 2023 due to pressures resulting from cost increases, most notably heating at St George's and other inflationary increases. The trustees will monitor the situation and actively seek ways to improve the financial outlook. There are currently sufficient reserves to meet forecast deficits.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves Policy requires reserves of 3 months bills covering the whole Parish are held within the Churches. The reserves held considerably exceed this.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£181k of general reserves and £66k of restricted funds – please see accounts below.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	St George's Church needs significant repairs over the next 10 years. There is not sufficient money held to do this work. Sub committees continue to look at options for achieving this
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No significant uncertainties regarding the going concern status.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		The Parish is governed by the Parochial Church Council (PCC)
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measures 1956 as amended and the Church Representation Rules (contained in schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measures 1969 as amended)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected by the Members of the Parish. They serve for 3 years and vacancies are filled annually at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of East Greenwich
Other name the charity uses	Parish of E Greenwich
Registered charity number	1175274
Charity's principal address	Parish of E Greenwich C/ The Forum Trafalgar Road SE10 9EQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Susan Hall		From April 2022	
2	Joyce Stewart		From April 2022	
3	Rev Laura Faturoti	Team Vicar		
4	Grace Emmett			
5	Ruth Ohlsen	Churchwarden		
6	Amanda MacGillivray			
7	Pamela Zigomo	Secretary		
8	Benyam Hagos			
9	Alexander Homfray			
10	Rev Jane Petrie	Team Vicar		
11	Vanessa Stewart		From April 2022	
12	Thomas Emmett	Treasurer	From April 2022	
13	Folorin Akinbame		From April 2022	
14	Ebunoluwa Faturoti		From April 2022	
15	Rev Dominic Hubbuck	Priest		
16	Patrick Kekula			
17	Sussan Ibiama			
18	Rev John Philpott-Howard	Assistant Priest		
19	Janet Clipsham	Churchwarden		
20	Sydney Smith	Deanery		
21	Helen Frith	Churchwarden		
22	Julie Mason	Reader		
23	Michael Crawford	Churchwarden		
24	Judith Eastaugh	Chair		
25	Rev Margaret Cav		To April 2022	
26	David Thomson		To April 2022	
27	Tracey Milsom		April to May 2022	
28	Tendai Ndanga		To April 2022	
29	Courtney Plank		To April 2022	
30	Paul Rogers		April to May 2022	
31	Jo Lewins		To April 2022	
32	Olaitan Kupoluyi		To April 2022	
33	Tim Cave		To April 2022	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Treasurer's Report 2022

The financial year for 2022 was a steady year for the overall charity results. There was in total a small surplus of £10.9k, which has increased the general reserve to £181k. However, there have also been specific challenges identified within the churches.

Christ Church made a small deficit for the year (£1.5k) and this was largely attributable to a reduction in planned giving. In St George's, 2022 saw a surplus of £13.7k and Holy Trinity £1.6k. In addition, the Prayer Space made a surplus of £4k for the year. As noted in the prior year, it is the charity's policy to hold reserves primarily in the churches and not the central Parish bank account, and therefore there is a deficit of £6.8k from general parish reserves for 2022.

For 2023, the impact of reduced giving in Christ Church will continue to be felt for the full financial year, and St George's faces the challenges of rapidly rising heating bills to keep the church building adequately warm for services and events. The central costs incurred by the Parish are also expected to exceed the available general funds within the parish account and therefore the churches will return the norm of contributing to the parish. Whilst these combined pressures are difficult, the team of treasurers (one from each church in addition to the parish treasurer) will work alongside the trustees to ensure the continued financial viability of the parish. There remain healthy reserves within the charity, and sub committees have been formed to identify opportunities for increasing income and for funding specific projects. Therefore, whilst there are challenges ahead, the parish remains in a strong position to overcome them.

Tom Emmett, Treasurer

Reports from the churches of the parish

Christ Church 2022

2022 has been a year, which, like the previous year has seen a lot of changes and, again, it has been a very different year in the life of Christ Church.

We started the year on a very positive note with regular in person Sunday services. Our evening Sunday services reverted to our pre-COVID monthly Taizé provision, and our midweek communion services continued with a monthly lunch being provided after the service. We retained our online provision, streaming all Sunday morning services on Facebook and YouTube for the benefit of housebound and overseas congregants and guests, and those who were still feeling reluctant to attend services where there would be crowds of people indoors.

Unfortunately, our beloved Vicar and Team Rector, Rev Canon Margaret Cave left her position in the Parish to take up the post of Special Advisor to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York; and from Easter Sunday (Margaret's last church service) we have been in a period of "interregnum". We bid farewell to Margaret with a special service as part of the Annual Parish Church Council meeting and also held a big party (complete with quiz) which was enjoyed by all. Since Margaret left, we have, however been very blessed in our Parish and Diocesan Clergy provision and support, and Christ Church has continued to thrive throughout 2022.

In preparation for advertising for and appointing a new team rector, the PCC and DCC worked hard to ensure the Parish profile represented the congregations, churches and needs of the Parish, as well as our priorities, aspirations and hopes for the future. We held an away day event, where all members were invited to attend, participate in workshops and prayerfully contribute. We chose Parish representatives and formed a steering committee to lead on the preparation and appointment, and it was prioritised as the focus of our “Big Discussions” at PCC and DCC meetings.

Team Rector Post was advertised in August and although several applications were received, on reviewing them the selection Panel made the difficult decision not to shortlist on this occasion and to revise some of the material and focus in the Parish Profile in order to attract applicants with more experience. Though this news was disappointing at first, we rallied and with input and support from the Diocese, PCC, DCC and congregants, we “revamped” the Parish profile with a view to re-advertising the post in early January. Our in-person attendance at services has not yet returned to pre-lockdown numbers, and a number of our congregation moved out of London or overseas during the pandemic. However, we have gradually been building again, with new families and members joining – including several refugees, one of whom was baptised in the church. Overall, the church community has continued to thrive through live and online services, Children & Young People’s work and Connect groups, which have remained a mixture of in-person, but often in “hybrid” format as online attendance has proved more convenient for some attendees.

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Our commitment to inclusion and racial justice continues, with a special service held for Black History month in the autumn.

As part of Fresh Expressions mission funding, Greenwich Sign church began planning and praying in September 2022. They have been meeting in Christ Church on Sunday afternoons (approximately once a month). With the funding, we are fortunate to have a mission enabler, Mrs Penny Beschizza who is working with the Deaf community across Southwark and Diocese and making links with those in London Diocese also. Please pray for us as we grow and develop, as we offer worship in British Sign Language and as we seek to offer training and support to those who wish to support deaf people in their community.

Visibility

Christ Church has continued to focus on high level visibility through regular website updates and being active on social media - Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. There has also been a focus on regular contact with all the members of the church family through electronic ‘Mailchimp’ messages.

Our involvement in the local and wider community has remained strong, and we have maintained our financial support commitments to USPG in Tanzania, Power the Fight, Greenwich Debt Centre, as well as continuing to host Greenwich Food Bank and EGLAC (for which both of these Christ Church continues to provide volunteer support). We participated in Marathon Sunday in April and as part of the event we held a tea and coffee stall outside the church where we offered free drinks and biscuits to passers-by and spectators, and accepted donations for the Greenwich Winter Night Shelter; while our regular steel band set up outside the church and provided live music to add to the festive

atmosphere. Our Jamaican Street food and juice stalls also participated. Church members wore Christ Church T-shirts as an effective way of maintaining visibility at an outdoor event. The Christ Church “Green Team” formed in September this year, with the dual aim of increasing community visibility and caring for the local environment. A small group of volunteers meet once a month on a weekend to pick up litter around the parish and to maintain the front of the church by keeping it free from weeds and litter.

Our usual Trafalgar Day Memorial Service went ahead this year, and we held our parish wide Carols Singing in the East Greenwich Pleasaunce,, as well as our usual celebratory Christmas events such as Carols by Candlelight and the Christmas journey, which attracted over 350 children this year. At Christmas, Christ Church participated in raising funds for Ukrainian refugee families and along with St Georges and Holy Trinity, collected over £300. During the Greenwich Forum Christmas Fair, Christ Church was open for tea, coffee and private prayer and we had a visit from the Mayor of Greenwich.

Growing Our Spiritual Lives Together

Connect Groups have continued meet both in person, and via Zoom to Connect with God and connect with one another. some groups have added new members, but others have lost members. Connect groups all participated in the “Living in Love and Faith” course in January, for which a follow up service was held in church.

Children and Young People

Children and Young People’s work has continued in person throughout 2022. We are delighted to have appointed Ebun Faturoti as the Parish Wide Youth Leader, and Ebun has proved a great blessing.

The Huddle continues to meet regularly on Friday nights in the Church, and twice a month during Sunday morning services where once a month they now participate in “sermon surgery” - an analysis and critique of the morning’s sermon.

Pam Zigomo continues to lead Sunday Huddle, Sue Hall and Bev Irving Junior Church and Cath Hubbuck leads Sparrows.

“Messy Church Goes Wild” – an outdoors variation on Messy church has attracted children and families throughout the Parish and runs once a month

We are delighted that Christ Church has seen continued biological growth and that we have welcomed a number of new babies to our church.

Loving Service to the Community

The East Greenwich Legal Advice Clinic has attained Charitable status, and is now independent of Christ Church, though we continue to contribute financial support. They have a new Centre manager, Emma Martin and continue to operate in the church on a regular basis. The level of demand remains high, and has increased since the cost of living has risen so sharply this year, and we are fortunate to have help from volunteers from inside and outside the church.

Christ Church has continued to host the ‘East Greenwich’ welcome centre for the Greenwich Food Bank with venue coordinator, Stephen Wallace. Nicole Nwasike has joined the Team as our Christ Church link person.

The Greenwich Winter Night Shelter opened in January 2022 and is flourishing in the refurbished premises in Eltham –, with Christ Church providing some of the volunteer staff. A day centre provision offering access to showers, laundry and IT facilities and lunch opened in April and has proved extremely beneficial and popular.

Care for Creation

Christ Church received the Eco Church Silver Award in November 2019, and we are continuing our commitment to Care for creation, with the intention of maintaining our Silver Award, and appointing a Care for Creation “Champion” to spearhead the drive for a Gold Award. During and since lockdowns, we have continued to work hard to make our church garden a haven of peace for people and wildlife.

We hope and pray that our 2023 report will include the appointment and installation of a new Team Rector!

Ruth Ohlsen, Michael Crawford, Churchwardens

St George's 2022

This year at St George's has been about steady growth and readjusting after we came out of the pandemic restrictions.

It has been over a year since we welcomed Laura and family into our church with her gentle kindness, giving us a new purpose as a church for moving forward.

We have had a number of things happening with the social committee. We maintained our links with The Standard pub and organising a quiz like no others... The Vicars Knickers Quiz. A good time was had by all. Very noisy, raucous and enjoyable. We also had an outing to see Witness for the Prosecution at County Hall. It was a lovely day and time to spend together.

The church spent time together with the other churches in the parish in May to look to God's guidance for the church going forward.

Other members of our congregation are also needing our care. Doris, our long-time member had a fall last year and has been hospitalized frequently, our prayers are with her and the family through this time.

In June we celebrated Our late Queen's Diamond Jubilee with afternoon tea and some prosecco of course. Jackie managed to procure a cut out of the Queen for her to share us. It was a joint effort by everyone making it a successful afternoon.

Members of St George's enjoyed participating in recording of Songs of Praise at the Naval College in Greenwich. It was an exciting and enjoyable, if not tiring, time and we enjoyed seeing Kathryn Jenkins perform a solo. We were shown on TV, but alas only the backs of us could be seen.

We carried out a baptism in August and in October we held the long overdue memorial service for Vera, with a buffet tea afterwards. It was a beautiful simple service, helping us remember her cheerfulness, willingness, and kindness, as well as giving us closure.

Community café was launched in June of last year. A safe space to come and have a free tea/coffee and toast, having the space to be with no expectations or demands, has been welcomed by the congregation as well as people in the local community.

Café church was also launched in October last year. A church service with a difference, having a more relaxed feel. Sitting around in an informal way enjoying tea and coffee with fruit and biscuits available. Various activities to help us see God in a different way and a short talk expanding on the discussion. It has been generally very well received with people encouraged to participate in the services.

Helen Frith and Janet Clipsham, Churchwardens

Holy Trinity 2022

2022, as for churches everywhere, was a year that gave rise to a bit more 'normality' than the previous two years had afforded. We have continued to hold weekly services in St Mary Magdalene School, having started close to the end of 2021 - these have operated with a monthly all-age worship service on the first Sunday of the month, and a monthly Communion service on the third Sunday. We've also had the occasional special service elsewhere, such as our annual Easter tradition of holding services on the river beach by the Yacht Club, followed by a barbecue featuring bacon rolls and Prosecco - and Remembrance Sunday at the war memorial.

Events-wise, we've held various pop-up marquees at various times - most notably at the GMVRA summer fete, when badge-making and scratch pads were a resounding success, as well as the prayer tree that allowed people to write and attach a prayer. On Good Friday and Christmas Eve we held stalls in Oval Square - giving out hot cross buns at Easter; and at Christmas doing a pop-up nativity, craft, mulled wine and mince pies. We intend to do more of this in 2023.

We continued our weekly pattern of a Wednesday midweek gathering, which has been an encouraging and hopeful space, looking at the passages from Sunday services in more detail, and growing in faith and fellowship. We've also continued meeting for morning prayer at the Prayer Space on Thursday mornings. At the Prayer Space, we hired a new administrator, Marsha Brazil, halfway through 2022, which has freed up parish time and helped with the smooth running of the Prayer and Community Spaces.

It was also a joy to start running Messy Church goes Wild in the Forest School and Community Garden area at St Mary Magdalene School, as well as some initial sessions at Christ Church School. This has been a whole Parish endeavour, and it's been great to get up close to the natural world, in an area where the architecture means that very few Peninsula residents have patches of ground to call their own.

In community news, it was a pleasure to chair the hustings event for the local elections in the new Peninsula Ward, which took place at St Mary Magdalene School, and to continue our involvement with Knight Dragon on the Peninsula, holding fundraisers including a Christmas chocolate collection for the local schools. We've also continued to be involved leading collective worship at St Mary Magdalene, with the occasional outing to Millennium Primary School as well.

My thanks go to all who've been involved in Holy Trinity in many different ways - a special shout-out to Louise Knight for her continued work as Treasurer, Aike Kennett-Brown for her involvement in service leading (and Messy Church goes Wild), and Coco Shi for worship-leading. Thanks go too to the wider Parish Ministry Team, clergy and lay, for help and support throughout the year.

Revd Jane Petrie, Ordained Minister for Greenwich Peninsula

Reports from the PCC

Safeguarding

During 2022 we have worked hard to bring all safeguarding requirements up to best practice and to take due regard of all advice and guidance that has been issued. We held an audit of our safeguarding practices in January 2022, which highlighted some areas where we could improve and throughout 2022 we have worked with our volunteers to ensure they are able to access the training required for their role and they understand their responsibilities with regard to safeguarding.

The meetings of our Parish Safeguarding team continued throughout 2022 to ensure that the Parish Safeguarding Officers and the Parish Safeguarding Lead were all working in the same way to ensure that the safeguarding procedures that we have work well.

In 2023 we hope to commission further training to ensure that more people in the parish have first aid training and food hygiene certificates.

Revd Laura Faturoti, Team Vicar and Parish Safeguarding Lead.

Deanery Synod / Forum Report 2022

Deanery Forum has taken a light touch approach over this year, as we have been very aware that churches are still working hard to recover from the pandemic and to build up their own work and congregations again. It was felt very important that Deanery activity was supportive of these efforts, rather than a further drain on resources.

As such there has only been one in person meeting this year, which was held in November 2022 and was related to the cost of living crisis. We were joined by Nicola Thomas, from the Diocese of Southwark, who shared with us local data that had been gathered, prompted us to think about what we could do about the issues in the local community and then facilitated engaging group discussions about what we might like to do collectively and as individual churches going forward. There was a real desire amongst those present to co-ordinate our work to ensure that we were servicing the local community to the best of our ability.

Revd Laura Faturoti and Revd Liz Newman joined the leadership team as Assistant Area Deans in October 2022 and in December 2022 Revd Margaret Cave stood down as Area Dean, with Red Faturoti and Revd Newman Acting as co Area Deans until a new Area Dean is appointed, hopefully after Easter 2023.

Revd Laura Faturoti, Acting Area Dean

MAP Report 2022

In 2022 we were in interregnum and the parish team focused on maintaining the momentum with the mission action activities set up in the previous year. The preparations for the recruitment of the Team Rector were the focus of the Away Day and this gave the PCC time to reflect on what we had managed to achieve in the past years and the direction we would like to take with the new Team Rector in the next few years to come. In this year we started a pilot of a monthly service for deaf church and the part time Youth Worker has developed youth outreach work to include the launch of the Kick Academy – a football club for young people in the parish.

Pamela Zigomo, Secretary

Annual Accounts 2022

Parish Of East Greenwich

Statement Of Receipts & Payments for the year-ended 31 December 2022

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £
Receipts						
Donations	78,492	8,571	87,063	94,307	484	94,791
Lettings and Other Trading	61,892	-	61,892	47,107	-	47,107
Interest	22	426	448	1	10	11
Other	3,373	9,590	12,963	3,633	11,253	14,886
	143,779	18,587	162,366	145,048	11,747	156,795
Payments						
Administration, Diocesan and Parish contribution	(90,557)	(3,406)	(93,963)	(73,205)	(5,421)	(78,626)
Salaries	(18,970)	(8,533)	(27,503)	(11,683)	-	(11,683)
Church and Parish Activities	(11,509)	(9,222)	(20,730)	(13,845)	(771)	(14,617)
Non-recurring	(11,258)	-	(11,258)	(2,000)	(51,893)	(53,893)
	(132,293)	(21,161)	(153,454)	(100,732)	(58,086)	(158,818)
Transfers	(500)	500	-	(500)	500	-
Surplus / (Deficit)	10,986	(2,074)	8,912	43,815	(45,839)	(2,024)
Opening reserves	170,020	68,569	238,589	126,204	114,408	240,613
Closing reserves	181,006	66,495	247,501	170,020	68,569	238,589

Approved by whatsapp by
a majority on 20 votes
in favour & abstentions on
17th April 2023.

J.P. Eastaugh
CHAIR 18/4/23

Statement Of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 December 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Assets		
Bank - Current accounts	204,636	196,167
Bank - Deposit accounts	10,056	10,034
Deposits held by SDBE	32,810	32,384
Amounts owed between churches	0	4
Total assets	247,501	238,589
Restricted funds		
Restricted funds held within SDBE deposits	32,810	32,384
Restricted funds held within overall cash and bank	33,685	36,186
Total Restricted Funds	66,495	68,569
General Fund		
Opening General Fund	170,020	126,204
Unrestricted Surplus / (Deficit) for year	10,986	43,815
Closing General Fund	181,006	170,020
Total Restricted and General Funds	247,501	238,589
Liabilities - settled post year-end and therefore not yet recorded in statement of receipts and payments		
Liabilities to be paid from Restricted Funds	151	-
Liabilities to be paid from General Funds	1,056	-
Total Liabilities	1,207	-