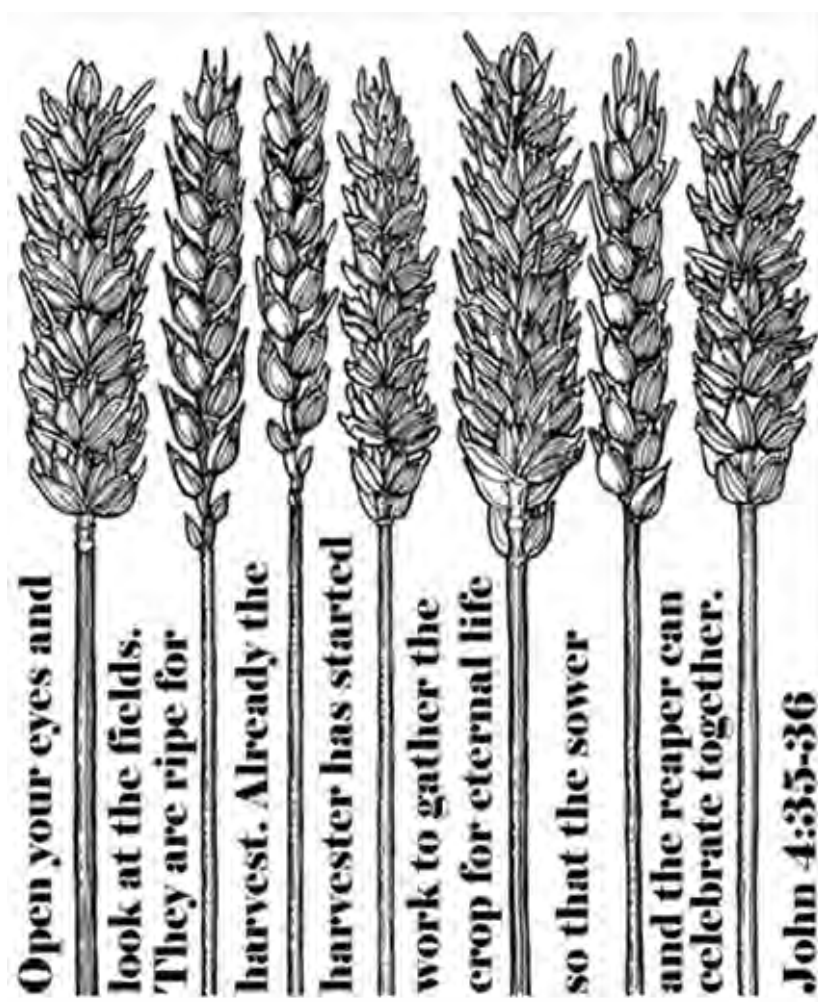


St Laurence Catford Annual Report 2018



Vicar's Report, 2018/19

2018 has been our fiftieth anniversary year. Much of the year has been taken up with celebrating our golden jubilee. What a different world we live in today, compared with then! Even within living memory for many of the congregation here, the world has changed dramatically for better and for worse.

The changes that have taken place over the last fifty years were particularly highlighted for many of the older and younger memories of the congregation through our 'Catford 1968' project. A fuller report on this follows at the end of this one; suffice here to say that many of those alive in 1968 had their memories tickled by younger members of the congregation who interviewed them at length for their research on this project. The results of these interviews were then dramatised and performed in a major theatrical presentation that took in every part of the Church and Centre. It was a most interesting experience, for both young and old alike; we trust that the resulting films that were made of the performance, and of the process leading up to it, will be of lasting value and a useful resource for years to come. We all learnt a great deal about the past and about the present too. Particular thanks must go to Ros Parker of Outburst Theatre, who put a massive amount of work into the project, and whose energy and commitment were unflagging from the beginning. It was a real triumph for the young people, and largely thanks to Ros' belief in the project from the outset, and well as to dedicated fundraising, principally by Ray Williams.

The year of celebrations began with a visit from Sir Steve Bullock, then still Mayor of Lewisham, on Mothering Sunday, when he dedicated the new sculptor created by Victoria Rance, to commemorate those killed 100 years previously during the First World War, especially those in the West Kent Regiment which was pretty well wiped out in the early years of the war. Victoria's beautiful sculpture, inspired by the laurel leaves of the Memorial Window, consists simply of metal leaf shapes which meet in the centre to form a quatrefoil, a rather beautiful sign of hope. We made the most of Sir Steve's final visit to St Laurence's as mayor – he was standing down a month later before the local elections – and thanked him for all he had done for Lewisham and Catford, and for St Laurence's, over his 16 years in office. Sir Steve was always commenting on how much of his life he spent in places of worship – something

that as a born-again agnostic was continually surprising to him. He also regularly said how much he enjoyed meeting church people as we were the only groups of people who, instead of asking for yet more funding, generally asked what we could do to help!

Two months later, on the weekend of June 15–17th, we staged one of the highlights of the year, our grand flower festival. This was a huge success – some 14 different stands we ranged around the church and narthex, largely celebrating the diverse countries that were represented by different members of the congregation, from South Africa and Sri Lanka to Nigeria, Guyana, Barbados and Jamaica. In addition our neighbours St John's Church and St Mary's Church also contributed stands. The flower festival was formally opened by our brand-new MP Janet Daby, who had only won her bye-election the previous night, performing her first public duty. We were very honoured that despite having been up all night, she was still able to be with us. The Church was open all Saturday with a display of vestments to complement the flowers, and with refreshments available, and a brief concert sung by our choir on theme of floral choral music. And then on the Sunday evening, we also had a service of evensong to which we invited back all former choristers who had ever sung at St Laurence's over its 25 years. Quite a few took up the invitation, and there were some joyful reunions.

The celebrations continued on our Feast of Dedication, when Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark, came to celebrate and preach. Our festival mass was followed by a parish lunch in the church hall, attended by some 150 people. Before the meal, there were speeches by a number of local dignitaries including Mrs Liane Segal, the Lady Mayoress, who spoke very movingly of her gratitude to this country for rescuing her from the horrors of Nazi Germany when she was very young, and giving her a home; Shakeel Begg, our local imam; Jo Burchell, representing David Rome, our local rabbi; and two of our local councillors, Skip Amrani and Eva Stamirowski, both old friends of St Laurence's; and St Christopher's Hospice, for whom we had been collecting during the Flower Festival, to which they had contributed a Wishing Well. Sadly, our new mayor, Damien Egan, was unable to attend at the last minute. It was an excellent meal, and much enjoyed.

The first half of the autumn term had three dozen young people coming for rehearsals in the

church hall to create and rehearse the 'Catford 1968' production, based on a busy Saturday of interviews with older people at the end of September; the performances took place on November 3rd. But even then, the celebration continued. Our former Director of Music, Huw Morgan, offered to write an anthem for us to mark our Jubilee, and so on the third Sunday of Advent, December 16th, our choir gave the first performance of Huw's anthem, dedicated to St Laurence Church, 'Out of your slepe aryse and wake', bringing our year of events to a glorious conclusion.

Perhaps the single most joyful event of a remarkable year was also the one that took the most people by surprise – the wedding of Fr Hugo, our Spanish curate, who had broken many hearts when he left the parish on Pentecost Sunday to become Rector of St Matthew's at the Elephant, but who completely redeemed himself by announcing that he had proposed marriage to Jocelyn Freeman, our Director of Music, and that she had accepted. Their wedding took place at St Laurence's on October 20th, attended by the largest number of priests that probably even St Laurence's had ever seen and almost every member of the congregation. It was a lovely occasion, joyful and serious, funny and sincere, and the wedding breakfast was celebrated in our church hall in true St Laurence style. It will long be remembered.

As usual, we celebrated a number of other parties over the year. In the vicarage garden, for example we had parties to celebrate Ascension Day and Corpus Christi (the latter following a service of Benediction shared by members of Holy Cross and St Andrews parishes) plus a garden party to celebrate the choir reunion festival evensong, and a choir party after the Dedication Festival. Robert Green organised a Christian Aid breakfast for Christian Aid week, and we had a parish lunch on Fr Hugo's last Sunday. The parish barbecue took place on August 26th and raised the fantastic sum of £838, while the parish dance on October 27th raised a magnificent £1178, and the Advent Fair (this year, Ometa Alli and Kathleen Good-year joined Robert Green's team of organisers) raised £815 in two hours. Additionally, we had a number of fund-raising activities after mass on Sundays – from cake sales to sales of hand-crafted Sri Lankan greetings card – raising money for the Choir Bursary Fund, the Choir holiday fund, and the Godwin memorial charity in Candy. The choir sold pancakes after mass

on the Sunday before Lent, which were much appreciated. We also produced a large number of church calendars with attractive photos of the year's events – we sold plenty, although perhaps fewer than anticipated despite the quality of the photos. We had better luck with our 'Star Tree' at Christmas, where members of the congregation were invited to purchase silver stars in memory of a loved one to be hung on a Christmas tree, and the money given to charity; as also with the profits raised by our Christmas Card booklet, which has been running for many years now thanks to the hard work of Peter and Sue Charles, and is being copied by a growing number of other parishes.

As finances continue to be an issue, we took the advice of the Diocesan stewardship advisor, Gabby Parikh, and planned a 'Season of Gifts', beginning (with the Wise Men) on Epiphany Sunday. For three Sundays, different members of the parish (Ijeoma Nwajiobi, Jocelyn Freeman and Temi Salami) gave moving accounts of what St Laurence's meant to them, and expressed their gratitude to the way the congregation here had provided them with support and a chance to develop their talents. On the fourth Sunday, Gabby herself preached, and suggested that, as we had so much to give thanks for, we should express our thanks to God in practical ways, and notably by increasing our giving. We produced an attractive brochure, giving God thanks for St Laurence's, and with information on the various ways of giving to the church, with a pledge form. Rather a disappointing number of pledge forms were returned, despite a number of reminders, but giving to the church has increased by a certain amount.

We also were happy to offer a venue to Catford Film Festival, who enjoy coming here to show films as our seating is so comfortable. This year they showed a very lovely French film, 'Le Havre' – and also came back on February 28th for the screening of our own film, 'The Making of 1968', about the creation of the 1968 production. Both of these were rather well attended. While Catford Film Festival are old friends, on October 5th we offered hospitality for a new venture: Bishop Karowei organised a 'Feed the Hungry' evening, where some 80 people joined in preparing several thousand prepacked meals to be sent to those in famine-stricken parts of the world. The BBC were there to interview the participants, and it was an evening of hard work and much fun. We also, for the second year, hosted the Woolwich area clergy study day.

This year, Bishop Karowei arrived with several cases of wine; consequently, the lunch at least was much enjoyed, and most participants left with glowing memories certainly of that part of the day.

Something else that we hosted over the year was a fair amount of filming for TV and by students. The best example of the former is the Boots advertisement that is currently showing on ITV, and of the latter a strange video put together by young people called 'Where is my owner' which features a number of members of the congregation, and which can be seen on www.vevo.com (GB9TP1700438)

Liturgically, we have had our usual varied fare. In Lent and Holy Week, Fr Hugo led the Lent quiet morning, and Bishop Karowei celebrated the Saturday evening Easter vigil mass. On Pentecost Sunday, (which was also Fr Hugo's last) a good number of the congregation wore red, to represent the fire of the Spirit. The Advent quiet morning was led by Fr Iain. Peter and Sue Charles ran a shared quiet day with parishioners from St Andrew's and St Mary's at the wonderful convent of St Andrew's outside Blackheath. Perhaps our best attended Christmas service was the New Year's eve vigil service, once more conducted by Fr Iain, which drew in a very good crowd. And on the Saturday before Christmas, the choir sang carols round local nursing homes, before going onto various pubs to sing and raise money for charity. The Advent Carol Service attained its usual high standard, while the Christmas Carol Service feature Mairéad community choir as well as our own choir and the minichoir. Along with most other churches in the UK, we commemorated the hundredth anniversary of Armistice Day. And an innovation this year that was much appreciated by those who attended, a 'Blue' Mothering Sunday service on the evening of Mothering Sunday, for those who find they are unable to share the conviviality of Mothering Sunday.

Visiting preachers over the year included Canon Howard Such (recently retired warden of St Barnabas College, Lingfield); a former ordinand of the parish, Fr Chris Bunce; the sub-dean of Southwark Cathedral, Canon Michael Rawson; and during Lent, a series of chaplains – Fr Ian Thompson, our very own prison chaplain; Fr Joshua Rey, the Bishop's chaplain; Fr Colin Boswell, school chaplain to St Dunstan's College; and Fr Kevin Parkes, hospital chaplain to Lewisham and Greenwich hospital.

We have been experimenting with having a 'simple mass' once a month, of which the principal feature is that easy to follow booklets containing everything needed for the service (hymns, readings, prayers and notices). This improvement has been much remarked, and in an ideal world we would produce one like this every Sunday, to save the congregation having to juggle several sheets of paper and a hymn book. Generally on these Sundays, Junior Church will take care of reading the lessons and the intercessions, and will from time to time (such as Mothering Sunday and Harvest Festival) produce a drama to occupy the sermon slot; our thanks to Mairéad & Matthew Thomas, and Antoinette Ojiako, for organising this and generally overseeing Junior Church. In addition, Antoinette has been running the Admission to Communion course with much enjoyment by the six young people who attend. Thanks to her, and to Istvan Bolye who assists.

We have also been experimenting with the way we offer Christian education for adults, as well as for younger people. This year, Fr Andrew has pioneered new Christian Basics sessions for adults – we began with four sessions in the autumn, looking at St Luke's Gospel, and also at what we do in church and why; the sessions included an excellent meal provided by Alice Muchanyuka's 'Cool Breeze' Caribbean restaurant. We went on to look at the rest of St Luke and the Acts of the Apostles; over Lent we have been following the journeys of St Paul. Attendance varies enormously, but we most grateful to Fr Andrew for his accessible and interesting teaching style. In between, Peter and Sue Charles have continued their much appreciated film evenings, with films ranging from 'Solomon' to 'Daniel', from 'The Story of Joseph' to 'Full of Grace' (the story of Mary).

Fr Andrew has also been spear-heading a campaign to make us more mission-focussed. Over the year, we have been encouraged to pray for those we think would benefit from coming to St Laurence's; and we have run a couple of guest services where we have invited people to 'Come and See'. The idea is based on St Andrew the apostle, who persuaded his brother Simon Peter to 'come and see' Jesus. We will continue this invitation to 'come and see' over the next year.

After Easter, the parish ran a very successful joint pilgrimage with All Saints Church to Syracuse in Sicily. The weather was glorious, and we all fell under the spell of the beauty of the Sicilian Spring, which had all the wild flowers

in full bloom the week that we were there. Sites visited ranged from the Second World War landing sites to archaeological sites from 2500 years previously; we celebrated mass together in the local shrine church, a vast concrete edifice that dwarfs even St Laurence's. Meanwhile, the choir ran a very successful singing trip to St David's Cathedral, where they had a most enjoyable residency after Easter, with a most interesting 'show and share' for St Laurence parishioners, who had enthusiastically supported them, on their return.

Ecumenical activities always form a big part of our year; and we were sorry to say farewell to Fr Doug Bull, who had become a good friend over the course of his years as parish priest of Holy Cross church. Fortunately his successor, Fr Antony Megallan, is just as ecumenical; we recently enjoyed together a service of Stations of the Cross and Benediction at St Andrew's Church, Torrison Road, and have planned a joint pilgrimage together for later in 2019. Fr Doug's farewell mass at Holy Cross was a perfectly remarkable celebration and thanksgiving for the work of a dedicated parish priest, and at the reception afterwards, we saw a side of Fr Doug that was new to many of us! Bishop Karowei organised an ecumenical 'Walk of Witness' against knife and gun crime, that began in Catford, and attracted a large number of walkers from across the Christian communities.

On the interfaith front, we were pleased to be able to host the AGM of the South London Interfaith Group in March, and although the Interfaith Cricket match had to be cancelled due to issues with getting enough players and – as it happened – foul weather on the day, between us we were pleased to organise a young people's event at the synagogue; based on 'Growing up in SE6', two younger representatives of each of the three faith groups, one clerical and one lay, spoke about what most concerned them. Attended by an audience who came from the Synagogue, Islamic Centre and St Mary's and St Laurence's churches, it was a good evening, and we hope to repeat it at the Islamic Centre later this year. As we were celebrating our 50th anniversary, the synagogue were celebrating their 60th, and it was good to be invited to their celebration. The Islamic Centre offered an 'open Iftar' in May, attended by a good number of local people.

After all the work on the fabric of the previous few years, it was good to be able to take a break from major work on the fabric of the building. Our church architect did, however,

notice some cracks in the concrete he expressed concern about, and, thanks to a grant from the National Churches' Trust, we have been able to get in some highly specialised structural engineers to look at the concrete. On their first visit, the team, which included one of the most experienced people in the country, spend a good deal of time admiring the concrete framework of the building from a mechanical perspective, but have yet to come up with any results or plan of action. Watch this space!

As well as losing Fr Hugo at Pentecost (and good numbers of the congregation turned up at St Matthew's at the Elephant on July 10th for his induction and licensing to pray for him and to wish him well), in April we also said goodbye to our parish administrator of six years, Melinda Gereb, who went on to work for a charity called 'RoadPeace', that works with the victims of traffic accidents. In her place, we welcomed an ex-teacher, Marek Nowakowski, who worked four days in place of Melinda's three, and took on a good deal of managerial work, running the Centre. Sadly, he left us in December for personal reasons. In Marek's place, we were very pleased to be able to appoint Mtr Sue Charles to the post, now to be called 'Parish Manager'. Sue had previously worked in an administrative role at St Paul's Cathedral, and before that in the printing business; so she comes exceptionally well qualified for this demanding role, and has already made major inroads into the transformation of the parish office and of the way we run the Centre. We were pleased to be able to welcome back another old friend, Nicholas Mannoukas, who was organ scholar here under Huw Morgan. He applied for and was appointed to the role of organist, starting on April 8th. We have also much enjoyed the playing of another young organist, William Campbell, who is this year's organ scholar. We said farewell to Ray Williams after three very successful years as churchwarden, which included spending perhaps more time the church flats than he was comfortable with, and welcomed Sybil Bair as his replacement.

Over the year, we celebrated Grace Blyth's 25 years as a licensed reader with a sparkling wine reception after mass; among other happy events John and Beverley Lashley celebrated their silver wedding. Ageing Well in Lewisham, a charity that finds the majority of its trustees from St Laurence's, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary; while Ijeoma Nwajobi and Florence Browne-Marke were recommissioned as Street Pastors at a special service at St John's,

the next door parish.

We also welcomed Nii-Odai, a brother for Chalice Otoo, Chuks' son Kingjayden, and George Amos-Osagie, who were baptised, among a number of others; and Opeyemi Sofela and Raelle Lashley, who were admitted to communion on Pentecost Sunday. On a sadder note, we said farewell to a number of parishioners or their relatives, who died during the year, including Colin Witter, Joan Haarhaus, Vi Mollison, Ruby Humphreys, John Worrell (Myrna's brother), Everton White's mother Thelma, Wendy Tyley, Eileen Hoare, Buster Perkins, Inge Shields (a parishioners of All Saints known to all those who go on Church pilgrimages), Kathleen Goodyear's son, Tyrone, Margaret Hudson (widow of Gerald Hudson, a former vicar of St Laurence's) and Ronke Oke. Like everyone else, we were shocked by the sudden death of a former parish priest of Holy Cross, Fr John Mulligan; and a number of us attended the funeral of a former Vicar of St Andrew's Catford (and former choirboy at St Laurence's), Fr Robert Jordan. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.

Outside the parish, over the year I gave talks to the Blackheath Wives' Fellowship, the South Croydon & Addington Deanery, All Saints Crystal Palace, St John's Catford, St John's Selsdon, Southwark Cathedral and St Philip Sydenham. I have also taught a four-day 'intensive' module for the Sarum College MA in Christian Spirituality. I continue to sit as a school governor for Rushey Green School next door, and continue as a board member of Voluntary Action Lewisham.

It only remains to thank all those who contribute to the life of St Laurence's – far too many to list systematically, so apologies in advance to anyone who gets left out; but we must certainly thank enormously the members of the ministry team, Fr Iain, Fr Anthony, Fr Andrew, Peter Charles, Grace Blyth and Ijeoma Nwajiobi, who all undertake a very great deal of pastoral work, largely unsung. Thank you too to Mtr Sue Charles and Fr Ian Thompson, who come to St Laurence's on Sundays they are not anywhere else. Thank you to the Churchwardens, Dele and Sybil, always supportive and quietly organised and getting the important things done. Thank you to the members of the PCC, especially Joyce Turpin, PCC secretary. Thank you to Kofi Hagan, our wonderful and hard-working sacristan, who spends many hours preparing for the services here, and for his equally hard-working team, including Kevin Counihan, who also spends much time preparing for the

week-day masses; thank you to Jocelyn Freeman, Director of Music, and to Nicholas Mannoukas, our organist, who have really boosted the numbers of young people in the choir and given them the ability really to enjoy music. Thank you to the whole Centre Management team, notably Sue Charles, who has just started her new life as Parish Manager, and is already completely transforming the parish office in every aspect; and especially, too, to Kay Lanston, chair of the committee, who safeguard this important resource for the local community and seek to make it ever more accessible and better used. Thank you to our Safeguarding team: Peter Charles, Lesley Ihekuna and Esme Cox, and to Ann Mill, our first safeguarding officer, who retired this year after so many years of faithful service in this very demanding role. Thank you to Robert Green for his work as Christian Aid rep, and organiser of the Advent Fair, and to Grace as Children's Society Rep. Thank you too to all who help in the parish office from time to time – your work is quite invaluable. Thank you to those who teach Junior Church and First Communion classes, those who welcome people to church and those who make, serve and clean up after Sunday morning tea and coffee. Thank you to Margaret Greaves, enrolling member of the MU, to her committee and the MU members, who contribute so greatly to the well-being of the parish, from the parish dance, parish barbecue and parish lunches to hospital visits and flowers for the sick and bereaved. Thank you to Debbie Watson who looks after the registers, Joan for organising the giving envelopes scheme, Sue Dearie who organises the lesson readers, and Marva & Eleisea who run the Welcome Table.

Fifty years now past, who knows what plans God has in store for us? Certainly to date, we have something worth celebrating here at St Laurence's – and we look forward in confidence to God's future!

Fr Charles

CHURCHWARDENS REPORT

Being a Churchwarden is a rewarding and satisfying role. Though the postholders sits at the back of the church they are at the same time at the forefront of the church services – they ensure that procedures run smoothly in a structured and agreed manner. It is a privilege to be called to serve in this capacity.

Sybil Bair, who is coming to the end of her first year as a churchwarden, is a great addition. I am happy to report that she has settled well into the role and is now capable of training the incoming, newly elected churchwarden.

It is gratifying to note that there are so many members of the church who are happy to lend a hand when required, often at short notice. The beauty of it all is that they willingly accept to stepping in with smiling faces, which makes approaching them easier in the first place. Sybil and I would like to thank the following groups for their support over the years in making Sunday Mass and other church services exciting: clergy team, choir, servers, Sunday school teachers, Welcome and Side persons teams, those guys (they know themselves) that religiously help to put away the hymn books & pew sheets at the end of the service, and last but not least, the coffee & tea team.

It is pleasing to see that Sunday mass attendance has been encouraging at an average of 150 people a week. We are also welcoming at least 2 new newcomers on average every month.

Given major projects completed over recent years, we recorded just one main project during this reporting period – the memorial stained window refurbishment which was commissioned by Sir Steve Bullock the Mayor of Lewisham at a service during Lent

The Church's noticeboard outside is in disrepair and currently not fit for purpose. As St Laurence is not a typical gothic church building, we can do with more prominent signage. We have had complaints from visitors about the difficulty they faced in finding the church. So, erecting a new noticeboard, like the current one (in the same format) should be our top priority within the next 2 months, or earlier if funding can be secured quickly. This is an opportunity for anyone, or groups of people looking to adopt/sponsor a project at St Laurence, this is it. If you are interested in funding the noticeboard project or contributing to it, please speak to one of the church wardens.

Flats at number 33 are fully occupied. Aga's tenancy is due to end shortly, but she has agreed to renew the tenancy. However, she's having damp problems in the flat which we are currently working on addressing.

There were a couple of events that stood out; one was the attendance by Bishop of Woolwich, Bishop Karowei Dorgu at one of our national day celebrations. He was highly impressed by the African themed service, and the vibrancy of the congregation in general.

The other was the 50th anniversary of St Laurence church building event which was marked with various activities including, the highly successful Floral festival. We

should acknowledge here the invaluable contributions made by Mothers Union (MU) to make it such a wonderful and successful event. Also, worth mentioning is, 'the wedding of the year' – Joycelyn's & Fr Hugo's wedding.

We had 2 disruptions to service by some colourful characters –one tried to hijack the sermon. If not for the quick thinking of Nicholas, our organist who distracted her by playing the organ so loudly, the situation could have been far worse. Though, churchwardens have the 'power of arrest' hardly used, these incidences are a reminder that churchwardens always need to be alert during services.

We will be hosting Fr Steve, St Mary's Lewisham and Area Dean for our Annual Archdeacon's Inspection on 23rd March. Sybil and I are looking forward to the visit and will aim to give a brief summary of how it goes at the AGM on 28 April.

Finally, Sybil and I would like to place on record our appreciations and thanks to the ex-churchwardens; Fiona, John & Ray, for all the supports and providing covers as and when necessary -may God reward you all abundantly.

Sybil Bair & Dele Muji.

April 2019



PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT 2018/2019

The Parochial Church Council meets bi-monthly to discuss matters relating to the day- to- day running of the church receiving and discussing reports from various individuals, for example the Church Wardens reports, the Centre Chairwoman reports, and the financial reports. Issues arising from the church's role as a landlord and employer are also dealt with during the meetings. Resolutions voted on by the PCC included concessions on the community centre hire fees, access improvements and repairs to the church and agreeing new employment contracts for the centre employees.

Current members of the PCC are listed below:

Canon Charles Pickstone, Fr Iain Farquhar, Jocelyn Freeman (Music Director since July), Kay Lanston (Centre Chairwoman), Joyce Turpin (Secretary), Esme Alexander, Brenda Cox, Grace Blyth (Reader), Peter Charles (Reader), Robert Green (Deanery Synod Rep), Victor Obasogie, Antoinette Ojiako (Junior Church Rep), Ken Agumandu (Deanery Synod Rep), Ometa Ali, Ray Williams, Sybil Bair (Church Warden), Dele Muji (Church Warden), Margaret Greaves (MU), and Jeni Griffiths (Deanery Synod Rep), Megan Barford, Bridgit Sam-Bailey, Henry Otoo

Charities

The church is committed to donating a percentage of its income to charity. One of the important decisions the PCC has to make is which charities to support each year. Suggestions were received from members of the congregation, and various charities contacted the church requesting funding. This year five charities were chosen to receive £500 each.

Aging Well in Lewisham – Works to provide a better quality of life to older people living in the South of the borough, supporting people to remain in their own homes and helping people to live independently within their communities.

Cancer Research UK – A charity doing research into finding new cures for cancer.

Children's Air Ambulance – A small charity which provides a dedicated air ambulance to transfer sick children fighting for their lives between hospitals

Farm Africa – A charity which helps farmers in Africa to become self-sufficient.

African Child Trust – A charity which helps fight against poverty in Africa, educating poor orphans and fatherless children. They help to support needy widows, empowering them to generate sustainable incomes.

Also a large amount of money has been raised for other charities this year including Christian Aid.

CENTRE REPORT

The Centre has seen another busy year with several new hirers joining us and casual bookings for parties, weddings, funerals, etc., taking up most Saturdays throughout the year. Unfortunately, our Sunbeam Tots were no longer able to continue but we now have a group teaching English as a foreign language. We also have a slot when people can come and give blood. The Centre provides us with the facilities to show our outreach to all people from all walks of life and varying nationalities, coming together to provide the good atmosphere which always prevails.

As always, we have tried to keep on top of all the maintenance and upkeep of the Centre and are keeping a list of priorities for the coming year.

Thanks go to our Parish Administrator, Marek, who has now left to explore new pastures but we are pleased to welcome Sue Charles as our new Parish Manager. I wish them both well. We have had help in the office from Joyce, Ometa, Kathleen, Linda, Marva and Debbie. Thank you to each of them as this has been wonderful. Thanks also go to our caretaker, Nick Chapman, and to our deputies, Jimmy, Paul and Francine. They work continually to welcome visitors and maintain the cleanliness of the Centre.

My committee have, as always, provided invaluable help and I am so grateful to all of them for their help and support throughout the year.

Kay Lanston
Chair of Centre Management



Music Report

In the past year we achieved many of the goals mentioned in last year's report, including increasing choir membership; we have strengthened the links between Minichoir and choir; we have played a significant role in the church mission plan through concerts and musical events; we thriving as a musical team with the newest additions to the team who joined last year, and clearer leadership roles within the voice parts; and have had ongoing success as we develop our specialist training for not only the Junior Choir, but also now for the choir adults.

Due to unexpected events, the choir has recently suffered a huge disappointment, which has resulted in low mood, reduced moral and has also impacted choir attendance. Something needs to be done to improve this situation, and we are working extremely hard to help this. Please let us know if you are able to help organise any trip or event to help boost choir moral.

The Choir

We have fourteen junior choir members, five singers in our alto section, two alternating tenors, and four basses. During the last year we have performed multiple concerts, a Come & Sing evensong, carol singing and educational events, including three *Pizza & Pitch* afternoons for the junior choir with specialist musicianship training, games and a shared meal together. *All Together, Breathe!* is our new initiative for the alto, tenor and bass sections, held on a bi-termly basis, and focusses on a mixture of repertoire and singing technique.

The choir continues achieved an impressive level of professionalism. Many visitors comment on the beauty of the singing, including recent guest clergy and concert-goers. Some of the pieces the choir have learned and performed this year require a high level of concentration and professionalism, including works by Stainer, Stanford and Rhian Samuel, and these have been completed with great commitment. As the Director of Music I am very proud of their dedication and focus.

Budgets

We have held several fundraising events over the last year that have helped our choir budgets into a reasonable position, are proudly able to support an organ/music scholar. In addition, and on conclusion of the church's Sunbeam Tot's initiative, the St James Place Foundation have kindly approved the transfer of the remaining, significant sum into the Choir Bursary Fund, to be used towards enabling disadvantaged young people attending music lessons. Thank you for all your support and please keep our work in your prayers.

Instruments

The church organ and pianos are in reasonable condition, with the organ awaiting a new electrical switch to ease the difficulties that are currently experienced when turning it on.

Projects

Over the months of April - July, the choir will perform short slots in four concerts with professional singers, in a series called From Russia with Love. These performances will take place on the first Sunday of each month, at 12noon. These concerts are in conjuncture with a parallel series at Blackheath Halls which our Director of Music has initiated. Do come along and support the fruits of our labour!

In line with the church mission, we look forward to increasing our outreach in the community and further afield through musical events such as concerts, recitals, Come & Sing events, and strengthening links with local schools.

We also aim to deepen the links with Minichoir and Junior church, working collaboratively on a regular basis. We also hope to reach out to new members of the community, both young and adult members, and build the numbers of our choir as it continues to be a beacon of our church activity.

With love,

Jocelyn

Sacristy report

I am pleased to report yet again that our servers are doing very well and working hard especially behind the scenes. Currently we have 17 servers: Ijoema, Julia, Beverley, Henry, Kevin, Vitalis, Titi, Temi, Sandra, Akira, Merlyn, Kenneth, Detorian, Neheria, Chloe and Opeyemi. Thank you to them all.

Akira and Titi are currently being trained to serve as MC and are doing very well; and I thank them for always listening to my advice.

Special thanks to those who travel from afar to serve -Ijoema (from Dartford), Akira (from Croydon), Henry (from Greenwich), Chloe (from Peckham) and Temi and Opeyemi (from Plumstead).

Many thanks to Kevin for keeping the chalices and silver clean and Kathleen for keeping the leanings clean. I personally say a big thank you for doing such precious and wonderful jobs as it takes a lot of pressure off of me.

Another special big thank you goes to Ijoema, Titi, Akira, Vitalis and Beverley for stepping in to serve at crucial times when they were needed.

We thank Peter and Grace were not saying no to us when we need their help to serve

Last but not least our thanks to Father Iain for all the advice and help he gives me when I need it

We do need more servers, it does not matter how young or old you are. Please come and join us. You would enjoy it

Kofi

Safeguarding Report

2018 was a holding year for safeguarding as we awaited the new version of the Church of England guidance on safeguarding. This eventually appeared, online at least, in the autumn, and for us marked the start of a lot of work reviewing our policies and procedures. There are many changes that need to be made in the way we appoint people to roles in the church, both paid and unpaid, and in a greater need for safeguarding training for people undertaking those roles. It has taken several months and the first of these changes were presented to the PCC in the autumn and the safeguarding team and the PCC will be continuing to work through these in 2019.

2018 also saw the decision by our long-standing safeguarding officer Ann Mill to stand down from her role. We thank her for her years of service to this parish. As a result of this we have looked at reorganising the safeguarding team and the way it works. We are pleased that Lesley Ikehuna and Esme Alexander have agreed to join the team and have taken responsibility for safeguarding training and the DBS system respectively. I would like to thank them both for taking on this vital role in making our church a safe place for the people who attend.

Peter Charles

Safeguarding Lead

Sunbeam Tots Report

Our leaders Verity McGuire and Rebecca Finaldi decided in the spring that they wanted to step back from running the group and so in the ready absence of any alternatives we were forced to close the group at Easter. Since then we have tried to make alternative arrangements to re-open the group but without success. Therefore, at the PCC Meeting in January 2019 it was regrettably decided that we should close the project permanently.

Peter Charles

Project Manager

Junior Church Report –

SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats)

Compiled by Elaine Dixon and Mairéad Sheerin

Strengths:

Following on from the end of last term, Junior Church Leaders used this time as a reflection with the input from Children and Young People to constructively review and to acknowledge the feedback on the direction of future Junior Church liturgy teachings and worship. This insight gave the Young People a voice and ownership.

Firstly, can we commend the Children and Young people of Junior Church on how they have grown in strength and confidence as individuals and collectively as a group.

The curriculum for each Sunday is very well structured and planned with a detailed based liturgy to grasp the Young People and engage them. It is delivered to enrich their lives and equip them with a vast knowledge and understanding of the Bible.

The topic areas of discussions, which can sometimes put a pleasing smile on Junior Church Leaders faces, on how extremely well they engage in team work, within all the age ranges. Our Young People demonstrate a highly level of respect for each other's viewpoints, which we are extremely proud and applaud them for.

All Junior Church Young People are given the opportunity to contribute, be creative and voice their opinions on the topics for Family Mass such as the spectacular Harvest Festival performance, to name a few.

The performances they deliver has been as a result of many discussions and weeks of preparation. They have shown and articulated themselves with a willingness to progress, they convey their thoughts within the faith and personal experiences. The delivery of intercession prayers and scripture readings for Family Mass is a clear indication of this. The tasks are warmly received as they nominate themselves for this challenge, to stand up in front of a congregation and publicly speak, especially for the first time, they have risen to the occasions every time with enthusiasm. This has been a positive achievement, giving them all empowerment and a sense of achievement in worship each Sunday.

To conclude, Junior Church Leaders would like to express their delight and in being a focal point of our Young Children and people lives each Sunday, and will continue to instil, embrace and encourage them in the coming year.

Weaknesses:

It is difficult to plan with erratic attendance from the children. For example, the week before a Family Mass we had 15 younger children who were taught a simple hymn. On the day of the Family Mass there were just 3. We do our best! This sometimes

leads us to choosing the same children to take responsibility much as we want to give everyone a chance.

Opportunities:

We, as always, would like to grow the Junior Church Leader Team. We have begun to ask members of the congregation to help with specific tasks – eg Megan Barford designed, created and helped the younger children to make props and simple costumes for the Harvest Festival performance. We would like to build on this.

On the back of the sermon where the older children shared their concerns, we would like to find ways to support their potential social activism.

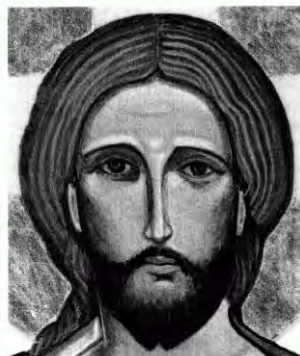
Threats:

A small team risks burn out! I (Mairéad) have not listened to a sermon or had a quiet worshipful experience for.....years! I am not just talking about the adults, the children – particularly the choristers – take on most of the burden when it comes to ‘performing’ Family Masses and we do not want to risk turning them off.

Bible Study Report

This year we tried a different pattern. Fr Andrew ran two very well attended groups on the Bible and the Gospel of Luke during Lent and Advent respectively. Between these periods we continued with Film Night, although we had to move the days around as our normal Wednesday night slot was no longer available. We saw films on both Old and New testament stories plus other Christian films. We are proposing that a similar pattern of groups continues in 2019.

Peter



See, I am making everything new!
Revelation 21:5

MU Annual Report

To God be the glory; another year has come and gone and we give God thanks and praise for everything that he has provided for us.

We have continued to serve the Lord not only on Sundays and the weekday services but also in doing what we can to support our Church and those around us.

Our meetings have continued on Sundays for the winter months' to help those who find it difficult with the dark nights; we will revert back to Tuesday evenings in March when the evenings are lighter.

We have continued to enjoy our Quiet Day sessions twice a year and we were fortunate to have a few Meditation sessions with Fr. Hugo before he left the Parish, which was very inspiring.

Bring and Share lunch, the Advent Fair all of which are related to our Church events. The Flower Festival held in June which was a great success for our Church and not forgetting our Church Barbecue in August.

The highlight of the year was the wedding of Fr. Hugo to Jocelyn and the MU and the parishioners of St Laurence could not have wished for a better day, so we all thank God for the blessings that he bestowed upon us all on that great and fabulous day.

Then St Laurence Autumn Dance a week later was another success for our church and we say thank you to all those not only in the MU but within the church that helped to make it a success.

MU members and a few joined by their partners enjoyed a beautiful evening meal out (it was for members to be served and not to be serving) and they have asked for another one to be arranged. We are also taking this opportunity to arrange talks and hopefully a theatre show during the year.

The members have been very supportive of each other especially with illness within our group and having to cope with one another's situations. So we continuing to pray for each other and for the healing of all those that are not well, not only within the MU but within our church and community.

As we continue to look at what we can do for the future of our Branch and bringing new members into our group. We pray that God will enlighten us to go forward with his grace and guidance and help us as we look at new ideas and projects.

To be able to assist in other areas and not only with the catering for St. Laurence. To be able to have events where we are working toward giving God thanks and praise as he continue to lead us in prayer and worship.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members and all the parishioners for their support throughout the year, may we continue in God's path.

God Blessings always.

Margaret Greaves (MU Lead

ST LAURENCE CHURCH CATFORD
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING – SUNDAY 15 APRIL 2018
ST LAURENCE CHURCH HALL

PRAYERS – The meeting was opened with Father Charles welcoming those present and saying prayers.

APOLOGIES – No apologies

MINUTES OF THE APM 2017 – The minutes were read as published in the attachment.

ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER'S REPORT – It was reported that there was 211 members on the official electoral roll, which consisted of 70 residents and 141 non residents.

ELECTIONS:

Church Wardens – Sybil Bair and Dele Muji
PCC honorary secretary – Joyce Turpin
Chair Centre Management Committee – Kay Lanston
Honorary Treasurer – Dele Muji
Auditor – Gavin Ellis FCCA
Deanery Synod Reps – Jeni Griffith, Robert Green, Ken Agumadu
Members of the PCC – Brenda Cox, Ometa Ali,
Esme Alexander, Ray Williams, Bridgit Sam-Bailey, Victor Obasogie,
Henry Otoo, Antoinette Ojiako (Junior Church Rep) and Megan Barford
Margaret Greaves (Mothers Union Rep)

VICAR'S REPORT – Read as published in attachment.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Read and fully explained as published in the attachment. The accounts were accepted.

PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT – Read as published in the attachment.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC REPORT – Read as published in the attachment.

SACRISTY REPORT – Read as published in the attachment.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT – Read as published in the attachment

JUNIOR CHURCH REPORT – Read as published in the attachment.

MOTHERS UNION REPORT – Read as published in the attachment.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP REPORT – Read as published in the attachment.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT – Read as published in the attachment

CURATE REPORT – Fr. Hugo informed the meeting how much he had enjoyed his time at St Laurence and would be departing with some sadness. He hoped that St Laurence would continue to flourish and that junior church in particular would continue to grow. During his time with St Laurence the church had become like a family to him.

CENTRE MANAGEMENT REPORT – Read as published in the attachment.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Sue Deane thanked all the readers and intercessors for their work and made a request for more volunteers. Father Charles informed the meeting that Dele Muji would still be acting Treasurer as we did not have a treasurer and that the main work being done by Andy McGuire our paid book-keeper.

The meeting was closed with Fr. Charles saying a prayer.

Parochial Church Council of St Laurence, Catford

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2018

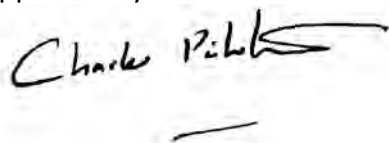
| | Notes | Unrestricted funds 2018 £ | Restricted funds 2018 £ | Total funds 2018 £ | Total funds 2017 £ |
|--|-------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Incoming resources | | | | | |
| Voluntary income | 2(a) | 51,735 | 28,049 | 79,784 | 91,880 |
| Activities for generating funds | 2(b) | 46,108 | 3,620 | 49,728 | 30,752 |
| Income from investments | 2(c) | 3,783 | 0 | 3,783 | 3,872 |
| Church activities | 2(d) | 112,179 | 0 | 112,179 | 118,663 |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 213,805 | 31,669 | 245,474 | 245,167 |
| Expenditure | | | | | |
| Church activities | 3(a) | 221,103 | 33,298 | 254,401 | 231,120 |
| Raising funds | 3(b) | 661 | 0 | 661 | 634 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | 221,764 | 33,298 | 255,062 | 231,754 |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS AND LOSSES | | (7,959) | (1,629) | (9,588) | 13,413 |
| NET GAINS (LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS | 5 | (1,878) | 0 | (1,878) | 8,804 |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | | (9,837) | (1,629) | (11,466) | 22,217 |
| Total funds brought forward | | | | 147,165 | 124,948 |
| Total funds carried forward | | | | 135,699 | 147,165 |

Parochial Church Council of St Laurence, Catford
Statement of Financial Position at 31 December 2018

| | Notes | 2018 £ | 2017 £ |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Investments | 5 | 114,144 | 112,244 |
| | | <u>114,144</u> | <u>112,244</u> |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Debtors and prepayments | 6a | 26,281 | 13,235 |
| Short-term deposits | 6b | 5,153 | 3,698 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 30,058 | 37,753 |
| | | <u>61,492</u> | <u>54,686</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Creditors – due within 1 year | 7 | 39,937 | 19,765 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) | | 21,555 | 34,921 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | <u>135,699</u> | <u>147,165</u> |
| PARISH FUNDS | | | |
| Unrestricted | 9 | 117,586 | 127,423 |
| Restricted | 8 | 18,113 | 19,742 |
| | | <u>135,699</u> | <u>147,165</u> |

The notes on the succeeding pages form part of these accounts

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 31st March 2019, and signed on its behalf by:



The Rev'd Canon Charles Pickstone (PCC Chair)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' 'true and fair view' provision. They have been prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

ASSETS

Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

Moveable church furnishings

There are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient cost information is available. In this case the item is not capitalised, but all items are included in the Church's inventory in any case.

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or else, for gifts-in-kind, at a reasonable estimate of their open market value on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Land: nil

Fixtures and fittings: 20 years

Computers: 3 years

No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the properties is not less than their carrying value and the remaining useful life of these assets currently exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

An impairment review is carried out at each year-end and any resultant loss identified included in expenditure for the year.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange or whose value derives from them are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at PCC's best estimate of market value.

Short term deposits

These are the cash held on deposit either with the CCLA or at the bank.

FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its 'free reserves' as disclosed in the trustees' report.

The Church Council consider it appropriate to keep approximately six months of expenditure as unrestricted reserves.

Restricted Funds

These are income funds that must be spend on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

2. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

| | | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | TOTAL 2018 £ | TOTAL 2017 £ |
|------|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2(a) | Voluntary income | | | | |
| | Planned giving: Gift Aid donations | 23,306 | | 23,306 | 21,076 |
| | Tax recoverable | 8,280 | | 8,280 | 9,348 |
| | Other planned giving | 7,297 | | 7,297 | 5,073 |
| | Collections (open plate) | 11,916 | | 11,916 | 18,921 |
| | Gift days | | | 0 | |
| | Grants | 0 | 9,900 | 9,900 | 27,218 |
| | Donations, appeals, etc | 936 | 18,149 | 19,085 | 10,244 |
| | Legacies | | | 0 | |
| | | 51,735 | 28,049 | 79,784 | 91,880 |
| 2(b) | Activities for generating funds | | | | |
| | Summer & Advent Fairs, events | 4,158 | 3,620 | 7,778 | 4,352 |
| | Fundraising | | | 0 | 0 |
| | Rent-temporary let of clergy flats | 41,950 | | 41,950 | 26,400 |
| | | 46,108 | 3,620 | 49,728 | 30,752 |
| 2(c) | Income from investments | | | | |
| | Dividends on CCLA Investment Fund | 3,778 | | 3,778 | 3,872 |
| | Bank & CCLA Deposit Fund Interest | 5 | | 5 | 0 |
| | | 3,783 | 0 | 3,783 | 3,872 |
| 2(d) | Income from church activities | | | | |
| | Fees for weddings and funerals | 4,204 | | 4,204 | 3,646 |
| | Church Centre lettings-local community use | 107,975 | | 107,975 | 115,018 |
| | | 112,179 | 0 | 112,179 | 118,664 |
| | Total income | 213,805 | 31,669 | 245,474 | 245,168 |

3. EXPENDITURE

| | | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | TOTAL 2018 £ | TOTAL 2017 £ |
|------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 3(a) | Church Activities | | | | |
| | Missionary & charitable giving, (note 11) | 100 | 706 | 806 | 4,893 |
| | Ministry: diocesan parish quota | 66,244 | | 66,244 | 48,579 |
| | Other ministry cost | 7,654 | 19,963 | 27,617 | 6,804 |
| | Church running & maintenance | 100,585 | 1,629 | 102,214 | 91,725 |
| | Major repairs: roof | 1,140 | | 1,140 | 30,226 |
| | Staff & volunteer training | 378 | | 378 | 1,000 |
| | Printing & stationery | 2,594 | | 2,594 | 1,726 |
| | Bank charges | 1,726 | | 1,726 | 1,657 |
| | Youth work | 104 | 11,000 | 11,104 | 4,413 |
| | Director of music, organist, tuning | 15,243 | | 15,243 | 15,823 |
| | Caretaking | 25,335 | | 25,335 | 24,274 |
| | | 221,103 | 33,298 | 254,401 | 231,120 |
| 3(b) | Raising funds | | | | |
| | Costs of refreshments | 661 | | 661 | 634 |
| | | 661 | 0 | 661 | 634 |
| | TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | 221,764 | 33,298 | 255,062 | 231,754 |

4. STAFF COSTS

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|------------------|----------|--------|
| Wages & salaries | £ 43,952 | 39,000 |

No. of permanent employees 2 2

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current years.

During the year, the PCC employed a parish administrator, a full-time resident caretaker, and a number of relief caretakers.

5. FIXED ASSETS

| Investments | 2018 | 2017 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Amounts invested with CCLA | £ | £ |
| Amounts held in trust by CCLA through The South London Church Fund and the Southwark Diocesan Board of Finance in respect of monies in connection with: | | |
| Sale of 34 Canadian Avenue (1987) | 54,942 | 54,942 |
| Miss Hilda May Augusta Marsh & Miss Pansie Beatrice Edney bequests (1989) | 10,034 | 10,034 |
| | <u>64,976</u> | <u>64,976</u> |

These funds are principally invested in units of the CBF Church of England Investment Fund

Market value of 6863.50 units at 01 January 2018 (6641.10 units 2017) 112,244 99,862

Cost of 221.99 additional units purchased during 2018 (222.40 units 2017) 3,777 3,578

Decrease in Market Value during the year -1,878 8,804

Market value of 7,085.49 units at 31 December 2018 (6863.50 units 2017) 114,144 112,244

| | | Units | Value (£) |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Cost of additional units | 34 Canadian Avenue | 161.88 | 2,754 |
| | Marsh & Edney | 60.11 | 1,024 |
| | | <u>221.99</u> | <u>3,778</u> |

| | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Units at December 31st, 2018 | 34 Canadian Avenue | 5,166.92 | 83,237 |
| | Marsh & Edney | 1,918.57 | 30,907 |
| | | <u>7,085.49</u> | <u>114,144</u> |

6. CURRENT ASSETS

6(a) Debtors and prepayments

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Debtors (Unrestricted funds) | | |
| Prepayments | 1,429 | 4,745 |
| Debtors | 24,852 | 8,490 |
| | <u>26,281</u> | <u>13,235</u> |

6(b) Short term deposits

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Deposits with CCLA | 1,053 | 1,048 |
| Deposit protection scheme | 4,100 | 2,650 |
| | <u>5,153</u> | <u>3,698</u> |

7. LIABILITIES

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Amounts held on behalf of others | | |
| Vicar's Discretionary fund | 2,700 | 2,850 |
| Women's fellowship | 2,249 | 2,249 |
| Choir holiday fund | 0 | 1,360 |
| Choir Bursary fund | 1,244 | 890 |
| Minichoir fund | 280 | 330 |
| Benevolent fund | 200 | 200 |
| Sunbeam Tots | 2,577 | 828 |
| 50th anniv fund | 0 | 2,020 |
| Other | 2,526 | 996 |
| | <u>11,776</u> | <u>11,723</u> |
| Flat deposits held | 4,100 | 2,650 |
| Other creditors and accruals | 24,061 | 5,392 |
| | <u>39,937</u> | <u>19,765</u> |

8. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The restricted funds comprise money donated for the church lighting project.

| 2018 | 2017 |
|---------------|--------|
| £19,742 | 19,742 |
| <u>-1,629</u> | |
| <u>17843</u> | |

9. SUMMARY OF UNRESTRICTED FUND MOVEMENTS

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Designated unrestricted funds | | |
| Church maintenance fund | | |
| Balance 1 January | 12,000 | 0 |
| Transfers during the year | <u>0</u> | <u>12,000</u> |
| Balance 31 December | <u>12,000</u> | <u>12,000</u> |
| Centre maintenance fund | | |
| Balance 1 January | 5,344 | 5,344 |
| Transfers during the year | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Balance 31 December | <u>5,344</u> | <u>5,344</u> |
| Total designated funds | <u>17,344</u> | <u>17,344</u> |
| Unrestricted and undesignated funds | | |
| Balance 1 January | 110,078 | 99,862 |
| Transfers during the year | <u>-9,836</u> | <u>10,216</u> |
| Balance 31 December | <u>100,242</u> | <u>110,078</u> |
| Totals | | |
| Restricted | £ | |
| Designated | £ | |
| Unrestricted & undesignated | £ | |
| Total | £ | |
| | 18,113 | 17,344 |
| | | 100,242 |
| | | 135,699 |

10. SUMMARY OF ASSETS BY FUND

| | unrestricted funds | restricted funds | total 2018 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Investments | 114,144 | | 114,144 |
| Debtors & prepayments | 26,281 | | 26,281 |
| Short term deposits | 5,153 | | 5,153 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 11,945 | 18,113 | 30,058 |
| less creditors due within one year | <u>(39,937)</u> | | <u>(39,937)</u> |
| | <u>117,586</u> | <u>18,113</u> | <u>135,699</u> |

11. CHARITABLE DONATIONS

| | £ | £ |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Children's Ambulance | | 500 |
| Embrace the Middle East | | 500 |
| African Child Trust | | 500 |
| Lewisham Carers | | 500 |
| HumbleBe CIC | | 800 |
| Children's Society | | 188 |
| Christian Aid | | 851 |
| Connections Trust | | 400 |
| World Vision | | 228 |
| Manna Society | | 175 |
| Calais project | 170 | |
| Choir Bursaries | 206 | |
| Lewisham Parochial | 230 | |
| St Christopher's hospice | <u>200</u> | |
| | <u>806</u> | <u>4,642</u> |