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Vicar's remarks 2015

Every day, here at St Paul's, we say the following sentences as part of an affirmation of faith:

**we affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ,
empowered by the spirit.***

The foundation of our faith and ministry is our belief in our **created-ness in the image of God.**

This creates a level playing field for all people and the possibility to relate to each other, acknowledging similarities and differences, giving each other space to be and do and creating a common bond that makes it possible to co-exist peacefully and **work together for the common good.**

It is **Christ** who through his life, death and resurrection shows us the nature of God,

**affirming God's spirit of goodness
at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong***

giving us freedom, beauty, truth, love, hope and joy.

We read the **bible** because it tells of our past and roots and gives us hope for our future; it speaks to us of signs and symbols (sacraments) which celebrate our unity in diversity; it enables us to reflect on real day to day experiences and challenges us to search for truth and signs of the **Kingdom of God.**

As a **church** we are challenged and committed to **look for and affirm what is good** and search and oppose what is evil; we acknowledge that we do not always manage to do that well, living in the mess which is our world, but are encouraged by the knowledge that God is loving and forgiving.

We are called to **share** that **knowledge of a loving and forgiving God** with all who are searching for meaning and direction in their own lives; being aware of our own boundaries and limitations we strive to **welcome all** with humility, ready to journey together for a while.

We regularly **meet in community** to worship, to pause and rest, to be inspired, energised and renewed and to

**celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,
the unfolding purposes of God,**

**forever at work in ourselves
and the world.***

There are two areas of this vision statement I would like to comment on:

"We regularly meet in community to worship, to pause and rest, to be inspired, energised and renewed"

How many people do you know by name?

How many people do you know better (having had one to one conversations with about life, work, family, concerns ... ?)

How many newcomers' names do you know?

Could you invite someone for tea or dinner into your home to get to know them better and to help to deepen our community?

We are challenged to "work for the common good" and "to look and affirm what is good and to oppose evil"

What is your work for the common good?

In our church / in our neighbourhood / in our society / world?

Do you / could you work together with others from our community?

Heinz Toller

* *An Affirmation of Faith, Daily Prayer, The Iona Community.*

Church Wardens report

St Paul's remains a friendly and open church with a variety of activities and patterns of worship and we are proud to be part of this community. We are most grateful to all those who contribute to our life together at St Paul's and for all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes.

There has been much necessary emphasis this past year on the buildings – both external, the Church roof and guttering, and internal, the CC kitchen. Our thanks go especially to Anthony Ackner, who heads up the Fabric subcommittee. We made an application to the government scheme for a grant to help finance the repair work to the roof and guttering, but sadly we were unsuccessful in our bid. We plan to reapply for the second round of funding. Grateful thanks go to Elizabeth Simon for her enthusiastic energy in leading the bid team. A small working group was set up by the PCC at the end of last year to plan for the

kitchen development and it is hoped that the refurbishment will take place in the summer of 2015.

The white altar frontal for the High Altar is currently being repaired by the Royal School of Needlework as a result of a most generous donation in memory of Betty Bryant. The frontal will be rededicated at the Sunday morning Holy Communion service on 27th September 2015. This hand sewn frontal was made to commemorate the Peace treaty of 1919, it is part of our history and that of the area.

We continue to have monthly staff meetings with Heinz, Margery, Norman (reader) and Joan Endean (SPA). Our thanks to them for their friendship and fellowship. We will welcome back Nicky von Fraunhofer, our curate, just as soon as she is well enough and assure her of our continuing prayers. As always we are deeply grateful to the clergy and lay ministers for their ministry among us.

The PCC, chaired by the Vicar, meets ten times a year. Please think carefully whether you can serve St Paul's in this way. Following Penny Bradford's decision to step down a new PCC secretary is required. We are grateful to Penny for the work she has done in this capacity.

The welcome people receive when they come into church is a crucial ministry and we are grateful to all who serve as sidespersons and to our sacristan, Joan Wilson, who organises the rota. She would welcome new people to the team.

As Felicity steps down as Church Warden after serving a term of three years please pray for Bob who will continue in the role of Church Warden. As yet we do not have a new Church Warden to take over and share the role and duties with Bob and we ask for your prayers that a second Warden will be appointed. Thank you for the support of so many people in the running of St Paul's.

Bob Essert and Felicity Cheetham

Curate's report

I began as a curate in June 2014 and it has been a great pleasure to get to know you all. Since then, there has been a lot for me to learn, some of it connected to regular Sunday services, such as setting up the altar, or how to baptise children, but other events have been unique, such as the commemoration service for WW1. This year I have learnt down to

earth issues, such as how to speak clearly and use a microphone, as well as theological issues such as exploring the themes of Advent and Good Friday. Although my work as a curate was unexpectedly interrupted due to a major operation, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone from both myself and Paul, for all your prayers, cards and encouragement. Your thoughts and prayers helped us so much, during the time that I was away. It has been a great pleasure to rejoin you and re-experience the warmth and generosity of a St Paul's welcome and I look forward to my work as a curate gradually resuming later in the year.

Nicky von Fraunhofer

Lay Ministers

Sue Chick, Penny Bradford and I are pleased to conduct services. We appreciate the congregation's support and are grateful for Heinz's encouragement.

Penny has reflected on becoming a member of the St Paul's Family:

Not knowing anyone in the congregation, I had no preconceptions when I came to St Paul's five years ago. Since then I have got to know many people, learning of the many contributions they make to the Church; becoming aware of much support and assistance behind the scenes and in the wider community. The strong fellowship is growing, - everyone contributes in some way. The Church is inclusive and welcomes newcomers. I feel privileged, for the first time to take part in services from the "other side of the altar".

Norman Allen

Fabric Report

Another year goes by and the list of things to do gets bigger!! It's been a busy year in planning and now the church has taken over responsibilities within the Community Centre the work load continues to grow.

There are 2 major projects that should be completed within the next year. The first and most immediate is the redesign and renewal of the complete kitchen which has remained the same since the opening of the community centre in the late 1980's. We have retained an architect to help us in this area and once the design had been finalized (this involved removal of walls and complete new kitchen) we were able to go out to tender. The bids showed us that the project was going to cost in excess of £80,000 which resulted in this delay for further fund raising which has been achieved thanks to the anonymous generosity of certain St Paul's members. We are looking for this project to start at the end of

July and be completed early September. It will however mean a lot of disruption during that period but the result should provide us with a much better kitchen and servery area.

The second major project, which is also going to cost heavily is the roofing works on the church itself. Principally, as I have written in previous annual reports this involves new rain water drainage gutters and pipes. At the same time roof tiles will have to be replaced on the vestry and repairs of the north and south roof slopes. Elizabeth Simon is pursuing many avenues of grant funding as well coordinating the project. We have appointed a specialist architect to guide us in this complicated process so we will soon have a properly costed specification.

I'm sorry to report that the church boiler is coming to the end of its useful life and some of you may have noticed its unreliable nature of recent as it fails to start up on demand of the time clock. The boiler is early 1980's, of Italian manufacturer and the size of a small motorcar !! Our heating contractor has suggested this should be replaced as parts are difficult to come by and the boiler is not efficient by today's standards. Indeed the annual gas cost of the church is more than heating the community centre which is open all week.

We welcomed new tenants to 90 Augustus Road in February following the end of the previous tenants three year stay. We were able to secure a rent increase.

As in previous years my thanks goes out to Shirley, Terry and their team for keeping the church dust free. Also to Chris Wright and Norman Allen for all the work that they carry out. And special thanks to Simon Purvis for all his help on the ladders and the roof cleaning, an activity that has almost become a monthly event.

If anybody is interested in joining up on church maintenance, please let me know...*Many hands make light work* God bless.

Anthony Ackner

Awkward Squad

The Awkward Squad continues to flourish, as *chaps* gather for convivial evenings (about every six weeks). The agenda includes: a simple supper, a drink (or two), a volunteer to 'kick-off' a topic of interest, followed by a round table discussion. Hosting the Bonfire Night Party in

the Vicarage Garden continues to be a popular annual event. Friends are welcome to join the Squad, - despite contrary allegations, they do not have to be "awkward".

Norman Allen

The JEAN GARLING FUND

Jean Garling was a member of St Paul's for many years, and when she died in 1998, she left the church a legacy. The PCC decided to use part of it as a "living memorial"; capital was invested, the interest on it to be used for small grants to assist with the training or spiritual development of regular communicant lay members. The PCC appointed 5 people to be informal "trustees" Grants have been made most years since 2000; examples are:- book grants; help with fees for training of Junior Church leaders; grant towards a part-time course leading to a Diploma in Pastoral Counselling.

In **2014**, 15 members went to the parish retreat at Iona Abbey. The main expenses were for accommodation and transport. 8 grants were made for £100 each (total cost £800) towards the accommodation expenses of 5 adults, and 3 children in two families. This was possible because interest on the capital of the fund was higher than expected. At our recent meeting, the "trustees" were interested to note that this is the first time that no one who received a grant, knew Jean personally.

At December 2014, the value of the capital was £6,200. We anticipate using £200 in 2015, maybe more if the interest increases, and the need is there. We will be inviting applications soon.

*Elizabeth Burgess
(for the "trustees")*

COFFEE ROTA

Members of the coffee rota continue to provide the opportunity for the congregation to enjoy social fellowship after our 10 o'clock Sunday morning services (and once a month after the short 9 a.m. Mustard Seeds service). A big thank you to all of them! We all enjoy this opportunity to meet each other over tea/coffee and biscuits in the lounge but this depends on volunteers to set up before, and wash and clear up afterwards. Two people are needed for each session. We do need more volunteers. This is an excellent way of making friends with your coffee partner and with members of the congregation. Please contact Elizabeth Simon (tel 020 8788 2270) and volunteer!

Elizabeth Simon

DEANERY SYNOD 2014

Wandsworth Deanery covers 10 parishes with 13 churches. St Paul's Deanery Synod representatives are all the clergy plus three lay members, elected by St Paul's AGM for a three year term. Our members at present are Joan Endean, Doreen Hewitt and Elizabeth Simon. This is a worthwhile task in Church of England governance and the Diocesan Strategy for Ministry and the new Parish Support Fund envisage a greater role for Deanery Synods so this could be a good time to consider standing as a Deanery rep.

The Deanery Synod normally meets three times a year and tries to visit all our deanery churches in rotation though this does depend on the church being available as some are very busy in the evenings with events and classes. We also try to meet on three different weekday evenings to avoid members having to miss meetings owing to a regular commitment on one evening a week. Since St Paul's last AGM Deanery Synod has met on 17 June 2014 at Holy Trinity, West Hill where Revd Sue Clarke, Chair of the Southwark Spirituality and Age Group (SAGE), spoke about the experience, challenge and opportunities of growing older both as individuals and as church; on 23 October 2014 at All Saints, Putney Common where Daniel Sinclair from Christian Solidarity Worldwide spoke about their work campaigning against religious persecution and supporting persecuted minorities, often but not only Christian minorities; and on 24 February 2015 at St Michael's Southfields when Wendy Robins, Director of Communications and Resources for the Diocese and Bishop's Press Officer, talked about how to communicate positively within our churches and with the wider community, and how to avoid or deal with negative publicity; Revd Jim McKinney of Holy Trinity Roehampton then gave an update on the Wandsworth Street Pastors. The next meeting will be at St Margaret's Putney Park Lane on 16th June 2015.

Elizabeth Simon

MISSION GIVING 2014

The PCC appoints a small group to recommend recipients for the amount we try to allocate each year for giving to 'good causes' at home and abroad. The current group membership is Christine Brown, Doreen Hewitt, Elizabeth Simon, Philip Warner and Caroline Wehrle. In 2014 the PCC allocated £4,500 for mission-giving. (This sum excludes special collections made during the year for specific causes.) Details of the

principles agreed for allocating gifts and the organisations chosen are on the Mission-Giving notice board in church. The Group will be meeting in the Autumn to consider donations for 2015 when our budget is expected to be £5,000. We welcome suggestions from the congregation for future recipients of our giving.

Elizabeth Simon

Christmas Fair Report

The Christmas Fair raised £3489.50 with all the stalls increasing their takings on the previous year, this resulted in a higher total than last year.

Once again the Southfields Traders were very generous by placing an advert in the Christmas Fair Programme or by donating a raffle prize. Sainsburys and Tesco donated sausages, potatoes and rolls for the refreshments, all of which was very much appreciated.

The Fair this year is on Saturday 21 November 2015 and if it is to be successful we need to start planning for it now, and any help and ideas will be very welcome. If you are able to help with any of the following: Sending letters to organisations or personally visiting organisations asking if they would place an advert for the programme; donate a raffle prize, donate food for the refreshments. This needs to be started in August/September before schools and other organisations put in their requests.

Organising Father Christmas

Collecting bottles for the bottle stall

I would like to thank all the stall holders and members of St Paul's who give so generously of their time in making jam, baking cakes, organising and running the refreshments, keeping the children occupied with lots of activities – it is much appreciated.

Richard Simon who was on the door has suggested that all helpers should come in through the church or vestry as this will avoid the members of the public who are queueing outside getting upset thinking people were being let in early. It may mean we would need a person allocated to manage the chosen door.

Juliet Childs suggested we look at which refreshments sold well and those not so well and try to avoid over catering on some items, we did organise a 'chitty' system which is being collated.

We will be looking at both of these suggestions and hopefully put them in place for this year.

This will be our last year of organising the Fair, so a new organiser is needed to lead the 2016 Fair. Volunteers needed as soon as possible so we can pass on our collection of information.

Shirley Thompson

Cleaning Report

The cleaning team continues to clean the church on a weekly basis covering the following areas:

Sweeping and Kex mopping the floor

Vacuuming the carpets

Dusting the furniture

Cleaning the glass panels in the door

Tidying the literature table and removing out of date material

Although Simon Purvis did some high cleaning, the top of the Rood Screen and Reredos and the canopy over the pulpit are all very dusty and it is noticeable.

We are concerned that no proper or acceptable storage space has been found for the following:

Candles under the seats in the choir stalls

Slide projector also in the choir stalls

Large carpet in the Lady Chapel

All the available tops and ledges in the vestry are once again filled up with:

Radios

Drum, stool and sticks

At least 3 empty tins

Plastic boxes

Bread baskets

Iron

There is also a wheelchair, computer tower with 5 laptops locked in it (probably now out of date). All of this creates an untidy appearance to the room.

Jobs to be addressed

Sorting out the cupboards in the corridor at the back of the hall at the moment they are full of sheet music, which needs to be sorted, filed and

placed in the music cupboard in the church or, in due course into one of the music filing cabinets

Cleaning the brass and silver crosses, sconces, plates etc

Finding a way of making the literature table more user friendly

The church floor in places is badly scratched, there is a lot of embedded chewing gum (which is difficult to remove), a lot of water damage under the flower stands. The whole floor probably needs a professional scrub and polish

The mat in the children's area is too small and moves on the floor. It needs to be replaced with something more substantial

The four rubber/metal mats in the side of the North door are rising up at the corners and becoming a trip hazard

Replace missing plug covers

I would like to thank Terry Woolgar and his sister Kay and Gill for all their help. We very much miss Betty Bryant who did the dusting and tidying of the pews, and sorting out the out of date material lying around the church.

We will be very pleased to welcome volunteers to join the team.

We clean on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 – 12.00 ish.

Shirley Thompson

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The group meets after Morning Prayer at about 9.50 a.m. on Tuesdays. We use the Lectio Divina method of Bible study. The leader reads the Gospel for the next Sunday aloud. We then have a period to think about the word of God to hear what God is saying to us. We then take it in turns to say which phrase or word has stood out for us or to pass if nothing has. Someone else then reads the same passage aloud but from a different version of the bible and we have a further period of silence to think about the reading & to think about what it means for us. There is then a period of general discussion. We are an open, friendly group – very non-threatening and are pleased to welcome anyone to join us when they can. The numbers vary from one or two to about nine of us.

Sue Chick

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll of St Paul's Church now stands at 116.

If you consider yourself a part of St. Paul's Church, and have been worshipping with us for three months, and are not yet on the Electoral

Roll do please contact me to get a form, Being on the Church Electoral Roll allows you to vote in the Parochial Annual General Meeting, also to be on the Parochial Church Council to have a say in the running of our church. Do please consider it. Thanks

Joan Endean

Social Committee

This has been another busy year at St Paul's, with the committee members helping out at different events, the main one being the World War One Commemoration which took place on the 3rd August when over 200 people came to remember those who had been lost and pay their respects at the war memorial in our church grounds, followed by tea and cake in the community centre, I am very grateful to all who helped in any way towards any of the social events during the year – whether it be providing food, washing up, setting up and clearing up we are very fortunate to have a wonderful band of helpers at St. Paul's Church. Your generosity in providing what is needed for each occasion, and giving up your time is wonderful. Without you they could not have taken place.

The social Committee is a very small group, with very few meetings mostly we meet just over coffee. If you feel you would like to become part of it do please contact me – or just offer to help – no offer refused! I would also welcome ideas as to events that you would enjoy coming to – please speak to me. Thanks.

Joan Endean

Hand Bell Team

Unfortunately and very sadly - due to Hand Bell Members having a really busy year we have not had time to practice, so we have not rung the hand bells this year. Hopefully we can start up again, time permitting, and carry on with enthusiasm, encouraging anyone who would like to try WE DO NEED MORE PEOPLE. If you would like to join us (especially our young people over 9) - it is a lot of fun - do please contact me.

Joan Endean

Junior Choir Rota

At present there are six of us who take it in turns to attend the Junior Choir Practice on a Wednesday evening. We are there to support the Church of England's Policy of Child Protection, mark off the register and

to provide drinks of water and biscuits during the brief gap in the Practice. It is great fun watching, and sometimes also taking part in, whatever the talented children are singing under Kevin's expert tuition.

If you feel you could give an hour and a half from 4.50pm-6.10pm on a Wednesday once every four or five weeks to do this please do let me know.

Joan Endean

Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary (SPA)

I have been busy carrying out my SPA work for the Parish during this last year. In addition to this I have undertaken, together with Anthony A and a small committee, to move the new Church Community Kitchen plans forward and get the new kitchen up and running by September with the support of the PCC.

Co-ordinating social activities is part of my SPA Agreement. I am also the Editor for church information literature and Parkside Post I am a Deanery Synod Member as well as being on our Parochial Church Council.

Once a year I attend Southwark Cathedral to renew my ministry to work as a Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary in the Diocese of Southwark. I am also expected to attend quiet days and further training where appropriate. I also attend monthly staff meetings.

Sadly we have decided to finish the Parish Network as there was only one group working. I think that it was a very useful thing to try, and it had a degree of success because people who came at different times to church got to know their geographical neighbours, but with people moving on it was difficult to maintain.

My thanks go to all who helped with their groups in the past and especially Amanda Gould who worked so hard to coordinate her group.

I hope that most people know me in St. Paul's Church and I value being part of the Ministry Team here.

Joan Endean

2015 Friday Club Annual Report

Friday Club was the first activity started by the Parkside Project, almost twenty years ago. There are still founder members who are now over

eighty, obviously not so fit, but determined to live as active a life as possible. Three members have dementia and may arrive in an anxious state, but after a cup of tea and a chat soon relax and enjoy the afternoon.

On alternate weeks Paul Crompton leads an exercise class loosely based on Tai chi, which helps to keep the joints moving and encourages balance to avoid falling. The other week there are various activities including quizzes, card games, word puzzles and competitions which exercise the brain!

Members are friendly and concerned for one another and enjoy each other's company; with much laughter.

Lois Allen

FLOWER GROUP

During the year the flower group has continued to ensure flowers are in Church Sunday by Sunday with the exception of Advent, when we have the Advent Ring, and Lent when we have no flowers at all.

Festivals mean the Church is decorated rather more grandly as befits the occasions and for this the regular team is joined by the Festival team without whom the Church at Easter, Christmas and Harvest Festival would not look anything like as beautiful as it always does.

This last year also included flowers for the WW1 Commemoration Service when we added suitable poems to the arrangements which many found to be quite moving.

We rely on donations to fund the flowers and this year, thanks to the generosity of the congregation I have at last been able to have the two large pedestal containers repaired, a job which was long overdue. Hopefully the repair will last for at least another forty years as the quality of the repair mirrors the original work.

Plans are well underway for a Flower Festival next summer in June 2016, a project for all the congregation to become involved with in some way if they wish. I am hoping most of you will want to be part of it so watch this space for more news and information as it becomes available.

Lastly thank you to all the team for your continual hard work and best wishes to Norma who after many years has decided to take a well-earned rest.

Doreen Hewitt

CHRISTIAN AID

During Christian Aid week (May 11th-17th, 2014), we collected a record amount of £5101, which, with GiftAid added, would represent a total contribution of £6157. After several years of requests we finally managed to get permission for a street collection near Southfields Tube Station on the Saturday. Many thanks to all who contributed personally, to those who did street and house to house collecting, and to Gill and Shirley who took care of the money. The focus in 2014 was on help for people living in war zones. As well as providing support for important aid work overseas, collecting provided an opportunity to introduce ourselves to some of the people who live in the parish.

Margaret Brown

THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The 2015 service was held at Christ the King RC Church, Wimbledon Park on the afternoon of March 6th, with about 55 attending, including a number from St Paul's. The theme was 'Radical Love' and the service was provided by the women of the Bahamas. Women from seven local churches took part, including Penny Bradford and Joan Endean. As secretary of the organising group I am trying to make contact with local churches and Christian groups in Southfields and Wimbledon Park with whom we do not already have links.

Margaret Brown

Parish Safeguarding Officers' Report

In the last year I have completed just two certificates for the Disclosure and Barring Service and one additional that is still pending. Checks last for 5 years and we have a substantial number of people in the Church that have passed.

I have had a request from the Safeguarding Officer of St Anne's, Wandsworth, that all the PSOs/wardens/clergy get together to come up with common safeguarding procedures in relation to activities being set up by Nicola, our shared youth worker. I think this is a very good idea and have asked her to suggest dates.

I have encouraged the Junior Church staff to try and attend courses on Safeguarding

I have had no reports of abuse or worries during this year to date.

I have been very grateful for the support of my co-officer, Caroline Pigott

In the next year we hope to:

- Supply DBS forms to volunteers and staff as required
- Update the white ring file in the Vestry entitled 'A Safer Church'
- Encourage the SPAs and Church Wardens to attend Safeguarding training
- Report to the PCC

*Marcel Bancroft
Co-Safeguarding Officer*

St Paul's Community Centre Reports

Centre Manager's Report

Well I am pleased to say the Centre continues to be running to a near on full capacity with regular user groups. We have had a few groups who have started but due to lack of numbers have had to fold such as Zumba, 'Self Woman Group' and Drama. But I am pleased to say we have had new groups to replace them: Acupuncture on a Wednesday evening, Multiple Sclerosis meet monthly on a Monday. An all women support group on Tuesday lunch time. AA group have a leader group meeting every Monday evening now in the studio. Body Edit every Monday evening in the lounge and I have a group of Uni ladies who meet to do keep fit on Tuesday evening. It's lovely to see new groups coming in and all comment on how lovely the Centre is and that it has such a warm feeling when you come in. One off bookings continue to be steady.

We have had no major repairs this year and I'm pleased to say and we are now looking nearer to getting the kitchen refurbishment done in 2015.

Fundraising continues to be going well with the Bingo on Tuesday, Fish and Chip lunches and Coffee Shop. I would like to say a very BIG THANK YOU to all the team leaders and helpers (Lois, Amanda, Judy, Shirley, Gill, Christine, Bette, Mary, Nicola) without you the coffee shop would not be possible, and all those who attend and support us thank you too.

I must say I have now been working here for 20 years, seems hard to believe sometimes and feels like my second home. But I have to say it's so nice when people comment on the warm feeling the Centre gives off and how comfortable people within the Centre make them feel. We are very fortunate to have a great mixture of user groups within the Centre and I am very proud to be part of it. I would like to say a warm hearted thank you to Alan Wake, Gill Thompson and Joan Wilson for all their support throughout the year.

Sam Egan

Treasurer's Report

The Community Centre has enjoyed another successful year. The turnover for the year was £56,537.63 with a surplus of £15,683.66.

There has been no major expenditure this year.

Amanda Gould is to be congratulated on her terrific efforts in fund raising for the kitchen project.

Work place pension scheme comes into effect from October 2016.

Joan Wilson

(The Community Centre Accounts are now integrated into the Church Accounts)

Secretary's Report

The Community Centre continues to be a hub within the local community and during the course of a week many local residents come into the Centre to attend one or more of the groups. The Centre also provides room for local resident meetings and the Church PCC.

The management committee has met on six occasions during the year and have discussed issues relating to the groups using the Centre and the day to day maintenance. We are fortunate that the building continues to be well maintained and that no major expenditure on maintenance has been necessary this year. A lot of our meeting time has been taken up in discussing the possible refurbishment of the kitchen and we appreciate the time and effort Anthony Ackner has invested in moving the project forward. This has involved discussions with the architect and the

Diocese. Some minor alteration to the original drawing was necessary. The committee discussed the possibility of hiring a professional fund raiser but this proved not to be possible as the fees were too high.

It has been another successful year for the Community Centre and I would like to thank the committee members for their regular attendance at meetings and for the overall contribution they bring to the life of the Centre. Once again thank you to Sam and Michele for all the work they continue to do to ensure the Centre is a clean and comfortable for our many user groups. The Centre could not run without well run financial administration and I would like to thank Joan Wilson for her continued work ensuring we are financially sound.

Gill Thompson

Fair Trade Stall

Following the report to last year's AGM a meeting was held after a Sunday morning service, where a majority of people voted in favour of the continuation of the stall and indicated that they would support it, Jo Mulaki agreed to take on the week by week running of the stall for a trial period of a further six months, after which there would be a review to see if the turnover had increased enough to make the stall viable. Sadly there is still not enough support for the stall and so it will close in its current form as soon as the current stock has been sold. Since we will still be ordering products for our own use, Margery is happy to order specific products for anyone who will make a definite commitment to buy them, and put them out for people to collect.

The question posed in last year's review about how we will replace this part of our ministry to children, by giving them something else to do which involves real responsibility, still remains.

Jo Mulaki and Margery Toller

Mustard Seeds

A service for young children (up to about 6 years) and their parents or carers on the third Sunday of each month which takes place before the main service at 10:00 am.

This is a very friendly and informal service which lasts for around thirty minutes. Everyone gathers on the carpet at the front of the church as a

candle is lit. There are several lively children's songs and hymns accompanied by a pianist with the children enjoying the chance to play a musical instrument or rattle a 'shaker'. The families all listen to a bible story together which usually involves a bit of interaction for the pre-schoolers. Everyone joins together in prayer as the service comes to a close, before meeting for a cup of tea or glass of squash and a biscuit.

Jenny Wivell

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Group, which meets weekly during Lent and on the third Monday of the month for the remainder of the year, has just completed a Lent Course on "Approaching Jesus". We are next going to do a York Course on "Tough Talk – Hard Sayings of Jesus". We're a small group and new members would be welcome.

Margaret Brennan

St Paul's Junior Church

Junior Church is run by an enthusiastic and united team of established leaders and helpers.

We continue to run Junior Church at school term times with two age groups. The number of children attending Junior Church has remained constant throughout the year. All the kids know each other and the leaders very well now.

Mustard Seeds continues to be run on the third Sunday of each month for children aged 0- 5 years and is very well attended. This is a lovely introduction to church for children of such young age and we have seen the positive effects of this continued as the children move up into Junior Church. The children enjoy hearing bible stories presented in an exciting and engaging way.

The Junior Church sessions are very lively. We involve the children in art, crafts activities, word searches, writing and godly play. In each group there is always a discussion of the lesson of the day and we are constantly amazed at the enthusiasm the children bring to each session and the contribution they make.

On several occasions Junior church members have presented their work at the end of the service or have participated in the readings during

family service, allowing the children and the congregation to merge and take interest in each other.

We have a good core (6 regulars) of Junior church children also partaking in our children's choir, which the congregation loves.

The nativity play was a success as every year.

Claudia Porter

Youth Worker Report

I've been taking great care to listen to God, to do my research and get to know everyone in each of our parishes in order put the ground work into what can be a real community effort to provide for the faith and personal development of our young people. What has really been inspiring me is the Church of England's 'Going for Growth' report on the theology and thinking behind including children and young people in the Church.

The main aim of what I am doing is to provide a safe, fun environment for young people from the four churches to meet with each other, share faith and find opportunities to take more ownership over their lives as those transitioning into adulthood. I am still touching base with families in our churches but so far have identified Sunday evenings at St Barnabas' as the time and place and am beginning to build a team.

I have begun a Sunday session at St. Anne's which the young people and I have named 'Light House' which meets in the vestry during the service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. The St Paul's Junior Church leaders and I have recently identified the 3rd Sunday in the month as a time to do a similar youth session during the service as the number of our young people has grown. St. Andrew's has a faith community associated with it through the Curate and Pioneer Minister who engage families and children on the 1st Sunday of the month. Their creative and innovative methods of engaging people spiritually are a great opportunity to reach young people and so I am looking to partner with them more.

I hope to build a sense of family into our churches where young people are integrated into our communities along with all ages and backgrounds. I look forward to us working together to support our young people which can be from prayer to joining a working group seeking to share ideas and put them into action or actually volunteering with the young people themselves!

Nicola Cadet de Fontenay

Adult and Junior Choir Report

We were delighted with Sue Brodie's magnificent recovery enabling her to return to her position at the organ this year. This meant that we were able to sing more enterprising, accompanied anthems once again, benefiting from Sue's inspirational technique, musicianship and reliability. So we were sad when after a few months enjoying our renewed choral-organ partnership Sue decided that the time had come to move on after fifteen fruitful years of service at St Paul's. We wish Sue and her husband Brian all the very best in their future careers; Sue will be sorely missed.

In recent months we have gathered together a small string ensemble from time to time to accompany the choir. Talitha Jones (violin) and Samuel Jones (cello) are now old enough to join talented Rachel Hunt (violin) and seasoned, semi-professionals Amber Bonham-Carter (viola) and Caroline Keat (Double Bass), for whose patient support we are very grateful. Their accompaniments for Bach's *Jesu, joy of man's desiring* on Remembrance Sunday, and in Kevin's arrangement of the traditional American song *Balm in Gilead* for January's Patronal Festival (repeated by special request for Sue Brodie's final Sunday at St Paul's on 12th April) were much appreciated.

We have continued with our recently established pattern of Adult Choir singing at major festivals and special services and the Junior Choir singing at the All-age service on the first Sunday of the month. This arrangement seems to work well and has drawn positive feedback. Junior choir usually do a more up-beat, action song near the beginning of the service, and are then joined by adults to sing in a more formal style during communion. This may take the form of a contemporary worship song, where the children are able to provide a soaring descant, or more traditional anthems, which have ranged from *Come unto Him* and *O lovely peace* from Handels' *Messiah* and *Judas Maccabeus* respectively, to Victoria's *Nunc Dimittis* – where some light-hearted rivalry between adults and children ensued as to whose Latin pronunciation was the best! In fine voice, the children joined adults on Easter Sunday for Sullivan's sumptuous, but little known, extended Easter anthem *Sing, O heavens*. Its grandiose scope and thrilling organ accompaniment provided a fitting swan-song for Sue.

We have also continued to feature music in variety of styles, from many different centuries, and western and non-western traditions, including the Quechua song *Sarantanani* from Bolivia, *I have decided to follow Jesus*, which originated in N.E. India, a Honduran *Alleluia* – all with 'authentic'

instrumental accompaniment – and a number of traditional Afro-American spirituals.

Many thanks to Heinz, Margery, Norman and Nicky for their unflagging support and encouragement, to choir members, both children and adults, for their loyalty, commitment, patience and expertise, and to members of the congregation for frequent, fulsome words – and even sometimes letters – of thanks and appreciation. Again, thanks to Joan for organising junior choir rota, to junior choir volunteers, to Eve for her assistance with choir liaison, and a special big thank you to John this year for undertaking a major re-organisation of our music library – quite a time-consuming challenge!

Kevin Jones

St Paul's Servers

We have a dedicated group of servers who assist the clergy at our main services. I would like to thank all of them for their help since I took over the role of Head Server from Eve and I would like to thank Eve for all her help in making my job so much easier. We would all welcome new servers to help us.

Chris Jones

Church accounts - Treasurers Report

St Paul's made a surplus of £13k on the PCCs main funds and a surplus of £26k across all of its activities, after taking account of the Community Centre now that this has reverted back fully to St Paul's management from a partnership arrangement with Wandsworth Council. These surpluses have contributed to the net current assets held under control of the PCC increasing to £186k.

The main points to note for 2014 are:

• PCC Unrestricted Fund

- The surplus of £13k on the PCCs main fund is principally due to an unanticipated one off reduction in the Diocesan Quota.
- Regular Income has declined marginally, and will need to be reviewed if St Paul's is to continue to be able to pay its fair quota to the Diocese to support Clergy in this and other Parishes.

- Regular Expenditure has also reduced – partly due to a reduced quota and partly due to lower than expected expenditure on maintenance.
- Free reserves have increased to £89k, representing 13 months normal expenditure. This increase will support future maintenance costs.
- St Paul's has a significant backlog of maintenance, on the gutters & roof as well as the electrics and heating system.

• Community Centre

- The the Community Centre has been managed for the last 25 years under a partnership arrangement with Wandsworth Council. This arrangement ceased last year, and therefore the Community Centre accounts have now been consolidated within St Paul's Accounts.
- The Community Centre has, for the last couple of years produced a surplus of ~£15k p.a.
- Reserves now total £55k. This will enable the Community Centre to support a significant refurbishment fund and retain sustainable future reserves.

• Parkside Project

- The Parkside Project has continued to support its activities in respect of the befriending scheme and the Friday club through generous contributions. However, the retained funds have now been exhausted.

• Kitchen Fund

- The Community Centre Kitchen Fund has incurred £2k of expenditure with Architects in order to develop a full specification of works required to upgrade the Kitchen.
- The works anticipated are significantly in excess of the £20k donated to this project. However, the Community Centre has reserves that it can contribute, and a further £20k has been donated early in 2015. This should enable the refurbishment works to be undertaken during the latter part of 2015.



Philip Warner, Treasurer

St Paul's Church, Wimbledon Park
Charity Commission Ref 1142917
Statement of Financial Activities

(Income & Expenditure)
For the year ended 31 December 2014

	Notes	Designated Funds					Restricted Funds			2014	2013
		Church - PCC	Community Cr	Little Kittens	Parkside	Organ Fund	Jean Garling Fund	Kitchen Fund	Total	Total	
Income		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Income from donors		59,520	172	0	450	0	0	297	60,439	67,443	
Other voluntary income		3,898	2,000	0	1,800	0	0	2,069	9,767	21,312	
Income from church & other activities		6,212	48,770	323	795	0	0	0	56,099	61,551	
Fund raising		4,314	1,987	0	0	0	0	0	6,301	6,122	
Income from investments		22,989	12	0	0	94	79	103	23,277	22,678	
Other income		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Income	1	96,933	52,941	323	3,045	94	79	2,469	155,883	179,105	
Expenditure											
Diocesan Fairer Shares Quota		51,557	0	0	0	0	0	0	51,557	61,854	
Church & other activities		25,662	38,664	140	4,364	0	800	0	69,630	71,386	
Costs of fund raising		1,162	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,162	2,432	
Grants		5,131	0	0	150	0	0	0	5,281	5,511	
Major Repairs & Renovations		0	0	0	0	0	0	2,000	2,000	0	
Total Expenditure	2	83,513	38,664	140	4,514	0	800	2,000	129,630	141,182	
Between Funds Transfers		(385)	0	0	385	0	0	0	0	0	
Net Surplus / (Deficit) before Revaluations	3	13,035	14,277	183	(1,084)	94	(721)	469	26,252	37,923	
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of assets		0	0	0	0	0	90	0	90	611	
Net Surplus / (Deficit)		13,035	14,277	183	(1,084)	94	(631)	469	26,343	38,534	

St Paul's Church, Wimbledon Park
Charity Commission Ref 1142917
Statement of Financial Position

(Balance Sheet)
For the year ended 31 December 2014

	Notes	Designated Funds					Restricted Funds			2014	2013
		Church - PCC	Community Cr	Little Kittens	Parkside	Organ Fund	Jean Garling Fund	Kitchen Fund	Total	Total	
Fixed Assets											
Fixed Assets		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Investment Assets - 90 Augustus Rd		157,137	0	0	0	0	0	0	157,137	157,137	
Investment Assets - CAF UK Equity B		0	0	0	0	3,703	0	0	3,703	3,540	
	3	157,137	0	0	0	0	3,703	0	160,840	160,677	
Current Assets											
Debtors		8,325	0	0	767	0	0	297	9,389	13,172	
Prety Cash		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	88	
Bank - Current		5,709	33,362	867	(195)	0	(1,215)	69	38,597	35,059	
Bank - Deposit/Savings		79,167	21,258	0	18,917	3,739	19,478	142,559	128,037	128,037	
	4	93,207	54,621	867	572	18,917	2,524	19,844	190,545	176,356	
Current Liabilities											
Falling Due Within One Year		(3,943)	89	0	(572)	0	0	0	(4,426)	(16,416)	
Net Current Assets	5	89,258	54,710	867	0	18,917	2,524	19,844	186,119	159,940	
Long Term Debtors		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Net Assets	6	246,395	54,710	867	0	18,917	6,227	19,844	346,960	320,617	
Retained Funds		246,395	54,710	867	0	18,917	5,697	19,844	346,330	320,077	
Revaluation Reserve		0	0	0	0	0	630	0	630	540	
Net Funds	3	246,395	54,710	867	0	18,917	6,227	19,844	346,960	320,617	

St Paul's Church, Wimbledon Park
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Notes to the Accounts

Note 1 - Details of Income
For the year ended 31 December 2014

	Designated Funds						Restricted Funds			2014	2013
	Unrestricted Funds	Community Ctr	Little Kittens	Parkside	Organ Fund	Jean Garling Fund	Kitchen Fund	Total	Total		
Income											
Planned giving (Gift Aid SO's)	34,358	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34,358	34,047	
Planned giving (Gift Aid Erms)	7,080	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,080	10,146	
Income tax recovered	12,386	0	0	450	0	0	297	0	13,132	16,421	
Church collections (cash)	4,997	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,997	4,444	
Other Giving (inc GAYE)	700	172	0	0	0	0	0	0	872	2,385	
Income from donors	59,520	172	0	450	0	0	297	0	60,439	67,443	
Special Appeals	1,172	0	0	0	0	0	2,069	0	3,242	16,858	
Grants and other donations	1,422	2,000	0	1,800	0	0	0	0	5,222	1,500	
Choir Fund	1,304	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,304	2,554	
Legacy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	
Other voluntary income	3,898	2,000	0	1,800	0	0	2,069	0	9,767	21,312	
Community Centre Rent	0	48,279	0	0	0	0	0	0	48,279	52,501	
Church Lettings	5,395	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,395	6,345	
Weddings & funerals fees	817	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	817	508	
Contributions to Little Kittens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	
Contributions to Activities	0	491	323	795	0	0	0	0	1,608	2,047	
Income from church & other activities	6,212	48,770	323	795	0	0	0	0	56,099	61,551	
Fund Raising	3,869	1,987	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,856	5,686	
Fund Raising (Sunday Coffee)	445	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	445	437	
Fund raising	4,314	1,987	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,301	6,122	
Interest and dividends	315	12	0	0	94	79	103	0	603	478	
Rent from Curate's house	22,674	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,674	22,200	
Income from investments	22,989	12	0	0	94	79	103	0	23,277	22,678	
Total Income	96,933	52,941	323	3,045	94	79	2,469	0	155,883	179,105	

St Paul's Church, Wimbledon Park
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Note 2 - Details of Expenditure
For the year ended 31 December 2014

	Designated Funds						Restricted Funds			2014	2013
	Unrestricted Funds	Community Ctr	Little Kittens	Parkside	Organ Fund	Jean Garling Fund	Kitchen Fund	Total	Total		
Expenditure											
Diocesan Fairer Shares Quota											
Clergy Expenses	51,557	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51,557	61,854	
Running expenses	1,181	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,181	954	
Running Expenses Little Kittens	1,706	280	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,986	896	
Heat (Gas)	2,026	2,283	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,309	308	
Light (Electricity)	781	2,264	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,045	4,602	
Insurance	6,597	2,166	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,763	3,908	
Telephones	0	1,285	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,285	9,900	
Water	0	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	1,363	
Maintenance & Cleaning	1,172	7,756	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,928	107	
Music (Organist / Choir Master)	8,475	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,320	8,928	
Music (Other)	839	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,475	5,925	
Other Salaries	0	22,158	0	3,120	0	0	0	0	25,278	1,059	
Group Activity Expenses	503	0	140	1,048	0	800	0	0	2,491	958	
Rents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	579	
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,310	
Administration	2,383	382	0	196	0	0	0	0	2,961	2,583	
Church & other activities	25,662	38,664	140	4,364	0	800	0	0	69,630	71,386	
Costs of Curates House	917	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	917	2,117	
Fund raising costs	246	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	246	315	
Costs of fund raising	1,162	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,162	2,432	
Grants Re Special Appeals	631	0	0	150	0	0	0	0	781	1,211	
Grants (Missionary Giving)	4,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,500	4,300	
Grants	5,131	0	0	150	0	0	0	0	5,281	5,511	
Major Repairs & Renovations	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,000	0	2,000	0	
Total Expenditure	83,513	38,664	140	4,514	0	800	2,000	0	129,630	141,182	

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Note 3 Fixed Assets	Investments 90 Augustus Road	Investments Jean Garling CAF	Total Fixed Assets
Cost	157,137	3,000	160,137
Accumulated Depreciation	0	0	0
Additions	0	73	73
Disposals	0	0	0
Revaluations	0	630	630
Net Book Value @ 31 Dec 2014	157,137	3,703	160,840

The Curates House at 90 Augustus Road is rented to private tenants to generate funds. It is held as an investment property on the Balance sheet, valued at cost (1990 value plus refurbishment in 2010) Funds held by the Jean Garling Fund in CAF Common Investment Fund have been restated at current market value

Note 4 Debtors (Monies owed to us)	2014	2013	Movement
Income tax recovered on Gift Aid	4,508	9,104	
Clergy Fees	817	1,408	
Contributions due for Gas	510	405	
Prepaid Insurance	1,717	1,782	
Church Lettings	1,520	0	
Other debtors	317	473	
	9,389	13,172	(3,783)

Note 5 Creditors (Monies we owe)	2014	2013	Movement
Diocesan Quota	0	8,854	
Tenants Deposits	0	2,561	
Clergy Expenses	1,181	1,747	
Estimate for Gas not billed	807	900	
Insurance	601	0	
Quinquennial Architect Fees	750	750	
Other Creditors	1,087	1,604	
	4,426	16,416	(11,990)

Note 6 Net Current Assets - Reserves	2014	2013	Movement
General Fund			
Free Reserves/Net Current Assets	89,258	76,222	13,035
Normal Expenditure - (Excl Major Repairs)	83,513	95,207	(11,694)
Months of Expenditure	13	10	3

The PCC has a policy to maintain Free Reserves of at least 6 months normal expenditure. Our Net Current Assets at the end of this year represent 13 months expenditure. Free Reserves have been built up higher than normal to provide additional reserves for maintenance Significant maintenance costs are anticipated for the church gutters and potential boiler replacement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PAUL'S WIMBLEDON PARK

I report on the accounts of St Paul's PCC for the year ended 31 December 2014 which are set out on the preceding pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;

and

- to state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act and

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M R Henderson

Chartered Accountant
32 Granard Avenue
London SW15 6HJ
April 2015

Lunch Club Report

The Lunch Club continues to meet once a week on a Tuesday. Membership has fallen considerably since September and we are now only averaging 16 members, with more people attending on the Tuesday's of the 'Grey Cells' meeting.

Our two cooks Janice O'Connor and Mary Novis continue to cook for us each week, supported by five team leaders, who decide the menu and do the shopping, and volunteers who lay up the tables, help prepare the vegetables, serve meals, wash up etc. We are always looking for extra help to work on a rota basis.

Funding continues to be a problem; charities seem to have money for new projects but not to assist with the continuation of existing projects. With the decline in numbers we receive less revenue each week. We do have a donations saucer and run the occasional raffle which raises about £200 per year.

Samantha Egan continues to run Bingo following the Lunch Club on most Tuesdays and this is enjoyed by many members. We would like to thank her for her continued support and the time she gives to the Lunch Club.

A fortnightly Communion Service takes place before lunch for church members who are not able to get to Church on Sunday.

Although funds are low we will continue with the Lunch Club until the money runs out and then a decision will need to be taken as to the

future. The Lunch Club is really valued by those who attend and in some cases it is the only outing they have each week.

Shirley Thompson

ST. PAUL'S LUNCH CLUB ACCOUNTS 1 January – 31 December 2014

Income b/forward **£769.17**

£	
3432.00	Lunch takings
360.40	General donations
112.00	Raffle
900.00	Withdrawn

4804.40 Total for year
769.17 b/forward

£5573.57 Total Income

Expenditure

1848.99	Food
205.07	Drinks (donated)
2718.00	Cooks' salaries
608.00	Rent
89.55	Sundries (gifts, cards, electrical testing)

£5469.61 Total expenditure

£ 103.96 Total current a/c

CAF Bank Gold Account

b/forward	£2948.74	
	3.81	Interest
	£2952.55	
	900.00	withdrawn
	1.00	Fast payment charge
	£2051.55	

£2155.51 in hand

Approved
21/04/2015
M N C LOUIS
ACCOUNTANT
CIMA