

The Parish of Holy Trinity with St Matthew, Southwark

PCC REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2024



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1. Roles, Responsibilities and General

<i>Rector</i>	Revd. Dr. Hugo F Adán Fernández
<i>Assoc. Rectot</i>	Rev . Miguel Angel Pino
<i>Curate</i>	Revd. Steve Jullien
<i>Churchwardens</i>	Mrs Carolina Giraldo Mrs Cynthia Grant
<i>PCC Secretary</i>	Vacant
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mr John Brent
<i>Safeguarding Officer</i>	Ms Tinu Ademefun
<i>Electoral Roll Officer</i>	Ms Carolina Giraldo
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2. Rector's Report - English

It has been a year full of blessings for both parishes. St. Matthew's has consolidated its presence, and Christ Church has also seen significant growth. The parish administrators have done an excellent job of promoting our presence and maximising the use of available space. Monic, the youth and children's worker, has created a wonderful ministry for young people and children in both churches, and this year, for the first time, our young people will attend a summer camp. The websites have been redesigned, and an online platform for training lay leaders has been launched. Fr. Steve has done wonderful work with the English-speaking congregation at St. Matthew's and Bubble Church at CCBR, and Fr. Miguel continues his wonderful work with the Latino community. We have grown, and I sincerely believe we will continue to do so. The Lord has bestowed upon us numerous blessings, including the boys and girls who will receive their First Communion in both churches in the coming days, and of course, our young people who are also preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation soon. Financially, much remains to be done, but the red envelope campaign was a great success at St. Matthew's. In both parishes, the goal is to maximise resources and obtain funding through the rental of available spaces, and in both, the role of Carola and Monica has proven essential.

John Diego, as Director of Operations, has been especially involved in the renovation of the Van Gogh Café, which is about to reopen, and now he has to deal with the situation of the Hall.= There are challenges, but I believe there are many more blessings. It has been a wonderful year, and I think we should congratulate ourselves.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the selfless and invaluable work of Cynthia and Carolina, on the one hand, and Simon and David, on the other, who, as Churchwardens, support the team. Alongside them is a whole host of people, from the catechists, to the PCC members, volunteers, people who donate their time and money through the red envelope and collections, and countless others who make the mission of this team possible.

Thank you all for your prayers, your love, and your constant support. God bless you all. a todos..

With affection and blessing
Fr. Hugo, parish priest

3. Rector's Report - Español

Ha sido un año lleno de bendiciones para ambas parroquias. San Mateo se ha consolidado en cuanto al número de personas que atienden la Iglesia y Cristo Salvador también ha despuntado en números. El trabajo de las administradoras parroquiales ha sido excelente para darnos a conocer y para sacar la máxima rentabilidad del espacio disponible. Monic, la trabajadora juvenil e infantil ha creado un ministerio precioso en las dos iglesias de jóvenes y niños y este año por primera vez nuestros jóvenes acudirán a un campamento de verano. Las páginas web se han rediseñado y se ha puesto en marcha una plataforma online para formación de líderes laicos.

Fr Steve ha hecho un trabajo maravilloso con la congregación de habla inglesa en St Matthew's y Bubble Church en CCBP y Fr Miguel continúa con su estupenda labor con los latinos. Hemos crecido y creo honestamente que lo seguiremos haciendo. El Señor nos ha regalado un montón de bendiciones entre las que destacan los niños y niñas que en ambas iglesias van a hacer la primera comunión en los próximos días y por supuesto nuestros jóvenes que se preparan para recibir el sacramento de la confirmación también en breve. Económicamente queda mucho por hacer pero la campaña del sobre rojo fue un gran éxito en San Mateo. En ambas parroquias se trata de maximizar los recursos y obtener financiación mediante el alquiler de los espacios disponibles y en ambas el rol de Carola y Monica se ha mostrado esencial.

John Diego como director de operaciones se ha ocupado de manera especial de la renovación del café Van Gogh que ya está a punto de reabrir y ahora tiene entre manos la situación del Hall. Hay retos pero creo que son muchas más las bendiciones. Ha sido un año estupendo creo que debemos darnos la enhorabuena. Por supuesto nada de esto sería posible sin el trabajo abnegado e inestimable de Cynthia y Carolina por un lado y Simon y David por el otro que como Churchwardens sostienen al equipo. Junto a ellos hay todo un grupo nutrido de personas, desde las catequistas, pasando por los miembros del PCC, los voluntarios y voluntarias, las personas que donan su tiempo y su dinero a través del sobre rojo y las colectas y un sin fin de personas que hacen posible la misión de este equipo. Gracias a todos ustedes por su oración, su cariño y su apoyo constante. Dios los bendiga a todos..

Con afecto y bendición

P. Hugo, párroco

4. Curate's Report English.

It has been a joyful year serving together at St Matthew's in our partnership in the Gospel. Following on from our series of Mission Mornings, we have now established lay groups who are doing an excellent job of enhancing our Sunday worship. Our new welcome team make sure that everyone who enters St Matthew's is greeted with a smile and have introduced a special welcome song. Our celebration planning team have done an outstanding job of planning and delivering successful celebration mornings, such as the Yoruba and Caribbean cultural celebrations, as well as a Christmas Party and Mothering Sunday.

Thank you to everyone who has captured these events on camera, especially to Prince for regularly recording parts of the services and sharing them with our WhatsApp group. It has been very encouraging to see ongoing growth in the discipleship of our Young People. A huge thank you to Tinu who has worked tirelessly with Junior Church and who has organised a service led by Junior Church members, which also included Admission to First Holy Communion. Four young people have also been prepared for Confirmation in Southwark Cathedral. It takes a lot of work behind the scenes to keep St Matthew's running well, and special thanks need to be given to our wonderful churchwarden Cynthia who always makes sure records are kept well.

Let us give thanks for all that has happened over this past year and pray that we may continue to grow in our love of the Lord Jesus Christ in the future and share that love with our wider parish community so St Matthew's can continue to flourish..

Fr Steve

5. Curate's Report Español.

Todos nosotros somos peregrinos en nuestro camino de fe. Más que todo es un camino de aprendizaje como discípulos de Jesucristo. En inglés mi cargo de trabajo se llama curate que es como un vicario en formaciones, y el primer objetivo de mi ministerio aquí en San Mateo es aprender.

Sigo aprendiendo un montón de cosas en mi camino junto con ustedes. Me ordené sacerdote hace casi un año y me alegró mucho presidir la santa misa por primera vez en español en la parroquia. Desde entonces ha sido un placer acompañarlos en nuestra vida sacramental, tanto en el templo como en las visitas pastorales.

Nuestra fe en Cristo nos une en todas las etapas de nuestra vida: en nuestra alegría y en nuestros sufrimientos. Durante este camino del año pasado, hemos celebrado mucho juntos, incluso comidas fraternales y tres misas bilingües. Todos estos son ejemplos de nuestro crecimiento de discípulos en un solo cuerpo de Cristo, celebrando nuestra diversidad. El momento espiritual más profundo para mí era la celebración de la misa del jueves santo, cuando se utilizaron la patena y el cáliz que me regalaron ustedes para mi ordenación sacerdotal.

No se puede caminar a solas en esta peregrinación de aprendizaje. Quisiera agradecer a todos ustedes por su paciencia y generosidad conmigo, y especialmente a los padres Hugo y Miguel Ángel por su sabiduría.

Seguiré en formaciones y la próxima etapa en mi camino sacerdotal será escuchar confesiones cuando tenga permiso de la Diócesis.

Que sigamos aprendiendo en nuestro camino juntos y que trabajemos con creatividad por el Reino de Dios.

P. Steve

6. Churchwarden's Report - English

The number of members of the English-speaking congregation attending services at St. Matthew's is still below pre-Covid-19 numbers.

The building is in good repair. However, the heating system needs upgrading, and additional funding is required to cover the cost.

The worship area has been reconfigured, which has increased the space available for worship and improved the flexibility of the worship/hall area. The worship area and the Lady Chapel have been wonderfully decorated with murals by Fr. Miguel.

I thank Fr. Hugo, Fr. Miguel and Fr. Steve on behalf of the English-speaking congregation for all they had done over the past year.

My thanks also to Ms Tinu Ademefun, who continues her outstanding work with the younger members of the congregation.

Cynthia Grant
Church Warden, 2024-2025

7. Churchwarden Report - Speaking Spanish Congregation

This has been an eventful year for St Matthews. There is a thriving Spanish service every Sunday which attracts a large and vibrant congregation outlining the fact that clergy, leaders and volunteers keep playing an important and essential part in St Matthew's life. During 2024, we witnessed the congregation diversify, with an increase in people from Central America attending our Eucharistic service in Spanish.

The outlook for the church is reasonable and a highly efficient administrator has arranged regular lettings of church premises, manages the day to day business of the church and monitors and controls expenditure.

Ágape is still playing a very important part in the Latin American community as the services have increased to the extent of being able to offer free Legal Advice to low income families, mostly of them asylum seekers. They've been also offering free English classes to those who are not able to communicate in English or need to practice and more people have become more interested in taking part in this. Christmas celebration has been playing an important part of our community every year at St Matthew's and we gratefully say thank you to all volunteers and private donors as they were the funding of this special event where 50 children from hispanic less privileged families attended getting presents, food, drinks and recreation.

A wide variety of activities and events happened during the 2024 year, leaving me gratitude and appreciation for all organisers and volunteers involved in those. Especially for the multi-cultural event celebrated at the end of August where more than 200 people gathered together at St Matthews all from different backgrounds, although mostly from South America. There was a great pleasure to see a mix of cultural diversity coming from food, dance, music, handmade products, etc.

To summarise, 2024 brought us very good times together that we can proudly say are going to last in our memories and will continue bonding us as community strengthening friendship and a sense of belonging to a community per se.

Carolina Giraldo
Church Warden, 2024-2025

8. Finance Reports

FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Financial Activities Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Income	2.1	24,296	14,798	39,094	47,111
Activities for generating funds:					
Income From Investments	2.2	-	-	-	-
Church Activities	2.3	37,751	-	37,751	25,638
Total Incoming Resources		62,047	14,798	76,845	72,749
Resources Used					
Church Activities	3.1	57,599	18,561.31	76,160.14	83,655
Total Resources Used		57,599	18,561	76,160	83,655
Net Incoming (Outgoing)					
RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		4,448	(3,763)	685	(10,966)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		4,448.17	(3,763)	685	(10,966)
Balance brought forward 1 January		7,165.39	15,697	22,862	33,768
Balance carried forward 31 December		11,613	11,933	23,547	22,862

Note 1: ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005), issued in March 2005 — together with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent donations/grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific objective. The funds may only be expended on the specific objective for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. Unrestricted funds are general funds that can be used for PCC ordinary purposes. These include funds designated for a particular Purpose by the PCC.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections, donations, tax refunds, and interests are recognised when received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All income resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10 of the Charity Act 2011.

Fixed assets were stated at cost and depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each assets over its expected useful life, as follow: office equipment, plant & machinery and garden improvements — 25% straight line method.

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure during the year on consecrated and benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible	2,020	1,408
Total Fixed Assets	2,020	1,408
Current Assets		
Trade Debtors	3,958	1,940
Other Sundry Debtors	3,078	-
Cash at Bank	15,082	19,803
Petty Cash	33	33
Cash in Hand	3,639	1,298
Total Current Assets	25,790	23,073
Liabilities		
Creditor amounts falling due in one year	4,000	1,619
Total liabilities	4,000	1,619
Net Current Assets	21,789	21,454
Total Net Assets	23,809	22,862
Parish Funds	4	
Unrestricted	11,613	7,165
Restricted	11,933	15,697
Total Parish Funds	23,547	22,862

“The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on.....

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Fr Hugo Adán. Rector.
[Trustee]

Note 2: Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
2.1 Voluntary Income				
Planned Giving Gifts and donations	5,263	-	5,263	3,309
Collections (open plate)	8,981	-	8,981	8,393
Online Donations	4,987	-	4,987	1,193
Gift Aid Recovered	2,583		2,583	6,837
Grants & Restricted Donations				
Agape Project	-	-	-	9,060
Grant: St Saviours	-	2,000	2,000	-
Grant: Diocese Parish Support Fund	-	7,798	7,798	7,807
Grant: Grant for Summer Camp	-	5,000	5,000	
Other voluntary receipts	2,481	-	2,481	2,400
Total Voluntary Income	24,296	14,798	39,094	38,999
2.2 Investment Income				
Bank Interest	-		-	-
2.3 Income from Church Activities				
Church and Hall lettings	28,360	-	28,360	25,528
Other receipts	8,954	-	8,954	8,112
Fees for Weddings and Funerals	437	-	437	110
Total Income from Church Activities	37,751	-	37,751	33,750
Total Incoming Resources	62,047	14,798	76,845	72,749

Note 3: Resources Used

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
3.1 Church Activities				
Diocesan Fairer Shares Scheme	12,545	-	12,545	12,120
Diocesan Fee - Weddings & Funerals	-	-	-	0
Clergy expenses	3,760	-	3,760	4,193
Upkeep of services (inc pianist)	1,002	-	1,002	997
Parish Events	3,298	2,739	6,037	0
Mental Health Workshops	1,303	3,177	4,479	0
2nd Chance Treasuries Coffee Shop	1,303	3,676	4,979	0
Repairs & Maintenance	5,006	-	5,006	5,360
Refurbishment Project	629	-	629	14,581
Utilities & Insurance	10,712	-	10,712	12,334
Cleaning and Caretaking	7,985	-	7,985	1,370
Gardening	650	-	650	180
Literature	152	-	152	40
Liturgical equipment/robes	83	407	490	5,386
Audio Visual Equipment	-	6,616	6,616	0
Digital running cost	151	-	151	136
Depreciation	965	-	965	571
Telephone & Broadband	773	-	773	779
Printing, postage and stationery	2,996	-	2,996	1,534
Publicity & Signage	283	990	1,273	0

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC

(On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 2-7)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parish of Holy Trinity with St Matthew, Southwark, ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"),

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- a) the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- b) the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- c) the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

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