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Holy Trinity, Sloane Square, in Chelsea, is located just off Sloane Square at the southern-most end of Sloane Street. This is an extremely interesting, and in ways challenging, some place in which to serve as a minister of the Christian Gospel. The parish is home to some of the wealthiest individuals in the UK and includes the high-end shopping of the designer and

bijou fashion outlets of the Kings Road and – just to the north – the internationally famous department stores of Harvey Nichols and Harrods.

The Parish has worked well in the past to connect with its local communities, through links with local schools, businesses, as well as through the arts, and has been well and actively supported and encouraged in its ministry by its patron, Lord Cadogan, whose offices are also situated within the parish. The Grade I listed church building, known locally as the 'Cathedral of the Arts & Crafts Movement', has been used well in mission: As well as its regular pattern of services through the week, it is open daily for prayer and visitors, hosts many concerts and arts events, as well as organising and accommodating the annual Arts & Crafts Festival.

The Parish wishes to deepen its links with the community further, and recognises that there is a need to deepen the faith and spirituality of its existing members as well as growing the congregation in number, in order to reach out and serve in new and even more creative ways locally. The person appointed to this parish will therefore be able to respond to these desires, as well as demonstrating that they have the strategic ability to develop the parish's vision and mission, and skills needed to oversee the work and smooth-running of a large and busy

church. For the right candidate the role of Rector at Holy Trinity will be a rewarding and fulfilling role within this busy parish.

The Diocese of London, and within it, the Kensington Area, is a supportive place in which to live and to minister. The Diocese's '2030 Vision' is in place, which emphasises the need for care of clergy well-being alongside the broad ambitions of Confident Disciples, Compassionate Communities, and Creative Growth, all within a church that is seeking to become younger, safer, and more active in seeking racial justice. There are excellent colleagues close by in neighbouring parishes, and the deanery is a part of an episcopal area that has a sense of unity and missional direction, rooted in the Church's core purposes of worship and witness together.

The Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson Bishop of Kensington

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Our Vision

For over 130 years Holy Trinity Church has opened its doors each day for the praise of God and the service of fellow citizens. We are a diverse community, formed in the catholic tradition of the Church of England, who believe that our particular charism is the call to witness to beauty: beauty in the face of Jesus Christ calling us to the *Beauty of Holiness*, the *Beauty of Worship*, and the *Beauty of Creativity*.

As The Parish Church of Upper Chelsea, we seek to feed and form people of all ages to be confident disciples of Jesus Christ and equip them for the challenges of living the Gospel in the 21st century.

The Beauty of Holiness

Through Junior our Holy Trinity Church, CofE Primary School, and in partnership with other local schools, we aim to encourage children and young people to embark upon a life of faith.



Remembrance service at the Sloane Square war memorial.

- In compassion, we strive to sustain members of our community in advancing years, access their wisdom, and alleviate social isolation.
- Through service, we seek to reach out to those who are in need through both our monthly food/provisions collection for the Kensington & Chelsea Foodbank and through significant financial support to the Glass Door homelessness project, which turns spiritual conviction into social action and helps us discover that the poor are

our teachers.

 Our associations with major local arts venues like the Cadogan Hall, The Royal Court Theatre, and the Saatchi Gallery, along with big department stores like Partridges, Peter Jones, and Harrods help build belonging and community.

The Beauty of Worship

- As a Shrine and sanctuary for Sloane Square we seek to provide a sacred space open every day of the week for those who live here, work nearby, or visit. We seek to be a holy place to stop, think, reflect, or pray in the midst of a turbulent and clamorous world.
- From the sublime music of the magnificent Choral Eucharist on Sundays to the profound silence of a simple midweek celebration, the regular round of worship offers spiritual sustenance for all.



One of our servers meeting a mother before the baptism of her child

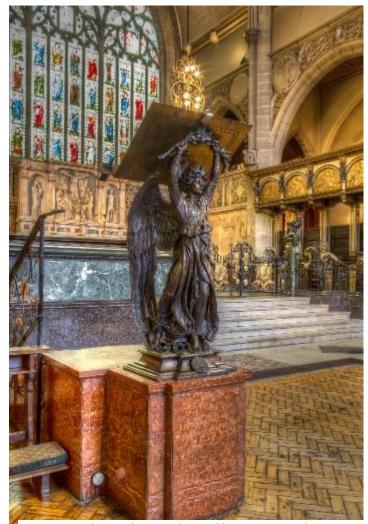
- For those seeking to shine a light in the darkness, our votive candle stands allow an intimate focus for personal prayer intentions.
- Free to enter on trust, our church is one of the few remaining places in the neighbourhood where you can step inside without charge and

go undisturbed and unwatched.

We strive to have, and have always had, an active, diverse worshipping community.

The Beauty of Creativity

- As 'The Cathedral of the Arts and Crafts Movement' we seek to conserve and embellish the architectural heritage of Holy Trinity, and to champion an ethical vision for education, healthcare, work, economics, the arts, and the care of the environment.
- Our exciting concert program affords amateur choirs and orchestras a magnificent Central London performance venue, and provides audiences with an astonishing range of spectacular musical experiences.
- New art commissions through the Denyse De Mauny Legacy,



The Angel Lectern designed by H.H. Armstead

and fundraising initiatives such as our new High Altar kneeler being made in British prisons with the artist Cressida Bell and the charity Fine Cell Work, enrich the fabric of our Grade-I listed church for generations to come.

RECTOR PROFILE

The parish is seeking a rector who will be instrumental in furthering the mission and ministry of the church. We are looking for an inspirational priest who can lead the congregation in growing their faith and mission.

The ideal candidate will have experience in team leadership, collaborative ministry, and managing a busy parish. They should be committed to the liberal catholic tradition, eucharistic worship, daily morning and evening prayer, choral music, excellent Biblical preaching, and pastoral care.



Confirmation Service

numerically, as well as in spiritual depth.

possess a gift and passion nurturing spirituality and discipleship in people of all ages, including young people and local schools. Networking fellow with the clergy and local business community in and around Sloane Square is seen as a natural part of their role. They should also possess the acumen and interest to oversee a large and complicated enterprise which underpins the financial delivery of the Parish Mission. Implicit in this Mission is the fundamental desire to draw people new into worshipping congregations and to grow the church

Additionally, they should

Holy Trinity is a city church with the scale of a cathedral yet the pastoral

atmosphere of a village. Though we believe we are a central pillar to our local community, many of our congregation members regularly travel from other parts of London and further afield. Multiple visitors from abroad visit the church for worship, music events, and to simply see a masterpiece of the Arts & Crafts movement. But it is our core diverse community who we prioritize in our mission to serve pastorally and strive to grow in numbers. The PCC has met significant challenges over the past few years to maintain this mission, whilst at the same time ensuring that a sustainable financial footing continues to support and promote it.

The ideal candidate should not only be firmly committed to our existing ministries but also to be truly inspired and motivated to build upon and grow those solid foundations now in place.

THE PARISH

History

The present Holy Trinity church, consecrated in 1890, replaced the original church building, consecrated in 1830.

5th The Earl Cadogan architect commissioned the John Dando Sedding to design the new Holy Trinity Church. The foundation stone was laid by Lady Cadogan on Ascension Day 1889 and the church was consecrated by the Bishop of London on 13th May 1890. The roof was destroyed by incendiary bombs in the Second World War. The damage was considerable, but the stainedglass windows withstood the blast and were undamaged.



Visitors enjoying the patio garden tea shop during Chelsea Flower Show

In June 1971 plans to demolish

the church and redevelop the site were announced, only to be quickly condemned by Sir John Betjeman as 'the height of irresponsibility.' A campaign to save Holy Trinity was mounted by the Victorian Society, and spearheaded by Sir John Betjeman and the architectural historian, Gavin Stamp. Thanks to their efforts and increasing popular pressure, the fabric of the building was saved.

In 1997, when Bishop Michael Marshall was appointed to Holy Trinity, the church was closed all week except for three hours on a Sunday morning for worship. In Bishop Michael's first year, the average number of communicants at the 11.00am Eucharist was 28. Today we frequently have anywhere between 115 to 150 communicants at the main Sung Eucharist and, with vastly greater numbers at Christmas, Easter, and other festivals.

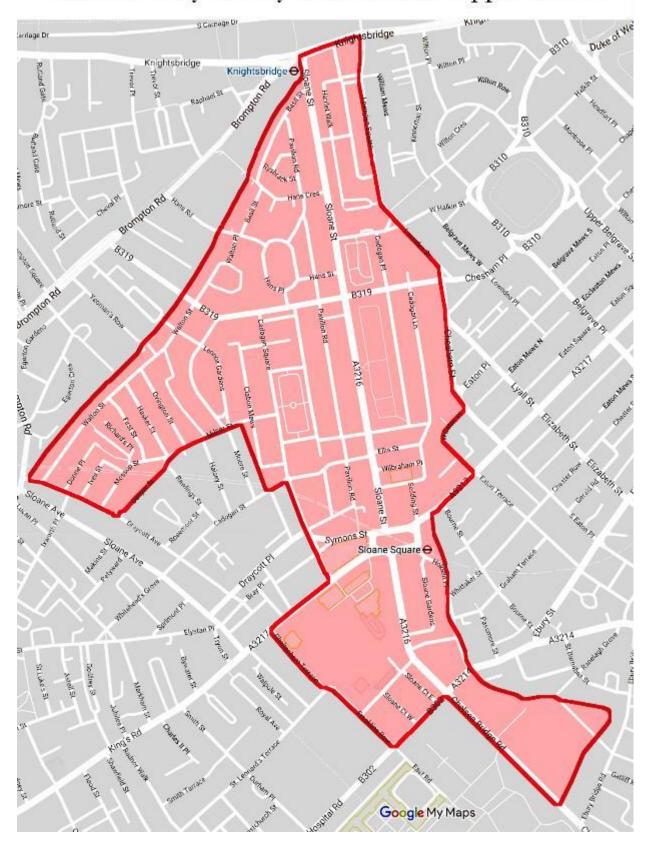


A tea party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

In 2018 a survey of regular worshippers revealed four main reasons for continuing to attend Holy Trinity, Sloane Square. The outstanding quality of:

- Preaching & Teaching
- Music
- Worship
- Welcome

Parish of Holy Trinity & St. Saviour Upper Chelsea



Geography

The parish is located in the Kensington Episcopal Area of the Diocese of London, within the Chelsea Deanery. It is situated to the south of Knightsbridge, with Sloane Street, Lower Sloane Street, and Chelsea Bridge Road forming its central axis. In 2012, the parishes of Holy Trinity, Upper Chelsea, and St Saviour, Upper Chelsea merged to create the present parish. Holy Trinity Church is situated on Sloane Street, while the church of St Saviour can be found in Walton Place. The Patron of the parish is The Rt Hon the Earl Cadogan DL.



Sloane Street with Holy Trintiy to the right, the Rectory is at the end of the road to the left large white building.

Population

According to the Diocese of London Census Data from 2021, the total population of the parish was 4,862. The residential areas of the parish are mainly to the west and east of Sloane Street and to the south of Walton Street, including some of the most expensive residential property in the United Kingdom.

Civic

Holy Trinity Church has established strong relationships with the local Member of Parliament and The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea through association with individual Ward Councilors. The parish holds a biennial Civic Service of Remembrance, attended by various dignitaries, at the War Memorial in Sloane Square and Holy Trinity Church.

Commerce/Shops

The parish within Cadogan Estate offers an exclusive luxury shopping experience, with prestigious shopping destinations such as Harrods, Harvey Nichols, Peter Jones, and many boutique shops. There are also several hotels within the parish, including the Sloane Square Hotel and the Belmond Cadogan. Many local businesses are strong supporters of the parish.

THE CHURCH

Services and Worship

Our main service is the 11am Choral Eucharist on Sundays (with a Junior Church in term-time) with between 115 and 150 in attendance. We produce a weekly Order of Service (Common Worship) with readings, hymns, and liturgical text. Junior Church is schooled in the Vestry with 10 to 20 children welcomed at the beginning of the service and re-join during communion. Refreshments are served immediately after the service with 35 to 50 staying on. At 6pm on Sunday there is a service of Choral Evensong, which welcomes many visiting choirs, and has a growing congregation of 30 to 60 depending on the choir. On a Wednesday evening, at 6.30pm, there is a quiet BCP service of Holy Communion.

Occasional Services:

- Baptisms typically occur on Sundays during the 11am Sung Eucharist.
- Marriages follow guidance from the House of Bishops.
- Funerals and memorial services are held regularly.



The congregation gather for a Memorial Service

Music

We have a thriving and acclaimed musical tradition, led by our part-time Director of Music who is responsible for the church's overall music program, and prioritises first the rich and vibrant Sunday worship music delivery. A professional choir, alongside musical scholars, regularly sing at services and concerts. ConQordia, a long-standing amateur choir, also supports the diversity of music within the church.

There is a firm commitment by the Parish to build both a youth choir and a parishioner choir. One newer music initiative is the very popular weekly Soup & Songs hour that brings people together to eat and sing, providing

a rich experience of community and sharing. This group meets every Tuesday lunchtime and attracts young and old, those retired and those working in the area. We also welcome those with dementia and their carers. This initiative has strong support from both the local residents and businesses. Regular attendees join the HT choirs and sing at select Parish events.



Max Barley conducts Songs and Soup

The Sloane Square Choral Society, though under the Parish umbrella, is directed separately with 85+ members who rehearse in the church every Monday evening and present three concerts annually.



A charity Christmas concert

Pastoral Ministry and Discipleship

- Confirmation groups prepare adults and young people for Confirmation and Communion.
- Home Communions are provided to those who request them.
- Confessions are available by appointment.
- Several pilgrimages to the Shrine Our Lady of Walsingham (including a Men's and a Young Adult Pilgrimage) take place each year.
- Yearly Lent courses are run.
- There is a burgeoning catechetical and social ministry for young adults, taking the form of a discussion group followed by wine and cheese.
- Outreach to the elderly and lonely, especially through the Songs & Soup initiative.

Finances

The parish pays in full its Common Fund of £92,000 (2024).

Regular giving (including recoverable tax) is received in the form of worship services plate, standing orders, contactless and online contributions, focused appeals, donations from local community businesses and organizations, and Family Trusts.

Legacies support funding of some specific expenditures and missions.

Acts of worship singers is often supported directly by individual rotating patrons.

Significant income is derived from hire of the church and adjoining rooms to choral groups, schools, charities, and strictly-screened commercial interests.

Rental income is generated from the long-term let of the former Vestry to Garden House School, a passageway office to The Sloane Square Hotel, and during Advent space by Cards for Good Causes. The Parish's recently presented 2023 Income Statement and Balance Sheet is appended at the end of the Profile.

Church Building

Recent work includes glass entrance doors and internal doors, meeting rooms with sound resistance, a washroom wing scaled for large events, an energy-efficient modern heating system, and the rebuild of the Walker organ by Harrison and Harrison including upgraded blower and humidification systems.

The refurbished Parish Room in the Arts & Crafts design is a wonderful resource for exhibitions, meetings, lectures, and community activities as well as a space for group ministry. It also provides a source of hire revenue. It has a seated theatre capacity of 50+ with large screen television, separate entrance, a Banhams alarm system, and an attached kitchen fitted with professional catering equipment.

A portion of the sizeable Vestry is used as a kindergarten but outside school hours is accessible to the Parish for meetings, events, and serves as a green room for large ecumenical services and outside concerts. The fully-equipped Parish office resides in the balcony. Significant storage space is available below the Altar, organ, and above the Vestry.

Seating capacity for large events is 500+ with 65 events already scheduled for 2024, many taking place during the Easter and Christmas periods. Events are attracted by the beauty, size, facilities, and acoustics of the building, its proximity to Sloane Square tube stop, and the significant quality of the organ.

The building is fully accessible to the disabled and is equipped with a hearing loop. The sound system was replaced in April 2023.

Rectory



The Rectory is at 97a Cadogan Lane. It is an attractive modern and well-lit building situated in a pleasant residential part of the parish only a few minutes' walk from the parish church. On the ground floor there is an entrance hall, cloakroom/toilet, kitchen, laundry room, separate storage room, dining room, and living room with direct access to a paved courtyard garden with mature planting, kitchen, and utility room. There is an integral car garage at the front of the property.

Street view of the Rectory

On the first floor there are two bedrooms, one ensuite. On the

second floor there are three bedrooms and bathroom/toilet. The sizeable and recently refurbished stone courtyard garden has often been used in the past for parish get togethers.



"Young Peoples" Lunch in Rectory Garden

Deanery/Area/Diocese

The Parish of Holy Trinity and St Saviour Upper Chelsea plays a distinctive and complementary role within the Deanery of Chelsea, the Episcopal Area of Kensington, and the Diocese of London.

Governance

The PCC is made up of members of our clergy team and elected members of the congregation, and as a charity registered with the Charity Commission, its members are charity trustees. Together they are responsible for the overall wellbeing of the parish, practical as well as spiritual, the life of the congregation and church property and buildings. The PCC also has a duty to promote the mission of the church within the wider community.

Key Trustees

Churchwardens: Jeffrey Kabel and Carolyn Hallett

Assistant Churchwardens: Gill Dunley and Kevin Muncey

Secretary: Sir Martin Bonham

Treasurer: Julian Burns

Key Team Members

Assistant Priest: Rev'd Yaroslav Sky Walker SSC

Honorary Assistant: The Rt Rev'd Dr Michael Marshall

Parish Administrator: Fiona Parsons

Facilities and Events Manager: Clinton McMaster

Finance Assistant: Sheila

Director of Music: Max Barley

Volunteers

We have a growing team of dedicated volunteers including a welcome team on the 'Welcome Desk', Servers, Readers, Intercessors, Stewards, a Cleaning Guild and Hospitality Team.



Harvest Festival donations go to the foodbank

SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity & Christ Church C of E Primary School

This primary school is a key part of the parish's current mission and ministry. Holy Trinity Primary School is rated 'good' by Ofsted (April 2023), and is federated with Christ Church CoE Primary School (repeatedly rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted). The church actively supports and collaborates with both schools to emphasize spiritual and moral development people. among young This partnership centers on weekly assemblies delivered by the clergy and involves visits to the church and extra input from clergy in RE lessons. Every Friday the school come to Holy Trinity for the Special



Mentions assembly, and the clergy play a key part in this.



Holy Trinity School Cadogan Gardens Building

Holy Trinity is privileged to provide three school governors, who play a key role in setting the educational and spiritual direction for the school. Two parishioners currently sit on the Board of Governors.



Holy Trinity School Staff

Garden House School

The parish also facilitates education by allowing Garden House School Kindergarten to let rooms at the east end (Vestry) of the church during the normal school hours. Clergy are often asked to deliver the end of term assembly, and Garden House School's Nativity Performances are a highlight of the Advent season.

Other schools in the parish that have a close connection with Holy Trinity Church are:

- Sussex House School in Cadogan Gardens
- More House School in Pont Street
- Hill House School in Hans Place
- Frances Holland School in Bourne Street
- Knightsbridge School in Lennox Gardens at St Saviour's

Appendix:
2023 Financial Report: Parish of Holy Trinity & St Saviour, Upper
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		Jan-Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2023 YTD	2022	
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	
ı	Donations and legacies										
Ī	Donations and gifts	70,078	19,995	7,487	56,625	12,848	40,531	20,848	228,411	210,825	
	Grant	20,500	150	0	200	550	500	550	22,450	2,641	
	Gift Aid	9,407	1,218	1,038	628	2,144	1,426	735	16,596	21,001	
	Legacies	10,000	0	0	2,500	0	0	0	12,500	0	
	Sub-total		21,363	8,525	59,953	15,542	42,457	22,133	279,958	234,467	
	Income from charitable activities										
	Special services & events	1,533	0	0	0	0	249	0	1,782	5,963	
	Property usage	123,980	22,467	16,573	16,914	20,374	31,772	41,867	273,947	254,912	
	Sub-total	125,513	22,467	16,573	16,914	20,374	32,021	41,867	275,729	260,875	
	Sales of Merchandise	150	20	20	282	184	120	0	776	1,384	
9	Sales	14,647	0	0	49	0	3,272	3,212	21,180	5,349	
I	Interest	8,516	2	10	6,228	0	0	8,685	23,442	4,852	
1	Total income	258,812	43,851	25,128	83,426	36,100	77,870	75,897	601,084	506,926	
ŀ	Raising funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
I	Expenditure on charitable activities										
	Ministry	69,601	11,478	9,946	11,367	13,406	11,410	11,661	138,868	127,131	
	Staff costs	29,612	2,676	4,052	4,528	3,977	4,549	4,732	54,127	64,203	
	Professional & other fees	23,041	2,958	1,742	2,392	3,534	2,009	4,210	40,273	31,879	
	Governance costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,814	1,427	4,225	
	Bank & other charges	1,210	164	195	131	193	220	213	2,325	2,276	
	Building and maintenance	33,408	1,065	1,629	1,142	2,441	6,671	1,434	47,789	16,185	
	Insurance	8,598	1,433	1,433	1,433	1,433	1,433	1,478	17,241	15,994	
	Heating, Water and Lighting	28,366	925	986	1,152	2,185	5,336	3,848	42,797	34,403	
	Office, Telephone & Internet	10,247	1,296	1,477	1,198	1,261	1,812	1,413	18,704	18,536	
	Sacristy and Votives	775	540	2,107	153	0	515	48	4,138	7,557	
	Small Assets	3,484	14	24	0	0	27	196	3,745	338	
	Donations & gifts	386	0	24	509	200	0	3,053	4,171	3,277	
	Music	40,874	4,402	2,376	4,602	4,836	7,395	7,111	71,596	40,004	
	General and Sundries	5,427	45	112	215	663	706	1,715	8,882	11,699	
	Sub-total	255,030	26,995	26,103	28,822	34,129	42,082	42,925	456,085	377,707	
(Other Expenditure										
	Cost of Merchandise	93	0	3	3	3	2	0	103	22,603	
	Cost of Sales	445	0	7	0	0	64	100	616	2,962	
	Sub-total	537	0	10	3	3	66	100	719	25,565	
٦	Total expenditure	255,567	26,995	26,113	28,825	34,132	42,148	43,025	456,804	403,272	
(Gain/(losses) for 2022	876	0	0	0	0	0	0	876	0	
(Gains/(losses)	4,121	16,856	-985	54,601	1,968	35,722	32,872	145,156	103,654	
1	Transfers										
F	Final Gains/(losses)	4,121	16,856	-985	54,601	1,968	35,722	32,872	145,156	103,654	
Gains/(losses) attributed to	General fund HTC	-38,979	12,758	-5,500	-458	-775	10,410	45,276	22,732	26,932	
	Assistant Priest 2	-19,063	-2,621	-1,802	-3,476	-3,170	-3,476	-3,483	-37,090	1,134	
	Music & associated funds	9,260	-2,340	-1,651	-2,082	-500	2,399	958	6,044	-5,436	
	Rectory's discretionary	0	1,000	0	-509	0	0	0	491 토	0	
	Denise de Maunay	2,003	0	0	1,284	0	0	1,235	4,522	1,316	
	Emergency reserve	2,166	0	0	2,145	0	0	2,063	6,374	569	
	Maintenance	0	0	0	50,000	0	-4,753	-22,247	23,000	0	
ain	Those in Need	0	0	0	7.000	0	24,999	-2,002	22,998	0	
Ů	General fund St Saviour's	48,733	8,060	7,967	7,696	6,414	6,143	11,071	96,085 ss	81,982	

Balance Sheet as of	30-Jun-23	31-Jul-23	31-Aug-23	30-Sep-23	31-Oct-23	30-Nov-23	31-Dec-23
Debtors	23,775	22,368	21,011	15,482	13,450	31,409	55,545
Cash at bank and in hand	541,150	562,341	496,129	595,915	590,686	597,574	625,990
Current assets	564,925	584,709	517,139	611,398	604,135	628,983	681,535
Creditors - due in one year	122,449	125,377	58,793	98,450	89,220	78,345	98,025
Total net assets less liabilities	442,475	459,332	458,346	512,948	514,916	550,638	583,510
Represented by							
General fund HTC	-45,381	-32,644	-38,124	-38,582	-39,302	-28,892	16,384
Assistant Priest 2	28,921	26,300	24,498	21,022	17,852	14,376	10,893
Breakfast Club	177	177	177	177	122	122	122
Denise de Maunay	103,351	103,351	103,351	104,635	104,635	104,635	105,870
Emergency reserve	172,636	172,636	172,636	174,781	174,781	174,781	176,844
Friends	0	20	0	0	0	0	0
Junior Church	5,085	5,085	5,085	5,085	5,085	5,085	5,085
Maintenance	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	45,247	23,000
Music & associated funds	30,059	27,718	26,068	23,986	23,486	25,885	26,843
Rector's discretionary fund	1,749	2,749	2,749	2,240	2,240	2,240	2,240
St Saviour's	145,879	153,939	161,906	169,603	176,017	182,160	193,231
Those in Need	0	0	0	0	0	24,999	22,998
	442,475	459,332	458,346	512,948	514,916	550,638	583,510