

The Annual Report of the Vestry Year ending 30 September 2023

St Mungo's Vision

*"St Mungo's is a church family who look to **Be Love**, as we are loved. Together as we take up the call of Jesus to **Abide** in His love, **Be Transformed** by the Holy Spirit, **Go** with the Good News of the Kingdom of God."*

On Sunday 29 April Ollie expanded on the Vision for the church, to **Be Love**. The verse which came with the Vision in 2021 was 1 Jn. 4:19 **We love because He first loved us.** and Ollie shared that he believed God wanted to take us deeper, loving Him in response to His great love for us and to do this we needed to:

- **Press in** to love God in an active way and expressing this in our lives and as a church family.
- **To surrender** our lives to God, so He can do what He wants in us, teaching us new things and preparing our hearts for what is next.
- **To transform** our hearts. God by His Holy Spirit may reveal things we need to confess and repent of, but He does this so He can transform us and ready us for what He is calling us to next, both as individuals and as a church family.

At the end of the Vision morning, Ollie encouraged the church to take a heart as a symbol of their desire to love God with all their heart, mind, soul and strength. And over the summer term the teaching focused on the Shema from Mark 12, **'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'** *The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'* **There is no commandment greater than these."**

St Mungo's Core Values



Word and Spirit Both Always

We are committed to experiencing the power of the Word and the power of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church.



Worship and Prayer

We are God's beloved children, welcome in His Holy presence
We seek His wisdom, trust His faithfulness and pour out our lives before Him in praise and devotion.



Family

We are brothers and sisters in Christ
We are united in love, serving one another as we grow together in the fruit and gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Kingdom

We love as God has loved
We share the Good News of the Kingdom of God with generosity, creativity and courage so that every heart and every circumstance is transformed by His love.

Highlights

In 2023 we saw all our church activities and ministries continue to go from strength to strength: meeting Sunday to Sunday for our services; engaging with midweek events and groups and reaching out into the community. The following list is not exhaustive but does give a flavour of the depth and breadth of how the church has bounced back to pre-pandemic life.

- Dedications resumed in the services in both locations and regular baptismal services for our young people and adults. We loved celebrating Jesus in their lives and were delighted to see many guests.

- The Alpha Course was run in Livingston from September 2022 – January 2023. Isaac led the team alongside two members of the Livingston congregation. We had seven regular guests, one of whom has now been baptised and another who is thinking about next steps in their faith.
- Congregational giving to the main Ministry Fund totalled £1,028,994 [including gift aid] which was £103,094 more than the budget! Both our regular income and our one-off gifts were significantly higher than expected. Total income across all funds was £1,124,393 and tax efficient giving remained very high [over 90%].
- Between October 2022 and June 2023, the Life and Soul Counselling team provided 1,831 client appointments [1,401 last year], nearly all face to face.
- Over Christmas 2022 we ran a variety of events, all of which were invitational. These included: Beer and Carols, a Remembrance Service, Carol Services in both Livingston and Balerno, a Christmas family service in both locations, a watchnight service and a Christmas Day service in the Parish Church.
- The 2022 Christmas Gift Collection for Life Center Church, Beirut to support their work of sharing the gospel through their Education Institute ministry raised a phenomenal £24,611.
- Ollie ran Healing Prayer training in February which enabled healing prayer to be available weekly, commencing in August.
- In the spring term we ran our first family ceilidh in 7 years, attended by nearly 200 people.
- In March, we received a mission team from the Bethel School of Ministry. The team did some outreach in Balerno on the Saturday and provided an opportunity for the Balerno congregation to receive prophetic ministry on Sunday morning.
- Spirit Café team training resumed and Spirit Café events returned to Balerno and Livingston.
- For the first time, we ran the 'This is St Mungo's' course. This runs over four weeks and helps those who are thinking of making St Mungo's their church. Together we look at our Vision, the Core Values that underpin our culture and what it means to be a member. It was a success with 12 people attending from both congregations.

Our Church

We started the year exploring the topic of identity, teaching into who we are in Christ, particularly in response to the identity crisis we see in the world at present. The series was well received, encouraging the church family to discover more about who they are in Christ.

During December we had our first Beer and Carols event since 2019. The venue was the same, but a change to the format saw a live band playing and a new layout of tables. The event was a success with the room full of over 50 people singing carols and much laughter and fun!

The Christmas period saw us hold two Carol services, one in Livingston and one in Balerno. We looked at the theme of 'Rejoice' with Fiona overseeing the worship team and Ollie speaking. The main change from previous years was that the Balerno Carol service took place on Saturday evening. We had 257 adults attend in Balerno and 118 in Livingston. As we were unable to use Balerno High School [BHS] on Christmas Day we decided to have a church family celebration in both locations on Sunday 18 December. These were easy services to invite friends and people from the community to, with 296 attending in Balerno and 93 in Livingston.

We held our usual watchnight service on Christmas Eve in the Church Building [Ladycroft] and on Christmas Day we met in Balerno Parish Church with 167 attending.

One way that we decided to Be Love and be family, was to run a Big Night In on Boxing Day. We had almost 20 adults come to the Ministry Centre for an evening of games, chat and eating people's Christmas chocolates!

After Christmas we spent 6 weeks looking at the topic of generosity which allowed the church family to think about how they used the gifts God had given them in a way that reflected God's generosity to us. The church family really responded to this and we saw an increase in our regular giving.

After this we moved onto a 6-week series on the sayings of Jesus from the cross running up to Easter. This gave space to cover several theological issues which people found helpful and allowed the church family to be reminded of the amazing love God displayed for us through Christ's death on the cross.

Holy week saw a traditional Maundy Thursday communion service and then Good Friday was led by some of the older youth, running both an afternoon and evening session. It was great to see the youth lead worship and speak at the event and the afternoon session for families was particularly well attended. On Easter Day we ran family services in both Balerno and Livingston. In the evening, we encouraged the church family to attend the Origin Scotland Easter event in the Usher Hall, where Fiona led worship.

After Easter we taught into the Vision using the Shema in Mark 12. The summer holidays looked at the names and character of God, giving members of the congregation an opportunity to speak in the evening services which was warmly welcomed. As trialled in 2022, the summer programme included the 8:45am communion service and our Livingston 10:30am service, which were both aimed at adults with a preaching series on the Names of God. At BHS we ran a 10:30am family service which included teaching, worship, opportunities for testimony and video content. The evening service was held at Ladycroft where 6 members of the congregation spoke on aspects of God's character. A St Mungo's survey showed that the church family appreciated the opportunity to go to different services through the summer and also appreciated the three social events throughout the summer which provided connection when house groups did not meet.

In August we started a new series on the Holy Spirit. This included looking at who the Holy Spirit is, what He does and what it means and how we can be filled with the Holy Spirit. The remaining weeks explored the specific gifts of the Spirit found in 1 Corinthians 12. The preaching team, which Tara Devlin joined in June, has done an excellent job and we have seen them continue to grow and flourish.

Communion continued at the 10.30am service through the year in both locations.

This year we saw Wendy Brown lead the worship and prayer evening service [4th Sunday of the month] providing a place to pray for main mission partners, projects and church members we support. Wendy has led this excellently and it has allowed us to pray for those we are supporting and encourage the church family throughout to support our mission partners in prayer. Wendy should be commended for the excellent work she has done to develop our mission relationships and for providing the opportunity for a mission trip in 2024.

The Transform Worship evenings continued through the year, which were predominantly held at Balerno Parish Church and the September evening returned to BHS. These continue to be well attended and give an opportunity for extended worship and prayer ministry.

During the year we hosted two welcome lunches in Balerno and one in Livingston. These were a wonderful way to get to know new people attending the services. During these events, the senior team shared a bit about the church. The lunches will be more social events going forwards, complimented by the 'This is St Mungo's' course to find out more about the church and its Vision.

In October Ollie met with the building committee to discuss their findings. These were then presented to Vestry and two Vestry mornings followed to discuss the report and think and pray about the way forward. The committee were disbanded at this point and Ollie has been working with Eric Adair and Vestry to explore what is the best way forward as we continue to face issues with BHS.

The number of adults in the church community stands at 507 [491 in 2022] with 242 0-18s [199 in 2022]. Overall, the church community numbers 749 [690 in 2022].

There are 28 house groups [decrease of one] with 441 adults in house groups – over 80% of the church adult population. Six house groups are based in Livingston with the remainder in Balerno, Currie and the Edinburgh area. There are now 3 daytime groups – 2 in Balerno and one in Livingston. There are 10 house group pastors who offer support to the group leaders and they meet regularly with Ollie.

13 Prayer Cell Groups meet, either in person or online, mostly weekly [some fortnightly].

11 children were dedicated, 19 youth and adults were baptised and there were 5 funerals of St Mungo's members.

Pastoral Care

House groups are the primary source of pastoral care in the church. The church congregation is not immune to the pressures, stresses and challenges experienced across wider society and house groups are invaluable for creating opportunities for connection, support, prayer and care for each other. House group leaders perform a key role in bringing groups together, encouraging fellowship and modelling love and care. The leaders are supported and equipped through house group leaders' meetings and house group pastors.

The pastoral team seek to complement the care expressed in house groups by journeying alongside individual people, responding, supporting, equipping and caring well. The pastoral team offer support to individuals with their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health, when appropriate signposting to other organisations for additional help.

0-18 Ministry

The 0-18 ministry is made up of pre-school, primary and youth groups across Balerno and Livingston reaching a total of more than 200 young people.

Balerno

The two youngest groups continue to be small and both have seen team changes. However Little Wonders and Climbers continue to be a safe and fun place for the youngest children to come on a Sunday morning.

Primary children continue to meet as Adventurers [P1-P3] and Xplorers [P4-P7]. We have had several new families within this age group join the church which is a real encouragement.

Both the monthly social events and the annual residential now see regular non-church children attending.

Balerno Youth is continuing to thrive with different groups meeting on Sunday mornings, Friday nights, monthly Sunday evenings and fortnightly Thursday nights. Young people attended a weekend away in February and the Magnitude Festival at Lendrick Muir in July.

Livingston

Pre-school is a small but happy group with a wide range of ages and stages. We are grateful to the team who work so well with the mix of very small babies and lively toddlers, with a few key members investing much enthusiasm and creativity into the morning. However, we will shortly outgrow the room as we accommodate the wide range of abilities and needs.

'Livi Kids' is now a small group of P1-P4 children and usually numbers 3-5. The team have gained confidence in making the material their own and altering it to suit those who are there on the day.

To progress the youth who attend the Livingston congregation [P6-S4] Isaac has looked to develop the team from within the congregation. This has not been easy due to some who were key members of the team leaving, but a programme has been developed and it is clear that the young people really appreciate this

group. The youth stay in the service once a month, attend Envision in Balerno once a month and meet themselves on the remaining 2/3 Sundays. Members of Livingston youth attend Balerno Friday nights and residential events.

A fuller report of the 0-18 ministry over the last year can be found [here](#).

Other Ministries

GOLD [our over 60s group] has been blessed this year with an influx of 'new' Golden Wonders – some who attend St Mungo's and some with connections to St Mungo's. Numbers have been regularly towards 36 and our summer outing on the barges at Ratho and our Christmas Lunch have both been oversubscribed. We have had a virtual tour of Edinburgh Castle and a showing of the film 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse.' Enthusiasm for the ever-changing mix of activities, quizzes, songs, thoughts for the day and Lyn Murray's legendary cakes has not diminished. The team of helpers also enjoy the meetings and receive their reward from the smiling faces and positive feedback.

Life Seasons maintained connection for female members of all ages and stages through social gatherings and events including a clothes swap and a morning with a guest speaker. Men's events in both locations have resumed enabling them to do life together. The Company of Men in Balerno enjoyed another positive year with six events, which included social events and two significant speaker mornings looking at men's mental health and discipleship. It has been encouraging to see deepening connections within the group and deepening relationships with God. This has been made evident by a number of the men now starting one-to-one discipleship together.

Livi Men have held five events over the year, with food, fellowship and opportunities to invite friends. At these events some of the men have shared their testimonies and we have had one guest speaker. We are encouraging the group to meet together outside the formal events as well. The ladies from the Livingston congregation have always met socially, but this year a group was formed to co-ordinate a few events each year to which everyone is invited. This year these included a Christmas bring and share meal and an Envisioning with God evening.

Pioneers meets twice a month during the 10.30am Balerno service. When Pioneers was formed about 15 years ago, it was a space for children with additional needs. The lockdown restrictions of the pandemic heralded a period of re-evaluation. Pioneers has become an adult group and continues to share some 0-18 resources and we very much value their ongoing support. The team continue to work out how Pioneers fits in to 'adult church' and how we reach out to those in the community who have additional needs.

In October and November, a CAP Money course was run for the first time in many years. Attendees were largely church members with a small number of invited friends. Several church members have undertaken the training to become licensed CAP money coaches and given the current financial uncertainty many in society are facing, future courses will be advertised to the wider community.

In November we hosted the annual Tearfund Big Quiz Night creating an opportunity for people to connect and have fun while raising money and awareness for the work of Tearfund. In March, an all-age family ceilidh was hosted in BHS with 200 attending with a great mixture of children, youth and adults enjoying an evening of dancing and connection together. The Big Night In has been a new social event on a Friday night, in the Ministry Centre, once or twice a term, open to all adults. It's an opportunity to invite friends or family to join others who love board games, with around 15-20 people regularly coming.

COP27 prayer resources were made available during the annual climate-related conference to which we were grateful to Alison Marshall and Sue McLeod for continuing to raise awareness of the impact on God's creation

and His heart for justice and the poor. The Creation Care prayer cell continue to do great work in helping us focus our prayers during this critical time.

Serving within the Church and in our communities

Activity within the church and our communities has reached so many and covered a wide range of ages and life stages, with opportunities to serve and bless households and groups and to continue to Be Love.

Minis [St Mungo's twice weekly carer and toddler group] offers a place of play, welcome and connection for families with young children in our community. Tuesday is aimed at families with children under 18 months and Wednesday is for all ages. Most attendees are not from the church and Minis enjoys a favourable reputation in the area and is often recommended by early years healthcare staff. It is good to be able to offer this safe space for families to come together, build friendships and to see God's love and welcome in action. A first aid and social evening held in September 2023 was well attended and much appreciated.

This was another relatively stable year for the Wellness Centre. Ten student counsellors joined the team and the Wellness Centre has been very busy. There have also been various Professional Development opportunities and times to connect with each other. Between October 2022 and June 2023, there were 1,525 individual adult client appointments, 260 young person BeMe appointments and 46 couple appointments. This is significantly higher than last year as we tend to see an increase when new student counsellors join every second year. We are, however, continuing to experience a high number of cancellations. During this period, we accepted 94 new clients. A small number of counsellors continue to offer remote counselling.

Our relationship with BHS staff has continued to be positive as we partner with them to provide technical support for their school concerts and award nights. There is a new Head Teacher in place, but this has not changed the dynamic working relationship we enjoy.

Our tech team volunteers also provided audio visual support for the Balerno Gala Float Parade ceremony in May. Adding our sound and visuals made the event accessible to all.

In addition, St Mungo's hosted the 'Activity Village' [lots of potted sports type activities for all ages] and a hospitality tent [for parents and little ones to have a feed or change a nappy] at the Balerno Children's Gala Day providing an opportunity to Be Love, support a community event and have conversations with local people. The input was very much appreciated and the effort and scale were recognised.

In December 2022, Caitlin Boddy and Caroline Simpson led a Christmas assembly in Dean Park Primary School. It was fantastic to be back in the school again and for children to remember them. There was also an opportunity to visit Harmeny School with Jonny Slatter in attendance too, who has been building links with some of their young people attending on Friday nights and Sunday mornings. We continue to support these schools where possible and feed into the school gate prayer cell also. Close links continue between BHS Guidance Staff and our BeMe Counselling Service at the Wellness Centre.

St Mungo's maintained a regular presence at the monthly Balerno Farmers Market. Take home craft bags and sweets for children; 'You are loved' postcards and other church flyers all helped to open conversations with people in the community. There was also participation in the annual Balerno Christmas Tree Festival where our decorated tree advertised the upcoming church Christmas events.

A significant team of volunteers served on the Bethany Care Van and Welcome Centre and connections were maintained between volunteers and Safe Families for Children. Various initiatives continued with Holy Trinity Wester Hailes and other groups across our communities such as refugee work.

With continuing grant funding from the Tor Foundation, the Valley Friends befriending project is being led by Helen Yewdall [pastoral team], with Jane Owens as project administrator. Working in partnership with the

other churches in the area, Valley Friends has now recruited and trained two groups of volunteer befrienders, with volunteers being matched to community members most at risk from social isolation.

Ollie is an honorary chaplain at Heriot Watt University and we have run two services in the Chaplaincy Centre and helped with several events. This year we added the Chaplaincy to our annual mission support.

National Links and Involvement

Francis Cummings continued to serve as the Lay Representative on the Scottish Episcopal Church Diocesan Synod and Alison Wilson continued as the Alternate [See separate Lay Rep report [here](#)]. Gill Scott continued to serve on the Personnel Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church [SEC] until May and was then appointed to the Clergy Disciplinary Tribunal, the SEC's internal judicial body in matters of clergy discipline in June. Ollie also helped with a review which had been implemented by Bishop John.

Staff and volunteers continued to make a significant contribution nationally, notably via Scripture Union Scotland, Alpha Scotland, Safe Families for Children, Bethany Christian Trust and local organisations supporting Ukrainian refugees.

UK and World Mission

15% [15% in 2022] of Ministry Fund income, £161,000 [£155,400 in 2022], was transferred to the UK & World Mission Fund for distribution to mission partners and projects. The principal recipients were:

- Bethany Christian Trust
- Comfort International
- Just Earth
- Scripture Union Scotland
- Tearfund
- Challenge Ministries Swaziland (CMS)
- Holy Trinity Church Wester Hailes
- Operation Mobilisation (OM) until Feb 2023
- Starfish Asia, Pakistan
- Wycliffe Bible Translators

Our giving this year has also included several smaller donations to other mission agencies, mission training activities and internships including:

- Alpha Scotland
- Evangelical Alliance
- TryPraying
- Open Doors UK
- Bethany Care Van / Welcome Shelter
- Heriot Watt University Chaplaincy
- International Justice Mission
- West Lothian Foodbank

In addition:

- The 2022 Christmas Gift Collection for Life Center Church, Beirut to support their work of sharing the gospel through their Education Institute ministry raised £24,611 [including gift aid].
- £5,000 was given to Bethany Christian Trust for their Welcome Centre in Edinburgh.
- £6,000 was given to the Holy Trinity Wester Hailes Counselling Service.
- Several one-off emergency appeal donations [totalling £7,000] were given through the year: Tearfund's Turkey-Syria earthquake appeal, Starfish Asia's special request to help with finishing internal building work of a school and Tearfund's Ethiopia Hunger crisis appeal.
- In July, a group joined a Comfort International trip to Rwanda. This was the first time since 2019 that a group from St Mungo's had visited and they were encouraged to see the progress across all the projects.

There were no St Mungo's mission trips in the last year, however a group plans to visit CMS in Eswatini in October 2024. We continued to support 3 church members nationally and 2 internationally.

Staff

In the last year we welcomed three members of staff on to the team. In November, Graham Wilson joined permanently as Operations Co-ordinator, Sophia Lyons joined the Wellness Centre team as Administrator in April and Tara Devlin filled the roles of Team Administrator and Teaching Associate in June. We were incredibly thankful to George Gera who joined the Operations team until September on a temporary basis providing cover for a member of staff on sick leave.

Ollie and Isaac continue to pray and discuss what is needed in Livingston: as we move away from mirroring Balerno in all areas, it does not feel appropriate to employ a youth and children's worker at present.

The Vestry would like to recognise the dedication and effort of each member of the staff team. They work tirelessly to ensure that St Mungo's continues to live out its vision to Be Love through the various ministries within the church. We are thankful for each staff member and the gifts and abilities they bring to their respective roles.

Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

The safeguarding panel, a sub-group of Vestry consisting of the Child Protection Co-ordinator, the Vulnerable Adults Co-ordinator, a member of Vestry, a member of the congregation and the Associate Rector, continues to provide support and advice to Vestry on matters of safeguarding. The new Scottish Episcopal Church Provincial Safeguarding Officer, John Wyllie, is now in post and provides advice and suggested direction for David Lyons, Helen Yewdall and Lynn Millar when required.

There were seven situations this year where active safeguarding discussions were required to be held.

You can read the full Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults report [here](#).

Financial Review

Congregational giving to the main Ministry Fund totalled £1,028,994 [including gift aid] [£1,004,309 in 2022] which was £103,094, 11%, higher than the budget. Both regular giving, which makes up about three quarters of our total income and one-off giving were higher than budget, regular giving by 6% and one off giving by 32%. We were particularly delighted to see our monthly regular giving increasing by 7.7% over the past 12 months, following a decrease of over 8% in the previous year.

Total income across all funds was £1,124,393 [£1,089,913 in 2022]. Around 80% [78% in 2022] of households in house groups gave to the church during the year and tax efficient giving remained very high [92% in 2023, 89% in 2022].

In terms of expenditure, overall, we were £21,957 under budget [1.9%], including an additional £18,000 transferred into the UK and World Mission Fund resulting from the additional income explained above. The most significant underspend was in staff costs, where a couple of decisions were made during the year to reduce our expenditure, including not recruiting a 0-18 Livingston Overseer.

During the year we transferred 15% of our income [£161,000] into the UK & World Mission Fund and £5,000 into the Equipment Fund for future IT replacements / upgrades within the Ministry Centre and Balerno High School. We fully utilised the Transform Fund and continued to draw down on the Associate Rector Fund.

The operational deficit in the main Ministry Fund [including transfers into the UK & World Mission Fund but excluding investment gains and losses] was £51,170 [£23,049 in 2022]. We started the year with a large budget deficit [£192,000] and the significant decrease in this deficit primarily reflects the incredible generosity of our congregation.

With the expertise of the Investment Team, Vestry approved a new ethical basis for our investments and during the year sold our existing portfolio and moved to Epworth Investment Managers.

Vestry continues to invest in our vision to Be Love. We do this in the faithful expectation that God will provide the necessary financial resources to sustain this vision. This will only be possible because of the incredible faithfulness and generosity of our congregation.

Leadership and Governance

The Rector, the Staff team and the Vestry combine their complementary gifts and responsibilities to form the Leadership and Management Body of the church.

The Spiritual leadership of the church resides with the Rector and the principal purpose of the Vestry is to serve the Rector, the staff and the wider church by governing the temporal affairs of St Mungo's. These affairs include matters of HR, property, financial stewardship and resources. In addition, charitable status requires the Vestry to hold the position and legal obligations of Trustees, broadly summarised as being "the persons having the general control and management of the administration of the charity." Responsibility for creating, developing and implementing plans and strategies resides with the Rector and staff.

The Vestry appreciates the time and wisdom of those who support it on the 5 sub-groups which report and present recommendations in key specialist areas:

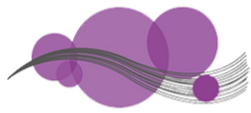
- Salary Review Group: Wendy Brown [Chair], Katherine Burnett, Chris Owens, Rod Petrie, Gill Scott and John Stuart.
- Investments Team: Eric Adair, Katherine Burnett [Chair], Mark Galloway, Simon Lloyd and David Menzies.
- UK and World Mission Advice Team: Wendy Brown [Chair], Katherine Burnett, Francis Cummings, Adrian Devlin, Kenny Erasmuson, Emma Galloway and Naomi Miller.
- Safeguarding Panel: David Lyons [Chair], Lisa Fawcett, Isaac Knight, Alison Marshall and Helen Yewdall.
- Building Feasibility Committee [disbanded Dec 2022]: Eric Adair, Hugo Allan, Gary Jebb, Graeme Marshall, Sarah Stanger, Derek Thomson [Chair] and Simon Yates.

The Vestry met on 13 occasions during the year which included 2 Saturday sessions for discussion and prayer.

Vestry Membership

Vestry members and appointed officers during the year to 30 September 2023 were as follows:

Rev Ollie Clegg	Chairman [ex-officio]
Eric Adair	Rector's Warden
Brodie Petrie	People's Warden [appointed January 2023]
Francis Cummings	Diocesan Lay Representative
Alison Wilson	Alternate Lay Representative / People's Warden [retired January 2023]
Tracey Braithwaite	Retired January 2023
Gill Scott	Retired January 2023
Lisa Fawcett	
Rik Smith	



Tara Devlin	Retired May 2023
Gareth Ihmig	
Emma Galloway	Appointed January 2023
Dave Robertson	Appointed January 2023
Katherine Burnett	Treasurer
Wendy Brown	Secretary
David Lyons	In attendance
Isaac Knight	In attendance

Our auditor, McLachlan + Tiffin, retired after the AGM and Thomson Cooper were appointed by the Vestry as the interim auditor. We intend to appoint Thomson Cooper as our auditor at the AGM in January 2024.

Two new general members will be appointed to Vestry at the AGM in January 2024 following the affirmation of the voting members present at the AGM.

Special thanks are due to Lisa Fawcett and Rik Smith who will retire from Vestry in January 2024.

Please pray for existing and new Vestry members, that they will continue to be given God's wisdom for the leadership decisions they take.

Thank You

We are incredibly thankful for the way God has guided, led and inspired us as a church to love and serve Him in various ways, many highlighted in this report, through the faithfulness and servant-heartedness of our volunteers who contribute so much and give of themselves to further the Kingdom. We have been so blessed by the Lord's faithfulness and steadfastness and the Spirit's leading to equip and empower us to respond to the call to Be Love and make Jesus known.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts are available from the Vestry Secretary.

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