

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL  
PARISH OF CHRIST AND SAINT JOHN WITH SAINT LUKE, ISLE OF  
DOGS**

Known as the Parish of the Isle of Dogs

CHARITY NO: 1130764

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**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

for the year ended  
31 December 2018

**FIELD SULLIVAN LIMITED  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint  
John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs**

**Status:** Charity registration No. 1130764

**Working name:** Parish of the Isle of Dogs

**Incumbent:** Rev. Thomas Pyke  
Rev. Ed Dix

**Parochial church council members:**

Rev. Thomas Pyke	Incumbent and Chair
Rev. Ed Dix	Mission Priest
Rev. Unesu Chindabata	(resigned 22 November 2018)
Maria Nunes	Vice Chair and Deputy Church Warden
Sylvester Small	
David Longbottom	Deanery Rep
Col. William Chesshyre	Deanery Rep and Church Warden
Michael Blaby	(resigned 22 April 2018)
Joyce Webb	(appointed 22 April 2018)
Jim Kean	(resigned 22 April 2018)
Vaiva Adomaityte	(resigned 22 April 2018)
Sarah Tomlinson	(resigned 22 April 2018)
David Ireland	(resigned 22 April 2018)
Andrew Warner	
Tamsin Vaughan Williams	
Joan Ethlyn Rock	
Jacqueline Budden	(appointed 22 April 2018)
Kevin Watts	(appointed 22 April 2018)
Shirley Sweeney	(appointed 22 April 2018)
Valerie Lashmar	(appointed 22 April 2018)

**Parochial church council officers:**

Kate Scammell-Anderson	PCC Treasurer
Rebeka Bliffen-Piccioni	Parish Secretary, (appointed 28 April 2018)

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# The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ and Saint John with Saint Luke, Isle of Dogs

Trustees' Report  
for the year ended  
31 December 2018

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at Christ Church and at St Luke's Millwall and to become part of our parish community on the Isle of Dogs. The PCC understands its mission, and the mission of the whole Church, to fall into five main categories: 1) proclamation of the Good News of the Kingdom of God 2) baptising and nurturing new believers 3) responding to human need through loving service 4) transforming unjust structures in our society 5) safeguarding the integrity of creation through wise and careful use of its resources. These themes we sum up in the banner statement 'Building a healthy community through our Christian faith'.

## Objectives and Activities

When planning our activities for the year, the Incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. The objectives for 2018, as described in Mission Action planning (MAP16) by the PCC, are laid out in the agendas and minutes of the PCC in 2018, and are a matter of public record.

The objectives of the Mission Action Plan are:

1. To make Christ Church a place to be
2. To create connections
3. To encourage an engaged community
4. For Christ Church to be the first port of call for support and sanctuary
5. To celebrate and model inclusivity and diversity
6. To make the Christian faith accessible

In this report, beyond sections 1-4, these objectives will be used to measure our progress in 2018.

## 1) Introduction

2018 was a turbulent year nationally and internationally. The national mood was anxious and exhausted by the process of Brexit, whatever the outcome might be in March 2019. Despite the lip service given to sentiments like 'It's time for us to come together', in reality our society has experienced further damage and division. Some respite was given nationally by the wedding of HRHs The Duke and Duchess of Sussex which lifted our spirits, before tension and anxiety settled in once again. The Church has not been exempt from this sombre mood - our regular Sunday attendance at Christ Church has dipped as members travelled more, or visited families more at the weekend to take their mind off their anxiety about the future. And yet, I believe, Christ Church remains an extraordinarily mixed community, despite the division that we see elsewhere. In church on Sunday we have people of all possible views, backgrounds, languages and ethnic groups and together we create a respectful space in which we can share our faith and worship together. (please see section 9 of this report)