

St John the Evangelist, Palmers Green

Trustee Newsletter : end of April 2026

You will recall in early April that Mother Kathryn announced the intention of Trustees to write a quarterly newsletter about our activities. The intention of this letter is to keep the congregation informed about our progress on securing legally compliant systems of looking after the parish's money and resources, and in the process securing good value. Our vision is of creating stability, economy, and understanding over the next few months.

WHO WE ARE



Kate Kardooni has been attending the early service for many years. Though she is a long-standing part of our community, she'd be best known to the early birds who went to the 8:30 Sunday Service. She is a qualified accountant and executive coach, specialising in transition management. She has been leading on liaison with our accountants and the preparation of accounts for 31st December 2025.



Guy Halliwell has attended this church since the late 1990s. His past roles have included Sunday School teaching and food bank supply collection. He currently contributes through being reader and welcomer. He will take forward Reclaim of Gift Aided donations, and Supplier management.



Karen Livingstone has attended St. John's for around ten years. Whilst known to many as one of our Welcomers, Karen has also supported our food bank distribution. Professionally, Karen is a qualified HR (Human Resources) practitioner. As a Trustee, she takes responsibility for Administration oversight.

You will note that while we are active members of the congregation, we have no formal experience of managing the resources of this parish. That is a challenge.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING SO FAR?

As Trustees we have been:

- Regularly meeting as a Trustee group with Mother Kathryn to work through the large number of operational issues within the parish – campus logistics and upkeep, supplier payments, security review, supporting with the vicarage issue
- Obtaining access to the bank accounts and overall church finances, getting the 2024 accounts submitted to the Charities Commission, and commencing work on the 2025 accounts, with assistance from the external accountants
- Working with Mother Kathryn to review the Lettings income levels and current client base
- Ensuring overdue payments to suppliers have now been settled where possible, and better understood within the overall structure of the Church campus. Work continues on understanding the EDF energy issues

We thank all of the congregation for their support and prayers during this transitional period when we stepped in as Trustees to support the parish, and we would welcome your continued prayers in the coming months.

~ Kate, Guy & Karen ~