

## Parish Support Fund

We are aware of the huge variation in the financial fortunes of our fellow churches across the Diocese and also aware that St Luke's is one of the wealthiest parishes in South London. The Southwark Diocese Parish Support Fund works towards ensuring that all churches thrive in their local communities even if they are in some of the poorest in the area, let alone in the UK.

All churches in the Diocese contribute according to their means and St Luke's is expected to give generously each year to support churches like:

### North Lambeth Parish

Angus Aagaard, vicar, writes:

*The subsidy that we receive from the Parish Support Fund helps us effectively resource our Mission Action Plan to deliver growth in discipleship, faith and numbers.*

North Lambeth Parish is a partnership between St Anslem's Kennington Cross and St Peter's Vauxhall. Both churches rejoice in their diverse communities – St Anslem's with a strong youth and childrens ministry and St Peter's works to promote faith, art and music in the community.

### Christ Church East Greenwich and the East Greenwich Team

Margaret Cave, vicar, writes:

*Our Mission Action Plan has four priorities: visibility, growing our spiritual lives together, children and young people, loving service in the community. The Parish Support Fund enables us to have a fulltime stipendiary Team Rector/Vicar and this has allowed the parish to grow and develop hugely. Our congregation has doubled in the last three years and our junior church has grown from 7 to 30/40 in the same period.*

**St Luke's commitment to the Parish Support Fund needs to grow little by little each year to ensure that more poorer parishes can thrive like these two despite their circumstances.**

**Please can you give at least £10 or more every month to support our fellow churches in South London through the Parish Support Fund.**

**Thank you!**



*'It is more blessed to give than to receive'*

CAN YOU GIVE OR INCREASE  
YOUR GIVING BY  
**£10 A MONTH**  
AS A SIGN OF YOUR COMMITMENT  
TO ST LUKE'S?

Stewardship Campaign  
2017

## From the Churchwardens

2017 is an exciting year for St Luke's with the arrival of Lorenzo Fernandez-Vicente on 5<sup>th</sup> April as our new vicar. He will arrive at a church that is thriving in so many ways thanks to the amazing support of our congregation and its generosity in all that it does and gives. He will have a very strong foundation to build on.

We need St Luke's to be in a strong financial position to enable him to take us forward with confidence.

If you look across at our budget for 2017 for St Luke's (excluding the Hall) you will quickly see that we are forecasting a deficit of £20,700. The PCC believes fundamentally that the church and hall should each be self-sufficient. This might not be the case for the church without additional support.

Why has this come about? The main reason is that our voluntary Planned Giving has declined in recent years. Several generous members of the congregation have moved away and sadly we have lost some too. Also, for a variety of reasons, many new members of the congregation have not yet set up a standing order as part of the Planned Giving scheme.

So for our annual Stewardship Campaign we are appealing to you to please consider the following:

- For those of you in the congregation, but not already in Planned Giving, to please join it and take out a standing order and give at least £10 a month to support the work of your church and its mission.
- For those of you already in Planned Giving, to increase your giving by at least £10 a month maintaining your commitment to St Luke's work and mission.

'At the heart of the local community serving the wider community' is our strapline and our mission at St Luke's. On the back page you can find out more about the Parish Support Fund to which so much of our money rightly goes. The support of 30 charities is also a key part of our mission.

Thank you for all that you do at St Luke's and for all your tremendous support you already give to St Luke's. Please do try to give more to St Luke's.

Sophie Picken & Sarah McLaughlin

## St Luke's Budget 2017

### £356,500 Budgeted expenditure for 2017

£226,300 63.5%	Parish Support Fund	Supporting the clergy and ministry in poorer parishes in Southwark Diocese
£97,100 27.2%	Running costs	Buildings, services, music, administration
£28,200 7.9%	Mission and Outreach	Supporting 30 small charities local, nationally and internationally with vital funds
£4,860 1.4%	Properties	Maintenance of St Luke's 2 properties, formerly curate residences

### £335,800 Budgeted income for 2017

£239,700 71.4%	Church voluntary giving	Standing orders, white and yellow envelopes and cash collections
£57,400 17.1%	Church fees lettings and fundraising	Rentals, weddings, Music Society and Christmas Market
£38,700 11.5%	Property rentals	Rental income from St Luke's 2 properties, formerly curate's residences

**St Luke's projected deficit for 2017 is £20,700 (5.8% of the expenditure) before the Stewardship campaign**

**Please help St Luke's to bridge this deficit by committing at least £10 per month**