

St George's Church

Waddon
C of E, Diocese of Southwark,
Parish of Croydon



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St George's Church Centre
Barrow Rd, Croydon CR0 4EZ

The Heart of Christ  The Heart of Waddon



A small community with a big heart



Our Church

Following the appointment of the Revd David Adamson-Hill, as Vicar of Lewisham, St George's Church, with the Vicar of Croydon, is seeking to appoint an Associate Vicar to have responsibility for St George's.

St George's is a small church in the heart of the community of Waddon. We wish to build on its well-established relationship within the local area, to share the love of God with more of God's people.

To do that, we look forward to being led by someone with an outgoing spirit, the knowledge and experience of working with young-people and families, together with the expertise available within the wider church team. Our church proffers the opportunity to experience estates ministry in a supportive and caring environment.

We hope that the information in this profile will inform and inspire you to work with us in the coming years.

On behalf of the DCC

Dave Milgate and Mark Mason
Churchwardens

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Meet our team



Just some of the people at St George's you might like to meet. Each one of them does far than we have been able to state here!

Churchwardens



Mark Mason



Dave Milgate

DCC secretary and Young People Representative



Lynne Kerwood



Deanna Blake

Treasurer and Safeguarding Officer



Carol Milgate



Anne Tanner

Part of our Team of Servers



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Our next priest





Here is what St George's means to us

Forward-thinking
Understanding
Decisive laughter
friendship Caring
Inclusive Supportive Humour
Helpful Mindful
Listening
Outreach kind
Organised Calm Family Friendly Open-minded
Kind
Creative Welcoming Co-operative
Happy
Pragmatic
listening
Compassionate sociable
Laugh prayer Diverse
Approachable
Musical family Willing
Communication
Sociable
Confident
love
Community

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Our next priest will need to lead us through the coming years and help us grow in faith.

St George's Congregation

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We would like a priest to lead us who can

- Lead us prayerfully in worship
- Ensure pastoral care of the housebound from our congregation
- Lead our work and mission in the wider community of the Waddon estate in a positive way through experience with our commitment to estates ministry
- Build upon the existing strong relationship with Aerodrome Primary School, and develop a relationship with the new Harris Academy Primary. Both schools are situated in Waddon.
- Have recent experience of working with children and young people or be willing to be trained to do so
- Support the social life of St George's



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About the Waddon Area



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A suburban area in the London Borough of Croydon known for its family-friendly atmosphere, strong community feel, and good transport links to central London

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Waddon Resident



Library



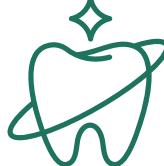
Sports Center



Swimming Pool



Doctors Surgery



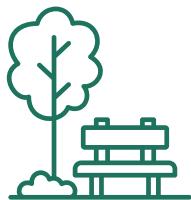
Dentist



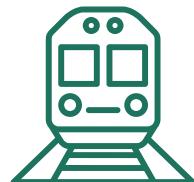
Schools



Super Markets



Large parks



Transport

More about Waddon

St George's church is centrally located in the large suburban housing estate of Waddon, in the borough of Croydon, with the majority of housing constructed by the local authority between the two world wars. The population is growing with several new housing sites under construction which will add to St George's potential to bring new members to our congregation. The Parish has some social challenges, in terms of working age poverty and people living on their own. More information on the demographics of Croydon can be found in <http://waddon.localstats.co.uk/census-demographics/England/London/Croydon>

The estate is serviced by two primary schools. Aerodrome Academy has a strong and close relationship with St George's (see Appendix A for comments from the Headteacher). Recently, a new primary school, Harris Academy, opened in Waddon and we would like to see a similar relationship develop, as per the Aerodrome Primary.

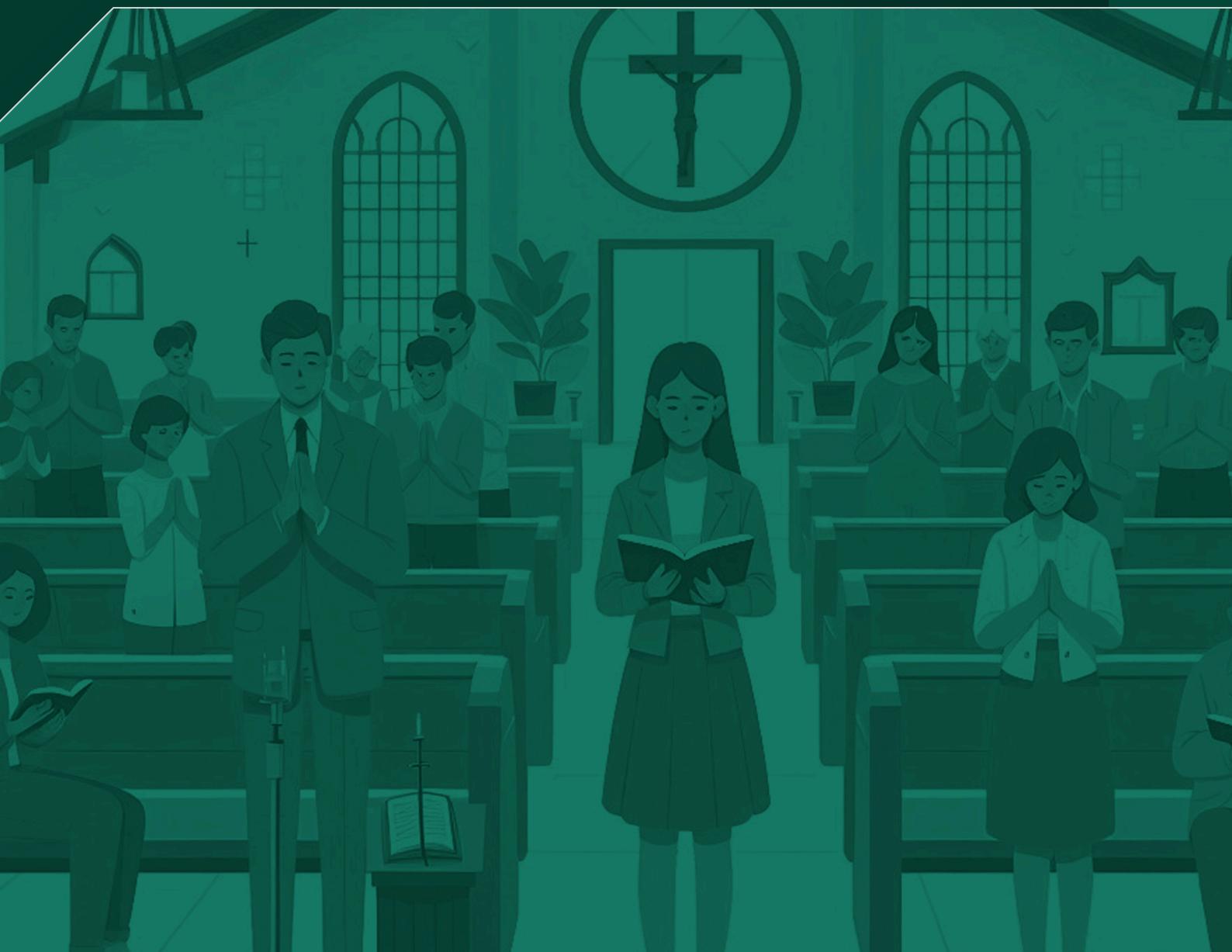
Waddon has a large GP practice, clinic, dentists, sports centre, and swimming pool. There are many food stores in the area including Wing Yip and a large Morrison's supermarket. Within close proximity there are several large parks including, Waddon Ponds, Duppas Park, Purley Playing Fields and Roundshaw Downs which encompasses the original London Airport. The South London Pirates are one of the most successful teams in the British Baseball Federation, playing on an area adjacent to the old airport buildings.

The estate has great transport facilities including frequent bus services and Waddon railway station which, provides short transit times to central London stations, Victoria and London Bridge. East Croydon station is a transport hub where trams, buses and trains provide services to Wimbledon in the west, Gatwick Airport and Brighton to the south and Cambridge in the north.



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About St George's Church





The People

St George's offers worship in the broad Anglo-Catholic tradition, in a manner that is inclusive and accessible by the congregation.

On Sunday morning we ring the church bell to welcome our community to our 10 am Eucharist. Sunday services are Common Worship. On Thursday at 10 am we also have a Eucharist (in traditional language).

Within St George's everyone is encouraged to use their gifts within services as fully as possible.



The Community

Our church centre helps us to bring people together and engage with many different social groups such as the weekly Toddler Group. We also have a lunch group on Thursday's and a monthly community breakfast on the 1st Saturday of the month which are open to all. Waddon councillors host their monthly surgeries in our Church and will often join the community breakfast at the completion of their meetings. Our Church Centre is also hired for many social events to engage and support with the local community.



Social Life

St George's has a very active social life with events planned for every month except August. For example, we organise events such as a Race Night, Burn's Supper, Afternoon Tea and a Strawberry Fair. Our events provide an opportunity for everyone in the community to come and experience St George's hospitality and welcome.





The Building

St. George's was built in 1932 and re-ordered in 1985. The building has Grade II listed Arts & Craft interior. The mosaics on the front of the church were created by a local community artist together with local children. The building is generally in good condition and is looked after by the churchwardens and several members of the congregation. The next quinquennial is due in three years. The previous quinquennial inspection, which highlights some areas of work, is available on request.

**(Appendix B provides details of St George's accounts)*

Context

St George's is part of the Parish of Croydon: St John the Baptist. The Parish comprises two districts, one served by St George's and the other by Croydon Minster. The churches are part of the Croydon Central Deanery. The priest at St George's is known as the Associate Vicar to reflect the fostering of collegial working within the parish.

Next door to St George's is the detached four bed room "church house". It is surrounded by a garden providing a secluded and pleasant family area. The Diocesan Property Department will work on the house prior to the arrival of the new Associate Vicar.

Clergy at St George's are fully reimbursed for expenses and are actively encouraged to take time out, keep their days off and continue personal development!





From the Revd Canon Dr Andrew Bishop, Vicar of Croydon:

I hope you have enjoyed reading this profile and that you are attracted to St George's as an Associate Vicar in this parish.

St George's is an integral part, with Croydon Minster, of the Parish of Croydon and our governance reflects this. The Associate Vicar with responsibility for St George's has incumbent status, and so will chair the St George's DCC, attend the PCC and PCC Standing Committee and, with me and the St George's PSO, be responsible for safeguarding.

The role also includes some liturgical and ministerial tasks and responsibilities in the wider parish, where with me and Fr Michael Walcott (Associate Vicar at the Minster since September 2025) we work in a collegial and mutually supportive manner. Our vision is of three priests, serving two churches in one parish, with clear areas of responsibility on which we lead.

If you come to St George's you will have supportive clergy colleagues and a committed and wonderful group of wardens and laypeople to encourage you in your ministry to them and the wider community of Waddon.

Fr Andrew

“The gifts Christ gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.”
Ephesians 7.11-13

Appendix A

Commendation from Headteacher at Aerodrome Primary School

"It would be wonderful to have continued church involvement and support at Aerodrome now Father David and his lovely family have moved to pastures new. His tremendous support and commitment has been invaluable to the growth and development of the school over the last few years and we have had a genuine two-way relationship with both Father David and other members of the church family who we have got to know over the years. In terms of what involvement could look like, we would welcome active interest in how the church and school community works together as a two-way relationship. This could include visits from church members linked to our RE curriculum, visits to St George's, leading school assemblies—particularly Harvest where we collect food for the local food banks and our children coming to meet with, cook and/or sing at lunch clubs etc. Our link with St George's has been invaluable over the years and we have created some very strong links that are mutually beneficial and very important to us. We have supported one another to spread the good work we all do and have strengthened reputations as a result. We would also welcome somebody from, or linked with St George's on our Governing body as this has been key for us in the past. We currently have a vacancy which we have reserved potentially for the new vicar. In summary, we would love to maintain a strong link with St George's. Someone with interest and a passion for learning and community. We would love someone who is able to visit occasionally and get to know, enjoy and be part of our school family.

Thank you

Zoe Foulsham
Headteacher

Appendix B

Accounts

St George's Waddon 2024								
Income and expenditure								
Year ended 31 December	2024		2023		2022		2021	
	Restricted	Unrestricted (General)	Restricted	Unrestricted (General)	Restricted	Unrestricted (General)	Restricted (St Edmunds)	Unrestricted (General)
INCOME								
Planned giving		£9,735.00		£9,830.00		10,825		13,221
Weekly offerings		£3,910.00		£3,931.88		4,494		947
Sum Up (now in with FR)		£0.00		£949.65		890		473
Gift aid reclaimed		£3,928.79		£5,900.52		4,165		3,259
Donations for Tree			£215.00		3,895			1,116
Fund raising		£6,252.26		£3,150.53		1,863		2,327
Service fees and banns		£0.00		£1,329.00		280		398
Sound System	£35.00		£695.00			55		190
Lent appeal		£91.70		£45.00				50
Quinennial Credit		£1,428.00						
Martin How	£15,000.00							
Sunday school								22
Candles/ wall box								12
Refreshment contributions		£198.90		£133.78		42		131
Computer Software Update								
Centre lettings		£1,920.00		£4,964.96		3,847		2,972
St Edmunds Fund	£3,000.00		£5,000.00		4,000		2,000	
Special Gift Donation		£399.10	£2,500.00					4
EDF Credit		£159.00						
Sundry receipt		£35.00		£35.00		130		130
TOTAL INCOME	18,085	28,058	8,410	30,270	7,895	26,541	2,000	25,252
EXPENDITURE								
Fairer shares		£12,400.01		£11,918.01		11,684		17,463
Service fees		£385.70		£992.00				398
ThermoServe		£340.22		£382.59				
Service requisites		£1,282.95		£929.23		272		61
Training				£108.00				
Music licence		£395.72		£377.30		352		337
Youth ministry								
Special Gift Donations	£150.00		£200.00			356		385
Churches together subscription								
Refreshments				£138.57				35
Fund raising expenses		£335.73		£312.99		286		
Building insurance		£858.06		£2,801.12		1,449		2,773
Fire extinguishers		£370.08		£506.79		271		396
Maintenance		£699.00		£244.13		46		1,386
Garden		£420.00		£380.00		400		380
Cleaning		£75.27		£147.54		298		
Gas		£9,808.78		£4,820.00		2,206		2,301
Electricity		£2,404.00		£1,721.00		1,212		657
Water		£588.11		£1,529.16		284		51
Mobile and comms		£748.02		£475.00		363		366
Website		£605.61				20		335
Accountancy		£100.00		£135.00		90		98
Brita Water		£286.70		£286.70		287		
Leasing Printer		£417.60		£386.78		427		454
Sound System	£18,741.25		£6,737.61		2,544			
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£18,891	32,522	£6,938	28,592	10,439	20,202	2,000	27,875
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)								
FOR THE YEAR			1,472	1,678	(2,544)	6,339	0	(2,624)

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Balance sheet		2024	2023	2022	2021
Year ended 31 December				£	£
ASSETS					
Debtors	£2,932.50	£2,932.50	3,091	3,026	
Deposit CCLA	£8,769.28	£8,327.29	8,016	7,964	
Bank account	£23,313.04	£29,507.87	26,804	15,000	
Cash in hand	£0.00	£0.00	0	0	
TOTAL ASSETS	35,015	40,768	37,911	25,990	
REPRESENTED BY					
Unrestricted Funds					
(General)					
At start of year	£28,058.00	£30,270.00	26,541	25,990	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-£32,522.00	-£28,592.00	(20,202)	(27,876)	
At the end of the year	(4,464)	1,678	6,339	(1,886)	
Restricted funds					
At start of year	£18,035.00	£8,410.00	2,000	2,000	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-£18,891.00	-£6,938.00	(2,544)	0	
At the end of the year	(856)	1,472	(544)	2,000	
TOTAL FUNDS	(5,320)	3,150	5,795	114	