



# ***Annual Report 2024***

## **St Nicholas' Anglican Church Helsinki**

## About Us

We are a diverse community, with people of many nationalities gathering as one to worship God and proclaim His unlimited love for us. Our services are in English and follow the Anglican tradition, though people of all denominations and none are welcome. We have a strong choral and musical tradition, as well as a flourishing children's ministry.

### Our Vision:

We seek to be an inclusive church, that all who worship here may know the love of God through Jesus Christ.

### Our Mission:

*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35*

*In response to the command that Jesus gave his disciples, we will be inclusive in our...*

Worship– actively encouraging people from all backgrounds and ages to be involved in our services

Relationships – welcoming and accepting people as they are, and valuing their contribution to our community life

Praying – supporting one another in prayer and joining with people from all faiths and denominations to pray for God's world

Teaching – rooting God's unconditional love in what we preach and in our discussions with young people

Actions – helping those in need, challenging injustice and inequality where we find it, and caring for God's creation

Events – promoting friendship among our congregation, with the wider community in Finland and in the diocese of Europe

## Foreword:

In 2024 the Chaplaincy said a fond farewell to The Rev'd Tuomas Mäkipää, who had been Chaplain since 2012. Church Warden Johnson Samuel wrote: *'It is God's great blessings for us to have (had) Fr. Tuomas as our parish priest and Chaplain leading us in the past 14 years, doing extraordinary work, not only at St Nicholas but with our various communities and ministries all over Finland for over a decade. His ethics and faith, which guided his daily conduct and actions, have been an inspiration for us. Tuomas nurtured the children and young people in our community and gave support to elders and people in need. Tuomas also developed valuable relationships, building connections and partnerships with many organisations and groups within Finland. Most of all, Fr. Tuomas strived to make our worshipping community a free, safe, and equal place of worship for everyone. In his final newsletter message as Chaplain of Helsinki, Tuomas exhorted us to be ambassadors for Christ, to be more Christ-like, hoping that we continue to do so here in St Nicholas.'* His farewell service at the end of May was attended by 146 friends of the Chaplaincy, followed by a community lunch with speeches and memorable musical tributes from the choir and White Nile Congregation.

The interregnum has not been without its challenges, as one might expect! The financial transition was particularly difficult, complicated by the changeover from Handelsbanken to OmaSp:n and lack of treasurer. Our Churchwardens, Johnson Samuel and Jayawin Jayapal were faced with multiple administrative and financial obstacles resulting in a significantly higher workload to tackle, together with the office administrator and the Council. The financial situation of the Chaplaincy also had a bearing on the work to appoint a new Chaplain, with careful consideration given to what the Church could afford and commit to. The financial stability and sustainability of the Church will be a key priority for the new Chaplain and Council. Together we need renewed efforts for improving fundraising and cutting expenses.

Despite the challenges that accompany an interregnum, worship has flourished and we have been able to work more closely and regularly with our clergy (Anglican and Lutheran) who have the Bishop's permission to officiate for us. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful and diverse group of priests who have given their time so generously to sustain our worship through this period of change – taking services in Helsinki, Espoo, Tampere and Turku. To all our clergy we give heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

We have also relied upon our Director of Music, Choir members, Sunday School teachers, coffee helpers, readers, intercessors and those who arrive early to set up each week and welcome people. It is noteworthy that we have at least eight or more volunteers at every service in Helsinki. Over 52 Sundays in the year a minimum of **416** people volunteered at St Nicholas'. This is a real sign of the faithful service and love shown by our community. In 2024 we welcomed **4,016** people to services in Helsinki! You can see from the statistics below that there was a particular growth in the number of children/families joining us, thanks to the efforts of the Sunday School team and the provision of monthly All-Age services. Music ministry has also grown thanks to our Director of Music, Erik Riekko, with more people joining the choir and regular Choral Evensongs extending our ministry.

The Rev'd Dr Mika Pajunen, one of our Assistant Chaplains, undertook essential work on our behalf to ensure the chaplaincy's wider work in Finland continued during the interregnum, and we are much indebted to him for representing the Anglican Church at both local and national levels. We are also grateful to The Rev'd Dr Miika Ahola who was appointed as our new representative on the board of the Ecumenical Council in November 2024, with Saija Kainulainen as vice representative.

In this report I would like to shine a light on the wonderful ministry that takes place not only in Helsinki but within the other congregations that make up the Anglican Church in Finland, and which is overseen by St Nicholas'. Some of these are developing ministries and some are well established.

The Rev'd Parvez Gill continued his ministry with the **Urdu** speaking congregation, also in Espoo, and was licensed as an Assistant Chaplain at St Nicholas' in 2024. The Rev'd Isaac Ohaju helped us to re-invigorate ministry in **Espoo**, developing a regular worshipping community from a group who met for Bible Study. Both Parvez and Isaac also undertake English language services for the Lutheran Church and their ministries have strengthened cooperation with their local parishes.

Parvez has regularly led worship and assisted at St Nicholas, whilst also travelling to **Tampere** each month to the International Church of Christ the King (ICCK). The Rev'd Kati Eloranta leads the congregation and is assisted by Lay Reader John Mills, who has faithfully served the church there for many years.

The Rev'd Timo Viitanen led most of our monthly services at **Turku** Cathedral International Congregation (TCIC), with our Reader-in-training, Maria Vatanen, overseeing Anglican worship and increasing its visibility. Fr Timo is also involved in English language ministry in Salo and has travelled to Helsinki to lead some of our Choral Evensongs.

Anglican worship in Tampere and Turku are long established, together with The **White Nile** Congregation led by Fr Amos Manga and Fr Yousif Abujellha. Most members of the White Nile congregation are drawn from Närpiö and Tampere, with services offered in **Arabic**. They have experienced significant growth due to new members arriving from Egypt in the last 2-3 years. Fr Amos and Fr Yousif have sought to maintain links with members who are living in other parts of Finland, and undertake regular visits.

The Rev'd Mika Pajunen began exciting work with the **Lappeenranta** parish towards the end of the year to prepare local clergy for leading regular Anglican worship in 2025.

All these ministries, old and new, are a great blessing and we look forward to continuing our common work together. You can read more about them in the first section of the report on 'Worship'.

We are very grateful to our partners in the Lutheran Church in Finland for sharing their resources with us, enabling our work in and beyond Helsinki to grow and flourish. Towards the end of 2024 The Anglican Church became an official partner in Mikael Agricolan kirkko, which will lead to even greater cooperation in 2025. Our thanks to The Rev'd Kati Pirttimaa who has done much to help represent our Church community at a local level in the absence of a Chaplain.

We ended the year with the Christmas narrative of hope and new beginnings – of Christ being born in us 'today'. As the children lit one another's' Christingle candles we were reminded that each day is an opportunity for sharing Christ's light and dispelling the darkness in our world. Thank you to all the friends of St Nicholas' for the light you have brought to our community, and beyond, this last year.

Sarah Tahvanainen

Office Manager, Council Secretary

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Our Annual Report below is structured according to the '*Five marks of Mission*',  
adopted by the Church of England.

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom (TELL)
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers (TEACH)
3. To respond to human need by loving service (TEND)
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation (TRANSFORM)
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth (TREASURE)

## 1 Proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom

### 1.1 Worship in Helsinki

Numbers worshipping each week in Helsinki have increased this year to an average of 50 people.

Holy Week and Easter services were well attended in the Cathedral Chapel and at Mikael Agricola Church. The 'Festival of Easter' ran for a second year and offered an evening of seasonal readings and inspiring music on Easter Saturday.

A farewell service for our Chaplain took place on 26<sup>th</sup> May which was a poignant but uplifting service, with many friends of St Nicholas joining us for the occasion.

A Licensing service for The Rev'd Parvez Gill on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024. We were very grateful to Archdeacon Leslie for leading us in joyful worship. It was also a great blessing to be joined by several of our clergy friends from the Finnish Lutheran Church and the Church of Norway!

Towards the end of the year we had our annual Remembrance Day service with the British Embassy, led by The Rev'd Dr Cecilie Strommen, saw wreaths being laid by 11 different embassies. The service was well attended by Embassy staff but also members of the public, including three local high school students who came to remember the fallen. Children from ISH performed during the service as well as St Nicholas Chamber Choir. We also held our own service on Remembrance Sunday.

In November we also marked Safeguarding Sunday with a dedicated All-Age Service. Making Church a safe space for all is integral to every aspect of our mission, and our clergy, as well as lay leaders, undergo regular checks and safeguarding training as required by The Church of England.

Our biggest service was undoubtedly The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, which was held at Helsinki Cathedral on 10<sup>th</sup> December, welcoming 400 people. The Rev'd Dr Mika Pajunen presided at the service and several of our PTO clergy joined the procession. The beautiful music and readings were enjoyed by all.

During the interregnum it was decided not to hold a Christmas Eve service at Katajanokka Hotel chapel, but we hope to offer this again in 2025. The Christmas Day service at Mikael Agricola was well attended and supported by the British Ambassador who read a lesson.

#### All Age Worship

Regular All-Age worship took place in Mikael Agricola Church during term-time. The children and young people take an active part during the service. Highlights included Mothering Sunday, in March, where the children gave out their beautiful hand-crafted flowers to the congregation, and The All Age Pentecost service which also had many creative elements from the Sunday School team.

Our last All -Age service of the year included a wonderful nativity play organised by Jane Mayhew-Smith and Christingle making. The service continues to attract new people and current worshippers, some of whom attend specifically for these services.

### 1.2 Anglican Worship in the rest of Finland

'White Nile' and 'ICCK Tampere' are Anglican congregations of their own right in the Anglican Church in Finland / Diocese in Europe:

## **International Church of Christ the King, Tampere**

ICCK is our congregation and has shared ministry with the Tampere Lutheran Parish Federation. English services at ICCK were held 49 times during 2024, and altogether they gathered 2,406 people, approximately 49 people per service. The Rev'd Kati Eloranta leads the congregation, with monthly services taken by our Assistant Chaplain The Rev'd Parvez Gill. In 2024 Co-operation with TAKK (Tampere Adult Education Centre) enabled many new international students to find their way to the congregation.

In September 2024 their Sunday School was able to move from bi-monthly to weekly classes, thanks to the efforts of their volunteer youth worker.

One of ICCK's lay synod representatives also joined Helsinki's representative at the Deanery Synod in November in Tallinn.

## **White Nile Congregation, Tampere & Närpio**

The Rev'd Amos Manga and The Rev'd Yousif Abujellha are non-stipendary ministers who lead the White Nile Congregation in Tampere and Närpiö. They also minister in Lahti, Kokkola and Vaasa. They have over 150 members, including approximately 30 families.

Arabic services are held every Sunday at Härmälän kirkko in Tampere, and Bible study takes place on Saturdays. One of the highlights during the year was their Family Conference in Kokkola.

*Other missions ...*

## **Turku Cathedral International Congregation, Turku**

This is a joint ministry with the local Lutheran Cathedral Parish, therefore there is English language worship every Sunday, sometimes Anglican and sometimes Lutheran.

A total of 13 Anglican Services were held in 2024, with 282 in attendance including 219 taking communion. There was an average of 21-22 people per service in attendance, with approximately 18 taking communion. Most of these were taken by The Rev'd Timo Viitanen. Maria Vaatanen is our reader in training at the church and assists with worship whilst also taking care of administrative matters.

## **Holy Trinity Anglican Congregation, Espoo**

For many years Anglican worship has been offered in Espoo but numbers dwindled significantly during Covid and services were eventually halted. In their place The Rev'd Isaac Ohaju started a new congregation in Espoo, which began as a regular Bible study group in Kilo. Joel and Jeremy Johnson from St Nicholas' have generously volunteered their time to provide music for several services in Espoo.

Fr Isaac is a non-stipendary Nigerian minister who has been active at St Nicholas' in a voluntary capacity since 2013. We are very grateful to Fr Isaac for his long service to the Anglican Church here and to Leppävaaran seurakunta for their continued cooperation and support. Services take place each Sunday at 4pm, except the 4th Sunday of the month.

## Urdu Language congregation, Espoo - by The Rev'd Parvez Gill

Urdu language ministry, led by The Rev'd Parvez Gill, continues to gather faithfully for weekly worship services every Friday at Suvela Chapel in Espoo. These gatherings provide an opportunity for spiritual growth, fellowship, and communal worship in the Urdu language.

Holy Communion is celebrated once every month during our Friday services, allowing members to partake in this sacred Christian tradition together.

During the worship service, we also organize a Bible School for children. This provides age-appropriate biblical teaching and activities, helping young ones grow in their faith from an early age.

The average weekly attendance ranges from 20 to 25 people. Among them:

- Adults: 15–18
- Children: around 10

### *Special Celebrations and Events*

- **White Gift Service:** We celebrated a special White Gift Service in collaboration with our Women's Fellowship group.
- **Community Outings:** Two outings/picnics were organized during the summer, promoting fellowship and bonding within the community.
- **Finland's Independence Day:** We took part in the celebration of Finland's Independence Day in collaboration with the Finnish Lutheran Church, strengthening our connection with the broader Christian community.

## 1.3 Baptisms and Confirmations

We celebrated 9 baptisms including baptisms in Joensuu, Espoo and Tampere.

## 1.4 Marriages and Funerals

No marriages and two funerals.

## 1.5 Music Summary by the Director of Music

The past year has been a time of multifaceted growth for the music ministry at St Nicholas' Anglican Church. The choir and the music of the Anglican tradition has experienced unparalleled interest during the past year from within the parish community and beyond.

The St Nicholas Chamber Choir (SNCC) and the parish had initiated a partnership with Tuomiokirkonseurakunta to bring monthly Choral Evensong services to the Helsinki community. The initial discussions and ideas that were proposed in 2023 were fully realized and implemented beginning with a single service in April 2024 and continued in a monthly fashion in September 2024 at Helsingin Tuomiokirkko (Helsinki Cathedral). The choir will collaborate with numerous musicians and musical ensembles throughout the capital region and beyond to allow these services to be as sustainable, diverse, and inclusive as possible. The attendance at these services has increased dramatically and has become a much sought-after service among the larger community.

The SNCC also continued with its own concert series in February 2024 at Saksalainen kirkko and Olaus Petri kyrka with a program of Arvo Pärt, Leevi Madetoja, Francis Poulenc, and Einojuhani Rautavaara.

During the summer months, the SNCC was invited to sing at Kuorojen Kavalkadi at Tuomiokirkko as a part of the Night of the Arts celebration. The SNCC was one of seven choirs from the Helsinki region who participated in the event. The choir performed music from the Anglican choral tradition to a sold out audience.

In December 2024, the SNCC was invited to perform at the British Embassy as a part of the Ambassador's Christmas celebrations. The choir is working on strengthening its presence and relationship with the embassy and is in the planning stages of holding concerts at the Embassy in 2025.

Additionally, the choir performed at the many usual services that have become a tradition at St Nicholas, including the Festival of Easter, Remembrance Day, and the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

I, the Director of Music, would like to extend my sincere thanks to the choir, musicians, and to all who actively support the development and sustainability of the essential musical life and ministry at St Nicholas.

It is a vibrant, growing, and diverse ministry and we will all strive to evolve and meet the spiritual needs of the church and community that we serve.

## 1.6 Communication

### Newsletter

The weekly newsletter continues to keep people updated with what is happening at St Nicholas' and is important for staying in touch with members of the congregation who are unable to attend church regularly, as well as friends of the Chaplaincy who live abroad. There are between 70 and 100 views of the newsletter each week.

### Social Media

During the year we continued to broaden our outreach through social media. On facebook we have 1,411 followers (an increase of 119 since last year), and 453 on Instagram (an increase of 78). Social media also enabled us to connect with people in Finland and beyond, as well as to connect with other churches in Finland and the Church of England. Regular posting of our activities has led to us being featured in several online posts and newsletters by the Diocese in Europe.

## 1.7 The Diocese in Europe and the Archdeaconry of Germany and Northern Europe

We were blessed to have the Archdeacon, The Ven Dr Leslie Nathaniel, join us for the licensing of The Rev'd Parvez Gill.

The Deanery Synod took place in Tallinn with our representatives: Fr Mika Pajunen, Fr Parvez Gill & Paul Graves from Helsinki and Richard Vincent from Tampere.

## 2. Teaching, baptising and nurturing new believers

### 2.1 Sunday School & Youth Group

Our regular Sunday School runs most Sundays at 10am in the crypt. The Youth Group is for young people aged 11 and over. We have ten young people who regularly join us on Sundays. Each session will typically involve a Bible story, a game/ demonstration or experiment, a related craft, song and prayer. This year we tried to ensure that the group was split according to age range each week when possible.

All Age Services have continued to attract a good number of people, and families who would not otherwise attend a regular Sunday morning service. Children are involved in all aspects of worship, especially leading the prayers and participating in the music. Through social media and the weekly newsletter share the children's work with a much wider audience.

The Sunday School and Youth Group took the lead with charitable fundraising in the community and helped raise awareness of environmental concerns.

The annual Nativity play was a great success and was performed as part of an All-Age Christingle service.

We are thankful to all the families who join us and support us, and to our teaching team - Jane, Tino, Caroline and Sarah.

## 2.2 Confirmation Classes

This year there were no classes.

## 2.3 Ministerial Training

St Nicholas' started contributing to the training costs of ordinand Dr Joel Gillin, who has been an active member of our community – helping to assist in services, preach, lead Lent group discussions and give lectures. Joel was also a regular volunteer at the Vallila Help Center for Ukrainian refugees. We are delighted to be supporting him on his ordination journey, together with the Diocese in Europe.

We continued to support a lay reader in training, Maria Vatanen, in Turku. Her training is due to be completed in the Summer of 2025.

## 2.4 Lent Group

During Lent there was a well-attended discussion group based on the book 'Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for People of Faith' by Dr Selena Stone.

# 3. Responding to human need by loving service

## 3.1 Supporting Charity

In February our young people raised money for **Finn Church Aid** by making and selling pancakes after the service.

At **Harvest Festival** the children decorated boxes to collect generous offerings of food by the congregation for the Salvation Army food bank in Helsinki.

### **The Bishop's Advent Appeal**

500€ was raised for the Bishop of Europe's Appeal – supporting an eye clinic in Yemen.

### **Financial Support for Freiberg Chaplaincy, Germany**

The Freiberg Chaplaincy in the Diocese in Europe was struggling without a Chaplain in post. Archdeacon Leslie Nathaniel asked St Nicholas' to help fund a Chaplain there, with a donation of 8000€. This was gratefully received by the Freiberg Chaplaincy.

## Christmas Bazaar

At the Bazaar we provided free tables to help several charities raise funds for their valuable work in Finland and abroad: The Vallila Help Center, Lyra in Africa, Unicef Finland, Seed Ry, Caritas, and the Puupäät.

## 3.2 Community Events

### Sunday Coffee

We wish to thank the coffee team for their dedication throughout the year in serving our community and providing hospitality to visitors. Special thanks to Jane Johnson, Rebecca Maaranto, Anja Haltia, Kerry Osborne, Tuula Kuusisti, Tino Jayapal, Aino-Elina Hamalainen, and Jane Mayhew-Smith.

**Chaplain's Leaving Party** 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024. We are grateful to everyone who made the journey to join us, brought food and helped set-up.

### Pot luck lunch

To mark the licensing of The Rev'd Parvez Gill as Assistant Chaplain on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Thank you to all who contributed and joined us in celebration.

### The Christmas Bazaar

The Bazaar served the wider international community in and around Helsinki, offering a range of entertainment, food and an opportunity to meet with friends. Welcomed a couple of new stalls. Entertainment included a Celtic Band and Morris Dancing. Visitor numbers were higher than previous years and we made approximately 6000 euros in profit for St Nicholas'. There was a wonderful community spirit and we are grateful to all our amazing volunteers who gave their time so freely and generously.

We continue to value warm relations with **the British Embassy** and Ambassador Laura Davies was particularly supportive of our Christmas Bazaar, Carol service and Choral Evensong. Members of St Nicholas Chamber Choir performed at Embassy Christmas events, and we look forward to further collaborations.

## 4. Seeking to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation

### 4.1 Ecumenical Work

- We continued to liaise with our partners and networks: The St. Nicholas's Foundation, The Ecumenical Council in Finland, The Helsinki Ecumenical Committee, and Helsinki Lutheran Parishes.
- On January 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 we hosted Brother Stephen from Taize, together with Tuomas Messu. Brother Stephen gave an update on the activities for the Taize community and the upcoming meeting in Tallinn at the end of the year.
- Fr Isaac Ohaju and Fr Parvez Gill took part in a 'Kino Agricola' event together with Tuomasyhteisö and the Cathedral parish on Taiteiden yö, 15th August at Mikael Agricola Church. The idea is to show two documentary films and have a panel discussion after each document. The theme of the event is to bring up current topics on justice - poverty, immigration, marginalization, peace. Parvez or Isaac joined the panel discussion on the movie 'Ei tietä kotiin?'

- The Rev'd Dr Miika Ahola was appointed as our new member on the board of the Ecumenical Council in November, with Saija Kainulainen as vice member. They replaced the Revd Dr Mika Pajunen after two terms as our first ever board member, the previous Chaplain having served as his vice member. A seat in the board is reserved by the constitution to the Lutheran, Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches and for the Council of the Free Churches. We received a seat after addressing the constitutional inequality of not fitting any of the above mentioned categories.
- In December a group of ecumenical students from the Finnish Ecumenical Council Youth Divisions KETKO training programme visited with The Rev'd Dr Jaakko Rusama, who also gave a lecture on Anglicanism to them after the morning service.

## 5. Striving to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain and renew the life of the Earth

### 5.1 Safeguarding

Making Church a safe space for all is integral to the Good News of Jesus Christ, where we are called to care for one another - especially the most vulnerable. All clergy underwent Safeguarding training and record check clearance certificates were required as a normal part of their ministry. Members of the Council also underwent safeguarding training and our lay volunteers were encouraged to go through the process to ensure that our congregation is a safe place for young and vulnerable people to visit. The Church of England's basic training courses were used.

We held a special All-Age Service in November to mark Safeguarding Sunday, led by The Rev'd Cecilie Strommen. Our Safeguarding Officer, Dr Harriet Frances-Ehnholm also spoke to the congregation.

### 5.2 Caring for Creation

#### **Gardeners' Corner**

One of our regular ways of highlighting care for the environment was through our 'Gardener's Corner' feature in the weekly newsletter. Peter Joy and Peter Knight shared their gardening wisdom with us through useful tips and humour.

#### **Season of Creation (September/October):**

The season of creation was marked with an All-Age Harvest Festival on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and a walk to the sea after the service.

One of our young people, Imogen, took part in a diocese-wide video campaign and spoke movingly about the importance of the circle of life.

In September Peter Joy held a special session on herbs and their amazing properties for the children and young people, which was featured in an online article by the Diocese in Europe. <https://buff.ly/47i0VDh>. At coffee many of the congregation came to take a look at a wonderful array of well-known and lesser known varieties including Tansy, Yarrow, Jo-Pye-Weed, Bee Balm, and Soapwort!

## 6 Financial Summary 2024:

As highlighted at the previous Annual Meeting, our current financial position is not sustainable. The total income of the Chaplaincy does not cover the salaries of our staff, which is a huge concern. The situation is not a new one, as illustrated by the considerable deficits the Church has incurred over the past four years – ranging from 50k to over 80k euros.

The Anglican Church in 2024 had a significant deficit of 74 992€ and had to rely on withdrawing investment funds again to meet its financial obligations. The remaining investment funds would be exhausted in two years' time if the current pattern continues. Financial stability and sustainability of the Church will therefore need to be a key priority for the new Chaplain and Council, with renewed efforts on fundraising and cutting down on expenses.

The revenues from main operations amounted to 53 500 euros, and the operating deficit was 107 600 euros.

The fundraising surplus was 37 500 euros.

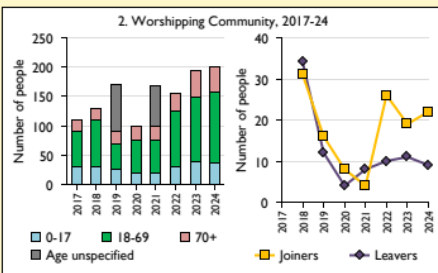
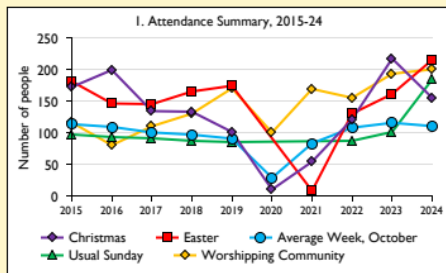
The deficit for the fiscal year was **-74 992 euros**.

Profit and loss statement		01.01.2024 - 31.12.2024
<b>Ordinary operations</b>		
Income		53 539,28
Loss		
Expenses from Ordinary Operations		-14 675,60
Personnel		-97 149,43
Other Expenses		-49 332,27
<b>Tuotto-/kulujäämä</b>		<b>-107 618,02</b>
<b>Acquisition of funds</b>		
Profit		43 066,98
Loss		-5 562,06
<b>Tuotto-/kulujäämä</b>		<b>37 504,92</b>
<b>Investment and finance operations</b>		
Income		876,08
Loss		-5 755,08
<b>TILIKAUDEN TULOS</b>		<b>-74 992,10</b>
<b>TILIKAUDEN YLIJÄÄMÄ (ALIJÄÄMÄ)</b>		<b>-74 992,10</b>

Draft Budget 2025	Euros			
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Personnel	€ 109,000			
Other Expenses	€ 50,000	Bookkeeping, Travel, IT, SS		
Ordinary Operations	€ 6,000	9 lessons, Remembrance, Bazaar		
Common Fund	£13,368			
Fr. Isaac	£5,225	Ringfenced		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£186,593</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>				
Grant - Helsinki Parish Fed	€ 27,208			
Grant - Church House	€ 22,411			
Grant- Espoo Parish	€ 9,000			
Giving - plate/Bazaar	€ 35,000	Including cards		
Grant - St. N Foundation	€ 2,225	Ringfenced for Fr. Isaac		
Grant - Espoo Parish	€ 3,000	Ringfenced for Fr. Isaac		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 98,844</b>			
<b>Total Profit/Loss</b>	<b>-€ 87,749</b>			

Appendix

SfM Dashboard for the Parish of Helsinki in the deanery of Nordic and Baltic

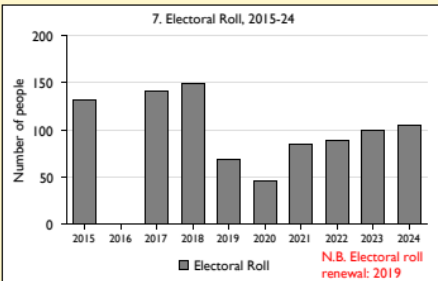
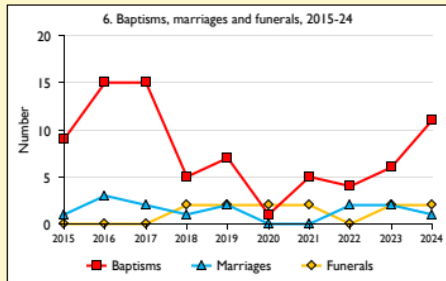
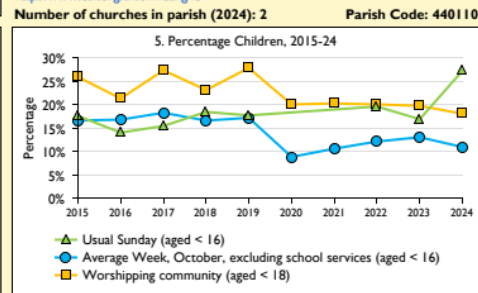
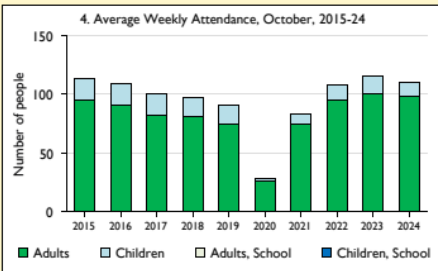
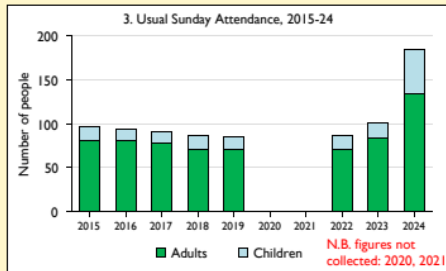


**Parish Census and deprivation summary**  
Parish population (2021): None

	Parish	Diocese	National
% aged 0-19	??	??	23%
% aged 20-44	??	??	33%
% aged 45-69	??	??	31%
% aged 70 & over	??	??	14%
% Christian	??	??	46%
% non-Christian religion	??	??	11%

Parish deprivation rank (IMD 2019): None  
(1=most deprived parish in the Church of England, 12,178=least deprived)

For more detailed census & deprivation info: see <http://arcg.is/1RaS4CS>  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/data-services/> and  
<http://www.cuf.org.uk/shinealight/>



This dashboard contains figures as submitted by churches currently in the parish

**Attendance statistics:** taken from annual Statistics for Mission returns.

**Average weekly attendance:** attendance at Sunday and midweek church services & fresh expressions in October; Figs 1 & 5 do not include attendance at services for schools.

**Easter:** Easter Eve & Easter Day; **Christmas:** Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.

**Baptisms:** all baptisms & thanksgivings.

**Marriages:** marriages and services of prayer & dedication after civil marriages.

**Funerals:** those held in church & at crematoria/cemeteries.

Because of pandemic-related church closures, Easter figures were not collected in 2020.

**Census data:** taken from the 2021 national Census.

**Deprivation statistics:** IMD taken from the English Indices of Deprivation, published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Sept 2019.

The above statistics have been mapped onto parish boundaries so are approximations.

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Variations in attendance from year to year may be the result of changes in the number of churches that submitted returns, or changes in parish/benefice structure.  
Number of churches included in returns: 2015 2;2016 2;2017 2;2018 2;2019 2;2020 1;2021 2;2022 2;2023 2;2024 2.  
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SfM Dashboard Data for the Parish of Helsinki in the deanery of Nordic and Baltic

Report	Field	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1. Attendance Summary	Christmas	172	199	134	133	101	10	54	121	217	155
	Easter	181	146	145	165	174	-	8	130	161	215
	Average Week, October	113	109	100	97	91	29	83	108	116	110
	Usual Sunday	97	93	91	87	85	-	-	87	101	184
	Worshipping Community	116	80	110	130	170	100	169	155	193	200
2. Worshipping Community	Total			110	130	170	100	169	155	193	200
	0-17			30	30	25	20	20	31	38	36
	18-69			60	80	45	55	55	95	110	121
	70+			20	20	20	25	24	29	45	43
	Age unspecified			0	0	80	0	70	0	0	0
	Joiners			-	31	16	8	4	26	19	22
	Leavers			-	34	12	4	8	10	11	9
3. Usual Sunday Attendance	Adults	80	80	77	71	70	-	-	70	84	134
	Children	17	13	14	16	15	-	-	17	17	50
	Adults, School	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	-
	Children, School	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	-
4. Average Weekly Attendance	Adults	95	91	82	81	75	26	74	95	101	98
	Children	19	18	18	16	16	3	9	13	15	12
	Children, School	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	-
5. Percentage Children	Usual Sunday (aged < 16)	18%	14%	15%	18%	18%	-	-	20%	17%	27%
	Average Week, October, excluding school services (aged < 16)	17%	17%	18%	17%	17%	9%	11%	12%	13%	11%
	Worshipping community (aged < 18)	26%	21%	27%	23%	28%	20%	20%	20%	20%	18%
6. Baptisms, marriages and funerals	Baptisms	9	15	15	5	7	1	5	4	6	11
	Marriages	1	3	2	1	2	0	0	2	2	1
	Funerals	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	2	2
	Electoral Roll	131	-	141	149	68	45	85	88	99	105

#### Statistics Notes:

- Notable figures include the higher number of baptisms and increase in Sunday attendance, as well as a marked increase in attendance of children and young people under 16. Sunday School/youth Group welcomes approx. 10 – 15 children each week.
- The statistics for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day do not include the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols which welcomed 400 people. Due to the interregnum we did not hold a Christmas Eve service in 2024 which accounts for the lower figure.
- Parish figures include Helsinki and Espoo (Urdu language Congregation & Holy Trinity Anglican Church). Tampere is included in the electoral roll and baptism figures.