

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

England & Wales · Charity number 1055275

Details

Other names CHRISH CHURCH TRUST, CHRIST CHURCH BATH

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1996-05-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE A CHURCH OR CHAPEL IN BATH TO ENABLE PEOPLE TO ATTEND DIVINE SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RITES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Activities: Provide a church building and divine service according to the traditions and rites of the Church of England for the people around Julian Road, Bath.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bath And North East Somerset
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£168,161	£118,554	-	-
2023-12-31	£238,451	£172,035	-	-
2022-12-31	£127,427	£116,729	-	-
2021-12-31	£125,142	£130,338	-	-
2020-12-31	£148,705	£193,283	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID BISHOP	Chair	
Lord John Ambrose Cope of Berkeley		2025-06-26
Margaret Fisher Willans		2026-01-08
Nick Wells		2018-09-19
Oosman Tegally		2021-11-25
Rev TIMOTHY GLEGHORN		2017-02-16
SARAH SHEPPARD		
The Ven Charles Scott Peer		2024-09-01
Zoe Louise Bushell		2023-04-27

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Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 December 2024

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Trustees Annual Report

The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity No. 1055275

Principal Office

Christ Church

Julian Road

Bath

Somerset

BA1 2RH

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year and up the date of this report were as follows:

D. Bishop

Z. Bushell

J. Cope (Appointed 26 June 2025)

T. Gleghorn

J. Hesketh (Resigned 19 May 2025)

C.S. Peer (Appointed 1 September 2024)

S. Sheppard

H. Speakman (Appointed 25 July 2024, Resigned 9 May 2025)

S. Tatton-Brown (Resigned 26 June 2025)

O. Tegally

N. Wells

H. Wild (Resigned 7 March 2024)

A. Youings (ex officio,
Archdeacon of Bath) (Resigned 30 June 2024)

Priest-in-charge

Revd Lore Chumbley (until 18 February 2024)

Revd Heather Smith (from 4 February 2025)

Accountants

The Waldron Partnership Ltd

30 Circus Mews

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Christ Church is an independent proprietary chapel. The church is administered by the charitable Trust, the objective of which is to provide a church or chapel in Bath to enable people to attend divine services in accordance with the rites of the Church of England. The Trust has worked to meet this objective by employing its own clergy, ensuring that holy worship is conducted regularly, and maintaining the building in good order. Today Christ Church is a liberal and inclusive church, seeking God through beauty in our worship; honesty in our faith and doubt; and service in our community.

Despite our nominal independence, we are close to and very much part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells in the Church of England. To the congregation, Christ Church has the look and feel of any other Church of England church. Christ Church remains active in supporting both our Deanery and Diocese and considers it important to do so.

A regular cycle of public worship is maintained with the Eucharist celebrated on Thursdays and Sundays (and occasionally on other Feast or Saints' Days). There are Evensong services on the third Sundays and Contemplative Iona services on the fourth Sundays of each month.

We strive to be an inclusive and welcoming community in word and deed to all of God's people, irrespective of disability, age, social status, ethnicity, denominational background, mental or physical health, gender, identity, or sexuality. We especially seek to affirm and celebrate the gifts of those who have been marginalised and wounded by the church.

Public Benefit: The Trustees exercise their duties as the owners and custodians of the buildings forming part of the Christ Church Bath estate. The day-to-day responsibility for ordering the worship of Christ Church is exercised by the Priest-in-Charge with the Church Council, a group established for this purpose.

It is the view of the Trustees that the Charity complies with the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission, by providing buildings and open spaces for religious activities, facilities and services for the general public/mankind, with a particular focus on the needs of our local community.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

A full report of the activities in the last year is usually published each year in readiness for the Annual Church Meeting, usually held in May. In addition, the www.christchurchbath.org website provides further information, and services and other activities are promoted on our social media sites including Facebook and YouTube.

Junior Church

With an ever-changing cohort of children in church, we continue to do our best to support them and provide fun and inspiring learning opportunities about the Christian faith. We hope that we give them a chance to explore their own faith, and doubt, in a way that is meaningful to them. Highlights for us from this year have been our Nativity play, which was well-received, as always; apple picking day; and a Christmas film evening.

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Trustees Annual Report

Music

The choir has continued to gain new members, both adults and children, and the standard of music making is as high as ever. The major festival occasions were great events as usual, of course, but we also highlight the ongoing, week-by-week, work the choir does to enhance the worshipping life of the church. The Autumn concert series was a great success again this year and provided an opportunity to showcase our in-house talent.

Bell Ringing

We maintained our proud record of service ringing and our practices were mostly well attended. There were four quarter-peals, including one in February as a farewell to Lore. We welcomed visiting bands and enjoyed two half-day outings. The programme of teaching continues with multiple sessions per week.

Pilgrim Group

The Pilgrim Group continued to meet regularly in the Mews and early morning Zoom meetings were also held during Advent. It is an opportunity to develop our theological knowledge and to explore our faith, especially when living in such difficult times. During the year we read and explored a number of texts including *The City is my Monastery* by Richard Carter and *Being Human* by Rowan Williams.

Cedar Tree Café

We have continued welcome everyone to the Cedar Tree Café on Fridays. Our regular customers loved the chance to chat, share worries or celebrations and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere in the church.

Pastoral Care

We keep in touch with members of the church who no longer find it easy to attend in person or who worship online. During the year we hosted several special afternoon services followed by pastoral tea parties, giving people the chance to meet up with old friends and enjoy a chat over cream tea and homemade cakes.

Events and Concerts

We hosted a diverse range of events and concerts during 2024. These included performances by Cardiff Opera, Trowbridge Symphony Orchestra, and Bath Community Big Band with the South London Jazz Orchestra; book signings for Topping & Co Booksellers; and concerts as part of Bath Festival.

We view the hire of the church and Mews for external events as an important part of our outreach in the local community. We estimate that we welcome somewhere in the region of a thousand people into our building in this way every year, many of whom do not 'go to church' and some of whom are entering the sacred space of a church for the first time.

Property Maintenance

The usual important work to maintain the fabric of the church and other buildings continued. Examples of the have included repair of the wooden ventilators on the church roof; fixing leadwork on the church roof; weed removal outside the church and in the car park, including clearing a very overgrown area outside the crypt; repainting the white lines and fixing potholes in the car park; as well as a complete overhaul and redecoration of the Priest's office in the Lower Mews. Trustees prioritise works according to urgency, utilising guidance contained in the most recent Quinquennial inspection undertaken in 2023.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position

At 31 December 2024 the charity had net assets of £2,039,684 (2023: £2,109,228) and net current assets of £231,205 (2023: £174,808). The charity has sufficient funds to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

During 2024, trustees choose to create designated funds for major cyclical maintenance (e.g. replacement of the church roof) and to represent the book value of fixed assets. Restricted donations were also received during the year, with the expenditure of those funds occurring in early 2025. At the reporting date, £157,809 was held in unrestricted general funds (2023: £2,109,228), £1,870,259 in unrestricted designated funds (2023: nil), and £11,616 in restricted funds (2023: nil).

Review of Income and Expenditure

Income for the year ended 31 December 2024 was £168,161 and expenditure was £118,554, resulting in a surplus of £49,607 before net gains / losses on investments. This compares to income of £238,450 and expenditure of £172,035 in 2023, with a resultant surplus of £66,415, again before net gains / losses on investments.

Income from donations and legacies formed just over 40% of total income at £72,688 (2023: £144,734). Much of the decrease compared to 2023 is due to a significant legacy being received in the prior year. There was also a small decrease in planned giving to £52,309 (2023: £54,486).

Events continued to generate a useful income stream as well as bring new people into the building. The income from events stood at £3,899 (2023: £14,416). While the decrease in income compared to 2023 appears substantial, there were significant event costs (£7,127) to deduct in 2023 which was not the case in 2024.

Direct expenditure on charitable activities decreased by 27% to £49,624 (2023: £67,926). This was predominantly due to a decrease in salary costs while the Priest in Charge position was vacant from February onwards.

Support and governance costs, which within the accounts are apportioned between charitable activities and raising funds, increased slightly to £46,735 (2023: £38,257). Within this, repairs and maintenance of the church building increased by 48% to £23,406 (2023: £14,426). Expenditure in this area is highly variable depending on if/when significant works are required. This was offset by decreases in other areas such as printing and equipment purchases.

The investment properties generated rental income of £82,427, an increase of 20% on the previous year (2023: £68,566). This mostly relates to income generated from the Upper Mews, where the tenant moved into the property part way through 2023. It has also been possible to increase the rental charges for the Cottages in line with market rates.

The associated cost of managing the investment properties was £15,405 (2023: £48,289), leading to a net income of £67,022 (2023: £20,277). The high expenditure in 2023 related to one-off legal and professional costs incurred on setting up the lease for the new Upper Mews tenant and substantial repairs being required to the roof and kitchen floor of Cottage 1, whereas expenditure in 2024 consisted only of normal letting agent commission and day-to-day maintenance.

Reserves Policy

A new reserves policy was created during 2024, separating this from the investment policy. The target level of general unrestricted reserves is 6 months of average operating costs. The operating costs are to exclude depreciation, expenditure from restricted or designated funds, and any other exceptional costs.

At 31 December 2024 general unrestricted reserves were £157,809. This represents approximately 11 months of average expenditure. This is based on 2023 levels, since expenditure during 2024 was not representative of normal operating costs due to the absence of Priest in Charge salary costs from February onwards.

Reserves held therefore exceed the target level. Trustees have discussed this and are satisfied that there is reasonable justification for temporarily exceeding the target. There has been a year of unusually low expenditure during 2024 due to the absence of a Priest in Charge salary for most of the year, which has allowed reserves to build up. Higher expenditure will follow in 2025 with the new Priest in post, with the salary offered benchmarked to market rates. The higher level of reserves will provide a cushion while we adjust to the new expenditure levels. The reserves levels and policy will be reviewed again at the end of 2025.

Investment Review

The charity holds investment property and listed investments. The investment property consists of the two Christ Church Cottages, the Upper Mews and the church car park. The investment properties are held to earn rental income and for capital growth. All investments should be guided by the principles of the Church of England Ethical Investment Advisory Group.

At the reporting date the listed investments value was £38,220 (2023: £37,371). Listed investments are held in pooled funds offered by CCLA. During the year the investments increased in value by £849 (2023: £3,089). This all relates to unrealised gains / (losses) due to changes in the market value; there were no additions to or withdrawals from investments during the year. Income earned from dividends and interest was £6,718 (2023: £3,892).

The investment properties have been revalued at 31 December 2024. The Upper Mews value has decreased by £125,000 due to a downturn in the commercial property market since the last valuation in 2021. This is offset by small gains in value on the Cottages and CCLA investments, giving a total unrealised loss of £119,151 (2023: £3,088 gain).

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The position of Priest in Charge became vacant in February 2024 following the resignation of the Revd Lore Chumbley. A recruitment process took place during 2024, culminating in the appointment of Revd Heather Smith as the new Priest in Charge. Heather started in her new role after the end of the reporting period, in February 2025.

We therefore expect 2025 to be a transitional period as Heather establishes herself in post, builds an understanding of the current activities of the church, and sets her own priorities for how she would like to develop these in future.

We will also seek to complete planned works to the church building, such as installation of a safety rail on the roof and the next items in order of priority from the Quinquennial inspection, prior to the planned withdrawal of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (LPWGS) in March 2026 so that we can benefit from reclaiming the value of the VAT.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Funds Held in Connection with Christ Church in Bath is a charitable Trust, governed by a Trust Deed dated 6 May 1801.

The operation of the Deed is regulated by Standing Orders adopted by the trustees on 23 June 2020, drawn up in the light of Charity Commission guidelines. Appointment to the position of trustee at Christ Church is for a six-year term in accordance with the Policy for the Appointment of a New Trustee, with option to renew subject to the agreement of the other trustees. Trustees are responsible for appointing new trustees in event of vacancies. The Standing Orders also require that the trustees shall invite the Priest-in-Charge and churchwardens of Christ Church to attend meetings of the trustees. They may participate fully in the trustees' meetings but without the power to vote.

There are ten trustees including two ex officio members: the Rector of Walcot (in whose parish Christ Church sits geographically) and the Archdeacon of Bath.

Policies

The trustees have adopted the following policies:

For the Appointment of New Trustees

Conflict of Interest

Processing Personal Data

Safeguarding Policy

Safeguarding Procedures

Protection of Electronic and Written Data

Risk Policy and Register

Health & Safety

Reserves Policy

Investment Policy

Standing Orders

Trustees delegate responsibility for managing some aspects of the charity's operations to other groups and staff.

Christ Church Council is a group elected by and from the congregation. It meets around 8 times a year to manage the regular activities of the church community and to discuss wider topics about the future direction and vision for the church. It is normally chaired by the Priest-in-Charge, who together with two churchwardens, two Deanery Synod representatives and the curate (if one is in post) are ex officio members. Nine other members are elected by the Annual Church Meeting (ACM).

As far as is compatible with Christ Church's position as a proprietary chapel, the proceedings of Council and the ACM are guided by the Church Representation Rules. All those who attend church services and meet the qualifying criteria are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and thereby become eligible to attend and vote at the ACM and be eligible to be elected to Council.

The Priest-in-Charge is employed by the trustees and holds a key management position, with responsibility for worship, the spiritual life of the church, and pastoral matters. They are supported by the Ministry Group, which consists of licenced clergy, clergy in the Christ Church congregation who have PTO, any licenced Readers, the churchwardens, and a representative of Junior Church.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Z. Bushell', written in a cursive style.

Z. Bushell

Trustee

30 September 2025

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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30 September 2025

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	61,071	11,617	72,688	144,734
Charitable activities	4	2,429	-	2,429	6,822
Other trading activities	5	3,899	-	3,899	14,416
Investments	6	89,145	-	89,145	72,478
Total		156,544	11,617	168,161	238,450
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	17,712	-	17,712	59,062
Charitable activities	8	94,052	-	94,052	106,183
Other	9	6,790	-	6,790	6,790
Total		118,554	-	118,554	172,035
Net (losses)/gains on investments		(119,151)	-	(119,151)	3,088
Net (expenditure)/income	10	(81,161)	11,617	(69,544)	69,503
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income before other gains/(losses)		(81,161)	11,617	(69,544)	69,503
Other gains and losses					
Net movement in funds		(81,161)	11,617	(69,544)	69,503
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,109,228	-	2,109,228	2,039,725
Total funds carried forward		2,028,067	11,617	2,039,684	2,109,228

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2024

Charity No. 1055275		2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	90,259	97,049
Investments	14	1,718,220	1,837,371
		<u>1,808,479</u>	<u>1,934,420</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	15	10,045	3,790
Cash at bank and in hand		238,869	174,824
		<u>248,914</u>	<u>178,614</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	16	(17,709)	(3,806)
Net current assets		231,205	174,808
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,039,684</u>	<u>2,109,228</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>2,039,684</u>	<u>2,109,228</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>2,039,684</u></u>	<u><u>2,109,228</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	17		
Restricted income funds		11,617	-
		<u>11,617</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds	17		
General funds		157,808	2,109,228
Designated funds		1,870,259	-
		<u>2,028,067</u>	<u>2,109,228</u>
Reserves	17		
Total funds		<u><u>2,039,684</u></u>	<u><u>2,109,228</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 30 September 2025

And signed on their behalf by:



Z. Bushell

Trustee

30 September 2025

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.

Designated funds These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Revaluation funds These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.

Restricted funds These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income with related expenditure Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.

Donations and legacies Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.

Donated services and facilities These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment income This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Gains/(losses) on investment assets This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

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Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Fixed assets	25% straight line
Fixed assets - pipe organ	4% straight line

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period.

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred.

All exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

Leased assets

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in independently administered funds.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Notes to the Accounts

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	144,735	144,735
Charitable activities	6,822	6,822
Other trading activities	14,416	14,416
Investments	72,478	72,478
Total	<u>238,451</u>	<u>238,451</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	59,062	59,062
Charitable activities	106,183	106,183
Other	6,790	6,790
Total	<u>172,035</u>	<u>172,035</u>
Net gains on investments	3,088	3,088
Net income	<u>69,504</u>	<u>69,504</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	69,504	69,504
Other gains and losses:		
Net movement in funds	<u>69,504</u>	<u>69,504</u>
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>69,504</u></u>	<u><u>69,504</u></u>

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Legacies	-	-	-	76,217
Planned Giving	52,309	-	52,309	54,486
Donations	4,286	11,617	15,903	14,031
Grants	4,476	-	4,476	-
	<u>61,071</u>	<u>11,617</u>	<u>72,688</u>	<u>144,734</u>

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Sales	1,239	1,239	1,735
Service fees	1,100	1,100	4,997
Other	90	90	90
	<u>2,429</u>	<u>2,429</u>	<u>6,822</u>

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Venue hire	3,327	3,327	4,689
Events	572	572	9,727
	<u>3,899</u>	<u>3,899</u>	<u>14,416</u>

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Rental	82,427	82,427	68,586
Dividends and interest	6,718	6,718	3,892
	<u>89,145</u>	<u>89,145</u>	<u>72,478</u>

7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
<i>Fundraising trading costs</i>			
Events	-	-	7,127
<i>Investment management costs</i>			
Rental properties	15,405	15,405	48,289
<i>Support and governance costs</i>			
Utilities	444	444	703
Repairs and maintenance	1,155	1,155	1,375
Administration	631	631	1,450
Professional fees	77	77	118
	<u>17,712</u>	<u>17,712</u>	<u>59,062</u>

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8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Wages and staff costs	26,038	26,038	40,018
Church groups and activities	7,071	7,071	11,393
Diocesan contribution	16,515	16,515	16,515
<i>Support and governance costs</i>			
Utilities	8,547	8,547	7,374
Repairs and maintenance	22,251	22,251	14,426
Administration	12,155	12,155	15,219
Professional fees	1,475	1,475	1,238
	<u>94,052</u>	<u>94,052</u>	<u>106,183</u>

9 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Amortisation, depreciation, impairment, profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets	6,790	6,790	6,790
	<u>6,790</u>	<u>6,790</u>	<u>6,790</u>

10 Net (expenditure)/income before transfers

	2024	2023
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	6,790	6,790
Independent Examiner's fee	1,439	1,356

11 Trustee remuneration and expenses

One or more of the trustees has been paid expenses in the current or prior periods.

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Number of trustees paid expenses	2	2
The nature of the reimbursed expenses	Stationery and consumables	
	£	£
Total expenses reimbursed to trustees	376	32

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12 Staff costs

	2024	2023
Salaries and wages	18,081	34,826
	<u>18,081</u>	<u>34,826</u>

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average monthly number of full time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
	3	4
	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixed assets £	Total £
Cost or revaluation		
At 1 January 2024	199,004	199,004
At 31 December 2024	<u>199,004</u>	<u>199,004</u>
Depreciation and impairment		
At 1 January 2024	101,955	101,955
Depreciation charge for the year	6,790	6,790
At 31 December 2024	<u>108,745</u>	<u>108,745</u>
Net book values		
At 31 December 2024	<u>90,259</u>	<u>90,259</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>97,049</u>	<u>97,049</u>

14 Investments

	Freehold Investment Property £	Other investments - Listed £	Total £
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 January 2024	1,800,000	31,974	1,831,974
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>31,974</u>	<u>1,831,974</u>
Provisions and impairment			
At 1 January 2024	-	(5,397)	(5,397)
Revaluation	120,000	(849)	119,151
At 31 December 2024	<u>120,000</u>	<u>(6,246)</u>	<u>113,754</u>
Net book values			
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,680,000</u>	<u>38,220</u>	<u>1,718,220</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>37,371</u>	<u>1,837,371</u>

The freehold investment property consists of accommodation and a car park. The property was revalued as at 31 December 2024 by the Trustees, at fair value. The Trustees are of the opinion that the fair value has decreased by £120,000.

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15 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	10,045	3,790
	<u>10,045</u>	<u>3,790</u>

16 Creditors:
amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,666	(408)
Other taxes and social security	472	1,441
Other creditors	12,935	-
Accruals	2,636	2,773
	<u>17,709</u>	<u>3,806</u>

17 Movement in funds

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	Gross transfers £	At 31 December 2024 £
Restricted funds:					
Restricted income funds:					
Furniture	-	11,617	-	-	11,617
<i>Total</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,617</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,617</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	2,109,228	157,393	(118,554)	(1,990,259)	157,808
Designated funds:					
Cyclical maintenance	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
Fixed assets	-	(120,000)	-	1,890,259	1,770,259
<i>Total</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>(120,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,990,259</u>	<u>1,870,259</u>
Total funds	<u>2,109,228</u>	<u>49,010</u>	<u>(118,554)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,039,684</u>

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

Furniture: Restricted donations received to fund the purchase of four additional choir chairs and music desks. Donations were received in 2024 and the order placed with the supplier, but delivery of the goods took place after the year end, hence expenditure will be recognised in 2025.

Designated funds:

Cyclical Maintenance: Trustees have created a designated fund for cyclical maintenance. This is to be used for major items of maintenance of the fabric of the buildings which cannot be funded out of regular income.

Fixed Asset: Trustees have created a designated fund representing the book value of the tangible fixed assets and freehold investment property.

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	90,259	-	90,259
Investments	1,718,220	-	1,718,220
Net current assets	219,588	11,617	231,205
	<u>2,028,067</u>	<u>11,617</u>	<u>2,039,684</u>

19 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 January 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2024 £
Cash and cash equivalents	174,824	64,045	238,869
	<u>174,824</u>	<u>64,045</u>	<u>238,869</u>
Net debt	<u>174,824</u>	<u>64,045</u>	<u>238,869</u>

20 Related party disclosures

<i>Name of related party</i>	A Bishop
<i>Description of relationship between the parties</i>	father /son
<i>Description of transaction and general amounts involved</i>	repairs on church building and hall £430

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Statement of Cash flows

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net (expenditure)/income per Statement of Financial Activities	(69,544)	69,504
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	6,790	6,790
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(89,145)	(72,478)
(Increase)/Decrease in trade and other receivables	(6,255)	1,247
Increase/(Decrease) in trade and other payables	13,903	(3,107)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	<u>(144,251)</u>	<u>1,956</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	89,145	72,478
Net cash from investing activities	<u>89,145</u>	<u>72,478</u>
Net cash from financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(55,106)	74,434
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	174,824	103,479
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>119,718</u>	<u>177,913</u>
Components of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	238,869	174,824
	<u>238,869</u>	<u>174,824</u>

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Charity No. 1055275

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 December 2023

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Trustees Annual Report

The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity No. 1055275

Principal Office

Christ Church
Julian Road
Bath
Somerset
BA1 2RH

Trustees

The following trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

D. Bishop
Z. Bushell (Treasurer) (Appointed 27 April 2023)
T. Gleghorn (ex officio, Rector of Walcot)
J. Hesketh
S. Sheppard
S. Tatton-Brown (Secretary)
O. Tegally
C. Tilling (Resigned 27 April 2023)
N. Wells (Chair)
H. Wild (Resigned 7 March 2024)
A. Youngs (ex officio, Archdeacon of Bath)

Priest-in-charge

Revd Lore Chumbley (until 18.02.2024)

Accountants

The Waldron Partnership Ltd
30 Circus Mews
Bath
BA1 2PW

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Christ Church is an independent proprietary chapel. The church is administered by the charitable Trust, the objective of which is to provide a church or chapel in Bath to enable people to attend divine services in accordance with the rites of the Church of England. For 225 years the Trust has worked to meet this objective by employing its own clergy, ensuring that holy worship is conducted regularly, and maintaining the building in good order. Today Christ Church is a liberal and inclusive church, seeking God through beauty in our worship; honesty in our faith and doubt; and service in our community.

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Despite our nominal independence, we are close to and very much part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells in the Church of England. To the congregation, Christ Church has the look and feel of any other Church of England church. Christ Church remains active in supporting both our Deanery and Diocese and considers it important to do so.

Behind the scenes the Trustees, following the aims of the 1801 Trust deed, take on some of the responsibilities more normally associated with the Diocese (e.g. the Priest-in-Charge is employed and paid by the Trust), and of the churchwardens (e.g. ensuring the property is well-maintained).

A regular cycle of public worship is maintained with the Eucharist celebrated on Thursdays and Sundays (and occasionally on other Feast or Saints' Days). There are Evensong services on the third Sundays and Contemplative Iona services on the fourth Sundays of each month.

We strive to be an inclusive and welcoming community in word and deed to all of God's people, irrespective of disability, age, social status, ethnicity, denominational background, mental or physical health, gender, identity, or sexuality. We especially seek to affirm and celebrate the gifts of those who have been marginalised and wounded by the church.

Public Benefit: The Trustees exercise their duties as the owners and custodians of the buildings forming part of the Christ Church Bath estate. The day-to-day responsibility for ordering the worship of Christ Church is exercised by the Priest-in-Charge with the Church Council, a group established for this purpose.

It is the view of the Trustees that the Charity complies with the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission, by providing buildings and open spaces for religious activities, facilities and services for the general public/mankind, with a particular focus on the needs of our local community.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

A full report of the activities in the last year is usually published each year in readiness for the Annual Church Meeting, usually held in May. In addition, the www.christchurchbath.org website provides further information, and services and other activities are promoted on our social media sites including Facebook and YouTube.

225th Anniversary

During 2023 we celebrated the 225th anniversary of the consecration of Christ Church. We marked this with a Festal Eucharist on 5th November, being the Sunday falling nearest to the consecration date of 7th November. Bishop Ruth presided and preached at the service, with past clergy and congregation also attending to share in the celebration.

Junior Church

With an ever-changing cohort of children in church, we continue to do our best to support them and provide fun and inspiring learning opportunities about the Christian faith. We hope that we give them a chance to explore their own faith, and doubt, in a way that is meaningful to them. Highlights for us from this year have been our Nativity play, which was well-received, as always; a wonderful Christmas service (with a real donkey!), which was very well-attended, attracting lots of extra visitors; and apple picking day (even in the rain!).

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Music

For first time since Covid the choir having had a full year of “normal” singing. The choir is in very good shape, with new members joining, including new junior choir members, and with a high standard of singing being maintained. There have been the usual highlights around Christmas and Easter, while another special occasion to mention was the 225th anniversary service. Inspired by the words of the Te Deum, which are written around the walls of Christ Church, the choir sang the “Collegium Regale” setting of that text by Herbert Howells. This is a hard piece of music and it came off brilliantly.

Bell Ringing

We rang for every Sunday morning Eucharist in 2023; on other occasions as required; and, of course, there was the Coronation, with a record attendance that Saturday afternoon, including many new ringers in the “Ring For The King” campaign. We rang two quarter peals and there was an attempt for a full peal, to celebrate the 225th anniversary. On the actual day this was unsuccessful, to the regret of all, but the same band succeeded on a second try in January 2024. The teaching programme continues, with the simulator in constant use, especially for the “Open Sessions” on Thursday evenings, for new ringers and improvers.

Pilgrim Group

The Pilgrim Group, now ten years old, continued to meet regularly in the Mews. Over the last year we have been working on deepening our theological knowledge and faith, and widening our thinking. Out of Pilgrim has emerged early morning Zoom devotions throughout Advent and Lent, and this year we had a Pilgrim Agape service.

Cedar Tree Café

We have continued welcome everyone to the Cedar Tree Café on Fridays. Our regular customers loved the chance to chat, share worries or celebrations and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere in the church.

Pastoral Care

We keep in touch with members of the church who no longer find it easy to attend in person or who worship online. During the year we hosted several special afternoon services followed by pastoral tea parties, giving people the chance to meet up with old friends and enjoy a chat over cream tea and homemade cakes.

Events and Concerts

We hosted a diverse range of events and concerts during 2023. The church has been busier than ever with events including: 11 Topping book talks; 2 folk gigs; Party in the City as part of Bath Festival; various choir and orchestra concerts; a recital series with organ and chamber music. Amongst other things, the Lower Mews was used as a film location base for a film crew who were filming a TV series in and around the Queensberry Hotel. Along with the Bath Museum at Work we organised another Julian Road community event, which was a great success and raised funds for BEMSCA.

We view the hire of the church and Mews for external events as an important part of our outreach in the local community. We estimate that we welcome somewhere in the region of a thousand people into our building in this way every year, many of whom do not ‘go to church’ and some of whom are entering the sacred space of a church for the first time.

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Property Maintenance

The Quinquennial inspection, commissioned every five years from the church's Architect, was undertaken in 2023. The church was found to be 'in good condition' notwithstanding some important repair work identified principally to the roof, external masonry and gallery windows. Much of the urgent work on the roof and masonry commenced during 2023, with the remainder completed after the reporting period in the first half of 2024. This is an example of unglamorous but important work to keep the building safe and sound.

We have had tenancy changes in all three of our rental properties during the year. A replacement flat roof has been put onto part of the Mews and the main roof has been patch-repaired following a series of worrying water leaks. This may well need to be replaced within a couple of years and quotations have been sought to give us an idea of the likely costs. Significant repairs were made to the kitchen floor in Cottage 1, which also necessitated fitting new kitchen units. Some other interior redecoration was also undertaken at the same time while the cottage was vacant.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position

At 31st December 2023 the charity had net assets of £2,109,229 (2022: £2,039,725) and net current assets of £174,809 (2022: £101,604). This is all held in unrestricted general funds. The charity has sufficient funds to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

Review of Income and Expenditure

Income for the year ended 31st December 2023 was £238,451 and expenditure was £172,035, resulting in a surplus of £66,416 before net gains / losses on investments. This compares to income of £131,838 and expenditure of £116,730 in 2022, with a resultant surplus of £15,108, again before net gains / losses on investments.

Income from donations and legacies increased significantly to £144,735 (2022: £71,784). Within this total the main increases were in legacy income, thanks to a generous legacy from the estate of a church member, and donations, which included the results of the successful Time and Talents fundraising activities as well as some other major donations. There was a modest increase of 2% in planned giving to £54,486 (2022: £53,197).

Events and venue hire continued to generate a useful income stream, as well as bring new people into the building. This income stood at £14,416 (2022: £5,909), which included ticket sales from the successful Saltlines and Leveret gigs, as well as continued hires of the church by Toppings and other local groups.

Direct expenditure on charitable activities increased by 24% to £67,926 (2022: £54,644). There were several contributing factors, including a voluntary increase in Diocesan contributions of £1,500, the appointment of an organ scholar, and inflationary salary increases.

Support and governance costs, which within the accounts are apportioned between charitable activities and raising funds, decreased slightly to £41,903 (2022: £46,228). There were increases in some areas, such as utility costs, but these were offset by decreases in other areas such as repairs and maintenance.

The investment properties generated rental income of £68,586, an increase of 41% on the previous year (2022: £48,636). This is due to a combination of greater occupancy levels in 2023 and increases in rental charges in line with market rates.

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The associated cost of managing the investment properties was £48,289 (2022: £5,692), leading to a net income of £20,297 (2022: £42,994). The decrease in net income for 2023 relates to one-off legal and professional costs incurred on setting up the lease for the new Upper Mews tenant and substantial repairs being required to the roof and kitchen floor of Cottage 1.

Reserves Policy

The charity does not currently have a specific reserves policy, although target levels of cash and cash equivalents are considered as part of the investment policy. Trustees recognise the need to hold reserves to meet future major capital expenditure to maintain the fabric of the church building.

The investment policy sets a minimum cash holding in the current accounts of £25,000 to provide working capital for day-to-day operations. On top of this working capital, it then sets a target of £130,000 in cash and cash equivalents (money market funds, pooled equity or bond funds) as a reserve to fund major repairs and maintenance, giving a total minimum of £155,000.

As at the reporting date, the cash at bank was £174,824 and listed investments were valued at £37,371, making a total balance of £212,195 (2022: £103,479 cash, £34,282 listed investments; £137,761 total). The balance exceeds the target of £155,000. The increase from the prior year was largely due to the generous legacy received.

The investment policy is currently under review by trustees and consideration will be given to defining separate reserves and investment policies during 2024, to bring more clarity to the target levels of reserves and their purpose.

Investment Review

The charity holds investment property and listed investments. The investment property consists of the two Christ Church Cottages, the Upper Mews and the church car park. The investment properties are held to earn rental income and for capital growth.

There is an investment policy covering holdings of cash and listed investments. Of the investable resources, a maximum of 75% should be held in pooled funds and minimum of 25% in cash, money market or equivalent instruments. All investments should be guided by the principles of the Church of England Ethical Investment Advisory Group.

At the reporting date the listed investments value was £37,371 (2022: £34,282). Listed investments are held in pooled funds offered by CCLA. During the year the investments increased in value by £3,089 (2022: £4,410 decrease). This all relates to unrealised gains / (losses) due to changes in the market value; there were no additions to or withdrawals from investments during the year. Income earned from dividends and interest was £3,892 (2022: £1,781).

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The position of Priest-in-Charge has become vacant since the end of the reporting period following the resignation of the Revd Lore Chumbley, effective from February 2024. The immediate plan is to recruit a new Priest-in-Charge with the process taking place during 2024.

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A questionnaire circulated to the congregation in early 2024 as part of the process around recruiting the new Priest-in-Charge asked 'What would you like to see developed?' A number of people responded to this by saying we should keep doing what we do, as we are a distinctive Christian presence in Bath. Other themes that featured related to numeric growth of the congregation, with many people mentioning attracting more children, young people and students in particular. More outreach to our immediate neighbours on Julian Road and to other marginalised communities (building on what has already been done) were both seen as important. Less frequently mentioned, but still a clear theme was the need to maintain our existing community, and the need to be realistic about the number of activities that can be sustained. Several people mentioned that a lot of the church activity rests with quite a small number of busy people, and they too need nurturing.

These responses are not specific plans and are likely to need further thought, refinement and development once we have a new Priest-in-Charge in place.

Other important plans include tackling the next set of less urgent building maintenance items set out in the Quinquennial Inspection report, referred to above; reviewing our policies especially those relating to risk management and managing our finances appropriately to ensure value for money and maintaining our income at a time of economic difficulty for many.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Funds Held in Connection with Christ Church in Bath is a charitable Trust, governed by a Trust Deed dated 6 May 1801.

The operation of the Deed is regulated by Standing Orders adopted by the trustees on 23 June 2020, drawn up in the light of Charity Commission guidelines. Appointment to the position of trustee at Christ Church is for a six-year term in accordance with the Policy for the Appointment of a New Trustee, with option to renew subject to the agreement of the other trustees. Trustees are responsible for appointing new trustees in event of vacancies. The Standing Orders also require that the trustees shall invite the Priest-in-Charge and churchwardens of Christ Church to attend meetings of the trustees. They may participate fully in the trustees' meetings but without the power to vote.

There are ten trustees including two ex officio members: the Rector of Walcot (in whose parish Christ Church sits geographically) and the Archdeacon of Bath.

Policies

The trustees have adopted the following policies:

For the Appointment of New Trustees

Conflict of Interest

Processing Personal Data

Safeguarding Policy

Safeguarding Procedures

Protection of Electronic and Written Data

Risk Policy and Register

Health & Safety

Investment Policy

Standing Orders.

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Trustees delegate responsibility for managing some aspects of the charity's operations to other groups and staff.

Christ Church Council is a group elected by and from the congregation. It meets around 8 times a year to manage the regular activities of the church community and to discuss wider topics about the future direction and vision for the church. It is normally chaired by the Priest-in-Charge, who together with two churchwardens, two Deanery Synod representatives and the curate (if one is in post) are ex officio members. Nine other members are elected by the Annual Church Meeting (ACM).

As far as is compatible with Christ Church's position as a proprietary chapel, the proceedings of Council and the ACM are guided by the Church Representation Rules. All those who attend church services and meet the qualifying criteria are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and thereby become eligible to attend and vote at the ACM and be eligible to be elected to Council.

The Priest-in-Charge is employed by the trustees and holds a key management position, with responsibility for worship, the spiritual life of the church, and pastoral matters. They are supported by the Ministry Group, which consists of licenced clergy, clergy in the Christ Church congregation who have PTO, any licenced Readers, the churchwardens, and a representative of Junior Church.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Z. Bushell
Trustee
25 July 2024

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Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

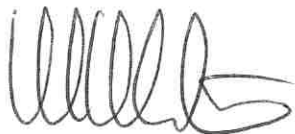
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Marco Andrew Martin FCCA
The Waldron Partnership Ltd
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25 July 2024

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income and endowments				
from:				
Donations and legacies	3	144,735	144,735	71,784
Charitable activities	4	6,822	6,822	3,728
Other trading activities	5	14,416	14,416	5,909
Investments	6	72,478	72,478	50,417
Total		238,451	238,451	131,838
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	7	59,062	59,062	12,203
Charitable activities	8	106,183	106,183	97,498
Other	9	6,790	6,790	7,029
Total		172,035	172,035	116,730
Net gains/(losses) on investments		3,088	3,088	(4,410)
Net income	10	69,504	69,504	10,698
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)		69,504	69,504	10,698
Other gains and losses				
Net movement in funds		69,504	69,504	10,698
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		2,039,725	2,039,725	2,029,027
Total funds carried forward		2,109,229	2,109,229	2,039,725

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2023

Charity No. 1055275

		2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	97,049	103,839
Investments	14	1,837,371	1,834,282
		<u>1,934,420</u>	<u>1,938,121</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	15	3,790	5,037
Cash at bank and in hand		174,824	103,479
		<u>178,614</u>	<u>108,516</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	16	<u>(3,805)</u>	<u>(6,912)</u>
Net current assets		174,809	101,604
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,109,229</u>	<u>2,039,725</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>2,109,229</u>	<u>2,039,725</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>2,109,229</u></u>	<u><u>2,039,725</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	17		
Unrestricted funds	17		
General funds		2,109,229	2,039,725
		<u>2,109,229</u>	<u>2,039,725</u>
Reserves	17		
Total funds		<u><u>2,109,229</u></u>	<u><u>2,039,725</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 25 July 2024

And signed on their behalf by:



Z. Bushell

Trustee

25 July 2024

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

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Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Support and Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Fixed assets	25% straight line
Fixed assets - pipe organ	4% straight line

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

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Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year as restated

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	71,784	71,784
Charitable activities	3,728	3,728
Other trading activities	5,909	5,909
Investments	50,417	50,417
Total	<u>131,838</u>	<u>131,838</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	12,203	12,203
Charitable activities	97,498	97,498
Other	7,029	7,029
Total	<u>116,730</u>	<u>116,730</u>
Net losses on investments	(4,410)	(4,410)
Net income	<u>10,698</u>	<u>10,698</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	10,698	10,698
Other gains and losses:		
Net movement in funds	<u>10,698</u>	<u>10,698</u>
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds brought forward	2,029,027	2,029,027
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>2,039,725</u></u>	<u><u>2,039,725</u></u>

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Notes to the Accounts

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Legacies	76,218	76,218	6,002
Planned Giving	54,486	54,486	53,197
Donations	14,031	14,031	4,006
Grants	-	-	8,579
	<u>144,735</u>	<u>144,735</u>	<u>71,784</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Sales	1,735	1,735	1,200
Service fees	4,997	4,997	2,528
Other	90	90	-
	<u>6,822</u>	<u>6,822</u>	<u>3,728</u>

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Venue hire	4,689	4,689	5,530
Events	9,727	9,727	379
	<u>14,416</u>	<u>14,416</u>	<u>5,909</u>

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Rental	68,586	68,586	48,636
Dividends and interest	3,892	3,892	1,781
	<u>72,478</u>	<u>72,478</u>	<u>50,417</u>

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Notes to the Accounts

7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
<i>Fundraising trading costs</i>			
Events	7,127	7,127	3,137
<i>Investment management costs</i>			
Rental properties	48,289	48,289	5,692
<i>Support and Governance costs</i>			
Utilities	703	703	549
Repairs and maintenance	1,375	1,375	1,568
Administration	1,450	1,450	834
Professional fees	118	118	423
	<u>59,062</u>	<u>59,062</u>	<u>12,203</u>

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Wages and staff costs	40,018	40,018	33,066
Church groups and activities	11,393	11,393	6,578
Diocesan contribution	16,515	16,515	15,000
<i>Support and Governance costs</i>			
Utilities	7,374	7,374	6,977
Repairs and maintenance	14,426	14,426	19,912
Administration	15,219	15,219	10,587
Professional fees	1,238	1,238	5,378
	<u>106,183</u>	<u>106,183</u>	<u>97,498</u>

9 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Amortisation, depreciation, impairment, profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets	6,790	6,790	7,029
	<u>6,790</u>	<u>6,790</u>	<u>7,029</u>

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10 Net income before transfers

	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	6,790	7,029
Independent Examiner's fee	1,356	1,860

11 Trustee remuneration and expenses

No trustees have been paid remuneration in the current or prior periods.

One or more of the trustees has been paid expenses in the current or prior periods.

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Number of trustees paid expenses	2	-
The nature of the reimbursed expenses	Stationery and consumables	
	£	£
Total expenses reimbursed to trustees	32	-

12 Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	34,826	30,106
	<u>34,826</u>	<u>30,106</u>

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average monthly number of full time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
	4	3
	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixed assets	Total
	£	£
Cost or revaluation		
At 1 January 2023	199,004	199,004
At 31 December 2023	<u>199,004</u>	<u>199,004</u>
Depreciation and impairment		
At 1 January 2023	95,165	95,165
Depreciation charge for the year	6,790	6,790
At 31 December 2023	<u>101,955</u>	<u>101,955</u>
Net book values		
At 31 December 2023	<u>97,049</u>	<u>97,049</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>103,839</u>	<u>103,839</u>

14 Investments

	Freehold Investment Property £	Other investments - Listed £	Total £
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 January 2023	1,800,000	31,974	1,831,974
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>31,974</u>	<u>1,831,974</u>
Provisions and impairment			
At 1 January 2023	-	(2,308)	(2,308)
Provided during the year	-	(3,089)	(3,089)
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,397)</u>	<u>(5,397)</u>
Net book values			
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>37,371</u>	<u>1,837,371</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>34,282</u>	<u>1,834,282</u>

The freehold investment property consists of accommodation and a car park. The property was revalued as at 31 December 2020 by the Trustees on an open market value for existing use basis. The Trustees are of the opinion that the market value has not changed as at 31 December 2023.

15 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	<u>3,790</u>	<u>5,037</u>
	<u>3,790</u>	<u>5,037</u>

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16 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	(408)	-
Other taxes and social security	1,441	-
Accruals	2,772	6,912
	<u>3,805</u>	<u>6,912</u>

17 Movement in funds

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses)	Resources expended	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:				
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	2,039,725	241,539	(172,035)	2,109,229
Total funds	<u>2,039,725</u>	<u>241,539</u>	<u>(172,035)</u>	<u>2,109,229</u>

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	£	£
Fixed assets	97,049	97,049
Investments	1,837,371	1,837,371
Net current assets	174,809	174,809
	<u>2,109,229</u>	<u>2,109,229</u>

19 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 January 2023	Cash flows	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	103,479	71,345	174,824
	<u>103,479</u>	<u>71,345</u>	<u>174,824</u>
Net debt	<u>103,479</u>	<u>71,345</u>	<u>174,824</u>

20 Related party disclosures

<i>Name of related party</i>	A Bishop
<i>Description of relationship between the parties</i>	father /son
<i>Description of transaction and general amounts involved</i>	repairs on investment properties £100

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Statement of Cash flows

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income per Statement of Financial Activities	69,504	10,698
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	6,790	7,029
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(72,478)	(46,719)
Decrease/(Increase) in trade and other receivables	1,247	(2,633)
Decrease in trade and other payables	(3,107)	(1,306)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>1,956</u>	<u>(32,931)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	72,478	46,719
Net cash from investing activities	<u>72,478</u>	<u>46,719</u>
Net cash from financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	74,434	13,788
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	103,479	85,281
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>177,913</u>	<u>99,069</u>
Components of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	174,824	103,479
	<u>174,824</u>	<u>103,479</u>

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CHRIST CHURCH, BATH
ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING
Sunday 14 May 2023, 11:15am,
Christ Church, Julian Road, Bath BA1 2RH

Agenda

1. Opening prayers
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the previous ACM (Sunday 8 May 2022)
4. Matters Arising
5. Remarks from the Priest-in-Charge
6. Reports
 - (i) Electoral Roll – changes in membership
 - (ii) Chair of Trustees
 - (iii) Financial Report for 2022
 - (iv) Deanery Synod
7. Elections and appointments
 - (i) Election of Churchwardens
 - (ii) Election of Deanery Synod Representatives – 2 to be elected
 - (iii) Elections to Church Council – to elect 4 members
 - (iv) Appointment of independent financial examiner
8. Any Other Business
9. Date of the next Annual Church Meeting
10. Closing prayers

Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting

Held on Sunday 8th May 2022 at 11.30 am

Chair: Revd Lore Chumbley, Priest-in-charge
Clerk: Emma Elliott
Present: 31 people

It was agreed by assent that Emma Elliott would take minutes at the meeting because the Secretary to the Trustees was unwell.

1. Opening Prayer

Lore opened the meeting with prayer and remembered especially Dawn Hooper, Margaret Silver, Jane Fletcher and Sharon Rawlings, who have died over the past year.

2. Apologies

Margaret White, Simon Tatton Brown, Kara Maylor, Robin Kerr and Sarah Kerr sent their apologies.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were adopted as a true accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Mark Elliott, seconded by Malcolm Wall. All votes in favour.

4. Matters Arising

Alex Soboslay asked for confirmation on what happened to the bequest made by Penny Edwards. Nick Wells reported that it was paid into general funds.

5. Remarks from the Priest in Charge

In addition to her report in the booklet Lore made some further remarks. Her spirits are raised now that we can come together again as a congregation because she remembers the time when we couldn't meet. Things have changed in the last year. We have lost people, some of whom have died, and others who have moved away. We have also welcomed new people, especially our Curate Kara (who is unable to be present at the meeting due to a diocesan training day).

She expressed her thanks to many people including

- our Trustees, especially to Nick Wells, who took over as Chair this year
- our Council, and Jonathan our lay chair
- our retired clergy team: Peter and Beryl Bowes, and Simon Tatton-Brown
- to all those who figure in the reports
- Angela our verger, who works behind the scenes to make things run smoothly
- Alex Soboslay for producing our magazine

On Sunday 18th September Bishop Michael will come to Christ Church to consecrate St Michael's Chapel.

6 Reports

6a Electoral Roll Report

The Electoral Roll report records 93 people on the roll as of April 24th 2022.

6b Chair of Trustees

Following on from the published report from the chair of trustees, there were no further questions raised. Lore expressed her thanks to all the time, effort, and attention to detail that the trustees give to the church.

6c Financial Report

Alex Soboslay asked for further clarification on the separation of the bank accounts. David Bishop responded:

There are three accounts in total. All three accounts fall under the Christ Church Financial Accounts.

- Bellringers
- Property
- General

A decision was made some years ago to better-define the church council duties and responsibilities. In line with this, it made sense for council to have control of a bank account for practical reasons. The council's treasurer can look after that account and pay bills etc. Since Richard Gabe took over as council treasurer, the regular freewill giving has been moved to the General account (instead of the property account) and this is the account that the council will have access to, in order to carry out their duties. The bellringers account is a separate small account that the bellringers have direct access to.

David made one further separate point of clarification, that the expenditure of £30,000 (under projects) includes some payments for the vestry roof.

Lore expressed gratitude to David Bishop and Richard Gabe. She reported that a letter had been received from the Archdeacon, thanking the church for maintaining its voluntary Parish Share payments to the diocese over the pandemic.

6d Deanery Synod

One small correction to the report was noted. The Deanery Synod meeting referenced in section 1.9 (on page 16) was in May 2021, not May 2022. There were no further questions to the Deanery Synod representatives. Brenda and Pauline were thanked for standing as reps.

7. Elections

7a Churchwardens

Janet Mahto was proposed by David Rawlings and seconded by Georgina Bowman.

Jane Nicholson was proposed by Sarah Cade and seconded by Clive Tilling.

There being no other nominations, Jane and Janet were elected unopposed as churchwardens and thanked for their continued service.

7b Church Council

Council rules state that if there is a "Casual Vacancy" on Council, and no general meeting will take place within 2 months, then the Council can elect someone to fill that post. Sharon Rawlings was a member of Council, and following her death, it was agreed that David Rawlings would be asked to take her place on the Council. However, the minutes of the Council, when the appointment was made, state that David was co-opted at this meeting, rather than elected, to fill the post. Ian Hay Davidson proposed that we affirm the action of the Council. All were in favour and therefore David remains appointed to Council until 2023.

There are three vacancies to fill, to stand until 2025.

Zi Ling (proposed Georgina Bowman, seconded Rebekah Cunningham)

Isaac Elliott (proposed Jenny Hesketh, seconded Zoe Bushell)
Lucy Humbert (Proposed Jane Nicholson, seconded Wilhelmina Ligt)

All three were duly elected.

7c Independent Financial Examiner

Waldron Partnership will be appointed as independent examiners for the forthcoming financial year. This was proposed by David Bishop and seconded by Oosman Tegally. All were in favour.

7d Approval for the inclusion of Lay Reader on Church Council

Lore asked for approval to include Mark Elliott as an ex-officio member of Council. This was proposed by Sylvia Ayers and seconded by Jane Nicholson. All were in favour.

8 AOB

i Letter of thanks to Bishop Ruth

Jonathan Stead proposed that a letter of thanks be drawn up and sent to Bishop Ruth, who has been standing in for the Bishop of Bath and Wells during his absence. All agreed that this was an excellent suggestion, and Jonathan kindly agreed to draft the letter.

ii West End

Ian Hay Davison asked when we can expect to begin work on the west end renovations, which includes the addition of a Donors' board for the bells. Lore reported that a faculty application has been lodged. As well as the west end changes, this faculty application also includes the donors' board and two new silver candlesticks for St Michael's Chapel.

iii Bell ringers

Ian Hay Davison reported that over the past year, 7 ringers have been lost, due to illness, retirement or death. Training of new ringers is being done by Maggie. New ringers are always welcome. Ian requested that Will Willans, the Tower Captain, be co-opted on to council. All were in favour and acknowledged the importance of this appointment.

Brenda Wall asked Ian to pass on our thanks to the ringers. It is always a joy to hear them ringing on Sunday mornings and they ring to a very high standard.

iv Flowers

Nick Wells thanked the flower arrangers for their service and reminded the congregation that new flower arrangers are always welcome. The current team is a small one and is looking to expand. The flower arranging at church is of a very high standard.

v Vote of thanks to Lore

Sylvia proposed a vote of thanks to Lore for all she does for us, and especially for her sermons. All agreed, and Lore received a lengthy round of applause and a standing ovation.

A date of 14 May 2023 has been set for our next AGM.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.59 am with the Grace.

REPORTS FOR 2022

1. Administrative reports

1.1 Electoral Roll

The number on the electoral roll as at April 2022 was 93.

Since then, four people have been removed from the register and nine added to it.

The count for 2023 is therefore 98.

If anyone else would like to be added to the roll, please ask one of the churchwardens or Judith Anderson for an application form.

Current members of the electoral roll whose address has changed since April 2022 should inform me of their updated details.

Judith Anderson

Data correct at time of writing (April 2023)

1.2 Report from the Priest-in-Charge

It is a great privilege to continue to serve you as priest in charge of Christ Church in this, our 225th anniversary year. As we look back over the past year we remember those we have lost, and in particular: Yvonne Morris, who with Donald served Christ Church faithfully for many years; Ian Hay Davison, who masterminded the installation of our bells; and our recent past chair of Trustees, Charles Rice. For each of them the Christ Church family responded to their death with glorious music, flowers arranged with love and sensitivity and the solemn ringing of bells. We are all mortal but Christ's church will continue, expectant, until his return and it is heartening that we have welcomed new people, young and old, into Christ Church this year.

During Holy Week of 2022, Kara our curate sang the exultet with a convincing clarity at our Easter vigil service. Covid restrictions lifted sufficiently for us to attend her priesting in June and join her as she presided at her first Communion service the next day. We marked the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in style with a regal tea party. The Lower Mews hosted two art exhibitions for Christ Church artists and a celebration of Ken and Sylvia's diamond wedding anniversary. When the sad announcement was made that her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had died, Christ Church responded. Within 30 minutes the doors were open, candles burning and music playing to welcome the community in for refecton and prayer.

And that I hope is the motif for the past year. Almost imperceptibly Christ Church has become a place to which people come. The Cedar Tree community cafe is thriving. Our Caribbean community celebrated not only Windrush Day, but also a new Caribbean community or "Caricom" service in Christ Church, and we will do so again this year. At Christmas we were proud to host an inclusive carol service jointly with St Stephen's, St Mary's Charlcombe and Oasis Church. Paul Bayes, retired bishop of Liverpool, spoke about the need for the church to model humility, lament

and genuine welcome. Around a hundred people attended and afterwards lingered over refreshments, touched to find they were truly welcome. Kara's walks with Barney the ministry dog at the University of Bath have encouraged students to discover Christ Church, and we are happy that some have made it their home church.

At the beginning of 2022 Christ Church Council discerned a calling to build bridges to those around us – to individuals, the local community and to local churches. The foundations were already in place and as Covid restrictions were lifted we have been able to build those bridges strengthening our partnerships. As we celebrate our 225th year we look forward to hosting community celebrations in Julian Road in partnership with The Museum of Bath at Work, St Mary's Roman Catholic Church and Burlington House, and welcoming local people into Christ Church – their church.

Revd Lore Chumbley

1.3 Report from the Curate

It is a joy being a Curate at Christ Church. The rich variety of liturgical celebrations together with the passionate approach towards our Church community and wider community has taught me so much. Highlights have been outings with the wonderful Cedar Tree community both to Sham Castle and City Farm together with our weekly walks in our beautiful city. On our walks we always make time to appreciate and pray for each other and situations and we have seen many prayers answered, and our relationships to God and each other go deeper.

Holy Week is a particular highlight with the wonderful father-son duo of Mark and Issac leading us in sung Compline, the community spirit of the Passover meal, then the solemnity of Good Friday culminating in the Easter Vigil at St.Mary's. Then the stunning sunrise service in the garden leading to the jubilation of our Easter Day celebrations.

Walking with the students at the University has been so fulfilling. Barney our ministry dog is a firm favourite and through this a number of them have been welcomed into our Christ Church family. We had the privilege of baptising Michael last year. In addition there is now an evening group specifically for the under-30s age group, the Lighthouse group. This is led admirably by our fabulous Carol. I was fortunate to have them all to my house for an Easter celebration. Two of the girls cooked us the most delicious curry.

I have loved becoming part of the St.Andrew's School community too. I lead assemblies a couple of times a term and am in once a week to coach netball for Year 5 and 6. We have our first match against Bathford in a couple of weeks.

My membership of the local ecumenical group Still Waters has led to many beautiful evenings in St.John's Within. Once a month, we share food, a creative hour (which can be a variety of things from craft to walking) and evening prayer. Any of you would always be welcome.

Being priested in the Abbey was a truly joyful day and I was thrilled that so many of you joined me. I was so honoured by the celebration you held for me and the way my family and friends were made to feel so welcome.

I have enjoyed learning to ring the bells although I am a slow learner and Maggie has been so patient with me. Hopefully by the end of my Curacy I will actually be able to join a Tower team!

Being involved in the church at the death of Her Majesty the Queen and the Coronation which is coming soon has been very interesting. The resources that the Anglican Church provided us so well illustrate the breadth of the institution of which I feel honoured to be a part.

The celebrations for our 225 birthday are of course still all to come. I am really looking forward to Lucy and I doing our “brunch and boogie” morning – i.e., brunch then a guided walk after church, in a couple of weeks. And am intrigued to see what will happen with our artist inspired workshop “the Net” in June. And that is only a tiny glimpse of the rest of the year.

Huge thanks to you all and of course most especially to Lore for being the most inspiring, wise, kind and encouraging Training Incumbent a person could have.

Revd Kara Maylor

1.4 Trustees

Christ Church, Bath

Charity No: 1055275

Trustees' Annual Report

2022-2023

List of Trustees

Chair:

Nick Wells (from 27.06.21, appointed 18.07.18)

Secretary:

Canon Simon Tatton-Brown (appointed 01.01.19)

Treasurer:

David Bishop (re-appointed 23.07.19)

The Ven Adrian Youings (*ex officio*, Archdeacon of Bath)

The Reverend Timothy Gleghorn (*ex officio*, Rector of Walcot)

Jenny Hesketh (appointed 28.11.19)

Sarah Sheppard (re-appointed 23.07.19)

Oosman Tegally (appointed 25.11.21)

Clive Tilling (re-appointed 23.07.19)

Hilary Wild (appointed 25.03.21)

Christ Church is governed by a Trust Deed dated 6 May 1801. The operation of the Deed is regulated by Standing Orders adopted by the Trustees on 23 June 2020, drawn up in the light of Charity Commission guidelines. Appointment to the position of trustee at Christ Church is for a six-year term in accordance with the Policy for the Appointment of a New Trustee, with option to renew subject to the agreement of the other trustees. Trustees are responsible for appointing new Trustees in event of vacancies. The Standing Orders also require that the trustees shall invite the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens of Christ Church to attend meetings of the trustees. They may participate fully in the trustees' meetings but without the power to vote.

Public Benefit: The trustees exercise their duties as the owners and custodians of the buildings forming part of the Christ Church Bath estate. The day-to-day responsibility for ordering the worship of Christ Church is exercised by the Priest-in-Charge with the Church Council. It is the view of the Trustees that the Charity complies with the guidance on public benefit as published by

the Charity Commission, by providing buildings and open spaces for religious activities, facilities and services for the general public/mankind.

Policies: The Trustees have adopted the following policies: For the Appointment of New Trustees (reviewed 09.03.23); Conflict of Interest (reviewed 08.09.22); Processing Personal Data (reviewed 08.09.22); Safeguarding (revised 28.04.22) Protection of Electronic and Written Data (08.09.22); Safeguarding Policy and Safeguarding Procedures (revised 09.03.23); Risk Policy and Register (reviewed 13.10.22); Health & Safety (adopted 19.01.23); Investment Policy (09.02.23); Standing Orders (reviewed 08.09.22). Reserves policy: It is the policy of the trustees to hold a cash reserve of at least £15,000.

Christ Church has complied with Safeguarding Procedures with regard to our responsibilities to children in the previous year.

Simon Tatton-Brown

1.5 Chair of Trustees

Trustees have continued to meet every six weeks or so throughout the year. Their focus continues to be the effective management of Christ Church's estate and finances to support both the ministry of the church and to maintain and update the fabric of its buildings.

Trustees' immediate aim is to build our financial resources at a time when costs are rising rapidly after several years of large transformational projects. In particular, we wish to ensure adequate reserves ahead of major maintenance of the main church roof, which is likely to arise in the longer term, and to provide a buffer for expenditure triggered by the imminent Quinquennial inspection.

Our income in 2022/23 was significantly reduced as a result of the long-term tenant in the Upper Mews leaving in August. A new commercial tenant has recently signed an eight-year lease and is expected to move in shortly. There has also been a change of tenancy in one of the Cottages albeit with only a short vacant period. The opportunity has been taken when negotiating with new tenants to raise rents to reflect current market rates.

A number of safety improvements have been made, or are in train. In particular, the staircase in the tower has been strengthened and approval sought for safety rails on the church roof.

Under our Architect's advice we continue to monitor the masonry crack beneath the Gallery North West window and to date, the movement appears historic. We have consulted a stained glass window specialist regarding refurbishment of the main Gallery windows and he has advised that limited repair is unlikely to be effective and that wholesale repair will require external scaffolding, significantly increasing the cost. Any programme in this regard is on hold pending the findings of the Quinquennial inspection. Trustees will then prioritise works according to urgency.

We were pleased to get Diocesan approval for the new bells simulator used for bellringer training.

Robin Kerr again undertook a host of repairs across the estate for which we are very grateful. Robin has installed insulation in the church and in one of the cottages thereby improving energy efficiency. David Bishop, as Treasurer, has been involved in all aspects of the Trust's business and

has spent many hours accordingly in our service. Simon Tatton Brown, as Secretary, has been central to the work the Trust continues to do to tighten our governance. Trustees now consider safeguarding and health & safety at every meeting and regular reports are provided on these matters. All the Trust's policies remain subject to annual review.

After many years' service as a Trustee, Clive Tilling is standing down and he leaves with our very best wishes for good health and happiness in his well-earned "retirement".

On behalf of Trustees, I thank Lore again for her work during the past year for the whole Christ Church community. We are also grateful for Kara's contribution and for that of our hardworking churchwardens. I pray that Christ Church will continue to grow both within our church building and outside it.

Nick Wells

Chair, Trustees of Christ Church Bath

1.6 Church Council

The Council met 5 times during the year under review and was able to move to virtual attendance rather than a hybrid of Zoom and in person. At the Annual Meeting on 8 May 2022 the congregation elected Zi Ling, Isaac Elliott and Lucy Humbert to the Council and they were warmly welcomed. In addition our Deanery Synod representatives, Pauline Swaby-Wallace and Brenda Wall, are valuable members.

At its first meeting the new Council re-elected Jonathan Stead as Lay Chair. A vote of appreciation was passed to the former members Virginia Knight, Georgina Bowman and Rebekah Cunningham for their service.

Council discussions followed regular reports on church activities from the Pastoral Care group, worship leaders and Deanery Synod as well from the Council Treasurer, Richard Gabe. Council thanked the Pastoral Care team for the quarterly Eucharist and tea for older members of the congregation and those whose who have moved away from our area. These events are much valued by the attendees. The monthly reflective Iona service has become established on our calendar and attracts a regular group.

The Council Treasurer kept Council up to date with the current financial situation and our need to raise our income through various streams but most important, through increased dedicated giving that enables the church to do longer term planning.

The 225th anniversary of Christ Church in 2023 provided Council with the opportunity to start developing a programme of events to celebrate the occasion. This would include a Time and Talent challenge, an Open Day, a ceilidh, and a festive Eucharist on the Sunday closest to the day of its dedication. A marketing leaflet was designed and agreed upon, and will be available for visitors to the church. This would be part of a general programme to raise the profile of Christ Church as many Bath residents do not know of its existence.

There were extensive discussions on the cost of energy in relation to the church usage but also in terms of the "warm spaces" project to provide a heated and safe space for local people during the

winter. The need to be as green as possible in energy choices was emphasised, in line with our commitment through the Eco-Church declaration.

Council is very appreciative of the tireless work of the Priest in Charge, Revd Lore Chumbley, the Curate, Revd Kara Maylor, and the Director of Music as well as all those involved in the many varied activities that make Christ Church such a dynamic and creative worshipping community.

Jonathan Stead

1.7 Safeguarding

I am happy to record that there have been no significant incidents regarding safeguarding since my 2022 report.

I have set up a dedicated email address christchbathsafeguarding@gmail.com to separate safeguarding correspondence from my personal email. Details of this and of the new Diocesan out-of-hours telephone number for safeguarding (0303 003 1111) are posted at the back of church. I look forward to the arrival of the church noticeboards, which will have a dedicated area for safeguarding notices: contact email addresses and phone numbers, our policy and procedures, and the posters about Modern Slavery and domestic abuse which we have been asked to display.

Since April 2023 I have arranged 8 DBS checks. The number of these checks has increased because more people require them, and now more frequently – every 3 years instead of every 5. As a result, arranging them, and fielding any resulting exchanges of email, is now taking up a larger part of the safeguarding role that was ever originally intended. With this in mind I propose that someone else should take over primary responsibility for DBS checks at Christ Church. I would remain available to assist with the checks if needed. Such a splitting of the safeguarding role is increasingly becoming the pattern in larger churches where there is no paid administrator.

I took part in the first online diocesan safeguarding forum, which I found moderately helpful, though sparsely attended. I hope to attend other such forums when time pressures permit.

Safeguarding is an important task which remains largely invisible and it has been proposed that we make it a theme for one Sunday. In fact, there was an official “Safeguarding Sunday” in 2022 but it was rather thoughtlessly placed on the Sunday before Advent, a busy one for many churches and especially so at Christ Church. This year it is on 19th November, which avoids that particular clash and might be a possibility.

Virginia Knight,

Safeguarding Officer

1.8 Treasurer’s report on the Financial Year to Dec 2022

The FY2021 accounts for Christ Church Bath were inspected by Waldrons and filed with the Charity Commission on time. The church’s finances remained healthy through 2022 with funds increasing by £18,000, reflecting a year without significant project or building maintenance expenditure.

Trust

Rent from carparking and from the two cottages continued as normal with only one month's rent lost from Cottage 1 due to a change of tenancy. In financial terms the most significant event of 2022 was BAMM's decision to close their business at the end of their ten-year lease on 2 August. A new tenant was found in late November who is currently moving in, but the vacancy has resulted in over 8 months of lost revenue, increased overheads and legal costs, resulting in a net loss to Christ Church funds in excess of £25,000.

The shortfall was offset by £8,500 of VAT recovered from the last bills of the East End project under the DCMS's Listed Places of Worship Scheme.

A generous legacy was received from the estate of a church member who died in 2022.

The Upper Mews vacancy led to the Trustees deferring their policy decision to build up Trust investments in preparation for future major building maintenance, such as the main church roof. This comes after a number of years of major project expenditure in the church. Necessary repairs to the Mews building roof and measures to improve church balcony security are already under discussion, and a quinquennial inspection by the church architect in April will further help define our medium-term commitments, facilitating longer-term planning and adherence to the Trust's investment policy.

Council

Freewill offerings from church members remained at a high level (over £50,000 including GiftAid recovery), with 95% now paid regularly by standing orders. This gives comparative assurance of regular month on month income which is a great help in managing the Council's budget.

Christ Church continues to build its reputation for hosting outside events. Concerts, talks, silent movie screenings, book signings and other events brought in over £6500 in 2022. Despite Toppings moving to larger premises better suited to their book signings, 13 such events were hosted at Christ Church during 2022 with others scheduled in 2023.

Internal events such as sales of artwork and jewellery raised almost £1500.

The church's £15,000 promised contribution to the Diocese was met in full, and this amount has been increased by 10% for 2023. Spending on wages rose in line with inflation, and Will Beech joined the payroll in October as Organ Scholar.

Despite the energy price hikes in 2022, spending on utilities remained in line with previous years as Christ Church's electricity and gas contract prices were fixed. These costs were mitigated by the Church of England's £750 energy grant, covering about 10% of spend. Both utilities contracts are both due for renegotiation in 2023, with higher prices appearing inevitable. Other church running costs remained broadly in line with previous years.

1.9 Deanery Synod

Challenging topics and issues have had to be faced and discussed at Deanery Synod meetings over the last few months, and the difficulties and challenging decisions that have to be made are by no means over yet.

The way ahead for the Deanery is seen as shaping a culture of prayerfulness, hospitality and innovation. Prayer is the cornerstone and direction for developing faith in the City and villages around Bath.

Hospitality has been defined as “looking for Christ in the other” and “being vulnerable to the other” so that they can see Christ in us, especially our neighbours of different faiths and none.

Innovation in the Deanery is going to mean taking risks, learning from the past and building on what is going to be fruitful in the future, where God is working amongst us.

It seems to me that Christ Church is already advanced on the path of prayer, innovation and hospitality and we can be pleased with what we already have achieved. Meeting and hearing from Pastors and ministers in other churches outside the CofE in Bath demonstrated a great longing for unity and strategy in mission in order to find the “lost souls of Bath”, to encourage one another as we move closer to the glory of God.

I have been elected to the DMPG – the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group – where some very painful issues have been faced head-on. Numbers of regular worshippers have been declining during the last ten years in Bath and the Diocese as a whole, and the pandemic had a profound effect on the Christian congregations of Bath: many worshippers simply did not return after lockdown was lifted. As a result the Church in Bath is running at a £1.25million deficit and there are few reserves.

The fact also is that Bath is “over-populated” with stipendiary clergy when compared with other parts of the diocese and the country as a whole. Changes in the way that the churches in Bath are staffed and run will have to be made over the next few years. The financially better off parishes are going to have to support the poorer “magnificat parishes”, and those parishes who have the luxury of being well provided for in terms of ordained ministry may have to lose some of it. Four stipendiary posts will have to go, probably through retirements of clergy, and lay people are going to have to be trained to help across the Deanery.

It is hoped that partnerships of churches and congregations will be forged so that resources are carefully and effectively used and the Church in Bath remains vibrant and continues to grow. We all have to be responsible stewards, working in faith and continually praying for God’s help. “Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire!”

Brenda Wall

2. Reports on Church activities

2.1 Bell ringing

We have had twelve uninterrupted months. I'd almost forgotten what that was like. Even against a background of “interesting times”, nationally and globally, there was a satisfaction I think we all shared, in getting back to the regular rhythm of practice and service ringing.

And, as they say, much more besides.

First, the Platinum Jubilee, for which the ringing was done by our most recent recruits and returners – Maggie's idea – more on this later. We tolled at the death of Her late Majesty – as it happened, within minutes of the announcement, which was picked up during a tied-bell session. We rang for the Proclamation in Bath of His Majesty King Charles III. We tolled again at the State Funeral.

Then we lost Ian, who had achieved what many thought was the impossible task of getting Christ Church “a proper ring of bells”; who in addition to countless other commitments served first as Tower Master, then as our Secretary and Treasurer; whose ebullient personality was an inspiration to us all. We rang, of course – as instructed, half-muffled before the funeral, “open” after, and getting the muffles off during the service was a bit of a challenge – but we coped – as Ian knew we would.

Meanwhile, the regular ringing has prospered, thanks to long-term regulars – also recent “returners”, among them David Guy, back after nearly forty years. And, Christ Church is fully involved in a national recruiting drive, looking forward to the Coronation – “Ring for the King”. Maggie is taking the lead in this, and reports:

With the advent of the simulator upgrade last year, there is much more potential for Christ Church to be known as a “teaching tower”. We can muffle all eight bells and use a laptop to simulate the sound of each bell in real time, so the neighbours are undisturbed and we have extra time for practising.

Over the last year we have had extra individual or group sessions in the tower on at least three days each week. This involves 12 novices, 2 new ringing teachers, and 7 more experienced people returning to ringing after a gap of some years. As well as those who call Christ Church their home tower, we have ringers from Bathampton, Keynsham, Bathwick, and the Abbey, as well as two new students from the University of Bath.

Ringing is not just for the Coronation, but we are looking forward to including as many of these friends as possible when Christ Church rings for King Charles III.

I think Ian would be proud of us.

*William Willans,
Tower Master*

2.2 Cedar Tree café

Cedar Tree continues to flourish. It is held every Friday from 11am to 1:30pm. The “regulars” enjoy their lunch and home-made cakes alongside the chance to sit and chat. Games of table-top Jenga are played with enormous enthusiasm, while some are helping make cards for sale in Christ Church or doing puzzles. Other folk see our sign outside on a Friday and drop in to see us. All are welcome to join in the friendly atmosphere and have a cup of coffee or tea – or something more substantial.

We should welcome more volunteers to help from time to time. Please contact Jenny Hesketh on 07966962444 or email jenny.hesketh@me.com if you could spare a few hours on a Friday.

Jenny Hesketh

2.3 Charitable giving

During the recent pandemic there was a general decline in charitable giving through the plate as fewer people attended church and also because many do not carry cash in this credit/debit card society. This did not improve in 2022 compared to the 2021 or pre-pandemic levels. Some members have been contributing to our charities through a direct gift to the charity in question either through a debit order to USPG or through Just Giving pages. This also means it is difficult to tally how much money the congregation of Christ Church has raised for a particular charity.

It was very heartening to see the congregation responding to the call for new charities to support – and to become their champion for the month in question.

Charitable donation through the plate in church is reflected below:

March - Church Housing Trust: £110.10

April - Open Doors: £263.70

May - USPG Malawi Project: £104.00

June - New Bridge Foundation: £86.01

July - Woodland Trust: £96.50

August - USPG Malawi Project: £141.80

September - (selected by the Youth Church) Boys in Mind: £418.15

October - Water Aid UK: £113.00

November - USPG Malawi Project: £205.70

December - Julian House/Genesis Trust: £69.30 each

January/February - Burlington House: £261.83

Total: £1,939.39 (excluding donations made directly to charities online or by debit orders)

All donations were made by individuals directly to the named charity. Special mention must be made of the Youth Church, who not only promoted their chosen charity from the lectern but also organised a very successful cake sale and a creative (and entertaining) quiz to guess “who was who” through baby photographs of members of the congregation.

Champions of the various charities pointed out that only a month per charity made it difficult to advertise the charity and raise awareness. As a result Council agreed to give each charity a two month period. As a result we will have 6 charities a year: USPG Malawi Project, Julian House/Genesis Trust and a charity chosen by the young people, and then 3 other charities selected each year. It was also agreed that local charities should be selected where possible so that the congregation could interact them personally.

We continue to welcome suggestions and comments from the congregation, and will re-assess the new arrangement at the end of the year. We also wish to thank the congregation for their faithful giving at a time when personal finances are tight and there are other calls on their resources.

Jonathan Stead

2.4 Choir and music

Looking back at the last three years' reports, it's a great pleasure to be writing this year about a year of growth and building up of the choir, and the wider musical life of the church, after the very difficult Covid years. Whilst in many ways Covid seems a long time ago now, I should note that at the time of the last report just a year ago we were still singing observing 2m distancing, and it wasn't until June 2022 that we moved the singers back to standing together properly as a choir.

Since then, I'm pleased to say that things have gone from strength to strength: we have had new members join the choir, including two more juniors, which is fantastic; the musical standard has become, if anything, I think higher than immediately pre-Covid; the choir stalls are regularly full on a Sunday morning (which was again not the case immediately pre-Covid). All-in-all, the choir is heading in a very positive direction. The Advent and Christmas carol services have of course been highlights as usual, but I'd also mention the Candlemas "Service of Light". We first held one of these in Feb 2020, just before everything stopped. I thought at the time how successful it was and that we should make it an annual event, which obviously wasn't to be. So being able, eventually, to hold another one three years later felt like another element of putting the pandemic properly behind us.

On a wider musical front, it's been great to be able to restart hosting concerts at Christ Church. The reordered east end now lends itself brilliantly to performances of all types, and we've had everything from a full symphony orchestra to a single folk-fiddle player performing in the space, with a couple of organ improvisations to silent movies on a big screen as well! The fact that it works so well liturgically, but also as a performance space for such diverse performances, proves what a huge success the reordering has been.

I'm grateful to all the people who contribute to producing the music at Christ Church. Everyone in the choir for their dedication, talent and support week by week. David Winters for his skilful, musical, and sensitive organ playing. Will Beach, whom we welcomed to the team as Organ Scholar in the Autumn – it's excellent to have him join us. And to Emma for her great work with our growing junior choir.

Finally, thank you to the congregation of Christ Church for wanting and supporting the choir and musicians. I continue to feel deeply privileged to be Director of Music in a place which so clearly appreciates the contribution we make to the worshipping life of the church.

2.5 Concerts and Events

2022 has been a busy year for both Christ Church and the Lower Mews and I'd like to thank all those who made themselves available to help where they could.

The Lower Mews was the space for such events as Julian House Day Centre. This ran on one day during the week to encourage those living on the streets to get a hot meal and hot drinks whilst giving an opportunity to benefit from counselling and medical care should individuals need it. Having started with a lot of enthusiasm it unfortunately closed its doors after only a few weeks.

The Lower Mews also was the ideal place to hold a baby massage course, a Bath Councillor surgery on Saturday mornings, a Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) parcel wrapping service just before Christmas and even a yoga session for a group on a "Hen" weekend.

A joint art exhibition run by Ling Zi and Colin Chumbley was also a great success.

Christ Church hosted Toppings events started in March 2022 with Michael Morpurgo and continued through the year until November, 13 events in all, and included such famous names as Ian Rankin, footballer Peter Crouch, David Dimbleby and Melvyn Bragg.

Friends of Palestine held a couple of talks during the year and Bath Festival included Christ Church as a venue in their opening night of the Festival, Party in the City. David Briggs gave an organ recital and David Bednall improvised on the organ while the silent film Nosferatu was shown.

Again Christ Church played host to Norland Nannies' carol service, and the Royal School of Church Music, RSCM, held a Friday evensong in the church as part of their weekend course.

The church has hosted a number of concerts including a first performance of Richard Gabe's Requiem, University of Bath Choral and Orchestral Society (ChaOS) as well as two folk concerts: Sam Sweeney and Owen Spafford & Louis Campbell.

There has been an amazing variety of usage of the Church and Lower Mews, which is good. It gets the name of Christ Church out there and the church benefits from the footfall. 2023 promises to be as diverse.

Live-streaming of services continues together with the occasional event where requested.

Jude Bishop

2.6 Hospitality

We are known as a welcoming and hospitable community and continue to celebrate after services such as Christ the King and the Christmas services. In fact we use any opportunity to socialise and celebrate and raise a glass where possible.

Let's continue this through 2023.

Thanks again to all the helpers, we couldn't do this without you!

Jude Bishop

2.7 Junior Church

The Junior Church continues to thrive, and we have two groups running on most Sundays. We have recently decided to adjust the groups, and moving forward will be running a creche and a group for older children. This seems to best-serve the needs of our children, with the limitations that we have on space and leaders. We have four regular leaders, as well as Kara, who is very supportive. She often helps with sessions and runs them from time to time. We are grateful for her support. We also thank Lore for her continued nurturing and support of the group.

Some highlights for us from this year have been:

- our Nativity play, which was well-received, as always. Thank you to Sarah J for her beautiful writing.
- child-focused services at Christmas and Easter.
- apple picking day – and our thanks go to Janet for hosting this event.

The Juniors raised a fantastic total of over £400 for their chosen charity in September, Boys in Mind. Thanks must go to all the congregation, who are so supportive of the children's efforts. We are delighted to be supporting the Spafford Children's Center this year and we have enjoyed finding out more about the work of the centre.

We were sad to say goodbye to our friends Akira and Misue earlier this year, as they returned to Japan, but we hope we can keep in touch with them and their family. We have been pleased to welcome some new children into the group over recent months.

It was a pleasure to hear some of the children read so beautifully at our Mothering Sunday service and on Palm Sunday. Also, look out for the children's offerings in the recently-launched Time and Talent initiative. When we look for opportunities for the children to be more involved in church life, we are always mindful that they are not performing seals! Any involvement must be genuine, must make them feel affirmed and valued, and must be meaningful for them.

Thank you to the members of the congregation who are so supportive of the children. Please continue to remember us in your prayers. Anyone interested in helping on an occasional or more regular basis should get in touch.

Emma Elliott

Recommended reading for anyone interested in children's ministry is *Beyond the Children's Corner - Creating a culture of welcome for all ages* by Margaret Pritchard Houston, Sandra Millar.

2.8 Pastoral Care Group

This group meets from time to time to ensure that we keep in touch with our community, particularly folk who may be finding it difficult to get to services or are known to be facing problems. Two or three times a year we have a special service in the afternoon, followed by tea in the Mews. Cream teas and homemade cakes are very popular!

Jenny Hesketh

2.9 Pilgrim Group

The Pilgrim Group has met in person in the Lower Mews on a fortnightly basis throughout 2022 (with a break for the summer) and after a Christmas break has continued into 2023. During the first half of the year the group studied the Old Testament book of Job, facilitated by Lore, which was stimulating and thought-provoking, engaging as it does with the perennial problem of suffering.

After the summer break we embarked on a study of one of St Paul's earliest (and longest) letters, 1 Corinthians, written to a recently established church struggling with many tricky problems as they explored the implications of their new-found faith. In addition to trying to understand the text and tease out the questions and answers it poses, we have also sought to draw lessons for ourselves in today's Christ Church in 21st century Bath. Several members of the group have contributed stimulating material to start the evening sessions, fuelling lively discussion. At present rates of progress it will certainly be after Easter before we get to the end of the letter!

Sessions have been well-attended throughout the year. Thought is now beginning to turn to "What next?" and the programme for the summer and autumn.

Beryl and Peter Bowes

2.10 St Andrew's School

As you probably know, I am a foundation governor at St Andrew's School. Long ago I was invited to take up this role to strengthen the link between the school and Christ Church. So Christ Church deserves to hear what has been going on over the last year.

To set the scene, the school has 231 children at present on its books. This number includes our thriving nursery. 39 of our children are currently receiving pupil premium funding. One major concern at present is how the school can best support those early years children badly affected by the isolation COVID caused. When they would normally have been practising playing and learning with others, the pandemic kept them apart. They have missed out on their critical social skills, and this will take a long time to repair. We are not clear what funding the government will provide in this unprecedented situation.

On quite another different note, Jayne Rochford-Smith our head teacher has been given time to share good practice for early years reading and writing across our Bath and Wells Multi-Academy Trust. In time this training package will extend beyond our Trust. We are very proud of Jayne's contribution to this project.

I am grateful for all the insights St Andrew's gives me and for the kindness it extends to me. It is a privilege to serve such an exceptional school.

Sarah Sheppard

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Charity No. 1055275

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 December 2022

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

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FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH
Trustees Annual Report

The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity No. 1055275

Trustees

The following trustees served during the year:

D. Bishop
T. Gleghorn
J. Hesketh
S. Sheppard
S. Tatton-Brown
O. Tegally
C. Tilling
N. Wells
H. Wild
A. Youings

Accountants

The Waldron Partnership Ltd
30 Circus Mews
Bath
BA1 2PW

Statement of trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



D. Bishop
Trustee
27 April 2023

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act'). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144(2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Marco Andrew Martin

FCCA

The Waldron Partnership Ltd

30 Circus Mews

Bath

BA1 2PW

27 April 2023

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income and endowments				
from:				
Donations and legacies	3	80,708	80,708	60,338
Investments	4	46,007	46,007	64,550
Other	5	712	712	254
Total		127,427	127,427	125,142
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	13,326	13,326	17,749
Charitable activities	7	49,222	49,222	50,850
Other	8	54,181	54,181	61,739
Total		116,729	116,729	130,338
Net gains on investments		-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	9	10,698	10,698	(5,196)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)		10,698	10,698	(5,196)
Other gains and losses				
Net movement in funds		10,698	10,698	(5,196)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		2,029,027	2,029,027	2,034,223
Total funds carried forward		2,039,725	2,039,725	2,029,027

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2022

Charity No. 1055275

		2022	2021
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	103,839	110,868
Investments	12	1,834,282	1,838,692
		<u>1,938,121</u>	<u>1,949,560</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	5,037	2,404
Cash at bank and in hand		103,479	85,281
		<u>108,516</u>	<u>87,685</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	14	(6,912)	(8,218)
Net current assets		101,604	79,467
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,039,725</u>	<u>2,029,027</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>2,039,725</u>	<u>2,029,027</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>2,039,725</u></u>	<u><u>2,029,027</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	15		
Unrestricted funds	15		
General funds		2,039,725	2,029,027
		<u>2,039,725</u>	<u>2,029,027</u>
Reserves	15		
Total funds		<u><u>2,039,725</u></u>	<u><u>2,029,027</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 27 April 2023

And signed on their behalf by:

D. Bishop
Trustee



27 April 2023

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Statement of Cash flows

for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) per Statement of Financial Activities	10,698	(5,196)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	7,029	7,029
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(46,719)	(64,804)
(Increase)/Decrease in trade and other receivables	(2,633)	3,284
(Decrease)/Increase in trade and other payables	(1,306)	8,218
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(32,931)</u>	<u>(51,469)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	46,719	64,804
Net cash from investing activities	<u>46,719</u>	<u>64,804</u>
Net cash from financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	13,788	13,335
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	85,281	76,631
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>99,069</u>	<u>89,966</u>
Components of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	103,479	85,281
	<u>103,479</u>	<u>85,281</u>

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Notes to the Accounts

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Fixed assets	25% straight line
Fixed assets - Pipe Organ	4% straight line

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Notes to the Accounts

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in independently administered funds.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	60,338	60,338
Investments	64,550	64,550
Other	254	254
Total	<u>125,142</u>	<u>125,142</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	17,749	17,749
Charitable activities	50,850	50,850
Other	61,739	61,739
Total	<u>130,338</u>	<u>130,338</u>
Net income	<u>(5,196)</u>	<u>(5,196)</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	(5,196)	(5,196)
Other gains and losses:		
Net movement in funds	<u>(5,196)</u>	<u>(5,196)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds brought forward	2,034,223	2,034,223
Total funds carried forward	<u>2,029,027</u>	<u>2,029,027</u>

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Notes to the Accounts

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Church - Collection	14,109	14,109	4,690
Planned Giving	45,328	45,328	34,210
Donations	603	603	3,934
Others	20,668	20,668	17,504
	<u>80,708</u>	<u>80,708</u>	<u>60,338</u>

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Rental	48,636	48,636	58,721
Gain/(loss) on investment Revaluation	(4,410)	(4,410)	4,685
Dividends and interest	1,781	1,781	1,144
	<u>46,007</u>	<u>46,007</u>	<u>64,550</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Bell Fund	712	712	254
	<u>712</u>	<u>712</u>	<u>254</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Choir subscriptions and Music	3,044	3,044	1,893
Other including events	4,590	4,590	452
Rental	5,692	5,692	15,404
	<u>13,326</u>	<u>13,326</u>	<u>17,749</u>

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Notes to the Accounts

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
		2022	2021
	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Wages	17,061	17,061	15,217
Premises cost	8,898	8,898	14,521
Administration	6,403	6,403	5,392
Parish Share	15,000	15,000	15,000
<i>Governance costs</i>			
Independent examination fees	1,860	1,860	720
	<u>49,222</u>	<u>49,222</u>	<u>50,850</u>

8 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
		2022	2021
	£	£	£
Church Repairs	25,496	25,496	34,386
Other expenditure	21,656	21,656	20,324
Depreciation of fixed assets	7,029	7,029	7,029
	<u>54,181</u>	<u>54,181</u>	<u>61,739</u>

9 Net income/(expenditure) before transfers

	2022	2021
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	7,029	7,029

10 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Notes to the Accounts

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixed assets	Total
	£	£
Cost or revaluation		
At 1 January 2022	199,004	199,004
At 31 December 2022	<u>199,004</u>	<u>199,004</u>
Depreciation and impairment		
At 1 January 2022	88,136	88,136
Depreciation charge for the year	7,029	7,029
At 31 December 2022	<u>95,165</u>	<u>95,165</u>
Net book values		
At 31 December 2022	<u>103,839</u>	<u>103,839</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>110,868</u>	<u>110,868</u>

12 Investments

	Freehold Investment Property £	Other investments - Listed £	Total £
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 January 2022	1,800,000	31,974	1,831,974
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>31,974</u>	<u>1,831,974</u>
Provisions and impairment			
At 1 January 2022	-	(6,718)	(6,718)
Revaluation	-	4,410	4,410
At 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,308)</u>	<u>(2,308)</u>
Net book values			
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>34,282</u>	<u>1,834,282</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>38,692</u>	<u>1,838,692</u>

The Freehold investment property consists of accommodation and a car park. The property was revalued as at 31 December 2020 by the Trustees on an open market value for existing use basis. The Trustees are of the opinion that the market value has not changed as at 31 December 2022.

13 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	5,037	2,404
	<u>5,037</u>	<u>2,404</u>

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Notes to the Accounts

14 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals	6,912	8,218
	<u>6,912</u>	<u>8,218</u>

15 Movement in funds

	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses)	Resources expended	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:				
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	2,029,027	127,427	(116,729)	2,039,725
Total funds	<u>2,029,027</u>	<u>127,427</u>	<u>(116,729)</u>	<u>2,039,725</u>

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	£	£
Fixed assets	103,839	103,839
Investments	1,834,282	1,834,282
Net current assets	101,604	101,604
	<u>2,039,725</u>	<u>2,039,725</u>

17 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 January 2022	Cash flows	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	85,281	18,198	103,479
	<u>85,281</u>	<u>18,198</u>	<u>103,479</u>
Net debt	<u>85,281</u>	<u>18,198</u>	<u>103,479</u>

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies			
Church - Collection	14,109	14,109	4,690
Planned Giving	45,328	45,328	34,210
Donations	603	603	3,934
Others	20,668	20,668	17,504
	<u>80,708</u>	<u>80,708</u>	<u>60,338</u>
Investments			
Rental	48,636	48,636	58,721
Gain/(loss) on investment	(4,410)	(4,410)	4,685
Revaluation	1,781	1,781	1,144
Dividends and interest	46,007	46,007	64,550
	<u>46,007</u>	<u>46,007</u>	<u>64,550</u>
Other			
Bell Fund	712	712	254
	<u>712</u>	<u>712</u>	<u>254</u>
Total income and endowments	127,427	127,427	125,142
Expenditure on:			
Costs of other activities			
Choir subscriptions and Music	3,044	3,044	1,893
Other including events	4,590	4,590	452
	<u>7,634</u>	<u>7,634</u>	<u>2,345</u>
Investment management costs			
Rental	5,692	5,692	15,404
	<u>5,692</u>	<u>5,692</u>	<u>15,404</u>
Total of expenditure on raising funds	13,326	13,326	17,749
Charitable activities			
Wages	17,061	17,061	15,217
Premises cost	8,898	8,898	14,521
Administration	6,403	6,403	5,392
Parish Share	15,000	15,000	15,000
	<u>47,362</u>	<u>47,362</u>	<u>50,130</u>
Governance costs			
Independent examination fees	1,860	1,860	720
	<u>1,860</u>	<u>1,860</u>	<u>720</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	49,222	49,222	50,850

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Other expenditure			
Church Repairs	25,496	25,496	34,386
Other expenditure	21,656	21,656	20,324
	<u>47,152</u>	<u>47,152</u>	<u>54,710</u>
General administrative costs			
Depreciation of Fixed assets	7,029	7,029	7,029
	<u>7,029</u>	<u>7,029</u>	<u>7,029</u>
Total of expenditure of other costs	54,181	54,181	61,739
Total expenditure	116,729	116,729	130,338
Net gains on investments	-	-	-
	<u>10,698</u>	<u>10,698</u>	<u>(5,196)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)			
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)	10,698	10,698	(5,196)
Other Gains	-	-	-
	<u>10,698</u>	<u>10,698</u>	<u>(5,196)</u>
Net movement in funds	10,698	10,698	(5,196)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	2,029,027	2,029,027	2,034,223
Total funds carried forward	<u>2,039,725</u>	<u>2,039,725</u>	<u>2,029,027</u>

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CHRIST CHURCH, BATH
ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING
Sunday 8 May 2022, 11:15am,
Christ Church, Julian Road, Bath BA1 2RH

Agenda

1. Opening prayers
 2. Apologies for absence
 3. Minutes of the previous ACM (Sunday 23 May 2021)
 4. Matters Arising
 5. Remarks from the Priest-in-Charge
 6. Reports
 - (i) Electoral Roll – changes in membership
 - (ii) Chair of Trustees
 - (iii) Financial Report for 2021
 - (iv) Deanery Synod
 7. Elections and appointments
 - (i) Election of Churchwardens
 - (ii) Elections to Church Council – to elect 4 members
 - (iii) Appointment of independent financial examiner
 - (iv) The meeting to approve the inclusion of licensed reader Mark Elliott on Christ Church Council.
 8. Any Other Business
 9. Date of the next Annual Church Meeting
 10. Closing prayers
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Minutes of the previous ACM

Minutes of the Christ Church Annual Meeting held on Sunday 23 May 2021 in the Church following the Eucharist

Chair: The Reverend Lore Chumbley, Priest-in-charge.
Clerk: Canon Simon Tatton-Brown, Secretary to the Trustees.
Present 39 people.

1. **Opening Prayers:** The Priest-in-charge welcomed everyone. She explained that the meeting again would need to be kept brief because of Coronavirus constraints and to this end all reports would be taken as read. The meeting also agreed to her request that the proceedings be recorded on audio.
After reading from I Corinthians 13, she led the meeting in prayer.
2. **Apologies for absence** were received from Keith Pigot, Rebecca Nicholson, and the Reverends Peter and Beryl Bowles.
3. **The Minutes of the Annual Meeting** held on Sunday 11 October 2020 were taken as read and approved without amendment.
4. **Matters Arising** (the numbers in brackets refer to the Minutes of 11.10.20):
 - 4.1 **Bellringers' Donor Board** (6.2): The Priest-in-charge said that the provision of the Donor Board was in hand, and is included in the current scheme for re-ordering the west end of the church building (which would require Faculty approval).
 - 4.2 **2020 Elections to Church Council:** The Priest-in-charge clarified the terms to which those elected will serve. Richard Gabe will serve until 2023, and Rebekah Cunningham until 2022.
5. **Remarks from the Priest-in-charge:** The Priest-in-charge said that she did not wish to add to her printed remarks in the Annual Meeting booklet. But she commented on how blessed Christ Church is in having so many members offering to serve, as evidenced by the need for an election to the Church Council this year.
She then expressed her thanks on behalf of the Church community to Charles Rice, who is stepping down as Chair of Trustees next month when he and Carol move away from Bath. She particularly noted his hard work in steering the re-ordering of the east end to a successful conclusion – the works are almost complete.
She informed the meeting that the Trustees had elected Nick Wells to succeed him.
6. **Reports**
 - 6.1 **Electoral Roll:** The Priest-in-charge stated that the Roll now stands at 93. She expressed her thanks to Judith Anderson for her work as Electoral Roll Officer.

- 6.2 **Chair of Trustees:** Charles Rice referred to the written Report. Virginia Knight asked about upgrading the church lighting. Charles Rice replied that this is in hand, a contract has been agreed, but the contractor is awaiting delivery of the light fittings which are delayed due to the Pandemic.
- 6.2 **Financial Report:** Alex Soboslay questioned whether it had been legal to apply the bequest of Penny Edwards to the costs of the new South Chapel, given that her bequest was for the upkeep of the Church. David Bishop (Trustees' Treasurer) clarified the situation, and the Financial Report was received. (See also 8.1, below.)
- 6.4 **Deanery Report:** There were no questions on the Report.

The Priest-in-charge thanked all who had contributed reports.

7 **Elections:**

- 7.1 **Churchwardens:** Janet Mahto was proposed by Sarah Jones, and seconded by Judith Bishop; Jane Nicholson was proposed by Sylvia Ayers and seconded by Ken Ayers. There being no further nominations they were elected unopposed.

- 7.2 **There were four Nominations to the Church Council:**
Judith Bishop, proposed by Mark Elliott and seconded by Richard Gabe;
Alex Soboslay, proposed by Sylvia Ayers and seconded by Jane Nicholson;
Jonathan Stead, proposed by Jane Nicholson and seconded by Judith Bishop;
Malcolm Wall, proposed by Lucinda Humbert and seconded by Rebekah Cunningham.

A secret ballot was then conducted (tellers: Virginia Knight, Simon Tatton-Brown) with the following results:

Judith Bishop received 32 votes;
Alex Soboslay received 15 votes;
Jonathan Stead received 34 votes;
Malcolm Wall received 30 votes.

Jonathan Stead, Judith Bishop and Malcolm Wall were duly returned to serve until 2024.

- 7.3 **Independent Examiner:** Robin Kerr proposed, and Ian Hay Davison seconded Chris Willow as the Independent Examiner for the current financial year.

8 **Any Other Business:**

- 8.1 **Penny Edwards' Bequest:** The meeting returned to item (6.2, above). Charles Rice, in a further answer to Alex Soboslay's question, said that the Bequest had been paid into the General Fund, from which the South Chapel restoration drew funds to finance the work. He said that the Trustees had felt it appropriate to memorialise Penny Edwards by associating the works with her Bequest, rather than letting her gift become 'lost' in the General Fund for the upkeep of the Church. However the bills had not yet been paid, and he said that the Trustees would reconsider their decision in the light of the point raised by Alex Soboslay's

question.

- 8.2 **Church Flowers:** Robin Kerr declared an interest in that his wife Sarah co-ordinates the flower arrangers, and said that the Flower Team needed new members to fill the gaps left by departing members. He added that they don't have to be women.
- 8.3 **Brenda Wall** returned to the question of Penny Edwards' Bequest, making the point that Penny was a woman of prayer, noting that the new Chapel was for prayer, and saying she was sure Penny would have supported her gift being used for it.
- 8.4 **Sylvia Ayers** moved a Vote of Thanks to the Reverend Lore Chumbley, not least for her leadership of the Church during the Pandemic. The meeting approved this Vote with prolonged applause.
- 8.5 **Alex Soboslay** reminded the meeting that under Church Representation Rules it is the responsibility of the Annual Church Meeting to agree the inclusion of Lay Readers on a PCC.
Alex Soboslay proposed Mark Elliott be included in Christ Church Council; seconded by Morny Davison.
Agreed nem com.
- 9 **Next Annual Church Meeting:** Sunday 8 May 2022, following the morning Eucharist.
10. **Closing Prayer:** The Priest-in-charge closed the meeting with the Prayer for Grace at 11.35am.

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1. Administrative Reports for 2020

This section contains reports corresponding to those required at an ordinary parish annual meeting. Other reports follow in section 2.

1.1 Electoral Roll

The number on the electoral roll as at April 2021 was 93.

Since then, three people have been removed from the register and three added to it.

The count for 2022 is therefore 93.

If anyone else would like to be added to the roll, please ask one of the churchwardens or Judith Anderson for an application form.

Data correct at time of writing (April 2022)

Judith Anderson

1.2 Report from the Priest-in-charge

2022 was a tumultuous year for all of us. As Covid 19 continued to cause concern locally, nationally and internationally, a year which began for us with the death of Prince Philip in April 2021 ended with a performance of Richard Gabe's dignified and moving Requiem in April 2022. Against that sombre background of death and remembrance Christ Church suffered the loss of Margaret Silver, Dawn Hooper, Jane Fletcher and Sharon Rawlings. We said goodbye to Charles Rice, our previous Chair of Trustees, and to Carol. Both were good neighbours and friends to Christ Church. But we were also heartened to welcome Nick Wells as our new chair of Trustees and Kara as our curate – accompanied by Barney, the irrepressible ministry dog.

Kara's enthusiastic and optimistic pioneering ministry is already having an effect in Christ Church and the local community as she leads prayer walks and expeditions, contributes to our children's ministry and takes her energy and charisma into St Andrew's School, where she teaches netball to an after-school group. We look towards Kara's priesting in the summer, after which she will also be a Eucharistic presence among us.

Christ Church's sense of being available to those who feel themselves at the margin of society encouraged us to organise the first "Living in Love and Faith" course in the Deanery. LLIF is a Church of England national course intended to promote discussion amongst clergy and laity as, yet again, the C of E ponders how it can ensure a welcome to those who do not identify as heterosexual and cisgender. We were particularly pleased that the Revd Canon Nigel Rawlinson, chaplain to the University of Bath, agreed to lead our course and did so with wisdom and skill. On completion we were able to post our responses and opinions on the LLF website for the National Church to note.

We were very grateful to receive the gift of a hand-embroidered linen altar cloth for our Communion table and two silver candlesticks for the St Michael Chapel. Our plans for reorganisation of noticeboards on the internal west wall of Christ Church are now on application to the DAC and we await their response.

As you will read elsewhere in this report, the choir, Pastoral Care group, charitable giving group and children's church have been led and nurtured with skill and care by church leaders, many of whom do not recognise themselves as "leaders." The hidden strength of Christ Church lies in those people who week by week come to worship, sing and pray and encourage others in hope and love through their faithful example. Through two difficult years you have continued to do so and it is because of you that Christ Church remains in good heart. I am confident that together in faith we will face whatever the future brings.

Revd Lore Chumbley

1.3 Report from the Curate

I have been fortunate to be a member of the Christ Church community since July 2021. As a Pioneer Curate my main remit is to “explore the local context, discern what God is doing and where he wants me to join in”. Of course, as part of my Curates training, I also have to learn how to serve the Church Family in a liturgical and pastoral way. Coming from a different church tradition the prospect of Christ Church as my Curacy home was both exciting and daunting. I am so thankful for the warm welcome I have received and the continued encouragement and support in my role.

The Cedar Tree Café is a regular fixture on a Friday morning. My dog Barney is now a much loved regular. As dogs are not normally allowed we had to get him designated as a “ministry dog”. Most weeks a group of us head off for a walk with him after the Café. We are exploring different areas of our beautiful city. We always take some time to stop and admire God’s wonderful creation and pray together. We have received a generous donation and are using this to organise a number of Cedar Tree Outings. Our first is at the end of this month. We will be visiting Sham Castle, and the Golf Club have said we can park there and have afternoon tea. We hope this will be the first of many. One of our visitors to the Cedar Tree has had an interest in bellringing for many years but was not confident to do this on her own. Maggie has kindly taken the two of us under her expert eye and we are building both a friendship and learning how to bell ring!

After our Cedar Tree walk I head up to the University Campus where myself and Barney are available to walk with the students or just let them have a cuddle with the dog. Many of them miss their pets and find him very comforting.

Since the beginning of 2022 I have been spending Thursday afternoon in our local primary school St. Andrews. I have been involved in assemblies including a day at St. Swithin’s taking the children through a series of stations exploring “The Easter Experience”. In addition I have spent time in different classrooms getting to know the staff and the children. After Easter I will be starting a much wanted netball club after school on a Thursday. My prayer through doing this is to get to know some of the families in a more personal way and maybe start a beginners running group with the parents after school drop off. One of the administrators has asked me to baptise one of her children, which is very exciting.

On alternative weeks to the Pilgrim Group I have started the Agape group. This is an informal group where we worship, pray and socialise together. We look at different aspects of church that interest us and discuss these.

Together with the Director of Youth for Christ we have begun a short time of Curated Silence twice a month on a Sunday evening. Our hope for this was that we would attract a number of youth from the local youth groups. We are praying that this will happen.

I was grateful to be invited to visit a local monastic group, Still Waters. I will be joining them for a retreat day on 14 May.

Most Sundays I have been fortunate to be invited to join in with the young people of Christ Church. They are a wonderful group and I have enjoyed getting to know them and their families. We are hoping to have some outside events in the warmer months, to which we hope they will bring their friends.

It has been an interesting first year of Curacy and I look forward to what God is going to do next. Heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the love, support and encouragement.

Kara Maylor

1.4 Trustees report

Christ Church, Bath
Charity No: 1055275

Trustees' Annual Report **2021-2022**

List of Trustees

Chair:	Charles Rice (resigned 27.06.21) Nick Wells (from 27.06.21, appointed 18.07.18)
Secretary:	Canon Simon Tatton-Brown (appointed 01.01.19)
Treasurer:	David Bishop (re-appointed 23.07.19) The Ven Adrian Youings (<i>ex officio</i> , Archdeacon of Bath) The Reverend Timothy Gleghorn (<i>ex officio</i> , Rector of Walcot) Jenny Hesketh (appointed 28.11.19) Sarah Sheppard (re-appointed 23.07.19) Oosman Tegally (appointed 25.11.21) Clive Tilling (re-appointed 23.07.19) Hilary Wild (appointed 25.03.21)

Christ Church is governed by a Trust Deed dated 6 May 1801. The operation of the Deed is regulated by Standing Orders adopted by the Trustees on 23 June 2020, drawn up in the light of Charity Commission guidelines. Appointment to the position of trustee at Christ Church is for a six-year term in accordance with the Policy for the Appointment of a New Trustee, with option to renew subject to the agreement of the other trustees. Trustees are responsible for appointing new Trustees in event of vacancies. The Standing Orders also require that the trustees shall invite the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens of Christ Church to attend meetings of the trustees. They may participate fully in the trustees' meetings but without the power to vote.

Public Benefit: The trustees exercise their duties as the owners and custodians of the buildings forming part of the Christ Church Bath estate. The day-to-day responsibility for ordering the worship of Christ Church is exercised by the Priest-in-Charge with the Church Council. It is the view of the Trustees that the Charity complies with the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission, by providing buildings and open spaces for religious activities, facilities and services for the general public/mankind.

Policies: The Trustees have adopted the following policies: For the Appointment of New Trustees (reviewed 07.04.22); Conflict of Interest (reviewed 17.05.21); Processing Personal Data (reviewed 02.09.21); Safeguarding (revised 28.04.22); Safeguarding Procedures (revised 28.04.22); Risk Policy and Register (reviewed 02.09.21); Health & Safety (adopted 13.01.22); Protection of Electronic and Written Data (13.01.22); Investment Policy (17.06.21); Standing Orders (reviewed 17.06.21). Reserves policy: It is the policy of the trustees to hold a cash reserve of at least £15,000.

Simon Tatton-Brown

1.5 Report from the Chair of Trustees

At the time of writing, Trustees have met 7 times since the last Annual Church Meeting. Their focus continues to be the management of Christ Church's estate and finances to support both the ministry of the church and to maintain and update the fabric of its buildings.

Major works during the year have included completion of the second phase of the East End project with installation of the side screen to the South Chapel; replacement of the lighting to the Lady Chapel and side aisles; replacement of the choir vestry roof; installation of central heating to the Lower Mews and subsequent redecoration of the Lower Mews meeting room; replacement of the heaters in Cottage 1; and investigation of the masonry crack beneath the North West window in the Gallery. Much of this was put in train by Charles Rice, our former Chair, before he moved away from Bath. Charles worked closely on these projects with David Bishop and Robin Kerr, and we are extremely grateful to Charles for all he did as Chair, not least in driving forward the extensive East End project and the organ refurbishment. He is much missed.

Trustees' current focus is on rebuilding our financial resources after years of transformational major projects. In particular we wish to ensure adequate reserves ahead of major maintenance of the main church roof, which is likely to arise in the longer term, and to provide a buffer for any unforeseen expenditure triggered by the next Quinquennial inspection, due within the next twelve months.

Under our Architect's advice we will tackle the masonry crack beneath the Gallery North West window and continue the rolling programme of refurbishment of the main Gallery windows as well as looking into what can be done to improve access to the ringing chamber from the Gallery.

Trustees are aware of their ecological responsibilities and are working closely with the Eco Group to explore practical ways in which we can reduce the estate's carbon emissions, recognising this may lead to additional upfront costs.

Robin Kerr redecorated the Lower Mews meeting room and undertook a host of minor repairs across the estate for which we are very grateful. David Bishop, as Treasurer, has been involved in all aspects of the Trust's business and has spent many hours accordingly in our service. Simon Tatton Brown, as Secretary, has been central to the work the Trust has done to further improve the way it governs itself. Significant improvements this year include approving a formal Health & Safety policy. All policies remain subject to annual review. We welcomed Oosman Tegally as a Trustee during the year, filling the vacancy created by Charles Rice's departure.

On behalf of Trustees, I thank Lore for all her work during the past year, for us and for the wider Christ Church community. It has been good to see new faces in church and as Covid restrictions ease I am sure that Christ Church will continue to grow in church life both within our church building and outside it.

Nick Wells

1.6 Church Council

Council met six times on Zoom or in mixed format for the period under review with a high attendance in spite of the difficulties posed by the pandemic. Council also met for an away-day workshop at the Ammerdown Conference Centre on 6 November. At the 2021 Annual Meeting Sharon Rawlings and Zoe Bushell were re-elected to Council, while Richard Gabe and Rebekah Cunningham filled the remaining vacancies. Brenda Wall and Pauline Swaby-Wallace joined as our Deanery Synod representatives. Council was pleased to welcome Kara Maylor, the new curate, to Council as an ex-officio member.

At its first meeting on 29 June Council re-elected Jonathan Stead as Lay Chair. During the year Richard Gabe took over as Treasurer to Council from Georgina Bowman, who has agreed to be church archivist. Council expressed its gratitude to both of them for handling these important portfolios. The tragic death of Sharon Rawlings robbed Council of a valuable voice and she will be sorely missed. David Rawlings was co-opted as a member for the rest of the current Council term.

The changing Government and Church of England rules and guidelines on Covid meant that throughout the year Council dealt with a number of issues relating to the important question of on-site and online worship. Council erred on the side of caution in this regard given the number of elderly and vulnerable people in the congregation but services have been gradually opened up.

Council dealt with a range of practical issues relating to the church building including the decluttering of surplus furniture and the re-ordering of the west end including the installation of the bells donor board, all of which were thoroughly investigated and debated. The need for an attractive and welcoming entrance and foyer to the church was stressed and that the west wall should reflect both our rich history (previous priests-in-charge and donors) as well as information of interest to current members and visitors.

Council was pleased to receive regular reports on existing church worship including the new monthly Sunday afternoon Iona services led by the laity as well as the Sunday evening silent reflection led by the curate. Council expressed its sincere thanks to Mark Elliott and the people handling the video recordings for all their additional burden caused by the requirements of the dual medium services.

In addition to the key matter of worship, Council now receives reports from the Eco Church and Pastoral Care groups at each meeting. The Eco Church initiative has developed substantially over the year and Rebekah Cunningham is to be thanked for her leadership of this project. Equally the much-valued Pastoral Care Seniors Teas, combined with a Eucharist, were warmly welcomed. Council also receives regular reports from our Deanery Synod representatives on the work and vision of our deanery in Bath.

At its away day in November 2021 the group looked at progress over the last few years and highlighted successes that were worth celebrating and difficulties that also occurred. As the group pondered the Christ Church vision and mission statement, opportunities were discussed and these involved building new and renewing existing bridges – among the congregation, in our Julian Road community, with the other inclusive churches in Bath, and within the Deanery and Diocese.

Jonathan Stead

1.7 Safeguarding

Since my report to the last AGM, I have processed seven DBS checks. I expect to organise checks for four more people in the near future. These checks will now need to be repeated every three years, rather than every five.

I have now completed the Diocesan course for parish safeguarding officers. More recently I completed the Church of England's e-learning module on Safer Recruitment.

I intend to make sure that there is designated space for safeguarding notices when the new West end noticeboards are set up, so that they are not mostly obscured as they are at present. I do however feel confident that anything which needs to be reported to me will reach me. While we are a small enough congregation that it is possible to know who everyone is, there is an increasing amount of activity centred on the church (a welcome development), which means more possibilities for safeguarding breaches.

It is proposed to set up an occasional forum where safeguarding officers can discuss non-confidential matters with one another and with the diocesan safeguarding office. This provides some contact with one's peers in what can otherwise be a very isolated role, which necessitates dealing with both actual incidents with their practical and emotional demands, and an increasing administrative workload. I observe that at least one other Diocese is now splitting the role in two.

Virginia Knight

1.8 Treasurer's report for financial year 2021

COUNCIL

Richard Gabe replaced Georgina Bowman as Council Treasurer in September 2021, enabling Georgina to concentrate on church history. Thanks are due to her for her involvement over recent years.

Council's income from regular freewill giving to the church in 2021 (collections and standing orders) amounted to £39,000. GiftAid is recovered on all qualifying income. Historically this was done annually in arrears but is now being claimed on a quarterly basis to give Council a smoother income flow, as a result of which the GiftAid income in 2021 was rather higher than normal at £16,000. Together with £5,000 of other income (fees for use of church, income from outside events etc.) this brought the council's income to £60,000. Equivalent figures for 2020 were £37,000 given and £9,000 GiftAid (total £46,000) and £8,000 other income, the main differences for 2021 being the additional £7,000 Catch-up GiftAid and the absence of the 2020 Time and Talent programme.

The fall in income from outside events (mostly Topping book-signings) was inevitably because of Covid restrictions but also because of Topping's move to larger premises, enabling them to host more events in-house. The completion of the East End reordering is expected to lead to increased secular use in the future.

Council outgoings totalled £48,000, including a final payment made to the Diocese in January 2022, bringing the total paid to the Common Fund to £15,000, an effort marked by a letter from the Archdeacon “thanking you all so much for your continued voluntary contribution to the Common Fund in the Diocese this year. We are very aware of the massive impact that Covid has had on churches, not least financially, over the last 2 years. So we are really grateful for your continued commitment and pray for God’s blessing on all you are doing in His name”.

Utilities (mostly heating and lighting) amounted to £7,000, a figure which is expected to escalate in 2022.

Rationalisation of accounts in 2021 has enabled Council to operate a separate bank account since January 2022, adding greater clarity to future accounting procedures. Thanks are due to those who quickly changed their standing orders over to the new account.

Chris Willows retired as Independent Examiner during 2021 and the Trustees appointed The Waldron Partnership Ltd as Independent Examiner for one year.

TRUST

The Trust’s income and expenditure continued through 2021 with few changes. Short term rent relief was given to two of the lessees who were experiencing cashflow difficulties through Covid, but the year’s income overall remained close to target at £60,000, excluding a legacy of £500 and East End project donations of £3,000. Other than major project expenditure some £24,000 was spent on regular outgoings and £15,000 on exceptional property maintenance (Lower Mews C/H and new heating in Cottage 1). Robin Kerr’s generous offer of his time and talent enabled redecoration to be completed at minimal cost. FY2022 will see greater emphasis on church building maintenance in line with the quinquennial plan.

PROJECTS

Final payments for the main East End project and the north-facing screen of the St Michael chapel were completed, totalling £30,000, with only minor detail (additional carved oak bosses on the columns) outstanding, for which funding is already in place.

The re-roofing of the choir vestry, originally scheduled for 2022, was brought forward to 2021 at the builder’s request, enabling us to take advantage of an offered discount and favourable payment terms to suit the Trust’s cashflow. The opportunity was also taken to better insulate that part of the building.

David Bishop, Trustees Treasurer / Richard Gabe, Council Treasurer

1.9 Deanery Synod

Christ Church’s Deanery Synod representatives are Pauline Swaby-Wallace and Brenda Wall. Deanery Synod has continued to meet throughout the pandemic whether by Zoom or in person. In the past year we had a combination of virtual and face-to-face meetings.

Our May 2021 meeting was a virtual meeting led by Revd Canon Patrick Whitworth, who reflected on the difficulties and losses of the lockdown and also the new challenges facing local churches in

the process of coming out of lockdown. Recalling the challenges and opportunities of the Israelites' exile in Egypt, local churches were encouraged to "Come out of Exile" with confidence and hope.

September 2021 found us in the church of St Michael's Without in person as, following on from the virtual May meeting, we joyfully interacted with old friends and new faces. We shared our own particular experiences of the pandemic and of re-opening our churches and restarting face-to-face worship and activities. It was an optimistic meeting with a sense of hope that we can use the experiences of the past two years to deepen relationships between churches and break down stereotypes, working across different parishes and traditions.

In January 2022 we met in the University of Bath to hear different local perspective on Bath becoming a "sustainable" city. Eco-reps from parishes throughout the deanery shared local "living sustainably" news.

Throughout the year Deanery Synod has encouraged the "Living in Love and Faith" process. This culminated in a Deanery-wide LLF course in Bath Abbey in the early part of 2022.

Pauline Swaby-Wallace and Brenda Wall

2. Reports on Church Activities

2.1 Bell ringing

This time last year, I was hoping we might ring for Easter. We didn't – but at last, on Pentecost, we were back, to be greeted by Lore with very kind words, and a card – and champagne.

However, it was a limited return. Six ringers, only; for a limited period of time, only; on Sundays, only; those were the rules until July, when we were able to hold our first Saturday morning practice. With coffee in church afterwards – back to "normal"? Not really. We had lost ringers, for one reason or another, while Barry Quintin, our dear Assistant Steeplekeeper, was terminally ill with cancer, and died in September. But we persevered; ringers from other towers helped; we've been blessed with two "returners"; and now we often ring eight for services.

Which is well and good. But more ringers are needed – everywhere – and Maggie Willans, who has qualified as a member of the Association of Ringing Teachers, is running teaching sessions at Christ Church every week; not just for our benefit but for learners at other churches. If you've ever thought of learning to ring – or returning – now is the time.

And as I write this, I look forward to ringing for Easter.

William Willans

2.2 Cedar Tree café

The Cedar Tree café opened again on 30th July after the Covid lockdown. Since then we have been open every Friday with a "full house" – many original customers as well as newcomers.

The menu has remained basically as before. We aim to purchase FairTrade and organic goods wherever possible. Our waste is also disposed of according to Eco guidelines.

The number of customers each week has increased significantly, and also the number of Cedar Tree helpers. A special thank-you to Angela for being there every week to get things ready for us.

New activities include jigsaw puzzles and games – Tumbling Tower is a great favourite. Our thanks also go to Kara, who joins us each week, usually with her dog Barney. Weather permitting, lunchtime ends with a walk in the park.

If you are passing by on a Friday, please do drop in and join us!

Janet Mahto

2.3 Charities of the Month

Christ Church has for several years followed a system of supporting a different charity every month, with cash collections on the second and fourth Sundays of each month to raise money for that month's chosen charity. We also invite people to use the option of making online donations. Our cash collections go straight to the charity concerned and are not included in our financial report. While we all have our individual commitments to charitable giving, it is good to give corporately and feel as a church community that we are working together to support those in need.

USPG's project in Malawi is supported quarterly, Genesis Trust and Julian House every December, and a changing selection of other charities through the rest of the year. We welcome suggestions from members of the congregation and have valued the children's and young people's suggestions for the last couple of years. They are always very active and creative in their fundraising efforts and raise impressive totals! We aim to support a mixture of local, national and international charities, both Christian and secular.

Increasingly since the onset of the Covid pandemic it seems that people have tended to carry less cash in general life and make more card transactions, and this seems to have affected our cash donations in church too. Unfortunately we are often unable to find a total for online donations, other than from USPG and sites such as Justgiving, and this is reflected in the figures below.

The charities supported over the year April 2021 to March 2022 are as follows, with the sums given referring to what it was possible to identify; cash donations unless otherwise stated.

April 2021	Spafford Children's Centre	£238.00
May	USPG/Malawi	£129.10 cash
June	BEMSCA (Bath Ethnic Minorities Senior Citizens' Association)	£196.00
July	Christians against Poverty	£155.00
August	USPG/Malawi	£124.20 cash
September	Save the Children – cash, fundraising efforts and via Justgiving	£927.68

October	Just Footprints – cash and via Justgiving	£572.90
November	USPG/Malawi	£163.16 cash
December	Julian House and Genesis Trust (divided equally)	£343.30
January 2022	Bath Welcomes Refugees	£118.00
February	USPG/Malawi	£69.06 cash
March	Church Housing Trust	£110.10
Total	Cash collections plus Justgiving as above	£3,146.50
	PLUS direct donations to USPG from Christ Church members	£1,050.00
	Grand Total	£4,196.50

Rebekah Cunningham

2.4 Choir and Music

The last year has obviously been another strange and difficult one for the choir, and for music in the church generally. Last year I wrote that I hoped the choir would be allowed to sing by late May. As it turned out, whilst we were allowed to sing in May, amateur choirs were bizarrely singled out for a continued application of a “rule of six” and it was the end of July before we were allowed to have all the choir singing together again. This only allowed us a couple of weeks singing together before the holiday period, and so it was really in September we restarted in earnest. Obviously, things were still a long way from “normal”. The difficulty of absences because of Covid – both people catching it and isolating after close contact – meant that everything has still felt quite tentative and contingent for much of the year.

The autumn was obviously overshadowed by the deep, deep sadness of Sharon Rawlings being hospitalised and eventually being taken from us by Covid. Sharon’s dedicated service to the choir over decades is something I am profoundly thankful for, and she is, and will continue to be, acutely missed.

Despite that sadness, the Advent and Christmas services were, as usual, highlights of the choir’s year. The new year also saw a landmark which would’ve been unthinkable a couple of years earlier. On New Year’s Day precisely our “Virtual Choir” video of “Christ be our light”, which we had made for Candlemas in January 2021, surpassed 10,000 views on YouTube! (At the time of writing it has 12,583 views.) It feels like there are very few constructive outcomes of the pandemic period, but the expansion of Christ Church’s online and social media outreach may be one thing we can look at as a genuine positive.

I continue to be delighted, humbled and grateful for the dedication the choir members have shown over this incredibly difficult time to continue to produce music of a very high standard for our worship. As we finally lose the remaining Covid precautions over the coming months – I’m very much looking forward to moving the singers closer together again, for example! – I hope we can use this

as an opportunity to strengthen the choir. It's perhaps not obvious from seeing the choir singing from week to week given the standard which the choir achieves, but it is all quite fragile at the moment, and it wouldn't take much for the general trajectory to be downwards rather than upwards. I'm hoping that, with the removal of final Covid precautions, we can build up the security of the choir for the future. It's been fantastic to welcome Tim and Owen to the junior choir recently, and I'm hopeful we can attract more singers – both juniors and adults – over the next year.

I'm supremely grateful to David Winters for his contribution to the music at Christ Church, and I was absolutely delighted that in September he accepted the offer to officially become Organist and Assistant Director of Music. We're very lucky to have him. We're also really fortunate to have "backup" organists in David Wrigley and Daniel Cushing. I'm also hugely grateful to Emma for the work she does with training the junior choir. My heartfelt thanks to all of them.

Finally, thank you to everyone who goes out of their way to say how much they enjoy the music and how much it means to them. It is a privilege to be Director of Music at a church like Christ Church, which appreciates good liturgical music and takes it seriously.

Mark Elliott

2.5 Concerts and Events

With another year of restrictions, Christ Church was careful to open its hospitality doors only when we were sure of being able to keep our congregation and visitors safe.

At the end of July, it was with guarded excitement that Cedar Tree Community Café opened again. This provided much needed contact for those who frequent it.

On August 22nd, Christ Church alongside the Museum of Bath at Work hosted the Julian Road-Community Celebration. This event was very much an experiment where there were lots of stalls of books, bric-a-brac, games, ice cream, tea and cakes very much in the style of the 1960s/70s. The weather was on our side and most of the stalls were outside in the church car park or outside the Museum. The Steel Band played outside while the organ provided music in the style of "Blackpool Illuminations." The Mayor of Bath opened the event at 12:00 and the turnout of visitors was amazing throughout the afternoon.

September saw the return of Topping bookshop with their wide range of authors including Tom Keridge, Gyles Brandreth, Rick Stein and Michael McIntyre. These events ran through to December.

In October Christ Church offered space for Ling Zi to show her art and in November we hosted a meeting of the Third Order of Franciscans. Bath Film Fest used Christ Church for a silent movie accompanied by David Briggs on the organ. More Toppings came in December as well as carols services for Norland Nannies and the Royal United Hospital.

We look forward to an increase in events as restrictions decrease and people in general getting used to socialising in a careful way. Live-streaming of services continues together with the occasional event where requested. I need to thank everyone who made themselves available and got involved with events when required.

2.6 Eco Group

This group sprang into life in June last year following some discussion in Council on energy suppliers, and we cover a wide age range!

Why should we worry about the environment?

The Bible tells us that all God's creation was very good, such that the angels shouted with joy, and that we were given the responsibility to care for it. In reading that even the death of a sparrow is noticed by God we are given a stirring reminder of God's love for the entire creation of which we have been given custody and care.

News from around the world tells us that it is poor and disadvantaged communities that are already being disproportionately affected by droughts, flooding etc due to climate change.

The Eco group decided early on to make use of two Christian websites aimed at helping churches think about their ecological impact.

Eco Church, set up by Christian environment charity A Rocha (Portuguese for The Rock), is basically a five-part questionnaire looking at all aspects of church life, including worship, buildings, land, lifestyle and community/global engagement. It offers bronze, silver and gold certificates to churches working through the questionnaire. See <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk>

This is not just a tick box exercise, but a searching and challenging way of assessing our commitment to improving our environmental impact. The range of questions cannot be completely comprehensive, and new ideas and steps to be taken will almost certainly occur to us. Certification also has the value of announcing to those outside Christ Church who may be looking at what we do, that we are interested in these issues. We are aiming to achieve a Bronze Certificate this year.

Probably the most challenging and certainly the most expensive considerations are around our **buildings** – our utilities suppliers, our insulation etc – and obviously we are not free agents in this, needing to get permission from the Diocesan Advisory Committee as well as our local council and Historic Buildings for many changes. But we are seriously considering how we can make a significant reduction in our carbon footprint.

Our **land** is very limited, but we are already developing the Apse Garden, to make it wildlife friendly as well as a space for quiet meditation, and we are already taking steps under the other three sections of the questionnaire, including recycling bins.

The other programme we are using is the **Climate Emergency Toolkit**, set up by a number of Christian organisations including the Church of England, TearFund and Christian Aid. It has a different focus, encouraging us not only to look at our own environmental impact but to spread the word, to our individual contacts, to those in our neighbourhood, to those who use our church buildings and to people in positions of power. See <https://www.climateemergencytoolkit.com>

Our plans are not just aimed at Christ Church BA1 2RH; we hope to encourage every member of Christ Church to consider their own environmental impact.

You can look at <https://creationcare.org.uk> to assess your own household; other websites looking specifically at carbon footprint are:

- www.footprint.wwf.org.uk/
- www.carbonfootprint.com/
- www.worldlandtrust.org/carbon-calculator/
- <https://offset.climateneutralnow.org/footprintcalc>
- <https://360carbon.org>

You may decide to install solar panels, or simply to turn your thermostat down one degree, but every change contributes. Whatever our circumstances, whether living in a small flat or bedsit or spacious home and garden, there will be ways we can all find to reduce our carbon footprint.

Rebekah Cunningham

2.7 Hospitality

Coming out of the pandemic, we resumed the regular Friday Cedar Tree Community Café in late July. Coffee after the 10am service also came back around the same time with members of the congregation respecting the recommended distancing and continuing to wear face masks, except when drinking coffee.

Janet Mahto was again able to offer her house for “Apple Picking Sunday” and with the weather being in a cooperative mood we all had a great afternoon.

Our Patronal festival, Christ the King, was celebrated with the traditional large fruit cake being cut up into portions and again topped with a suitable motif made in icing created by Jo Palmer. While people collected their slice, we served glasses of bubbly.

We look forward to getting the social side of Christ Church back on the road on a more regular basis.

Jude Bishop

2.8 Junior Church

We often joke about how, if you ask children what they like best about church, they will say, “the biscuits”! This seems flippant, and rather sweet, but it’s much more than this. This is a quote from Father Chris Routledge:

When we are very young and we go to church, there are biscuits there, here is what we are learning. Church is a place where we are fed. And church is a place where we are fed for free. We don’t have to do anything to earn or pay for the biscuits at church. They are freely offered simply because we are there to receive them. And there are enough to go around, so we don’t have to fight or be worried. That sounds a lot like grace and love to me.

As well as our very important biscuit ministry we hope that we offer a place that welcomes children and their parents in other ways. A recent Twitter thread from the St Albans diocese was an affirming reminder that it's easy to get demoralised and compare our ministry negatively to other churches, but that good news in children's ministry can take many forms such as:

- A story or activity that seemed to resonate with a child and mean something to them.
- Providing a place that a child can come to where they aren't assessed or measured against any standards but can just be themselves and be loved.
- Children play in our building.
- A child talked about something they are interested in and wasn't shut down or dismissed. They learned that they matter and someone cares.

These were just a few ideas, among many others. Success looks like "preaching the Gospel afresh in every generation".

We have been enjoying the chance to meet together more freely during junior church sessions and, while we continue to take reasonable precautions, we have been able to relax some of the Covid restrictions that made our sessions more of a challenge. Our Nativity play, written by Sarah J, took the form of a play that goes wrong! It was well-received, as always. Over the coming months we hope to re-think the space we have available for our sessions. We are also finding that we need to be flexible with the groups, given the age range of our growing number of children (← success story, right there).

It has been an absolute delight to welcome Kara to our Junior Church sessions. She has been very supportive and has brought some new ideas to the groups, as well as some new beanbags to sit on! We'd like to thank her for her support. Our thanks, as always, go to Lore, who is ever-supportive; to Janet, for the Apple Picking Party (annual highlight) and we'd like to make a special mention this year to Angela (the Biscuit Fairy), who knows which biscuits the children like best!

Emma E, Sarah J, Sarah C and Virginia

Recommended reading for anyone interested in children's ministry is *Beyond the Children's Corner - Creating a culture of welcome for all ages* by Margaret Pritchard Houston, Sandra Millar.

The quote from Father Chris Routledge SMMS was posted on the @OurCofELike Twitter thread. Chris Routledge is the Vicar of Bradwell and Porthill in the Lichfield Diocese.

2.9 Pastoral Care

We meet on an ad hoc basis to discuss the needs of some of our older or more vulnerable church members to see if there are things we could do to help them. We keep in touch by phone or by visits where appropriate. After the isolation of lockdown, it has been lovely to revive face-to-face gatherings, and every couple of months, we have a special service at the church followed by a tea party in the Lower Mews. It is a chance for older members who no longer attend on a regular basis to catch up with each other and to feel part of our church community. It's important that they know

we are thinking about them even if they are not around on Sundays. It was lovely that Jane Fletcher was able to come to one of these tea parties just before she died.

If anyone would like to join this group, we would welcome recruits! Please contact me on jenny.hesketh@me.com or 07966962444.

Jenny Hesketh

2.10 Pilgrim Group

Having completed reading Pope Francis's latest book, *Let us dream – a path to a new future*, Pilgrim Group members continued to meet “virtually” over the early summer of 2021, reverting to a fortnightly pattern. We looked at Pastoral Principles as a prelude to the Living in Love and Faith course (LLF) which was run as a pilot scheme at Christ Church later in the summer. These Principles are described by the Church of England as six “‘pervading evils’: Prejudice, Silence, Ignorance, Fear, Hypocrisy and Power”, which can prevent us from “living well together”, in particular relating to issues of sexuality.

For the autumn term we resumed meeting in the Lower Mews, while still including on Zoom those not wishing to attend in person. Brenda Wall led some excellent discussions exploring extracts from the writings of C.S. Lewis. Since Christmas the group has studied the OT book of Job, facilitated by Lore, which has been stimulating and thought-provoking, and well-attended.

During the summer months the plan is for individuals to give a short presentation on a book of their choice for discussion and reflection. The gatherings will continue fortnightly, with the new Agapé group led by Kara meeting on the alternate Thursday evenings. New members are always welcome at both groups, whether on Zoom or face to face – contact Lore or Kara for details.

Beryl Bowes

2.11 St Andrew's School

Dear Christ Church friends, in this annual report I had hoped to write about life at St Andrew's School after the pandemic. But that was not to be. So instead I thought I would tell you about a recent project in which I took part as a Foundation Governor.

At St Andrew's we celebrate the great diversity of backgrounds from which our children come, the many languages they speak at home and the diverse religious understandings into which they are born. We are mindful that the school's Christian foundation needs to be presented in appropriate ways. This important task is steered by the Ethos Committee, of which I am a member. Recently this committee chose six values – love, peace, courage, hope, joy and creativity – to run as themes through the school year. Each in turn finds its way into times of worship, learning projects and classroom discussion. We know all six values have a relevance for our children.

Meanwhile these same values have been greatly in evidence as Jayne and her team have tirelessly contrived – against the odds – to find cover for teachers, teaching assistants and support staff off

sick with Covid. In line with this, I have seen something of the heroic efforts being made to ensure that Covid steals as little as possible from the children's learning experience.

I love St Andrew's greatly, and it is a privilege to serve this community. Hope now glimmers of better times ahead. Our many virtual meetings on Teams are gradually being replaced by meetings in school. And Jayne and I have even managed to take an actual cup of coffee together.

Sarah Sheppard, Foundation Governor

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Charity No. 1055275

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 December 2021

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FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH
Trustees Annual Report

The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity No. 1055275

Trustees

The following trustees served during the year:

D. Bishop
T. Gleghorn
J. Hesketh
S. Sheppard
S. Tatton-Brown
O. Tegally
C. Tilling
N. Wells
H. Wild
A. Youings

Accountants

The Waldron Partnership Ltd
30 Circus Mews
Bath
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Statement of trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

D. Bishop
Trustee
20 July 2022



FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act'). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144(2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Marco Andrew Martin

FCCA

The Waldron Partnership Ltd

30 Circus Mews

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20 July 2022

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	60,338	60,338	90,879
Investments	4	64,550	64,550	55,665
Other	5	254	254	2,161
Total		125,142	125,142	148,705
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	17,749	17,749	5,667
Charitable activities	7	50,850	50,850	43,634
Other	8	61,739	61,739	143,982
Total		130,338	130,338	193,283
Net gains on investments		-	-	861,000
Net (expenditure)/income	9	(5,196)	(5,196)	816,422
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income before other gains/(losses)		(5,196)	(5,196)	816,422
Other gains and losses				
Net movement in funds		(5,196)	(5,196)	816,422
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		2,034,223	2,034,223	1,217,801
Total funds carried forward		2,029,027	2,029,027	2,034,223

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2021

Charity No. 1055275	2021	2020
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	11 110,868	117,897
Investments	12 1,838,692	1,834,007
	<u>1,949,560</u>	<u>1,951,904</u>
Current assets		
Debtors	13 2,404	5,688
Cash at bank and in hand	85,281	76,631
	<u>87,685</u>	<u>82,319</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	14 (8,218)	-
Net current assets	<u>79,467</u>	<u>82,319</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>2,029,027</u>	<u>2,034,223</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability	<u>2,029,027</u>	<u>2,034,223</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>2,029,027</u></u>	<u><u>2,034,223</u></u>
The funds of the charity		
Restricted funds	15	
Unrestricted funds	15	
General funds	2,029,027	2,034,223
	<u>2,029,027</u>	<u>2,034,223</u>
Reserves	15	
Total funds	<u><u>2,029,027</u></u>	<u><u>2,034,223</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 20 July 2022

And signed on their behalf by:

D. Bishop
Trustee
20 July 2022



FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

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Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Fixed assets	25% straight line
Fixed assets - Pipe Organ	4% straight line

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

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Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period.

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred.

All exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

Leased assets

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation.

Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in independently administered funds.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

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Notes to the Accounts

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	90,879	90,879
Investments	55,665	55,665
Other	2,161	2,161
Total	<u>148,705</u>	<u>148,705</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	5,667	5,667
Charitable activities	43,634	43,634
Other	143,982	143,982
Total	<u>193,283</u>	<u>193,283</u>
Net gains on investments	861,000	861,000
Net income	<u>816,422</u>	<u>816,422</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	816,422	816,422
Other gains and losses:		
Net movement in funds	<u>816,422</u>	<u>816,422</u>
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds brought forward	1,217,801	1,217,801
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>2,034,223</u></u>	<u><u>2,034,223</u></u>

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Church - Collection	4,690	4,690	3,140
Planned Giving	34,210	34,210	33,805
Donations	3,934	3,934	20,015
Others	17,504	17,504	33,919
	<u>60,338</u>	<u>60,338</u>	<u>90,879</u>

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4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£
Rental	58,721	58,721	52,067
Gain/(loss) on investment Revaluation	4,685	4,685	1,565
Dividends and interest	1,144	1,144	2,033
	<u>64,550</u>	<u>64,550</u>	<u>55,665</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£
Bell Fund	254	254	161
Sale of furniture	-	-	2,000
	<u>254</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>2,161</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£
<i>Fundraising trading costs</i>			
Choir subscriptions and Music	1,893	1,893	2,179
Other	452	452	108
<i>Investment management costs</i>			
Rental	15,404	15,404	3,380
	<u>17,749</u>	<u>17,749</u>	<u>5,667</u>

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Wages	15,217	15,217	14,272
Premises cost	14,521	14,521	11,252
Administration	6,112	6,112	3,110
Parish Share	15,000	15,000	15,000
<i>Governance costs</i>			
	<u>50,850</u>	<u>50,850</u>	<u>43,634</u>

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8 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
		2021	2020
	£	£	£
Church Repairs	34,386	34,386	116,947
Fees	-	-	634
Other expenditure	20,324	20,324	19,372
Amortisation, depreciation, impairment, profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets	7,029	7,029	7,029
	<u>61,739</u>	<u>61,739</u>	<u>143,982</u>

9 Net (expenditure)/income before transfers

	2021	2020
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	7,029	7,029

10 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixed assets	Total
	£	£
Cost or revaluation		
At 1 January 2021	199,004	199,004
At 31 December 2021	<u>199,004</u>	<u>199,004</u>
Depreciation and impairment		
At 1 January 2021	81,107	81,107
Depreciation charge for the year	7,029	7,029
At 31 December 2021	<u>88,136</u>	<u>88,136</u>
Net book values		
At 31 December 2021	<u>110,868</u>	<u>110,868</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>117,897</u>	<u>117,897</u>

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12 Investments

	Freehold Investment Property £	Other investments - Listed £	Total £
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 January 2021	1,800,000	31,974	1,831,974
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>31,974</u>	<u>1,831,974</u>
Provisions and impairment			
At 1 January 2021	-	(2,033)	(2,033)
Revaluation	-	(4,685)	(4,685)
At 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,718)</u>	<u>(6,718)</u>
Net book values			
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>38,692</u>	<u>1,838,692</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>34,007</u>	<u>1,834,007</u>

The Freehold investment property consists of accommodation and a car park. The property was revalued as at 31 March 2021 by the Trustees on an open market value for existing use basis. The Trustees are of the opinion that the market value has not changed as at 31 March 2022.

13 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	2,404	5,688
	<u>2,404</u>	<u>5,688</u>

14 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	8,218	-
	<u>8,218</u>	<u>-</u>

15 Movement in funds

	At 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2021 £
Restricted funds:				
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	2,034,223	125,142	(130,338)	2,029,027
Total funds	<u>2,034,223</u>	<u>125,142</u>	<u>(130,338)</u>	<u>2,029,027</u>

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16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	£	£
Fixed assets	110,868	110,868
Investments	1,838,692	1,838,692
Net current assets	79,467	79,467
	<u>2,029,027</u>	<u>2,029,027</u>

17 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 January 2021	Cash flows	At 31 December 2021
	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	76,631	8,650	85,281
	<u>76,631</u>	<u>8,650</u>	<u>85,281</u>
Net debt	<u>76,631</u>	<u>8,650</u>	<u>85,281</u>

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH**Statement of Cash flows**

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net (expenditure)/income per Statement of Financial Activities	(5,196)	816,422
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	7,029	7,029
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(64,804)	(57,826)
Decrease in trade and other receivables	3,284	2,552
Increase in trade and other payables	8,218	-
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	<u>(51,469)</u>	<u>768,177</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	64,804	57,826
Net cash from investing activities	<u>64,804</u>	<u>57,826</u>
Net cash from financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	13,335	826,003
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	76,631	113,661
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>89,966</u>	<u>939,664</u>
Components of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	85,281	76,631
	<u>85,281</u>	<u>76,631</u>

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies			
Church - Collection	4,690	4,690	3,140
Planned Giving	34,210	34,210	33,805
Donations	3,934	3,934	20,015
Others	17,504	17,504	33,919
	<u>60,338</u>	<u>60,338</u>	<u>90,879</u>
Investments			
Rental	58,721	58,721	52,067
Gain/(loss) on investment	4,685	4,685	1,565
Revaluation			
Dividends and interest	1,144	1,144	2,033
	<u>64,550</u>	<u>64,550</u>	<u>55,665</u>
Other			
Bell Fund	254	254	161
Sale of furniture	-	-	2,000
	<u>254</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>2,161</u>
Total income and endowments	125,142	125,142	148,705
Expenditure on:			
Costs of other trading activities			
Choir subscriptions and Music	1,893	1,893	2,179
Other	452	452	108
	<u>2,345</u>	<u>2,345</u>	<u>2,287</u>
Investment management costs			
Rental	15,404	15,404	3,380
	<u>15,404</u>	<u>15,404</u>	<u>3,380</u>
Total of expenditure on raising funds	17,749	17,749	5,667
Charitable activities			
Wages	15,217	15,217	14,272
Premises cost	14,521	14,521	11,252
Administration	6,112	6,112	3,110
Parish Share	15,000	15,000	15,000
	<u>50,850</u>	<u>50,850</u>	<u>43,634</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	50,850	50,850	43,634
Other expenditure			
Church Repairs	34,386	34,386	116,947
Fees	-	-	634

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Other expenditure	20,324	20,324	19,372
	<u>54,710</u>	<u>54,710</u>	<u>136,953</u>
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation			
Depreciation of Fixed assets	7,029	7,029	7,029
	<u>7,029</u>	<u>7,029</u>	<u>7,029</u>
Total of expenditure of other costs	<u>61,739</u>	<u>61,739</u>	<u>143,982</u>
Total expenditure	130,338	130,338	193,283
Net gains on investments	-	-	861,000
	<u>(5,196)</u>	<u>(5,196)</u>	<u>816,422</u>
Net (expenditure)/income			
Net (expenditure)/income before other gains/(losses)	<u>(5,196)</u>	<u>(5,196)</u>	<u>816,422</u>
Other Gains	-	-	-
	<u>(5,196)</u>	<u>(5,196)</u>	<u>816,422</u>
Net movement in funds			
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	2,034,223	2,034,223	1,217,801
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>2,029,027</u></u>	<u><u>2,029,027</u></u>	<u><u>2,034,223</u></u>

Christ Church, Bath

Charity No: 1055275



FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act'). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144(2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Marco Andrew Martin

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20 July 2022

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

England & Wales - Charity number 1055275

Accounts

Christ Church, Bath
Charity No: 1055275



Trustees' Annual Report
for 11 Oct 2020 to 25 April 2021

List of Trustees

Chair:	Charles Rice (re-appointed 23.07.19)
Secretary:	Canon Simon Tatton-Brown (appointed 01.01.19)
Treasurer:	David Bishop (re-appointed 23.07.19)
	The Ven Adrian Youngs (<i>ex officio</i> , Archdeacon of Bath)
	The Reverend Timothy Gleghorn (<i>ex officio</i> , Rector of Walcot)
	Jenny Hesketh (appointed 28.11.19)
	Jane Nicholson (resigned 25.03.21)
	Sarah Sheppard (re-appointed 23.07.19)
	Clive Tilling (re-appointed 23.07.19)
	Nick Wells (appointed 18.07.18)
	Hilary Wild (appointed 25.03.21)

Christ Church is governed by a Trust Deed dated 6 May 1801. The operation of the Deed is regulated by Standing Orders adopted by the Trustees on 23 June 2020, drawn up in the light of Charity Commission guidelines. Appointment to the position of trustee at Christ Church is for a six-year term in accordance with the Policy for the Appointment of a New Trustee, with option to renew subject to the agreement of the other trustees. Trustees are responsible for appointing new Trustees in event of vacancies. The Standing Orders also require that the trustees shall invite the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens of Christ Church to attend meetings of the trustees. They may participate fully in the trustees' meetings but without the power to vote.

Public Benefit: The trustees exercise their duties as the owners and custodians of the buildings forming part of the Christ Church Bath estate. The day-to-day responsibility for ordering the worship of Christ Church is exercised by the Priest-in-Charge with the Church Council. It is the view of the Trustees that the Charity complies with the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission, by providing buildings and open spaces for religious activities, facilities and services for the general public/mankind.

Policies: The Trustees have adopted the following policies: For the Appointment of New Trustees (reviewed 10.09.20); Conflict of Interest (reviewed 10.09.20); Processing Personal Data (reviewed 10.09.20); Safeguarding (revised 25.03.21); Risk Policy and Register (reviewed 23.06.20); Standing Orders (adopted 23.06.20). Reserves policy: It is the policy of the trustees to hold a cash reserve of at least £15,000.

Simon Tatton-Brown

Report from the Chair of Trustees

Trustees normally meet monthly during the year except in December and August. Their focus is on the management of Christ Church's estate and finances to support both the ministry of the church and to maintain and update the fabric of its buildings. During the past year considerable effort has also gone into improving the way the Trust governs itself. New

Standing Orders were adopted in June 2020 to meet both Charity Commission guidelines and to enable meetings and decisions to be made remotely via online meetings or email correspondence. The various policies adopted by trustees for the governance of Christ Church are now reviewed annually based on a rota prepared by the Secretary.

Since our last AGM in October, there has been a pause in project work to enable our cash reserves to recover. Thanks in part to the generous donation by the Burrows family referred to in Lore's report, trustees have agreed that the final phase of the East End project can now be completed. Ellis will start work on the missing side screen to the South Chapel in April with installation expected in May. At the same time, the lighting to the Lady Chapel and side aisles will be replaced and upgraded to match the quality of the new South Chapel. A rolling, multi-year programme of refurbishment of the main gallery windows will commence in the third quarter as will the installation of a new central heating system to the church mews.

In addition to these major items, a whole host of minor repairs are carried out by Robin Kerr. I would like to thank Robin for the many hours that he has devoted to Christ Church over the past year which have done so much to keep the church running smoothly. Great thanks are also due to David as Treasurer for steering us safely through the major expenditures involved in the projects of recent years: alongside the accounting work involved he has also had to manage our Gift Aid and VAT returns as well as negotiate a major claim with our insurers.

In conclusion and on behalf of trustees, I would again like to thank Lore for the devotion and energy which she has brought to Christ Church. The past year of the Covid pandemic has not been easy but despite the need for remote worship via streamed services, the Christ Church community feels strong and confident about the future.

Charles Rice

Report from the Priest-in-Charge

The last Annual Church meeting was six months ago so this report covers the six months from October 10 to today. In common with other Anglican churches, we were able to re-open our church building on December 2. Mark and the choir worked miracles so that when we re-opened on the following Sunday, December 6 it was not only for our Sunday morning Eucharist but also for our Advent carol service. It was a deeply touching service made all the more impressive by the knowledge that the choir had had only two days in which to rehearse. It is still available online and is worth watching if you haven't seen and heard it. Our Christmas services were equally joyful with live music and a memorable nativity service complete with three dragons. Our neighbours, Bath academy of Make up and Media generously lent us their garden and were able to hold an outdoor fire-lit family carol service on Christmas Eve. After Christmas national guidelines meant that we returned to live streamed services in the second lock down until Easter Day when once more the church building was able to open for services.

Throughout this time we have been heartened by the care and generosity of our congregation and church friends. The family of Margaret and Cliff Burrows made a generous donation in their memory and Penny Edwards, for many years a Christ Church friend left money in her will for the upkeep of the building. Those donations enabled the trustees to authorise

the final works on the South chapel. The re-organisation of the West wall of church and the placing of the Bells Donors' board will be the next council project.

The most exciting news of the past six months is that we are to have a curate. Kara who will join us in June is in training to become a 'pioneer minister,' that is, an ordained minister who looks for opportunities for ministry outside the church building. Kara will be with us for three years and we look forward to her deaconing in September and her priesting next year. It takes a whole church congregation to train a curate - I know Christ Church will rise to the challenge.

The last six months have not been easy but our council and trustees, verger, organists, choir, retired clergy and in particular our lay reader and musical director Mark have been indefatigable. We look toward whatever the future may bring with hope and confidence.

Revd Lore Chumbley

Church Council

Council met five times on Zoom between April 2020 and March 2021 with a high attendance. Its membership changed at a Covid-delayed Annual Meeting on 11 October when new elections were held for the body and thanks were expressed to Lewis Boyd (Churchwarden), Matthew Jones (Lay Chair) and Sarah Kerr (Deanery Synod Representative) who did not stand for re-election. Their work has been highly valued by Council especially during the East End re-ordering process. At the Annual Meeting Sharon Rawlings and Zoe Bushell were re-elected to Council, while Richard Gabe and Rebekah Cunningham filled the remaining vacancies. Brenda Wall and Pauline Swaby-Wallace joined us as our Deanery Synod representatives. At its first meeting on 3 November Council elected Jonathan Stead as Lay Chair. Virginia Knight has kindly agreed to take on the important portfolio of safeguarding and she will ensure that other members of the church are appropriately resourced and trained.

During the year the Council dealt with a number of issues relating to the important question of on-site and online worship during the pandemic, and prayerfully considered all sides of this sensitive question. A special meeting was called on 8 January to canvass fully Council members' views in the light of changing circumstances and the current advice from the Bishop and Archdeacon.

Council was pleased to receive regular reports on existing church worship as well as possible new initiatives once we return to the church for services. Council expressed its sincere thanks to Lore Chumbley, Mark Elliott and all those who have enabled us to participate in worship from home through the use of technology. Council also sought to reach out through the Pastoral Care group to those who were shielding at home and either not able to attend services when held in the church or access them online.

The possibility of hosting a curate was introduced by the Priest in Charge, and Council agreed to support this after members had met the prospective candidate online. Council looks forward to warmly welcoming Kara Maylor to our community during the year.

The issue of Cedar Tree Café governance was discussed and a working group appointed that submitted recommendations to Council so as to ensure that the oversight and finances of this important service to our local community were effective. Their recommendations will be fully implemented by the time the Café is able to open again.

Council dealt with a number of issues relating to the interior of the church including decluttering and the disposal of items no longer required. There was also the need to make the west wall area more attractive as well as showcase our history, including a new board to commemorate the bell appeal. There was discussion on the importance of noticeboards within the church both for the use of the congregation as well as visitors, and this is an on-going project.

Details of discussions at Council, decisions taken and its membership can be found on the Christ Church website (www.christchurch.org).

Jonathan Stead
Lay Chair

Electoral Roll

The number on the electoral roll as at September 2020 was 86.

Since then, one person has been removed from the register and eight people have been added to it.

The count for 2021 is therefore 93.

If anyone else would like to be added to the roll, please ask one of the churchwardens or Judith Anderson for an application form.

Data correct at time of writing (April 2021).

Judith Anderson

Safeguarding

I took over from Lewis Boyd as Safeguarding Officer at Christ Church in March and am in the process of completing the Church of England training procedures for Safeguarding Officers.

My first priority will be to bring all DBS checks up to date, which is needed in several cases but could not be arranged earlier because of restrictions on meeting in person. In the longer term I would like to encourage more at Christ Church to be DBS checked, particularly if we are going to use the church for more external events. It can only benefit Christ Church's reputation if we not only are a safe place, but are seen to be one. The church's safeguarding policy has also been recently updated.

Virginia Knight

Deanery Synod

Brenda Wall and Pauline Swaby-Wallace are Deanery Synod representatives for Christ Church and Brenda has also been elected to the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group (DMPG).

Meetings have of course had to be on Zoom, but last November Pippa Page was elected the new Lay Dean and we met the new Area Dean, Revd Stephen Girling.

Revd Girling sees the way ahead in the Bath Deanery as a "Shaping of a culture of Prayerfulness, Hospitality and Innovation".

In the DMPG five sectors of the Deanery have each been given “watchmen and women” to watch for God’s working within and without the church and to feed back to the group any priorities and success stories that the Deanery may need to focus upon specifically.

Christ Church is in the Central sector along with Bathwick St Mary. Brenda feels confident that there will be plenty to feed back to the group, based on the good work our own Pastoral Group continues, working with Southdown Methodists and Oasis for food distribution, working on the “make lunch” project and the Community Pantry.

The February meeting of the Deanery Synod was very much an ecumenical meeting, involving presentations from Bath Elim Church, Father’s house, Bath and Life Church, Bath. The overriding message from all was the desire for the church in Bath to develop unity.

We also heard from Eden Hunter about his work as Bath College Chaplain. Christ Church has contributed some funds for his support, along with the rest of the Deanery, so it was good to hear that his presence has proved helpful with counselling and supporting students. There are undoubtedly challenges ahead in our deanery, with more demands and a shrinking budget. Unity, flexibility and imaginative management will be needed, along with much prayer!

It’s very comforting to know that Christ Church already has a thriving culture of prayerfulness, hospitality and innovation.

Brenda has been invited to worship, when we are able, at other churches in the Deanery and would very much like to invite other members of the Deanery to enjoy our wonderful Sunday morning Eucharist. What a joy it will be to be able to be back with one another again!

Brenda Wall

Bell ringing

We rang on Christmas Day. We were allowed back, to ring six bells. And yes, I wondered how it would go, after so long. But I needn’t have worried – that, by the way, is the story of my life – it was a total success: good ringing, from start to finish, and a credit to all concerned.

There’s not much else to report. After many weeks of chiming, I decided we might at last ring for services in October, on three bells, socially distanced, masked and sanitised. We were getting on quite well with that – until the November lockdown. Then in December, with enhanced restrictions – apart from Christmas Day – it was Maggie and I back to chiming again.

And now here we are, locked down once more. We keep the Christ Church Youths (and Friends) in being, as a social group, with our Saturday morning Zoom meetings. I send out a group e-mail twice a week with what news there is, sometimes with a video, or an essay – and gossip, of course.

One day, we’ll ring again – on Easter Sunday, perhaps? – and believe me, we’ll be ready.

Cedar Tree Café

Sadly, the Cedar Tree Café has not been able to open since March 2020. We all miss our friends, both staff and “customers”, and have been pleased to be able to keep in touch with our faithful helpers Helen and Tracy. As things stand at present we hope to re-open on Friday 25 June 2021.

Janet Mahto

Choir & Music

In my report for the delayed AGM in October 2020 I said “things may be somewhat stop-start over the coming months” and so it has proved to be. After being able to sing for a while in September and October, the lockdown in November meant a return to Virtual Choir, and again with the extended lockdown beginning in January which is only now just beginning to ease. Currently we expect that we may be able to sing again in late May, but we await any official confirmation of this one way or the other.

That did, however, allow us to be able to provide live music for Advent and Christmas and given the circumstances I think the Carol Services and other Christmas services went brilliantly well. We obviously greatly missed the big congregational carols, and the lack of congregational communal singing is something I’m personally feeling very deeply, but given the extra spacing and the obvious lack of preparation time I was delighted with the results.

I would like to thank everyone in the choir for their continued efforts with Virtual Choir. The commitment needed to submit the videos week by week can’t be underestimated. Most of us sing because of the huge thrill we get singing together – the feeling of the thing being greater than the sum of its parts – and obviously that pleasure and satisfaction is denied to us at the moment, making the Virtual Choir a very, very different experience to live singing. However, I think everyone should be hugely proud of the Virtual Choir output we’re producing, and I sincerely hope that it helps the wider congregation in their worship whilst we’re all physically isolated from one another. I’m very grateful for the encouraging messages we get every week by people posting comments on Facebook about how much they have enjoyed the music in the service. It’s also been great to be able to welcome back past members of the choir who have moved away from Bath into the Virtual Choir – one of the few genuine advantages to the Virtual Choir enterprise!

During this last lockdown we have, of course, been allowed to broadcast from church, including with a live organist. I’m enormously grateful to David Winters and Daniel Cushing for their playing on a Sunday morning, which really gives a lift to the service. Also to David for his work with me producing the backing tracks for the Virtual Choir. Producing this volume of recorded material to such a high standard in very strange circumstances – playing the accompaniment when there is no choir present to accompany – is no mean feat.

Easter Day 2020 was our first outing for the Virtual Choir, and as I write I am planning the Virtual Choir output for Holy Week and Easter 2021. We have come a long way in that 12 months, and I’m proud of what we have achieved, but I’m greatly looking forward to the return of live singing, and hope that from when we next return circumstances will consistently improve, with a bit less of the stop-start we’ve experienced in the pandemic thus far.

Whatever happens over the next few months we will eventually be allowed to sing normally again. As with many, many other things, the choir will I'm sure emerge from the pandemic changed, but I hope it will be with a renewed commitment and realisation of how much we value singing together and playing our part in leading the worship at Christ Church.

Mark Elliott

Concerts and Events

It will come as no surprise to anyone that the year that has just flown by has been empty of events, both internal and external.

We have embarked on a marketing exercise to review what we can offer for the future in our newly-formed performance space and are encouraged that we have the promise of some reduced capacity book signings through Toppings and one or two enquiries for choral concerts.

If there is any benefit to be drawn from the pandemic, it has to be the development of our ability to live-stream events when required. We are certainly richer for that.

Judith Bishop

Hospitality

This has been an obvious casualty of the pandemic making it nigh-on-impossible to provide any social activities even when we were allowed to be in church for services in the autumn. We have been denied coffee and mingling after church, there has been no Cedar Tree, and certainly no getting together for Harvest celebrations.

I'm pleased to say that Janet Mahto was able to offer her house for "apple picking Sunday", organising it in such a way that everyone was able to take part at a suitable distance. And it was a real joy to be live in church for our Patronal Festival, Christ the King, last November, where we shared our traditional cake but in a unique way. A large rich fruit cake was made and the top was covered in marzipan and icing. Jo Palmer was engaged to create a suitable motif topping for individual slices. This she did with her usual expert hand and eye, and we thank her for that. All the slices were presented to members of the congregation in an individual box that they were able to take home and enjoy, and for those who were not able to be in church, Lore organised a delivery service. Unfortunately the bubbly and the social side of the event were absent.

We certainly look forward to the "new normal" when we can get together at a distance.

Judith Bishop

Junior Church

Lockdown has given us all a lot of time to think. I have done my fair share of thinking about all sorts of things, including the shape of the church when we emerge out of the other side of this global pandemic. I think we should all take the opportunity to reflect. What has changed? What is still the same? What are the things we value the most? Here at Christ

Church, I sincerely hope that our ministry to children will be at the forefront of our continued conversations. I have never been a child at Christ Church, but over the past (nearly) 30 years, I have known lots of children who have. I would love to tap into their memories. I am sure that biscuits would feature a lot, but I hope there would be other things as well. I think it would be valuable to find out what Christ Church did to nurture them, and also, what we got wrong. It might help shape our thoughts on the special and fundamentally important task bestowed upon us all, to cherish the young and support them on their journey of faith. A book titled *Beyond the Children's Corner* by Margaret Pritchard Houston is recommended reading to anyone interested. The subtitle is "Creating a culture of welcome for all ages".

Following the last lockdown, we have done our best to provide some activities for children with all the new restrictions, but since the last report, sadly, there has been only minimal opportunity. Some of the highlights have been the beautiful outdoor service in Janet's garden at the children's apple picking party, a wonderful Saints and Souls service, incorporating some of the fun of Halloween, and the truly magical Children's Christmas service, which included stories and stargazing in the Mews garden. All of these have been led by Lore, who has a real gift with young people, and we thank her for her continued support. Our Socially-Distanced Nativity play took place on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. As always, it was beautifully written by Sarah J and acted by the children.

We have held Junior Church sessions on Sundays when we were permitted to. We have welcomed a new member to the younger group. Your Junior Church leaders are Virginia, Sarah C, Emma and Sarah J. Please remember us and all the Christ Church children in your prayers.

Emma Elliott

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care has remained an important part of Christ Church's work during the previous six months of the Covid-19 epidemic, although our activities have remained very limited.

The Pastoral Care team continue to make regular phone calls to those in our community who are more or less housebound or felt to be vulnerable, and these are very much valued. At Christmas we also put together some baskets of goodies which we delivered to several members of the congregation and local community, and these were also appreciated. We are aware of several people who attend Christ Church or Cedar Tree who have had to go into residential care, and wherever possible are visiting them regularly.

When social distancing has been relaxed we would like to hold more of our afternoon Holy Communion services followed by a tea party, and have plans to perhaps invite some children and young families along to share these events.

Several of the Pastoral Care team continue to assist Oasis Hub with its Make Lunch food distribution project and are also involved in their new Pantry project, which is in effect a Thursday afternoon "shop" where local people on low incomes can buy a certain number of groceries – a couple of bagsful – for only £2-3. The groceries are supplied by Fare-Share, a charity who collect good quality surplus food from across the food industry and redistribute it to other charities. It has proved very rewarding to build up this valuable and valued link with one of our neighbouring churches.

Pilgrim Group and Discipleship

Pilgrim has met as a virtual group on Zoom since the beginning of the first lockdown in March 2020, sometimes weekly, sometimes fortnightly. The study of John's Gospel and I John took us to the summer break. Meetings resumed in October exploring the theme of what it might mean to be Resurrection People. The Revd Jacques Desrosiers introduced our theme reminding us that being resurrection people was essentially about keeping company with the risen Jesus and was always a matter of living it out, with implications ethically, politically and for relationships with others.

The theme was explored further in subsequent sessions, led by different members of the group. Amongst the questions we explored were: What does it mean to be a person who believes in miracles in a secular and sceptical world? Is there any evidence for miracles in our 21st century lives? How, as Resurrection People, do we interact with creation and what can the natural world teach us as Christians? What are we given by the natural world, what do we take from it – good and bad – and what do we need to give back to it? What can we do as individuals and as a Church? Over two sessions we explored different aspects of how we behave as Resurrection People.

All in all a rich and challenging set of meetings, with plenty of ideas for further thought and exploration, and undoubtedly a work in progress both for the Pilgrim Group and to be shared with the wider Christ Church community. This exploration has continued into the new year as we started to read together Pope Francis's new book *Let us dream – a path to a new future*.

We hope it will be possible before too long to resume face-to-face meetings in the Lower Mews.

New members of the group are always welcome whether on Zoom or face-to-face – contact Lore for details. If numbers grow, new groups could be started with the freedom to discuss different topics from the original group if they wished – there's no set agenda.

The Deanery-wide "Exploring Christianity" course has also continued on Zoom during the year. Several Christ Church people are attending the course, which Lore leads.

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Charity No. 1055275

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 December 2020

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

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The Trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity No. 1055275

Trustees

The following Trustees served during the year:

D. Bishop

T. Gleghorn

J. Hesketh

C. Rice

S. Sheppard

S. Tatton-Brown

C. Tilling

N. Wells

A. Youings

Accountants

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

D. Bishop

Trustee

12 October 2021

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144(2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	90,879	90,879	85,396
Investments	4	55,665	55,665	64,228
Other	5	2,161	2,161	675
Total		148,705	148,705	150,299
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	5,667	5,667	11,263
Charitable activities	7	43,634	43,634	46,689
Other	8	143,982	143,982	93,205
Total		193,283	193,283	151,157
Net gains on investments		861,000	861,000	-
Net income/(expenditure)	9	816,422	816,422	(858)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)		816,422	816,422	(858)
Other gains and losses				
Net movement in funds		816,422	816,422	(858)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		1,217,801	1,217,801	1,218,659
Total funds carried forward		2,034,223	2,034,223	1,217,801

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Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2020

Charity No. 1055275		2020	2019
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	117,897	124,926
Investments	12	1,834,007	970,974
		<u>1,951,904</u>	<u>1,095,900</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	5,688	8,240
Cash at bank and in hand		76,631	113,661
		<u>82,319</u>	<u>121,901</u>
Net current assets		82,319	121,901
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,034,223</u>	<u>1,217,801</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>2,034,223</u>	<u>1,217,801</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>2,034,223</u></u>	<u><u>1,217,801</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	14		
Unrestricted funds	14		
General funds		1,173,223	1,217,801
		<u>1,173,223</u>	<u>1,217,801</u>
Reserves	14		
Revaluation reserve		861,000	-
		<u>861,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds		<u><u>2,034,223</u></u>	<u><u>1,217,801</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 12 October 2021

And signed on their behalf by:

D. Bishop
Trustee
12 October 2021

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Statement of Cash flows

for the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) per Statement of Financial Activities	816,422	(858)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	7,029	7,029
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(57,826)	(64,903)
Decrease/(Increase) in trade and other receivables	2,552	(8,240)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>768,177</u>	<u>(66,972)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	57,826	64,903
Net cash from investing activities	<u>57,826</u>	<u>64,903</u>
Net cash from financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	826,003	(2,069)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	113,661	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>939,664</u>	<u>(2,069)</u>
Components of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	76,631	113,661
	<u>76,631</u>	<u>113,661</u>

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST CHURCH IN BATH

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.

Designated funds These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Revaluation funds These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.

Restricted funds These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income with related expenditure Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.

Donations and legacies Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.

Donated services and facilities These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment income This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Gains/(losses) on investment assets This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

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Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

fixed assets	25% straight line
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Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in independently administered funds.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	85,396	85,396
Investments	64,228	64,228
Other	675	675
Total	<u>150,299</u>	<u>150,299</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	11,263	11,263
Charitable activities	46,689	46,689
Other	93,205	93,205
Total	<u>151,157</u>	<u>151,157</u>
Net income	<u>(858)</u>	<u>(858)</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	(858)	(858)
Other gains and losses:		
Net movement in funds	<u>(858)</u>	<u>(858)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds brought forward	1,218,659	1,218,659
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>1,217,801</u></u>	<u><u>1,217,801</u></u>

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Notes to the Accounts

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£
Church - Collection	3,140	3,140	6,666
Planned Giving	33,805	33,805	32,210
Donations	20,015	20,015	20,136
Others	33,919	33,919	26,384
	<u>90,879</u>	<u>90,879</u>	<u>85,396</u>

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£
Rental	52,067	52,067	57,413
Other	2,033	2,033	364
Gain/(loss) on investment Revaluation	1,565	1,565	4,770
Dividends and interest	-	-	1,681
	<u>55,665</u>	<u>55,665</u>	<u>64,228</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£
Bell Fund	161	161	675
Sale of furniture	2,000	2,000	-
	<u>2,161</u>	<u>2,161</u>	<u>675</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£
<i>Fundraising trading costs</i>			
Choir subscriptions and Music	2,179	2,179	1,048
Other	108	108	761
<i>Investment management costs</i>			
Rental	3,380	3,380	9,454
	<u>5,667</u>	<u>5,667</u>	<u>11,263</u>

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Notes to the Accounts

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
		2020	2019
	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Wages	14,272	14,272	15,600
Premises cost	11,252	11,252	12,324
Administration	3,110	3,110	3,765
Parish Share	15,000	15,000	15,000
<i>Governance costs</i>			
	<u>43,634</u>	<u>43,634</u>	<u>46,689</u>

8 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
		2020	2019
	£	£	£
Church Repairs	116,947	116,947	66,760
Fees	634	634	879
Other expenditure	19,372	19,372	18,537
Depreciation of fixed assets	7,029	7,029	7,029
	<u>143,982</u>	<u>143,982</u>	<u>93,205</u>

9 Net income/(expenditure) before transfers

	2020	2019
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	7,029	7,029

10 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	fixed assets	Total
	£	£
Cost or revaluation		
At 1 January 2020	199,004	199,004
At 31 December 2020	<u>199,004</u>	<u>199,004</u>
Depreciation and impairment		
At 1 January 2020	74,078	74,078
Depreciation charge for the year	7,029	7,029
At 31 December 2020	<u>81,107</u>	<u>81,107</u>
Net book values		
At 31 December 2020	<u>117,897</u>	<u>117,897</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>124,926</u>	<u>124,926</u>

12 Investments

	Freehold Investment Property £	Other investments - Listed £	Total £
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 January 2020	939,000	31,974	970,974
Revaluation	861,000	-	861,000
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>31,974</u>	<u>1,831,974</u>
Provisions and impairment			
Revaluation	-	(2,033)	(2,033)
At 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,033)</u>	<u>(2,033)</u>
Net book values			
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>34,007</u>	<u>1,834,007</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>939,000</u>	<u>31,974</u>	<u>970,974</u>

13 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Other debtors	5,688	8,240
	<u>5,688</u>	<u>8,240</u>

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14 Movement in funds

	At 1 January 2020	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2020 £
Restricted funds:				
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	1,217,801	148,705	(193,283)	1,173,223
Revaluation Reserves:				
Revaluation fund	-	861,000		861,000
<i>Total revaluation reserves</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>861,000</u>		<u>861,000</u>
Total funds	<u>1,217,801</u>	<u>1,009,705</u>	<u>(193,283)</u>	<u>2,034,223</u>

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Revaluation reserves Represent the amount by which property investments exceed their historical cost.

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	117,897	117,897
Investments	1,834,007	1,834,007
Net current assets	82,319	82,319
	<u>2,034,223</u>	<u>2,034,223</u>

16 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 January 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2020 £
Cash and cash equivalents	113,661	(37,030)	76,631
	<u>113,661</u>	<u>(37,030)</u>	<u>76,631</u>
Net debt	<u>113,661</u>	<u>(37,030)</u>	<u>76,631</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies			
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Dividends and interest	-	-	1,681
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Other			
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Sale of furniture	2,000	2,000	-
	<u>2,161</u>	<u>2,161</u>	<u>675</u>
Total income and endowments	148,705	148,705	150,299
Expenditure on:			
Costs of other trading activities			
Choir subscriptions and Music	2,179	2,179	1,048
Other	108	108	761
	<u>2,287</u>	<u>2,287</u>	<u>1,809</u>
Investment costs			
Rental	3,380	3,380	9,454
	<u>3,380</u>	<u>3,380</u>	<u>9,454</u>
Total of expenditure on raising funds	5,667	5,667	11,263
Charitable activities			
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Other expenditure			
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Fees	634	634	879
Other expenditure	19,372	19,372	18,537
	<u>136,953</u>	<u>136,953</u>	<u>86,176</u>
General administrative costs			
Depreciation of fixed assets	7,029	7,029	7,029
	<u>7,029</u>	<u>7,029</u>	<u>7,029</u>
Total of expenditure of other costs	<u>143,982</u>	<u>143,982</u>	<u>93,205</u>
Total expenditure	193,283	193,283	151,157
Net gains on investments	861,000	861,000	-
	<u>816,422</u>	<u>816,422</u>	<u>(858)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)			
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)	816,422	816,422	(858)
Other Gains	-	-	-
	<u>816,422</u>	<u>816,422</u>	<u>(858)</u>
Net movement in funds			
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	1,217,801	1,217,801	1,218,659
Total funds carried forward	<u>2,034,223</u>	<u>2,034,223</u>	<u>1,217,801</u>