

# CANONS REGULAR OF PREMONTRE, CANONRY OF PECKHAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1104904

## Details

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Other names	CANONS REGULAR OF PREMONTRE, CANONRY OF CHELMSFORD, CHARITY OF CANONS REGULAR OF PREMONTRE CANONRY OF CORPUS CHRISTI MANCHESTER
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	2004-07-14
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE TRUST FUND AND THE INCOME THEREOF SHALL BE HELD ON EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE TRUSTS AND SHALL BE APPLICABLE SUBJECT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS HEREINAFTER CONTAINED FOR SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL ADVANCE THE CHARITABLE WORK FOR THE TIME BEING CARRIED ON PROMOTED OR SUPPORTED BY THE SOCIETY AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME WITH THE CONSENT OF THE PRELATE THINK FIT PROVIDED THAT IF AT ANY TIME THE SOCIETY SHALL CEASE TO EXIST OR TO CARRY ON PROMOTE OR SUPPORT ANY CHARITABLE WORKS THE TRUST FUND AND THE INCOME THEREOF SHALL BE HELD FOR SUCH GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC RELIGION AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL IN THEIR DISCRETION THINK FIT.

**Activities:** The Canonry aims to support the religious and other charitable works carried out by the members of the canonry and to care for those members. We care for two parishes, a school, train students for the priesthood, provide accommodation and provide support for people in need.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALFORD
- Throughout England

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£350,000	£535,000	-	-
2024-03-31	£528,030	£421,033	£878,787	0
2023-03-31	£123,334	£281,166	-	-
2022-03-31	£114,849	£98,057	-	-
2021-03-31	£327,561	£98,080	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev DAVID RENWICK TURNBULL ALLAN	Chair	
Rev Alexander Stephen Morrison		2015-08-15
Rev Darren Pius Collins		2020-05-25

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**Trustees' Annual Report  
for the period of  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

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**Registered Charity number: 1104904**

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## **Section D Achievements and performance**

*Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year*

### **Report of the past year**

Throughout the year, the community continued to serve in our various apostolates.

After some delay and a few problems to resolve, our church roof was finally finished after Easter. The original roof had been blown off during the Blitz in World War II and repaired with slates from houses that had been destroyed nearby. After weathering 80 years, it had to be completely replaced. This was only possible because of many kind benefactors, for which we are truly grateful. This has been a major expenditure and has cost nearly £500,000.

The next major project we hoped would be to reopen the parish hall, which is derelict. It is a sad story of small jobs not done now mean it is a huge job. When it is reopened, it will be a great blessing to our community and the local community. Sadly, other structural repairs were needed on the church building which has meant a further delay to this project.

At the end of May, some confreres visited Farnborough Abbey who are kindly giving us some choirstalls for the church. They were originally from the monastery at Prinknash. We look forward to installing them in the church.

June began with our Corpus Christi procession which this year went along the Old Kent Road – the first time that has happened since the reformation. Around 600 people joined us for that, including Bishop Philip Moger, an auxiliary bishop in the archdiocese. The Old Kent Road goes through the middle of our parish, and, for the board games enthusiasts, it is the first square on the Monopoly board – and the cheapest!

After eight years in the role, Fr Hugh handed over his work as apostolic administrator for the South Atlantic islands. He was appointed for five years and ended up doing it for eight years.

Before the General Chapter, we welcomed three confreres from De Pere, and it was a real joy to have them stay with us. At the General Chapter, Fr Hugh was elected a Definitor of the Chapter. After the General Chapter, we had our community retreat which was given this year by a monk from Pluscarden Abbey.

Sadly, our oldest confrere, Fr Michael Gallagher, died at the end of August. In his life as a Norbertine and a priest, Fr Michael served the Church and the Order in several different ministries. In retirement, he lived with the Little Sisters of the Poor in Longsight, Manchester, and he died there on 26th August.

At the end of October, more structural problems surfaced with the church building and the west end gable of the roof and window were in danger of falling out. So, after rejoicing that scaffolding had come down after the south side of the church roof was finished, it had to go up again at the end of October and work began to replace parts of the roof that were in danger of falling out. Interestingly, part of the problem was the temporary repairs done after the church suffered during the Blitz in the Second World war. Some of the "ad hoc" repairs had caused more damage than the bombs. This then became a focus for fund raising and repairs. It sadly means a further delay in the renewal of the parish hall

At the beginning of November, Fr Gildas led a youth retreat at the abbey of Douai and continues his excellent work in psychological evaluation of candidates for different dioceses around the country.

The confreres enjoyed an advent day of recollection together led by Fr John Hemer. He is a Mill Hill father who has taught at the local seminary for many years. He gave us a beautiful day of reflection on the "O" antiphons.

Fr Stephen celebrated his tenth anniversary of ordination on 6th December. Friends gathered from near and far to thank God for his service and ministry.

At the beginning of February, confreres attended the annual Mass for Consecrated Life with the Archbishop. This year it was held at the Little Sisters of the Poor convent in Vauxhall, London. We have 62 convents of sisters and 21 men's communities in south London, and it was a great blessing to come together for the day.

Fr Pius has now started teaching in the local seminary, Allen Hall. The seminarians enjoy his pearls of wisdom on the wonderful world of Canon Law.

At the end of March, Fr Hugh began a new task as Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference in England in Wales. This new task means he has responsibility for the work of the Bishops Conference in pretty much every area of the churches work, except schools and finance! So, his department covers liturgy, catechesis, evangelisation, ecumenism and inter religious dialogue, vocations, marriage and family life, church buildings etc.

On Good Friday, the young people from the parish continued the tradition of an outside stations of the cross around the local streets. This year, our Archbishop came to support the young people in this powerful act of witness. Throughout the Triduum, we saw an overflowing church for all the celebrations.

Not long after Easter, the work on the West End Gable of the church was completed. A newly restored cross was placed at the pinnacle of the roof. A

very brave Fr Stephen ascended the scaffolding and blessed the new cross in situ.

We are looking forward to clothing our first novice in our new home soon.

- **Caring for members of the Canonry**

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The Canonry has an obligation, both moral and legal, to care and provide for its members, none of whom have resources of their own and all of whom have devoted a significant part of their lives to the care of others.

The Canonry pays a monthly fee to the Little Sisters of the Poor for the ongoing care of our eldest confrere. This ended at the end of August this year with the death of Fr Michael.

We have also continued to train men for the Catholic priesthood. We have one man training for the priesthood and after ordination he will continue with his studies. The Canonry is responsible for all his needs and costs.

- **Parish and Pastoral duties**

The main apostolates of the Canonry consist in serving the parish of Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham. In addition to this work, we also serve the local primary school and are "on-call" to the local Hospital when needed. One of the priests is also chaplain to St Thomas's and Guys Hospital and the community support him in this important ministry.

The Parish work has involved visiting the sick in their homes, nursing homes and in hospital; in preparing couples for marriage; preparing parents for the baptism of their children; preparing enquirers for reception into the Church; counselling the bereaved and preparing for funerals.

Fr Gildas Parry is the chaplain to St Thomas's and Guys Hospital, London.

Fr Pius Collins in addition to his work in the parish also works for the Diocesan Tribunal

Fr Hugh Allan is the Episcopal Vicar for Religious. He helps as an on-call chaplain to Kings Hospital. He also served as Apostolic Administrator of the Falkland Islands and Superior of the Mission sui juris of St Helena, Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha. This mission concluded in July 2024.

Fr Stephen Morrison in addition to his duties as Parish Priest, is a chaplain to the Knights of Malta and organizes their Lourdes Pilgrimage.

- **School and University Chaplaincy Work**

Fr Stephen Morrison and Fr Gildas Parry at Governors of St Francis School, Peckham. Fr Stephen also says a weekly Mass for the school and provides pastoral support.

Fr Hugh Allan is a director of the Oscar Romero Trust (South East London Catholic Academies Trust).

Different members of the community have celebrated Mass for and supported the work of the university chaplaincy at Guys.

- **Retreats and Spiritual Direction for other religious communities**

Fr Hugh Allan fulfills duties as confessor to the nuns of Tyburn Convent and various other convents.

Fr Pius Collins is chaplain to Catholic Men UK.

Fr Hugh Allan, Fr Stephen Morrison, Fr Pius Collins and Fr Gildas Parry have all provided input for days of recollection and retreats in the local area and beyond.

## **Working with other organizations**

The charity works with other charities and public bodies in the services they provide. In some instances, they are occasionally employed by these organisations, whilst in other instances the relationships are more informal. Examples of organizations for which the members of the Canonry have worked and with which they have co-operated during the year are as follows:

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark  
The Diocesan Tribunal Office  
The Vicariate for Religious in the Archdiocese of Southwark  
Bishop's Conference of England and Wales  
Southwark Borough Council  
Tyburn Convent  
Catenian Association  
Knights of St Columba  
Day with Mary  
St Francis Primary School, Peckham  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
A.I.C.  
Nigerian Association  
Ghanian Association  
Sierra Leone Association  
Catholic Youth of Peckham  
Peckham Youth Choir  
SELCAT  
Marriage Care  
Knights of Malta

Catholic Men UK  
Good Counsel Network  
The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham  
Parish foodbank  
Falkland Islands Government  
Falkland Island Conservation Society  
St Helena Government  
Ascension Island Government

### **Plans for the future**

Various repairs and redecorating continue around the property.

The main focus for the site will be seeking to re-open the derelict parish hall. This will require a huge fund raising project.

We number eight members of our community.

We will soon have a novice in formation and have hopes for other men to join the community in coming years.

### **Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults**

Along with all other organisations that serve in the community, the trustees recognise the absolute necessity of ensuring the protection and safety of all those the Canonry serves. The trustees are committed to implementing all the policies and procedures of the Catholic Standards Safeguarding Agency (CSSA) and the RLSS. Safeguarding training is undertaken with the local Archdiocese.

## ***Section E Financial Review***

### ***Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves***

- (a) The trustees shall have power instead of applying any income of the Trust Fund for the aforesaid charitable purposes to employ the same in the creation of augmentation of any reserve or endowment fund or funds for providing by the income thereof for all or any of the said purposes but so that the Trustees shall be at liberty at any time or times to resort to the capital or any such fund for any of the said purposes.
- (b) The Trustees shall also have power to appropriate or set aside any part or parts of the capital of the Trust Fund in the creation or augmentation of any such reserve or endowment fund.
- (c) Any periodical payments or other monies or property of the nature of income which may be received by the Trustees whether under gift aid declarations or otherwise howsoever for the general purposes of this deed shall be treated as income of the Trust Fund.

**Section F      Other optional information**

**Trustees**

As members of the Order, the Trustees' living expenses were borne by the Order, but the Trustees received no remuneration or other benefits in connection with their duties as Trustees during the year.

**Section G      Declaration**

*The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.*

*Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.*

Signature      *David Hugh Allan, o. praem.*

Full Name      David Hugh Allan

Position      Prelate and Chairman of Trustees

Date      26<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Canons Regular of Premontre Canonry of Chelmsford**  
**Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2025**

**Income**

Christmas and Easter collections	10,764.91		
Donations	106,108.06		
Hospital Chaplaincy	18,741.43		
Interest Income	1,999.80		
Other Revenue	100,682.35		
Rental Income	34,232.40		
Standing Order Donations	1,745.00		
Stipends	3,504.00		
Stole Fees	26,630.02		
CAF Donations	5,763.57		
Refunds	37,343.38		
Supply	2,217.66		
<b>Total In</b>			<b>349,732.58</b>

**Expenditure**

Audit & Accountancy Fees		-757.20	
Books		-1,696.21	
Clothing		-2,099.71	
Fr John Allowance		-2,674.22	
Fr Richard Saksons		-1,452.40	
General Expenses		-26,082.26	
Health Care		-1,925.43	
Household		-11,588.64	
Insurance		-82.40	
Investments		-14,977.20	
It Software and Consumables		-684.97	
Legal Expenses		-20,885.49	
Litery and Chapel		-1,250.78	
Motor Vehicle Expenses		-20,032.72	
Nursing Home Costs		-7,200.00	
Postage, Freight & Courier		-1,099.68	
Printing & Stationery		-1,327.85	
Repairs & Maintenance		-380,365.10	
Student fees & training		-9,494.80	
Subscriptions		-3,043.48	
Telephone & Internet		-1,681.00	
Travel - International		-11,300.69	
Travel - National		-12,729.30	
<b>Total Out</b>			<b>-534,431.53</b>

Income - Expenditure **-184,698.95**

**Funded By: -**

Bank 1 Closing Balance	52,816.02		
Bank 2 Closing Balance	79,561.45		
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### **Report of the past year**

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In May 2023 we completed a structural survey of the parish hall which has been derelict for twenty years. The building is structurally salvageable and so we are waiting for the quantity survey to tell us how much money this will cost. We continue to make improvements to the Priory and the whole property. It is going to take a long time, but we are slowly making progress. Thanks to the generous and kind donations we have received from various sources, we are able to replace the church roof. This was originally blown off in the Blitz during the Second World War. At that time, it was replaced with slates from nearby houses that had been destroyed, but this was only meant to be a temporary solution. After eighty years, there was no option but to replace it.

We celebrated together our first St Norbert's day in our new home. At first vespers, we welcomed around forty local clergy for a meal together and then, on the day, Mass and celebrations with the parish and wider community.

In July, we held a Vocations Day at the priory. This is the first time we had held a day to invite men to visit and learn more about our life together. We welcomed eight men to the day, and it was a great success. We are very hopeful that one or two of them will join our novitiate soon.

After seventeen years at Lymington as chaplain to the Dominican sisters, our Fr Richard has a new mission in Yorkshire. He has become chaplain to Burton Constable House and cares for the family church at Marton, East Yorkshire.

We held our Canonry Retreat in the last week of August and then welcomed the Abbot General for his first visit to Peckham. He and Fr Stephen then flew to Australia for the Visitation of Queens Park Canonry.

In September, our eldest confrere, Fr Michael, celebrated his 92nd birthday and earlier this year celebrated 65 years of priesthood.

Fr Gildas has been appointed chaplain to St Thomas Hospital and Guys hospital. Both hospitals are on the bank of the river Thames, overlooking the

Houses of Parliament. Fr Pius continues his work in the parish and the archdiocesan Tribunal.

An exciting new venture for our priory and parish has been the establishment of a choir and we now have a group of “choral scholars” to help with the liturgy. Thanks to a donation from a Catholic charity, we can pay for four student singers to sing at our Conventual Mass on Sundays and on feast days. It is a beautiful addition to our life together and helps the students with their studies.

In November, the community had a series of meetings to review our book of customs in preparation for the visitation in February 2024.

Work on the church roof was delayed by the late arrival of the new slates from a quarry in Wales. The work was meant to be completed by Christmas, but eventually began just before Christmas and is still on-going.

December began with retreat days for the religious of the archdiocese. The archdiocese covers a large area, so retreat days for religious are held in two venues to enable the various religious communities to attend. In the archdiocese, we have sixty-two communities of women and twenty-two of men.

On the second Sunday of Advent, our new auxiliary bishop in the archdiocese, Bishop Moger, celebrated our Sunday conventual Mass and spend the day with the community. Before his appointment, he had been the rector of the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

December also saw continuing renovations and decorations around the priory. This time it was the refectory and the community common room.

After Christmas, the community welcomed some students from St Norberts College, Wisconsin, who were on a tour of European sites.

In February, we welcomed Abbot Dane of De Pere and Fr Joshy of Mananthavady for our Visitation. It was a blessed and grace filled time and we all benefited from their kindness and wisdom.

Shortly after, the Abbot General arrived for the election of a new Prior de Regimine. After serving eighteen years (six as administrator and twelve as prior de regimine), Fr Hugh Allan was re-elected for another term.

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*Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.*

*Signature*            *David Hugh Allan, o. praem.*

*Full Name*            David Hugh Allan

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*Date*                  26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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Donations for Church roof	211,289.22	
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<b>Total In</b>		<b>528,029.94</b>

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for the period of  
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Registered Charity number: 1104904

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Friary Road,  
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## **Section A Reference and administration details**

Names of the Trustees who manage the charity

1. The Reverend Darren Pius Collins
2. The Reverend Alexander Stephen Morrison
3. The Right Reverend David Hugh Allan ~ Prelate and Chairman

### **Principal address**

Priory of Our Lady of Sorrows  
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Tel. No. 020 7639 0947

**Website** : [www.norbertines.org.uk](http://www.norbertines.org.uk)

**Email** : [community@norbertines.org.uk](mailto:community@norbertines.org.uk)

### **Bankers**

Santander Corporate Banking  
Bridle Road  
Bootle  
Merseyside  
L30 4GB

### **Investments**

Fairstone Management Ltd  
4th Floor,  
25 Cophall Avenue,  
London,  
EC2R 7BP

### **Solicitors:**

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90 Deansgate,  
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## **Section B Structure, governance and management**

The order of Canons Regular of Prémontré (the Norbertine Order) is an international Roman Catholic Religious Order. It was founded in France in 1121. Its Generalate is in Rome, and it is constituted of autonomous canonries (abbeys and priories with their dependent works). The Order was re-established in England in 1872. The new autonomous Canonry was established in 2004 under a new Scheme dated 29th June 2004 (Charity No. 1104904).

### **Governance and Structure**

In terms of Canon Law the supreme governing body of the Order is the General Chapter which meets every six years. Between these times there is an Abbot General who meets twice a year with four Definitors. The Canonry is governed by its superior (known as the Prelate) and council. In terms of Civil Law, the Order is governed by the trust deed.

The Trustees are members of the Order and have a detailed knowledge of the Order and its structure. The Trustees are responsible for the policies, activities and assets of the charities. They meet regularly to review developments with regard to the charities and its activities and make any important decisions.

#### *Description of the charity's trusts:*

<i>Type of governing document</i>	Trust deed
<i>How the charity is constituted</i>	Trust
<i>Trustee selection methods</i>	Appointed

#### *Additional governance issues:*

The chairman appoints and nominates new trustees.

## **Section C Objectives and activities**

#### *Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document:*

The trust fund and the income thereof shall be held on exclusively charitable trusts and shall be applicable subject to and in accordance with the provisions hereinafter contained for such charitable purposes as shall advance the charitable work for the time being carried on promoted or supported by the Society as the Trustees shall from time to time with the consent of the Prelate think fit PROVIDED THAT if at any time the Society shall cease to exist or to carry on promote or support any charitable works the Trust Fund and the income thereof shall be held for such general charitable purposes in

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## **Objects and Mission**

The Canonry aims to support the religious and other charitable works carried out by the members of the Canonry and to care for those members throughout their lives with the Order.

## **Section D Achievements and performance**

*Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year*

### **Report of the past year**

The main event for our charity in the past year has been the decision to move from Chelmsford to Peckham in South London.

The Pandemic was a time when our community discovered more and more about our strengths and our weaknesses.

It was an incredible privilege to be able to visit the sick and dying in hospital during that time, especially on the covid wards. Our local hospital was outstanding in doing everything they could to enable us to be there for people who needed a priest, even when sometimes families were not able to be there. It was a humbling privilege to be able to serve both the dying and those caring for them.

The only way that we managed this is that we were all together in the Priory. We know what an incredible gift we had in being able to be together, but also to be able to continue to offer the Holy Mass and to sing the Divine Office, when so many others were deprived of the sacraments and common prayer.

The Pandemic was the first time the confreres had been able to celebrate the great feasts together, especially Christmas and an Easter, since we had moved to Chelmsford. The demands of two parishes and three places of worship have meant this had never been possible. Oddly, the Pandemic meant we could do that for the first time in fourteen years. This and other aspects of our life together showed us what we had missed since our arrival in Chelmsford, even as we had been truly blessed to be there in other ways, not least the friendship and support of parishioners.

The experience of the pandemic had shown us an area of our life that we needed to ensure continued as life returned to normal. Sadly, we realised that it was just not going to be possible to do that in our old home; the physical geography of having a separate Priory, and two parish churches did not allow us to live our Norbertine vocation to the fullest.

In the midst of this, the Archdiocese of Southwark asked us if we would be willing to take over a former Capuchin monastery and the parish of Peckham in South London. It provided everything we had been looking for. It is one church, one parish, and an attached house with space enough for us to grow

and perhaps even build one day. After much careful thought, prayer, and consideration we accepted the offer, and so began the transition to a new priory.

It was a hard decision to leave Chelmsford, but we left filled with gratitude for the parishioners love and friendship. We were obviously sad to be leaving somewhere we had the privilege of serving for fourteen years, but we also left with hearts filled with excitement about the future and how we may continue to be of service to God's Church in our vocation as Norbertines.

The archdiocese of Southwark has given us the property in South London, so we own the church, priory and surrounding property and land. It is a large site for a London property and will provide stability and space for the community to grow.

Sadly, the buildings have not been maintained well. Despite the history and beauty of the buildings, the buildings have been badly neglected. There is a lot of work to be done to bring the church and house back to life. This will take many years, but we hope to be here for many years to come.

On 29th September 2022, Archbishop Wilson came to the priory to celebrate a Mass to mark the opening of the new priory and to induct Fr Stephen as parish priest. It was a wonderful occasion with other 60 priests here to support the community and a packed church of parishioners and friends from near and far. It was a great privilege to welcome the Deputy Lord Lieutenant who represented the King and many religious sisters from across London. It marked a very happy and blessed beginning to this new chapter in the life of our community.

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Full Name      David Hugh Allan

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Supply	177.40
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>171,379.65</b>

<b>Profit</b>	<b>13,547.46</b>
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### Funded By

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Bank 2 Closing Balance	150458.65	
Investment Closing Balance	517919.01	
		771790.48

### Less

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for the period of  
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### **Report of the past year**

In April 2021, Fr Hugh attended the Bishops Conference by zoom, but on the last day, they managed to meet "in person" for the first time in over a year.

In May Fr Hugh was invited to preach at the annual service of remembrance for the Falkland war. In the 39 years since the invasion and liberation of the islands, it was the first time a Catholic had been asked to preach. Around the same time, we celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation for our parishioners who had been prepared by Fr Pius over the last year, again, mainly via zoom. To enable all things to be done following the covid regulations, we had a relay of Masses for the sacrament to be celebrated. At the end of May, Richard Hyslop visited the monastery. He is the Falkland Islands representative in the UK and it was good to welcome him to the Priory.

The greatest event for us in the past year happened in June with the Ordination and First Mass of Fr Gildas. This had been delayed from January due to the covid restrictions in place, but it was a wonderful way for us to celebrate the feast of our holy father Norbert (in England, his feast was celebrated on 7th June this year, with the 6th June being the transferred solemnity of Corpus Christi).

The beauty of the Mass was enhanced by a motet composed by our own Fr Stephen for the occasion. It was based on the Last words of Blessed William Davies, Martyred at Beaumaris, Anglesey, in 1593 and also the words of Saint Gildas the Wise, taken from his famous work, "On the Ruin of Britain." The next day, Fr Gildas celebrated his "first Mass" and again it was a deeply moving occasion. The highlight of our year.

Early in July Fr Stephen gave a retreat day to Knights of Malta in London. On the same day, Fr Hugh attended the first Mass to be said in the ruins of Colchester Abbey since the Reformation.

At the end of the summer our Canonry Retreat was given by Fr Stephen. We had hoped a confrere from Orange would give our retreat this year, but the ongoing restrictions to travel made this impossible. Instead, Fr Stephen gave an excellent retreat to the confreres on the virtue of fortitude. A truly blessed week of prayer and silence together.

At the beginning of September Fr Michael, our oldest confrere and dean of the chapter, celebrated his 90th birthday. Fr Stephen and Fr Pius joined him for the occasion.

Fr Gildas began course of studies in Psychology based at a university in South London. Later in the month we held our Canonry Chapter at the Dominican Convent in Lymington where our confrere, Fr Richard, is the chaplain to the sisters.

October began with two memorial Masses for priests associated with the parishes but who had died during the “lockdowns”, and so attendance at their funerals was not possible. Canon John Duckett and Fr Paul Dynan, both of whom were ordained in the parish church in Chelmsford.

November saw the usual rounds of Masses for the dead and blessing of graves. We also held our annual Quarant Ore devotion. As ever, it was a beautiful three days of prayer, praying especially for all those who suffered during the pandemic. At the end of November, Fr Stephen and Fr Pius travelled up to Scotland to give a parish mission in Rutherglen. It was a great success, and the parishioners were really inspired by our confreres.

At the beginning of December, Sr Elizabeth, a long-term member of the parish, left Chelmsford to move into the nursing home of her congregation. Sister had been headteacher of both our Catholic schools.

Advent began with Fr Hugh giving a retreat to the Ordinariate in London and a few days later to the priests of the archdiocese of Westminster. Also, in Advent, some confreres joined the sisters at Tyburn for the silver jubilee of Mother General, Sr Marilla. Fr Stephen and Fr Pius travelled to Walsingham to record some Lenten reflections to be broadcast by EWTN.

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**Section F      Other optional information**

**Trustees**

As members of the Order, the Trustees' living expenses were borne by the Order but the Trustees received no remuneration or other benefits in connection with their duties as Trustees during the year.

**Section G      Declaration**

*The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above*

*Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees*

Signature      *David Hugh Allan, o. raem.*

Full Name      David Hugh Allan

Position      Prelate and Chairman of Trustees

Date      27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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The time frame for this report begins with the "lockdown" resulting from the covid 19 pandemic. As the government closed churches and public Masses were suspended, the confreres had a frantic few days travelling around all the homes of our parishes to distribute information on what to do and how to contact us etc. during lockdown..

We were the only active priests in the area, all the other local clergy either being over 70 or had an illness which made them vulnerable to the virus. All of the confreres made regular visits to the local hospital to visit the sick and the dying. It was a humbling privilege to be able to do this during this terrible time.

The community faced our own moment of profound grief with the death of Fr Cadoc Leighton. As his obituary said:

"There is no one quite like Fr Cadoc. Fr Cadoc has always been a faithful and kind confrere. His unfailing cheerfulness and his delight in the absurd was always a source of comfort and strength. His great love of snuff tobacco provided so many opportunities for the mortification of his confreres. There are so many wonderful stories of his life. He was always a man of strong opinions and forthright in his views. Yet, like Bartholomew in the gospel, he was a man completely without guile. His greatest desire is that we would remember him as a faithful priest and a true son of Mary Immaculate. Fortified by the rites of Holy Mother Church, Fr Cadoc went home to the Lord on 1st May 2020, a "First Friday" dedicated to the Sacred Heart, the feast of St Joseph and the first day of the Marian month of May. This sums up his life and his priesthood." May he rest in peace.

In many ways, dealing with death marked the next few months of our life in the Priory.

Thankfully, shortly after St Norbert's day, the government allowed churches to open again for private prayer. This was a wonderful day. It took a lot of organising but well worth it to open the church doors again and welcome people home.

After a few weeks of this, the government then allowed the resumption of public worship and at the beginning of July we resumed the schedule of public Masses.

The great joy of the summer was the solemn profession of Br Gildas and a few weeks later his ordination to the diaconate.

Over the summer, we also took delivery of the booklets "St Norbert, Apostle of Peace" published by the Catholic Truth Society in preparation for the celebrations of the jubilee year.

In September, October and early November, most of our time was spent catching up on baptisms, weddings etc. that all had been postponed because of the earlier lockdown. Then, in mid-November, we had another month-long national lockdown. This time, churches were permitted to remain open for private prayer, but not for communal worship.

This lockdown coincided with the opening of the Jubilee Year and so we were unable to have the public celebration at the start of Advent. Instead, we had a celebration Mass in the church which was livestreamed. At this time, we also took delivery of two new statues of St Augustine and St Norbert to mark the jubilee year.

After this there was a brief time when restrictions were eased, and we were able to visit people for a short period.

Shortly after Christmas, we went into another national lockdown (our third one). This was the beginning of another very busy and intense time of pastoral care for the Covid wards in the local hospital. At times, we were called to the dying four or five times in a day. Our county, Essex, had become the national "hotspot" for Covid infections.

As with the first lockdown, the confreres in the house went above and beyond in their diligent care of the sick and dying.

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- (b) The Trustees shall also have power to appropriate or set aside any part or parts of the capital of the Trust Fund in the creation or augmentation of any such reserve or endowment fund.
- (c) Any periodical payments or other monies or property of the nature of income which may be received by the Trustees whether under gift aid declarations or otherwise howsoever for the general purposes of this deed shall be treated as income of the Trust Fund.

**Section F      Other optional information**

**Trustees**

As members of the Order, the Trustees' living expenses were borne by the Order but the Trustees received no remuneration or other benefits in connection with their duties as Trustees during the year.

**Section G      Declaration**

*The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above*

*Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees*

Signature      *David Hugh Allan, o. raem.*

Full Name      David Hugh Allan

Position      Prelate and Chairman of Trustees

Date      27<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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<b>Total In</b>		<b>327,561.08</b>

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Cleaning	-649.58	
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General Expenses	-11,342.84	
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Household	-16,808.98	
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Income - Expenditure 229,480.78

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