

A large, weathered stone cross stands prominently in the center of the image. The cross is made of light-colored stone, heavily covered in patches of orange and white lichen. It has a thick, rectangular base and a tall, slightly tapered shaft. The cross arms are wide and flat, with a slightly notched top. The background features a clear, bright blue sky and several bare, dark trees with intricate branch structures. The overall scene is outdoors, likely in a churchyard or cemetery.

**St Peter ad Vincula Coggeshall
Annual Report 2022-23**



The Parish Church of St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall, Essex



Annual report of the members and proceedings of the Parochial Church Council 2022-23

PCC Members

Ex-officio

Vicar and Incumbent of the benefice
Assistant Curate
Churchwardens

Revd Heike Prentice
Revd Melanie Shillito
Judith Wargent (also fabrics)
Ian Elliott

Licensed Lay Minister

Brian Meads

Elected Deanery Synod members **2023-26**
(also ex officio)

Martin Bevan
Heather Semken
Thomas Taylor (PCC health and safety officer)

Elected **2020-23**

Barry Gibson (Secretary)
Janet Florence (Secretary)
Claudia Mercer

2021-24

Joanna Clark
Susan Williams

2022-25

Derek Wilkins
Stephen Beckett
Lizzie Armour

Co-opted **2022-23** Justin Jeffs (Treasurer)

Although not members, the following are involved in various St Peter's PCC responsibilities:

Parish Administrator

Justine Kneller

Communications / PA

Adele Pye

Bell Tower Captain

Janet Edwards

Electoral Roll Officer

Elaine Day / Revd Melanie Shillito

Parish Safeguarding Representative

Joanna Clark

Pastoral Care Team Leader

Sarah Glossop

Coggeshall Youth Project Worker

Brian Summers

Lesley Frearson was appointed as **Independent Examiner** for the 2022 financial statements.

New Benefice Name

After extensive consultation among the parishes in the benefice and all interested parties as determined by the Diocesan Bishop the following Order was made Under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 by Bishop Guli on 23rd November 2022: that the name of the benefice of Coggeshall, Markshall, Cressing, Stisted, Bradwell-juxta-Coggeshall and Pattiswick shall be altered to "The Benefice of Coggeshall and United Parishes", with the resulting acronym 'CAUP' being used for website and email purpose. CAUP is an old English Word meaning 'a gift given to one's master in return for one's keep and protection.'

Foreword by the vicar

Once again it is a privilege to be able to commend to you the Coggeshall Church Annual Report as we look back over the last year, giving thanks for God's faithfulness to our church community and the commitment, generosity and contributions of so many.



Undoubtedly it has been a year of considerable change, as many have handed over batons to those following in their footsteps. Transitions can be challenging and I am grateful for the abundance of grace and good will which has been shown by everyone, as one by one and for myriad of reasons a new team has emerged.

At last year's APCM, our long-standing warden Paul King handed over to Ian Elliott, in the office Janet Edwards passed the administration responsibilities to Justine Kneller and Adele Pye. Alistair Prentice followed in Derek Wilkins' footsteps in all things technical, and we are grateful that Justin Jeffs has become the new treasurer taking over from Jim Furze. Most recently Janet Florence has picked up as church secretary from Barry Gibson. We also thank Elaine Day for serving as Electoral Roll Officer for many years and Lizzie Armour for taking on that responsibility.

While the new team is still finding their feet, I know that I speak for everyone as I extend our thanks to all who have faithfully served in these roles for many years. Letting go of responsibilities can be painful, at other times it's a relief and the beginning of other ventures. We are grateful for the way God has brought new people into our team, to continue the mission he has entrusted to us – we recognize that we are stewards for a time, and we too will be called to pass on our responsibilities at some point in the future.

It is testament to everyone's good will that we have been able to continue to provide a rich tapestry of services and events both at St Peter ad Vincula and at St Nicholas, which underpin the spiritual life of our church community. The family services every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month continue to be a wonderful opportunity to invite new, young families to a more informal and relaxed kind of service.

I am particularly grateful to our ministry team, their friendship and prayer, and without whom we simply could not serve the parish with services, pastoral care, missional outreach, funerals and weddings. I would like to thank our curate Revd Melanie Shillito, who was ordained at Chelmsford Cathedral in September, Revd John Richardson, Brian Meads and Tayrina Ferguson. Last year we also said farewell to Natasha McMichael, who began her curacy in the Kelvedon and Feering Churches.

A highlight of the year was of course the annual flower festival with the theme Women of the Bible, which together with the produce and refreshments on offer drew in visitors from near and far over the Bank Holiday weekend and continues to be a key event in the annual calendar of Coggeshall. Judy Crawford and Janet Florence expertly organised an amazing team of volunteers and flower arrangers, and also raised significant funds to support the life of the church.

New ventures included the popular and joint benefice services on the 5th Sunday of the month, alternating between the different locations of Coggeshall, Stisted and Cressing.

We also had a bat evening in church, which meant we could share the fascination of our bat population with young families and other interested parties who do not normally attend church. With the help of Stephen and Audrey Beckett we achieved the Church Eco Bronze Award, courtesy of A Rocha.

After much preparation and conversations we finally went ahead and swapped the locations of the church office with the choir vestry in November. Parishioners and visitors have commented how much they enjoy being able to drop into the office – often greeted by happy tapping on the keyboards or laughter spilling through the double doors at the back of the church: thank you to Justine and Adele for providing a welcoming presence and a point of contact for enquiries!

Only too aware that the winter and rising heating and electricity costs presented a challenge to many, we felt it was right to offer a warm space. We are immensely grateful to Julia Ibbotson, who started Cosy Kitchen on Friday mornings, which has proved very popular indeed. Other mid-week activities have contributed to church life: the Knit and Natter group, Men's Coffee Drop in, a Lay-led service and Prayer Group on Thursdays, and in the run up to Easter an 8 week Bible Course.

Our links with St Peter's School continue to be strong: Brian Meads and Revd Melanie Shillito, who took over from Jean North, are our new foundation governors and the 'Open the Bible' team, Brian Summers and I have taken assemblies. At key times of the school calendar the school come into church for services, and in case of emergency St Peter ad Vincula is now their designated safe space – what a privilege to agree to this request.

My particular thanks go to our two wonderful churchwardens Judith Wargent and Ian Elliott, I value their prayers, friendship, support, wisdom and practical help more than they will ever know.

Of course church only happens because we have so many generous people who work tirelessly and often unseen, putting together and fulfilling so many rotas. Thank you to our servers, readers, those who lead our intercessions each week and those who make our church the inviting place it is: welcomers, flower arrangers, bellringers, those who make coffee and all who keep the church looking clean and welcoming, especially during the annual bat nesting season. We couldn't do it without you. We are grateful to our PCC members, who keep an eye on finances, fabric, health and safety and safeguarding at both St Peter's and St Nic's, some also attend Deanery Synod, and all offer wise counsel and keep us accountable.

Thank you also to all who give generously to our church, we rely on your regular giving more than ever and please consider if you are able to increase your giving in line with rising costs. Generosity and kindness are characteristics of our community, a clear expression of both faith and commitment to God, who ultimately gives back to anyone who gives – no-one can outgive our generous God. Thank you also for the many donations of food and money for the Braintree Area Foodbank.

With all this activity – and I hope you enjoy reading each contribution – it's good to remember why we are here: to serve God and to pass on the good news of Jesus Christ. We love because He first loved us.

Revd Heike Prentice

Reports from Church Activity Groups 2022-23

Baptisms

It is always a joy when parents bring their children to be baptised, and the parents and their visitors enjoy the family service - it is family and child friendly, packed with action songs, stories, clips and activities, making all feel welcome. We pray that what they hear and experience encourages them on their journey of faith and to come to church more regularly.

For many years Sue Williams was the first point of contact for baptism enquiries. She invested time and effort in building relationships and helping families become familiar with the church building and the promises which are made at baptism. We are very grateful to Sue for her service, and last summer she handed over the administration of baptisms to the church office and ministry team. Justine Kneller now makes the initial contact and then either Melanie or Heike go and visit the family at home, preparing the parents for the day. Please keep praying for the children, parents, godparents and families.

Heike, Melanie and Sue

Bellringers Report

2022 was a busy and positive year for the bellringers. We rang several times for the Queen, starting in February with the 70th anniversary of her accession to the throne, followed by her Platinum Jubilee in June. Both happy and celebratory occasions. And then in September, we rang when Queen Elizabeth II died. We had to follow strict protocol, ringing the bells fully muffled on the announcement of her death; then we took the muffles off to celebrate our new King, only to put them back on again for the week of mourning leading up to the State funeral. It was a very emotional time for us and we had to get it right.

During the year we have gained three brand new ringers who have been taught from scratch but who are now able to ring on a Sunday for service. Two other people, who had learnt to ring elsewhere also joined us and I am confident that soon we will be able to ring all ten of our bells on a

Sunday. A very different story from this time last year when we were sometimes unable to ring at all. We had a stall on the recreation ground at the Jubilee event and this gave us the chance to talk to people and encourage them to find out more of what we do. We are hoping to repeat this in June 2023 with a similar response. We joined with the ringers at Stisted when the United Benefice service was held in their church; represented the Northern District at the County Striking competition and hosted the Annual

meeting. The Essex Association continue to use our bells for their three day course based at Honywood School and other bellringers visit us occasionally for quarter peals, peals and outings. I am encouraged by the progress we have made this year and look forward to 2023 with optimism.

Janet Edwards

Braintree Area Foodbank

Braintree Area Foodbank has been providing to people in food crisis for over ten years. The work that they do is vital to the Braintree area. Supported by the Trussell Trust, who have a network of more than 1,200 centres in the UK. It provides a minimum of three days' nutritionally-balanced emergency food to people who have been referred in crisis or who find themselves locked into longer term poverty. The Braintree Foodbank has observed an increase in demand, with 77% more parcels

being provided to clients. The Braintree foodbank is managed by seven volunteer trustees, with many volunteers working in the warehouses and distribution centres. With financial donations they are able to employ a project manager and warehouse manager. The Braintree foodbank receives food donations from St Peter's over the last ten years. St Bernards and Christ Church also have collections.

A shopping list of essential items is sent to us by the foodbank and donations can be brought to St Peter's at any time and placed in the collection trolley near the font at the back of the church. We take all the contributions to warehouse in Braintree on the first Monday of every month. There has been a most generous response by our congregations over the last ten years. This is very much appreciated by the Foodbank and of course those who are in need of their services. It is hoped that there may be a facility to distribute to those in need in Coggeshall at some point. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to those in great need.

Joanna Clark

Braintree Deanery Synod

The Synod

Braintree Deanery Synod is a council of church members drawn mainly from the clergy and congregations in each of the Deanery's parishes. It provides the communication link between congregations, the Diocese of Chelmsford and the Church of England nationally.

During 2022, St Peter ad Vincula was represented in the House of Clergy by Revd Heike Prentice and Revd Melanie Shillito and in the House of Laity by Mrs Heather Semken, Mr Tom Taylor and Mr Martin Bevan, Martin Bevan serving as Treasurer. The Synod met three times, chaired jointly by the Area Dean, Rev'd Rod Reid, and the Joint Lay Chair, Canon John Turton.

Regarding membership, proposals for a pastoral reorganisation between Deaneries lead the Synod to welcome new lay members from the parishes of Great and Little Bardfield. On a sad note, the Synod was very sorry to learn of the death of Mrs Angela Comfort, a loyal and committed member for many years.

Issues considered in 2022

In October, the Synod was delighted to welcome Bishop Guli, who gave an inspirational talk on her background in Iran, her positive outlook for the future of the Church of England and her thoughts on being prepared for and willing to accept change. She then responded to questions. The Synod greatly appreciated Bishop Guli taking the time to attend and meet members in person.

Development of the Mission and Ministry Partnership (MMP) has continued and efforts are ongoing to recruit a Strategic Co-ordinator to oversee and encourage further progress. Advantage has been taken of opportunities for joint working, including joint treasurers' meetings and an online Living in Love and Faith course for all MMP churches who wished to participate.

The Motion adopted by the Synod in 2020, calling for a review of arrangements for managing issues around the conduct of lay officers, was considered by the Diocesan Synod in June and carried by a large majority. It now stands referred to the General Synod, with discussions taking place to determine future progress.

Other issues considered by the Synod included:

- A presentation on Ministerial wellbeing.
- Updates to each meeting on environmental matters, with many Deanery Churches either working towards an Eco Church award or having already obtained one.
- Regular reports of proceedings at Diocesan Synod and General Synod, and updates on news and events from parishes across the Deanery.
- The recovery of a closing balance, from some 3 to 4 years ago, on the Deanery HSBC account. This has at last been achieved with the considerable assistance of Justin Jeffs, the Parish Treasurer.

Martin Bevan, Heather Semken, Tom Taylor

Choir and Music

2022 brought many changes and new beginnings in the life of our Church at St Peter ad Vincula. At the end of the previous year Michael Frith stepped down as musical director. To fill his role a music team was put together in which we shared duties with Tony Dunn and Martha Taylor. They have both been extremely helpful. Tony has been very generous sharing his musical knowledge, while Martha has contributed with great ideas to support the choir rehearsals.

It was very exciting to bring back the choir in January 2022 after a period of pause. Our focus over the last year has been on worshipping the Lord while maintaining the highest possible quality of music. We have been refreshing our repertoire of hymns, introducing more contemporary songs as well. As a new feature every third Sunday we have a piano only service, which facilitates a more intimate style of worship.

I stepped into this role very excited to serve and worship the Lord through music, though with very little previous experience in church music. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone in the congregation for all the help and encouragement I have received.

Mátyás Bacsó

Church Flowers

Beautiful flowers continue to be arranged in church throughout the year thanks to our talented Church Flower Team. We have a two weekly rota for regular church flowers, but often do more than that to decorate the church for festivals, weddings, funerals and other special occasions such as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee last year. I'm sure that many of you will be aware of how expensive flowers have become in recent times and it is a large church to decorate.

We have always been very careful with expenses, but with cost in mind we have slightly reduced the number of arrangements and have taken to mixing artificial flowers in amongst fresh flowers and foliage. Most of the foliage comes from our gardens.

We are always looking for new flower arrangers to join the team, so if this is something that interests you do please get in touch

Judy Crawford

Church Library

A new large notebook has been placed in the library on which to record your borrowing and returning of books which should be easier than the card system. Please continue to use and enjoy the books which include sections on study, biography, poetry, story, vocations and prayer. The library is situated in the Lady Chapel behind the organ and is open for everyone to borrow.

Audrey and Jane

Churchwardens' Report

First and foremost the churchwardens want to thank our amazing ministry team for all they do to bring the life and love of God into our lives! The past year has seen new and different services and study groups evolving which bring new people to Church and to the knowledge of the love of Christ.

This has been achieved whilst maintaining many of the more traditional services that many of the congregation know and love. We are blessed to have an truly astonishing admin team, Justine, Adele and (honorarily) Alistair who work over and above to keep everything running smoothly. To now have a team downstairs accessible to the body of the church and all its users and visitors is a very positive move. We are grateful to everyone who helped to facilitate this and maybe stepped outside their comfort zone to make this happen – thank you.

Our thanks must also go to Janet Florence, who has so ably taken over as PCC Secretary after the retirement of Barry Gibson, who has served as a faithful steward in this role for many years. Thank you Barry, for steering us through the many vagaries and complications of the Church Representation Rules! We welcome to the PCC our new treasurer, Justin Jeffs, who in just a few weeks has already worked hard with Justine to prepare the Parish Accounts for publication.

Thank you to so many our congregation who tirelessly work in so many areas: music team, choir, church cleaning, providing refreshments, audio visual, welcoming, reading, intercessing, safeguarding, Eco church, flower arranging, gardening, the fabulous flower festival team, arranging concerts, laundry, cake and jam making. Sometimes this work extends into the community through Pastoral Care and so many other hidden works and acts of kindness. Everyone contributes to support each other and bring joy and friendship to so many.

In addition to our regular groups, Mens' Coffee morning, Knit and Natter, which are now running regularly after Covid, we have the Cosy Kitchen, run by volunteers from both within the parish and by others from the community. This initiative welcomes anyone for coffee and light breakfast on a Friday morning, and provides warmth, friendship and food for many who would otherwise be without. 'For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.' (Matthew 25.35).

And to those of our congregation who regularly attend the Chapel of St Nicholas - your unstinting work to care for the Chapel goes unseen by many, but is also recognised and very much appreciated.

Ian and Judith, as 'newbies' are grateful for all the help, advice, the suggestions and comments we get from so many – these are useful in helping us to realise what's working, and perhaps more importantly, what is not!

Judith and Ian

Coggeshall Churches Together

Another year has passed during which the committee of 'Coggeshall Churches Together' has not met to plan shared events. However, a service for 'World day of prayer' took place on April 8th at 10.30am in St Peter's Church. A booklet containing hymns, prayers and readings was used. This was put together by Christians from England, Wales and N.Ireland based on the theme 'I know the plans I have for you'. Representatives from St Bernard's, Christ Church and St Peter's took part and a collection amounting to £79.50 was sent to World Day of Prayer with an order for materials for a service in 2023.

In response to a request about Christmas cards containing times and venues of Christmas services at the three churches and the chapel of St Nicholas, small posters were printed and handed out at the Coggeshall Christmas event. Christ Church went ahead with carol singing around the tree on Christmas Eve. This was attended by hundreds of people who look forward to this annual event.

Janice Burgess (Secretary/Treasurer)

Coggeshall Youth Project

St Peter ad Vincula continues to support the Coggeshall Youth Project, an independent charity aiming to provide youth work across the Coggeshall Community.

CYP ran a summer holiday club at Christchurch which was attended by over 50 primary school age children and thanks are extended to all of the volunteers who enabled it to be such a success. For the majority of the year, CYP has run 3 youth groups each week aimed at different age groups with more than 60 children in total regularly attending.

Revd Melanie Shillito

Concerts at St Peter's

After a couple of enforced quiet years, it was great to be able to host a full programme of concerts at St Peter's in 2022. The church is a wonderful venue for music, with a perfect acoustic that works for audiences both large and small.

The lunchtime concert programme ran, as ever, on the first Thursday of the month from April to October. We welcomed back some long-term favourite performers such as Christine Stevenson (piano) and The Sokolowski Trio. But we also introduced the audience to some new names such as Benjamin Carnell (cello) and Daniela Bechly (soprano), who treated us to wonderful recitals and will most definitely be invited back again in the future.

In May, we hosted Colchester Chamber Choir's concert "Te Deum Jubilate" a celebration of divine music by composers including Charpentier and Purcell. CCC is one of the region's foremost choirs and we are delighted that St Peter's is one of their favourite venues.

In July, our own Matyas Bacsó gave a beautiful recital of his own compositions which raised a significant sum in aid of the people of Ukraine, and West Bergholt Concert Band again lifted the roof with their exuberant 'big band' energy.

Perhaps the highlight of the year was the four-night Roman River Festival at the end of September. Each evening, St Peter's hosted audiences several-hundred strong, who enjoyed a wide range of incredible music – choral, orchestral and virtuoso solos – performed by premier league musicians.

Looking ahead to 2023, we have already enjoyed a return visit from Colchester Chamber Choir and the programme for the rest of the year is filling up and looking very promising! A highlight for Spring 2023 will be the Kelvedon Singers "Messiah" on 23 rd April, so keep an eye open for the posters which will include details of how to get tickets.

The concerts provide a useful income stream for the PCC, but perhaps more importantly, they bring people into this beautiful church to share the experience of listening to great live music. If you would like to get more involved in the concerts, perhaps as a steward or helping with refreshments, I would love to hear from you.

Sarah Wickens

Cosy Kitchen

The "Cosy Kitchen" idea came up at the end of last year when the weather was beginning to get colder and all the fuel prices were massively increased.

The idea to form a warm hub at St.Peter's Church seemed to fit in well with the rest of the community warm hubs that were being set up in the town.

Our mission statement was to set up a warm and welcoming area to be used by anyone in the community, where there would be access to hot food and drink, friends to talk to and a cosy haven to relax in.

We offer hot bacon rolls, cheese toasties, toasted tea cakes, with tea and coffee and do not ask for any money other than a donation, if possible, in the plate; so we can accommodate everyone no matter their circumstances. We also welcome well behaved dogs and have biscuits to meet their needs!

After the launch of Cosy Kitchen back in December last year, we have been pleasantly surprised at the uptake we have had. Initially all our friends and relatives turned up to lend support, so we were expecting the level of attendance to fall off a bit after all the fuss of the launch. Happily this did not seem to happen and we have been busy ever since. Our opening times are now 9:30-12:30.

One of the really important areas we are hoping to combat with Cosy Kitchen is loneliness, which is a huge problem to young and old in our community. That feeling of being on your own with no friends and nobody to talk to can turn into a giant monster, so difficult to get away from. We now have a core group of regulars that meet up every week at Cosy Kitchen, who all know they will be seeing friends they have made, old and new, for some refreshment and a good chat. Initially we advertised with posters and flyers around town but now I think word of mouth has taken over and Cosy Kitchen is the place to be on a Friday morning!

Following meetings with Heike and Melanie it has been decided that the Cosy Kitchen will continue to run throughout the year, in the same way as the Men's Wednesday group does. The only days we won't be opening will be when there is a Friday wedding, so we don't get in their way or make the church smell of bacon! Also, as with most organisations, we will be taking August off for our hard working volunteers to have a holiday.

So, to conclude, many thanks go to all my brilliant Cosy Kitchen volunteers who have gelled into a really great team. It is hard work but we all really love doing it and can't wait till the next Friday to welcome a new face to St.Peter's Kitchen.

Julia Ibbotson

Eco Church

From January we are now a bronze award eco church. The PCC is keen for us, as a congregation, to work towards the silver award. This involves action in five areas, "worship and teaching", "buildings", "land", "community and global engagement" and "lifestyle". In doing this we will be following the Church of England's fifth mark of mission.

Audrey and Stephen Beckett

Fabric

Fabric - St Peter ad Vincula

The Churchwardens and the Architect have been notified by the Diocese that the Quinquennial Inspection for St Peter's is due during 2023. The date will be confirmed shortly. All work required after the 2018 QI has been completed, thanks to the careful stewardship of Paul King, our now retired former Fabric Officer.

The major change which has occurred this year is the completion of the move of the Parish Office to former choir vestry at the rear of the nave. All the works needed for this have now been completed, including some rewiring and provision of sockets, cabling for the internet, and new telephone system. Much of the work involved was arranged by Alistair Prentice to whom we owe our thanks.

This move has changed the 'feel' of the Church since the office is occupied every weekday so that there is always an active 'presence' in the Church in addition to our faithful Church Welcomers.

Work in clearing and re-organising the Parvis which began last year has now been completed with generous assistance from Nic Johnson, who has installed free standing shelving in there. This has simplified the storage and access to a large quantity of flower festival materials, some Christmas decorations and a large box of Church Fabric files. The stairs are still the main obstacle to easy access, but these are unchangeable.

In the interests of economy this year, no other work has been undertaken, with the exception of routine works; clearing gulleys and down pipes: electrical and fire checks: boiler service etc..

We have addressed the necessary boiler repairs and the broken sump pump.

Investigation into what sounded like water ingress into the organ pipes has shown that all pipes are clean and dry. The organ tuner thinks the noise is due to reverberation of the metal pipes against the stone arch. This could have been avoided by lining the arch with felt or some such material when the organ was built but cost would be prohibitive to correct now.

We continue to monitor the subsidence in the North East corner, the plaster deterioration in St Catherine's, the Chancel and the Priest's Vestry, as also the subsidence in the Chancel and Sanctuary floors.

An ongoing minor maintenance programme continues, including killing ivy and cleaning moss from the church walls and tombs, with works being undertaken by members of the church and the fabric team, to whom thanks are due. The gardening work to the North of the church undertaken on Tuesdays by The Community Payback team is gratefully acknowledged and hopefully they are encouraged by the occasional box of cakes and biscuits together with notes expressing appreciation from members of the community and passed to the Churchwarden for them.

Works to be done:

4 panes of glass are broken.

Three slabs rocking and one a slight trip hazard which should be re-laid.

Cracks in the north aisle wall, above the south window in St Catherine's chapel, and on the North wall of the priest's vestry - all long standing - are being monitored, but none needs urgent attention.

I would like to thank all the members of the Fabric team, whose work, knowledge and support is invaluable.

Fabric - St Nicholas Chapel

The Churchwardens and the Architect have been notified by the Diocese that the Quinquennial Inspection for St Nicholas for 2022 is now due and will start on March 20th 2023. This is within the time frame requested by the Diocese. All work required after the 2017 QI has been completed.

Ian Elliott and Judith Wargent

Flower Festival 2022

Our annual 35 th Flower Festival, entitled 'Women of the Bible' took place as always over the August Bank Holiday weekend. It was a great success and attracted 1,400 visitors from far and wide who seemed to enjoy it enormously and were very complimentary about it. It is an enormous community event to organise and simply wouldn't happen without the wonderful help, support, enthusiasm, generosity of spirit and sheer hard work from so many people from within the church family and the wider community. It's impossible to mention everyone involved but I would like to say a huge thank you to the core Team and Heike, to the wonderful flower arrangers, to those who help with publicity, seek sponsorship, to our generous donors and those who sort out the finances. Many thanks too for all the practical help, to the stewards who offer such a warm welcome, to the terrific refreshment team, for beautiful music and services and for running such successful Card and Preserves and Produce stalls. Thanks to everyone's generosity we cleared over £11,000 which is an amazing achievement!

Judy Crawford

Knit and Natter

It was pleasing to re-start Knit and Natter again after the Covid shutdown although the take- up was quite slow to begin with we are now approaching 20 plus coming back which is very encouraging. Since Christmas we have sent items to Womens Refuge and the Neo-Natal unit in Colchester and have more to send to the homeless around Braintree.

Mary Heathcote and Valerie King

The Link

The past year has been a normal one for The Link as things have settled down and our lively contributors have continued to provide their varied and interesting articles for which I send them my grateful thanks. John Gospage arranges for the Magazines to be delivered and we are very grateful to his team for making sure they arrive on time. Special thanks are due to Kathy our printer who is always patient and helpful if any unusual problem arises. It was decided that it was now no longer necessary for The Link to be added to the Church Website but we would like to thank Kevin from Chilligraphics for helping us to do this when we could not deliver paper copies. Lastly I would like to thank those who support us by advertising in The Link and invite anyone who would like to do this to get in touch.

Val Lewis (Link Editor)

Media Desk

The team members have remained constant throughout the year with one or two potential new members having been shown what the roles entail. New members are always welcome so as to reduce the number of times each person is on duty each month, but at the same time it is also good to do the job fairly frequently so as to retain familiarity and to improve our skills.

New software is being trialled for the service slides and has been working well. Other technical developments will be considered over the coming months where the benefits can be clearly demonstrated.

The wireless microphones have caused problems on many occasions and we are considering the best way forward. It will involve some expenditure but we are looking for the most cost effective solution.

Alistair Prentice

Memory on a star

For the part 7 years, since 2016 'the memory on a star' has been running in Coggeshall. It all started on a chance meeting in the churchyard between myself and Mrs. Jane Sharp when walking our dogs. When we moved to Coggeshall in 1997, the stars were on the church each year (and had been previously) as a decoration, but disappeared some years later. We got talking about how we missed them at Christmas time and Mrs. Sharp took it upon herself to contact the then vicar, Father Chris Davy, to enquire about them. I believe that after a rummage in the cellars, they were located and a meeting was set up to discuss their return. As a result the stars returned and a fundraising opportunity opened up. The first year, £800 was raised, which was split between the Church and

Winston's Wish – a children's charity chosen by Father Chris. For every consecutive year; the money raised, which is between £800 to £1000 has gone to local charities and organizations in Coggeshall. From the youth group to Coggeshall in bloom, the library and the over 60s club to name a few. The stars have become a great Coggeshall Christmas tradition, a touching way to remember loved ones passed.

Kate Burmby

Men's Coffee Drop-In

The Men's coffee mornings continue every Wednesday from 9.30 to 11.30 and provide a great opportunity for relaxed conversations with a wide range of fellow enthusiasts. Numbers have remained steady at close to 20 each week, slightly lower than before lockdown but, nonetheless very encouraging. We were, recently, particularly pleased to welcome Barry, the original group organiser, back after a short absence. Occasional groups and casual visitors are always welcome.

Roger Tattersfield

Open Gardens 2022

We had hoped to hold Open Gardens in 2022 having missed two years due to Covid, but Storm Eunice had other ideas. Sadly too many of the beautiful gardens we usually show were damaged in February during the high winds. Instead we decided to take a stall at the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations which were held on the Rec in June. Thanks to the enormous generosity of local Coggeshall gardeners and the garden centres and plant sellers nearby we managed to raise £667. We are now planning for Open Gardens 2023 (storms permitting!) which will be held on Sunday 4th June 1 – 6pm

Verity, Jo and Sarah

Open the Bible

June 15th 2022! What a joyous day for the “Open the Bible” team. The school was finely deemed safe for us to return to the building and present our weekly assembly to a live audience. We received an enthusiastic welcome from both staff and pupils, especially the younger ones who had not seen us “in the flesh.” Indeed, one young person was moved to say, “I thought you were film stars.” This is because for the 2 years and 3 months that we did not go into the school, due to the pandemic, we supplied them with weekly videos of Bible stories to show in the classrooms. Going back into the school presented us with many challenges, not least because when you film you can edit and if a mistake is made you can “take 2” (or in some cases “take 22”) but as most of us have been together for so long, (some of us go back to 2014,) we have got used to improvising when someone makes a mistake or goes “off script.” So, if you like statistics, we lead 10 assemblies per term, (5 each side of half term) and there are 3 terms in an academic year. Thus, by the end of this academic year, we will have lead 270 assemblies over the nine years teaching the children about our faith through stories from the Old and New Testaments. We were pleased to welcome two new and enthusiastic members to our team this year, Hilary Barber and Jane Fitzgerald, but more people are always welcome.

Helen Wilkins on behalf of the “Open the Bible” team

Pastoral Care

The team has been busy visiting people both in care homes and in their own homes although Covid got in the way at times. Sadly, we have lost some of our friends. We have also been taking Communion to those who are not able to get to Church. We have sent out 51 “Get Well” cards and, sadly, 20 “Sympathy” cards but on a lighter note 10 “Wedding Congratulation” cards. Two new members have been welcomed onto the team.

Sarah Glossop

Recycled Greeting Cards

The recycling of greetings cards has been done at St.Peters for several years now, and continues to work well as a way of reusing some beautiful cards and raising extra funds for the church. Used greetings cards for all occasions (other than Christmas) are donated by leaving them in the box by the card display where Julia collects them and turns them into lovely new cards, professionally packaged. The only outlay for this service are the packs of card mounts and cellophane envelopes, which are purchased from Hobbycraft. All cards are sold for the extremely reasonable price of £1 each and most of the common greetings occasions are catered for, this of course depends on what type of cards are donated. The turnover of cards is good, so that the range displayed is always changing and Julia will try to find an appropriate card if you let her know what you need. The funds produced by the recycled cards are steady and sometimes, as shown from last year's flower festival, surprisingly high.

from Julia Ibbotson

Safeguarding

The care and protection of children, young people, adults who attend services and church activities must be a priority for us all.

The PCC has adopted the House of Bishops Safeguarding guidance and our Parish Safeguarding policy is displayed on the notice boards behind the welcome desk and on the Church website. We review this policy and other relevant documentation annually. We have regular communication with the Diocese of Chelmsford Safeguarding Team.

Changes to guidance occurs fairly regularly, communication and support from the Diocesan Safeguarding team is regular and access to advice is forthcoming.

Volunteer roles that require DBS checks are in place, training also. All records are kept securely, access to such records is restricted. We currently have 29 volunteers on our DBS register due to changes in the roles that require DBS checks.

The Diocese requires churches which run activities /events to conduct risk assessments and planning checks. Exemplars of these are available and given to leaders of activities to check and refer to. The commitment and time given by volunteers is remarkable. I am grateful to the Rev Heike, the ministry team our volunteers and the whole church community for their patience and support in endeavours to make our church a safe and welcoming place of worship and service. Thank you.

Joanna Clark

St. Nicholas Chapel

A full complement of monthly services took place during the year, mostly taken by our Vicar with the remainder being lay led. It was lovely to welcome a wedding in this special place. Our traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols saw a full Chapel.

The opening of the Chapel on some Sunday afternoons in July and August proved a great success with around 350 visitors and modest donations to the Bonton Fund.

Our thanks to those who organised and stewarded these openings which will be repeated in 2023. The small band of parishioners continues to ensure the Chapel is in good order for each service and the surrounding area well kept.

The death of Jack Thornton in last December robbed the Chapel of a great supporter who over many years cared for the Chapel in many different ways. He will be missed. A Vigil for Jack was held in the Chapel prior to the service in St Peter ad Vincula to celebrate his long life.

Julian Prideaux

St Peter's Church of England Primary School and Pre-School

One of my responsibilities as a Foundation Governor is to report to the Governing Body about what makes St Peter's distinctive as a church, rather than a non-church school. My recent first attempt at this included the following;

- Christian themes prominently on display in both the main entrance lobby and in the hall.
- Christian character to assembly; including weekly Open the Bible dramatisations and being taken termly by the Rev'd Heike Prentice.
- Christian ethos in the way that the school is managed, and in the way that relationships between pupils, staff, and parents are fostered and maintained.
- Prominent links with St Peter's Church, including: various school services being held in church during the year; regular updates on school happenings in The Link church magazine; prayers being said regularly in church for the school; the school being a regular agenda item at PCC meetings; the church hosting the annual exhibition of children's art work.
- The very existence of Church Foundation Governors.

I am glad to report that St Peter's remains an excellent, happy and distinctively church school, with the staff, parents and governors continuing to work well together to the benefit of our children and of our community.

Secondly, you should know that the Governing Board of St Peter's School now has the full complement of three Church Foundation Governors, within the total establishment of fifteen: Revd Heike Prentice, ex-officio as Incumbent; Brian Meads, Licenced Lay Minister, appointed by the Diocesan Board of Education in May 2022; and Revd Melanie Shillito, Curate, appointed by the PCC in January 2023, when Jean North stood down. Jean gave many years of dedicated service as PCC Governor to St Peter's School, and the Board registered their sincere thanks and appreciation for this at their November meeting, marking it with a presentation.

Finally, I need to update you about our search for a new headteacher. After over 10 years of dedicated service Alison Cole retired at Easter. The sincere thanks and regret of staff, parents, children and governors were registered at her leaving party on 30th March.

Only the very best will do for St Peter's, and our first two attempts to find a headteacher with the experience and personal qualities that our school deserves were unsuccessful. A third interview day took place on 27th April. For the summer term Gill Marrion, an extremely experienced ex-headteacher, will be working part-time with Vanessa Sullivan, our deputy headteacher. This will ensure continuity until, hopefully, a new headteacher will be able to start in September.

Brian Meads – Foundation Governor

St Peter's Welcomers

As I reported last year, slowly, slowly returning to busier times. Names have joined us and some have left, so we still have periods when a friendly face in church would be welcome to our visitors, some who have come from a great distance.

If you would like to meet and chat to these visitors, then please see me when I can allocate you a period. That means we may be always providing a presence here. Many thanks if you can spare the time.

Derek North

Sunday Welcomers (Sidespersons)

We are thankful to those who continue to welcome people to our Sunday services at St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Chapel. The role is well supported, however we would still be pleased to hear from anyone who may like to join the rota, for either the 08:00am or 09:30am services at St. Peter's, or the monthly 09:00am service at St. Nicholas' Chapel. Thank you to all of those who have also volunteered to welcome people for the additional services around the main church festivals. Although Stephen and Audrey Beckett continue to be actively involved as Sunday Welcomers, this year has seen Stephen step back from his role co-ordinating the rota, a job which is now undertaken by the Parish Office. We are very grateful to Stephen for his years of service and would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks.

Justine Kneller (Parish Administrator)

ST PETER AD VINCULA CHURCH, COGGESHALL, PCC

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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Registered Charity number 1126947

Treasurer's Report 2022

2022 has been another financially as well as administratively challenging year for St. Peter's. Despite the world somewhat normalising after the pandemic, and therefore in many respects a return to a more normal picture, income was still suppressed, and costs increased. The amount generously given monthly by many in the congregation is extremely important, so a huge thank you to everyone.

The flower festival was undoubtedly a key highlight again this year bringing in nearly £14,000 and raising over £11,000 after costs. An amazing achievement. Unfortunately, the Open Gardens did not return in 2022 but we look forward to a larger Open Gardens this year.

This is the third year in a row when the costs of keeping St Peter's operationally greatly exceeded our income, resulting in an operating loss of £16,542. We have therefore had to access reserves through the sale of investments totalling £10,000. The market turmoil which has occurred during and post-pandemic has compounded the financial situation through a £11,783 reduction in the value of our investments. The good news is that this is only a notional loss which will not crystallise unless the investments are sold. At the end of December, the value of total funds had therefore decreased by £28,325 to a total value of £149,987.

Looking ahead to 2023, whilst services have fully resumed, our costs still exceed our normal income. The importance of staging successful fund-raising activities therefore remains key. We hope that the Open Gardens and Flower Festival can again provide significant boosts to our income. On the downside, the current fixed term contract on our energy costs comes to an end and we can expect significantly higher bills going forward. Keeping the church building warm and welcoming is essential, and thus we will look for additional revenue opportunities and cost savings elsewhere to mitigate these increases.

Finally, although I have only recently taken over as Treasurer, and whilst it has been a somewhat challenging period to get the financial statements in order, I am heartened by the drive and creativity of Heike; the energy, problem solving nature and efficiency of Justine Kneller; and the general support of the wider team. This has been a true team effort.

Justin Jeffs

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of the St Peter ad Vincula Church, Coggeshall, PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on Pages 19 to 27.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

No matters have come to my attention during my examination of the accounts:

(1) which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- * to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Lesley Frearson FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant

ST PETER AD VINCULA CHURCH, COGGESHALL, PCC

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
		General	Designated			
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Voluntary income	2a	97,056	1,000	3,771	101,827	91,688
Activities for generating funds	2b	10,991	0	79	11,070	13,326
Investment income	2c	5,446	16	0	5,462	5,939
Church activities	2d	10,175	0	230	10,405	7,030
Other incoming resources		5,322	0	0	5,322	450
Total income		<u>128,990</u>	<u>1,016</u>	<u>4,080</u>	<u>134,086</u>	<u>118,433</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Expenditure on Charitable activities:						
Diocesan quota		67,755	0	0	67,755	67,755
Church activities	3a	<u>52,135</u>	<u>14,203</u>	<u>9,533</u>	<u>75,871</u>	<u>62,132</u>
		119,890	14,203	9,533	143,626	129,887
Fundraising costs	3b	<u>6,949</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>7,002</u>	<u>3,994</u>
Total expenditure		<u>126,839</u>	<u>14,203</u>	<u>9,586</u>	<u>150,628</u>	<u>133,881</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		2,151	-13,187	-5,506	-16,542	-15,448
Transfers between funds		<u>498</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-498</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		2,649	-13,187	-6,004	-16,542	-15,448
Net unrealised (loss)/gain on investments	6e	<u>-862</u>	<u>-6,106</u>	<u>-4,815</u>	<u>-11,783</u>	<u>14,162</u>
Net movement in funds		1,787	-19,293	-10,819	-28,325	-1,286
Fund balances 1 January 2022		9,179	96,936	72,197	178,312	179,598
31 December 2022		£ <u>10,966</u>	£ <u>77,643</u>	£ <u>61,378</u>	£ <u>149,987</u>	£ <u>178,312</u>
			(Note 9)	(Note 10)		

The notes on Pages 21 to 27 form part of these financial statements

ST PETER AD VINCULA CHURCH, COGGESHALL, PCC

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
		General	Designated			
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	5	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	6	0	73,183	59,157	132,340	154,123
		<u>0</u>	<u>73,183</u>	<u>59,157</u>	<u>132,340</u>	<u>154,123</u>
Current Assets						
Debtors	7	4,485	0	0	4,485	2,422
Short term Deposits	6c	0	757	442	1,199	864
Cash and Bank balances	6c	10,431	3,703	1,779	15,913	23,651
		<u>14,916</u>	<u>4,460</u>	<u>2,221</u>	<u>21,597</u>	<u>26,937</u>
Current Liabilities						
Creditors due within one year	8	3,950	0	0	3,950	2,748
		<u>10,966</u>	<u>4,460</u>	<u>2,221</u>	<u>17,647</u>	<u>24,189</u>
Net current assets						
		<u>10,966</u>	<u>4,460</u>	<u>2,221</u>	<u>17,647</u>	<u>24,189</u>
Total assets		<u>£ 10,966</u>	<u>£ 77,643</u>	<u>£ 61,378</u>	<u>£ 149,987</u>	<u>£ 178,312</u>
Parish Funds						
Unrestricted income funds		10,966	77,643	0	88,609	106,115
Restricted income funds		0	0	61,378	61,378	72,197
		<u>£ 10,966</u>	<u>£ 77,643</u>	<u>£ 61,378</u>	<u>£ 149,987</u>	<u>£ 178,312</u>
			(Note 9)	(Note 10)		

Signed on behalf of the PCC by Justin Jeffs on 23rd October 2023 following non-material revisions agreed with the external auditor to the accounts approved by the PCC on 23rd April 2023

The notes on Pages 21 to 27 form part of these financial statements

ST PETER AD VINCULA CHURCH, COGGESHALL, PCC

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. Accounting Policies

1a Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible by law.

The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The PCC considers that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1 and are prepared in Sterling

1b Funds

General Fund represents the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible by law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

1c Income

Regular giving is recognised when received by the PCC. Income tax recoverable under Gift Aid is included when that income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are recognised when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Parochial fees are now an integral part of the activities of the PCC.

Fee income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is received.

Investment income and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Fundraising income is recognised when received by the PCC.

Unrealised gains or losses are recognised on the revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

1d Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded if that creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Expenditure on activities relating to the work of the church and the Diocesan Quota are accounted for when payable and include irrecoverable VAT where applicable. Governance costs comprise those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the PCC, this includes the preparation and examination of these financial statements.

1e Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is excluded from the financial statements by Section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. The church extension has been built on benefice land and, being a physical extension to the church, is subject to Ecclesiastical Faculty Jurisdiction; it, like the church, is therefore not included on the PCC Balance Sheet.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property.

All expenditure incurred on consecrated or benefice buildings, and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure of the year in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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1e Fixed Assets - continued

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment are depreciated to write off their cost on a straight line basis over five years, at the rate of 20% p.a. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

1f Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December where materially different from cost.
Investments comprise investments in unquoted equity

1g Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets or financial liabilities.

- Short term debtors (financial assets) are measured at transaction price
- Short term creditors (financial liabilities) are measured at transaction price

The PCC only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments.

1h Cashflow

The accounts do not include a cashflow statement as the PCC as a small reporting entity is exempt from the requirements to prepare such a statement under the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Bulletin 1.

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	General	Designated		2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
2. INCOME					
2a Voluntary Income					
Gift Aided and planned giving	60,901	0	0	60,901	55,947
Collections	3,081	0	0	3,081	1,168
Donations	12,032	0	80	12,112	17,325
Gift Aid tax recoverable	19,156	0	0	19,156	16,634
St Nicholas Chapel (inc Gift Aid)	0	0	1,691	1,691	518
Music and Organ Fund (inc Gift Aid)	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric Fund (inc Gift Aid)	0	0	0	0	38
Library Appeal	0	0	0	0	58
Legacies	782	1,000	0	1,782	0
Other voluntary income	1,104	0	2,000	3,104	0
	<u>£ 97,056</u>	<u>£ 1,000</u>	<u>£ 3,771</u>	<u>£ 101,827</u>	<u>£ 91,688</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2021	<u>£ 85,446</u>	<u>£ 38</u>	<u>£ 6,204</u>	<u>£ 91,688</u>	
2b Activities for Generating Funds					
Fundraising events:					
Flower festival	9,363	0	75	9,438	11,100
Other Fund raising	103	0	4	107	661
For specified charities	0	0	0	0	915
Concerts	0	0	0	0	374
	<u>9,466</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>9,545</u>	<u>13,050</u>
Sale of cards, mugs and teatowels	1,525	0	0	1,525	276
	<u>£ 10,991</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 79</u>	<u>£ 11,070</u>	<u>£ 13,326</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2021	<u>£ 13,326</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 13,326</u>	
2c Investment income					
Income from investments	5,446	16	0	5,462	5,939
	<u>£ 5,446</u>	<u>£ 16</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 5,462</u>	<u>£ 5,939</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2021	<u>£ 658</u>	<u>£ 3,715</u>	<u>£ 1,566</u>	<u>£ 5,939</u>	

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2d Church Activities

Parochial fees	2,096	0	230	2,326	3,272
Hire fees	5,186	0	0	5,186	774
	<u>7,282</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>7,512</u>	<u>4,046</u>
Parish Magazine sales/advertising	2,893	0	0	2,893	2,984
	<u>£ 10,175</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 230</u>	<u>£ 10,405</u>	<u>£ 7,030</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2021	<u>£ 7,030</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 7,030</u>	

2e Other Income Resources

Broadband	600	0	0	600	450
Other	4,722	0	0	4,722	0
	<u>£ 5,322</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 5,322</u>	<u>450</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2021	<u>£ 450</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 450</u>	

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	General	Designated	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£

3. EXPENDITURE

3a Church activities

Ministry	1,391	0	43	1,434	1,106
Salaries - ministry	9,352	0	0	9,352	0
Visiting Clergy	60	0	0	60	0
Youth project expenses	0	0	8,000	8,000	8,000
(Honorarium)	4,410	0	440	4,850	0
Gifts to non-stipendiary clergy etc.	0	0	0	0	0
Choirmaster/organ and music	2,022	0	0	2,022	4,689
Hospitality	0	0	0	0	0
Music and Organ Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Parish administration	12,819	0	0	12,819	11,717
Utilities	6,764	0	0	6,764	6,997
Insurances	7,016	0	982	7,998	7,748
Bookstall costs	205	0	68	273	0
Church cleaning	1,521	0	0	1,521	0
Major Capital Expenditure	1,545	2,269	0	3,814	0
Flowers	800	0	0	800	400
Property repairs - general	1,007	0	0	1,007	10,316
Property repairs - vicarage	0	0	0	0	2,266
Chancel	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric Fund expenditure	0	11,934	0	11,934	3,199
Roof repairs	0	0	0	0	643
St Nicholas Chapel	0	0	0	0	203
Eve Crawford fund for the elderly	0	0	0	0	873
Accountancy and Independent Examination	0	0	0	0	650
	<u>48,912</u>	<u>14,203</u>	<u>9,533</u>	<u>72,648</u>	<u>58,807</u>
Donations made	<u>885</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>885</u>	<u>960</u>
Parish magazine costs	2,338	0	0	2,338	2,365
	<u>£ 52,135</u>	<u>£ 14,203</u>	<u>£ 9,533</u>	<u>£ 75,871</u>	<u>£ 62,132</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2021	<u>£ 53,857</u>	<u>£ 3,199</u>	<u>£ 5,076</u>	<u>£ 62,132</u>	

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	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
3b Fundraising costs					
Fundraising events:					
Flower festival	4,098	0	0	4,098	3,727
Concerts	0	0	0	0	162
Open Gardens	0	0	0	0	0
Library Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Other & Envelopes	2,490	0	53	2,543	60
	<u>6,588</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>6,641</u>	<u>3,949</u>
Card sales expenses	361	0	0	361	45
	<u>6,949</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>7,002</u>	<u>3,994</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2021	£ <u>3,994</u>	£ <u>0</u>	£ <u>0</u>	£ <u>3,994</u>	£ <u>3,994</u>

4. COMMITMENTS

- (a) The 2018 (St Nicholas Chapel) and 2019 (St Peter's Church) **Quinquennial Inspections** identified various works that had previously been highlighted in the 2013 report. These works are of a non urgent nature and will be phased and undertaken when funding allows.

- (b) There were no other major **Capital Commitments** at 31 December 2022

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment £
Cost	
as at 1 January 2022	2,675
additions	<u>0</u>
as at 31 December 2022	<u>2,675</u>
Depreciation	
as at 1 January 2022	2,675
charge for year	<u>0</u>
as at 31 December 2022	<u>2,675</u>
Net Book Value	
as at 1 January 2022	£ <u>0</u>
as at 31 December 2022	£ <u>0</u>

The tangible fixed assets are held for charitable use by the PCC

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6. INVESTMENTS at market value

(a) Allocation to Funds

From 2011 it was agreed that all investment assets, short term deposits and bank balances should be considered to be 'Pooled Assets' and all interest and dividends received should be allocated to the different funds in proportion to the assets held by that fund at the end of the month before the payment or revaluation was realised.

(b) Investments at Market Value

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	General	Designated		2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Edith Smith - 2780 Charifund units				31,392	43,262
CBF Investment Fund					
386 income shares				7,975	9,039
11064 Charibond units				34,657	13,406
Charities Property Fund 64566 Units				58,316	88,416
Total Variable Rate investments	0	73,183	59,157	132,340	154,123
Total Investments					
As at 31 December 2022	£ 0	£ 73,183	£ 59,157	£ 132,340	£ 154,123

(c) Short Term Deposits and Bank Balances

Short term deposits	0	757	442	1,199	864
Cash and Bank balances	10,431	3,703	1,779	15,913	17,602
(d) Pooled Assets (b) + (c)	£ 10,431	£ 77,643	£ 61,378	£ 149,452	£ 172,589
As at 31 December 2021	£ 3,456	£ 96,936	£ 72,197	£ 172,589	

(e) Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investment assets

Variable Investments at Market Value

As at 31 December 2021				154,123	
Sale of Investments				35,000	
Purchase of investments				25,000	
As at 31 December 2022	0	0	0	132,340	
Gain/Loss on Revaluation	£ -862	£ -6,106	£ -4,815	£ -11,783	

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	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	General	Designated		£	£
	£	£	£		
7. DEBTORS					
Amounts due within one year:-					
Gift aid recoverable	3,893	0	0	3,893	1,417
Income from sale of investments	0	0	0	0	0
VAT recoverable	0	0	0	0	0
Other Debtors	592	0	0	592	1,005
	<u>£ 4,485</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 4,485</u>	<u>£ 2,422</u>
As at 31 December 2021	<u>£ 2,422</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 2,422</u>	

8. CREDITORS					
Amounts due within one year:-					
Income in advance	3,300	0	0	3,300	0
Accrued expenses	650	0	0	650	2,748
Other	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>£ 3,950</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 3,950</u>	<u>£ 2,748</u>
As at 31 December 2021	<u>£ 2,748</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 2,748</u>	

9. DESIGNATED FUNDS

	Total	Fabric Fund	Roof Renewal Fund
	£	£	£
As at 1 January 2022	96,936	21,013	75,923
Investment income	16	16	0
Interest received	0	0	0
Gain/Loss on revaluation of investments	-6,106	-571	-5,535
Donations and related Gift Aid	1,000	1,000	0
Library Appeal	0	0	0
Fund Transfers	0	0	0
Expenditure	<u>-14,203</u>	<u>-14,203</u>	<u>0</u>
As at 31 December 2022	<u>£ 77,643</u>	<u>£ 7,255</u>	<u>£ 70,388</u>

(a) (b)

(a) The Fabric Fund consists of monies designated by the PCC for major works.

(b) The Roof Renewal Fund was established in June 2010.
The initial investment was a transfer of £50,000 from the Fabric Fund.

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10. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Total	Eve Crawford	Bonton Fund	Bill Howes Appeal	Youth project & Ministry
	£	£	£	£	£
As at 1 January 2022	72,197	41,609	19,641	141	10,806
Investment income	0	0	0	0	0
Gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments	-4,815	-2,998	-1,467	0	-350
Interest received	0	0	0	0	0
Donations (Inc Gift Aid)	1,771	0	1,691	80	0
Other income	2,309	0	309	0	2,000
Expenditure in year	-9,586	0	-1,518	-68	-8,000
Transfer of funds	-498	-498	0	0	0
As at 31 December 2022	<u>£ 61,378</u>	<u>£ 38,113</u>	<u>£ 18,656</u>	<u>£ 153</u>	<u>£ 4,456</u>
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

- (a) The executors of the will of Eve Crawford requested that 20% of the net sale proceeds of 3 Robinsbridge Road be made available for helping the elderly. The Eve Crawford Fund for the Elderly was therefore created in 2007 to reflect the executors' wishes.
- (b) Funds held in the St Nicholas Chapel Trust (Bonton) Fund were, with the agreement of the Charities Commission, transferred to the PCC accounts and are held for expenditure at St Nicholas Chapel.
- (c) The Bill Howes Appeal is to raise funds for the library. In the previous year, expenditure on this project exceeded income and excess expenditure was funded from the Fabric fund. During the current year, income has been sufficient to cover the expenditure on this fund.
- (d) The Youth project & ministry represents donations made towards youth project expenditure and ministry expenditure. The donation towards youth projects was fully expended during the year.

